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Premier Doug Ford arrives at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Nov. 4, prior to holding a 1 p.m. Ontario-wide news briefing in the library. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

## Ford announces \$680M in broadband funding

**By Joseph Quigley**

Local journalism initiative reporter

Premier Doug Ford announced \$680 million for broadband and cellular connectivity across the province when he visited Minden Nov. 4. But it is not clear how many of those dollars will come locally.

Ford, joined by other officials including MPP Laurie Scott and Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, announced the new funding at the Minden library. He said it's part of the 2020 budget being introduced Nov. 5 and will go towards "shovel-ready projects" to connect underserved communities.

The new financing is not tied to any

specific projects. But Devolin said he is hopeful the dollars could further the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's proposed \$1.2-\$1.6 billion gig project, which could bring gigabyte-per-second internet speeds across the region but still needs funding.

"We've fully developed a business plan and are ready to go when the commitment

from provincial and federal governments make this possible," Devolin said. "I'm hopeful that this announcement by Premier Ford and his cabinet ministers today will be a piece of a part of a solution moving forward."

The new funding will be rolled out over six years and is in addition to the \$315

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Premier Doug Ford chats with Andrew Hodgson and others outside the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Nov. 1 prior to holding a 1 p.m. news briefing in the library. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## 'Watershed moment' for broadband

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million the province has already allotted for its broadband and cellular action plan. The new funding will also double the existing pool for the Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON) program to \$300 million. The County is already applying for an ICON grant to bring more fibre connectivity to the area with private partners.

Ford said reliable broadband is critical for everyday life and noted the challenges of 1.4 million people in the province who lack broadband or cellular access. He referred to Algonquin Highlands resident Elaine Cole, who struggles to get consistent

connectivity to contact her family. *The Highlander* wrote about Cole's plight earlier this year.

The premier added praise for partners like EORN, citing the \$213 million project underway to improve cellular service in eastern Ontario, which the province is investing \$71 million in.

The funding "will help communities like Minden and Kawartha Lakes get access to their internet and cell service we all rely on," Ford said. "We will continue to grow and expand our investments with our telecom and municipal partners to make every dollar count. Partners like (EORN), that have incredible track records."

Scott said the day was a "watershed

moment" for broadband and said they hope the federal government will release its universal broadband fund, aimed at supporting broadband projects across the country.

"Ontario has stepped up," Scott said. "Ontario isn't waiting any longer. That is why we are taking action today. There is no more important infrastructure project than broadband."

"COVID-19 has highlighted the necessity for access to reliable, high-speed internet services for all Ontarians," Devolin said. "More needs to be done. EORN looks forward to continuing to work with the Government of Ontario to help our community."

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Two staff work in the assessment centre earlier this year. *File.*

## HHHS directors pan Dysart for charging rent

By Lisa Gervais

A Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) board member said it is “absolutely ridiculous” Dysart et al is asking for rent for the parking lot where the COVID-19 assessment centre trailer is stationed.

However, Mayor Andrea Roberts said the municipality is simply trying to have a formal agreement in place and to recover costs during the pandemic.

The issue was raised at the Oct. 29 HHHS board meeting, where they discussed the tent and trailer located outside the family medical centre in Haliburton.

CAO Carolyn Plummer said one of the upcoming expenses is rent and Hydro to the township.

“That’s going to be adding to our ongoing operating costs at a time when we’re really not even certain whether we’re going to be able to get sufficient funding from the province to cover those (costs)...” Plummer said.

Board member Irene Odell said it was disappointing.

“I’m kind of surprised because this is a service to our community,” she said.

Board member David O’Brien agreed. He said he could understand paying Hydro costs, but not rent.

“We are fighting COVID as a community and we’re doing it as a whole community and we’re doing it together as a community

and, really, to think you should have to charge us to do this service for our community, absolutely ridiculous in my mind,” he said.

Odell asked where people would have to go if HHHS had to close the assessment centre if it became unaffordable in Haliburton. Plummer said Lindsay, Peterborough, Bracebridge or Bancroft.

“It’s quite a travel for folks, especially coming into the winter months,” she said.

She added they had also previously discussed a possible relocation but preferred the current site since it is so close to the Haliburton Hospital and the medical centre.

Plummer said they had been in talks with Roberts and, “she’s certainly aware of the circumstances we’re facing right now.”

Some board members said they did not think the parking lot was very full during COVID due to virtual appointments and did not think Dysart was losing revenue.

Roberts told *The Highlander* Oct. 30 that she did not attend the HHHS board meeting so she’s not sure what was discussed.

However, “I can say we are working with them and the other groups involved with the assessment centre to have a lease agreement, and are hoping to have it finalized soon. To date it has been in the parking lot with no agreement. We need to have things clear and fair for Dysart. It has always been our intention to be a good partner as we are all trying to deal with Covid-19.”

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## New director to spearhead arena reopening

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills has hired a new director of community services who'll spearhead the reopening of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre.

Mayor Brent Devolin told the Oct. 29 council meeting, and members of the public tuning in on YouTube, that Craig Belfry has joined the corporation effective Nov. 2.

Devolin, during the Mayor's Report on CanoeFM last week, also updated progress on the \$12.7 million arena and community centre project.

He said it recently passed two major thresholds, that of occupancy and substantial completion. That means builders MBC have turned the building over to township staff.

"So, now it's the beginning of staff taking over the building and operationalizing it," he said.

The mayor said in normal times this is challenging so with COVID-19 even more so.

He said hiring Belfry is now key.

"It's been a long time, the better part of the year almost since we had a director of community services, and certainly while this facility is being built that hasn't been a big deal." However, with the need to make the arena and community centre operational, Devolin said it now is.

Belfry was recently manager of recreation and culture at the Corporation of the Township of Scugog. He has been hired to replace Mark Coleman who left in December 2019.

"Craig comes to us with 20 years of experience in the Brock, Springwater and Scugog municipalities, so central Ontario, somewhat similar circumstances to our own, and so it's really good to know that somebody that comes with a full toolbox is ready to take over a newly-minted facility to begin to operationalize it as we go forward," Devolin said.

The mayor said he knows the public wants to know how soon the facility can open.

"Obviously, that's the first and primary task of Craig coming on board. I would expect, within a month or so of him being



Councillors discuss the new arena during an Oct. 29 meeting. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

in his position, to roll out for the public when it will open."

He said with COVID, it is going to be a staged approach.

"There are areas within the new complex that have different risk factors when it comes to COVID," Devolin said.

"And I'm hoping if all goes well that

before the end of the year that we'll be back doing some of the more normal things that we do in that facility that's been offline for about a year and a half now. So, I think we're all looking for a little joy to do some of those things that we used to do and maybe some new ones."



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## County surrenders fight for health unit funding

By Joseph Quigley

Local journalism initiative reporter

The County of Haliburton is acquiescing to the province and local health unit over demands to increase its share of funding by 10 per cent.

County council agreed to pay the full \$463,508 requisition to the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR), with only Warden Liz Danielsen opposed. The amount increased by \$42,371 over 2019 levels as part of a provincial push to have municipalities foot more of the bill for health unit programming.

The County and City of Kawartha Lakes initially declined to pay the increase, protesting the sudden additional cost without any input. But after months of effort, the province and health unit did not budge on the ask.

"This continues to challenge me, where we pay for things that we have no direct supervision or control over," Coun. Brent Devolin said. "Fundamentally, systemically, I just have a challenge with these sorts of things that fall on municipal taxpayers."

CAO Mike Rutter said staff already budgeted for the amount in anticipation the County might have to pay it. He added the levy is expected to continue to rise, by about \$46,000 in 2021 and \$51,000 in 2022.

In a letter to Rutter, HKPR director of corporate services, Angela Vickery, said the province is reducing money allotted to

programs it previously funded at 100 or 75 per cent, reducing it down to a uniform 70 per cent. The goal is to have municipalities uniformly paying 30 per cent for all programs.

For the HKPR health unit this year, that amounted to \$1.216 million less from the province, but with the Ministry of Health (MOH) expecting it to provide the same mandated programs and services.

Vickery said there was \$773,300 in funding from the province to mitigate the impact this year. That funding is expected again in 2021, but not in 2022.

Deputy warden Andrea Roberts, the County's representative on the board of health, said HKPR has worked to find cost-saving efficiencies. Rutter said many of those cost-saving methods were discussed in closed session as they involved identifiable individuals.

"They have made significant changes," Roberts said. "But these are programs that are mandated."

The province is undergoing a modernization of health units. The County had representatives at a regional consultation session in Peterborough December 2019.

MOH spokesperson David Jensen said that process is still on pause due to the pandemic.

"Once the COVID-19 pandemic is contained and risks are mitigated for the people of Ontario, we will consider how



CAO Mike Rutter says the County has agreed to pay the increased requisition asked for by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. *File photo.*

to move forward with the modernization process," he said.

Rutter said the goal of the County in withholding the funding was to get more information and send a message to the province about downloading concerns.

"In many ways, those goals have been

accomplished," Rutter said. "I know many members of council have discussed this informally with provincial representatives as well. And I really am confident the modernization process will address some of your concerns."

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## HHHS NEWS

### HHHS feeling COVID financial crunch

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is feeling the COVID crunch, with a number of factors contributing to cash-flow challenges and a budget deficit so far this year.

CAO Carolyn Plummer told the board Oct. 29 they've had added expenses, such as for the COVID-19 assessment centre, while at the same time lost revenue, totaling more than \$350,000 and continuing to rise.

They've received reimbursements from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for incremental expenses in March and April but nothing for the six months since.



The HHHS board met Oct. 29 via Zoom. Pictured from a previous in-person meeting is chair David Gray. *File photo.*

As an example, Plummer said while the province has announced funding for LTC homes, HHHS has received some money but not enough to cover all costs or improve staffing, facilities or infrastructure.

Plummer added that with lost revenue, "hospitals have been advised that these are not considered a reimbursable expense and therefore they remain unfunded."

She said administrative staff continue to work with the Ontario Hospital Association and the Local Health Integration Network to advocate for funding for the cost pressures.

The CAO said they were also disappointed to only receive \$22,000 through the Hospital Infrastructure Renewal Fund Exceptional Circumstances Program Grant, when they'd applied for more than \$1.5 million.

The money will allow them to replace two air conditioning units at the Haliburton site. However, she said laundry equipment and boiler replacement at both sites, lighting upgrades in Haliburton, ventilation duct replacement in Minden, and other items have not been funded.

"We continue to actively advocate for funding to support these urgent needs, and for policy changes to support a more comprehensive infrastructure approach for small hospitals and LTC homes," she said.

Plummer added they had strategies to do the work needed to keep the facilities safe.

She also noted they are expecting \$60,000 to \$90,000 to enhance infection prevention and control supports locally.

### Youth Wellness Hub to get money

Plummer said that on Oct. 21, eight months after the official grand opening of the Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub, the Ontario government announced an investment of \$24.3 million to expand mental health services for children and youth as part of their plan to build a mental health and addictions system.

She said the funding includes an investment of \$5.8 million to support 10 Youth Wellness Hubs across the province. "Although the specific amount of funding for the Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub is not yet known, this exciting announcement means that our Hub will be able to continue operating on an ongoing basis," Plummer said.

### COVID assessments continuing

Plummer said the COVID-19 assessment centre will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

She said although ongoing funding to support the centre has yet to be finalized, HHHS was scheduled to meet with a representative from Ontario Health East this week regarding financing.

Over the course of the fall and winter

months, she added the centre will be operating out of the trailer rather than the tent, and individuals with moderate symptoms requiring further assessment will be directed to an indoor space within the Haliburton Family Medical Centre clinic.

The trailer has been shifted to facilitate snow removal. A ramp will be added to improve accessibility.

### New ER doctor starts this week

HHHS has a new emergency room doctor as of this week.

Dr. Steve Ferracuti said Dr. Kristin Lythgoe had begun the week of Nov. 2.

She joins Dr. Ana Costea, who started in the summer.

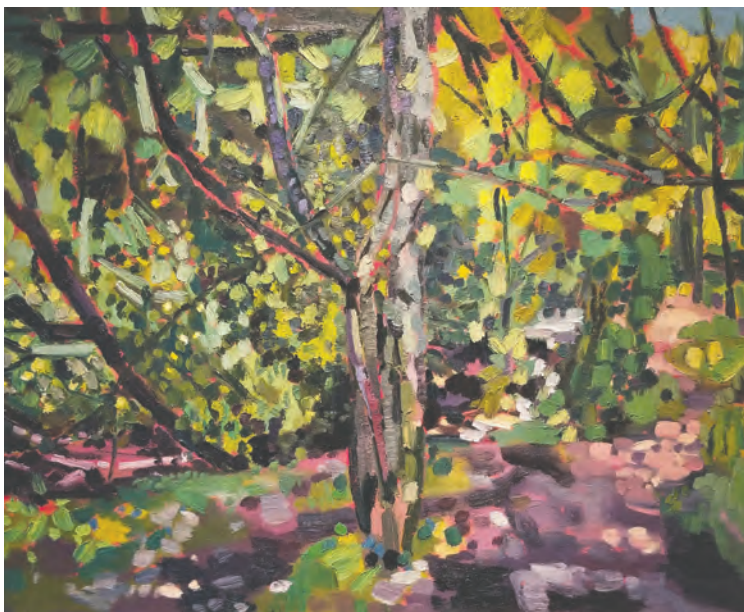
Dr. Ferracuti said both are Canadians who did their emergency medicine residencies in the US.

"We are excited to have both of them joining us. They are great to work with and definitely will add both clinical skills and teaching skills to our group," he told *The Highlander*.

He added, "these additions certainly do help stabilize our ER group here in Haliburton so I cannot overemphasize how great it is to have these physicians join us."

Dr. Costea also does some work in the Minden ER. (HHHS news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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## COUNTY NEWS



County paramedics are expecting increased calls this winter with more seasonal residents staying year-round. *File photo.*

### EMS anticipates more calls

Emergency services are bracing for higher call volumes this winter with an increased presence of cottagers.

Deputy director of emergency services, Jo-Ann Hendry, presented to County council Oct. 28. She said with an assumption that 30 per cent of seasonal residents will stay over the winter due to the pandemic, the County's winter population will increase from approximately 18,062 to 26,198. The department is therefore expecting a call volume increase in the winter between five to 30 per cent. Call volumes have also already gone up in the summer "shoulder months" compared to last year, up 26 per cent in June and 30 per cent in September.

She added besides medical calls, there could be more calls due to trauma with more people participating in high-risk activities such as snowmobiling.

Hendry said the department would like to utilize some of the provincial Safe Restart funding towards another vehicle to address the increases in call volume.

"Definitely in favour of being proactive in this," Coun. Brent Devolin said. "Gladly support staffing up so that we're not caught in a precarious situation."

Coun. Carol Moffatt said there should be future consideration for another hall in the West Guilford area depending on population and call volume trends.

The municipality received \$1,435,300 from the province in safe restart funding to support COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. Council approved implementing \$332,750 in additional staffing for EMS services, using a portion of that funding.

### EORN forecasts boon from big gig

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network's (EORN) massive \$1.2-\$1.6 billion proposed gigabyte-speed internet project could pay off with billions in economic benefits according to a new report.

County council viewed an economic analysis of EORN's proposal to bring gigabyte-per-second internet speeds to the region with public-private partnerships. Funding for it has yet to be confirmed, but consultant reports from EORN broke down the economics and possible benefits of the concept.

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"The economic justification for doing a gig project is there," CAO Mike Rutter said. "It would be very good for the economy and the environment. It's important that we keep those things in mind as we move forward and lobby for funding from other levels of government."

(County news compiled by Joseph Quigley).

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## What is Frost Centre's future?



By Lisa Gervais

For years now, I have regularly driven Highway 35 N on my way to Dorset, Algonquin Provincial Park or Huntsville. I have also spent a great deal of time on the trails in and around the Frost Centre.

Every single time I drive by, or visit, I lament the emptiness of the centre and grounds and comment on its continuing deterioration.

I can't count the number of times I've said 'if only someone would buy that and fix it up.'

For the first time in my years living in Haliburton County that may now be a possibility as the Province of Ontario recently put the property up for sale.

News broke late last week that a for sale sign had finally been installed outside the centre. Infrastructure Ontario, which is the Crown agency responsible for managing provincially-owned infrastructure and real estate, put it up for sale. CBRE Limited Real Estate Brokerage has it posted and the listing can also be found at Realtor.ca

For a lot of people, the sale came as no surprise.

For some, it tug at a bandage that has been placed over a 16-year-old wound. Many locals worked at the Frost Centre for years

until it was abruptly closed by the Liberals in 2004. That closure still leaves a bitter taste in many local mouths. Some see the sale as the final blow to Leslie M. Frost's declaration in 1944 that the school "may be the forerunner of other such establishments in Ontario."

The closing was difficult. There were protests at the MNR building in Minden and at Queen's Park. Former MPP Chris Hodgson is credited with doing a lot of heavy lifting to keep it open. But despite the best efforts of him, the Friends of the Frost Centre (which submitted an unsuccessful plan to take it over) and the Frost Centre Institute, which wound up in 2010, it was shuttered.

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said the province put the sale into effect as far back as 2012, sending a provincial surplus property notification to the County and AH, and in 2013 the province applied to sever the land now up for sale.

In its day, the Frost Centre was a fixture in the community. It linked the community to eco-education long before we worried about things such as Climate Change. Its history is deeply entrenched in the story of Dorset,

Algonquin Highlands and Haliburton County.

I often run into people who worked there and have heard about the amazing work that was done.

The Highlander has to agree with both Barrie Martin, a former Frost Centre employee and now tourism expert, as well as Moffatt.

Martin envisions the Frost Centre continuing as a place of education about natural resources, ecology and climate change. Moffatt wants to ensure that the history is somehow honoured in whatever it becomes.

The buyer will have to be visionary. He, she or them will have to honour the trail system that runs through the land, and the launch to St. Nora's Island. They will have to embrace the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails office and its hub of activity. They will have to love the land as much as we all do. We will all be watching anxiously to see how this historic piece of Haliburton County can live on long into the future.

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## Flu season and the pandemic

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When you are run down and exposed to the same virus, you run the risk of becoming ill enough to require hospitalization.

Here are tips to avoid succumbing to this season's common cold, influenza and COVID-19 viruses.

1. Avoid exposing yourself. Malls, stores, banks, post office, restaurants are all high traffic places with high risk for exposure. Limit, or ideally, avoid public places. Telephone orders, internet delivery and curbside pickup are options.

2. Stay away from sick people. Urge others to stay home if unwell, just as you must do to prevent virus transmission if you have symptoms.

Viruses require a new human host to replicate and survive. If a virus cannot move to a new host then it dies. Did you know that if we all stayed away from each other for two weeks, then COVID-19 would die off that quickly? Pretty good reason to stay home, isn't it?

3. Wash your hands. COVID -19 can

survive on skin for nine hours (11 hours if mixed with mucus and phlegm). Influenza A can last 1.8 hours. Viruses can last even longer on inanimate surfaces, as long as 72 hours on metal such as doorhandles and subway poles and bank machine keypads.

4. Get vaccinated. Anyone at any age can get the flu. For some people, the flu is mild, but for others it can be severe and even cause death.

The flu vaccine stimulates your immune system to produce special substances and cells that can fight the flu virus. (The vaccine does not cause the flu or increase your risk of getting the flu or other illnesses, such as COVID-19.)

Getting the flu virus can make it easier for you to get other viruses and illnesses. Getting the flu vaccine can help keep you and your lungs healthy. This can be especially important if you're exposed to COVID-19.

Anyone exposed to COVID-19 while fighting the flu would be at higher risk of respiratory complications. It is your responsibility to decrease your risk of hospitalization from influenza. Hospitalization potentially exposes you to other illnesses such as COVID-19.

When there is a viral pandemic, like COVID-19, it is more important than ever to get the flu vaccine.

The flu vaccine can help keep you from getting sick and going to the hospital. It is also possible that our hospitals and health resources will not be able to support the volume of patients when COVID-19 is circulating, and so getting an available vaccination is just sensible.

Each one of us is in charge of our own behaviour, which influences our personal health and therefore the health of our family and community. Isn't it empowering to know you can have control over the spread of illness as well as the severity of potential illness?

To get the flu vaccine, contact your local pharmacy or doctor's office. Everyone over six months of age is urged to get vaccinated.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

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# Editorial opinion

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Mike Young of Algonquin Highlands said both white and red-breasted nuthatches are quite active at his house right now.

## LETTERS

### Must speed up four hours of direct care

*Dear editor,*

On Nov. 1, the Ontario government took a huge step to address the long overdue need to improve quality of care for seniors in long-term care homes by establishing a new four hours of direct care per day standard.

However, Premier Doug Ford pledged to achieve the standard by 2024-2025, which is totally unacceptable. Our group believes that if Ford had the political will, he could and would fast track this process.

Advocates and unions have called for a minimum of a four-hour standard of daily care per day for years. However, severe cutbacks throughout many governments have brought us to the crisis we are in today. Those calls have intensified since the start of the pandemic after more than 2,010 LTC residents have died of COVID-19.

The CEO of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, Doris Grinspun, Candace Rennick, Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Union of Public Employees' Ontario chapter and NDP Leader Andrea Horwath have all called on the timeline to be moved up.

Earlier this month, the province's LTC COVID-19 Commission also said Ontario must increase hours of care to four hours, per resident, per day, increase funding to hire more personal support workers and nurses, increase inspections and have a dedicated staff person in each home who is responsible for infection control procedures and compliance.

"Too much of the government's response to date has been focused on PR at the expense of concrete measures," said Natalie Mehra, Executive Director of the Ontario Health Coalition.

If provinces such as Quebec and British Columbia can act as quickly as they did in the past six months to implement the necessary changes such as creating more care hours, full-time jobs, salary increases and training, Ontario can too.

**Bonnie Roe**  
**Haliburton-CKL Long-Term Care Coalition**

### This is rural Ontario

*Dear editor,*

Any amendment to the County's official plan for seasonal properties converting to permanent residences must consider existing structures with upgrades versus new construction.

If any existing structure does not comply with Ontario Building Code and/or septic sewage rules, and potable water supply, a minor variance application should prevail outlining strict approvals.

If new development, the OBC, septic sewage rules and potable water supply have to meet all regulations.

We all share in safe drinking water, wildlife preservation and protection of our forests.

Any private cottage road has been the responsibility of landowners. To upgrade to a municipal/County standard, costs would

be prohibitive.

If one wants to convert a seasonal dwelling or new shoreline construction into permanent accommodation then one must realize there are limitations and responsibilities one must live with. This is rural Ontario, not an urban centre.

As far as a taxation cutback comment, seasonal residents are aware of the zoning and bylaw regulations. Any attempt to stray from that should not be an incentive for a handout. by landowners. As a waterfront owner, one has the benefit of access to the lake on which they have their cottage while those of us who do not live on a lake must rely on public beaches and/or public access.

**Beverly MacDuff**  
**Gooderham**

### Wetlands reversal

*Dear editor,*

I recently read the article ... quoted, "The 57-acre wetland, located just south of Highway 401 near Pickering's border with Ajax, is part of the lower Duffin's Creek wetland complex, which was deemed 'provincially significant' back in 2005" — a designation that is supposed to protect it from development or alteration.

But on Friday, the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs announced that a minister's zoning order, or MZO, was being issued for the site, allowing a distribution centre and production facility to be built there.

I would like to know how this decision

could set a precedent for overruling other designated significant wetlands. I am writing as a concerned citizen.

Wetlands are an integral part of our water and ecosystems. Why spend money on land planning and research when it can all be overruled? As a board member with the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust who is in the midst of research on wetlands mapping this is discouraging news.

Please clarify this decision.

**Joan Duhaime**  
**Concerned resident of Haliburton County**

### Mabel Brannigan's articles

*Dear editor,*

Just a note to tell you how much we are enjoying the great articles from Mabel about the world and Minden/Haliburton during the war years and beyond.

She is an amazing wealth of knowledge from those days and we all can learn so much from her memories.

It is so important to explain to our youth as well as ourselves what happened in history.

She is able to put the stories in such a way that we instantly feel connected to her and her generation.

I really hope that she can continue to keep writing about more experiences as I am certain she still has many tales to tell

**The Nassiri Family**



# Highlander news



The Frost Centre is up for sale. Image courtesy CBRE Limited Real Estate Brokerage.

1921  
1944  
1974  
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2007  
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2020

A ranger station was established on the west shore of St. Nora Lake by the Department of Lands and Forests.

In 1944, the province and the University of Toronto Faculty of Forestry entered into a partnership to educate government personnel and university students.

In 1974, Premier Bill Davis announced that the facility would be developed as a demonstration area in resources management, education and recreation and would be called The Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre.

On July 6, 2004, the Liberals announced it was closing the centre in one week. On July 13, 2004 the centre closed. A massive public protest and rally ensued. Proponents got the government to lease, not sell, the property. The Friends of The Frost Centre is launched.

In 2007, the Frost Centre Institute was established, but closed in 2010.

The Ontario government of the day put the property up for sale but was unsuccessful in selling it.

On Oct. 29, 2020 the property was again put up for sale.

## Opportunity knocks as Frost Centre on market

By Lisa Gervais

News the Frost Centre is again up for sale didn't come as a surprise to a former employee or the mayor of the township in which it resides.

However, both Barrie Martin and Carol Moffatt have a keen interest in what might eventually happen at the former Leslie M. Frost Natural Resource Centre in Dorset.

Martin worked there for 24 years and Moffatt, before she became mayor, fought hard to keep the centre open. Since then, as mayor of Algonquin Highlands, she's watched the Frost Centre story unfold.

A 'for sale' sign went up Oct. 29. Infrastructure Ontario, the Crown agency that manages provincially-owned infrastructure and real estate, has enlisted CBRE Limited Real Estate Brokerage, which is offering the 40.63 acres of waterfront land, with 21 buildings, full kitchen, dining hall and recreation centre, for \$1.1 million.

Martin told *The Highlander* the centre's closing in 2004 was a tragedy and "hopefully it'll be acquired to serve the broader good, but who knows who'll buy

it and when they'll buy it."

Since the listing went up last week, Martin said it's created a social media buzz. He said he's even been approached by a couple of people about taking a leadership role in purchasing and developing the property but he is not interested at this point. However, he said he was happy to lend support.

Martin was on the Friends of the Frost Centre that had some ambitious plans, such as a leadership camp.

He added that with the trails, some heritage designations and easements, he hopes whoever buys it sees that as an opportunity rather than a limiting factor.

Asked about his vision for the property in 2020, Martin said it would involve a lot of partners coming together, both local and other.

"And they would build a facility that would serve to educate people about natural resources and ecology and climate change - all of those things we're all worried about."

He added, "really people coming together in this current climate and dreaming and thinking about what could be and then making it happen with some good leadership and investment."

Moffatt said for her it's about honouring the history.

"We need to preserve this piece of our local story. It's my hope that the heritage of the Frost Centre and its importance in the community is woven into whatever becomes of the property," she told *The Highlander*.

She said the township wasn't surprised by the sale, but it "ushers in the final blow to what Leslie M. Frost himself said about the new school in 1944, 'this school may well be the forerunner of other such establishments in Ontario'."

Moffatt said the township toured the facility in August 2013 when the province was making it surplus. She said there had always been hopes about Algonquin Highlands centralizing the Stanhope and Dorset operations into one place and perhaps developing an accommodation-based recreational program to go with the trails system. "There were lots of ideas."

However, she said the condition of the facility was "disheartening." The township realized the size of the property and the amount of work needed made it too expensive. However, they secured their

trails system and had the area where the trails office is severed with a long-term lease.

Moffatt said the Frost Centre was a fixture of the community and an incredible link to community, education and natural resources.

"Its history is deeply entrenched in our local heritage," she said, adding, "a lot of amazing people worked there and a lot of amazing work was done there. Many who worked there still have very strong feelings about their time there and how the closure was handled."

Moffatt said she's been in the centre since it closed and. "each time we wandered the barren halls and stood in the empty classrooms, there was a tangible sadness; you could feel the memories."

Minister of Infrastructure and local MPP Laurie Scott said, "its time has come." She added she is optimistic that there is now an opportunity for the centre to be something different while respecting its heritage.

"There's lots of good news that could come from it. Let's get moving forward with an opportunity for economic development."

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# Highlander news

## Library services return to smaller branches

By Joseph Quigley  
Local journalism initiative reporter

The Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) is bringing curbside pickup to its smaller branches in Highlands East. HCPL announced Nov. 2 it would begin bringing books to patrons in Cardiff, Highland Grove and Gooderham for the first time since the pandemic began. People can place a hold on books for a once-per-week pickup day. The pickups will begin next week.

Branch services librarian Erin Kernohan-Berning said the small size of those branches makes opening them difficult due to the enclosed spaces, but they worked out a plan to at least provide curbside.

“Opening those branches wasn’t really an option,” Kernohan-Berning said. “Curbside, because it was successful in our larger branches, could be an option.”

HCPL has run pickup at its larger branches since June 25, including Dysart, Minden and Wilberforce. The three branches have also been open with limited hours since Sept. 8.

Kernohan-Berning said while navigating running libraries in a pandemic, staff have tried to be careful not to add too much at once. Getting service to smaller branches waited while HCPL worked through reopening larger ones. But with that going well, she said the time was right to expand services again.

“Needed to be able to find our feet each time we did something new,” she said. “I can definitely understand and definitely



The Haliburton County Public Library is bringing curbside pickup to Cardiff, Highland Grove and Gooderham. *File photo*

feel the frustration with some of the patrons in Cardiff and Highland Grove and Gooderham. They haven’t had library service in their community since March and that’s tough.”

Holds at the three branches can now be

made through [haliburtonlibrary.ca](http://haliburtonlibrary.ca), or by contacting [info@haliburtonlibrary.ca](mailto:info@haliburtonlibrary.ca) or your local library branch.

Kernohan-Berning said she expects a fair amount of demand for the three locations. She added although the library has a

substantive online collection, people still want physical books.

“The library is more than just books, but this is definitely a reminder books are certainly an important part of the service,” she said.

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### (Virtual) Council Meetings

Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

**November 12** – Committee of the Whole Meeting  
**November 26** – Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in December. Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at [www.mindenhills.ca/council/](http://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/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/council/). Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

### Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week

The week beginning on November 1 in each year is proclaimed as Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week. As winter approaches, the impetus to begin using gas fired appliances, such as fireplaces, that can produce lethal carbon monoxide increases. Appliances that are rarely used over the summer months may develop leaks or blockages and cause carbon monoxide to accumulate inside the home. Therefore, it is important to inspect appliances and carbon monoxide detectors when the colder temperatures begin.

#### Carbon Monoxide Alarm Tips

**Testing and Replacing:**

- Landlords are responsible for installing and maintaining carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in their rental units
- Landlords are required to test CO alarms in rental units annually and when the battery is replaced, changes are made to the electric circuit or a change of tenancy occurs.
- It is against the law for tenants to remove the batteries or tamper with CO alarms in any way.
- Test CO alarms every month by pressing the test button.
- Replace batteries every year.
- Replace CO alarms according to manufacturer's instructions.

**Know the Sound of the CO Alarm:**

- Your CO alarm sounds different than your smoke alarm. Test both alarms monthly and make sure everyone in your home knows the difference between the two alarm sounds.
- Know the difference between the CO alarms' low-battery warning, end of life warning and an emergency alarm – consult the CO alarm manufacturer's instructions.

**What to do if the CO Alarm Sounds:**

- Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea and dizziness, as well as confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness and death.
- If your CO alarm sounds, and you or other occupants suffer from symptoms of CO poisoning, get everyone out of the home immediately. Then call 9-1-1 or your local emergency services number from outside the building.
- If your CO alarm sounds, and no one is suffering from symptoms of CO poisoning, check to see if the battery needs replacing, or the alarm has reached its "end-of-life" before calling 9-1-1.

If you have any questions please reach out to your local fire department for more information.  
*A Message from the Minden Hills Fire Department*

### Mail Collection Protocols

Due to COVID-19 we have updated our procedures for processing incoming mail. Mail will be collected daily from the Post Office and our Drop Box and held for a three (3) day period prior to opening and distribution. Mail that has legislative requirements is being monitored by Staff.

If you are mailing an item that is time sensitive it is suggested that you email a copy to the appropriate Staff Member or our general email account at [admin@mindenhills.ca](mailto:admin@mindenhills.ca).

We wish to thank you for your patience as we strive to keep our Team Members, their families and Members of the Public safe and healthy.

### Ammunition is Not Recyclable

Please place spent ammunition casings in the garbage. If you have unspent ammunition that you wish to dispose of, please contact the OPP. Do not place spent or unspent ammunition in the Blue Box.



# HOME OF THE HIGHLAND *STORM!*



Veronica Heasman maneuvers the puck over the blueline during game action Oct. 31. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

## U13 Green edge U13 Yellow in close game

This past Saturday, Oct. 31, the U-13 yellow team (coached by Julia Fedeski) faced off against the U-13 green team (coached by Andrew Burtch) for an exciting, end-to-end, 3-2 hockey game.

Both teams played hard and smart which made for fast-paced 3-on-3 hockey. With end-to-end action and big saves by both goalies, it was a fun one to watch.

Deagan Davison, Parker Simms and Evan Jones worked the offensive zone creating many scoring opportunities by good passing and heads-up play making. They rushed the puck up the ice showing their great stick handling and skating abilities putting them in great positions in the offensive zone. Their efforts in the offensive zone led to the team's two goals.

Jack Tomlinson, Matthew Scheffee and Jaxen Casey forced a fast-paced game by their relentless forechecking and backchecking. These three had many great opportunities in the offensive zone. Their big presence in the defensive zone and ability to keep the other team to limited shots displayed their skill at both ends of the ice.

Veronica Heasman, Sadie Evans-Fockler and Taylor Mulock are a fighting trio. Their impeccable efforts to backcheck and play in the defensive zone did not go unnoticed. This threesome made great passes out of the defensive zone leading to many offensive opportunities. This line has improved significantly in just two weeks of game play.

Hudson Horsley made many amazing saves throughout the game. From a penalty shot to an amazing side-to-side sliding save, he put on a display of his goalie skills.

Even though Team Yellow lost 3-2, the team showed incredible effort and skill. The progress this team has made so far is incredible and I am excited to watch them grow as players and a team over the course of the season.

The coaching staff wants to send a special thanks to the parents for all their efforts and commitment to their kids in sports.

Our next game is Saturday, Nov. 7. (Submitted by Julia Fedeski)



## SCOREBOARD

### FRIDAY, OCT. 30

U17 Yellow v.s.	<b>W</b>
U17 Green	<b>L</b>

### SATURDAY, OCT. 31

U11 Blue vs	<b>W</b>
U11 Green	<b>L</b>

U11 Red vs.	<b>W</b>
U11 Yellow.	<b>L</b>

U13 Red vs.	<b>W</b>
U13 Blue	<b>L</b>

U13 Yellow vs.	<b>L</b>
U13 Green	<b>W</b>

### SUNDAY, NOV. 1

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U17 Red	<b>L</b>

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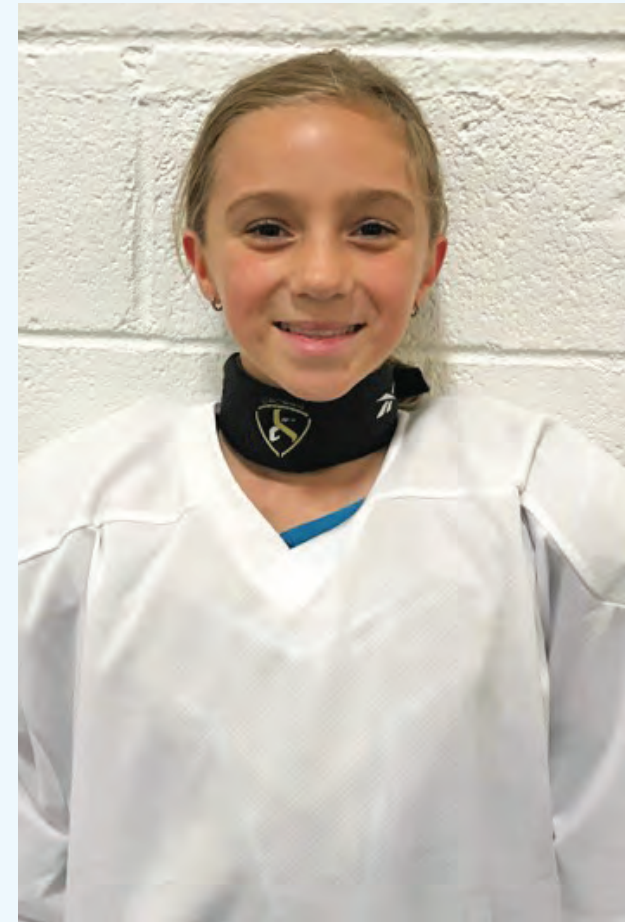
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#2 TAYLOR MULOCK

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#3 SADIE EVANS-FOCKLER

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Mabel Brannigan at a past Remembrance Day gathering in Minden. *File photo.*

## Part 17: Continue to fight for freedoms won

By Mabel Brannigan

By the silver anniversary of the end of the Second World War, Canadians saw the War Measures Act implemented by Pierre Trudeau in an attempt to capture a Quebec terrorist who had kidnapped a British diplomat and a Quebec cabinet minister.

By 1975, it was necessary to adopt wage and price controls to curb inflation.

Twenty-five years more brought many more changes. We had watched a man walk on the moon and describe its beauty. We thrilled to such movies as *The Godfather* and *Airport* in 1970. Also, that year, a strong and strange aroma was blowing into Canada from a dairy farm in New York State. It was caused by a four-day gathering of 400,000 at a rock and roll concert. As often happened, disapproval of government is expressed through song and music.

In these articles, I have tried to express

the feelings of the horror of war - especially a war which killed over 50 million of the world's people and left countless others wounded in body and mind.

Canada now faces a new and different war - a moral war of hate, greed, discrimination, exploitation and other human life issues. They are many and complex without black and white answers. Like Hitler's philosophy, these issues breed and thrive on indifference. As Canadian citizens, we are called upon to understand and to meet the challenge like we did when the war was started. We must make reasonable decisions on each ethical issue and then defend our chosen position.

"The world is a dangerous place to live, not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it." - Albert Einstein.

This is the reason when I disagree with

something government is doing, I sit down and demand answers. I don't complain, and I hope you do the same. I may have to write five or six letters. Stamps are not required but eventually they send a letter, because if not, a little old lady in Minden is going to hound the hell out of them until someone is accountable. And I never let go. Complaining to friends won't get you anywhere.

Recently, we are faced with diseases unknown in the past. Decreasing Medicare funds have to be allocated fairly. There is the ethical dilemma of caring for the elderly with the numbers in this group increasing, and the family caregivers decreasing. Abuse of the elderly happens often, and the abuser is often a family member.

Further, there is the issue around medical assistance in dying and moral challenges of controlling reproduction, and the continual

debate on abortion.

These are only a few of the issues today. Those who gave their lives in the Second World War provided the opportunity for all Canadians to work together for a better country. **This is the last column in this series.**

For the purposes of the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, the names of those who died from Haliburton County are listed below:

Jack Anderson, Lyle Boice, Leslie Burk, Arthur Carhochan, Elmer Covert, Vern Cowan, Ross Davidson, Richard Dawson, Burt Fielding, Jordan Gainer, Mervin Harrison, Lyle Horsley, Elgie Henderson, Irwin Hout, Russel LaRue, Max McCracken, James Nicholls, Donald Pasquino, James Redner, George Swanton, Walter Winn, James Wright.

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# Remembrance Day



## WAR Through the Eyes of a Homefront Girl

By Annabelle Borgdorff

Mommy and I are safe in our home,  
Trying to think a good thought.

We hope that Daddy's safe in the zone,  
Not wounded, dead or caught

While Daddy is gone, we don't have much.

We can't go out to get food.

We have to save and ration and such;  
Life at home is crude.

The schools are closed; no homework now. Daddy's gone this year.

I have to help mom run the farm and plow. We're working, trying not to fear.

The women impress me during this war-Farmers, nurses and pilots

I didn't know girls could do so much more Daddy'd be proud of mom, lots!

I am ready for this awful war to end,  
To have peace back again.

We all learned a lot from the time we did spend. I want to see daddy, but when?

I'm thankful for the lessons learned.

The sacrifices are worth it.

Canada's freedom has been earned.

To remember forever, I commit.

## Why Do We Remember?

By: Evan Backus

The soldiers risked their lives for peace  
Will their pain ever cease, How do we show our thanks  
For the people who bravely drove the tanks

Now we can be free, Because of those who took a knee. Our future  
will be bright, Thanks to those who fought the fight Their memories of  
war are hard to bear The things they saw were not quite fair

On Remembrance Day we bow our heads For the people who did things they dread.  
Never forget the price they paid, We hope their lessons never fade, We are grateful for  
where we live, The incredible gift they did give On the eleventh day of November,  
We all gather to remember



Top drawing by Brooklyn Bjelis. Background drawing by Jessica Byers. Bottom drawing by Izzy Hill. Photos submitted.





# Remembrance Day

## County Of Haliburton's HONOUR ROLL

### 1914 – 1918

Duncan Anderson	Percy Gainer	George Logan
Benjamin Bird	George Logan	Bruce McKnight
Arthur Bishop	Richard Gregory	Ashton Moore
George Bowers	Robert Groves	Leslie Reynolds
Walter Bowron	Arthur Harrison	Mack Scott
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Edward Cox	Joseph Howe	Donald Watt
Frederick Croft	George Hunter	Harry Welch
Russell Curry	James Lewis	Hillard Wood
George Dack	Samuel Little	

### 1939 – 1945

Jack Anderson	Burt Fielding	James Nicholls
Lyle Boice	Jordan Gainer	Donald Pasquino
Leslie Burk	Mervin Harrison	James Redner
Arthur Carnochan	Elsie Hendeson	George Swanton
Elmer Covert	Lyle Horsley	Walter Albert Winn
Vern Cowan	Irwin Howe	James Wright
Ross Davidson	Russell Larue	
Richard Dawson	Max McCracken	

## Legion commemorates Remembrance Day

In the Spring, The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 - Haliburton announced the winners of its annual literacy and poster contest. With COVID-19, *The Highlander* decided to wait to publish the results until its Remembrance Day edition - anticipating there wouldn't be Remembrance Day services this year as in the past.

The Legion said 93 students participated in this year's contest, from Stuart Baker Elementary School, J. Douglas Hodgson E.S. and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"Although a key component of all of the work we do is to honour and remember not only those who have fallen, but also those who are currently serving in the Canadian military, we recognize that our youth also play a crucial role in the growth of our communities and in continuing the tradition of Remembrance," the Legion said.

They thanked teachers, school administration staff and parents who encouraged their students to make the effort. They said the interest and continued support is much-needed and very much appreciated.

## Essay contest

Senior: First Bianca Salaris. Intermediate: First Teagan Hamilton, second Taliah Dumas-Stephenson. Junior: First Sophia Burke.

## Poem contest

Senior (Grades 10-12): First Jessica Byers, second Savannah Byers, third Bianca Salaris. Intermediate (Grades 7-9): First Annabelle Borgdorff, second Autumn Winder. Junior (Grades 4-6): First Evan Backus, second Isaac Borgdorff, third Lara Gallent.

## Colour poster contest

Intermediate: First Izzy Hill, second Geinwyn Mathura, third Allie Todd. Junior: First Payton Somers, second Deagan Davison, third Eric Mueller. Primary: First Brooklyn Bjelis, second Anika Suke, third Ellie Bishop.

## Black and white poster contest

Senior: First Jessica Byers, second Kylie Brohm, third Jasmine Maghini. Intermediate: First Jazzalynne West, second Annika Posti, third Skye Knight. Junior: First Rosie Lafleur, second Chase Winder, third Austin Bain. Primary: First Keira Dacey, second Parker Holden, third Skye Upton.

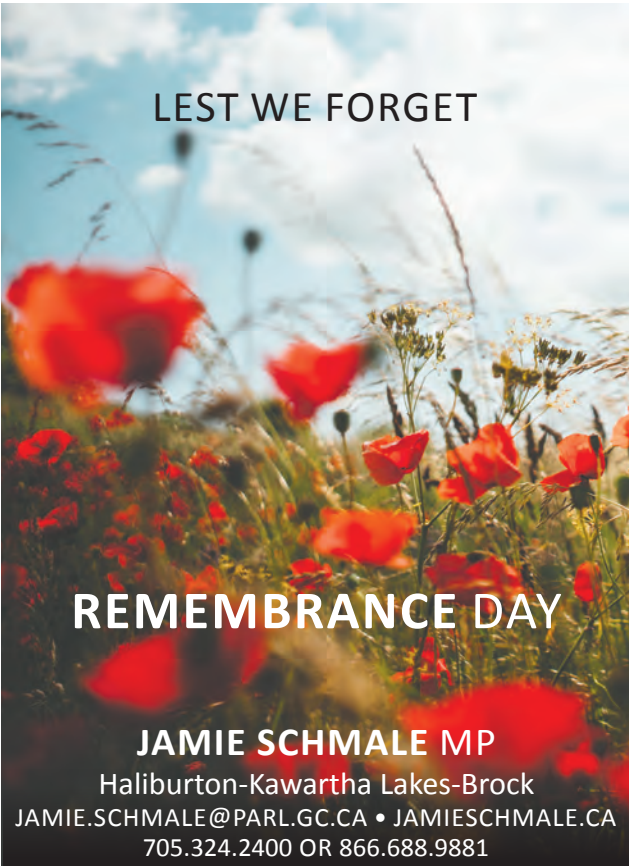
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# What's on

## WHAT'S ON

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](mailto:g_gotter@hotmail.com) or Pam Hewitt Osborne [pewittosborne@gmail.com](mailto:phe Wittosborne@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://facebook.com/flemingHSAD)

Friends, Fun and Adventure - The Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, a free program for youths aged 12 to 18. Meeting every Thursday evening 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Coboconk Legion

Lunch Is On Us started Wednesday, Nov. 4 from 11:30 - 2 p.m. and will continue every Wednesday for the next 16 weeks. It's free, hosted by SIRCH Community Services and everyone is welcome (till the food runs out). Location: SIRCH Bistro & Marketplace, 49 Maple Ave., Haliburton - street level. Follow SIRCH's Facebook page to see what's being served each week. Come join the fun

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](mailto:brown.jordyn@gmail.com)

### NOVEMBER 19

CFUW presents Nancy Brownsberger, who will talk about "Navigating Life thru Uncertain Times." She will focus on reminding ourselves and getting curious about coping strategies for "Navigating Difficult Times." For more info go to [cfuwvh.ca](http://cfuwvh.ca)

### NOVEMBER 21

7-11 p.m. - The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129-Haliburton presents Emily Burgess and the Emburys in the Main Hall. Cost \$15. Ticket can be purchased ahead of time at the Haliburton Legion in the Clubroom Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Monday to Saturday 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 2. Tickets will be sold at the door at the night of the event as well. Social distancing and masks. See [haliburtonlegion.com](http://haliburtonlegion.com)

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Jordyn Brown and family pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes in October 2019. File.

## Operation Christmas Child back despite COVID

By Lisa Gervais

Organizers of Operation Christmas Child in the Highlands say their charitable shoebox project is back despite COVID-19.

"As the coloured leaves fade and we head into a fall season unlike any other, it is a comfort to know that some things have not changed. Operation Christmas Child will move forward this year," committee chair Jordyn Brown said.

The committee is inviting people to

participate "in the treasured and time-honoured initiative which the people of Haliburton County have always so generously supported," Brown added.

She said some people may still be comfortable shopping for, and packing, a shoebox. She said others might be more comfortable doing it online, or simply making a donation.

Collection week is set for Nov. 16-22 and shoeboxes can be dropped off at Lakeside Church in Haliburton, following pandemic protocols, on Tuesday, Nov. 17 and Wednesday,

Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon and on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Shoebox materials can be found at Needful Things, Master's Bookstore and Glecoff's Family Store in Haliburton.

"In a year so full of change, we thank you for your continued support of Operation Christmas Child," Brown said.

For more information, contact Brown at [brown.jordyn@gmail.com](mailto:brown.jordyn@gmail.com)

## Birthday wishes from a distance

Friends, neighbours and members of the Anglican Parish of Haliburton made a surprise visit to Dorothy Thayer's front yard to celebrate her 90th birthday Nov. 1 from a safe distance. The church choir sang a round of Happy Birthday to honour Thayer, an avid volunteer who runs the prayer shawls ministry with St. George's church.

"She's been a pillar in this community for years so we just wanted to give back to her," Wendy Vermeesh said.

"That's so special ... Just overwhelming," Thayer told the group. "It's not going to be a big birthday party at all, but I'm going to put the best linens and the best china and silverware out, candles on the table and enjoy."



Top: Friends and neighbours stand socially distanced on Dorothy Thayer's front yard to wish her a happy birthday. Bottom: Dorothy Thayer smiles from her front porch as the crowd sings to her. Photos by Joseph Quigley



# Highlander events



## Trunk-or-Treat

Hundreds of trick-or-treaters visited Head Lake Park for the Lakeside Church's annual Trunk or Treat event Oct. 31. The event featured COVID-19 restrictions, with limited visitors making their way through the line of decorated cars at once. Candy was placed on tables to prevent hand-to-hand contact.

Top left: Maddie Morrow, Remington Braun, Paisley Braun and Wyatt Braun wait in line for the event. Top right: The Innes family, including Natasha, Aidan, Andrew, Aidan, and dog Skipper await their turn for Trunk or Treat. Bottom: Gemma Fahrur, Aiden Barr, Isaac Fahrur and Liam Barr dress up in full costume. *Photos by Joseph Quigley.*

## Delivering candy to your doorstep

Rotaract – Haliburton Highlands distributed Halloween loot bags across the County for a community project fundraiser Oct. 31. The group delivered more than 150 bags across more than 50 households in all four townships (*Submitted*).

Left to right: Christine Carr, Rebecca Anderson, Scott Walling and Emma Becker package the loot bags, using Halloween-coloured cups.



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# Highlander classifieds

## OBITUARIES



### Doreen Joyce Robertson [Nee Miller] (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully on Sunday afternoon, November 1, 2020, in her 94th year. Beloved wife of Glen [predeceased]. Predeceased by her son, Barry [Patricia] and grandson, Craig. Loving mother of Bryan, Trudy [Jim] and Nancy [Ron]. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren, Shannon [David], Travis and Darcie [Damian].

We will miss her smile and ever-cheery, sunny disposition.

As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.



### In Loving Memory of Mark Joseph Prindiville

Passed away peacefully in his sleep at home in Haliburton on Sunday, November 1, 2020, at the age of 58.

Faithful husband of Carol Ann (nee Milne). Dear father of Dustin (Kayla), Jasmine,

Tara-Lyn (Scott) Theakston, grandfather of Declan, Dexter, and a granddaughter due in the spring of 2021. Cherished brother of Patty Carlson, Michael Prindiville, Peggy (Kevin) Lund and brother-in-law of Ken Milne. Survived by many nieces and one nephew, family and friends.

Private family arrangements. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highland Health Service Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



### In Loving Memory of Gene Merdith Newell

Passed away peacefully at his home in Gelert on Friday, October 30, 2020, at the age of 84.

Devoted husband and best friend of Gala (Snell) for over 55 years. Proud Father of Colin (Alison), Greg, and Kelly (Chris Allaire). Loving and cherished Grampa of Madison, Brock, Ava, Owen, Payton, and Carter. Predeceased by his parents Irvin and Victoria (Cox) Newell and by his siblings Florence, Grant, Edith, Mike, Joy, Barbara, Eldridge, and Hartley. Brother-in-law of Yvonne Newell, Chris Reid (Butch Harrison), Jack Snell (Cathy). Lovingly remembered by Nancy and by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Gene was a loyal and dedicated member of Arcadia Masonic Lodge # 440 for 44 years and had achieved 32 degrees with the Scottish Rite at Peterborough Valley of Perfection. Gene was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 636 for many years. Second to his Family, Gene loved sports, played fast pitch to the age 65, and was a loyal Maple Leaf fan. As per Gene's wishes cremation has taken place and a private family graveside service will be held at Gelert Cemetery on Saturday, November 7, 2020. A Celebration of Gene's Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Food Bank 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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Thank you for all the kindness, prayers, plants, flowers, cards, food and donations. Thank you to Avery Salem, Chris and Natasha Coombs, Toni Cooper, Michelle Jones and my entire family for all the love and support. Thank you to Bonnie Wyonch for your domestic skills. Thank you to Aaron and Tammy Salem and family for the Red Maple tree and the lovely plant.

Special love and thanks to Lori and to granddaughters Sierra (Tyson) and Nicole (Logan) and Chelsea. Thank you all for helping me to cope when my whole world was turned upside down. Your love and support will never be forgotten. Thank you with love.

- Marion Teatro



### In Loving Memory of Arthur Verne Bernier

Verne passed away peacefully on October 29, 2020 at the Haliburton Hospital in his 95th year.

He was predeceased by his father Albert Bernier, mother Maude, (née Taylor)

Bernier, his brother LeRoy and Aunt Beatrice Taylor.

He will be missed by his children Mark, Eric (Denise) and Lori (Alex). Verne was a proud Grandpa to Richard (Niki), James (Karen), Christine (Tyler), Jacqueline (Graeme), Genevieve (Scott), Benjamin (Ashley) and Philip. He was a Great Grandfather to Natalie, Hailey and Isla. Verne is remembered by his former wife Norma, (née Haskins) Bernier.

Verne was born May 8, 1925 in Montreal and grew up in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce. In 1941 he joined the Canadian Army, North Shore (New Brunswick) Regiment and was soon shipped out to active duty overseas during WW II. He participated in the Liberation of Holland. After the war he returned to Canada and moved to Toronto joining Colgate Palmolive Canada in 1948, settling into the family home in Scarborough. He enjoyed a rewarding career spanning 42 years. Upon retirement he became a consultant for Colgate Palmolive's New York head office and travelled internationally to many interesting cities for the next 5 years.

Verne loved being at the cottage on Mountain Lake for over 53 years and eventually moved there to make it his home. He could be found out for an early morning canoe paddle, towing a water skier behind the boat, working on a repair project or on the deck at 4:00pm for cocktail hour.

There will be no service based on Verne's wishes.

If desired, a contribution to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation 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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54	D	O	A		55	M	T	N		56	D	I	N		57	E	S	C					
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72	M	Y	W	O	R	D				73	S	P	Y		74	G	I	R	L				



# Highlander puzzles

## Four-closure

by Barbara Olson

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### Across

- 1 With 74-Across, novel by 32-Down
- 5 From N. of the 49th
- 8 In abundance
- 14 Opening numbers?
- 16 Pioneering web forum
- 17 Leaves and is barred from returning?
- 19 Go one better than
- 20 One of a wet septet
- 21 Bear with a too-hard bed
- 22 Baseball two-outers: Abbr.
- 25 Aurora's Greek counterpart
- 27 Work on an apron, maybe?
- 29 His or her, in Hull
- 30 Sequel featuring TV hillbilly Clampett?
- 34 Wouldn't know from \_\_\_\_
- 35 "Weekend Update" sketch show
- 36 It flows in the "fleuve"
- 37 Hamilton footballer, to fans
- 39 Busy place in January, often
- 41 Utensil to the right of a plate
- 45 "Do \_\_\_\_ favour, ..."
- 47 Cell phone data?: Abbr.
- 49 "Disco Fire" record maker
- 50 Is a blubbery spelling contestant?
- 54 Beyond rescue, in the E.R.
- 55 Atlas high point: Abbr.
- 56 Noisy racket
- 57 Keyboard "panic button"
- 58 Wrist-elbow connector
- 60 Ending for ball and Wall
- 62 Abbr. on many CDs
- 64 Polka party song for ballerinas?
- 70 Looking unwelcoming, as a door
- 71 Crusades, notably
- 72 "Good gracious!"
- 73 Le Carré figure
- 74 With 1-Across, book title on which this puzzle theme is based

### Down

- 1 "\_\_\_\_ me with a spoon!" ('80s "ugh!")
- 2 Acapulco gold
- 3 Maiden name lead-in

- 4 It's right on the map
- 5 Cost-cutter's cutouts
- 6 Toxic insecticide
- 7 Report from Renaldo
- 8 Sore stomach, crudely
- 9 Flicked bit of a butt
- 10 \_\_\_\_ Day (February 29)
- 11 Safe at second, say
- 12 Hauled in the harvest
- 13 Certain lab burners
- 15 Lovey-dovey murmurer
- 18 "\_\_\_\_ guys like you for breakfast!"
- 22 F-bomb's much milder cousin
- 23 Piggie-painting session
- 24 Distinctly disconnected, in mus.
- 26 Spotify selection
- 28 Fine furniture wood
- 31 So-called "fifth taste"
- 32 Gillian who wrote 1+74-Across
- 33 Deep-sixes
- 38 Overflow (with)
- 40 '70s fad ring revelation
- 42 "How hard can \_\_\_\_?"
- 43 Membership dues, e.g.
- 44 Baseboards heat, e.g.: Abbr.
- 46 Knock the socks off
- 48 With a sarcastic edge
- 50 Nudist's body?
- 51 Approached E, on the road
- 52 "Why am \_\_\_\_ surprised?"
- 53 Wrap up no later than
- 54 Pasta wheat
- 59 Mutt's mouthful, maybe
- 61 Utmost degrees
- 63 "Hi and Lois" hound
- 65 Poetic "above"
- 66 Start to skip and jump?
- 67 Bollywood's Aishwarya \_\_\_\_
- 68 School learning triplet
- 69 Anglophile's corr. course, maybe



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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

4	1	9	6	5	8	3	7	2
5	7	3	2	9	1	4	6	8
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6	3	4	7	1	9	8	2	5
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38	B	R	E	A	K		39	O	U	T	O	U	T		41	B	R
42	S	O	N	S			43	H	D	T	V				44	L	E
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56	C	A	T	H	O		57	U	S	E	H	O	U		59	S	E
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