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Soul Stew performs this past Saturday at the Logging museum as part of The Forest Festival. See more photos on pages 14-15. *Photo by Lyelca Rodrigues.*

County takes control of Minden daycare

By Joseph Quigley

The Ontario Early Years Centre board is transferring ownership of its daycare facility in Minden to the County of Haliburton.

County council announced the move at a special meeting Aug. 14. Council

authorized the purchase of the facility for \$2, giving the municipality control over the building.

In June 2018, the Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) nearly terminated daycare services there on a week's notice. But the

City of Kawartha Lakes, which oversees daycare in Haliburton on behalf of the county, struck a last-minute deal to save it. Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said the municipal control should prevent that situation from happening again.

"It remains in control of the local community," Devolin said. "This is a good day and it ensures we never have the challenge we did over a year ago."

Lisa Tolentino knows that challenge well. Her son attended the centre's after-

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Day-to-day operations unchanged

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school program when the closure was imminent. She said it had a significant impact on the community who used the facility.

"I'm happy to see it in the hands of the county, for sure. I think it's a good choice," Tolentino said. "I was just really upset about the impact it had on the staff, as well as the children of the other parents."

The property was originally donated by the Dollo family for the community.

"We feel this aligns with the original intent," the OEYC board said in a statement. "While also enabling the County of Haliburton to be involved in the future of licensed childcare in the community."

Devolin said this will not change the day-to-day operations of the facility. Compass Early Learning and Care manages the daycare under the oversight of the City of Kawartha Lakes.

"It's just strictly the asset comes into possession locally, so it guarantees in perpetuity that it couldn't go away," he said.

OEYC executive director Pippa Stephenson said the move has been in the works since 2017 and discussions were initiated with the county in summer 2018. The board decided it no

longer wanted to operate the facility due to limited resources.

"The OEYC is not a large organization," Stephenson said. "The board had hoped that an organization dedicated to childcare would be able to offer enhanced services to families and better support to staff."

The facility is in line for significant improvements too. It is due to get 23 new childcare spaces, with up to \$750,000 in capital funding from the province, which was announced July 2018.

The province announced Aug. 19 it

would soon go ahead with funding changes for new childcare spaces, which will require municipalities supply 20 per cent of the cost.

Previously, the province fully funded it, but warden Liz Danielsen said this may not impact the Minden facility.

"The timing of approvals may allow the project to move forward without encountering any issues," she said.

Tolentino said she is optimistic for the future of the facility.

"I'm hoping whatever they do is going to make things better for everyone," she said. "I suspect it will."



The County of Haliburton is taking on ownership of the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden. Photo by Joseph Quigley

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County of Haliburton director of public works Craig Douglas argued for a “shot in the arm” to the roads capital budget through a loan. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*

County plans to give roads “shot in the arm” \$3 million loan considered for 2020 budget

By Joseph Quigley

The County of Haliburton is planning to budget a \$3 million loan to give its roads a “shot in the arm” in 2020.

The Haliburton County Roads Committee voted Aug. 14 to recommend staff include a one-time, \$3 million budget increase to supplement the 2020 roads capital budget.

Director of public works Craig Douglas argued for the budget increase, citing the troubles the municipality experienced with roads “blowing up” in the spring.

“Hard for me to sleep at night in that spring,” Douglas said. “Status quo isn’t necessarily going to change anything next spring ... I think the roads budget needs a one-time shot-in-the-arm.”

Douglas outlined three options including: status quo; a \$6 million loan and a \$3 million loan. He discussed what impact each would have on roads quality in the municipality, in terms of network performance rating.

Coun. Brent Devolin said the municipality would have to make some fundamental decisions as it works on its long-term asset management.

“This is the first of a whole bunch,” Devolin said. “This is a great step forward. You’re either doing this in a big way or

you stick with the status quo. I’m not a supporter of in-between.”

The motion does not represent a firm commitment, with council still able to change direction in the budgeting process. Council also directed staff to bring forward a report breaking down different approaches to the multi-million-dollar loan and how it could be repaid.

A staff report presented at a subsequent finance and correspondence committee meeting found that the municipality has an annual debt repayment limit of \$3,391,370. Currently, it is only spending \$157,712 across two loans. As of Oct. 31 2018, the county has \$1,568,817 in outstanding debt.

“Historically, the county has minimized debt,” the report from treasurer Elaine Taylor said. “Many of our roads are in poor or fair condition and require replacement. Utilizing debt to decrease the infrastructure gap could assist the County in reaching sustainability for road and bridge infrastructure”

Douglas said the improvements may be hard to conceptualize across a massive road system, but more funding should make for a notable impact on bad roads.

“We’ll have a lot less stuff that’s blowing up,” he said.





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AH plans for new Stanhope public works garage Township considers borrowing the money

By Lisa Gervais

Algonquin Highlands is looking to build a new Stanhope public works garage at an estimated cost of \$1.35 million.

Tulloch Engineering's Frank Palmay and the township's operations manager, Adam Thorn, made a presentation at the August 15 council meeting.

The garage would be located at 1037 North Shore Rd., with the preferred option so far being a single-story office space with drive thru bays and 14 parking spots on gravel. Site work costs alone are estimated at \$520,000.

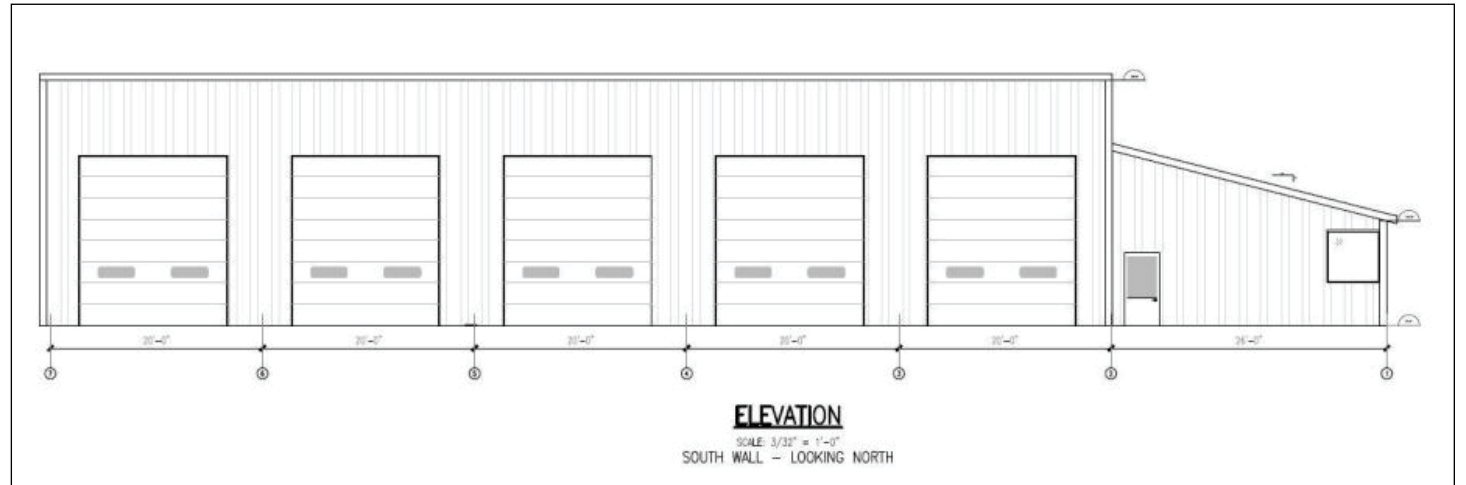
Three other alternatives were put on the table, including: a two-story office space with drive thru bays (\$1.7M); a single-story office space with no drive thru bays (\$1.3 million) or a two-story office space with no drive thru bays (\$1.65M).

In his report, Thorn said council agreed with staff on May 16, 2019 that the sand yard location was the most suitable site for the garage.

Thorn said staff preferred an option of 14 paved parking spots and two drive-thru bays with a single storey building also containing office space.

"With council's approval of this report, the next step will be for staff and Tulloch to work together to prepare the tender," Thorn said in a written report. "Staff will then return to council with the tender results for consideration and approval."

Palmay and Thorn pointed out that the site would require a substantial amount of earth



Tulloch Engineering's drawings of one of the options for the new Stanhope public works garage. *Algonquin Highlands council agenda.*

excavation, estimated at \$130,000.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said going with a two-story option would have created accessibility problems. She also wanted to know if Thorn had spoken with the site's neighbours, Francis Thomas Contracting, which do blasting. He said that he had.

Thorn said what he was recommending would allow the township to have its own access on its own property.

Deputy mayor Liz Danielsen queried the need for drive-thru bays. Thorn said the bays would allow them to drive vehicles into the front and the back to enable more parking, as well as the drive through option.

Coun. Lisa Barry asked about snow removal in winter but Thorn said it would

not be an issue. Danielsen mentioned spills, such as fuel or oil, and Thorn said they would be cleaned up as per normal.

With bay doors, Coun. Jennifer Dailloux questioned greenhouse gas emissions and energy efficiency. Thorn said it would be an efficient operation since equipment will be centralized without so much driving around to pick things up and drop them off. He added there would be best staff practice in using the bay doors. Dailloux also queried using building materials not reliant on fossil fuels.

Barry wondered if there had been any thought given to solar panels on the roof. Palmay suggested installing them on a new roof was not the way to go, and that ground

mounted solar might work better. But Coun. Julia Shortreed wondered if it would be a good idea with FTC blasting next door.

Councillors accepted the report, and sent it back for more information, specifically the effects of blasting at FTC and for information on a solar installation.

Moffatt said solar would bump the price up and the treasurer would also have to crunch numbers. She said at this stage, council is prepared to borrow money to pay for the garage and it will have an impact on the tax levy.

She added there was nothing wrong with taking more time to get it right, and "the best way to go forward so we're not spending money over money."

North Shore Road rejected for infrastructure funding

By Lisa Gervais

It was a case of bad news, good news at the Aug. 15 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

Councillors learned that the township's application for funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) had been rejected for North Shore Road.

However, another application, to the federal government's Enabling Accessibility Fund, has been successful, with nearly \$52,000 coming to help install a lift and new ramp.

On March 20, council asked Thorn to

submit an application for ICIP funding to repair North Shore Road from the intersection of St. Peter's Road to Airport Road.

In a written report last Thursday, he told them that the 2019 intake of the rural and northern funding stream was highly competitive, and demand far exceeded the available funding. He said about \$1 billion was requested, but only \$417 million in federal and provincial money available.

He found out July 18 they'd been rejected. He said he'd be contacting the Ministry of Infrastructure for more details about the the project's assessment

and what could be addressed for future applications.

As for next steps, Thorn added that after further review of the project, and discussions with the engineering firm, "staff will prioritize the project and present options to council for further considerations at the 2020 projects and priorities presentation."

As for the good news, he said that at the July 13, 2018 council meeting, staff were authorized to submit a grant application under Employment and Social Development Canada's, Enabling Accessibility Fund for small projects for a lift system and associated work

to access both floors of the Stanhope Library.

He said that in July, staff received notice the township will be receiving funding for the project.

The project's estimated cost is \$79,526 with funding approval of \$51,690.

Thorn said the balance of the project (\$27,836) will be the township's responsibility.

He recommended the cost be covered with a transfer from the accessibility reserve, which currently has a balance of \$52,000. Staff agreed.

Thorn said the next steps of this project will be the tender preparations.



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The province originally announced it would fund the Hawk Lake Road bridge June 7. Left to right: Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts, county director of planning Charsley White, county CAO Mike Rutter, Warden Liz Daniels, MPP Laurie Scott, county director of public works Craig Douglas, engineering assistant David Thaler, engineering assistant Brian Mulholland. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

Hawk Lake Road bridge gets green light

By Joseph Quigley

The federal government confirmed it will provide more than \$1.1 million in funding to replace the Hawk Lake Road bridge in Algonquin Highlands.

The federal government announced Aug. 16 it would fund the project on the 94-year-old bridge for \$1,125,993 under the Investing in Canada infrastructure Program, representing approximately half the total cost of the project.

As part of a larger announcement for several projects in the region, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

parliamentary secretary Marco Mendicino said the infrastructure represented a quality of life improvement.

"Building safe and efficient roads allow Canadians to spend less time in traffic on their way to work and more quality time with their families," Mendicino said.

The project will widen the bridge but keep it single lane. The bridge will also gain enough load capacity for firetrucks to cross it. Currently, they must take a 12-kilometre detour.

The province originally nominated the bridge for federal funding in June.

The province will contribute \$750,587 to the bridge while the County of Haliburton will pay \$375,406.

The federal government also announced four other infrastructure projects would receive funding, but the remainder are in the Muskoka area.

There was no information regarding other local infrastructure projects awaiting confirmation of federal funding, such as the South Wilberforce Road bridge replacement and the Minden Hills Sedgwick Bridge replacement. Infrastructure Canada confirmed those two projects are still being reviewed.

County roads committee news

Enhancing energy efficiency

The county is planning to make its buildings more energy-efficient.

Haliburton-based Highland Technical unveiled a new energy conservation and demand management plan at the county roads committee meeting Aug. 16. The plan reviews all of the county-owned facilities on their energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions. It also provides strategies for steps the county could take to reduce them.

The report states the primary form of emissions is from heating and notes installing modern technologies such as heat pumps could make a difference. But smaller upgrades could also be done, such as lighting fixtures, lighting control systems and programmable thermostats.

"These measures are encouraged to be continued, as they have been, however, their true significance of facilities is limited," the report said. "To significantly reduce GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions, the

County will need to consider more substantial capital projects, with a mandate to keep total energy performance of buildings a priority."

Director of public works Craig Douglas said staff are working to address "low-hanging fruit" with electrical upgrades at buildings. But heating will be a longer-term consideration.

"We're going to look at some of this stuff, more modern types of heating. Unfortunately, we replaced a lot of our furnaces not too long ago from oil to propane. That's an improvement, but lots of other technologies available," Douglas said.

He added buildings are only about 20 per cent of the municipality's carbon footprint, with the vast majority actually coming from the vehicle fleet.

The roads committee voted to receive the presentation as information.

Reining in speeders

The roads committee wants more done with the data the municipality can

collect using speed radars.

The committee discussed the radars, which staff move throughout the county in areas with speeding issues. Drivers are given a reading of their speed for a reminder, in an effort to change behaviour.

But Coun. Carol Moffatt said she would like to see more done with data.

"Without the analysis of the data, we can't identify the trouble spots," Moffatt said. "At some point, there has to be a minimal level of analysis to know."

Douglas said the municipality is able to gather data from the radars and staff are looking at providing it to OPP in problem spots.

Moffatt said that should happen to help direct police to areas they need to target.

"It's the job of OPP to make roads safe," she said.

Coun. Patrick Kennedy said the item should go to the roads committee as well.

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Paving roads with debt not so bad

Debt.

It is often viewed as an ugly word. It inspires anxiety and fear for the future. It can get viewed as failing to uphold responsibility. It is a spectre hanging in the halls of every level of government. It is a stamp political cartoonists keep on their desks at all times, when they are out of ideas.

The County of Haliburton is considering taking on \$3 million in debt to improve its roads situation. Roads are a critical county responsibility, but one can argue the move is not strictly necessary. County staff argued it stands to significantly improve the road network, particularly on the worse roads to traverse in the spring.

Although some may protest, the county is well-positioned to do this. In this context, this \$3 million debt could stand to be a positive thing.

Few things earn more ire than bad roads. Just about everyone in Haliburton probably experienced some of the roads which "blew up" in the spring, as director of public works Craig Douglas put it. Several roads we can recall were unsafe or felt damaging to our vehicles. Few would question our local municipalities putting an extra priority on fixing up roads.

But given how much road rural municipalities have to cover, that is always an uphill battle. Costs get high quickly and municipalities have to find money somewhere.

One option is to increase tax rates, which is never popular - big ones especially so. The tax increases needed to fund \$3 million would probably make the 2020 budget deeply unpopular and more than people could bear in a one-year span.

There is always the option to make cuts, or "find efficiencies" as the province likes to say. Those certainly are not popular, either. Municipalities cannot run deficits and although there is always spending you can point to as wasteful, finding \$3 million to cut out of a budget is no small task. It would probably stand to hurt other important services.

There is grant funding, which all municipalities use to make projects happen. But that is always uncertain and never seems to amount to enough. Ironically, taking on debt could attract more grant dollars, by making the county seem poorer.

So, if the county wants to do more for roads in the short-term, debt is the only other option. In the long-run, it is naturally the most expensive option with interest

charges. Given that, it should be used sparingly, which the county has fortunately done.

The county has only approximately \$1.5 million in debt it is paying off, currently amounting to an annual payment of \$157,712.

The county is well short of its annual debt repayment limit of \$3.3 million. At current interest rates, taking on \$3 million in debt would amount to a total interest payment of about \$184,215 over five years, based on figures from a county finance report.

Some will scoff at that. But given how little the county pays to service debt currently, it is far from unreasonable.

The county is not close to a final decision on this loan. Council members will second-guess it, as they should do. Debt should not be taken lightly. Were the county more prone to taking on debt, this move would probably make little sense. Better long-term planning is a stronger alternative than debt, but more is already being mandated to help, such as asset management plans.

In the meantime, this is debt we can live with.



By Joseph Quigley

EleXion files

Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County (CCHC) is pleased to present, EleXion Files. We will be submitting a series of articles focusing on nonpartisan information about the federal election. This is the third article in the series.

How can you become an informed voter?

The integrity of our democracy depends on fair elections in which voters are accurately informed. Because information, especially online, has become so plentiful, it is more important than ever to choose credible sources as a basis for your voting decision.

Begin your information search by reading local newspapers and listening to local radio to determine the names and platforms of the candidates for each party in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. Check their websites and read distributed fliers. If contact information is provided, it is appropriate to phone or email to ask questions to determine their views about local and national issues. Whether you receive feedback will speak volumes about the candidate's commitment to constituents.

Should a local candidate come to your door, engage him/her in conversation and be prepared to ask questions about how they plan to serve the area. When possible, attend local all-candidates meetings and have your questions ready. Respect the

views of others, even if you don't agree.

Since candidates are members of political parties, and as such will usually conform to party policy, it is important that you choose someone who you trust but also someone who is representing a party whose platform aligns as closely as possible to your values. Compare party policies and avoid voting on one issue only. Probably no party will perfectly match your ideals but look for the closest fit on a variety of issues. The online tool, Vote Compass (votecompass.com), asks questions and uses the answers to help determine which party's policies most closely align with the voter's views.

When researching party platforms, use trusted mainstream sources and party websites. In addition to news stories, read analyses from a variety of sources reflecting different points of view. Avoid information from social media platforms claiming to quote mainstream media; it may not be the real thing. If you read an article on social media crediting *The Toronto Star*, for example, check the *Star*'s own website before concluding that the article is legitimate.

Radio and television also provide good information and analysis. Examples of shows which look at issues and present a variety of points of view include CBC's *The Current* and *Power and Politics*, as well as CTV's *Power Play* and *Question Period*. National debates can be useful to assess the leaders' speaking skills but are not a good

place to determine clear policy.

Avoid making decisions based on television ads and snappy slogans which may sound reasonable on the surface but really don't present clear, logical or accurate information.

After collecting information, it is time to reflect on what you have read and heard. Have discussions with others, both like-minded and those with whom you may not agree. Ask yourself the following questions: What kind of country do I want? What party best reflects this vision? Does a party policy blame others or offer positive solutions to problems? Do the party policies offer to solve complex problems using simplistic solutions or realistic ones? Do the policies have the goal of making life better for all Canadians? Do the policies solve current problems and prepare us and our children for an ever-changing world or do they strive to keep us in a nostalgic past?

Even with accurate information, opinions will vary. The main thing is to do your homework, think carefully, vote and then continue to hold elected representatives to account until the next election. In this way, a healthy democracy can be maintained for future generations.

Elizabeth Turner

Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County
Next week's article will focus on minority governments.

Correction:

In 'Art Squared undergoes some changes' Aug. 15, 2019, we said Art Squared sold almost 90 original canvases. In fact, they sold just over 45. *The Highlander* apologizes for the error.

Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: *Where do you think HSAD’s student housing should be built?*

By Meagan Secord



Elizabeth Matthews

Minden

“At the college, it is necessary.”



Marina Morrow

Haliburton

“I think it should be at the college, definitely.”



Dylan Haywood

Minden

“I would say downtown because it keeps people closer and doesn’t push them to the outskirts.”



Kailynn Sikma

Gooderham

“I think it should be at the college because downtown would be kind of hectic.”



Nicole Cooke

Kennis Lake

“Haliburton is really pretty so I’d personally like to live down here [downtown] if I went there.”

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Shelley Houser sent this image of a Monarch butterfly.

LETTERS

Concerned about regional government

Dear editor,

In the Aug.1 Highlander, Oscar Poloni of KPMG made a presentation addressing the province’s recently-announced service modernization fund, delivering nearly \$3 million to county and municipalities

Just because the province is handing out money does not mean it is going to be of benefit. Look what happened when the province offered a lump sum of money and short-term maintenance agreement when they downloaded highways to county roads. In the long run, this has caused stress and cost to maintain within the financial resources available.

Every municipality is well aware of its obligations when it comes to service requirements regardless of priority. Poloni’s remarks appear somewhat irrational when it comes to smaller rural municipalities having an in-house electrician on staff. Such an individual would not work for less than he/she would receive in the open market. How often would a small municipality require the services of an in-house electrician? Mr. Poloni should have realized our municipalities have their own snow plow operations and staff to handle such functions. If large road projects are required, of course, such procedures would be contracted out to companies who have the necessary equipment to fulfil obligations within provincial laws.

To provide a cheque for volunteer organizations to run parks and recreation programs would depend on criteria and who would be responsible for insurance coverage and cost? I question the \$50 an hour for someone to water plants in Haliburton County and municipalities. I wonder how much it cost for Mr. Poloni’s presentation? Townships could save a great deal of money if they truly evaluated the need for a consultant to tell them what they already know, good, bad or indifferent as long as it is reasonable and necessary.

Perhaps we should remove benefits for members of council and streamline work to alleviate overlapping services. We have come too far to tear it all apart if regional government is on the minds of county council.

Beverly MacDuff
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Algonquin Highlands news

Proposal for Raven Lake docks

With manager of parks, recreation and trails, Chris Card, describing it as a “mess of stick docks growing along the shore,” Algonquin Highlands council gave support in principle to the Raven Lake Cottage Association (RLCA) proposal to replace the existing docking system with a more functional and safe dock slip system for property owners on Raven Lake.

Card said representatives from the RLCA met with him, the mayor, CAO, and planner to discuss the proposal.

He said the location is not within the jurisdiction of the township but there are shared interests.

For that reason, he said the RLCA wanted approval and comment from the township during the MNRF required public consultation, as well as to maintain good neighbour relations.

The township maintains the public boat launch with docks and retaining walls. This maintenance is done through a shared services agreement between AH and Lake of Bays (LOB). LOB does winter maintenance in the parking lot and it's an access point for the AH's water trails.

Card said the shoreline area where the docks would be built, and currently exist, is on Crown land.

He said staff gave advice on best practices for dock systems, signage, maintenance and possible avenues of grant funding.

For example, he said they would like to see clear signage about what's private and public land.

“It is anticipated that this approach will have numerous benefits to the location. The aim is to eliminate non-sanctioned docks being built on the Crown land, which will eliminate existing safety concerns. It has the potential to reduce environmental degradation in sensitive littoral (shoreline) and wetland areas. It will improve aesthetics and access for users,” Card said in a written report to council.

Card added the system would be built, overseen and maintained by the RLCA.

“The RLCA has committed to continuing to keep the township informed of the progress of the project as well as to seek input on sign development with the shared interests in mind,” Card said.

Card told councillors, “we only saw benefit to it.”

However, he cautioned with provincial ministries involved, “it may still be several years in the making.”

Tackling single use plastics

The newly-formed environment and stewardship committee will tackle single use plastics.

During a discussion over its minutes from a July 15 meeting, chair Lisa Barry said the plastic waste reduction strategy will include: daily activities and practices;

events and spaces and public education.

During the discussion, there was talk of the possible formation of a subcommittee. Mayor Carol Moffatt suggested staff would be part of the next steps in terms of providing feedback about what they can, and cannot do.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux said they would not be starting from scratch but compiling lists of best practices. Moffatt agreed, saying, “other people have been doing this already, there's no point starting from zero.”

Thorn said it would be good for the committee to see what staff already have in place or what they've been working on since “we're ready to go on some items.”

New public works truck

Council is recommending the purchase of a new tandem axle cab and chassis truck with equipment.

Thorn said they purchased a new tandem axle plow/sanding truck in 2018 at a cost of \$231,384.50 excluding taxes, and they're estimating the cost to purchase a new truck in 2020 to be approximately the same.

“Should council agree to this purchase, staff is respectfully requesting preapproval to tender the truck in 2019 for a delivery date in 2020. The cost of the truck would come from the equipment reserves, this purchase will not interfere with the 2020 scheduled equipment purchases,” Thorn said.

Fire department news

Fire chief Mike Cavanagh said the service has billed three parties for separate incidents requiring emergency response vehicles to be called out.

He said two people were invoiced for illegal daytime burning and another for an accident.

Cavanagh and Moffatt said people can't claim they don't know that daytime burning is not allowed. Moffatt said she was sorry but pleased to see there had been some billing.

Cavanagh said people are billed at the MTO rate of \$457 per truck per hour.

The fire chief also said they will be recruiting volunteer firefighters in the fall, following in the footsteps of Dysart et al. It came after Alex Muenzel retired at Station 80; and Fraser and Stephanie MacLeod retired from at Station 60. Tanner Pecarski has been hired as a probationary firefighter at Station 70.

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Fears over rising energy costs

By Joseph Quigley

The Ontario Energy Board is expected to rule this month on whether it will eliminate a Hydro One seasonal rate class which could cost its local customers.

Hydro One sent a letter to seasonal customers Aug. 13 outlining the latest on the situation. The energy provider said it continues to argue against the class elimination, which provides reduced rates.

Hydro One said it told the energy board in a July 19 report that this change would have a negative effect on more than half of seasonal customers.

“We have presented an alternative solution that would protect the majority of seasonal customers that do not qualify for the subsidies available for year-round residents,” Hydro One said in the email. “We owe it to our customers to present the OEB with a better solution and to work to ensure that our regulator reconsidered this decision.”

The discussion on the class elimination began in 2015. The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) directed Hydro One to develop a report to eliminate the class and migrate users to other residential classes based on population density. Hydro One said the OEB is concerned that seasonal customers who are high-volume users of electricity are paying a disproportionate share of the energy costs.

Hydro One has reported the change would result in only a small positive impact for high-use seasonal customers, while a higher number of low-use customers would see a negative impact.

Hydro One is instead proposing the seasonal rate class be kept. With all residential classes changing to all-fixed distribution rates by 2024, Hydro One is instead recommending a cap be put in place to protect high-use customers until that date, to determine the impact that change will have.

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA) has also pushed against the class change.

“FOCA is concerned about the unrelenting electricity cost increases of our community,” the organization said on its website

FOCA also argued the all fixed rate should address the OEB’s concerns.

If the OEB eliminates the seasonal rate, Hydro One said 78,000 of its customers could see their bills increase by \$68/month, implemented over several years.

Hydro One said it will not receive any financial benefit from the OEB decision and will soon inform its customers about the ruling.

“We intend to continue advocating on your behalf and keeping you informed throughout this process,” Hydro One said in its letter.



Hydro One is pushing against the elimination of its seasonal rate class. File photo.





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Highlander news



County of Haliburton Warden Liz Danielsen said although municipal cuts are coming, province also made promising announcements at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference Aug. 19. *File photo.*

County prepares for municipal cuts

By Joseph Quigley

County of Haliburton warden Liz Danielsen said the municipality is preparing for provincial cutbacks.

Premier Doug Ford addressed the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference Aug. 19, which Haliburton's municipal leaders are attending. With the address came announcements the province would forge ahead with previously considered cuts to public health and childcare spaces, forcing municipalities to foot more of those bills. The province is also expected to cut into its main assistance grant for municipalities.

Danielsen said the county is working to find savings in preparation for expected cuts.

"The County, in cooperation with the four lower-tier municipalities, continues to work aggressively to improve and streamline the delivery of services throughout the county to realize savings," she said.

But Danielsen said there was promising information in the province's announcements. She said the province has assured there will be no privatization for ambulance services, which they were considering. The county has previously expressed concerns over the province changing the ambulance system.

Besides that, Ford also announced more funding for the ambulances. "The county will be eligible for up to a four per cent increase in funding for EMS next year," Danielsen said.

The province also announced it would maintain the structure for the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) in 2020, the primary municipal assistance grant. Ford also announced additional transitional funding in 2020.

"To help our municipal partners pursue greater fiscal sustainability and protect the future of public services," Ford said in his address. "So you can continue to deliver important services people rely on every day."

Municipalities are bracing for future cuts to the OMPF, but Danielsen said there will at least be some stability for 2020.

"While there is little doubt the OMPF funding will be reduced in the future, the actual structure of how the funding is delivered will remain fundamentally the same," Danielsen said.

Municipalities will soon be expected to pay for 30 per cent of public health costs and 20 per cent of new childcare spaces.

Danielsen noted the City of Kawartha Lakes remains responsible for overseeing childcare spaces, which it does in Haliburton on behalf of the county.

"Members of the joint advisory committee will be meeting to discuss the impacts on childcare and other services in September and we will know more then," Danielsen said. "Ultimately, decisions are theirs to make and we are prepared to manage whatever change comes our way."

Capturing Eden loses in cannabis lottery

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton's Capturing Eden was not successful in its attempt to become the county's first recreational cannabis store.

The medical cannabis assessment clinic was not amongst the 42 applicants selected for retail store authorization, announced by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) Aug. 21.

The store was one of 4,864 eligible expressions of interest submitted in

the draw, which occurred Aug. 20 and was overseen by a third-party fairness monitor according to an AGCO press release.

The AGCO distributed the selections across five regions. Haliburton is located in the east region, which stretches into the Ottawa area.

The east region will receive seven new stores. The closest proposed store to Haliburton went to Huge Shops Ontario Inc., located in Kawartha Lakes at 566 Frank Hill Rd., just north of Peterborough.

Three of the east region selections went to Innisfil, a town of approximately 37,000 people. All three of the proposed Innisfil stores are on the same street, Commerce Park Drive.

The other two proposed stores in the East region are set to go to Collingwood and Ottawa. Lottery winners can now apply for a retail operator licence. Only stores that meet all legal and regulatory requirements will be authorized, the AGCO said.



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Highlander health

Radiothon beats funding goal for heart equipment



Nancy Lowes got people in their cars involved in the fundraiser. Photo by Meagan Secord.

By Megan Secord

The 12th annual Radiothon fundraiser for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) raised \$30,645, \$5,000 more than this year's goal.

HHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins said the community always comes together in support of the hospitals.

"This community is extraordinarily generous to health services and many other causes that they have throughout the county," she said.

The Radiothon at 99.5 Moose FM took place on Aug. 16 and 17 and raised money to go towards new echo cardiographs (ECG's) for the hospital's emergency department.

Volunteers from both the hospital and the radio station spent two days on air, encouraging people to donate. On the ground, people outside asked people passing by to get involved.

Sue Black, a morning host for Moose FM, said on air that the radiothon helps the hospital work more efficiently.

"It would be an administrative nightmare if they had to send people out of town everytime they needed a machine," she said.

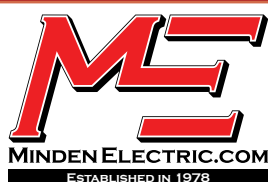
Tompkins said the timing gives seasonal residents a chance to get involved.

"Because the equipment we're fundraising for is for the emergency departments that might be pretty relevant to visitors," said Tompkins. "We hope that people don't need to use the emergency departments but we're thankful that if they do, we've got great medical professionals and equipment."



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Highlander arts



Sister act opera style

The Highlands Opera Studios’ Women in Opera performance on Aug. 15 featured the productions *Suor Angelica*, *The Chair* and *Book of Faces*. The cast was made up of women from Ontario and Quebec, who come to the Highlands to star in these productions. This is the 13th year for the opera studio. The crowd at the performance was full of locals who enjoy and actively participate in the Haliburton arts scene. Coming up: *Ariadne Auf Naxos*: Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 24 at 2 p.m., Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. and Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. (Meagan Secord)

Top right: The sisters in the opera, *Suor Angelica* tend to a garden in a scene. Top left: The opera, *Suor Angelica* is about a woman living in a convent in the late 1600’s. Bottom: Sister Angelica, played by Lauren Margison, praying to the Lord for her family to come. Photos by Meagan Secord.



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

Forest Festival



Top: R&B, Soul, Jazz & Funk ensemble Soul Stew take the stage. Bottom left: Kasara McKay from Boshkung Brewing serves up some fresh brews. Right: The Logging Museum was rocking with reggae tunes by The Satellites. Bottom left: Steven Page plays his first love, the keyboards, during the opening night. *Photos by Meagan Secord, Lyelca Rodrigues and Lisa Gervais.*

Forest Festival



Making musical history at the Logging Museum

As former Barenaked Ladies musician Steven Page took the stage at the Logging Museum at the Haliburton Forest, founder and artistic director of the Forest Festival Stuart Laughton paid tribute to general manager Lesley English and the volunteers who made the week a huge success.

He said that he may have been the one making the Festival's opening remarks, but English "is the really important one."

Laughton added, "We've got lots of wonderful eager beaver volunteers who are here because they think the best place on earth is the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve."

With the Logging Museum hosting all Festival concerts this year, as the Forest renovates the Bone Lake Amphitheatre, the founder told the audience, "It's wonderful that an abandoned logging venue can be the venue for a musical concert such as this one."

It would go on to be the venue for seven eclectic concerts. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Top left: Steven Page plays the guitar and sings during his trio's concert. Right: Fergus Hambleton from The Satallites taking the stage for their performance on Friday. Middle: Soul stew members perform some motown tunes. Bottom: Guests line up outside the Logging Museum on Saturday night. *Photos by Meagan Secord, Lyelca Rodrigues and Lisa Gervais.*

Highlander sports



Left: Racer number three on his final lap of the course. Right: Tyler and Wayne Ricketts with their powerboat. *Photos by Meagan Secord.*

Boat races draw the crowds to Head Lake

This year's Haliburton Outboard Powerboat races pushed through despite the rain Aug. 17 and 18. Racers of all ages and speeds of boat completed a three-lap circuit in Head Lake. Barb Hammond, organizer of the event, said although the rain didn't make her happy, attendees were ready to compete. The event had 41 volunteers and approximately 90 racers. *(Meagan Secord)*

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Highlander sports

Minden kayaker captures podium at nationals

By Joseph Quigley

Minden kayaker Coleman Heaven cartwheeled, twisted and flipped his way to a silver medal before his hometown crowd in the national junior men’s freestyle competition Aug. 16.

Heaven put up a score of 260 for the final round at the 2019 Canoe Kayak Whitewater National Championships on the Gull River, good for second place. He beat out most of the field of 13 kayakers throughout the day, getting through three rounds before his finals’ performance.

“I’m pretty stoked,” Heaven said. “You kind of get in the groove and the tricks were just clicking.”

Heaven called it “redemption” after narrowly missing the podium with a fourth-place finish at the 2018 nationals in Alberta.

“I definitely wanted to make the podium this year,” Heaven said. “I didn’t care where.”

The recent Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate got his start kayaking on the same Gull River. After watching a cousin kayak, Heaven picked the sport up and never looked back.

“I just got to a point and people started talking to me, ‘you should go try out’,” Heaven said.

Heaven has only kayaked competitively for two years. His discipline is freestyle, where competitors perform on a single rapid, aiming to get the highest score possible. Athletes twist and flip into the



Minden local Coleman Heaven competes in the opening round of the junior men’s freestyle competition Aug. 16 at the 2019 Canoe Kayak Whitewater National Championships. Heaven would go on to finish in second place. Photo by Joseph Quigley

air, performing tricks such as the “Space Godzilla,” an aerial loop with a 90 degree or greater rotation.

“I don’t like being told what to do. I just follow my heart,” Heaven said of his discipline selection. “I’m pretty stoked that freestyle gives me that opportunity. Plus, I find it more intense.”

However, his family said it can be hard to watch. Competitors intentionally dip themselves beneath the rushing water. Getting spit out downstream is common.

“There’s a point where you just have to start looking away,” dad Paul Heaven said. “That’s a given.”

Mom Irene said Coleman’s love for the sport has helped him succeed.



“For him, I think kayaking is such a joy. When he gets stressed with school or something, he goes kayaking. I don’t know if it is a lot of work for him, as opposed to a lot of fun,” she said.

Heaven has no plans to stop. With his last year of junior men’s competition behind him, he plans to perform on the world stage at the senior level by making the men’s national team.


“I’d like to compete at worlds in Nottingham in 2021. That’s my goal right now,” Heaven said.

Although the competitive season is wrapped up, Heaven said he’ll continue working on his chosen sport through the rest of the year, taking to the waters he loves.

“I’ve always been really comfortable in the water. I’ve never had any fear,” Heaven said. “That overall helps me be comfortable when I’m kayaking.”



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- Should families not be able to attend on August 28th, please contact the school (705-457-2950) the week of August 26th to make alternate arrangements. We will do our best to accommodate!

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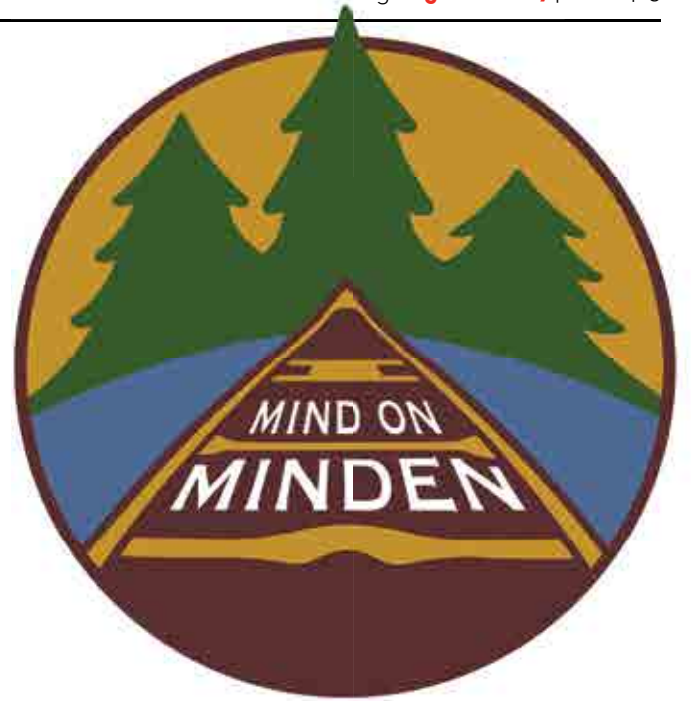


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Volunteers from Bell Canada and a Point in Time standing with some of this year’s donated backpacks. Photos by Meagan Secord

Boshkung cottagers support Food for Kids

The Boshkung Lake Property Owners Association made a \$1,000 donation to Food for Kids Haliburton. The association has been making donations to the charity for five years from money raised by memberships and events such as their regatta. Food for Kids supplies nutritious snacks and meals to the seven schools in the county. According to Vicki Woods, co-president of the lake association, Food for Kids is just one of six organizations they are donating to this year. (Meagan Secord)

Food for Kids representatives Aaron Walker, left, and Jim Alder receive a \$1,000 cheque from Vicki Woods. Photo by Meagan Secord



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River Run donates to Places for People

Minden River Run has donated part of the proceeds from a co-promotion with Highland Yard, pushing the total this year to more than \$22,000 - Places for People's best Highland Yard ever. River Run's additional donation of two gift certificates for a float down the river was much appreciated by P4P tenant families. Pictured, left to right: Max Ward (and his son Thomas), Dawson Allore, John Rodgers, Barb McCallum, Keira Rutkowski, Rob Rutkowski, Madison Frith. *Photo submitted.*



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The Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association (SLRA) braved the weather Aug. 17 for their annual ‘More than a Corn Roast.’ The event had a slightly smaller turnout than usual but attendees enjoyed a fun day of games, food and socializing. Marie Garland, a Soyers Lake property owner, said getting together with neighbours they don’t normally see is a large reason why the event is so fun. Susan Bardell, director of the SLRA, agreed and said it creates a strong sense of community. *(Meagan Secord)*

Top: The grill masters hard at work feeding the crowd of attendees. Bottom: The kids are off to the races in potato sacks, as just one of the fun activities planned for them. *Photos by Meagan Seacord.*



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HLCA regatta worth it in the end

The Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Associations (HLCA) 2019 Regatta was a hit. The event took place on August 3 and brings approximately 300 people to the public beach and park every year. Most of the money raised from the day's festivities goes back to the HLCA, while a portion is donated to Places for People, a local organization dedicated to improving housing in Haliburton County. Serena Thompson, organizer of the Regatta, said while the event takes some time to plan, watching people have fun and enjoy the lake makes it worth it. (Meagan Secord)

This year's 5 km runners start their race. Bottom left: From left to right: runners Kieran Burton, Josh and Burt Lounds, Kent Guest and Heather Dixon. Photos by Meagan Secord. Bottom right: Organizers of the event, Serena Thompson and Laura McLennon. Photo provided by the HLCA.



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KLPOA celebrates 34th annual picnic

The first Kushog Lake Property Owner’s Association annual picnic was in 1985 and has taken place every year since. It’s held at Pine Springs Valley Resort and is always well attended. It’s a family tradition for many on the lake and looked forward to every year by parents, grandparents and kids. There are water races, land races and a decorated boat contest. The water balloon toss is a favourite. The big event is the tug- of-war between the east side and the west side of the lake. West kids won and East adults won this year. The kids enjoyed getting their faces painted and everyone enjoyed participating in the draw which featured merchandise and gift certificates. *Submitted.*

Top: The whole gang. Bottom left: “Lunar Landing” decorated boat contest runner-ups by the Blacks and Hillis families Bottom right: Winners of the five and under jumbled shoe race, Wesley Adams, Nadia Pesti and Kate Krete. Photos submitted.



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- Marie Gage

Highlander events



Top left: Pride co-founder Sinclair Russell discusses the history of the Pride flag. Middle: Pride committee chair David Rankin addresses the crowd. Top right: Ward 1 Coun. Jennifer Hughey brings greetings from the Township of Minden Hills. Bottom left: Daniel Manley conducts the Minden Pride Singers. Bottom right: Jerelyn Craden sings at the Pride flag raising. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

Rainbow rises over Minden

Jerelyn Craden honoured Judy Garland in singing *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* to kick off the fourth annual Minden Pride Week on Monday.

Co-founder Sinclair Russell spoke about the history of the Pride flag.

Chair David Rankin welcomed people for "the celebration of diversity and inclusion in Minden Hills." He spoke of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York City, seen as the beginning of the gay

rights movement. He went on to discuss how the Criminal Code in Canada is still not equal for members of the LGBTQ community so "we still have work to do." And, with the Minden Pride banner being removed from the bridge in town by unknown vandals, he acknowledged there was indeed still work to be done.

"This week, Minden, we come together as an inclusive and diverse community, to celebrate who we are and to show that we

are proud of ourselves, our friends and our family members."

Ward 1 Coun. Jennifer Hughey thanked the co-founders and the Pride committee for "creating this genuine feeling of pride and sense of community." She added, "We're all just looking for the practice of including people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized ... I just want to say happy pride week, be safe, have fun and be kind to one another."

Monday's flag raising was followed by a Tuesday movie night and a Wednesday meet and greet.

Coming up: Aug. 22, 8-11 p.m. trivia night at the D; Aug. 23, 8 p.m. to close, Drag Experience & Dance Party at the Pinestone; Aug. 24, 4-8 p.m., tea dance at the Dominion Hotel Pub; Aug. 25, 1 p.m., inter-faith church service and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Street fest. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Highlander events

Minden Bible Church raises \$3,200 for clean water



By Joseph Quigley

The Minden Bible Church more than tripled its goal for its first-ever Minden Water Walkers 6K event by raising \$3,200 Aug. 3.

In a press release, the church said approximately 100 people attended the event to trek around town to fundraise for the humanitarian group World Vision. The organization helps provide water sources for communities around the world.

Organizer Sharon Ganesh said they were surprised by all the people who came to participate.

"It went really, really well. Everybody enjoyed themselves," Ganesh said.

The event offered people the chance to carry water jugs, mimicking those carried by people who have to trek long distances to collect water.

Participants raised well over the \$1,000 goal.


"People just really embraced the cause and wanted to be part of it, whether they were walking for it or even just donating," Ganesh said.

The funding will amount to 65 children getting clean water for a year, Ganesh said. The church will have a cheque presentation during its Aug. 25 service at 10:30 a.m. to World Vision Canada.

Ganesh said there is a desire to hold the event again in some form next year but there's no guarantee.

"It was really a pleasant surprise to see as many people come out for the cause and just put their love into motion," Ganesh said. "We're very appreciative and we do hope we can do this again next year."

Pastor David Johnson carries a Canada flag while participating in the Minden Water Walkers 6K event Aug. 3. The event raised \$3,200 to help provide clean water to communities. *Submitted photos*




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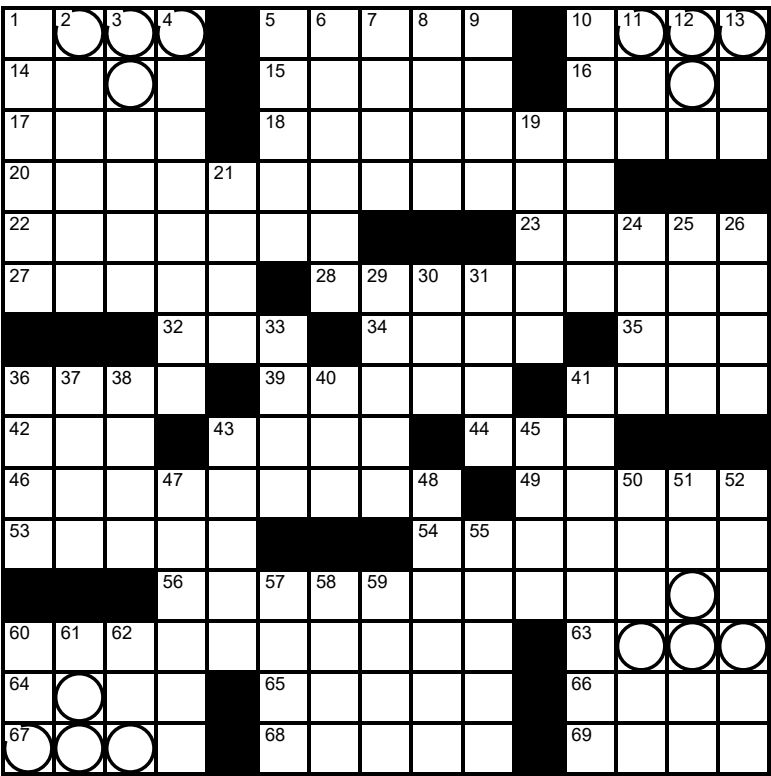
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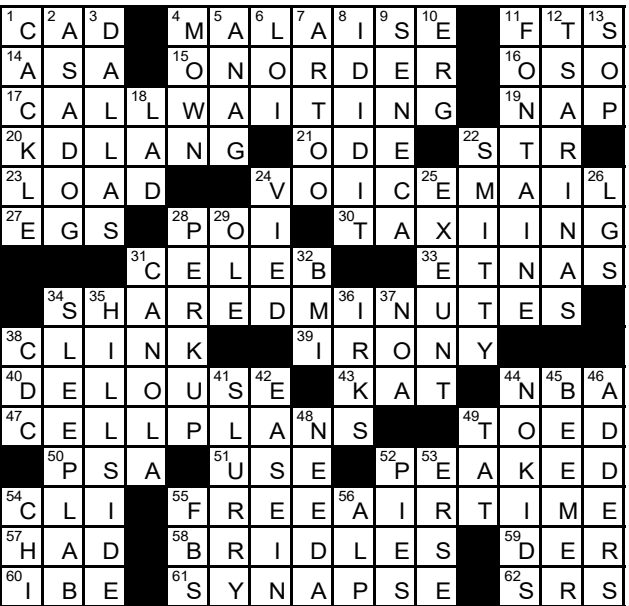
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 - 10 Former hockey announcer Bob
 - 14 Pompeii coverup?
 - 15 "Care for ___ of tea?"
 - 16 Back-country rides, for short
 - 17 Sugary suffixes
 - 18 Common form of arthritis
 - 20 Jealous partner's comment in a 56-Across
 - 22 CFLer in a strategy session
 - 23 Athlete's drugs, for short
 - 27 Startle, as a horse
 - 28 Consensual romantic arrangement that may exist in a 56-Across
 - 32 Laptop port
 - 34 Cut the crop
 - 35 Beach shade?
 - 36 "Thanks ___!"
 - 39 Possessed girl in "The Exorcist"
 - 41 Appointment card datum
 - 42 Give permission
 - 43 Retailer of car accessories
 - 44 VW hatchback model
 - 46 Activity of at least one member of a 56-Across
 - 49 "Did ___ anything?" (late-comer's query)
 - 53 Specially created, as a committee
 - 54 Search party handout
 - 56 Relationship depicted by each set of circled letters in this puzzle
 - 60 Uncompromising sorts
 - 63 Peggy's ___, Nova Scotia
 - 64 Economical Chevy
 - 65 Mountain lake feeder
 - 66 Did some gardening
 - 67 Writer Uris or boxer Spinx
 - 68 Detailed programs: Abbr.
 - 69 Water whirl
- Down**
- 1 Tree-hugging slowpokes
 - 2 Bind together, as with a cord
 - 3 Work too hard, with "it"



- 4 Extracted slowly and gingerly
- 5 Dissect in grammar class
- 6 Semi-tone lower than B
- 7 On ___ (without a contract)
- 8 Go on the road
- 9 Prefix meaning "air"
- 10 The feline world
- 11 Ear: Prefix
- 12 Gaius's 56
- 13 Apoc. book
- 19 "That's ___" ("All done for now")
- 21 "Benevolent" brotherhood
- 24 Theta follower
- 25 "Hang it!"
- 26 Gaelic word sung at New Year's
- 29 Church keys?
- 30 Perrins's partner in the sauce
- 31 Half of a Chinese duo
- 33 "Skinamarink" singers Sharon, Lois and ___
- 36 Prov. with a large Hutterite population
- 37 Raunchy, as humour
- 38 "Then again," in a text
- 40 ___ Pen (allergy sufferer's injector)
- 41 Day after "samedi"
- 43 Williamson of "Excalibur"
- 45 "___ yellow ribbon round ..."
- 47 Ratted out
- 48 Poor man's penthouse
- 50 "No more for me"
- 51 Applied balm to
- 52 Like the toon mouse Gonzales
- 55 What daredevils scoff at
- 57 Trader ___ (restaurant chain)
- 58 Eliza's tutor, to Eliza
- 59 Crossed letters
- 60 Linden who played Barney Miller
- 61 It crosses the street: Abbr.
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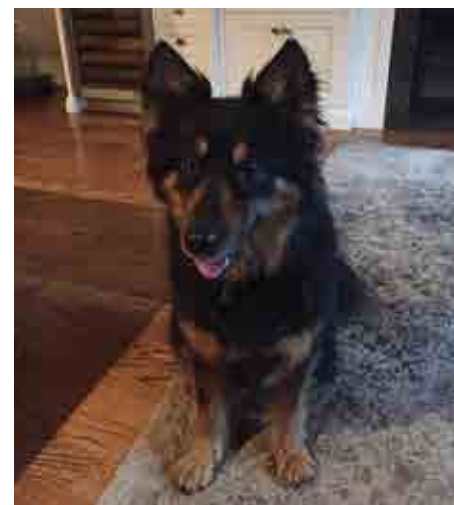
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Beloved husband of Yvonne (nee Dugan) for over 62 years. Loving father of Kevin (Wendy), Cheryl (the late Randy), and Glenda (Clyde). Cherished grandfather of Jeremy (Samantha), Alexandra (Andrew), Jesse, Luke, Christopher (Ali), Nicole (Alex) and great grandfather of Tiffany, Hayden and Aurora. Dear brother of Gene (Gayla), predeceased by Florence, Edith, Barbara, Joy, Grant, Hartley, Eldridge and by his parents Victoria and Irvine Newell. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, Ken, Glem, Gary, Kent, family and friends. Mike will be fondly remembered for his many years of hard work for the telephone system, his love of working in the bush cutting wood, his carving of wildlife creatures and most of all, his love of family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Friday, August 23, 2019 from 6:00 until 8:00 pm and on Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 12:00 o'clock noon until of the Service to Celebrate Mike's Life at 1:00 pm. Interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Ingoldsby United Church (downstairs).

Memorial Donations to the Ingoldsby or Lochlin United Churches would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of
**Kathaleen "Kay"
Finlay (nee Lyle)**

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Monday, August 12, 2019, at the age of 83.

Beloved wife of the late Donald. Dear mother of Lynn of Vancouver Island, Lee of Stroud, Sean and his wife Angela of Tory Hill. Loving grandma to Jacob, Jonathon, Amy and Cole. Dear sister of the late Keith, Alan and Bonnie. Missed by her many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Kay's Life will be held at a later date.

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



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In Loving Memory of
**Denise Pettes
(Brown, Sperotto)**

March 5, 1955 – July 28, 2019

Cherished daughter of Beverly (Allan Upton), and George Pettes (deceased-2006). Beloved big sister to Teri (Brian Mason), David (Darlene), and Jim (Cindy). She will be deeply

missed by her devoted husband Robert Sperotto, by her three loving daughters, Erika (Nathan Gibson), Megan (Clint Hoy), Leigha Brown and by her grandchildren Matthew, Travis, Jackson and Sunny. Denise passed away in Florida after a courageous battle with cancer – her children and husband still reside in United States.

After graduating from Haliburton High School she pursued a career in nursing. It was a perfect choice for such a compassionate, caring and nurturing young lady. Spent her vocation at Hospitals in Oshawa, Yellowknife, Vancouver and finally Sarasota, Florida.

Friends are invited to join the family for a gathering to Celebrate Denise's Life at the Maple Lake United Church, (downstairs) 10961 Highway 118, Maple Lake, Ontario (corner of Airport Rd and 118) on Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm.



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In Loving Memory of
Joan Louise Hummel

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday August 15th, 2019, in her 92nd year.

Predeceased by her husband's John Garvin (1974) and Clayton Hummel (2013). She was the most loving and caring mother to Jill Garvin of Midland, Lori Kunkel (Dan), of Minden, Gord Hummel (Deb) of Barrie, Coralie Hummel of Vancouver and Cathy Stephens (Mike) of Minden.

Predeceased by her oldest son, Byron Garvin (2001) and her beautiful daughter Jennifer Nealon (John) (2012).

Fondly remembered as Nanny or Nana, she will be missed immensely by her grandchildren, Wendy (Kevin), Linda, Bill (Rachelle), Steve (Lori), Erin, John (Breanne), Michael, Tammy (Kevin), Shelly (Evan, predeceased), Brandon (Rachelle) and Robbie, predeceased by Meaghan (Jay). Great Nanny to 15 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren. Sister of Nancy (Dave).

Joan lived in Toronto and Sutton with her husband John raising their family until his passing in 1974.

Joan and Clayton married in 1977 and moved to Minden after both losing their spouses and formed the "Hummel Bunch". They spent many years on Mountain and Boshkung Lakes and winters traveling, or in Florida, Mexico, and Arizona. They lived a full life of entertaining friends and will be missed by their "Dinner Group". Joan spent the last 2 years living with her daughter Lori and Dan and enjoyed many walks with their dog Daisy and afternoons enjoying the sunshine.

Special thanks to Dr. Christina Stephenson & the nursing staff at Haliburton Hospital for their phenomenal care!

The family invites everyone to join them on Saturday August 24th, 2019 from 10:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Joan's Life at the Minden Bible Church, 177 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at the Church (downstairs).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre Inc., would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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THANK YOU

LISA HOPE

From the inside of my heart, my deepest thanks to everyone who helped my Father. Especially in the past three months. Pain, stress and emotional hell.

JOE MOTTA (POP'S)

*Was buried on Wednesday August 14, 2019.
(One year to the day apart from his sister).*

*Joe was buried at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery/Chapel.
(His wishes) Joe was a very proud man*

I feel you are at peace.

As I closed my screen door on the morning to make my journey to Thornhill. My legs were shaking, I thought I was about to collapse. It was then when I felt Your legs and understood. At that moment, a massive dragonfly landed on the screen. Didn't move, did not flutter.

*Well Pops, you know me and dragonflies
- Thanks, luv ya, take care, have fun. You deserve it.
"Be not afraid" (Hymn)*

Oh, by the way Pop's your "Seasons Greetings"

Don't worry, Karma will take care of it.

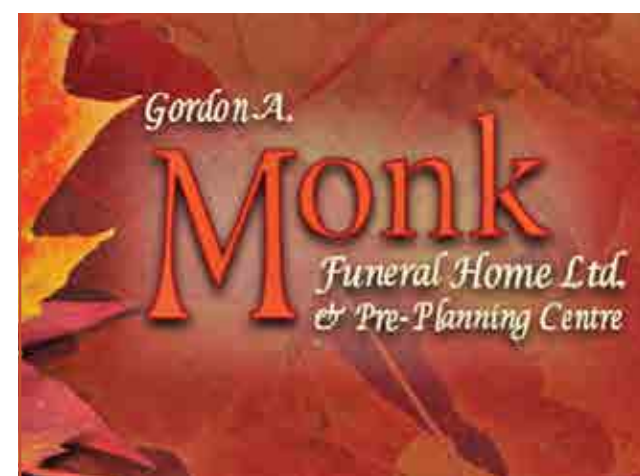
♥ DAUGHTER

*P.S. You are very much loved by your
GRAND DAUGHTER XO*

NOTICE

BRANCH 624, ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, WILBERFORCE - IMPORTANT NOTICE - In view of current restructuring of the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 624, Wilberforce, would any person or group having booked an event to be held after August 1st, 2019 please contact Brenda Boomhouer at 705-448-1849 to confirm your event details.

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YARD SALES

YARD AND GARAGE SALE – Something for everyone! Check it out. Thursday Aug 22 – Sunday Aug 25, 9 a.m. - ?? Proceeds being donated to mission in Kenya. 1181 Peninsula Rd., off County Rd. 21, Haliburton.

YARD/MOVING SALE - Saturday, August 24, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. 1061 Liswood Rd. (at Sir Sam's Ski parking lot). Lumber, timber, sports stuff, sauna, books, etc.

What's on



Riders will set out Saturday morning for the 7th annual Wilberforce ATV ride. *File.*

Getting muddy for a cause

By Lisa Gervais

The Wilberforce Curling Club is preparing for its 7th annual ATV ride Aug. 24 in Highlands East.

Organizer Darrell McQuigge said they already had 89 ATVs signed up as of last Friday, Aug. 16 so were expecting a good turnout on the day.

He said doors open at 9 a.m. The event supplies breakfast. The ride begins at 10 a.m. for approximately 90 kilometres. ATV'ers return between

3.30-4.30 p.m. and they get a hot, roast beef dinner, with a chance at the prize table.

"It's an ATV ride fundraiser. The fundraiser goes to support the youth and community curling programs," McQuigge said.

The club got a New Horizons for Seniors grant in the fall and will soon be installing a dehumidifier.

While people can register on the day, McQuigge said it is nice to have some

advance idea of numbers to organize breakfast and dinner.

Last year, they had 103 paying riders who helped to raise more than \$6,000. If they can get 75-80 riders, they will clear \$5,000 this year. Since they started, they have raised more than \$20,000.

Cost is \$65 per ATV, \$25 per additional rider, contact wilberforcecurling@gmail.com or call 705-447-0197.

HOS hits the stage with final opera

By Lisa Gervais

The Highlands Opera Studio is gearing up for its final performance of the 2019 season with the opera, *Ariadne Auf Naxos* set to hit the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion stage.

It will be shown Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

In its description, HOS said, "what happens when a circus group and a serious opera company are unexpectedly requested to perform exactly at the same time? The shows must go on."

In the opera, a wealthy patron has commissioned two pieces of entertainment for a private dinner party: an opera based on the myth of Ariadne in exile, and a capering troupe of clowns for comic relief. The catch is that the two acts must perform simultaneously so a fabulous pyrotechnics display can conclude the evening as promised.

HOS said it ties in with this year's theme of Women in Opera.



Brigitte Gall will be performing in *Ariadne Auf Naxos* starting tonight. *File*

"*Ariadne auf Naxos* provides an interesting exploration into various psychological archetypes of women reflected through the characters of Zerbinetta, Ariadne, and even the composer, played by a woman.

The cast will also include popular local, Brigitte Gall, who will play Der

Haushofmeister (Major Domo).

The schedule is: Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m.; Aug. 24 at 2 p.m., Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. and Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$37.50 and available via the box office 705-457-5646 or 1-855-455-5533. People can also order tickets online from highlandsopeastudio.com

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What's on

AUGUST 2019 • EVENT LISTINGS

August 27 – October 1, 2019

Powerful Tools for Caregivers – free 6-week workshop for caregivers, every Tuesday from Aug 27-Oct 1, 1 – 2:30 p.m. at Haliburton Hospital, Ruth Parkes Room. Pre-registration required, call 1-866-971-5545 or visit ceselfmanagement.ca.

Thursday August 22

Falls Prevention Course, open to all seniors free of charge – Tuesdays and Thursdays. July 9 through Sep 26th. Registration required. Contact 705-457-2941 x 2938 or info@hhhs.ca.

10 – 11 a.m., at Hyland Crest Fireside Lounge.

11 a.m. – noon, at Haliburton Hospital Ruth Parkes room.

1 – 2 p.m., at Keith Tallman Memorial Arena, Wilberforce.

10 am - 11:30 a.m. – Family Sculpture Forest Tour - New this year is the family tour. Enjoy an hour and a half together as a family as you are guided on a themed tour. This tour is suitable for all ages and takes breaks for games related to the tour!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, free drop-in at Wilberforce Legion. Colouring, board games, crafts, line dancing and cooking (Broccoli & cheddar muffins!), Guest speaker: Alzheimer's Society. Contact 705-457-2941 or info@hhhs.ca for more info.

10:10 a.m. – Drag Queen Story Hour at the Minden library branch, in collaboration with Minden Pride.

8 – 11 p.m. – Minden Pride Week – Trivia at the 'D', at the Dominion Hotel Pub, 113 Bobcaygeon Rd. This gay-

themed event was such a hit last time that people said "bring it back"! So we are, for one special night – come early to register your team of up to 5 people for this fun-filled pub event. \$5/person to play.

Friday August 23

9 a.m. – noon. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, free drop-in at Highland Hills United Church Minden. Walking club, colouring, board and card games, cooking: broccoli & cheese muffins. Guest speaker: HKPR Health Unit – all about Lyme disease. Contact 705-457-2941 or info@hhhs.ca for more info.

Noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Stanhope, 1095 North Shore Rd., every Friday until August 30

8 p.m. – closing – Minden Pride Week Burlesque Ball at Pinestone Resort – this party's gonna be a total drag! Tickets \$25/person, available at Russell Red Records 223 Highland St. Haliburton and/or Up River Trading Co. 106 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden. Check for weekend accommodation package rates at 1-888-724-9250 and quote PRIDE2019 to get the discount.

Saturday August 24

10 a.m. – Community Therapeutic Yoga, gentle movement and breathing with Dianne Levine, at Abbey Retreat Centre. Drop-in classes every Saturday until Aug 31st. Stay after class and try a nutritious smoothie or snack, and find out more about holistic nutrition. Admission by donation.

10 a.m. – noon – Marvelous Mushrooms, part of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's Discovery Days series, at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve, Haliburton. Discover the fascinating world of mushrooms and other fungi with amateur naturalist Pat Birchell from the Mycological Society of

Toronto. Register at haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-3700. Please meet at 9:45 for the event, admission by donation.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Minden, at Prince St. & Milne St., every Saturday until October 12.

4 - 8 p.m. – Minden Pride Week Tea Dance "Pretty in Pink", at the Dominion Hotel Minden. Do you love to dance? This is the best way to reconcile your love of partying with your early bedtime! Minden Pride's tea dance features great dance music, door prizes, munchies and silent auction. Age 19 and older.

6:30 p.m. – Lake Kashagawigamog Organization's annual Kash Bash at Haliburton Hockey Haven Camp, 2797 Kashagawigamog Lake Rd. Have fun with friends, enjoy a meal and beer/wine, listen to music by Gary and the Rough Ideas, and dance! \$30/LKO members, \$35/non-members. Tickets available at lko.ca

Sunday August 25

12th annual Garlic Festival, at Abbey Gardens. Meet growers and vendors, bring a friend!

12:30 – 3 :30 p.m. – Minden Pride Week Street Fest – Water St., between Bobcaygeon Rd and Prince St. Vendors, entertainment, food and fun! Something for everyone, all inclusive, all ages.

1 p.m. – Minden Pride Week Multi-Faith Service – at Highland Hills United church. PRIDE comes in many beliefs and spiritual practices. With guests and teachers from United, Anglican, Anishnaabe, and Buddhist traditions, come share our understandings contributing to peace in our changing world, celebrate diversity with confidence toward well-being for all.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

Tuesdays: Fun darts starting at 7pm

Wednesdays: Bid euchre, 1 p.m. start, Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 Jackpot - every Wednesday of July & August.

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

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

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

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

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rd129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome

MINDEN BRANCH

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

KINMOUNT BRANCH

Wednesday - Darts 7 p.m.

Friday Bingo - Starts at 6:45 p.m.

Saturday - Meat Draw 5 p.m. Karaoke 7-11 p.m. Karaoke Live on Saturday from 7 to 11 with Fred and Linda

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Aug 23 Community Care Lunch 12p.m. To book call Denise Butler 705-448-8865. Everyone 55+ Welcome. Wing night 6p.m. - 9p.m. Jam session 7:30p.m.

Aug 24 Meat draw 2p.m. Early bird 3p.m. SHARP. If you come out offer to help sell tickets please!!!!

Aug 26 Bid Euchre 7p.m.

Aug 28 Fun Dart 7:30p.m.

Up coming events

Sept 1 Annual Labour Day horseshoe tournament. Register 10a.m. - 12p.m. \$15. Games start at 12:30p.m. Music and Food for purchase on the deck

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