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Here's Jonny

Jonny Harris takes in the sights of Minden during CBC Still Standing's trip to the town this week. There will be a closed-to-the-public comedy show on Saturday. The episode will air in the fall of 2021. *Photo courtesy of Chris Armstrong.*

Arena costs creeping towards \$13 million

By Lisa Gervais

The new arena and community centre in Minden will have a refurbished canteen as councillors continue to slowly make decisions about so-called value-added-items at the \$12.7-million facility that is now nearing completion.

During a special council meeting Sept. 17, they gave the green light to four new

additions: signage, lobby furniture, fitness room access control and refurbishment of the canteen.

CAO Trisha McKibbin had 19 items in a detailed report. A number of them were removed, such as cleaning supplies and equipment, as they would classify as normal township operating costs. Others were shifted to the fundraising committee,

in hopes they can get some community donations.

As for an eating option in the new facility, Coun. Pam Sayne said she was in "total support" of having a canteen, whether the township eventually runs it or a third-party contractor does.

Coun. Jean Neville was in agreement, saying decision-making around the arena's

add-ons had dragged on too long. She said they needed a canteen regardless of who runs it. "Without a canteen, it doesn't work for me."

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell also spoke in favour and the council direction was noted.

McKibbin said she had sought out quotes and estimated the work at \$40,000.

As for lobby furniture, Neville added,

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Carter: surplus not 'piggybank'

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"we've got to get the place furnished." McKibbin has estimated a price tag of \$14,000.

Coun. Bob Carter noted they would need fitness room access control as soon as equipment was installed, especially during a pandemic. He said once they get the equipment in, it needs to be protected and they don't want unauthorized people in the room.

That will cost the township about a further \$7,000.

Signage was also approved at an upset limit of about \$14,000.

Early on in discussions, some councillors, such as Carter and Jennifer Hughey, said they would want more details before voting on whether to say yes or no to some items.

"We have to understand what we're agreeing to with all these things because money is money," Carter said.

Hughey added, "I'm not comfortable voting on anything with numbers that are questionable or potentially incorrect."

She suggested they make decisions on what they could be productive on the day.

McKibbin said council also had to provide direction on where the money would come from.

Mayor Brent Devolin suggested from surplus or reserves.

Sayne said, "We look at some of the great ways that we've seen other places raise money and get community involvement such as the youth hub, and the number of volunteers ... in this community that helped with going and picking up equipment for example ... and keeping all those costs down. I think if we can rely on some of that local support these numbers would



Work is continuing on the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre in Minden. Photo by Guenter Horst.

stay down much lower so we try to do these locally as well."

Coun. Hughey, who is the council liaison on the fundraising committee, expressed some frustration saying the committee had not been able to meet yet due to COVID-19 restrictions and the township's inability to provide a venue for electronic committee meetings.

Carter was adamant the money should come from reserves, not the surplus.

"Everything else that's part of this building should be assimilated as part of the building and we don't go into the surplus. The surplus we have, and we have to decide what to do with it, I just don't want to think it's a pot, a piggybank we can go and spend that money. If this is legitimately part of the project it should be accounted for as part of the project so we know what the total cost of this is."

Coun. Jean Neville questioned

debenturing, due to low borrowing interest rates. "This amount of money is not going to be significant in the very big picture," she said.

However, Devolin said they would have to research what items on the list can be debentured.

The original budget for the project was \$12,494,570. An additional \$250,000 was approved by council in December 2019, increasing the budget to \$12,744,570.

McKibbin said contractors' MBC have advised that, based on completed tenders and items that remain outstanding, a project surplus is unlikely.

The list of value-added items, if all funded by the township, would have added another \$518,793. However, council has so far approved just \$75,000 of that.

A follow-up report will come back to council.



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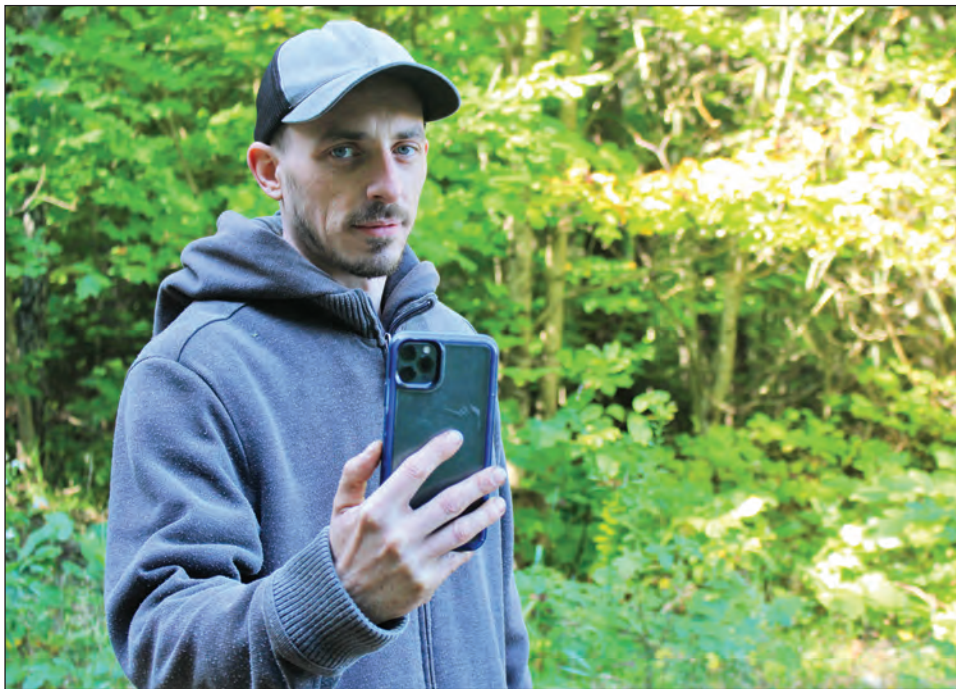
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Mike Snelgrove claims he was assaulted by a local police officer, supposedly for getting too close, after he started recording him. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Man complains about OPP

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Mike Snelgrove said he was minding his own business Sept. 11, parked on his ATV at the Stanhope Airport, when a police officer from the Haliburton Highlands OPP approached him.

He said the officer requested his licence, ownership and registration.

Snelgrove said a traumatic interaction with police in 2013 - which led to a growing cannabis illegally conviction - has made him distrustful of police due to how he feels he was treated.

He claimed that after the officer said he would write Snelgrove a ticket because his license plate was not visible, he started recording with his phone, showing his licence place was dirty but readable.

In the video, which Snelgrove provided to *The Highlander*, he turns away from his licence plate towards the officer standing behind him. The video shows the officer hitting the phone out of Snelgrove's hands. Snelgrove picks up the phone, approaches the officer, and shouts expletives. The officer then slaps the phone away again.

Snelgrove alleges the officer struck him in the forearm and he considers it an assault. He has not pressed charges.

"Still kind of upset," Snelgrove said. "I don't know what his problem was with me ... Why was he still so aggressive with me for no reason?"

In the video, the officer says, "you don't put a phone in my face" after first slapping the phone out of Snelgrove's hands. He then repeats the instruction before slapping the phone away again. After Snelgrove takes a couple of steps back, the officer says, "if you want to videotape me, that's fine, but do not stick it in my face."

In response, Snelgrove says the officer approached him first from behind.

"He walks up right behind me and towers over me. All I did (before the officer slapped at the phone) was just turn," Snelgrove alleges. "If he was concerned about being so close, why did he walk up right behind?"

Snelgrove said they were at least three feet apart the second time the officer struck, adding he feels that is not too close.

Snelgrove said he submitted a complaint to the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD), an independent civilian agency that addresses public complaints against police.

Haliburton Highlands OPP Const. Amanda Gilbert confirmed a complaint was made to the OIPRD and said they could not comment further.

The OIPRD said due to the confidentiality provision in the Police Services Act, they cannot comment on individual complaints.

"The director believes that commenting on allegations of police misconduct in the media would compromise his ability to then investigate these allegations in a fair manner," the OIPRD said in a statement to *The Highlander*.

The video goes on to show Snelgrove repeatedly swearing at the officer. There is conversation but no further physical altercation.

In the video, the officer says he is investigating a matter and the possibility Snelgrove confronted and threatened some other ATV riders on a weekend. Snelgrove denies it, and says he will sometimes greet riders who come on the trail near his property, but only in a friendly way.

The video shows a second officer arriving and speaking away from Snelgrove. The first officer eventually tells Snelgrove he is free to go, without any tickets or charges mentioned.

Snelgrove said although he did not know the officer he filmed, he thinks his history with police may have impacted how the officer treated him.

Snelgrove alleges his phone was damaged and needs replacing. He said he would drop the case if police pay for damages and the officer apologizes. He also wants an agreement that OPP do not use the officer in any dealings with him in future, other than a life-threatening scenario.

"It's not good to have a beef with the police in general."



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DYSART ET AL NEWS

Agreement reached with developer

Dysart et al was able to reach agreement with the developer of a proposed new retail complex for Haliburton on municipal securities requirements.

However, there remain some outstanding issues, such as fulfillment of a complete hydrogeological study, council learned at its Sept. 22 meeting.

Developer Steven Webster of Marnac Management Corp. attended the virtual meeting. He is proposing a 10,000-square-foot retail store, a restaurant with a drive-thru and a gas bar across from Haliburton Lumber on County Road 21.

He was disputing the costs of securities to be held by the township. They proposed \$201,390 and he proposed \$153,597.

Mayor Andrea Roberts had suggested adjusting the percentages on securities, considering how significant a development this is for the community, and council agreed to that suggestion.

Coun. John Smith did ask if they were setting a precedent and Roberts said they had negotiated with other developers in the past so were not.

"We do want to see this development go forward ... I feel confident that this is not putting the municipality at risk," Roberts said.

As for the site plan agreement, council

also stressed it would like the building and landscaping to meet council's guidelines and vision for the town. Webster indicated he would do his best but with COVID and other pressures, he would have to "pinch corners" to create some economic feasibility.

Webster raised the hydrogeologic study. He said the municipal ask had been time-consuming and it was still not satisfied. He indicated it could push the development timeframe even further back and potentially put it at risk. He further said his engineer had recently attempted to contact Dysart officials but was still waiting for a call back.

Director of planning and land information, Jeff Iles said that when it came to things such as the affect on drinking water at the development and to nearby businesses it was not negotiable.

Staff will come back with future reports.

Bylaw review goes to public Sept. 25

Dysart et al will host a statutory public meeting Sept. 25 on its draft zoning bylaw amendment.

In a report to council, Iles said he had incorporated some changes that have come up at an open house and during council discussions.

The proposed changes include adding



Dysart et al council met via Zoom Sept. 22. Photo by Lisa Gervais

definitions related to firewood processing operations as permitted uses in a number of zones; for inclined elevators; updated definition of lot frontage to clarify a straight-line measurement; and removed provisions from the waterfront zones limiting the gross floor area of dwellings to 372 square metres for any one storey.

He said staff had not included anything about tiny homes at this point, as they are being discussed at the County level, and by other townships.

He noted that staff received public comments concerning the Environmental Protection (EP) zone boundary around

Elephant Lake in the vicinity of the Elephant Lake-York River-Baptiste Lake Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW).

He said the proposed amendments will change the zoning on 15 properties around the Percy Lake PSW; and 29 properties around Elephant Lake-York River-Baptiste Lake PSW.

Iles said following the electronic public meeting Sept. 25, the final bylaw will be scheduled for review and approval by council on Nov. 25.

(Dysart et al news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Dorset Snowball cancelled

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is cancelling the Dorset Snowball festival.

The event is traditionally staged on the third Saturday of February every year.

However, director of parks, recreation and trails, Chris Card, told council's Sept. 17 meeting, they start planning in the fall.

He said with COVID-19 restrictions limiting outdoor gatherings to 100 people, when thousands converge on downtown Dorset for the festival, he wanted direction. He indicated hosting the event with current, or future rules and regulations, would tax staff and volunteers.

He added a big part of planning is reaching out to donors, which is also problematic with the pandemic, as is getting the committee to meet.

He said he had reached out to the health unit but had not heard back.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux said that for

her the "death knell" was the limiting of gathering sizes.

She added with COVID numbers climbing once again, "the trajectory is not going towards Snowball this year, which really breaks my heart."

Coun. Julia Shortreed added, "I can't see making it work [so] everyone is safe enough."

Building activity continues

Algonquin Highlands remains a busy place to build, chief building official David Rogers told council.

In his monthly report, he said the department had issued 36 building permits and 18 septic permits, bringing the total building and septic fees to just over \$50,000 for August.

Construction values were more than \$4.5 million for the month and year to date, more than \$14 million.

Rogers said it had been a very busy month and building and construction was moving along, with revenue from construction looking very good.

Water trails a money maker

The trend of people vacationing closer to home and visiting Ontario parks continues,

with the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails continuing to see increased usage and revenue, Card said.

In August, there was a 28 per cent increase, to \$68,695, from \$52,061. Year-to-date, it is up six per cent, to \$312,807 from \$294,261.

"Despite a slow start to the season with COVID, we continue to have one of the busiest years on record," Card said.

He said he expected the crowds to continue into the fall and winter.

Dailloux asked about the impact on staff.

"It has put a strain on us from a staffing perspective," Card said, foreshadowing that might be reflected in his department's budget ask later this year.

Road costs for airport business park

Director of public works, Adam Thorn, said staff estimate the cost to build internal roads and a turnaround at the airport business park at \$100,000. He said that would include removing trees, stumps and organic materials prior to the road being constructed.

Council received the report as information, however Dailloux asked that council consider selling the park to a private developer, who would assume future costs. Mayor Carol Moffatt said the suggestion was "duly noted" but council would not discuss it since Dailloux had "dropped a bit of a bomb on council" and no one

was prepared to have that conversation on the day. Dailloux has suggested council sell Stanhope Airport in the recent past. However, there was no support.

Deputy mayor Liz Danielsen said Thorn's report was "just another piece of the puzzle for us" and that it would be discussed during budget deliberations.

North Shore Road works update

It's estimated the price tag for fixing four sections of North Shore Road that are sliding into the lake will cost the township about \$672,000.

Thorn said staff did a geotechnical study with Watson and Associates Economist Ltd. this past summer.

He said the good news is the subsurface condition does not contain as much clay or "unkind" materials as originally thought.

"It was these types of materials that were thought to be the cause for the slumping; however, as a result, the investigation shows bank stabilization and lack of positive water flow through the ditch line and culverts could be the key factors."

He suggested proceeding with detailed design, looking at retaining walls, and acquiring permits for work.

His ask for now was \$51,000 to get started. He said that could come from \$59,000 saved on the Buckslide Road reconstruction project. (Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

"I can't see making it work [so] everyone is safe enough."

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HIGHLANDS EAST NEWS

Climate change plan approved

Council approved a new Corporate Climate Change Mitigation Plan.

County climate change co-ordinator Korey McKay is visiting all lower-tier townships to get approval for new plans for all of them, as well as endorsements for the central County plan.

Under the plan, Highlands East will aim to reduce its corporate emissions by 15 per cent below a 2018 baseline by 2030. The municipality will do this by improving energy efficiency at municipal buildings, reducing and diverting organic waste at landfills and integrating climate change considerations into its programs.

Glamor Lake restoration progressing

Highlands East is going ahead with restoration along Glamor Lake shorelines, in partnership with area cottage associations.

Council passed a motion of support Sept. 22 for the shoreline restoration after receiving a work permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry May 11.

The project, planned by the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association and the two Glamor Lake cottage associations, is aimed at a Crown land

peninsula and a municipal shore road allowance. It seeks to restore the area, frequently used by the public.

Council directed staff to bring back cost estimates for the project. The associations are asking Highlands East to provide labour, equipment and material.

Recycling costs rise

Environmental supervisor Stewart Hurd reported recycling costs increased by approximately \$22,000 due this summer to increased traffic.

Hurd said a significant increase in visitors to municipal landfills lead to more haulage and processing costs. Between June-August, they paid \$66,000 before taxes, compared to \$42,000 for the same time last year.

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he has heard about 15-20 per cent of cottagers from lake associations that would normally close for the summer are staying, which may lead to more traffic in the months to come.

"It has slowed down significantly at the landfills, but it definitely sounds like we're going to see a bit of an increase," Hurd replied. "Definitely does affect our budget substantially."

Septic crackdown continues

Septic inspector Arlene Quinn reported



Recycling costs in Highlands East rose over the summer. *File photo.*

about staff efforts to rein in high-risk properties identified by the municipal septic inspection program.

Quinn provided more information and a breakdown of high-risk properties that still need to be addressed, including what year the municipality first inspected them. A total of 181 outstanding high-risk properties remain, though Quinn said they are working to address them, contacting owners. They also brought five properties into compliance

at Paudash Lake in August, which Quinn said was impressive given the time and difficulty involved.

"I'm very impressed with what you guys are doing," Ryall said. "Now, we're actually putting teeth into this thing."

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Matt Burk brings daughters Avery and Lucy to school at Stuart Baker Sept. 14.
Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Ups and downs at start of school year

By Kirk Winter

Trillium Lakelands District School Board staff shared the success and frustration of reopening schools at the Sept. 22 board meeting.

Superintendent of business, Tim Ellis spoke about the challenges board transportation staff have had making bus schedules work.

“We have had to put in an exceptional amount of work to streamline transportation this year,” Ellis said, “and in less than two weeks we were able to make most of the 7000 changes necessary in our routes.

“We are short of drivers and we have already had to cancel a few routes because of sick drivers,” Ellis added.

“By Thanksgiving, I expect the driver shortages (due to illness) to be much worse. I wouldn’t blame drivers one bit for quitting considering the older demographic [they] most come from.”

He expects rolling cancellations of buses by October as drivers get ill.

Ellis added their transportation partners are only covering routes now by doubling up on runs and using qualified office staff.

Director of Education, Wes Hahn tried to balance his return to school update by praising staff and students and admitting how difficult parts of this September’s opening have been.

“We have made incredible connections with our people as we have tried our best to have staff prepared,” Hahn said.

“We have seen different people take the lead at their individual workplaces. Leadership is coming from teachers, custodians and office staff right across the board.

“We need to maintain positivity and we heard really great things regarding our staggered start from staff, parents, and students,” he said.

Hahn shared a story from a secondary school principal “who had never seen kids so settled and so connected with a teacher as they are in the octabloc system that is currently in place.

“For some kids this is a really good environment,” Hahn said, “with them focusing on the one credit only.”

The director also discussed the Learning at Home program, calling it “a challenge.”

“We have five administrators working day and night to make this a reality. It is a work in progress and we appreciate the patience parents and students are showing. We will make this a success,” Hahn vowed.

Routines around mask wearing have been very good so far, Hahn added, both on buses and at school.

Hahn praised students for their appropriate behaviour on breaks and lunches, stressing how important mental health timeouts are for them. He also thanked parents.

“We will continue to work on behaviour in the community with our students and we will treat it as an educational opportunity moving forward,” Hahn said.

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Voters will get final say on arena



By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills councillors expressed frustration about the length of time it has taken to make decisions on so-called value-added items at the refurbished arena and community centre.

The value-added items are the things not covered in the construction contract with MBC, the Ottawa-based builders who are nearing completion of the \$12.5-million and counting project.

We say 'and counting' since councillors approved another \$75,000 at a Sept. 17 meeting, for lobby furniture, fitness room access control, a refurbished canteen and signage.

There are still a number of costly items that need to be incorporated - such as a canopy at the rear entrance, sprinklers for the second-floor community space and Scout room, paving of the balance of the parking lot, office furniture and equipment, and an LED message centre - totalling about \$200,000.

When the arena was given the green light back on Feb. 14, 2019, Mayor Brent Devolin boldly suggested the community could raise \$1 million towards these types of things. To date, to our knowledge, nothing has been raised.

While council recently struck a fundraising committee, Coun. Jennifer Hughey, the township liaison, noted they had not yet met since the township has not finalized committee meeting protocol under COVID-19. She did hint at a possible donation towards paving at the meeting but

did not disclose more.

While no one could have anticipated a pandemic during this project, it has to be stated that fundraising had stalled for months before COVID-19 even became a factor locally. The township could not get members of the public engaged and it was falling to senior staff.

Some of the other talk at that Feb. 14, 2019 council meeting had to do with it being an Integrated Project Delivery, a delivery method that seeks efficiencies and involvement of all participants through all phases of design, fabrication and construction.

Unfortunately, there have not been efficiencies. MBC had to come back to council for another \$250,000 in December, 2019, and has said there will be no savings on the project. And there's that raft of value-added items that remain outstanding.

Talk at the Sept. 17 meeting turned to how to fund the add-ons. Should council use its recently-announced budget surplus, reserves or borrow the money?

Devolin said there were pools of money in both the surplus and reserves and he could go either way. Coun. Jean Neville mentioned debenturing. Some items may be eligible. Some might not.

Coun. Bob Carter, though, rightfully, said they can't touch the surplus for the arena. He said arena costs must remain arena costs so taxpayers will know exactly how much the project has cost them. And make no mistake, it is taxpayers footing the bill.

They will be paying off this loan for many years to come.

Without a doubt, it has been a controversial project. Right from the start, many people wanted a swimming pool. They did not get one. It has been costly. Key staff have left during the building phase. There's been a pandemic that has slowed things down. The community has been divided.

Regardless, the arena is ready for ice as of Sept. 25 and hockey is expected to commence Oct. 5.

We are not sure about figure skating. We also don't know what it means for the gym and walking track or the community centre. The township has been slow to reopen its facilities even with Phase 3 reopenings. The next challenge will be whether to open, and how to open.

Within the next month, the project will be complete and taxpayers will hopefully get a chance to see the final product - even if only virtually - so they can decide whether the 2014-2018 council's gamble was worth it in time for the 2022 election. It was Devolin, now deputy-mayor Lisa Schell, and councillors Ron Nesbitt and Jean Neville who voted in favour of the project. Carter, Hughey and Coun. Pam Sayne voted against. In the end, Devolin cast the deciding ballot.

LETTERS

A thank you from Sally

Dear editor,

Thank you to journalist Joseph Quigley for his article and pictures sharing my breast cancer story and invitation to the "Humorous, Cutting Edge, Spirit Lifting Extravaganza Fundraiser."

Friends, colleagues, cancer survivors and new community friends showed up Sept. 3, donning funny hats (as examples of how to cover my soon-to-be bald head) and their spare change to donate to Minden Rotary. This day helped to demonstrate that Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast is alive and well with Pat and Jan as the hosting heroes.

Many told stories, read letters and poems to humorously roast me and offer support. Thank you to the speakers for the uplifting memories and the laughter. Thanks to Eric for mastering the PA system.

Throughout the laughter ... the cha-chatching of cash dumped into the big metal bowl (meant hours of rolling coins) totalled approximately \$1,000 (and 250 pounds). Others brought paper money and cheques (thanks Franny for keeping the records straight) and went to MindenRotary.ca 'red donate button.'

Each attendee was invited to bring two toonies and I promised each would go home without them by playing a mystery game. Every pocket was emptied as we laughed hysterically. Some are still wondering what happened. Special thanks to Maria for being

the game master.

What an incredibly generous community we live in. All proceeds with matching dollars totaled a whopping \$6,000 for the Minden Rotary. Thank you to everyone for an afternoon of laughter, ongoing positive energy, fun and games.

Lots of social chit chat and a little taste of Boshkung Beer lifted spirits on the decks overlooking the Scott's Dam Falls. Special thanks to Boshkung Brewery and Kaz, our host, for providing the libation.

Minden Rotary makes some wonderful contributions both locally and internationally. Our community should be proud. Thank Rotarians as they are extraordinary community members volunteering with the simple principle of Service Above Self. If that philosophy sparks any interest, ask a Rotarian how to become a member.

A special mention to the anonymous person who left a personal message in my mailbox. She, a breast cancer survivor, shared serious messages and personal anecdotes of her experience. I thank you for being open and positive as it leaves me with optimism and wanting to help others as you have helped me. One anecdote left me giggling even to this day. "As women, we spend our lifetime and a great deal of money considering how to wear our hair and style it. Truly, I never once considered bald."

Those who stayed around to the end of the event witnessed with front row seat my

deep-rooted shave ... and being bald. All this to show breast cancer is no longer a morbid topic and is beatable.

To everyone in my "community bubble" of encouragement and support, and who's pockets I have emptied over the years, I personally thank you and I send (if I could) to each of you warm wraparound hugs!

Sally Moore
Minden Hills

Out-of-county visitors

Dear editor,

In response to my question, I guess the leadership of our town didn't want to wade in on the subject, but I see it drew a response from a long-time vacationer who lives in the USA, Pete Hill, and he said it's a divisive letter.

What is divisive is accusing *The Highlander* of printing a letter from a concerned resident of Minden as inappropriate and disappointed in the leadership of the paper.

As a concerned member of this society, Minden is and has been my home for many years, and I only asked for some clarification on this matter.

What we as Canadians have been told is it's only essential travel that would be allowed to enter into the country. I wasn't

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aware that vacationing was essential travel. Apparently, Pete thinks it is.

If we are honest about what is happening in the USA, the leadership has failed to keep its citizens from harm and now there are 200,000 souls lost ... because they think they have the right to do as they wish, denying the fact it's a pandemic and movement should and must be limited to essential travel.

Pete is saying no one should question why we're here, or be concerned about our movement about town. I'd still like to know why we are seeing Texas and Florida plates here, two of the major COVID-19 hot spots.

We don't have to put up with people using feeble excuses to get around our borders to use our area as an escape from their country's disastrous leadership over COVID-19. So, you have a cottage here? That's great and if we didn't have a pandemic going on with little resources to counter the cost for preparedness then nobody would mind welcoming visitors or long-time cottagers, but that's not where we're at in this moment.

We are bracing for a second wave from people not following protocol and looking for a place to stay in our area so they don't have to live under the restrictions of their own area, just like our American friends.

I ask again, who is making sure that people coming into Canada need to be here?

Ed Murphy
Minden

Roads versus internet service

Dear editor,

Two stories in the Sept. 17 edition of *The Highlander* seem to demonstrate where government priorities lie these days.

On page two, we learn of "Major roadworks planned for 118" along the 23.4km stretch from Carnarvon to Haliburton, and then, on page 13, we are once again reminded that "Bad internet creates 'countless lost economic opportunities'."

It always amazes me how the government (provincial, in this case) seems to have plenty of capital for spending on road improvements but still hasn't addressed the problem of internet service in places like Haliburton County, despite years and years and years of discussion.

Like most readers, I travel Hwy 118 frequently and really don't have any complaints about its current condition, but then I'm not an engineer. The story does not mention what this significant roadwork is going to cost (taxpayers) nor is there mention of paved bike lanes on the shoulder. I'm sure travellers won't mind the inconvenience of yet another (unnecessary?) road project.

The loss of economic opportunities however, is real and significant, especially in this new world in which we are living – and get used to it, it isn't going away.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Ray Kidon sent in this photo of Pete the porcupine having lunch on Little Bob Lake Road.

Had modern 21st Century communications infrastructure been installed years ago, to meet the growing demands of the County, such opportunities, and the revenue they bring with them, would not be lost. I encourage the Chamber of Commerce to continue being a squeaky – and impatient – wheel.

Dave Love
Haliburton Lake

Association addresses boat launch

Dear editor,

The Bob Lake Association (BLA) would like to address comments made by members of Minden Hills council regarding the restoration of our public boat launch, reported in *The Highlander*.

We appreciate council's financial support towards the cost of a professional detailed design for the launch and would like to thank Coun. Pam Sayne for not losing sight of the facts that brought about the current situation.

The launch, advertised and maintained as a public asset by our municipality for more than 60 years, served all property owners as well as the community, and provided quick access for island properties, emergency services, and the delivery of docks and other items.

In 2016, it was closed without any warning, stranding 150 boats. The township offered to help but not until after Thanksgiving, when only eight boats remained. Coun. Jean Neville's suggestion that the launch would serve only a few

boaters disregards the interests of the 500 voters who own more than 230 properties on the lake.

After an extensive search and elimination of unsuitable sites, we identified a site on Claude Brown Road. To address concerns raised by the municipality, we hired EcoVue Consulting Services to prepare a feasibility study. The potential that some private land might be required was raised by them and township staff. The BLA believes, like EcoVue Consulting, that a professional detailed design can resolve many matters raised by the township.

The cost of \$300,000 suggested by Coun. Neville is fictitious. By the township's own reported estimates, that number is grossly exaggerated.

Coun. Bob Carter expressed concern that the BLA was not representative. A 2017 survey showing 97 per cent of 140 property owners in support, a subsequent petition of 147 signatures, 12 businesses and two associations endorsing the project is very representative in our view.

Regarding the concern for people on Claude Brown Road, a recent door-to-door survey managed to contact 60 per cent of property owners, all of them in full support. We are working to connect with the other 40 per cent.

The public boat launch issue should be of concern to all taxpayers and property owners. If not restored, the increased number of impromptu private launches will continue to negatively affect the shoreline and ecology of Bob Lake for future generations, not an insignificant reason for working to have the public launch restored.

Bob Lake Association
Minden Hills

Remembering Danny Linkert

Dear editor,

In August, Dan clocked 500 highway kilometres on his bicycle to raise money for The Great Cycle Challenge to fight kid's cancer.

It was his second year doing so, and he raised more than \$3,400 pedalling from Wilberforce to Bancroft and Gooderham among other places.

Then, just weeks later, he was driving his van on the same roads when an auto accident claimed his life. The news came as a shock. The loss is personal. He was my friend and it's monumental.

Dan was a huge contributor to his family and a big-time volunteer in the Wilberforce community.

It was while volunteering on the Library Launchers to raise funds over a couple of years to furnish the new Wilberforce Library that our friendship deepened. We also shared a love for coffee and gab, and I hired him to help at my house. He was solid and he was fun.

There are no words to describe the void Dan leaves. I have a million memories of his good ways and dependable friendship. He met his end far too early, and I'll miss him.

Dan will be remembered for the kindness he so easily shared and the support he gave to so many. He's undoubtedly teasing the angels as readily as he teased me. Fingers crossed the coffee is good up there.

Janis Cole
Highlands East



FORM 6 - SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001 - Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

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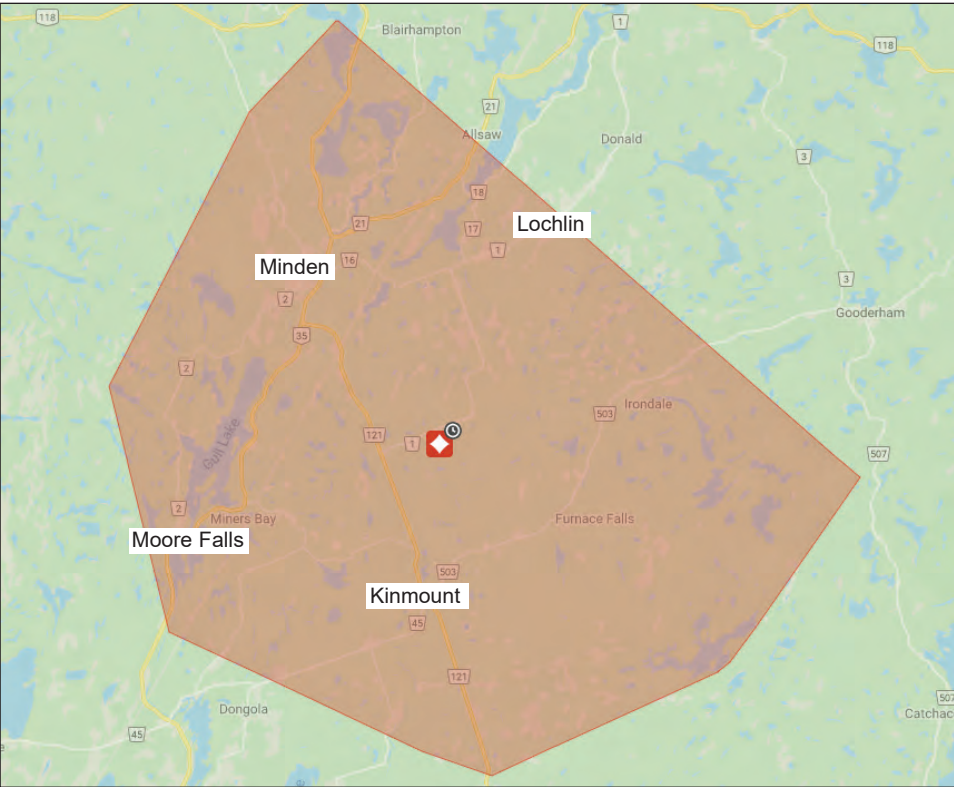
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Highlander news



A map of the affected area. Hydro One.

Planned power outage to affect thousands

By Lisa Gervais

A planned power outage Sept. 27 will affect 6,000 Hydro One customers in Minden and surrounding areas.

In a release, Hydro One said the outage is required for crews to safely complete upgrades to local equipment and perform scheduled maintenance.

They anticipate the power will be out between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Affected areas include: Galway, Minden, Somerville, Minden Hills, Snowdon, Glamorgan and Cavendish.

Hydro One said the work will “help ensure a safe and reliable supply of electricity to homes and businesses.”

They elaborated they will install three smart switches, which is equipment that helps to reduce the frequency and duration of power outages, while limiting the number of customers affected.

Crews will also replace 43 poles that have reached their expected service life with a mix of wood and composite poles, which help to deter woodpeckers. Additional crews and equipment are being brought in to complete as much local area work as possible during this outage.

They provided some tips:

- Make sure your appliances are in the off position, such as the stove.
 - Make sure your devices, such as a smart phone, and extended battery packs are fully charged.
 - Keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Use a cooler with ice for items you’ll need during the planned outage.
 - Consider filling jugs of water to use for drinking and cooking if you have a generator.
 - If you plan to use a generator, remember to use it in a dry area outdoors away from any open windows, doors and vents. Visit the Electrical Safety Authority at esasafe.com for more tips.
 - If you have a bathtub, consider filling it with water before the planned outage begins. You can use the water and a bucket to fill your toilet tank to be able to flush.
- They further ask that the public respect physical distancing during the work.
- They said affected customers are notified via auto dialer and can visit Hydro One’s outage map or call 1-888-664-9376 for additional information.

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HHHSF NEWS

Foundation gets clean audit

The Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation's (HHHSF) revenues declined \$141,832 this year but auditor John West of Grant Thornton LLP gave the foundation a clean audit opinion.

West said much of that decline was from the foundation's stock portfolio, which decreased \$97,889 compared to the previous year, though he praised the foundation's efforts to diversify it.

West said there were also fewer large-scale donations this year and COVID had some impact. But he did not have any improvements to recommend.

Overall, the foundation still had \$399,205 more revenue than expenditures in the fiscal year, though that is down from \$558,281 in 2019.

Community support continues

Despite some revenue decline, executive director Lisa Tompkins reported about a successful year funding hospital equipment, transferring a total of \$909,171 to Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

Tompkins said that was used to fund a wide range of things, including telemetry equipment, improved X-rays, cardiographs, and an accessible bathtub for long-term care.

She further said though the pandemic impacted their fundraising efforts, they have worked through it and continue to appreciate people's generosity.

"While many of our traditional fundraising



Outgoing board chair Peter Oyler (right) presents Michael LeBlanc with a Cash for Care lottery prize. *File photo.*

events have been furloughed or cancelled, we continue to develop and execute new ways of virtual outreach. And we are nonetheless so appreciative of the support and generosity shown by so many over these past months."

Longtime chair steps down

HHHSF board paid tribute to long-time chair Peter Oyler as he stepped down from the role Sept. 17.

Oyler, who has served with the organization since 2003, completed his term at the HHHSF's annual general meeting.

Oyler said he has some health issues he is dealing with but expects to be a foundation supporter for years to come. He said he was originally appointed to the board when he was a Minden councillor and it has been great serving it for the past 17 years.

"This community and the boards with whom I have served here have been so

dedicated to the cause - and continue to be dedicated to the cause - of supporting the foundation and the corporation providing top-quality health care in the community," Oyler said.

New board chair Eric Recalla recounted Oyler's time on the board, most of it in the chair position. He said Oyler helped it raise \$11 million over its lifetime.

"Peter provided leadership and vision to a growing foundation," Recalla said. "Peter has been timeless and tireless as a dedicated leader and it's impossible to truly count the hours he has volunteered."

Oyler thanked the board, HHHS and the community for supporting him and the foundation over the years.

"To the community at large, again, what can I say? Your constant giving has made the foundation and our hospital services what it is."

(HHHSF news compiled by Joseph Quigley).

Health unit bracing for busy autumn

By Kirk Winter

Demand for flu shots is expected to be much higher this year, a board of health meeting heard on Sept. 17.

They discussed flu inoculations, a wide-ranging medical officer of health presentation, and two reports that detailed the lessons learned from the COVID pandemic so far.

Regarding flu vaccines, the province announced Sept. 22 what it calls the largest campaign in Ontario's history, ordering 5.1 million vaccines.

Those attending the Zoom board meeting were concerned that locally the province may not factor in the number of people from the GTA who are working remotely at their summer homes in the area and the snowbirds who will not be going south this winter, leading to not enough vaccine being shipped to the area.

The possibility was discussed that even those under the age of five, who are traditionally not recommended for flu shots, might be included in the program this time.

Noseworthy stated that work is continuing on COVID as the unit prepares for the

second wave and continues to monitor school reopenings and the impact this might have on the number of local cases.

"We are operating on minimal staff," Noseworthy shared, "and even though cases are low I urge people to not relax their vigilance."

"The area served by the health unit is starting to see an increase in cases already," Noseworthy warned.

Noseworthy also reported that the numbers of cases are increasing province-wide, a troubling trend.

"The unit is in the process of hiring the eight public health nurses allotted to the area by the province to assist with COVID protocols in the schools," Noseworthy continued, "Those eight public health nurses will be responsible for monitoring the 68 schools HKPR is responsible for."

Noseworthy said the unit will continue to push the twin messages of "wear a mask-socially distance-wash your hands" and "stay home if you are sick" as the fall flu and COVID season approaches.

HKPR also announced that to assist in COVID-related costs, they have received a one-time grant from the Ministry of Health

of \$574,000.

Dr. Noseworthy concluded the public portion of the meeting sharing the changes the health unit has gone through because of COVID. She suggested the unit is better informed on disease management than ever before. They now have a higher visibility in the community. Most importantly, the health unit has made hundreds of important community connections that did not exist before that will be important in battling the second wave of COVID if it does come, she said.

Opioid overdoses

Medical officer of health, Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, began her report with a reminder that while COVID has been the priority for the health unit the last six months, other programs, including their Harm Reduction program for addicts, continue to operate.

"2020 has been a record year for opioid overdoses in the area, and community partners have told the health unit they are bracing for the worst," Noseworthy said.

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Pulling together the score COVID-style

By Lisa Gervais

The soundtrack of Kim Campbell's upcoming short film, *Boundless* is going to have a Haliburton County flavour after nine Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) musicians worked with Nick Russell to piece together a unique pandemic project.

Russell said he was contacted by the Haliburton filmmaker about the use of his equipment at the Haliburton Guitar Studio to record orchestral instrument tracks for the film score.

He'd known Campbell for years, but had only become reacquainted when she'd asked him to play guitar on a few dates with herself, vibraphonist Nick Mancini and bassist Robert Lee at the Drake in Toronto. That was followed by a concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The shows were part of a promotion and fundraising campaign to solicit donations for production of the film.

Russell said the score was composed for a small orchestra in Los Angeles by Kanoa Wolfe-Doblin.

"The full score and its respective parts were emailed to me along with an audio recording for reference," the local guitarist said.

"Having the equipment and top-quality microphones for acoustic instruments in Haliburton to manage the task, and with the HCFS's kind support, I was hired, as were nine different local musicians, to record the entire orchestra part-by-part and one musician at a time."

Russell said it is a very unusual way to record an orchestra. Usually the instrumentalists would be playing together in a room. However, as they needed to adhere to COVID-19 protocol and public health recommendations, it seemed to be the only way they would get it done by the target date.

They invited Glen Carter, Bethany Houghton, Ken Loney, Tom Regina, Melissa Stephens, Andy Salvatori, Doris Feitler, Judith Iannucci and Stan Russell to record the score over three weeks.

"Each musician was set up with their part and they played overtop of a VSTI-generated score (virtual studio technology instruments) so they'd have a reference as to the dynamics, tempo and overall feel of the particular piece," Russell explained.

After he recorded all of the parts, he did some rough editing and sent each individual track, called a 'stem' in the studio world, back to L.A. to be mixed into the final score.

"It was a great and fun experience. I was able to connect with so many local musicians who were able to collaborate and make music together - but apart - during the pandemic era. It was also refreshing to be pushing the buttons on the project and not doing the playing," he said.

He has not yet heard the final mix but suspects it is nearing completion.

"I am looking forward to seeing the entire project, with the finished film in the coming weeks."



Nick Russell worked with the Folk Society on the soundtrack. *Photo submitted.*

Heaven's mystery murder could go unsolved

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Documentary filmmakers Mike Mildon and Jackson Rowe have hit a wall in their attempt to solve an 86-year-old mystery.

The pair have spent months working on their film "For Heaven's Sake," about their attempt to uncover what happened to Mildon's great, great-uncle Harold Heaven, who disappeared in Minden 86 years ago. Police reports at the time suggested suicide, but the filmmakers have explored alternative theories.

But they said they have struggled to uncover concrete evidence. After being unable to find Heaven's body with a lake search and land dig, the two said they are unsure of how to progress.

"It's hard to know what the direction is," Rowe said. "We're re-assessing everything, talking to people, figuring out where the best plan of attack is now."

The pair have a suspect in mind who they believe may have killed Heaven based on the testimony they have received, but said they have no conclusive proof. They had hoped to find Heaven's body in a dig on family property Aug. 12 based on a ground-penetrating radar scan, but what looked like a skeleton in those results turned out to be an assortment of rocks.

"On that day, we were ready to find him," Rowe said. "In my gut, it was always closer to 50-50."

Without a body, trying to prove Heaven was murdered is more difficult. Although they said multiple sources have relayed rumours their suspect may have killed Heaven - and there was supposedly bad blood between them - nothing is certain.

"We're just fixated," Rowe said. "In our mind, they're the ones who fit the profile, who fit the timeline, and we're just really trying to figure out how we can prove it."

But the timing could make that impossible.

The film is due in January and there is still an extensive editing process. They left Minden with their crew Aug. 14, without any further concrete lead and no certainty on when they would return to film more. The filmmakers did not respond to a request this week for an update.

"That's something we're starting to grapple with for sure, is the reality of time and money and people's willingness to put up with us," Rowe said, adding they do not want to "become the boy who cries wolf."

"We want people to watch it. Every time we say something is going to happen, (and) it doesn't happen, no one wants to watch that."

The duo, whose filmography was primarily comedic sketches before now, said they have learned how difficult it is putting true crime stories together. Mildon compared them to how campfire stories work.



Documentary filmmakers Mike Mildon and Jackson Rowe stand in front of their crew packing up equipment in Minden Aug. 14. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*

"Trying so hard to make a campfire story a true crime documentary," Mildon said.

"Saying we're searching for the truth - we were searching for the best story and it just goes back to campfire stories in general. You're messing up the details a little bit, just because it fits the narrative better." Despite the difficulties, the pair said Minden was a wonderful place to film and the community was great to work with.

"It just felt like everybody was playing

along as detectives," Mildon said.

"Everyone really wanted us to come to a conclusion and that answer."

The two said they are still determined to find an answer to Heaven's disappearance - and were not ready to say how they might complete the film if they cannot find one.

"The search continues," Mildon said. "How do you end a mystery without an answer?"

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SIRCH gets saucy for the community

SIRCH Community Services kicked off its annual Apple Sauce Project Sept. 21, gathering community apple donations from apple trees and turning it into apple sauce the next day. The sauce is then frozen and distributed to families through food banks and Meals on Wheels. “We realize that there are people that will need healthy choices that are not a part of their diet,” volunteer Allison Perecko said. “This will just help enhance the community food distribution.” (Joseph Quigley)

Top: SIRCH food initiatives co-ordinator Jay McIvor makes apple sauce Sept. 22. Bottom left: Allison Perecko pours cut apples into a pot. Bottom right: Velma Smith cuts apples for sauce making. Photos by Joseph Quigley.

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Highlander veterans

Haliburton Legion decorates veterans' graves

By Joseph Quigley

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton honoured the sacrifices of local veterans despite the pandemic with its second annual Veterans Decoration Day service Sept. 21.

Members of the legion, the Haliburton Legion's Ladies Auxiliary and the Haliburton and District Lions Club attended the St. Anthony Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery to place crosses at the graves of veterans. The pandemic meant that members of the public, including veterans' families and high school students who placed the crosses previously, could not attend.

Public relations officer Linda Heeps said she would have liked to have the public involved.

"We couldn't have the public, which is saddening because many family members put their own (crosses)," Heeps

said. "We have to live within the rules."

Attendees laid approximately 180 crosses, which will remain in place until Sept. 27. A small service was held, featuring a colour party and prayers by Reverend Garry Swagerman.

Heeps said it was important to recognize veterans' sacrifices despite the pandemic.

"I can't even imagine going to war. I couldn't even imagine how awful it is," she said. "If we can honour them once a year, it's not too much to ask."

Remembrance Day events cancelled

The pandemic is also hitting legions' Remembrance Day ceremonies, with Haliburton legion president Paul Sisson announcing there will be no local event by order of Ontario Command.

Instead, the legion will have a service with a small number of members laying wreaths at the cenotaph on behalf of people who request them.

"I don't think that the veterans are getting the recognition that they deserve by not having people attending the ceremony," Sisson said. "COVID-19, it certainly has made a lot of changes in lifestyle."

The order applies to all legions across the province, though small services will happen. The Royal Canadian Legion is also doing a Facebook Live stream of the national Remembrance Day ceremony.

"There's no way we can fit it in with COVID. We might have tried to put together a plan being a small community, but it came down from Dominion Command," Heeps said. "It's sad because it's a real highlight of our community."



Retired OPP Const. Val Jarvis carried a flag as part of a colour party for the Haliburton Legion's Decoration Day ceremony Sept. 21. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

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(Virtual) Council Meetings

Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice.

Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

October 8 – Committee of the Whole Meeting
October 24 – Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in December.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

Irondale Landfill Closure

Effective October 1, 2020, the Irondale Landfill will permanently close to the public. The last day of operation will be September 30, 2020.

Fire Prevention Week

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Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10, 2020.
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Minden Hills Cultural Centre



Navigations of Iron by Gary Blundell

August 12 – September 26
Agnes Jamieson Gallery
Gary Blundell is a trained geologist, his artwork often begins with rocks. His paintings reflect landscape as transformed through development and always imbued with human experience and memory. This exhibition explores the remains of the iron age of Haliburton County. Between 1870 and 1900, there was great hope that the iron ore found between Kinmount and Tory Hill would bring prosperity to the area. The area today is littered with the remains of these activities. The mine test-holes and mine sites can be found throughout the woodlands. There are still the remains of railway berms, intact bridges and decaying waiting rooms. The exhibition also includes work by Andre Lapine, from the Agnes Jamieson Gallery collection, and artifacts from the Minden Museum.

Truss by Carey Jernigan

September 29 – November 28
Agnes Jamieson Gallery
Jernigan's work features wood, light, and memory. She explores industrial processes, material culture, and the people and places they shape. This exhibition includes three separate installations that touch upon feminism, sexual assault, the rapid changes in technology (specifically pertaining to woodworking) and borders. Jernigan's work moves between skilled craft to visual art and is interactive as well as thought provoking.

Fall felting workshop: Make a needle felted leaf brooch

Saturday October 17 10am to 2pm
Needle felt a fall brooch using a blending of fall colours. Using a leaf-shaped cookie cutter, learn how to create the shape and back it so it can be worn as a brooch. A lovely fall keepsake or gift. Supplies included Registration required. Call the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 705-286-3763. Cost is \$10

Fall felting workshop: Make a wet felted pumpkin

Saturday October 24 10am to 2pm
Join this workshop and learn basic wet felting. This is done by laying down bits of corriedale rovings then wetting and manipulating the wool to shrink and secure the fibres in the shape of a small 2" to 3" pumpkins. We will further embellish these with leaves and vines also hand felted. Supplies included Registration required. Call the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 705-286-3763. Cost is \$10

Highlander veterans



Part 11: Lost equipment

By Mabel Brannigan

The train left Haliburton at 5 a.m. and if you were going to Toronto, you had to be on it. On this particular morning, I was returning to Western Canada after a furlough.

When I got on, I saw Maurice, an old school chum. He told me it was his last leave and the boys had given him a party and put him on the train.

Knowing the kind of party it had been, I asked “where is your gun and duffle bag?”

“I don’t know, I’ve lost everything,”

“Well, you stay in your seat, and I’ll look from them,” I said.

I came back with the gun and duffle bag. I said, “don’t lose this again. You know what will happen to you if you show up with no equipment.”

He was to stay overnight in Toronto at his sister Lilly’s before catching a train for Halifax. I think he must have had a bottle on the way to Toronto. When we arrived, I could see he was in no condition to be left alone. I looked for a pay phone to call Lilly to come for him. Then I took his gun and put it in a locker and put the key in his pocket, along with a note. I had to catch my train or I would be in big trouble if I missed it. No excuses.

Apparently, next morning Lilly asked Maurice, “don’t you have luggage?”

“I have lost it.”

She scolded him and said, “well, give me your pants and I’ll press them.” That’s



A Second World War-era Canadian passenger train. Flickr.

when she found my note. Well, she got him in to get his equipment and on the train to Halifax. He said, “oh yeah, I remember Mabel taking my gun and duffel bag.”

I never saw Maurice until after the war. The Township of Stanhope held a Veterans Day at Matabanick Inn. Maurice and I were there. It was good to see the others. But it

was hard to celebrate victory when we were saddened by our comrades who had died, five of our chums from Maple Lake.

Every Remembrance Day at the Legion, Maurice told this story. When he couldn’t go anymore, I phoned him on Remembrance Day, and he laughed and reminded me of losing his gun, and what

would have happened to him if I hadn’t been there.

When he died, the Minden Legion was open, and I attended his funeral.

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A group of 10 set out from the Minden Community Centre Sept. 20 for the annual Terry Fox Run. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Terry Fox runs through pandemic

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Without cheers, crowds or fanfare, runners set out from the Minden Community Centre Sept. 20, carrying the spirit of Terry Fox despite the pandemic limiting the event.

Social distancing rules cancelled the traditional masses of people joining to raise money for cancer research, in honour of the famed runner who lost his life to the disease. Instead, the Terry Fox Foundation asked people to join in its first-ever virtual event, having them run or walk in smaller numbers wherever they could.

Minden Terry Fox Run organizer Barb Millington joined with 10 locals to traverse the traditional route and carry on the 25-year event. Last year, it raised \$20,500, but Millington said that figure decreased with fewer participants.

"It's disappointing that we can't get the numbers of people, which translated into dollars," Millington said. "But we're doing what we can. That's the best we can do."

Runners across Haliburton County participated in the virtual run, joining with thousands across the country.

Despite the circumstances, participants in Minden said it was important to carry on the tradition.

Breast cancer survivor Kim Goyne said though the run is not as uplifting without the crowds, the cause needs support even during COVID-19.

"I'm sure I, as well as millions of other people, have benefitted from that research," Goyne said. "In these times where people's incomes are very challenged, it's important we still remember charities need support as well."

Participant and long-time Minden Terry Fox Run volunteer Joan Taylor

said it is an event that is not going to die.

"Everybody's family has been impacted by cancer," Taylor said. "It's just such a moving moment. We've lost young people in our family to cancer. I hope they're there with us today."

Millington said it is uncertain whether a full-scale event can carry on next year. If it does go ahead, Millington said she could not organize it and they will need to find someone new.

But this year, the Terry Fox Run persevered despite the difficult circumstances, much like the person who inspired it.

"It's important to keep it out there in the spotlight," Goyne said. "It's something that helps a lot of people in these times when there's a lot of challenges. It's nice to be able to do something positive."

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SEPTEMBER 27

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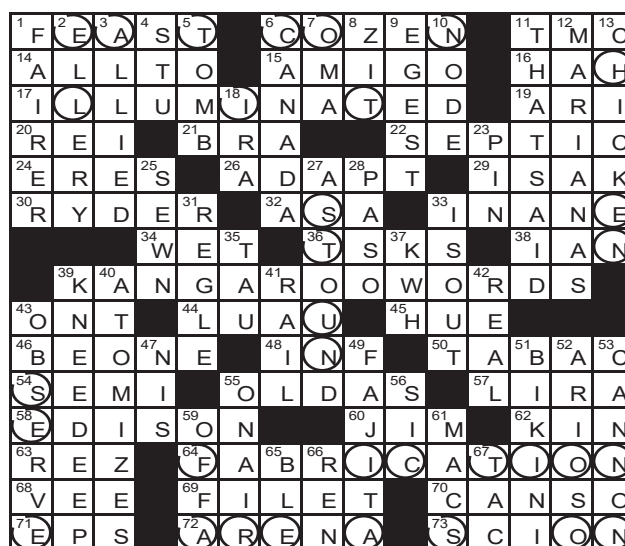
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At Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Thursday September 18, 2020 in her 75th year. Beloved wife and best friend of Raymond St. Pierre. Loving mother of William (Lauraleigh), Paul (Anne Marie) and Marc (Lisa). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jordan, Taylor, Gabriel, Jake, Edwin and Griffin. Predeceased by her sister Doris and brothers William, Joseph and Donald. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Linda enjoyed her Shelties, she loved crafting, stitching, colouring, painting and most of all her family.

Private Graveside Service & Reception

A Private Family Graveside Service will take place at the Ingoldsby Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**
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Friends were invited to visit the family at Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario on Monday from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, All visitors must remain in their vehicles in the Funeral Home Parking Lot until being escorted into the funeral home by funeral home staff, "contact tracing information" and the wearing of masks or facial coverings is mandatory. We appreciate your understanding during these times.

Then to the Evergreen Cemetery, Harburn Rd., Haliburton for a Private Graveside Funeral Service and Interment on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 1:00 pm

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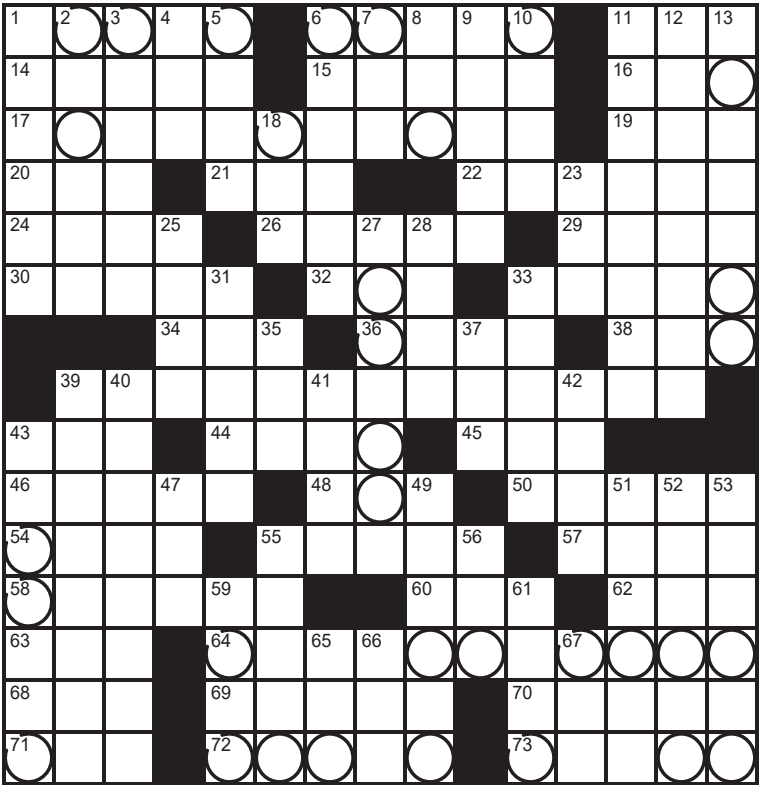
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Across

- 1 *Synonym of circled word in this answer
- 6 *Synonym of circled word in this answer
- 11 TV choice for film buffs
- 14 For ___ see (in plain view)
- 15 Chiapas chum
- 16 "A likely story!"
- 17 *Synonym of circled word in this answer
- 19 Paul's Exodus role
- 20 King, in Lisbon
- 21 Underwear with an underwire
- 22 Tank emptied by a "honey truck"
- 24 "___ Tu" ("it's you" in a Spanish song)
- 26 Prepare for the screen, as text
- 29 ___ Dinesen (literary pen name)
- 30 "Stompa" singer Serena
- 32 Aspirin initials
- 33 Cockamamie
- 34 Given a licking?
- 36 Chiding clucks
- 38 Scottish equivalent of John
- 39 Term for the answers to the starred clues (Hint: they contain "joeys")
- 43 Prov. with London and Paris
- 44 Honolulu hoedown
- 45 Colourist's concern
- 46 Enjoy spiritual unity (with)
- 48 Having one flat, musically
- 50 What Pierre puts in his pipe
- 54 18-wheeler
- 55 ___ the hills
- 57 Coin in the Trevi Fountain, maybe
- 58 Thomas with 1000+ patents
- 60 Singer Cuddy or Croce
- 62 Ending with bump or pump
- 63 Snotty Nose ___ Kids (Haisla hip hop group)
- 64 *Synonym of circled word in this answer
- 68 Certain sweater neck
- 69 ___ mignon
- 70 Nova Scotia cape that sounds like a comeback
- 71 Smallish albums
- 72 *Synonym of circled word in this answer
- 73 *Synonym of circled word in this answer

Down

- 1 More sunburn-prone
- 2 Queen who wrote mysteries
- 3 Battling alongside
- 4 Trio after R
- 5 Lenin's is in Red Square
- 6 Hawaiian pizza's country of origin
- 7 German "grandma"
- 8 Clearasil target
- 9 Expel, as perspiration
- 10 Bump on a log
- 11 Opiner's "on the other hand"
- 12 ___ Trench (ocean crevasse)
- 13 *Synonym of circled word in this answer
- 18 Sinn Féin's parent org.
- 23 Stick together, in a way
- 25 In a tailor's out pile
- 27 *Synonym of circled word in this answer
- 28 El ___, Texas
- 31 Rule, in French
- 33 Has left the office, say
- 35 T, in Thessaly
- 37 Elec. bill unit
- 39 Quite deeply involved
- 40 Sprays, as perfume
- 41 Oil transport option
- 42 "It's the ___ thing" ('70s Coca-Cola slogan)
- 43 *Synonym of circled word in this answer
- 47 Grafton's "___ for Noose"
- 49 Tex-Mex wrap meaning "little belt"
- 51 Barely-there beachwear
- 52 Songlike classical piece
- 53 TV role for William Conrad
- 55 How the elated walk
- 56 "Attack, Cujo!"
- 59 Water ___ duck's back
- 61 Windowless office equipment?
- 65 Wheat: Fr.
- 66 Toon pal of Stimpy
- 67 Middle X or O



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