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David Brown works machinery at the Tekrider facility in Minden Oct. 19. The business says the end of a government order could force layoffs. See page 10. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

Student residence on cards for Glebe Park

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al council is supporting in principle a new student residence building at Glebe Park for the Haliburton School of Art and Design.

A delegation from Fleming College presented to council Oct. 27 about progress on the development. It's their first public

presentation after months of closed-session discussions, according to Mayor Andrea Roberts.

The two are working towards shifting the lot lines around Glebe Park, from the main parking lot to the heritage buildings, to allow the college to build a student residence with 80-100 units.

Council voted in favour of changing the lines in principle.

Roberts said the residence is a significant need.

"That has been identified for many, many years," Roberts said. "The difference is now we have the college taking a lead on this and not waiting for someone else."

The development will require the removal of a building currently used by the Nordic Ski Club. Roberts said they are cognizant of the college's neighbours and the idea for the residence received unanimous approval by the Glebe Park Committee, which includes representatives from each of the organizations that use the park.

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Fleming College and Dysart et al revealed plans to build a new student residence in Glebe Park Oct. 27. *File photo*

Residence completion still years away

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However, director of planning, Jeff Iles, said the location has been discussed but not yet confirmed.

Fleming College President, Maureen Adamson, said a student residence in Haliburton remains part of the college's strategic plan, which they have not wavered on despite the pandemic. She said they have started a team to work on the initiative and a kickoff meeting with municipal planners is scheduled for Oct. 29.

"We really hope that it will achieve more than just expanding programming for Fleming," Adamson said. "But it will also be a thriving economic vehicle for the local community."

Recent efforts to create a new student residence date back to November

2018, when Greg Bishop proposed a location along College Drive on part of a 16-acre lot. Previously, the Haliburton County Development Corporation received a \$50,000 grant in August 2019 to develop studies for sewer services to the stretch of land.

HCDC executive director Patti Tallman said the college took over the project from Bishop and HCDC is now working with the college. She said the previous location would have been significantly costlier than anticipated and the grant funding is now going towards studies at the new locale.

"It really looks like it's going to come to fruition, so we're excited to be part of that process," Tallman said.

Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy asked about the timeline for ground-breaking. Adamson indicated she

could not provide one yet.

"It's a priority," Adamson replied. "These projects take, I think, three years anyway, in around there. But it is not a complicated build, so certainly, we want it to happen as quickly as possible. I know that's wishy-washy."

Roberts said she can recall there was a lot of nervousness when the college first came into place at its location, but it has proven to be a great neighbour.

"I'm hoping through this public process, putting it out to the public now, that there won't be a nervousness. That we really have, as a council, working with the college, addressed all the needs that we are foreseeing that you the public might be concerned," she said. "This is going to be a great addition for our community."

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Haliburton Chamber of Commerce executive director, Jennifer Locke, and board president Andrea Strano at the 2018-2019 AGM. *File.*

Highlands small business feeling pandemic pinch

By Lisa Gervais

Half of local businesses taking part in a chamber of commerce survey said they'd had to permanently or temporarily dismiss staff due to COVID-19.

It was just one of the findings in a September Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce survey.

Chamber executive director, Jennifer Locke, said many small businesses across the County are feeling the pandemic pinch.

The chamber recently released findings of a micro-survey it conducted in conjunction with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

"As our communities wind down from the busy season in the Highlands, this survey provides a snapshot of the local business conditions and attitudes," Locke said.

She added many local chamber members participated in the questionnaire and as a result there are some regionally-specific results.

Those include getting a pulse of how businesses feel about their local communities and their ability to thrive in those regions, despite what might be a pessimistic national or provincial outlook.

She said 39 per cent of survey respondents said no to their ability to thrive, 48 per cent yes and 13 per cent were unsure.

In addition, 32 per cent reported a lack of business confidence in the local economy, while 50 per cent of local respondents lacked such confidence at a provincial level.

Chamber board chair Andrea Strano said, "It is not surprising that half of our local enterprises had to temporarily or permanently dismiss employees; this is going to result in community-level impacts for many months to come."

She added, "the pandemic has disproportionately affected certain sectors – accommodations, food services, arts, entertainment, recreation and retail have all been hit heavily."

Locke said regional insights can be further explored on the OER Survey website. The next wave of the survey is

currently underway. The new survey link is [research.net/r/2020_Wave 2_OCC?Local_Chamber=\[Haliburton\]](https://research.net/r/2020_Wave 2_OCC?Local_Chamber=[Haliburton]). The three-minute survey on business confidence, pandemic recovery and government support programs will help inform the upcoming Ontario Economic Report and the advocacy of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Locke said.

This survey was fielded by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce from September 3-23.

Tourism survey results

The County of Haliburton's Department of Tourism also conducted a survey in mid-September.

Director of tourism, Amanda Virtanen, said the department had been hearing conflicting anecdotal accounts that some businesses were having their best summer ever and others were close to having to close permanently.

"Therefore, we wanted to ask specific questions about revenue and visitation post-summer and leading into fall," she said.

She said the survey was open for a two-week period, closing Sept. 28, and was sent to all tourism-focused operators.

She said they got a 20 per cent response rate. Of those, 38 per cent were accommodators, 22 per cent experience providers, 20 per cent food establishments, 12 per cent retail and 18 per cent other. She said highlights included:

- 38 per cent of respondents noted visitation to their business was up this summer over 2019 (32 per cent said down);
- 34 per cent of respondents noted revenue was up this summer over 2019 (40 per cent said down);
- 41 per cent of respondents cited insufficient staff limited their capacity to do business this summer;
- 30 per cent of respondents said September 2020 was on track for being up over September 2019.

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Minden Hills staff remain in office despite COVID

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills staff will continue to work from the office, not at home, councillors decided during a special council meeting Oct. 22.

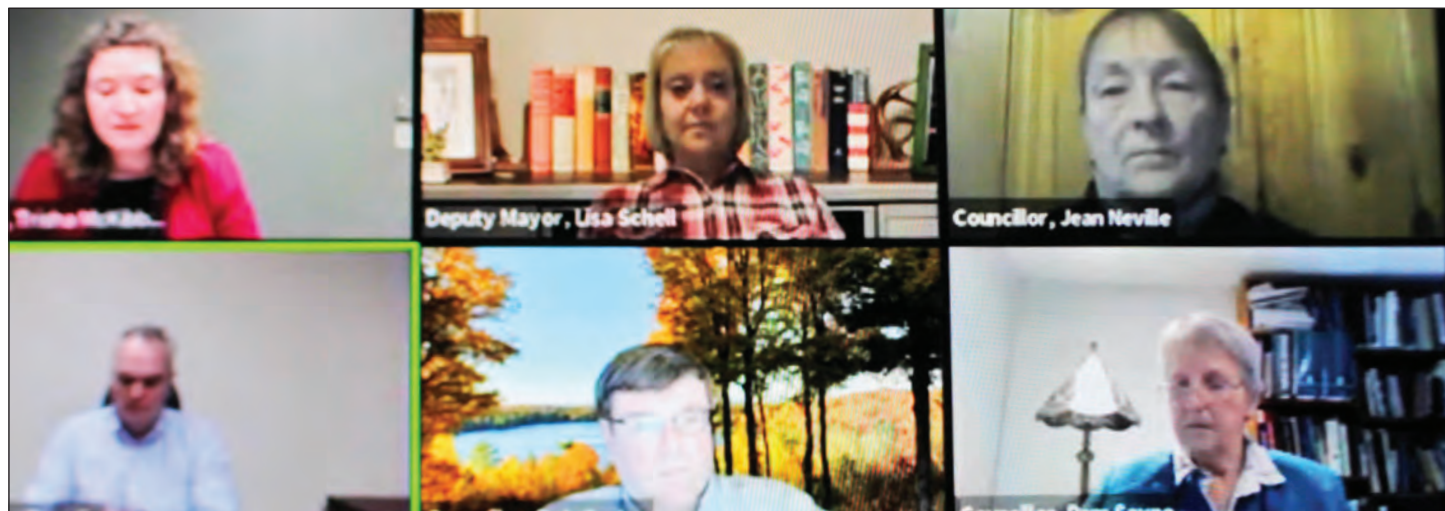
The meeting was called by CAO Trisha McKibbin who tabled a working at home policy. It came after the Emergency Control Group (ECG), which comprises senior staff, the mayor and deputy mayor, recommended a return-to-home in the face of rising pandemic numbers across the province. Following the beginning of COVID-19, staff did work from home until returning July 6.

Since then, like the neighbouring municipalities of Algonquin Highlands, Highlands East and Dysart et al, staff are at their various offices, meeting with ratepayers by appointment only.

McKibbin said she'd like staff to remain. "At this current moment, based on all the safety procedures and protocols that we have in place, I would like, my personal preference is, to have staff, as long as we can, in the workplace."

McKibbin said the ECG has created an operational guide which lays out the practices that all staff need to be undertaking to ensure all health and safety requirements are met during COVID-19.

She cited social distancing, non-medical masks, disinfectant on all desks, in all washrooms, and communal areas. She said washrooms have been assigned to staff



Minden Hills council held a special council meeting Oct. 22. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

and are cleaned after each usage, there's a visitor questionnaire and sign-in sheet for contact tracing, staff sign-in and staff COVID-19 staff assessment.

She added the policy isn't just for this pandemic.

"This is a good policy to have in place [that] lays out the guidelines and responsibilities for any time staff may have to work from home. Whether that is during emergency times or those one-off situations."

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell agreed staff should stay where they are.

"I do not see any reason at this time that we would be sending staff home to work again. We have spent a lot of money as a

municipality to be sure all the safeguards are in place for staff. It's a large building. Everybody has their own space. We have all of the stations, even bathrooms individually separate for people," she said.

She was also in favour of the work-from-home policy, not just for a pandemic, but other future circumstances.

Coun. Bob Carter said there didn't appear to be an imminent health and safety issue "because we have put into place parameters ... procedures to maintain the health and safety of our staff. I'm having a difficult time in seeing why we would go ahead with something like this."

Mayor Brent Devolin said he agreed but it was worth discussing, "being mindful that

this can change in a moment."

Coun. Jennifer Hughey said the policy could apply in a number of circumstances, for example staff expecting babies, or sickness, so "we should be treating this as an overall discussion for our work from home policy ..."

Coun Pam Sayne noted the township is also responsible for home work spaces and Carter said there are also privacy issues with some staff working from home.

Council received the report as information, voted to maintain the status quo as of now, and requested a more comprehensive report to follow. There has not been a new confirmed COVID case in the County since Oct. 10.

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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Ninety-eight per cent of high schoolers pass

Trillium Lakelands District School Board Superintendent of Learning, Katherine MacIver, shared with trustees Oct. 27 the statistics for the first octoblock (students are studying one subject at a time) completed on Oct. 16.

Ninety-eight per cent (98 per cent) of all high school students achieved their credit and of the 4,313 credits to be granted, only 86 were not awarded.

She added that 58 per cent of students achieved marks between 80-100 per cent and 20 per cent of students achieved marks between 70-79 per cent, placing 78 per cent of students at or above the provincial standard.

"This wasn't easy," MacIver said, "but I would like to congratulate the dedication of students, staff and administrators for making this possible."

Teacher feedback mixed

Andrew Galbraith and Mark Flynn, Heads of Mathematics and Technological Studies from Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School, and Jasmine Sadler and Michelle Ash, Heads of Science and English from Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute, made reports to trustees about their experiences teaching the first

octoblock.

"We spent a lot of time reviewing curriculum documents trying to figure out what we had time for and what we had to trim out," Galbraith said.

"Challenges of the octoblock included lack of time, student attention spans being limited and any student absence created a large gap in their learning," Galbraith said. Flynn told trustees that the octoblock was ideal for technological studies students.

"We have more time on projects," Flynn said, "There is less start up and clean up time. The kids can really see their projects taking form in the three to four hours a day they had in the shop."

Challenges pointed out by Flynn included ensuring that there was enough material for all the shops available in a timely manner, making sure that hospitality students had meaningful hands-on experiences with no cafeteria open or catering to do, and finding enough cars for the students to work on with vehicles from the school community no longer available because of COVID regulations.

Sadler found it initially difficult to plan for the longer days, sometimes planning too much or too little for an instructional block.

"I tried to have consistency in my day plan so kids would be ready for what was coming up. For example I had a quiz every day at the same time," Sadler said.

"All my assessments were submitted electronically to reduce the threat of

COVID contamination," Sadler said, "and particularly when students were away from school we discovered that all students don't have access to the same technology while at home."

Ash completed the teacher presentations admitting that she herself was "apprehensive" at the beginning of the octoblock.

"I realized very quickly," Ash said, "that I needed to create a framework for students that had to be flexible. We were able to get through multiple tasks and cover a lot of the curriculum."

"Student behaviour was exceptional," Ash added, "I think the kids were just happy to be back at school and experiencing a new, novel system."

Students share their experiences

LCVI interviewed a number of their students regarding their experience with the octoblock. That video was shared with the trustees by LCVI Principal Mark Cossarin.

A number of students praised the octoblock suggesting it was better to only focus on one subject.

Others were impressed with how seriously most of their peers were taking the health and sanitation rules during the first 22 days of the new school year.

Other comments suggested that some were



The Trillium Lakelands District School Board met via Zoom Oct. 27. *File.*

struggling with their return to school listing the following concerns either in person or in writing: the octoblocks put too much pressure on students and there was "no time for mistakes," students were "exhausted" of the subject by the end of the day, there were not enough opportunities for students to socialize, there needed to be more mask breaks during the school day, there was no opportunity to change classes once you were in your cohort, and lunch was too short. (*School board news compiled by Kirk Winter*)

DYSART ET AL NEWS

Council won't assume Rainbow Drive

Council has turned down a request from residents of Rainbow Drive in Harcourt for the township to assume the road for winter maintenance.

In a report, Oct. 13 Jeff Iles, director, planning and land information, said six properties had made the ask.

However, he said he was concerned since the request had not come from the owners of the roadway. Those owners had believed the road was already deeded to the municipality, however it is not.

Iles added staff questioned whether the road can be brought up to the necessary standards to be assumed into the road system. Coun. Tammy Donaldson said a snow plow turnaround is partially on the ball diamond.

"Based on the severance agreement and title of the lands, Council can simply choose to advise that this is a private matter," was one of Iles' options. Council agreed with it.

It was suggested the road could be conveyed to residents who could then form a road association as part of their next steps.

Road resurfacing costing options

Dysart et al director of public works, Rob Camelon, presented a report on 2021 road resurfacing costing options - including the

possibility of gravel roads in the capital program for the first time.

The municipality purchased a licence for Decision Optimized Technology (DOT Roads) in 2019 to help in decision-making for road resurfacing priorities. As part of the 2020 budget, traffic counting, classification and a speed survey is underway with the goal to better understand traffic speed and volume across the township's road network.

Camelon said council has endeavoured to maintain a minimum network pavement condition index of 65, which is deemed a good rating. He said council further agreed to prioritize projects solely on traffic volume, although these parameters can be changed or modified.

The public works director said in years past, the road needs study never considered gravel roads, but only hardtop, but could now consider gravel resurfacing or potential upgrades to surface treatment.

"The presented options in this report include most year-round maintained roads in the municipal network," he said, only excluding roads not maintained on a year-round basis and connecting link roads.

The plan would apply to a traffic count of at least 100 vehicles a day.

Camelon stressed it was a preliminary report only for discussion and he was looking for direction for upcoming budget talks if desired.

A majority of councillors indicated they liked option three, spending \$1.5 million a year, with three per cent annual increase.

Council voted Oct. 27 to have staff prepare a detailed resurfacing report based

on upgrading gravel roads with an annual average traffic count of 50 or higher for budget consideration.

Landfills to accept tires

Council voted to continue accepting tires from residents, and overflow tires from private garages in the municipality, at Haliburton and Harcourt landfills for recycling.

The move came following a report from environment manager, John Watson, to the Oct. 13 meeting.

At the May 26, 2020 meeting, council deferred a decision to discontinue the collection of tires at municipal depots. At the time, they also wanted a report on collection problems in the area.

Watson said tires are under Ontario's individual producer responsibility framework, but some local garages he spoke to said it took a long time for them to be collected and they didn't have the storage space. They wanted municipal collection to continue.

He further reported that most municipalities are continuing to accept tires in order to provide a "one stop" waste solution to their residents. He added there is a concern that if municipalities stop accepting tires, they would see an increase in illegally dumped tires.

Coun. John Smith also suggested the township pressure The Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority to pick up tires more frequently.

RFP for septic reinspection

Council is moving forward with an RFP for its revised septic reinspection program.

Coun. Larry Clarke said, "we need some resources to be able to drive this forward. I think what Karl (Korpela, chief building official) is proposing is a good way to go about it."

However, Coun. John Smith said he felt there was supposed to be public consultation on the proposed bylaw changes, which remove the mandatory pump out required in the first round of inspections, since they'd received more than 20 letters in the spring about those proposed changes. He said there were commitments made to lake association and the CHA last spring.

"How can we release an RFP prior to giving those various stakeholders an opportunity to weigh in on this?" he asked.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said there had been fulsome discussions at the environment committee and council.

She added, "this (Zoom meeting) is public right now. I feel this is a public process, what we are doing."

The Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association presented to council Oct. 27 asking Dysart to change course on the RFP or consider having it include options with and without mandatory pump outs.

But council stayed course and voted to proceed with the RFP, with only Smith opposed. (*Dysart et al news compiled by Lisa Gervais*)

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ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS



Algonquin Highlands council met via Zoom Oct. 15. *File.*

COVID costs and budgeting update

Treasurer Jean Hughes said Algonquin Highlands has incurred about \$215,000 in costs due to COVID-19 as of the end of September.

In a report to the Oct. 15 meeting, she said the township had received \$275,900 in money to offset those costs under the federal-provincial Safe Restart Program.

With the \$61,000 remaining under phase one of the Municipal Operating Funding, she asked council to consider spending about \$3,500 on IT equipment so staff can work remotely. She also wanted \$13,760 for the fire department, for filters for SCBA masks and a washing machine for fire clothes. She further discussed the need for an HVAC upgrade at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Hughes noted there was also talk of extending contactless services to all landfills in the township.

After a lengthy discussion, in which it was noted Algonquin Highlands still has modernization funding not fully spent, it was agreed to proceed with remote readiness and fire department projects. The HVAC update to the Dorset rec centre was approved in principle, but since there was a large range of pricing, it was passed pending further information. Council next meets Nov. 5.

Departments kept busy

The building and bylaw department continues to be “extremely busy,” according to chief building official David Rogers.

In September, they issued 25 building permits and 19 septic permits, worth \$34,625. The construction value was just over \$2.9 million and year to date just over \$17 million.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux noted permits and construction revenue from 2019 to 2020 demonstrated “it’s been quite the year. Well done to the department for hanging in there and making it all work.”

Parks, recreation and trails manager, Chris Card, reported an 88 per cent increase this September, compared to last September, for the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails.

He noted both the Dorset Heritage Museum renovation and Hardwood landing retaining wall project are nearing completion.

And director of public works, Adam Thorn, reported it was taking a bit longer to do accessibility upgrades at the Stanhope library. However, he said the Stanhope Museum project was continuing with window replacements the next phase in 2021. He discussed some pending changes to Environmental Assessments in Ontario and informed council he is applying for a U-Links research project to help with a community-based climate change action project. (*Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais*)



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Still in this together

Usually at this time of year, Haliburton County's small businesses are winding down from a busy - and profitable - summer and preparing for the leaner months ahead.

This year, as we all know, is different.

As County director of tourism, Amanda Virtanen, noted at a recent council meeting, we've all heard the anecdotal accounts that some businesses had their best summer ever and others were on the verge of having to close permanently.

We've heard grocery stores have done well, as have hardware outlets and garden centres. Some tourism outlets say they have benefitted from the mass exodus from the city. But some retailers and restaurants have clearly struggled.

On the plus side, from an economic perspective, we hope the cottagers do continue to come late into the fall and over the winter. From a public health perspective, we're a little bit leazier. We only ask that everyone, local or visitor, continue to follow health unit guidelines.

It's only just recently that we have received some statistics to go along with those anecdotal accounts.

Both the Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce and Virtanen's department of tourism did some September surveys.

We're not sure of the response rate

the chamber received, but the tourism department had 20 per cent, so with just one in five businesses responding we have to treat these numbers as such.

Still, the chamber had half of its respondents say they'd had to lay people off permanently or temporarily. No matter how you crunch the numbers, that is a big hit. Business confidence is also, naturally, shaky.

But confidence here is better than in cities such as Toronto, where businesses are starting to close their doors.

In Haliburton County, nearly half the survey respondents believed in their ability to thrive, versus 39 per cent who said no. Thirteen per cent were unsure. That is good to hear.

The tourism survey also held some positive numbers. More said visits to their business was up this summer, than down. However, more said revenue was down this summer over last. More than 40 per cent said if they'd had more staff they would have done better. About one-third reported a better September to last year.

What does all this mean? Certainly, Haliburton County is doing fiscally better than some areas of our province forced to retreat to Stage 2 reopenings. And whether you like the fact cottagers are coming more often and staying longer, it has a

positive impact on the economy. It is the same for those people choosing to renovate their cottagers to stay longer, even permanently. We are seeing that boom in real estate and building.

Chamber board president Andrea Strano, in addressing the local layoffs, said it will impact the community for many months to come.

She's right. We will likely see more businesses opt to close over the winter months instead of struggling to cover costs with the prospect of little return on investment. We'll really see the full impact next spring, when some of those businesses will opt not to reopen at all.

Some have said a vaccine might be ready for the spring which will certainly bolster business confidence. But, like all things with this pandemic, only time will tell.

In the meantime, County residents can do their part by continuing to shop local and helping the businesses that have supported them over the years, whether donating to charitable fundraisers or sponsoring our kids' sports teams. After all, we remain in this together.



By Lisa Gervais

Spring forward ... fall back

A couple of questions to get us started today:

1. What do you plan to do with all that daylight you saved since early March?
2. What do you plan to do with the extra hour "they" are giving you on Sunday morning?

This weekend we go through the semi-annual ritual of readjusting our lives by an hour. Early Sunday morning we move from Daylight Saving Time to, well, just regular, good old Eastern Standard Time.

There was a moment in history when time was strictly a local matter, determined by towns and cities based on when the sun reached its apex marking noon. However, with the arrival of improved transportation, trains in particular, the need for standardized time, first in England, prompted the creation of a single time zone for the entire country ... easy to do when your nation is a mere 300 miles wide. It took the settlements a while to adopt the shared time, the railways loved it.

Likewise, in North America the expansion of the railways created a need for a standard for calculating the time. Coincident with that, in 1884 Canadian railway engineer Sir Sanford Fleming, proposed the division of the globe into 24 time zones creating an accepted worldwide uniformity.

It was Benjamin Franklin who first proposed the idea of Daylight Saving Time in 1784. Ben and others pointed out, in a world still mostly reliant on daylight for

productivity, during the summer months, a portion of that productive time was lost because daylight arrived at 5 a.m. or earlier. That was long before most people, except for farmers, (chickens awoke with the sun, and while cows never reset their watches, they demanded to be milked shortly after the appearance of daylight), were ready to begin their day. While the idea was bandied about and tried in various locations in the northern and southern hemispheres it did not take hold until the First World War.

The war resulted in shortages and rationing. One way to save on fuel and electricity was to shift an hour of daylight from the morning, when power demands were minimal and add it to the evening, which meant the demand for lighting would occur an hour later. The Second World War reinforced the notion and Daylight Saving Time generally continued until today. Fooling with time can be like playing with fire for politicians, but occasional oil shortages and a general consensus that the longer evening hours we enjoyed during the pleasant weather of the summer convinced most that perhaps it was a good idea.

The US and Canada declared nationwide Daylight Saving Time, while allowing provinces and states to opt out. In Canada, Saskatchewan has opted to stay with Standard Time ... well, not really. The province has set its clocks to year-round Daylight Saving Time aligning itself with Alberta's clock part of the year and

Manitoba time for the remainder.

There have been adjustments to when the DST begins and ends with the latest provisions being from 2 a.m. on the second Sunday in March to 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of November. The fall back date was moved from the last Sunday in October to a week later to accommodate Hallowe'en.

So, that is why on Sunday morning, you'll be resetting your clocks ... and while you're at it, don't forget to change your smoke detector batteries.

The answers to the questions:

1. Of course, daylight was not "saved." It was simply transferred from the morning to the evening ... and I wish I had a box of it in the garage I could pull out in January when we really need it.

As for question 2: While there have been cases made for the deleterious impact of the time change, often seen in children, most people will just sleep it away, since the extra hour comes at 2 a.m. and, if it weren't for adjusting all the clocks in your life, you likely wouldn't even be aware of the gift.

Tempus fugit.



By Jack Brezina

Editorial opinion

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LETTERS

Student trustee deserves respect

Dear editor,

As a regular reader, thank you for providing our local news.

I recently read the article about school board news and was disappointed with the response the student trustee Kaylee Kelly was given by Director of Education Wes Hahn.

The response started out respectful but went downhill quickly. Should we not expect an educator to always be respectful of everyone? Language has power. The response was disrespectful by the use of the word but.

Really...everyone deserves to have their voices/concerns met with respect and not be dismissed out of hand. I hope the lessons learned by this young woman is one of empathy for the way she was treated. Perhaps an apology would be warranted ... Keep up the great reporting.

**Carol Herr
Haliburton**

Dangers on Loon Lake Road

Dear editor,

Dysart et al's Rob Camelon has no idea if there is a speeding issue on Loon Lake Road. Fifty km/h on this road is too fast and there are no posted speed signs nor have there been any in the 30 years we've been here that he keeps talking about.

Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy says it's your neighbours, go talk to them. Well, Pat, there may be a few owners but thanks to the lovely public boat launch signs on 118, we have a greater influx of vehicles towing their boats, flying in and out, mooring into dark with little concern for anyone else on the road. There are more renters, four-wheelers ripping up the road coming from Trappers Trail to connect up with trails. The influx of traffic has increased over the years.

There are no shoulders for folks to walk on or children to ride their bikes. The sightline is reduced with the hills, curves, ruts in the road and plant growth. Max speed of 40 km/h is more appropriate and then you still average 35. Where there are ruts you have to drive in the oncoming traffic side.

These are country dirt/gravel roads. Common sense is a wonderful tool but not everyone has it. People are in a hurry to get from A to B.

Let's not wait for a tragedy to address these country roads, we have to try something. Let's give the signs a try.

Bring on the OPP next spring/summer.

**Cheryl Waller
Loon Lake**

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Jill Moulton of Ingoldsby was walking along Conestoga Road when this Barred Owl let her photograph it.

Vaccine clinic at HHHS 'amazing'

Dear editor,

The flu vaccine drive-through clinic at the high school on Saturday was amazing.

The people involved were all cheerful, quick, and efficient, from the person directing traffic at the entrance, the information collectors and injectors, to the person ensuring safe departures.

We were also impressed by the patients we saw, following directions, with documents in hand and arms bared ready.

**Jim and Joan Cochlin
Haliburton**

Haliburton flu shot clinic: wow

Dear editor,

Thank you to all the doctors, nurses, administrative staff and their partners and to

the volunteers for your participation in what appeared to be a very successful endeavour.

The precision and planning that took place echoed that of a military tattoo.

The weather was not the best but the crew were not deterred and carried on regardless.

Amazing how well things turn out when everyone works together.

Thanks again

**Jack Sinclair
Haliburton**

World Stroke Day

Dear editor,

World Stroke Day is Oct. 29. The theme is Join the Movement. One in four adults will have a stroke, but being active can help decrease your risk. For many people who experience a stroke, life after may not be quite the same but the brain has the ability to change and adapt after a stroke and with the right care and support, living a meaningful life after a stroke is possible. Walking with activator poles is a good

form of exercise to help with being active.

The Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group is an active bunch of caregivers and stroke survivors who meet on the third Thursday of each month but are now meeting online for our chats. You can join by calling me at 705-286-1765.

**Lois Rigney
chair**

Left to Tell

Dear editor,

I have been reading (and saving) Mabel Brannigan's Remembrance Day series. It is a wonderfully written and honest account of the effects of war on the lives of Haliburton County residents. As we approach Remembrance Day, thank you for sharing these memories and helping me appreciate the sacrifices of wartime through the prism of rural life. Excellent reading!

**Hope Thompson
Algonquin Highlands**

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Tekrider: government forgets 'little guys'

By Joseph Quigley

Tekrider TekVest owner Steve Brand answered the call to a province needing medical gear at the start of the pandemic, transitioning from high-end recreational clothing to personal protective equipment (PPE).

The move was costly during a pandemic – Brand said he took out a second mortgage on his home and business in addition to a \$40,000 small business loan from the federal government. But with advocacy from the County and the province expediting the licencing process, he was successfully able to start producing equipment, including medical gowns and non-medical masks, in early April. A recent one-time order for 12,000 reusable medical gowns from the provincial government helped further sustain the business and allowed it to buy more equipment. As orders came in, Tekrider expanded from nine to 26 employees, with the possibility of hiring more.

“We did it on our own,” Brand said. “It was the right thing to do.”

But all of that is up-in-the-air with the end of the order, with Tekrider’s last shipment going Sept. 18. Brand said they hoped for an extended contract, but it never happened. With thin margins, he said there is a good chance he will have to cut a lot of the staff he hired to produce more PPE.

“We’re collectively disappointed at the lack of leadership on the part of the government,” Brand said. “Doug Ford says he stands up for the little guy, well clearly that’s not the case.”

Ministry of Government and Consumer Services spokesperson Barbara Hanson said the contract was a one-time purchase order.

“Our efforts, and those of local companies,



AJ Blackmore, Derek Graham and Miranda Mavor work at the Tekrider facility in Minden Oct. 19. Photo by Joseph Quigley

were a great success with Ontario holding sufficient stock of reusable gowns,” Hanson said.

The province has invested millions in recent months to improve PPE manufacturing supply, such as \$23.3 for the 3M plant in Brockville for N95 respirators and \$1.8 million at Southmed in Barrie for oxygen masks and face shields.

TekRider director of community outreach Lisa Schmidt said it is not about growing the company, but helping more people get by.

“It’s to keep a community going,” Schmidt said. “This is not one of the economically most advantageous parts of the province... It’s not like we’re looking for a handout. It would be great to have the orders continue knowing COVID isn’t going away.”

“I could have had an immediate increase of 10 (employees),” Brand said. “But now I may have to reduce in the opposite direction,” Brand said.

Schmidt said although the government’s move may be cost-saving, keeping local businesses going helps keep people

employed and off government assistance.

“There are many parts of the province that are really working hard to build up their local communities. Steve is an example of what that looks like,” she said. “They’re not making a profit on any of these gowns – basically the whole point was to keep people employed.”

With a long history in the military and peacekeeping, including a tour in Afghanistan, Brand said he used to governments acting slowly.

In contrast, he said he was appreciative of just how quickly governments moved in April to ensure he and other businesses could pivot to making PPE.

“The government did move very quickly,” Brand said. “Things have changed. I give the government – both levels – high marks in the initial three-to-four months, but failing grades now. Because they’re focused on bigger issues, bigger people etcetera, etcetera, and they’ve forgotten the little guys.”

Yours Outdoors and Haliburton Forest join forces

By Lisa Gervais

Yours Outdoors and Haliburton Forest have announced a formal partnership.

In a joint press release issued Oct. 7, the two said it “will provide and promote the very best tourism opportunities available in the Haliburton Highlands, to travellers from near and far.”

Yours Outdoors’ Barrie Martin will join the tourism and recreation division of Haliburton Forest, alongside Tegan Legge, the general manager, and Cameron Ferguson, the operations manager.

Emily Stonehouse, who has worked with Martin in the past, will lead the marketing and promotions for Haliburton Forest, and serve as co-manager of Yours Outdoors.

Stonehouse has spent the past two years with the Township of Minden Hills.

The release said Yours Outdoors will maintain its distinctive brand and products and continue working independently with local tourism partners/providers and experience leaders, while working with Haliburton Forest to further develop authentic rural experiences.

The two companies said that beyond the natural growth the partnership will provide

for both companies, other benefits include: helping to build the County and region as a premiere tourism destination; increased capacity and leadership for marketing, partnership, product and community development; greater ability to respond to specific client needs through custom packages and experiences; increased community outreach and engagement throughout the Haliburton Highlands; broader range of services and experiences to offer domestic and international markets and business efficiencies with integration of operations and processes.

“The partnership between Haliburton Forest and Yours Outdoors is a business and a social mission all in one, to work with our stakeholders - and especially experience delivery staff - to grow the tourism economy of the Haliburton Highlands,” said Forest managing director Malcolm Cockwell.

Forest subsidiary purchases sawmill

Huntsville Forest Products (HFP), a

subsidiary of Haliburton Forest, has acquired a hardwood sawmill in Huntsville from Rayonier Advanced Materials.

The Forest announced the purchase Oct. 19.

In a media release, HFP said it has a production capacity of 30 million fbm of hardwood lumber annually.

The board foot is a unit of measurement for the volume of lumber in Canada. It equals the volume of a one-foot length of a board, one-foot wide and one-inch thick.

In addition to the sawmill, HFP has acquired the RYAM Huntsville Forestry Division, which supplies the sawmill with sawlogs.

“Through this acquisition, HFP will join the two sawmills that are owned and operated by Haliburton Forest in the region, being Haliburton Forest Products and Almaguin Forest Products (South River, ON), the release said.

“Haliburton Forest will now have production capacity of 40 million fbm of hardwood lumber annually, contribute to the management of regional hardwood forests, and employ over 100 people plus an equivalent number of contractors,” the release said.

Highlander arts

Arts Centre Foundation shoots for stars

By Lisa Gervais

The man behind the vision of bringing an arts centre to Haliburton County says one model they have looked at is the Midland Cultural Centre.

The Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation (HHACF) held its inaugural annual general meeting Oct. 20.

Daniel Manley, Wil Andrea and Brent Wooten formed the fledgling foundation in the Spring of 2018. Manley said it came about after orchestra rehearsal get-togethers on Friday afternoons. Michael Clipperton is also on the team.

“There was quite a bit of talk of looking for a place that would be good for us to play in and how the County needs it,” Manley said.

The HHACF was incorporated that December, developed a logo and website, has now been designated a charitable organization, worked with U-Links on a needs assessment, and secured a \$5,000 grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation. That allowed them to hire Melissa Johnston to synthesize and add to the Fleming Colleges students’ report, which is due soon. They’ve also met with arts organizations and held a roundtable discussion and workshop.

Setbacks have included an unsuccessful bid for a \$75,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant and COVID-19.

Despite that, Manley said the fiscal year 2020 was a very successful one since, “our three main goals were to officially become charitable, raise awareness of the HHACF within the local community, and to kick-off research.”

He said although they would like to see an arts centre built as quickly as possible,



An image of the Midland Cultural Centre.

feasibility studies and business plans are essential to understanding what will be the right fit for the County and sustainable in the future.

He said goals for 2021 include growing and developing the board of directors; developing a strategic plan including fundraising, and raising awareness.

Tammy Rea and Beth Kipping were acclaimed as new board members.

Rea said, “I’ve just been on public record for about the last 20 years saying this is my dream before I die so I guess I better put up.” She added with her HIFF family, including Marci Mandel and Lisa Kerr, “when we go to a film festival and we’re having a glass of wine this is what we always talk about so the whole movie committee is really strongly behind this.”

During a question and answer session, it was asked if there was a possible location in mind. Manley said they have some potential candidates but aren’t ready to reveal at this time.

They were also asked about their vision.

“We’re trying to cover and include as many facets of the performing arts as possible,” he said, adding it will come down to funds and sustainability.

However, he mentioned ideas such as acoustic shelling, theatre, orchestra pit, rehearsal space, office space for arts groups, a shared library of music, gallery, meeting and small conference space, audio and video for movies, a lobby for drinks at intermission. If in a downtown urban centre, possibly a café.

“Make it lived in, so it’s always used.”

One attendee suggested they study centres in other communities, such as North Bay, Parry Sound, Huntsville and Bracebridge.

Manley said the Midland Cultural Centre for the performing arts “is a really close model of what we’re looking at because they have a gallery and they have a café, they have a concert hall, they have a movie theatre, it’s more configurable and they have a rehearsal space. It’s almost exactly what we’re looking for.” Clipperton added they have also talked about teaching space and studios.

As to timeline, Manley added it will depend on funding, and could take five to 10 years.

“We want to build an arts centre for all and together we’ll reach that goal,” Manley said.

Free-range polio pioneer shares childhood memories

By Lisa Gervais

Although her memoir was written before COVID-19, author Kathy Purc says *Stone House Stories, The Memoir of a Free-Range Kid* addresses topics that very much relate to the current pandemic.

For example, one of the chapters, entitled “Brother, Can You Spare a Dime,” deals with the global polio epidemic of the early 1950s.

She said that as children, they participated in the March of Dimes by collecting dimes, attached them to slotted cards, and returned the cards to school. The funds went toward funding polio vaccine research.

“Damn right we filled them,” she says in the book. “We were scared. The polio virus lurked in public swimming areas, so we couldn’t go anymore. Panicked parents speculated about where else it lurked and we couldn’t go there either and filling up the March of Dimes cards felt like a valiant effort by everyone on the planet to defeat a common enemy.”

Purc was in Grade 3 when she became one of 1.8 million school children who were inoculated to test the safety and efficacy of

the polio vaccine; the third phase trials we hear of today.

“We were called Polio Pioneers and wore a button on our chest and had a wallet card that identified us as such,” she said.

Purc said another applicable theme is farm-to-table local eating and staycations.

“Perhaps that is why older folks may be able to adapt better today than teens and young adults. They’ve done this before when it was a way of life, not a huge adjustment,” she said.

Purc, originally from Rochester, NY, has lived in Minden since 1989 and is the wife of now-retired dentist, Dr. John Purc.

She said the Haliburton County chapter of her life is the last two pages of the memoir.

“There are many similarities between my childhood landscape in the Finger Lakes and here in Haliburton; bookends, if you will.”

However, the book is largely based on memories of when she was four years old to age 10 or 11.

Purc is a member of the Algonquin Highlands Writers Circle. She said the group heard several of her stories.



Local author Kathy Purc with her memoir. Submitted photo.

“In April 2019, I decided to take the dozen or so stories I’d written over the last decade and work them into a cohesive book length memoir.”

She said the pandemic delayed the book’s production and publication by about three months.

Asked if this will be her only attempt at

writing a book, Purc said, “this may be the only book, though I have learned so much about editing, production, and publication that the fear of the unknown is gone. So, maybe.”

Stone House Stories, The Memoir of a Free-Range Kid is available at Amazon.ca and Chapters Indigo Books online.

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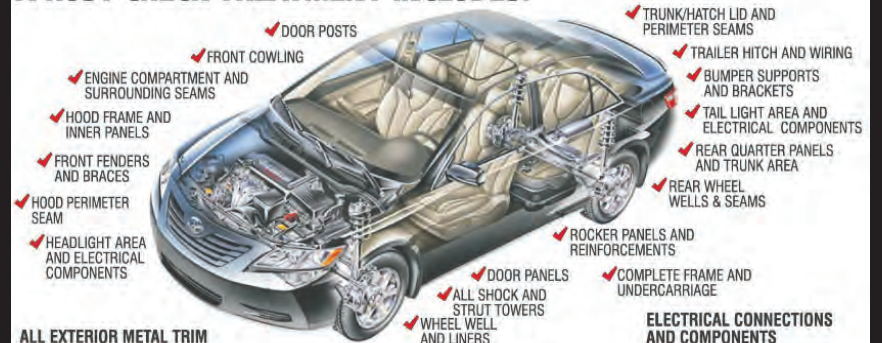
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Now's the time to prepare for winter's worst

By Lisa Harrison

Winter storms are responsible for more deaths in Canada than tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightning, floods and hurricanes combined, according to the Ontario government's emergency preparedness information.

Taking the following precautions will help you stay warm and safe through the worst winter weather.

Insulation and ventilation

Seal air leaks around doors and windows and replace damaged glass panes. Replace window screens with storm windows. Clear indoor and outdoor air vents. Repair roof leaks and gaps in the underside of the attic decking to keep warm air in and wildlife out.

Heat sources

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation notes that home fires tend to be more common in winter, mainly due to

heating system malfunctions and unattended fireplaces. Have your heating system serviced by a qualified technician each fall. It's wise to book an appointment soon this year as technicians are especially busy now that snowbirds have been grounded by pandemic-related travel restrictions.

Replace the furnace filter to ensure the furnace runs efficiently. Vacuum electric baseboard heaters. Clear fireplaces and chimneys to keep them safe and effective. Keep a screen in front of open fireboxes. Do not leave a flame source unattended when in use. Place fire extinguishers in easily accessible locations and keep them maintained. Make sure all emergency exits remain clear.

Fuel sources

For heat sources that require electricity, a generator will help tide you over through power outages. For wood-burning heat sources, it's wise to stock more firewood than you think you'll need. For propane heat sources, ask your supplier about their fuel refill recommendations. Generally,

you'll want to top up to their recommended level before the cold weather arrives and then check the float gauge regularly throughout the winter. Call for a refill before the gauge shows 20 to 30 per cent of capacity as float gauges are not completely accurate and your supplier may not be able to respond right away due to high demand or bad weather.

Emergency preparation

Develop an emergency response plan that includes communication and evacuation plans and considerations for any special needs. Create an emergency survival kit with everything you and your family would need to stay safe and take care of yourselves for at least three days. For details on plans, kits, alert systems and other emergency preparation measures, visit emergencymanagementontario.ca.

Detection alarms

Install fresh batteries in all smoke, carbon

monoxide and propane detectors and test them regularly.

Snow removal

Ensure snow is removed from the roof, air intakes, exhaust vents, exits and driveway to maintain safety and control of the property. Keeping exits and the driveway clear will enable emergency responders to move vehicles and equipment in and out of your property and dwelling quickly if needed.

Community assistance

Heat Bank Haliburton County prepares for winter on behalf of low-income residents who may need support. HBHC operates emergency firewood, propane, oil and hydro supply programs and accepts gifts of wood, fuel, time, services and money. For more information or to donate wood or another item, call 705-306-0565, email heatbankhc@gmail.com or visit heatbankhc.ca.



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Driving safely in a dangerous wonderland

By **Lisa Harrison**

Even on a sunny day, driving in winter can be hazardous, especially if we're unprepared for potential problems. The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) and the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) have the following advice and cautions for winter drivers.

Before leaving

Book a full maintenance check, including tire condition, to ensure your vehicle is in top working order before winter arrives. Keep an emergency kit in the vehicle. Include jumper cables, flares, a shovel and sand or traction mats. Ask your roadside assistance provider about pandemic-related service changes. For example, the local CAA chapter now directs members to arrange separate transportation from the tow site at their own expense to reduce contact between members and tow truck drivers. Consider taking an advanced driving course to learn emergency driving skills such as regaining control of a skidding vehicle. Bring paper maps in case your GPS fails.

Check weather and road conditions. Ontario's 511 system provides extensive traveller information by phone and online. Allow extra travel time and notify a friend or family member about your route and estimated arrival time. Bring your phone, fully charged. Pack food, water, warm clothes and boots and a blanket in case you must wait for assistance. Fully clear snow and ice from your vehicle and wait for all windows to defrost before heading out.

On the road

Drive more slowly and leave more distance between your vehicle and the one ahead. Use your vehicle's full lighting system in poor visibility conditions such as fog, heavy rain and snow. Watch for icy black patches on the road and be especially careful when approaching shaded areas, bridges and overpasses as surfaces in these areas freeze sooner and stay frozen longer than others. Limit use of the cruise control when roads are wet, snowy or icy in case of unpredictable acceleration, which can



Scenes such as this are not unusual in a County winter. Photo by Richard Pilon/flickr

reduce your control of the vehicle. The MTO cautions drivers to never pass a snow plow. The plow blades can extend into the next lane and they send up clouds of snow that severely reduce visibility. To prevent skidding, avoid sudden turns of the steering wheel and sudden braking, acceleration and gear changes. If you do skid, release your brakes and steer in the direction you want to go, but don't turn the steering wheel too fast or far as that could cause a spin.

Handling problems

If the weather turns bad, find a safe place to pull over and wait for safer conditions.

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U13 Red 7 vs U13 Green 7

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U17 Yellow goal: Cash Fowler 1, Ty Mills 1, Cooper Coles 2.

HOME OF THE HIGHLAND *STORM*



A battle up the boards. Photo by Lisa Gervais

Kids all smiles as they return to play

The U11 blue team (coach Mike Hamilton) took to the ice for their very first game of the season this past Saturday, Oct. 24, playing against the U11 yellow team (coach Jesse Johnson).

While the game itself might look different this season, the excitement of each and every player has not changed and was evident in their big smiles as they stepped on the ice and skated their hearts out.

Travis Rowe and Hunter Hamilton worked fiercely together rushing the puck towards the opposing net capitalizing on many scoring opportunities. Gideon Borgdorff showcased his strong defensive talents holding the blue line and crushing the puck out of the end zone.

Cambell McCracken, Jacob Manning and Levi Rowe quickly found their stride together rushing the puck up the ice and working together in front of the net, also

finding the back of the net on several shots.

Louen Little hit the ice for the very first time with the U11 blue team without even a prior practice. He jumped right in with linemates Oakley Craftchick and Vincenzo Condro. This threesome worked hard in clearing the defensive zone and working together to create scoring chances up ice.

Landyn Simms made many great saves throughout both periods and helped lead this team to their first victory of the season with a final score of 11-5.

We want to thank all of our parents, players and fans for your dedication and commitment to Storm hockey this season and I'm thrilled to be coaching this great group this year. Looking forward to our next game Saturday, Oct. 31 at noon. (Submitted by Mike Hamilton)



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Part 16 – After 75 years

By Mabel Brannigan

In the 75 years since the war, Canada, and in particular Haliburton County, have seen many changes - changes made possible by the Allies' victory and the sacrifices of the men and women who joined the cause.

Even without a war, 1939 was an eventful year. Two-thirds of Canada's population lived below the poverty line. Yet, many people from Haliburton got to Toronto to see the award-winning movie *Gone with the Wind*. That year we travelled 'Over the Rainbow' with Judy Garland. Great movies helped take our thoughts away from the Great Depression.

We danced to such songs as 'Deep Purple', 'San Antonio Rose' and Gene Autry's 'South of the Border'. Kate Smith, America's sweetheart, bellowed 'God Bless America' to the whole world.

At the end of the Second World War, Canada was transformed from a struggling colony into an independent nation, no longer to be ignored. Men and women exchanged uniforms for a very changed Canada, and for a changed Haliburton that would change just as much the next decade.

Although Canada was built on the principle of immigration, the arrival of 48,000 war brides and 22,000 children was

a strange sight indeed. While Canada was building faster than Britain or the US, there was a serious housing shortage. Thousands of new married couples, including myself, got down to the business of starting the baby boom.

It was 75 years ago and we hadn't heard of credit cards, instant coffee, ballpoint pens, pantyhose, fast food and countless foods and goodies considered normal today.

Seventy-five years have gone quickly so it is possible only to reflect on a few highlights.

Queen Julianna and her three girls went home to lead The Netherlands through post-war problems. The Netherlands is forever grateful to Canada for liberation and keeping their queen safe.

The United Nations and Human Rights legislation emerged after the Second World War. To safeguard medical atrocities, as those performed in the war, the Nuremberg Code was adopted in 1946. Also in this decade, King George VI died and the present Queen Elizabeth became Queen of the Commonwealth. Newfoundland joined Confederation in 1949.

Summing up his platform in Unity in Equality, Louis St. Laurent became Canada's new post-war prime minister in 1948. A new vision of world affairs inspired

him to be among the architects of the North American Treaty Organization (NATO).

Another young man in Ottawa, who had distinguished himself as a debater and orator in the House of Commons, John Diefenbaker, attended the United Organization meeting in San Francisco, in 1945. He took office as prime minister on June 21, 1957 and on his re-election in 1958 he received the largest majority ever recorded to a federal party. He is best remembered for the Canadian Bill of Rights, emphasizing individual freedoms as well as the Northern Vision.

Also on the scene at the time was another brilliant politician, Lester B. Pearson. He handled negotiations which led to the formation of NATO in 1949. In recognition of his achievements of peace, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1957. Internationally, Canada's reputation was known as a peaceful nation. They had the know-how to build the atom bomb, but chose to dedicate nuclear

knowledge to peaceful purposes.

Mr. Pearson became Canada's prime minister on April 22, 1963. Canada's first flag-raising was celebrated in 1965.



Mabel Brannigan (nee Sawyer) during the Second World War. *Photo submitted.*

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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 29 – Council Meeting
November 12 – Committee of the Whole 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/.

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Lydia Kim and Jay McIvor are readying their new kitchen space for SIRCH's new bistro and marketplace. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

SIRCH opening bistro and marketplace

By Joseph Quigley

SIRCH Community Services is creating a new bistro and marketplace with the help of a three-year, approximately \$800,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The organization is shifting its main office to a new building at 49 Maple Ave., with the bistro portion soft-launching Nov. 4. At more than 3,900 square feet, it is more than twice the space of its previous building. The organization plans to use the building as a training centre with a commercial kitchen, that will allow it to expand its programming.

SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson said the move is a way to boost its Ready for Retail and Cook It Up programs, which train people for retail and kitchen jobs.

"Be able to support graduates better after they left us and got employed," Robertson said. "Having this space provides so many opportunities."

The new location, which also has a separate office space on the upper floor, will serve breakfast and lunch five days a week. SIRCH also plans to develop a marketplace featuring local artists and entrepreneurs. It will also be the new home for its free-meal production, which SIRCH increased to 500-per-week at the start of the pandemic but scaled back due to affordability.

Robertson said they hope to help fund those free meals through their annual Gifts from the Heart fundraising campaign, which runs from Oct. 13 to Dec. 31.

"We know the need is there for prepared meals," Robertson said. "Sometimes

if people are depressed or ill or frail or homeless, they need prepared meals. And we want to be able to do that for the County."

Robertson added it is not their intention to compete with local eateries.

Marketplace co-ordinator Wendy Ladurantaye said SIRCH will strictly follow health protocols to ensure safety at the new facility. She said they are still developing the marketplace but hope to give local artists and craftspeople space to rent. It will also act as a training opportunity for its Ready for Retail students.

"Our Ready for Retail people will be able to help with merchandising, to learn about displays and the customer service end of things," Ladurantaye said.

Food Initiatives Coordinator Jay

McIvor said the larger space will make a significant difference for the organization.

"It's certainly going to increase exponentially everything we do," McIvor said.

The three-year Grow Grant requires SIRCH to successfully get people employed, Robertson said. SIRCH made the application in October 2019, with the sudden pandemic presenting an unexpected layer of challenge.

"We have to do the best we can with the circumstances we're dealt," Robertson said. "There's lots of opportunities. I hope that other things will spin out of this as well, that will contribute to the community health."

More need to Share for Warmth this winter

By Joseph Quigley

Winter is coming and SIRCH Community Services is readying itself to meet greater demand for its Share the Warmth campaign to provide warm clothing for families in need.

The fifth annual campaign provides winter clothing, including coats, hats, gloves, boots, socks and more for free to residents. The donation drive runs Nov. 1 to Nov. 12, with pick-up day Nov. 14.

SIRCH increasing connectivity co-ordinator Rebecca Anderson said the campaign remains extremely important.

They handed out 337 coats last year and with the pandemic, Anderson said they expect that demand to increase.

"It's important because winter outerwear is extremely expensive and it's also a basic need with rural living," Anderson said. "COVID not only exacerbates the existing vulnerabilities that were in our community last year, but it also creates new vulnerabilities."

In a press release, SIRCH asked that donations be clean with no rips, tears, stains or smells. Due to COVID-19 protocols, all donations must be cleaned by the donor beforehand. Drop off locations include

Haliburton Foodland, Todd's Independent, Algonquin Outfitters, Dollo's Foodland, Easton's Valu-Mart and St. Paul's Anglican Church.

In previous years, Anderson said they have been able to give everything they received away. But she added she is not worried about getting enough donations to meet the growing demand.

"We have a generous community," Anderson said. "I'm always awestruck with how generous our community members are. Getting enough is definitely on our mind, but it's not a concern."

Pick-up days are Nov. 14, at St. Paul's

Anglican Church from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and at the SIRCH main office in Haliburton from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Anderson said people cannot try on clothing due to COVID. SIRCH will require masks and maintaining social distancing.

For more information contact SIRCH at 705-457-1742 or email Rebecca_anderson@sirch.on.ca.

"Thank you to every single community member who donates," Anderson said. "Thank you for helping our neighbours stay warm this winter."

Highlander sports

Squash Club urges public to give it a try

By Lisa Gervais

With a number of recreational activities cancelled due to COVID-19, the Highlands Squash Club says it is open for business.

Spokesman Don Gage said the club is the perfect place to get some exercise with others in their immediate family or bubble.

They're offering a six-month trial family membership this year, covering anyone living in the same residence.

Gage said membership entitles unlimited use of the courts, at any time of the day or night, through the use of a personal access code. He added that simple COVID-friendly procedures are in place to protect members.

"It is a two-court facility with a small number of users and limited facilities," Gage said. "As such, you are unlikely to encounter others in the building at the same time. Members are asked to clean the limited number of high contact surfaces before, and after playing."

Gage said squash is appropriate for any age and is easy to learn.

"What a great way to get the young ones, not to mention the adults, away from their computer games. Anyone who is feeling the stress of COVID, or anything else for that matter, will find that squash is an excellent stress reliever. Squash is considered to be an excellent form of cardiovascular exercise as well as a means of improving coordination, strength and agility. The competitive nature



Don Gage is inviting people to try out squash this winter. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

of the game keeps you motivated and eager to return," he said.

Under normal circumstances, the club offers open houses for new members to learn the game from more experienced members. However, Gage said players

will have to pre-arrange private coaching from a seasoned player. He said the coach can safely provide guidance from the observation level of the court on the second level of the building and that it far exceeds the two-metre distance required for COVID

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A student tries out one of the new outdoor play spaces. *Photo by Carolyn Alder.*

ASES adapts outdoors to COVID

By Carolyn Alder

On a dark, dreary day in October, the playground and swings are empty at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. However, cheers and laughter can be heard during recess as the students enjoy the bright and vibrant new additions to the school yard.

The first addition is in the front, where the sidewalk from the parking lot to the school has been transformed into a bright rainbow walkway.

"It's a lovely conversation starter," said special education resource teacher Erin Smith who came up with the idea.

Principal Jane Austin added, "this school is a hub and it needs to be vibrant, alive and welcoming to everyone."

The outdoor upgrades continue

onto the playground where a painted outdoor sensory path, a type of obstacle course that kids travel through to help them develop balance and coordination with several agility games and mazes that students can walk, jump, or zigzag across, was created.

Austin says the indoor sensory path, which was first created last year in the primary hallway, cannot be used this year but Smith brainstormed a way to bring the benefits outside which would meet health unit requirements.

"If it's good for one it's good for all," Smith said. "All the kids have enjoyed the movement breaks that come with using the outdoor path."

Games such as hopscotch, using numbers or letters, have also been added and several four square courts can now be used by the students

during recess.

The outdoor painting was completed over the October 17 weekend.

"The greatest excitement I got on that Monday morning was seeing the students' faces pressed against the bus windows and they just couldn't believe it," Austin said. "The spirit of appreciation that is here is so alive. The kids recognize the changes and they thank you for it. It's not that we do it for the thanks but for the fact that they notice and validate and value it. It speaks to who they are as people and what their character is."

More additions to the outdoor learning areas at ASES are in the works, including adapting the existing shade shelters that were built thanks to the parent council, to continue learning outside throughout the winter.

Girl Guides and cadets back in business

By Carolyn Alder

Despite the pandemic, a local Girl Guide troop and Army Cadets are finding new ways to adapt and be together.

The Minden unit of Sparks, Brownies and Guides have been apart since the spring, but have recently started meeting outdoors.

The troop gather once a week for crafts, no contact games and stories.

Unit guider Carol Bellefeuille says, "there is no singing, either, which is difficult but there are ways we can do a lot of our usual activities, we just have to tweak them a bit."

Some big parts of the guiding program are continuing with modified changes such as the fall cookie sales. Bellefeuille says the mint cookies, which are typically available in October, will be sold online this year. Many local stores sold Girl Guide cookies in the spring to support the sale.

"It was so nice to see lots of business owners supporting us because that is how we pay for fun stuff like badges, craft supplies and helps with camping trips."

Bellefeuille says the troop is using the core values of Girl Guides which are in the promises each guider makes.

"I promise to do my best, to be true to myself and others and that's all part of looking after ourselves and looking after our community. Staying home when we need to and finding a way to be resilient and use our resources and still be able to do a lot of the things in our program and do them differently but still have a great time."

Email carol_mowat@yahoo.com for more information.

Meanwhile, Haliburton Army Cadets, which had been holding online meetings since the start of September, have just recently been able to have in-person meetings. The first was held on Oct. 20 with a small number of cadets in attendance.

Lieutenant Stuart Humphries says, "our goal is to continue to deliver a safe, challenging and dynamic program to the youth of Haliburton County."

"Some activities will need to be modified and others will likely be cancelled. We should be able to deliver much of the curriculum but it will be in a modified format. The safety of our cadets and staff are our top priority."



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What's on

WHAT'S ON

Turtle Tours are on again. Tours by appointment and donation. Tours are limited to groups of four and are available until the end of October. Call 705-457-1222 to book a tour.

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

Operational Christmas Child is underway. Collection week is Nov. 16-22 and shoeboxes can be dropped off at Lakeside Church, Haliburton, Nov. 17-18, 9 a.m. to noon, and Nov. 19, 2:30-5:30 p.m. Materials at Needful Things, Master's Bookstore and Glecoff's Family Store in Haliburton. Can also be done online. Contact Jordyn Brown at brown.jordyn@gmail.com

OCTOBER 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.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS:

OCTOBER 31

Family Halloween Monster Mash at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. There are two times for families to come out for games, candy and prizes. Times are 1-2:30 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m. Wear your best costume and bring your carved pumpkin for a chance to win. Admission by donation, but you must book online. See mindenhills.ca/events for more information.

Lakeside Church's annual trunk or treat event in Head Lake Park between 6 and 8:30 p.m. Decorated cars and candy for the kiddos. Begin at the bridge (fountain side) to sign into the event. There is no hand to hand contact and everyone will be asked to wear a mask.

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.

HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT?
Contact admin@thehighlander.ca



A picture from a poster for a special Halloween show at Abbey Gardens. Photo via Bass Witch Coven

Watch for witches – at a distance – at Abbey Gardens this Halloween

By Joseph Quigley

Abbey Gardens will play host to a night of fear, fire and magic as 'The Witches' descend upon the outdoor area for a socially-distanced show on Halloween.

Entertainment companies NorthFIRE Circus and the Bass Witch Coven are collaborating on a new performance. In socially distanced bubbles with limited numbers, the performers will invite guests on hourly tours through the forest for a storytelling experience, capped off with a fiery display.

"Typically, we always do really big fire shows," NorthFIRE Circus owner Isabelle Hoops said. "There definitely is a theatrical sense to this one and much more of a story. Walk through the backwoods of Abbey Gardens, might stumble across some witches. There will definitely be some theatrical acting moments. Some scary things can happen."

The show will feature COVID-19 protocols, with staggered entry, mandatory masks and social distancing enforced. The one-hour experience will also invite people to enjoy food, music and drinks at Haliburton Highlands Brewing afterwards. All four performances of the show, running from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., have already sold out.

"We are so grateful to the community," Bass Witch Coven owner Jessica Clayton said. "We feel very supported."

Based in Toronto, Clayton said she loves Haliburton. The show came about when she and Hoops approached Abbey Gardens about a performance. The local organization was receptive.

"That's what we've been doing during COVID. Every performance we've been able to do this entire time is because we've asked," Clayton said. "Normally, during the summer, we don't have time to catch our breath."

This summer was obviously quite quiet for us."

The two entertainment companies also described themselves as having feminist undertones, which reflects in their work.

"It's been a really strong thing for us as women working together," Hoops said. "When I started fire spinning, there wasn't a lot of women, it was mostly men ... When I first started my own company and bringing other people in, I just kept on veering toward more and more women and we both just kept pulling more women into the circle."

Although their Halloween show is full, the performers said they expect to return to Haliburton in the future.

"We look forward to doing more things like that in the area," Clayton said. "Filled with more artistic people who really understand what we're doing. This won't be the last time."

SOLUTIONS FOR OCT 29

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Passed away suddenly at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital on Sunday, October 25, 2020, at the age of 86.

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In keeping with Bill's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Private Family Interment Service will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Cemetery in Kinmount, Ontario on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 12:00 o'clock noon.

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



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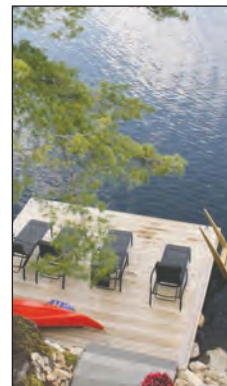
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- 8 River to the Caspian Sea
- 12 Typist's key in?
- 15 Ottawa hockey pro
- 16 "Ohhh, ___ get it!"
- 17 Coastal inlet
- 18 Positive trend for a date seeker?
- 21 Language that gave us "bong"
- 22 ___ corn (cob serving)
- 23 Casual pass from a quarterback?
- 28 Musician who takes a bow?
- 30 Increases
- 31 "Funeral Blues" poet W.H. ___
- 32 "To Live and Die ___" (spy film)
- 34 Run ___ light
- 38 Rash of prison escapes?
- 42 Mama's boys
- 43 Sharp Sharp, e.g.
- 44 Pick up on
- 45 "Homeland" channel, in listings
- 46 How a snorer sleeps?
- 48 Dimwitted "Don't It Make Ya Feel" band member?
- 54 Robin Hood player Flynn
- 55 Those: Sp.
- 56 Pet Persian in a brothel?
- 64 Weights in gold: Abbr.
- 65 Break after stretching
- 66 Ransacked, as a motel room
- 67 Ingredient in Silk milk
- 68 "Mine, all mine!" types
- 69 App-using restaurant critics

Down

- 1 Till key not used in Alta.
- 2 Romanian coin
- 3 "Gimme ___!" (start of a Riverdale cheer)
- 4 Obama campaign word
- 5 Approx. when to leave Trudeau, say
- 6 Diner seating options
- 7 "... and the alternative is?"
- 8 Took out, as a braid
- 9 Kanga's kid
- 10 "That is so darling!"

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- 11 White sale items
- 12 Nova Scotia town dubbed "The Hub"
- 13 Have an ___ superiority
- 14 National Park in the Rockies
- 19 Palindromic Bobbsey
- 20 Bitty bit
- 23 From back in the day
- 24 Hartz collar targets
- 25 Stoolie
- 26 Video streaming site
- 27 Give ___ on the back
- 28 Where truckers sit
- 29 Its symbol is €
- 32 "The Addams Family" cousin
- 33 Mo. to visit a cenotaph
- 34 Saddledome, for one
- 35 Sum up again
- 36 ___ Grey tea
- 37 Big Apple fashion letters
- 39 Surprised greeting
- 40 Thick Japanese noodle
- 41 Part of Roy G. Biv
- 45 Boots-in-puddles sound
- 46 Having a better attitude?
- 47 "Yeah, right, pal"
- 48 Cousins of "cripes"
- 49 Muse of poetry
- 50 Oh-so creative
- 51 "I'm SUCH an idiot!"
- 52 One's supes tight buds
- 53 Sound said with a hand wobble
- 57 Egoist's favourite "numero"
- 58 Hang loose
- 59 Biopic about actor Mineo
- 60 Medium skill?
- 61 Cuban rebel Guevara
- 62 ___ Lingus (Irish airline)
- 63 Banks with a green chair icon

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- Under 2 hour commute from GTA
- Large detached double garage

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\$899,000 LT. BOSHKUNG LAKE

- Low Maintenance 3+1 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom Home
- 101 Ft Clean Shoreline, Deep Water off Docks End
- Detached Lakeside Deck/Dock Area with Hydro
- Finished Lower Level with Walkout
- Comes Turn Key Ready to Enjoy



\$749,900 BOB LAKE

- 3 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 3000 Sq Ft Home
- 5 Ac., 400 Ft Clean Shoreline, Million Dollar Sunset Views
- All Bedrooms with Personal Ensuite
- Stone Fireplace, Cathedral Ceilings, "Haliburton" Room
- One of A Kind—Don't Miss Out!



\$419,000 HIGHWAY 118

- 3 Bedroom Custom Built Brick Home
- Oak Floors/Doors/Trim, Granite Countertops
- Full Basement with large Rec Room
- Garage, Privacy, Back Deck, Municipal Access
- Close to Town, Shopping, Lakes



\$419,900 HIGHWAY 118

- 2+1 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1570 Sq Ft Bungalow
- Level Landscaped Yard, Circular Driveway, 1.6 Acre
- Partially Finished Basement, Spacious Workshop Area
- Double Detached Garage With More Workshop/Storage
- Small 3rd Bay Garage Parking Area



\$269,900 NORTH SHORE ROAD

- 2 Bedroom Home on a 6 Acre Parcel
- Year Round Municipal Access, Ample Parking
- Garage, Shed, New Metal Roof, No Maintenance Siding
- Full Basement with Walkout, Hardwood/Softwood Floors
- Comes Turn Key Ready to Enjoy



\$299,000 DICKSON ROAD

- Renovated Historic Kinmount Church
- Cathedral Ceilings, Loft, Hardwood Floors
- Large Master Bedroom with Walkout
- Walking Distance to Restaurants, Groceries, Park
- Own a Piece of History and Make it Your Own



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- Close to Town and All Amenities

VACANT LOTS

- 649,900 - Hwy 118 & 35, Commercial Lot, Endless Possibilities
- \$499,900 - Kashagawigamog Lake, 110 Ft Fr., 0.88 Ac, Sunset Views
- \$374,900 - Percy Lake, 110 Ft Fr., 0.67 Ac., Sand Shoreline
- \$119,900 - Milbrant Lake, 110 Ft Fr., 23.29 Ac., Scenic Creek
- \$99,900 - Hwy 118, Double Lot, 722 Ft Fr., 9.44 Ac
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