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Devon Tilbrook, Jenann Gadway, Janelle Nesbitt and dog, Sadie, Alex Sisson and Christine Gallant walk with their children in Head Lake Park Oct. 20. The new welcome centre, now under construction, is in the background. A new master plan for the park was unveiled the same day. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

New master plan for Head Lake Park

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart et al unveiled a vision for Head Lake Park Oct. 20 with a proposed master plan that would add a variety of new features.

Peterborough-based architectural firm Basterfield and Associates was hired to oversee the plan's creation and revealed its

draft to a group of municipal officials and stakeholders Oct. 20. The plan envisions a massive transformation of the park and proposes additions such as a splash pad, off-leash dog park, a new northern bridge and pathway improvements.

A wide range of community representatives offered feedback, including members of the local Rotary Club, Lions

Club, the snowmobile association and the Haliburton County Farmers Market. Landscape architect Brian Basterfield said he was glad to hear from a range of sources.

"You can't get a good design solution unless you get everybody at the table," Basterfield said. "We're pretty darn close to something that can be truly a master plan that speaks to the future opportunities."

The plan also proposes a new walkaway around the stage area, a large central green area, a library park plaza, an expanded playground, a reconstructed water feature replacing the fountain and new tree planting.

Basterfield said this is a long-term plan that could take 10-20 years to fully implement but would allow the

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A new design for Head Lake Park as part of a draft master plan unveiled Oct. 20. Photo via Basterfield and Associates.

Splash pad, dog park included

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municipality to take advantage of grant opportunities as they come. “We’re all going to be much poorer at the end of this COVID response in terms of government funds,” he said. “It’s not to say things can’t continue to move forward in a very staged process.”

“It will be up for council to decide the priorities and what gets done.” Mayor Andrea Roberts said. “Unless you want your taxes to go sky high, we’ll never get this all done at once.”

Attendees made several suggestions to adjust the plan, such as a new dock on the north end of the park and adding fruit trees. Group representatives also raised questions to ensure the new features would not hamper the park’s ability to accommodate their regular activities.

Additions like the splash pad, proposed for the north end of the park near Rotary Beach, will take further technical work before coming into being.

“This needs to be viewed as a blueprint for moving forward with

ideas and locations,” Basterfield said. “There would be a whole series of design exercises attached to establishing a splash pad.”

Basterfield said they will adjust the plan based on feedback before presenting it to council for final approval, likely in December.

“I really want to thank the stakeholders for your interest and dedication in helping make sure this project is right for our community now and in the future,” Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy said. “Lots of exciting things to come.”



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The TLDSB continues to talk about back-to-school challenges. *File.*

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Haliburton trustee worried about supplies

County of Haliburton trustee, Gary Brohman, wanted to know if the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) had enough cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) currently in stock, when it met Oct.13.

Brohman said he'd noticed the cleaning supplies and paper products shelves at Costco were empty and wondered how the board is doing.

Superintendent of Finance, Tim Ellis, told the board that MGCS, the board's primary supplier, has warned the board that sanitary wipes have been designated by the province as a priority product for health care settings so they will soon be much more difficult for boards to obtain.

"There are supply chain issues with paper towels and we have been warned there could be a problem there too when we put in our November order," Ellis said.

Ellis said that the school PPE stocks are holding up, and there are enough masks to supply one to any student who arrives at school without one.

Student, director see things differently

A student trustee and the TLDSB's director of education offered very different assessments of how the school year is going so far at the meeting.

Student trustee, Kaylee Kelly, a Grade 12 student from Huntsville Secondary School, was stark in her criticism of the first octoblock for high school students. Students are learning only one subject at a time.

She said the feedback she is getting from students is that they are falling behind and struggling with mental health issues.

"There is too much to do in just 22 days," Kelly said. "Teachers are cramming too much into an octoblock and some students are looking at four to five tests a week.

"Stress is very high. One of my friends told me that if you have senior English and you are trying to work a part-time job to save for school there are not enough hours in the day to get all your work done."

Kelly also told trustees and senior staff that she is concerned about the stress facing teachers.

Director of Education, Wes Hahn, thanked Kelly for her feedback and said that it was important to hear all voices, but he is hearing something very different.

"I believe that many will do well in the octoblock system," Hahn said. "Administrators that I have spoken to say that focusing on one subject is a real plus."

Superintendent of Schools, Katherine MacIver, told Kelly the board would be closely tracking credit accumulation after the first octoblock.

"We are also working with staff to make sure that they identify the key learning outcomes that they need to complete by the end of the octoblock," MacIver said.

Concerns about reopening

Trustee, Louise Clodd, told the meeting that the Ontario Public School Board Association (OPPSA) sent a joint communiqué to Education Minister Stephen Lecce expressing their concerns about the inequities of funding available for school reopenings.

"When boards were allowed to tap into two per cent of their reserve for additional spending for the 2020-2021 school year, the results were wildly unequal," Clodd said.

"Some boards had money to spend, some had none and others had insufficient amounts to spend."

Clodd added the shortage of school bus drivers is a problem everywhere.

"Some boards are facing very serious problems with drivers being asked to double and triple up runs." *(School board news compiled by Kirk Winter)*



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Plan calls for substantial levy increase in AH

By Lisa Gervais

Ratepayers in Algonquin Highlands would see a significant tax levy increase if the municipality followed all of the recommendations in an asset management plan tabled at the Oct. 15 meeting.

Peter Simcisko, the manager of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., presented the plan at the regular council meeting.

He said the township has \$70 million in assets, with about half of them (49 per cent) being its 111 km of roads, with a 2020 replacement value of \$34.5 million.

That was followed by its facilities of 108 buildings, structures and related assets, with a replacement value of \$19.6 million, or 28 per cent; a fleet of 40 vehicles, valued at \$6.2 million for nine per cent; 194 pieces of equipment, worth \$5.75 million or eight per cent; and four bridges and one major culvert valued at \$3.89 million or six per cent of overall assets.

With roads, Simcisko said “the average condition state of the township’s roads was found to be good.” However, he did say they were at the bottom of the good range and approaching fair. He said there are just over 12 km of roads falling below acceptable thresholds. He added the goal would be no roads falling below threshold. The township is being “prudent” with its approach to levels of service, Watson & Associates found.

The consultant said bridges and culverts were found to be in good shape.

He noted they have a wide variety of

facilities, ranging from the administrative office, to docks and landings and gazebos and storage. He noted there is no prescribed level of service measure.

He said the average condition is good but some were found in poor or very poor condition. He estimated a replacement cost of \$1.5 million or about 7.4 per cent of facilities in the near future.

With fleet, the consultant found \$2 million worth of vehicles near, at, or over end of life.

Equipment, ranging from fuel tanks at the airport to minor assets, were evaluated to be 12 per cent beyond end of life.

He said the overall impact of maintaining assets could be just under \$2.1m annually.

Simcisko said when it came to financing, there was the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, gas tax funding, other government funding, reserves and debt financing. However, he said council would also have to look to taxes.

He suggested with projected assessment growth of 0.93 per cent annually, council would have to increase the levy by about 5.5 per cent annually between 2021 and 2026, and then 2.6 per cent annually from 2027 to 2040. Without growth factored in, he suggested 6.6 per cent and 3.5 per cent, respectively.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux noted there are demands, such as accessibility requirements, that have driven the cost of projects up in AH, and not necessarily noted in the report. Simcisko said there would



Peter Simcisko of Watson & Associates presents an asset management plan to council via Zoom Oct. 15. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

always be changing regulatory requirements so the plan would have to be updated.

“So, we should use this document almost as a barebones minimum of what is going to be required to finance change over the years to come in that sense rather than using it as a template,” Dailloux commented.

Moffatt said the plan had given them a lot to think about.

“The potential levy increases are quite substantial, in comparison to our historical attempts to do a good job of keeping the levy increase to 1.5 per cent where possible. This is definitely building blocks for future investment in the community,” she said.

Moffatt said the plan would be part of upcoming projects and priorities and budget discussions.

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The Office of the Fire Marshal is investigating a fatal home fire in Highlands East. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Community mourning after three killed in tragic week

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County residents are rallying around two families after a tragic house fire in Highlands East Oct. 15 that claimed the life of an 11-year-old girl, and a car accident Oct. 16 that resulted in the death of a 44-year-old man.

Meanwhile, another car accident, this time in Minden Hills, resulted in the death of a Haliburton woman Oct. 18.

The Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) is investigating the fatal home fire in Highlands East, on Glamour Lake Road.

Haliburton Highlands OPP, the Highlands East Fire Department and Haliburton County Paramedic Services responded to the scene around 4:40 a.m. After firefighters put out the blaze, the OFM attended and fire investigations supervisor Richard Derstroff said they recovered one deceased victim from the debris later in the day.

The OFM was on scene again Oct. 16 and the cause of the blaze is still under investigation, Derstroff said.

"There was a lot of damage and a lot of information to go through," Derstroff said. "The entire structure was into the basement, was into the foundation."

Derstroff said three family members made it out of the fire, but there were some injuries.

He said OPP and the Highlands East Fire Department are co-ordinating on the case but could not provide an estimate for how long the investigation might take.

A post-mortem investigation of the victim was scheduled for Oct. 19.

Family member Jen Wilson has organized a GoFundMe for the family.

On the page, she writes, "a fatal fire devastated the Brown/Trotter family.

Not only has Ray, Ian, Linsey and Chase lost their home and lifetime possessions, nothing can replace the life that was lost, 11-year-old Brooke.

"We understand this fundraiser can't bring Brooke back or relieve the pain of their broken-hearted family, but we do hope it helps with travelling to visit Linsey while she recovers in the hospital, secure housing and purchase clothing and household goods.

"We know that many in the community, including family and friends, want to support Ian, Linsey and Chase during this difficult time; we also recognize that many people are facing hardships and we want you to know that we are extremely grateful for any donation," Wilson wrote. It had raised more than \$50,000 as of Oct. 21. See gofundme.com/f/fatal-family-house-fire.

Accident in HE

Meanwhile, police are investigating a fatal single-vehicle collision in Highlands East on Glamorgan Road Oct. 16.

In a press release, Haliburton Highlands OPP said they responded to the scene around 7:50 p.m. alongside the Highlands East Fire Department and the Haliburton County Paramedic Services.

Paramedics transported the driver of the vehicle, 44-year-old Jeffrey Teatro of Haliburton, to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. A post-mortem examination is scheduled.

Glamorgan Road was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Traffic Collision Investigators attended the scene, but police have since reopened the road.

The cause of the collision is still under investigation.

The Coumbs family has created

a GoFundMe for Teatro's mother, Marion, to help with rent, food and bills.

On that page, the Coumbs say, "Marion Teatro lost a son six months ago and Friday night her youngest son, Jeff Teatro, was killed in a car accident. Aunt Marion is a pillar of this community, a loving, caring, beautiful lady, she just buried one son and now her other son and she has no money to pay for bills, food and amenities.

"Marion is always giving even when she does not have, it would be amazing if we could all give back to her and help her in her time of need. She is such a proud lady and would never ever ask for this help. Please donate if you are able." See gofundme.com/f/raising-funds-for-marion-teatro.

Haliburton woman deceased

The third tragedy occurred in a single vehicle collision on Gelert Road in Minden Hills Oct. 18.

OPP said in a news release that they, along with Minden Hills Fire Department and Haliburton County Paramedic Services responded at approximately 4:35 p.m. They said a motor vehicle travelling north crossed the oncoming lane of traffic and entered the ditch where the vehicle rolled.

The driver, Darlene Thomas, 57, from Haliburton was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Gelert Road was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Traffic Collision (TTCI) attended the scene to assist with the investigation. The road has since been reopened. The cause of the collision is under investigation.

(With files from Joseph Quigley)

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The board of health met on Oct. 15. *File.*

Health unit preparing for twin epidemics

By Kirk Winter

With flu season not too many weeks away, the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit is bracing for the “twin epidemics” of influenza and COVID-19.

At their Oct. 15 meeting, the health unit board laid out its plan for combating the flu, a long overdue plan for collating data on the opioid crisis, and shared the most current information on COVID-19 in their service area.

Staff informed the board planning for this year’s flu epidemic is already in place, and the advertising campaign will likely roll out by the end of the month.

Distribution of the vaccine has already begun to pharmacies and family doctors, many of whom are providing the shot by appointment only. Staff recommended that seniors and the immune-compromised ask for the high dose vaccine. HKPR expects a record season for inoculations and cautioned that early in the process some locations may struggle to keep up with supplies of the high dose vaccine as production is being ramped up.

“If the high dose is not available, we certainly recommend individuals get the regular shot rather than none at all,” said director of health prevention, Anne-Marie Holt.

“Pharmacies and family doctors can provide almost everybody the vaccine, but children under the age of five will still need to be done at the health unit,” Holt said.

Medical officer of health, Dr. Lynne Noseworthy, told the board of an important new initiative to combat the opioid epidemic which begins immediately.

“The health unit has received a \$60,000 grant to start a data sharing project on opioid abuse,” Noseworthy said.

“HKPR has to deal with three different municipalities, multiple police forces, three different EMS services and four major hospitals,” Noseworthy said, “and now for the first time, data will be shared to assist us in dealing with this serious public health problem.”

Noseworthy also shared the most up-to-date data available on the spread of COVID-19 in our area. In the last week, there have been 13 additional

cases diagnosed. Four of the cases are in Haliburton, five in Kawartha Lakes and four in Northumberland, bringing the total number of cases in the HKPR catchment area to 247.

“We are in a very fluid environment for COVID right now,” Noseworthy said, “and our area has very fluid borders as people travel for work, appointments and shopping.

“We need to treat everyone outside of our family group as if they are infected,” Noseworthy said, “and until we have an effective vaccine, social distancing, hand washing and wearing of masks are the only ways to fight back.”

New medical officer of health

The local health unit will soon have a new leader at its helm.

The board has announced the appointment of Dr. Natalie Bocking as the new medical officer of health.

Dr. Bocking will assume her new position at HKPR District Health Unit on April 5, 2021.

Earlier this year, current MOH, Noseworthy announced her intention to retire at the end of June. Those plans were delayed due to COVID-19.

Noseworthy will now retire on Dec. 11, 2020 with Dr. Ian Gemmill serving as acting MOH until Dr. Bocking can assume her new position in April. Dr. Gemmill was the MOH for Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Public Health until his retirement in 2017. *(Lisa Gervais)*

STOP goes online

A popular quit-smoking program is going online to better support people trying to quit tobacco during the pandemic.

The STOP (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program is launching a new online version called STOP on the Net.

The new program offers participants a free supply of nicotine patches and gum to help them quit smoking. People can enroll online at stopstudy.ca to see if they’re eligible for the program. *(Lisa Gervais)*



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A tough week for first responders

Barry and Chris Kaye of the Trooper Lake Drive Cottage Association sent *The Highlander* a welcome note Oct. 20.

They wanted to pass along some happy news to people living in Gooderham.

Highlands East is hurting following a house fire in the wee hours of Oct. 15 that claimed the life of a young girl and injured members of her family.

The very next night, volunteer fire department members, and other first responders, were called to another tragedy, this one involving a car accident that took the life of a man.

The cottage association, over the summer, has been donating their beer, wine, and spirits containers to the Gooderham firefighters, to put towards a new ATV. The association has also collected monetary donations from several neighbours.

The association said it was so nice to drop off \$830 to the Gooderham firefighters Oct. 19 to go towards their GoFundMe for their new ATV rescue vehicle.

Most of these firefighters had attended the fatal fire this past Thursday and know the family. Chris Kaye said that to see their smiles was heartwarming. Association members vowed to continue fundraising until the firefighters reach their goal.

It's been a tough week for emergency services in Haliburton County. Members

of the Ontario Provincial Police, the Haliburton County Paramedic Services, and volunteer firefighters have been called to a number of difficult scenes. In addition to the fatal house fire, there have been two fatal motor vehicle accidents.

It never fails to amaze me that the townships of Highlands East, Algonquin Highlands, Minden Hills and Dysart et al have relied on volunteers for their emergencies for years. We all know these people. After all, we work with them, or are related to them. They are the ones that get called out in the middle of the night, and in all sorts of weather. They respond to terrible scenes. In some cases, they know the victims of the fires and accidents that they are attending. They stoically do their work and then go home and try to forget all about it.

As we know, some can cope with the physical, mental and emotional toll better than others. Most suffer post traumatic stress disorder to some degree.

While exact numbers are difficult to calculate, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), in its 2016 report, estimated that 20 per cent of firefighters and paramedics exhibited symptoms of PTSD as compared to 3.5 per cent for the general population.

Firefighters, locally, have gotten

much better at acknowledging the risk of PTSD and taking measures to help their own.

We as community members must always keep in mind the great weight that these men and women bear for us, in order to keep our communities safe and deal with the tragedies that befall us. They are the first line. They are at the coal face.

Small wonder that volunteer departments across the County, and, indeed, Canada are seeing veteran firefighters retire, and having trouble replacing them. Every fire department in Haliburton County would love to have more people put up their hands to serve.

It takes a special breed of person.

Volunteer first responders help their fellow citizens in times of need. They enjoy a sense of accomplishment, achievement, and pride in the work they do. They learn new skills, make new friends, are a part of a team, give back to the community, and make a real difference.

If you think it's something you can do, we encourage you to contact your nearest fire department.



By Lisa Gervais

Finding normal in extraordinary times

It is not easy finding "normal" these days.

Eight months into a pandemic, it is something I think we are all seeking. When I visited a Highland Storm practice last weekend, I heard from parents about the joys of finding a sense of normal in taking a child to the rink, even with the masks and the social distancing.

Of course, the public health rules mean it is not quite hockey – or life – as usual. The rules we live under are understandable but can wear on us all. As we embark on the last stretch of the year, we must accept a perfect sense of normalcy is not coming soon – and that is okay.

Hockey season would usually be coming into full force this time of year. The Highland Storm's incredible efforts have allowed the minor hockey season to go on in some form, even if limited to 3-on-3 play without travel. Getting in and out of the rink is also more complicated and the arenas will be emptier.

It is not perfectly normal, but hockey is still back. Players and parents can still enjoy the game on the ice, even with its limitations. Kids can still have fun playing

with their friends and making new ones. It will not be the same and that thought may linger. But it is still a chance for kids to get into Canada's sport. The Highland Storm deserves all the praise in the world for making that happen.

Of course, other recreational activities are staring up again too. The Haliburton Curling Club and Haliburton Dance Academy will also try to keep programming going despite the circumstances. Even if compromises must be made to follow public health rules, the incredible resiliency these and other groups are showing to offer something resembling normal should be commended.

The holiday season is also a time where people will seek tradition. Many likely bent rules to visit family for Thanksgiving and even more will do so for Christmas. Months apart has made our hearts ache for friends and family. However much we are willing to risk in these visits, they will not be quite like holidays of years past. But whether through a screen or at a distance outdoors, we can still find a sense of warmth and companionship with our loved ones.

None of this is to say we should forgo public health rules to find normal again. We must still be vigilant and wary where COVID-19

cases rise. If we want things to get back to how they used to be, following the best public health practices is our only option. Distancing, masks, sanitizer – those are part of normalcy too, now, and will likely leave their mark on the normal of tomorrow.

We can seek out our familiar comforts, but they are all going to remain a little off. That can make it hard to feel normal. But it is something we should accept about ourselves and our reality. It is normal to feel bad about these difficult days.

We still have a long way to go in this pandemic. We are in a marathon and we are all sick of it. Nothing but its end will set things quite right again.

But we will make it through. For people, that is normal.



By Joseph Quigley

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Editorial opinion

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LETTERS

Reverse Advent Calendar

Dear editor,

As we look ahead to Christmas, we are drawn to the season of giving and of helping others. What can we do? What can you and your family do in these "COVID times?"

The Haliburton and District Lions Club would like to invite you and your family to participate in this year's Reverse Advent Calendar.

The Reverse Advent Calendar is a do-it-at-home project that collects food for our local food bank.

Post the Reverse Advent Calendar on your fridge or keep it handy in your kitchen. Place a collection box or basket nearby and each day in November add the food item of the day to your collection. Then, bring your box of food to the 4Cs Food Bank on Monday, Nov. 30 at 10 a.m.

The Haliburton Lions will be there with their food boxes and would appreciate being able to thank you and invite you to be part of our socially-distanced group picture. Also, please wear a mask.

If this date and time doesn't work for you, please feel most welcome to drop it off at another time or contact the Haliburton Lions and we will arrange to pick it up for you.

Being able to help others, especially during the COVID times, is a gift to all. We hope you and your family will participate.

Gail Stelter

Haliburton and District Lions Club

Helping the fish hatchery

Dear editor,

As our supporters are aware, we have been unable to have fundraisers this year due to COVID restrictions.

We unfortunately at this time are facing some expensive repairs due to dual pump failures at a time when we should be receiving our fish for the year, approximately \$2,500 each includes installation. We have to replace one immediately and the second one soon after. These transfers have had to be postponed pending these repairs.

Also, due to lack of MNRF support and equipment (COVID and district management direction), we are forced to cancel our annual wild egg collection of Haliburton Gold lake trout, first time to my knowledge in over 20 years. The ramifications of this are that in 2022 there will be no stocking in lakes that normally get our prized homegrown fish. We are deeply saddened by this. Lakes normally stocked with non-natural species will not be affected.

I am appealing to those that would normally have supported our fundraisers to please consider a donation to our organization to help with our mandatory repairs, if we are to at least salvage some of

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Brenda-Lee Cunningham of Algonquin Highlands sent in this photo of the start of gorgeous colours on her lake.

our fish raising season.

If you are in a position to be able to help at this time it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for reading.

Donations can be e-transferred to hhoa@bellnet.ca.

We also urge the public to support the following HHOA fundraisers: Catch the Ace, Fist Full of Cash Raffle Draw and HHOA LCBO Bottle Collection Drive Fundraiser.

Randy Charter
HHOA Hatchery Manager (volunteer)

A word of appreciation

Dear editor,

I just finished reading my digital issue of this week's *Highlander* and remembered that for some time now I've wanted to send off a letter of appreciation and thanks for the fine efforts of Joseph Quigley and

yourself in informing and entertaining the people of Haliburton.

My admiration for the writing in your publication extends to the entire team of contributors. I am a resident of Ohio, but a long-time vacationer in the Highlands (over 30 years) where my wife's family cottage (since 1957) sits beside beautiful Kennisis Lake. In effect, I consider your news from Haliburton to be 'my' news as well.

I studied and taught Journalism courses over the years before my retirement, so I know well the challenges faced by those who take their work and craft seriously.

I also understand the difficulties faced by a small staff with a big coverage area. I encourage you all to keep smiling in the face of limited resources. I want you to know your labors as well as your skills are very much appreciated.

R Scott Shriver
Oxford, Ohio

Good news for Gooderham

Dear editor,

I wanted to pass along some happy news to people living in Gooderham.

Over the summer, Trooper Lake Drive Cottage Association have been donating their beer, wine, and spirits containers to us.

We have also collected monetary donations from several neighbours.

It was so nice to drop off \$830 to the Gooderham firefighters last night (Oct. 19) to go towards their GoFundMe for a new ATV rescue vehicle.

Most of these firefighters had recently attended the fatal fire the previous week. They knew the family. To see their smiles was so heartwarming. We will continue collecting until they reach their goal.

Barry and Chris Kaye
Trooper Lake Drive Cottage Association

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Outdoors and creativity at heart of Highlands' vision for tourism

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Stakeholders envisioned how to make Haliburton a place where anyone can “celebrate the essence of Canada’s outdoor and creative spirit.”

That was the guiding vision pitched Oct. 19 by consultant MMGY NextFactor as part of a Destination Development Plan it is making for the County. More than 25 people attended an online visioning workshop to provide more feedback before it is brought to County council next month.

The draft plan was made with public input collected by surveys and town halls dating back to May 2019. NextFactor senior vice president, Greg Oates, said the plan will help the County grow while addressing challenges identified by stakeholders, such as youth and worker retention.

“In Haliburton Highlands, you’re completely, it seems, based on the data, leaving money on the table. Because there’s demand for businesses but not the people to support those businesses,” Oates said. “It’s a more long-term, overarching, sophisticated thinking that realizes that certain challenges need to be addressed in alignment with the marketing and driving growth.”

The draft plan is still subject to change but featured four strategic goals: optimizing the year-round visitor economy, diversifying destination development, enhancing the destination brand and strengthening community collaboration. To achieve those, NextFactor suggested many different strategies based on feedback, such as more gatherings amongst the tourism sector, expanding events and business hours and exploring options for more revenue such as a bed tax.

Attendees offered a range of feedback, such as how to improve marketing. Oates quoted one anonymous stakeholder as saying, “half of the people we speak to in Toronto don’t know about Haliburton



MMGY NextFactor senior vice president, Greg Oates, presents at a town hall event for a Destination Development Plan March 3. *File photo.*

Highlands.”

“We work at the tourism trade shows every year and concur with this statement,” Barbara Kraus said. “The 50 per cent that have heard of us generally have a family/friend’s cottage, so the exposure, for the most part, does not come through our marketing.”

A point of contention was the promotion of Algonquin Provincial Park, 12 per cent of which is in Haliburton. Oates said that brings cache to the destination, but stakeholders pushed back and said there should be more promotion of other outdoor experiences.

“Algonquin Park is overused. Brand may be useful but we have great (maybe better) Algonquin landscapes and experiences,” Barrie Martin said.

NextFactor identified other challenges

to tourism in the area, such as the need for more programming, transportation and long-term planning. Although outdoor recreation is the primary tourism driver, Oates said other initiatives such as arts, culture and food are also needed to increase visitor spending.

Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization executive director Nicole Whiting said it was important for Haliburton County to trust in the process, even in the pandemic.

“With everything happening right now, I find it super exciting we have an opportunity to focus on a discussion that is focused on possibilities. We’re living through a very stressful and difficult time but eventually, it will be behind us,” she said. “I have 100 per cent confidence this process is going to position Haliburton Highlands for a solid recovery.”

County approves Hike Haliburton winter-style

By Kirk Winter

The Hike Haliburton winter festival is on for February 2021.

County director of tourism, Amanda Virtanen, wanted direction from council Oct. 14 about the event.

Virtanen gave council three options: running it as they did in early 2020 with health and safety protocols in place; offering it with limited participants and protocols in place; or cancelling the snowshoeing weekend entirely.

Coun. Cecil Ryall argued for the activity to go ahead. He cited data that not only predicts a robust uptick in outside activity but also suggests that one in three cottages in Haliburton that normally close will be staying open this winter.

Coun. Andrea Roberts agreed, arguing the advertising for the winter Hike Haliburton festival carries over to the entire season, reminding residents that all the trails are open for snowshoeing.

Council unanimously supported the festival for winter 2021 with appropriate health and safety protocols in place.

In her report, Virtanen added that because of COVID-19, her department has shifted its target audience from a national and international focus to tourists who live three to five hours away.

She said they’d also worked closely with the local arts council, The Studio Tour and County council to promote the Highlands.

With the pandemic, she said an emphasis was placed on take-out eating and this was

featured prominently in the “Dinner on the Dock” campaign.

A survey circulated to hundreds of local businesses in September, about the summer season, also returned some interesting data, Virtanen said.

This included:

- 38 per cent said business visits were up this summer.
- 32 per cent reported a drop in visits.
- 34 per cent said their revenue went up.
- 40 per cent reported less revenue.
- 41 per cent reported that insufficient staff hurt their ability to function properly.

Virtanen told council that as fall transitions into winter, the department will be working hard to promote ice fishing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing.



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Haliburton Dance Academy opens new studio

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton Dance Academy owner Chyna Schell said she has worked for years to buy her own studio.

After going through a purchasing process since August 2019, she began getting ready to move her academy from the old Victoria Street School site to Industrial Park Road for fall 2020. She said she wanted the space to accommodate the business's growth.

Then the pandemic hit in March, ending the dance season prematurely. The world and economy ground to a halt, but there was no way to back out of the purchase.

"To be told seven, eight months in that the world's shutting down and there's a global pandemic, I have to laugh because otherwise, I'll probably cry," Schell said. "The loans had been fulfilled; the paperwork had been done."

So, despite the circumstances, the academy reopened on Oct. 19 at its new location. New health measures are in place, including social distancing and limited class sizes.

It is a matter of survival for the business, Schell said.

"Everything is different, everything changes and financially, you don't know if you're going to see tomorrow," she said. "The reality was I need to take it very seriously."

But Schell said the business is getting support from the community and beyond. It received help from the COVID-19 Regional Relief and Recovery Fund, distributed through the Haliburton County Development Corporation. The township has also provided the zoning approvals needed to proceed so far.

"We felt exponentially supported. I can't

express enough gratitude for how happy I am that this town has just been incredible," Schell said.

Beyond keeping her business afloat, Schell said she wants to provide her young students with something for their physical and mental wellbeing. She said it was difficult seeing her students' heartache at not being able to finish their season and show off what they learned, but she is excited to get back in the studio with them.

"To see them again and see the joy dance brings them and to pass the joy along to little ones in this town, it's my favourite thing in the world. I just can't wait."

Some of those dancers have kept busy over the summer, with 12 participating in an Acrobatic Arts program virtually, run by an external company. All of them got top marks, Schell said.

Twelve-year-old Madelyn Walker was one of them. She said it was difficult, but it felt good to participate.

"I was really happy to still dance," Walker said. "It felt nice to still be a part of something and not just sit at home."

Walker said it was a letdown that their last season was cut short and she is looking forward to returning.

"I'm really excited but I'm also nervous too, I just don't want the season to end again."

She added her dance classmates and instructors are like a second family.

"It might be different this year, but we're still really close with each other and we all love the same thing."

Heritage Ballet back at it

Meanwhile, Heritage Ballet started its new season with new safety measures in place



Haliburton Dance Academy owner Chyna Schell stands outside her new studio. Photo submitted.

at the end of September after being closed since the spring. A big change will come with the traditional production of *The Nutcracker* this December.

Owner Julie Barban says this year the performance will be outside. It was a decision Barban says she has been thinking about since June.

"The more I thought about it, the more I thought, why not? People stand outside for the Santa Claus parade. People stand outside for dog sledding when it's -28 degrees in February, so I thought I'm going to try it."

Normally, *The Nutcracker* is performed at The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton but with the province limiting the size of indoor gatherings, Barban had to make a decision on how the annual show could go on.

"It would be sad to not do it at all because so many people look forward to it, so (I thought) maybe I can present it in just a different way."

As of now, the performance is expected to go in early December at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. (With files from Carolyn Alder).

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October 29 – Council Meeting
November 12 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

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- If you do use candles use good quality candles that are smoke-free and drip-free.
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- Place a glass shade or class chimney over the candle.
- Keep all combustible materials away from lit candles.
- When you go out, blow out! Always blow out candles before leaving the room.

Have a safe and fun Halloween.

Highlander veterans



Part 15: My life to the end of World War II

By Mabel Brannigan

I was born in the roaring 20s, after the First World War, and before the Great Depression and the Second World War, at a time when there was plenty to eat and lots of fun.

However, by 1929, we were plunged into the beginning of the Great Depression. There were no jobs, but in Haliburton County, we could grow some vegetables and we always had wild raspberries for winter. Every day, there would be someone walking by looking for work or asking for something to eat. Little as we had, my mother never refused. It was usually a big slice of homemade bread and butter, margarine wasn't invented, and a cup of tea and preserved berries. Sometimes, we also had fish from the river, and wild apples. I remember we had a beech nut tree on our property, and we made maple syrup. I did not own a pair of shoes or boots but wore someone else's to do my chores. Being the oldest, I rushed home from school to carry the wood and water. My mother operated the switchboard, and I learned at a very young age, to operate it while she got supper. Most people could not pay their phone bill.

Most girls at age 14 or 15 went to Toronto to work for wealthy families and domestic work was cheap. We didn't have electricity at home, and the housekeeper took a dislike to me as I couldn't use any electric tools. At home, we all ate together. I served this family in the dining room and the cook and I ate the few leftovers in the kitchen. In the Spring, I went home to work at the Minden Telephone Exchange. The Lindsay Arsenal announced they were hiring eight girls for the Rolling Mill. You can bet I was first in line. I remember the men in the foundry gaping through the door in disbelief of eight girls wearing coveralls and hair bandanas. I stayed there until I was old enough for military service. I joined the

Women's Division of the RCAF and was sent for basic training to Rockcliffe to do route marches, to follow instructions and carry out orders to the T. After six weeks' training, I was sent to a pilot training station in Yorkton, Sask. to work in the maintenance department.

When a posting came from Ottawa to go to Europe or anywhere else, it had to be approved by the commanding officer, always a man. I would not go to Europe, but he said I was one handpicked for top secret work at headquarters in Ottawa. I was disappointed but realized later this was a more important role.

Most of the boys volunteered their service, but later compulsory service for Home Defence began. But for the women, it was always volunteer service with the same oath, "I promise to serve anywhere in the world as required by King George VI." There were a few conscientious objectors. I remember four or five from Haliburton County. They were sent to Burwash, near Sudbury, until the end of the war, were treated well, and given a trade.

On April 28, 1945, when it was reported that Mussolini, Italy's fascist dictator, had been shot by his own people, his body tied to his car and driven through Rome for all to see, and then dumped, I make no apologies for cheering wildly as this was being done. I hated him for being the cause of casualties of 26,000 Canadians, many of my friends from Haliburton County. As I moved my heavy curtains on the wall for plotting, I could see the end was in sight.

Hitler was being guarded in his bunker, and on April 30, 1945, he shot Eva Braun, his mistress, and then turned the gun on himself with orders left to burn their bodies. On May 8, 1945, Sir Winston Churchill, my idol, declared victory in Europe, VE Day.

But we still had Japan to contend

with. We were close to the atom bomb secret but so were they. I remember the boys coming home - skin and bones. They were just fed enough rice to keep them alive for forced labour and regular beatings.

President Harry Truman ordered Japan to surrender unconditionally or Hiroshima would be bombed with the atom bomb. They resisted and were bombed. He showed the Japanese he meant business and he told them to remove women and children and Nagasaki was bombed. They surrendered unconditionally with the official date set as Sept. 2, 1945.

With the end of war in Europe, my job was obsolete, and I loved it. I wanted action so agreed to go to occupied Germany, but, alas, I fell in love. He did not want me to go, saying I would never come home. He was probably right. I had a big decision to make. I made it, became a civilian, and we were married - the beginning of a whole new story.



Top: Mabel Sawyer in 1942. Submitted photo. Bottom: A postcard of the Royal family on the balcony of Buckingham Palace on VE-Day. Photo by the Daily Herald. Wright Archive/Royal Family postcard - VE Day 1945/flickr

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Top: Storm U11-Blue team player Hunter Hamilton controls the puck during a practice drill, Oct. 17. Bottom: Cynthia Hutchinson and Andrea Mueller sit in the cold area. *Photos by Joseph Quigley.*

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Player Hawksley Dobbins passes the puck forward during a practice drill. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Parents welcome hockey days

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Taking a child to hockey practice is a different experience for parents amidst the pandemic.

At the A.J. LaRue Arena, the warm lobby sits empty on practice days leading into the season. It's a safety precaution. Parents must instead sit in the cold stands, socially distanced with masks. With only one adult allowed to accompany one child to the arena, the stands are emptier than they might be otherwise.

It is not hockey as usual, but parents attending practice Oct. 17 said they welcomed the changes and a sense of returning to some normalcy.

"It's part of regular life, so it's nice to have regular activities that we participate in," parent Graham Borgdorff said ahead of an U-11 practice at the Haliburton arena. "There's a little bit of disappointment that we aren't able to do it as a family right now, but physical activity is important and some normal things are important."

About 160 kids have returned to the practice ice for the Highland Storm. The season will be different, with only 3-on-3 and in-house competition. Off the ice,

players and parents must wade through additional safety precautions.

Shannon McCracken said the new rules can be a little frustrating at times, such as the doors only being open 10-minutes before the practice and locked if missed. But she said her son is excited to start hockey again and they are thankful it is going ahead.

"Everybody is doing their best and we just have to figure it out within those guidelines," she said.

Cynthia Hutchinson said her son loves being out on the ice and the new restrictions are understandable.

"It means the world just to be able to get out of the house and do something, be active," Hutchinson said. "We're just happy to be out on the ice so we're going to do whatever it takes to be out there."

Games are due to start this weekend, the product of months of effort by the Highland Storm to keep the hockey season alive, even if restricted. So far, there are no confirmed COVID cases stemming from the practices.

"They've put in an incredible amount of works and hours just to make this happen," McCracken said of the Storm executive. "I'm truly thankful for the amount of dedication they have to youth playing hockey."

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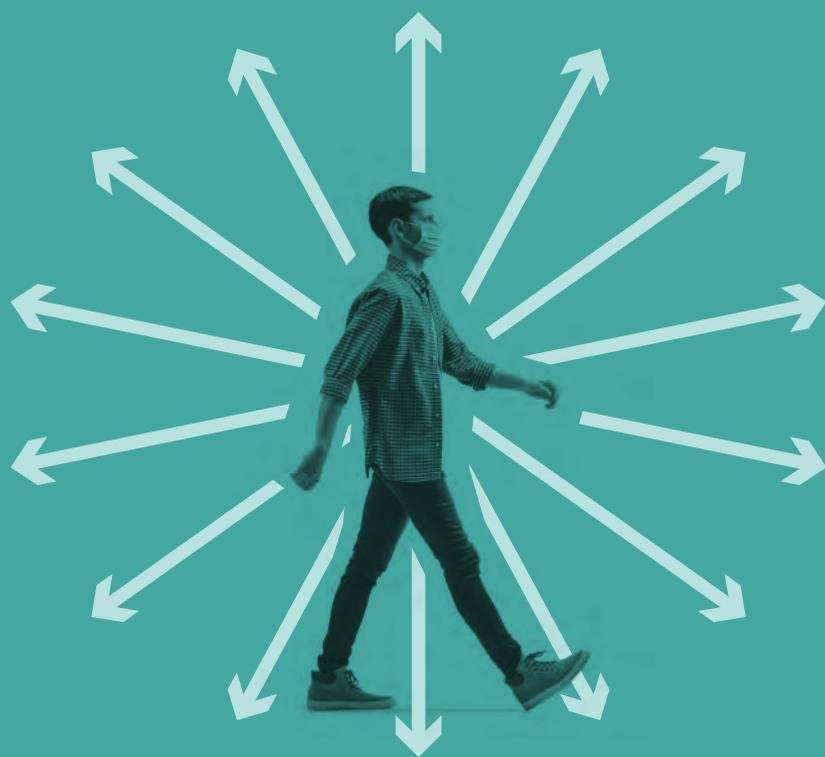
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Left: Leopoldina Dobrzensky speaks to a crowd at the opening of the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve Oct. 15. Middle: A group of hikers, led by Haliburton Highlands Land Trust director Sheila Ziman, (right) go for a walk. Right: Haliburton Highlands Land Trust board chair Gregory Wickware cuts the ribbon for the opening. *Photos by Joseph Quigley.*

Land Trust opens reserve for dose of ‘Vitamin N’

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust welcomed the public to its newest property with the opening of Barnum Creek Nature Reserve in Dysart et al Oct. 15.

After two years of preparing it, the Land Trust officially opened the 500-acre property to the public. It's located five kilometres southeast of Haliburton village. The organization has created three recreational trails on the property, including maps and signs.

Leopoldina Dobrzensky, whose family donated the property in 2018, said the

new reserve was made possible by the tremendous will of the Land Trust and its volunteers.

“In today’s challenging times, we need something called Vitamin N – which is Vitamin Nature – more than ever,” she said.

The trails total nearly seven kilometres through the property, which the Land Trust will maintain. The landscape also features forests, grassland and wetland. It is also home to a wide range of wildlife, including at-risk species.

Margaret Dobrzensky, Leopoldina’s daughter, said donating the land made sense.

“Why would we not? For us, it was

always about the land, always was protecting the sensitive ecosystems home to a diversity of plants and wildlife,” she said.

She added the family has had the property for years and they worked to restore the forest area.

“We marvelled at nature’s ability to renew itself. Now the forest has matured and resolved and it’s ready for its next chapter,” she said. “Enjoy the magic of the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve as it awaits you.”

The reserve will allow hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and some bicycling. Motorcycles, snowmobiles, ATVs and camping are disallowed.

Land Trust board chair Greg Wickware

said they expect the reserve will prove popular. Although not previously open to the public, it has played host to guided hikes during the Hike Haliburton Festival. “We think it will be very busy,” he said. “This is a well-known property.”

He said a lot of effort went into readying the property and the Land Trust will protect it.

“It’s almost like the impossible dream come true,” Wickware said. “We’re just so thankful that we’re now open and people within the County, and all of Canada, can enjoy it.”



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CFUWs (Canadian Federation of University Women) purpose is to promote friendship, life-long learning and advocacy among members. There is also a focus on socializing with other women through fun interest groups and monthly series of stimulating speakers and events. For more information: Gail Gotter g_gotter@hotmail.com or Pam Hewitt Osborne phewittosborne@gmail.com

Every Monday via Zoom, online art classes by Carole Finn. Must register one week in advance 705-457-2404 finn@halhinet.on.ca

Every Wednesday evening on Zoom – As We Find It Play Reading Group for anyone with a love of theatre. For more information email kbutler@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com.

Haliburton School of Art and Design for digital versions of some of the art talks and entertainment originally planned for summer school. See facebook.com/flemingHSAD

The Haliburton County Public Library is hosting a number of free waste reduction activities on its

Facebook page and Youtube channel:

- **THURSDAY, OCT. 22** at 2 p.m.: Maker Break – recycled candle using old candle pieces or stubs
- **FRIDAY, OCT. 23** at 2 p.m.: Maker Break - egg geodes using leftover eggshells and Epsom salt
- **SATURDAY, OCT. 24** at 10:10 a.m.: Storytime with Rob and Cats reading "My Water Comes from the Rocky Mountains" by Tiffany Fourment
- **SATURDAY, OCT. 24**: look for a special announcement about a new lending service.

OCTOBER 23

7-7:30 p.m. - online opening reception/webinar artists talk, Truss. Now showing at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. Artist Carey Jernigan and Julia Campbell-Such will talk about this new exhibition. See the gallery website for the link.

OCTOBER 23 & 30

Abbey Gardens pony trekking. Take a walk on the wild side with their ponies. Hike through the forest with their ponies and experienced trainers. Every Friday in October. See their website for more.

OCTOBER 31

Abbey Gardens - The Witches. The event is sold out but there is a wait list. They are looking for volunteers. Meet, greet and sign in guests, act as a sweep on the haunted walk and manage departure times from the patio after the show. Contact Cara if interested. Please let them know which performance time slot (6-8, 7-9, 8-10, 9-11 p.m.) you would like to sign up for. They are also looking for volunteer gong players. There will be an orientation for all volunteers on Oct. 25, from 2-4 p.m.

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Dame Beatrice at the 2018 Christmas Shindig for Fuel for Warmth. *File.*

There's going to be a Shindig this Christmas after all

By Lisa Gervais

With COVID-19 putting some people out of work, Fuel for Warmth is anticipating a difficult winter for clients which is why the committee of The Highlands Christmas Shindig decided the show must go on this year.

The event is a fundraiser for Fuel for Warmth, which provides oil, propane and wood for people at risk of going cold through the winter.

Spokesman Mike Jaycock said, "this winter we are suspecting will be a bad one here in the Highlands because of our working poverty levels, the pandemic and accompanying loss of employment. The committee, a great group of volunteers, agreed that we had to try and do something to help Fuel for Warmth meet the anticipated need."

The show was set for Nov. 28 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. However, as the weeks rolled by, Jaycock said it became evident they were not going to be able to use that space this year.

"We decided that a virtual show was the way to go," he said.

They got advice from Jim Love, Tammy Rea and Nick Russell. Love offered the help of his Toronto operation as well as in the highlands. Rea and Russell, along with Mark Tomlinson, established the technical committee.

"They have an incredible plan in place to meet the need. As you can appreciate, high speed internet is a must for broadcasting an event of this nature," Jaycock said.

The show will be 90 minutes and start at 7 p.m. It will be broadcast from their own website of shindigtv.ca. Viewers will be able to engage on their computer, phone, tablet or smart tv.

Jaycock said the plan calls for The Shindig to come from three locations in the highlands. They will have three acts at the Dominion Hotel in Minden, three acts at Mckeck's in Haliburton and the hosts team of Dame Beatrice, Sir Cedric and Penelope, will work out of the Radio

Hall at Canoe FM, employing a green screen for a backdrop of the estate in Littlesex, England.

Jaycock said The Dominion's Shawn Chamberlain and Mckeck's Aaron Walker were enthusiastic in their support and willingness to provide space for performers and technical folks. He added Canoe FM was fully supportive, too, and that space will work well for the hosts and tech team.

The show will feature: Richard Margison, Kate Campbell, Carl Dixon, Ro Randall, Tom Regina and Stan Russell plus Chad Ingram and Tim Tofflemire. When switching from location to location, there will be short videos of faces people know, love and respect, Jaycock said.

There will be a donation button on the screen. Last year, they raised more than \$32,000 from the performance. This will be the seventh Shindig. The committee also comprises: David and Betty Mills, Heather Smith, Jack Brezina, Barb Murphy, Mark Tomlinson, Joanne Barnes, Wendy Ogilvie and Lorne McNeil.

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A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery on Saturday, October 24, 2020.

Memorial Donations to the Ingoldsby United Church or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) 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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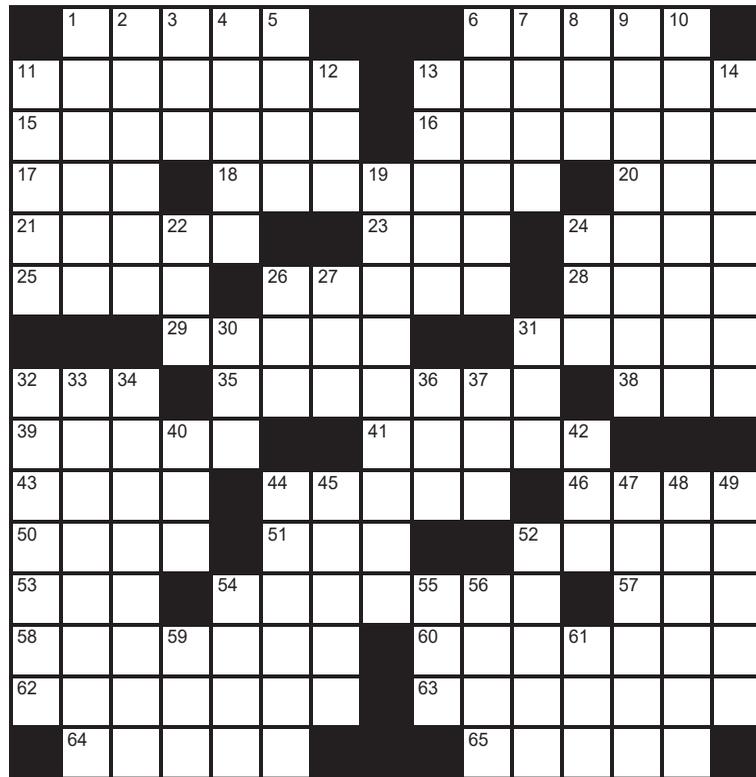
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Pursuit of Happiness

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Across

- 1 Step #1: Look down
- 6 Step #2: Gone from the coop
- 11 Crunchy morning bowlful
- 13 First part of a man's memoir
- 15 Became yellow, as a pear
- 16 Mexican's directional term for the U.S.
- 17 Spacebar neighbour
- 18 Putin's place of employ
- 20 Util. bill units
- 21 Step #3: Isn't dammed up
- 23 Winning tic-tac-toe line
- 24 Get ___ on the knuckles
- 25 Banks in the beauty biz
- 26 Step #4: Heeds a "ritardando," in music
- 28 Mozart's "___ fan tutte"
- 29 Chopped on "Chopped"
- 31 Step #5: Vegas token eaters
- 32 Religion suffix, often
- 35 Ultimate flying saucer?
- 38 Selfish-sounding audio brand
- 39 Step #6: Spies in a crowd
- 41 Facial reaction to pain
- 43 Skye of "Say Anything..."
- 44 Step #7: Barbeque spindles
- 46 Finally lose it
- 50 Trampled, with "on"
- 51 Get an ___ a test (do great)
- 52 Step #8: Malice mate in a card game
- 53 "Evita" setting: Abbr.
- 54 Not be shy in choir
- 57 Smoker's buy: Abbr.
- 58 Big industry in Bangladesh
- 60 Loosen by wearing, as shoes
- 62 Enjoying two-gether time?
- 63 Abolitionists' target
- 64 Step #9: Shakespearean hit
- 65 Final step: Upside-down 1-Across



Down

- 1 Like girly-girl garb
- 2 NBA trophy hoister, 2019
- 3 It precedes "Blast off!"
- 4 Policy pros
- 5 N.Y. Met or L.A. Dodger
- 6 Large manuscript pages
- 7 Country singer Loretta
- 8 "What have we here!"
- 9 Area to tinker on a project
- 10 Be efficient, as with time
- 11 Join skin surgically
- 12 Gator tail?
- 13 Positioned under
- 14 Hate with a passion
- 19 Transition suggested by this puzzle's steps
- 22 Bread roll?
- 24 Often-torn knee part, briefly
- 26 Face of a TV: Abbr.
- 27 It might ring a tourist's neck
- 30 Uncertainties
- 31 Triple ___ (orange liqueur)
- 32 "Did we get the green light?"
- 33 Fur pouches on kilts
- 34 Personal lettering, as on towels
- 36 Two-___ (small-time)
- 37 Naval rank below Lt.
- 40 Danson of the " Fargo " series
- 42 Clairvoyant's claim
- 44 Singer Buffy ___-Marie
- 45 Bridge: It.
- 47 9-m. round landmark in Sudbury
- 48 Non need for a nudist
- 49 Canadian swim champ Oleksiak
- 52 Kettle emanation
- 54 Fit comfortably, as passengers
- 55 Delivery room docs
- 56 Dot com addresses
- 59 Nero's 1501
- 61 Prefix meaning "bird"

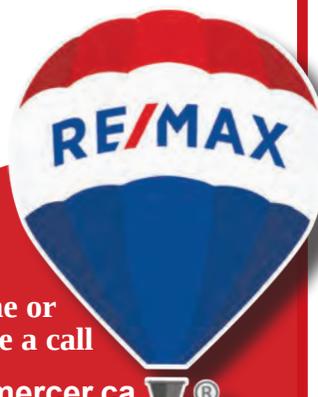
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