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Caroline McEathron was just one of the vendors at Christmas in the Village in Minden Nov. 21. See more on page 27. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Unknown hunter fires door-destroying bullet

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Molenaar family recently came home to an unpleasant surprise – something had smashed their glass patio doors.

At first, they thought it might have been a bird, but the force required to break

the glass made that unlikely. But after canvassing their neighbours, the source was discovered: two loud gunshots, heard earlier in the day.

Dan Molenaar said police would later investigate and find the bullet, shot by a hunter, embedded in an exterior wood wall

on the deck of their Eagle Lake-area house.

“My concern is that this is a fairly populated neighbourhood in the community,” Molenaar said. “The fact that somebody would recklessly discharge a firearm without knowing the backdrop of where that projectile could potentially hit

was just extremely reckless behaviour.”

Haliburton Highlands OPP confirmed the account. However, after police spoke with neighbours, Molenaar said they determined nobody from the area was hunting that day. The culprits are unknown, and the investigation reached a dead end,

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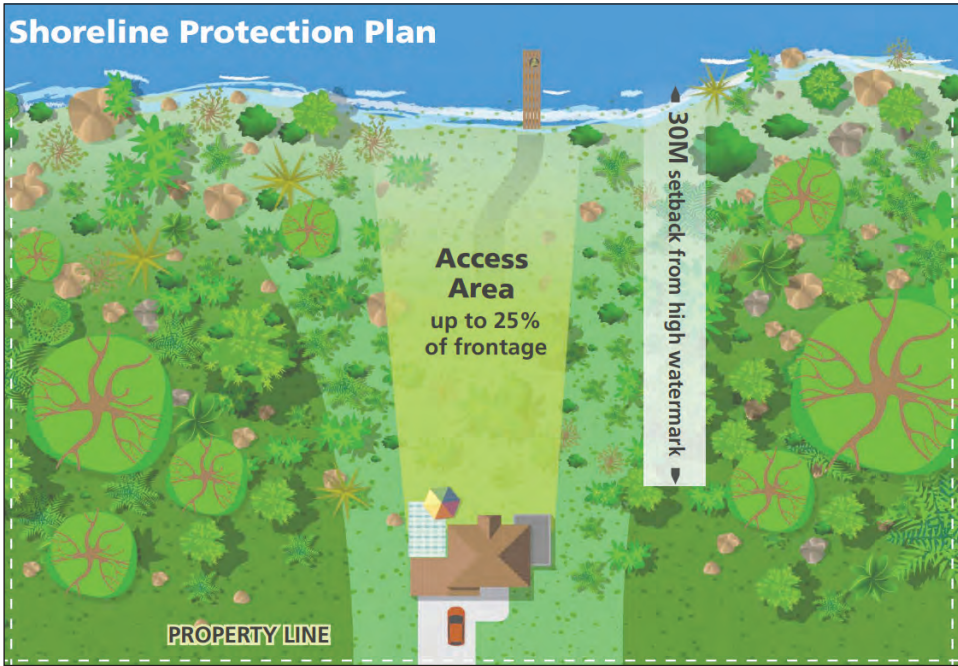
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A diagram of the protection area included in a new info document from the County on its draft shoreline bylaw. Photo via County of Haliburton.

County sends shoreline bylaw to the public

Renaturalization considered

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The County of Haliburton is ready for a public meeting on its shoreline preservation bylaw with a possible requirement for renaturalization up for discussion.

County council reviewed the draft bylaw and new public information documents at a special meeting Nov. 23. The meeting delved into questions on the bylaw and how to present it to the public, with a variety of minor adjustments put forward for staff implementation.

One key point of discussion was over the renaturalization of shorelines. The bylaw as it stands does not require people to change already developed shorelines, only restricting future development. But councillors raised the possible need to codify shoreline renaturalization and agreed to include it as a question in upcoming consultation.

“There are passionate positions on both sides,” Coun. Carol Moffatt said. “When we look at the objectives of this bylaw (get County shorelines to 75 per cent naturalized), I don’t know if we’re going to achieve these if we don’t implement something that required renaturalization. But I think that’s a massive can of worms.”

The municipality has spent months reviewing the bylaw in response to public pushback. The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners’ Associations (CHA) has pointed to research about shorelines requiring 75 per cent naturalization to maintain water quality and help prevent algae blooms. A CHA assessment of 60 local lakes found only 47-48 per cent of their shorelines were natural.

Deputy warden Andrea Roberts said the bylaw should remain as is, with something addressing renaturalization possibly coming later.

“How we move is a process,” Roberts said. “This is a step and I think we would be biting off more than we can chew.”

Warden Liz Danielsen said it makes sense to include it in public consultation. She added renaturalization could help alleviate the concerns landscapers have about the bylaw taking from their work.

“If we include a renaturalization component ... we’re offering another opportunity. It’s just a different kind of work,” she said.

Public information addressed

Councillors spent approximately four hours reviewing the bylaw, addressing issues such as wording, fish habitat and pressuring the province to allow higher fines to stand.

They also reviewed three documents aimed at making the bylaw more digestible than the “legalese”: an illustrated summary document, a fact sheet and an online self-assessment tool to help property owners determine whether they need a permit.

The municipality has set a target date of April 15 to begin enforcement of the bylaw. Both staff and councillors called the date “ambitious” but said it could be adjusted as needed.

Council voted to receive the discussion as information and direct staff to initiate public consultation and organize a virtual public meeting. That meeting is expected to be some time in January.

Moffatt asked how much time would be allowed to review input.

“Whatever time it takes,” Danielsen responded. “There’s going to be things that we hear and agree with. There will be things we hear and disagree with or can’t do anything about for legislative reasons. We’ll have to wade through it all.”

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ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Town to purchase trails land

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is finalizing the purchase of a section of land at the Frost Centre it has long leased for its trails office.

At the Nov. 19 regular council meeting, CAO Angie Bird requested council's approval to sign the agreements for the one-acre, triangular piece of land.

"Since the Frost Centre has been vacant, we have worked with the ministry to try and acquire the property where that building is located and that's been ongoing since 2013," Bird said.

She added, "we are at a stage now where the ministry has received their okay to go ahead and sell it and so council has given that approval in closed session."

There is an agreement of purchase and sale, an agreement with the Ontario Heritage Trust to retain the heritage features on the property, the ministry retaining an easement on the boat launch and an easement agreement for the trail.

Bird said the total cost is \$247,159.21. The township has a reserve fund of \$122,406.12 from the sale of Club 35. It's recommended that the survey and application fee be paid from shoreline road allowance sales. A further recommendation will be made by the treasurer at the end of the year as to where the balance should come from.

Bird said it's anticipated that closing will occur before the end of the year.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said, "it secures continued operation of the 26,000 or so hectares of what's been known as the Frost Centre area, which is our trails network. And the easement allows continued public

access through the trails system that we operate to get people to the trails."

Some docks on public land to be removed

Council also decided at last Thursday's meeting that docks placed by people on some public property will have to be removed.

Some have been in place for years.

A staff report from planner, Sean O'Callaghan, referenced one location at the intersection of Dawson and North Shore roads. For years, two docks have been put there that jut into Maple Lake.

He said they're being used by non-waterfront property owners. He said staff sought a legal opinion.

O'Callaghan said there were liability concerns. He said the township risked exposure in the event of an injury. There were also parking worries.

He presented council with two choices: having the users enter into a license of occupation for continued use or for the township to have the docks removed.

A majority of councillors wanted the removal option. CAO Angie Bird noted they were installed illegally.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said it would be fine if people used the areas to swim. The issue is the infrastructure.

Councillor Lisa Barry added there were areas intended for access and day use, such as the Elvin Johnson Park.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielen said there would have to be a "robust" notification process.

Council did not make a decision on docks placed on township-owned shoreline road

allowances next to cottages and residences. That will be discussed at a future date.

Virtual tree lightings

Residents will be able to view virtual tree lightings Dec. 9 after council endorsed the idea.

There will be Zoom tree lightings, along with greetings from the mayor and councillors in Dorset, Stanhope and Oxtongue Lake.

Director of parks, recreation and trails, Chris Card, said the emergency operations centre discussed festivities this year and in light of COVID-19 decided an in-person event would not be advisable. However, they thought a Zoom tree lighting was doable.

Card said there could be caroling, story reading and story-telling. He said staff would also see if Santa and Sparky the fire dog would be available for special appearances.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux said although the virtual plan was innovative and adaptable, her ratepayers were interested in still holding an in-person gathering at Oxtongue Lake. She thought they could follow public health guidelines by having a limited number of people register, drive to the venue at a specific time, gather in their social bubbles in a hula hoop, view the festivities, then leave. She said the Oxtongue Lake tree lighting is a highlight of the season for many people.

However, she could not get her council colleagues to agree.

The event will be at 6 p.m. with more details to come. (*Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais*)

Stray hunting bullets not common

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leaving the family to clean up and pay for \$6,000 in damage to the impacted doors.

Molenaar said he is an experienced hunter. He said he has never encountered something such as this.

"Ethically hunting is a fantastic sport, but obviously there are individuals out there that may think differently and unfortunately give all hunters a bad name," he said. "Police were shocked – I thought it might be something that's fairly common. Apparently not."

He said he and his wife were away at the time, but the bullet passed by areas of the house they frequent.

"I don't think the hunter realized he could have endangered somebody's life," he said.

The couple is not sure if the culprit is aware of what happened. They hope that by sharing their story, the persons responsible might come forward.

"That's what I'm struggling with," Diane Molenaar said. "Just disappointed that nobody's come forward."

Anyone with information can contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 705-286-1431, 1-888-310-122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



Dan Molenaar stands next to a door frame at his home, busted by a stray bullet that also pierced the glass door behind it. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

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Affordable housing units get landing spot

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Places for People (P4P) will build Haliburton's newest not-for-profit housing development on Wallings Road with the blessing of the municipality.

Dysart et al council passed a resolution of support in principle to dispose of the property to begin the process of providing it for P4P. The not-for-profit is planning to develop 10-12 affordable housing units for \$2-\$2.5 million by fall 2022, raising money with community bonds.

Since P4P first proposed this in August, deputy mayor Patrick Kennedy said the municipality has worked with them to find a municipal property that would work for the development. The road is off County Road 21 just past the high school, next to the First Student Canada site.

"It's a suitable piece of property, we believe. It's close to the town for walking, very close on the sewage line," Kennedy said. "I'm excited about moving this project forward."

Mayor Andrea Roberts said the municipality will work on a memorandum of understanding and a subcommittee with P4P to get all the needed elements in place to advance the project.

P4P chair, Jody Curry, said the group has assembled a design team including an architect and a planning consultant ready to go to work. She said they know how to develop this land and plan to incorporate



Places for People has found the land it plans to use for a new affordable housing development in Haliburton. *File photo.*

green space.

"We're excited to hear it may absolutely be possible you may grant us this property," Curry said. "For us, this is just a perfect fit, so we can't say enough about this piece of property."

"Thanks, Dysart, for providing a great,

big, exciting light in our future. And we're hoping you're going to make it a green light."

Coun. Larry Clarke said the project is vital to address the housing shortage in the area.

"You talk to any business in town and there's no place for them to house

staff, even if they want to hire," Clarke said. "This is a critical element for this community."

"We'll keep the ball rolling on this one," Roberts said. "You guys are shining lights of volunteerism in our community."

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Schmale says Feds slow to okay rapid tests

By Lisa Gervais

MP Jamie Schmale criticized Health Canada for being slow in approving COVID-19 tests when he spoke at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association annual general meeting Nov. 22.

At the in-person AGM at the fish hatchery, Schmale said in his opinion, Health Canada could be more “vigilant and responsive” when it comes to approvals.

“Where I think Health Canada has a role, as we move forward, is rapid testing. Health Canada, in my opinion, has been a little slow in terms of approving some of these tests,” Schmale said.

He said a number of new tests have been approved in the United States and the European Union, adding experts say the EU is the gold standard. However, he said the same tests have been waiting for the green light by the Government of Canada.

Schmale said one test he has personally witnessed takes about three minutes to determine whether someone has COVID, does not, or has ever had the virus and now has antibodies. He said it is similar to a diabetes prick test that presents a small droplet of blood for analysis.

“So, it’s pretty amazing. Three minutes,” Schmale said.

He said with rising numbers across the globe and some Canadian cities going back into lockdown, rapid testing is key.

“Because I can test myself almost daily, and people can take themselves out of circulation. Right now, you could go days without actually knowing you have it. You could be infecting people all along the way.”

Preparing for Christmas, he said families and friends could know within three minutes whether anyone has COVID. He added when it comes to frontline workers in long-term care homes, they could also test



Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale speaks at the fish hatchery Nov. 22. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

themselves before every shift and have an answer within three minutes, thus limiting exposure to vulnerable seniors.

Schmale also touched on vaccines, saying he knows of three that are currently showing good signs of battling the virus with people of all ages. He noted that some require extreme cold so may be more problematic to store and disseminate. He said others are not requiring such extreme storage conditions. Schmale said the news

is “encouraging, and will hopefully get us back.”

He added for those who are concerned about being vaccinated, rapid testing remains an important part of the process.

Schmale also briefly touched on his new role in the Opposition Conservative government, that of Shadow Minister for Families, Children and Social Development. He also discussed his Save the Walleye project.

Referendum on MAID

Schmale is also asking constituents to vote on Bill C-7: the Medical Assistance in Dying Act (MAID).

Bill C-7 proposes amendments, as MAID is already legal Schmale has committed to voting based on constituent response.

County residents are receiving information in the mail and Schmale expects Third Reading before the end of December.

Doctor says flu vaccine shortages ‘distressing’

By Kirk Winter

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit focused on the problems they are having with providing enough flu vaccines and the planning already underway for the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine at their Nov. 19 meeting.

Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, said the health unit is having “challenges” in the rollout of flu vaccines for the 2020-2021 flu season.

“There are two different vaccines we are dealing with,” Noseworthy said, “the high dose vaccine and the quadrivalent vaccine that is designed to deal with four different strains of the flu. Currently we are all out of the high dose vaccine and the province is reviewing their procurement and distribution plans.”

She said they began their flu shot program in October and so far have used 42,000 doses supplied by the province.

Kawartha Lakes councillor Doug Elmslie said drug stores in his area are short of the vaccine and wondered what the health unit

could do about the situation.

“We do not supply the pharmacies,” Noseworthy responded, “and there are currently waiting lists for the vaccine.”

It was suggested provincial health units were only supplied the vaccine at the level they ordered last year, with no consideration for a surge of requests fueled by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The shortages were called “distressing” by Dr. Ian Gemmill, one of the physicians involved in the call.

Gemmill added the only silver lining regarding the flu season is data from the Southern hemisphere, which has already had their winter flu season and saw remarkably low numbers.

Health unit staff suggested there were two likely reasons for those hopeful numbers from South America, Africa, Asia and Australia. The first is “viral competition,” where the common flu virus has been overwhelmed by the much stronger COVID-19 virus and not given a chance to take hold in the nations providing data. The second is that precautions taken for COVID-19, including mask wearing, social

distancing, hand washing and the cleaning of high touch surfaces in public buildings, are also very effective in limiting the spread of the flu.

“We still encourage people to get their flu shots (once they are again available). It is certainly not too late,” Dr. Noseworthy said.

Noseworthy also shared “promising results” about the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccines pioneered by pharmaceutical companies Pfizer and Moderna.

“We expect the vaccine will be offered in a staggered manner with high risk individuals and those workers with an elevated risk of infection getting it first,” Noseworthy said.

“Aboriginal communities are also expected to be a priority,” Noseworthy added.

“We are working on a rollout which we expect in the first quarter of 2021,” Noseworthy said.

Elmslie asked Noseworthy how the vaccine will be distributed and whether it will follow the flu vaccine distribution model.

“The Pfizer vaccine needs to be kept at



Some local residents have been put on a waiting list for the flu vaccine. Flickr

-70 Celsius and the Moderna vaccine at -20 degrees Celsius,” Noseworthy said, “and with that in mind the vaccines will likely only be available at health unit clinics.”

Noseworthy promised more information on the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available.



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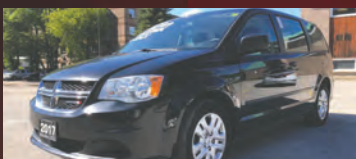
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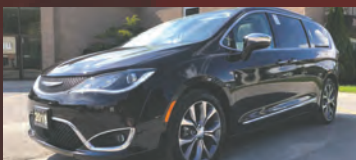
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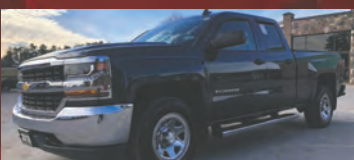
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A safe festive season

Minden Hills held a Christmas in the Village event Nov. 21.

There was an afternoon gathering followed by a ticketed nighttime tree lighting.

It was strange during these COVID times to see cars parked along the road and people lined up.

There is no doubt that organizers did a good job. They had a fenced in and barricaded area. There was a sign-in table with hand sanitizer. The number of people entering and leaving was tracked. I was told there was someone from the health unit on site. Organizers requested everyone wear masks, and they did. They had pavement markings to ensure social distancing but there were instances where people were not six feet apart as they walked through the outside heritage village.

It was interesting to see the social media reaction. Some people could not believe a township would organize such an event as a second wave of COVID-19 continues across the province. Others pointed out we are in a green zone and we can still host outdoor gatherings of 100 people. They said it was wonderful to have something festive to do with their family and friends.

By contrast, I attended an Algonquin Highlands council meeting Nov. 19 in which that council voted to scrap any in-person gatherings for this festive season. They have instead opted to do a virtual tree lighting in Stanhope, Dorset and Oxtongue. The only people who will be there are the councillors and their families and whoever is operating the Zoom link.

Every community is adopting a somewhat different approach. Haliburton put up its village tree Nov. 22 but it was not a public event, only some Lions Club members such as Jim and Marilyn Frost, some folks from Emmerson Lumber and some Dysart volunteer firefighters were there. And the Rotary Community Christmas Party will be a drive-through format at Curry Chevrolet Dec. 5.

As most of us know by now, another major event, the Christmas Shindig, will be presented virtually this Saturday night.

Before judging anyone, the public should familiarize itself with the rules and restrictions for regions in the green zone. For example, here in the Highlands, we're still allowed private gatherings of 10 people indoors and 25 outdoors; we can still have organized public events and gatherings

of 50 inside and 100 outside; our restaurants remain open; our sports and recreation fitness facilities are allowed to be open with limited numbers. We can still meet, like the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association did for its AGM this past Sunday, by limiting numbers. Our retail stores remain open.

Some confuse what's happening in hotspot areas, such as Toronto and Peel, with what is happening here.

As we head into the festive season, people are trying to come up with innovative ways to still gather, or fundraise, or do the things we traditionally do this time of the year. We're not going to like some people's choices. Some people are not going to like our choices. But as a community, as long as everybody follows the rules and regulations that are in place at any given time, there's no reason we can't have a safe festive season.



By Lisa Gervais

COVID CORNER

COVID-19 testing: the five Ws

The devil is in the details. That is, the SARS-CoV-2 strain of coronavirus that causes COVID-19 infections. That devil. And its devilish DNA. Those details.

Graphs, maps, statistics. Infection rates are climbing. Tracking where infected people are, identifying who they are and who they have contacted (or infected) is a constant and critical task. No small task.

These numbers are available on the government of Canada and Ontario websites (also covid19tracker.ca, CDC, WHO, ECDC).

This data guides necessary changes to people movements and alters our behaviour to control infection spread. Dr. John Snow became known as The Father of Epidemiology for famously identifying the source and route of a cholera epidemic in 1854 London. By mapping the outbreak, he identified the source - a public water pump. By removing the handle of the pump he stopped the deadly disease and saved countless lives. Dr. Snow's cholera maps are available on the internet and serve to remind us of the critical role of mapping epidemics.

Your role. Your cold symptoms might be COVID-19. You need to know if you have COVID-19 so you can quarantine, track your contacts and stop spreading the disease. I'll be your guide.

Who gets tested?

Anyone who has a confirmed (or suspected) contact with a COVID-19 patient;

Anyone with signs or symptoms

consistent with COVID-19 (use the online self assessment tool: covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment);

Anyone in special settings that can lead to rapid spread (long-term care, correctional facilities, homeless shelter, group living or work settings);

Possibly someone needing to confirm resolution of infection (health care worker, immunocompromised individual);

Possibly someone needing public health surveillance.

What is being tested?

The shedding of SARS-CoV-2 virus (RNA) identified from your saliva, respiratory and nasopharyngeal secretions, captured on a swab, usually from the back of the nose and throat.

When should I be tested?

Ideally, within hours to days of the start of symptoms. For most patients, shedding of viral RNA is at peak value on the day symptoms start, remains high for approximately six days, fades significantly in the second week of illness, and usually stops by day 14. The maximum viral shedding begins five to eight hours before you even have symptoms.

Where can I get tested?

The website covid-19.ontario.ca provides locations for testing, allows you to book online in some cases, and track your results. Haliburton's COVID Assessment Centre is in the parking lot of the Family Health

Medical Clinic. Book a test by calling 705-457-1212, ext 6. You do not need to be a resident of Haliburton.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

Why get tested?

A few reasons. Because we have cases of COVID-19 locally (don't be misled - the home address of a person tested determines which health unit adds the positive finding to its total count; someone cottaging in Haliburton who is COVID positive is not included in our statistics). Because your diarrhea, low energy, sore throat might be COVID-19. And because having a cold does not eliminate the possibility of a simultaneous COVID-19 infection. Because viral loads in asymptomatic (infected without symptoms) and symptomatic people are similar at time of diagnosis (asymptomatic individuals are considered to be responsible for nearly half - 45 per cent - of active infections.)

Because testing is a key part of controlling the spread of the coronavirus.

Contact tracing / Incubation period

It is important to keep track of your contacts, so you can look back and identify who you may have infected, or who may have infected you.

Time between exposure to the virus (being infected) and developing illness. Typically, three to seven days, ranges one-14 days.

Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Thinking critically and provoking discussion

Dear editor,

I was deeply saddened to read some of the letters to the editor regarding the article that Joseph Quigley wrote about the history of the name Haliburton. A good journalist helps us think critically and provokes discussion. Joseph Quigley did that very well. It is quite possible to disagree with a journalist and express that disagreement without resorting to personal attacks. There is no need to be rude or belligerent.

Two letters used the words “woke left/woke generation.” I was not familiar with those phrases and found it strange to have two letters reference them, so I did some research. Technically, going by the Merriam-Webster dictionary’s definition, woke means “aware of and actively attentive to important facts and issues (especially issues of racial and social justice)”. Unfortunately, especially in the United States, “woke” is often used against people who aspire to such values.

I would prefer to leave the name Haliburton as it is, but I would encourage further education and discussion around the man the County is named after. Societies change over time and what was once acceptable, may not be so now. At Sam Slick Park, I would like to see an additional plaque interpreting some of those changes.

Sheila Ziman
Algonquin Highlands

Let's not tamper with history

Dear editor,

I’m excited that *The Highlander* has allowed a frank discussion of Joseph Quigley’s opinion piece.

And I’m grateful that Mr. Quigley wrote what he did, if only because it demonstrates the appalling legacy of our educational institutions in virtually banning of the teaching of history.

Mr. Quigley has somehow become aware that Mr. Haliburton wrote some rude things about native people. Goodness gracious. He should be very careful about reading any books or watching any videos produced in the past 30 years. Perhaps he should read some real history, and then give some thought to his attempt to rid the County of the scourge of racism.

It seems that many people consider the ability to notice the difference between races as the most heinous villainy a human can aspire to. By that I mean a human of a white race. Most other races don’t think ‘racism’ applies to them. And I think the term is a distraction; the goal should be to treat everyone fairly and with civility.

Now in Haliburton’s time, the British Empire was probably the least racist

institution that ever existed. It ended slavery - mainly black slavery - in the civilized world. Canada, as part of the Empire, was proud of that achievement. In building our country there was conflict between Europeans and natives. But, of course, there was also conflict between competing native tribes.

Let’s change the names of any lake, river, park, town etc. that was named for first nations culture, to something less racist. Or, on the other hand, let’s not tamper with history at all. We can learn from it, if we want to.

John Bateman
Rackety Trail Rd.

Never waste a good crisis

Dear editor,

There’s an old adage used by political leaders of all stripes. ‘Never waste a good crisis.’ The basic premise is that in times of crisis, the public’s attention is almost totally focused on the crisis, and a government can often push through legislation that would normally get much more scrutiny were it not for the singular focus on the given crisis. War is a good example.

Our current crisis is, of course, COVID-19. Our provincial government has made good use of this technique in 2020, largely through omnibus bills where legislation is ‘hidden,’ often under the guise of dealing with the pandemic.

The passing of bills such as Bill 197, greatly weakens the Environmental Assessment Act with deregulation that reflects neither the values nor long-term interests of Ontarians. Even the way it was enacted is under scrutiny because its passing did not comply with current notice/comment requirements under the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights.

As well, Bill 229 severely curtails the role of Conservation Authorities threatening Ontario wetlands, woodlands and farmlands. This has great potential to benefit corporations, executives and cronies. The Ford government has also banned the use of ranked balloting by municipalities in elections, should they choose to do so.

Most recently, Bill 218 was forced through the legislature at lightning speed, and was made retroactive to March 17, 2020 making it virtually impossible for residents and families to prove “gross neglect” that has occurred and that may continue to occur in our long-term care and retirement homes. These for-profit corporations such as Revera, will not be held accountable and responsible for the injustice suffered and the lives lost by seniors. Only 15 of 58 people were allowed last week to express their concerns before the Standing Committee of the Legislature.

I am one constituent who does not feel well represented by our premier or MPP. That is, after all, their job. As constituents,

we should consider contacting our MPP and asking her some serious questions.

Greg J. Roe
Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County

No real travel dilemma

Dear editor,

This headline story (Snowbirds face winter travel dilemma, *The Highlander*, Nov. 19) is startling in its unstated hypocrisy.

Remember when just months ago those in Haliburton were decrying so-called outsiders (including those owning four-season homes and those others often denigrated as just seasonal) for wanting to travel to Haliburton during the early COVID months, usually from the GTA?

Where is that public health concern when the situation is reversed and Haliburtonians are the outsiders?

As the pandemic rages more fiercely than ever everywhere, it appears some in Haliburton have no compunction in travelling outside their area to somewhere like Florida where they are at best just seasonal visitors.

It seems like there are two sets of principles at play here. What these Haliburton snowbirds expect of others coming to their area is disappointingly and hypocritically disregarded when it serves their own self interests.

All we read about is how they are rationalizing their self-indulgent travel plans with no thought expressed as to any of the many negative implications and impacts of their plans on other people and places.

There is no real travel dilemma here.

Garry Lamourie
Sharon Lake

Weigh in on shoreline bylaw

Dear editor,

All levels of government too often make bad laws with good intentions. Haliburton County Council is living proof with their unprecedented drive to establish the Shoreline Preservation By-Law currently working its way through the system, during this debate-lacking pandemic.

We all benefit from clean water, air and a stable environment and the benefits of having this are not really in dispute. However, what is highly contentious is having the long, over-reaching arm of government now taking over your property rights and ruling with an iron fist over what you can no longer do on your waterfronts.

We are told the experts and the enviro science dictate that we must comply or risk unprecedented environmental damage to our aquatic ecosystem. Yet while this is their conclusion, their facts are not in evidence.

Global climate changes are beyond the

control of any of us and play a much more significant role locally than our collective ability to mitigate. Any forced efforts here will be only a drop in the bucket. You don’t push back the rivers. And we can’t control the temperature.

In short, shoreline lockdowns will result in huge pain for little to no measurable environmental gain.

When you add in the job killing impact on Haliburton’s home and cottage industry, the economic engine of our local economy, such government-mandated policy changes will have a devastating impact on local growth, high paying construction jobs and the invaluable year-round spin off spending, when the County is most in need.

More recently, there is much more over-regulation on the table. As a possible late addition to the mix under the guise of an Official Plan amendment. In the necessary OP, they are examining even more shoreline restrictive measures, namely eliminating grandfathering.

This elimination of re-building on existing site locations is their latest effort to have all new construction set back at least 30 meters from the water’s edge. As if to stamp a punctuation mark on total government power and control in your lives, on all the lakes, rivers, streams and even private beaver ponds.

David Hopkins Howe
Minden Hills

Call for municipal scale composting

Dear editor,

It was great to learn that Dysart et al councillors are trying to reduce the amount of organic waste being sent to landfills. Organic material, when combined with other types of waste in an anaerobic environment produces methane, a powerful greenhouse gas which contributes to climate change. But when it is composted properly, it is worth its weight in gold in its capacity to create nutrient rich soil.

In these pandemic days of 2020, we became aware of how food insecure we are in this County with its mostly sandy, rocky soil. It is predicted by experts that the world will run out of soil for growing crops in as few as 60 years, if we continue with current industrial agricultural practices. We need to change the way we think about organic waste.

Although many have obtained backyard composters at cost from Dysart et al, organic waste from such sources as restaurants, hospitals or grocery stores is wasted. A municipal scale composting facility such as the one operating in Gravenhurst, which produces top grade compost could help to expand the capacity of our County to grow its own food.

Susan Hay,
President, EH!

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Highlander news

Pandemic fate still in Highlanders' hands

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With COVID-19 cases projected to spike dramatically across the province, health officials say Haliburton County can still mitigate the impact within the area.

Ontario's COVID-19 Science Advisory Table provided an update Nov. 12 that the province could reach more than 6,000 new cases per day by mid-December. That has yet to be felt in Haliburton, which has reported five new cases since Nov. 4.

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) medical officer of health, Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, said the district is seeing more cases. But she added the local trajectory of the virus is still in our hands.

The projection "is a worrisome finding, but also a call to action," Noseworthy said. "People have the power to bend the curve – just as we did last spring – by following important public health measures that control the spread of COVID-19."

Minden's Dr. Nell Thomas echoed the sentiment. She said higher case numbers are avoidable if people are responsible, such as by limiting close contact to only people within their social bubble.

"It is not inevitable," Thomas said, adding countries such as New Zealand have successfully contained the virus. "It is simply a reflection of human behaviour."

However, the medical world has criticized the public policy measures in place for virus control as insufficient. Thomas said frontline healthcare workers and emergency responders are hurting and being treated as

fodder.

"How long is that going to happen? Because pretty soon, we won't have enough of them."

Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team Dr. Norm Bottum said an increase amount of cottagers staying in the area over the winter months will also add more pressure to acute care and ER.

"We want to remind everyone if they have an issue of a minor nature or need medication renewal they should contact their primary care provider, regardless of where their practitioner is in the province," Bottum said.

"Our ER continues to be busy and given COVID protocols will be significantly pushed to keep up with the usual winter demand if it is significantly busier than usual."

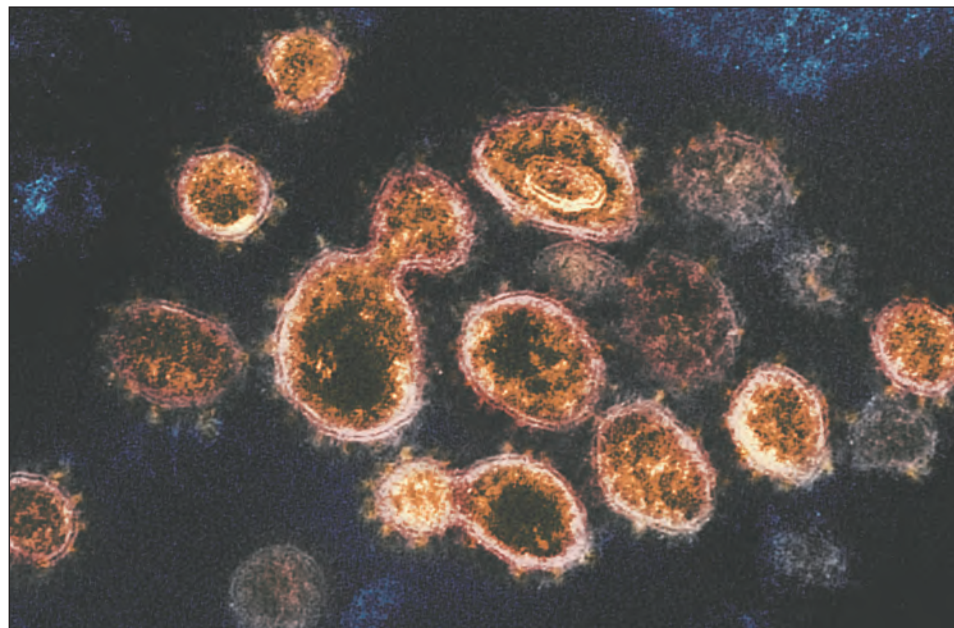
Some cases excluded

As more cottagers opt for extended stays in Haliburton, the exact number of COVID cases within the community is uncertain. Cases are tracked via primary address, meaning a case assessed here for someone from elsewhere but staying in Haliburton, would not be included in the local count.

Thomas said that is a significant problem for accuracy.

"When people say the numbers are low, we say, 'no, not really'," she said. "Those numbers aren't shared with our community and it's falsely reassuring."

Noseworthy said there is an effective contact-tracing system in place and health units are in daily contact with individuals who test positive and their close contacts.



A microscopic image of the virus that causes COVID-19. Cases are spiking across the province, but Haliburton has not yet seen an increase. Photo via Flickr.

"The bottom line is that regardless of where a person lives or is tested for COVID-19 in Ontario, the provincial case and contact management system is very methodical, comprehensive and thorough."

Holiday caution needed

The holiday season is approaching, but doctors advised health precautions need to be maintained.

Noseworthy said it would likely be prudent to celebrate with immediate household only. For those farther away, she said people could connect virtually or over

the phone.

"I would strongly recommend local residents avoid any non-essential travel outside of our region – especially to areas with high COVID-19 case counts," she said. "All of us need to redouble our efforts to follow important public health guidelines."

Thomas said it is a manageable thing to do. She further said people can take solace that COVID-19 is something they can help control.

"Do not be complacent, do not be overwhelmed, do not feel hopeless," Thomas said. "Be empowered."

Fleming recognizes grads virtually

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Fleming College recognized graduates from the graphic design course at the Haliburton School of Art and Design as part of a virtual convocation ceremony Nov. 19.

The eight students in the Graphic Design – Visual Communication course were honoured alongside other courses across various campuses in the college's second-ever virtual convocation. The ceremony, posted on YouTube, featured college dignitaries and staff delivering speeches on the triumphs of this year's graduates overcoming the pandemic.

"We are thrilled that even though

this year has been very difficult, your resilience and persistence has paid off," Haliburton school dean, Angela Pind, said. "We just wanted to say congratulations and wish you all the best in your future endeavours."

The school kept learning online throughout the spring and summer, though has recently returned to in-person learning.

"You are our dreams, our artists, our designers and our makers and we all secretly want your courage to not rely on tradition," Fleming president, Maureen Adamson, said of Haliburton graduates. "But to make ourselves vulnerable by showing our most inner selves through art."



Fleming College president, Maureen Adamson, addresses students via a virtual convocation ceremony Nov. 19. Photo via Fleming College.

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Highlander business



Glecoff's Family Store owner, Clay Glecoff, said he is optimistic about the holiday shopping season due to increased traffic. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Retailers remain optimistic about holiday shopping

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Despite a pandemic and the end of summer, Glecoff's Family Store owner, Clay Glecoff, said business is going very well.

With more people staying in the County over the winter – including snowbirds staying home and cottagers escaping the city – he said traffic is significantly higher this fall.

“Based on current trends, our outlook is extremely positive,” Glecoff said. “This could potentially be our best winter we’ve ever had.”

Haliburton's downtown businesses are expressing optimism about the holiday shopping season. Even with cancelled promotional events, Haliburton BIA administrator Angelica Ingram said there are plenty of businesses faring well.

“It's not all bad news,” she said. “Some have seen a better year than normal because of people flocking to the Highlands more and staying.”

“We've seen a lot of people Christmas shopping already,” Lockside Trading Co. owner, Andrea Black, said. “A lot of locals want to do it in town.”

But Ingram said the outlook is not great for everyone. She said restaurants have had struggles, given dining restrictions.

Molly's Bistro Bakery owner Molly McInerney said the Minden restaurant has seen less dine-in traffic, but it is faring better than the start of the pandemic. She added the restaurant has been able to do well with its takeout meal service.

“Everything's a little different, it's all shifting and you sort of have to pay attention to how,” McInerney said. “I'm hoping – and planning – that as far as the baker part of it, and frozen food part of it, it will be busier.”

As COVID cases spike across the province – though not in Haliburton – Ingram said there is concern about the possibility of another lockdown.

“People are a little anxious,” Glecoff said. “It doesn't look like we're trending the right way as far as the pandemic goes. We anticipate a possible lockdown, but until we do, it's business as usual.”

Meanwhile, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is encouraging people to shop local. It got support from all four lower-tier townships for a BuyCloseBy season running from Nov. 15 to Dec. 31.

“It was just really borne out of recognition that our businesses have never seen conditions like this, especially as we face a second wave and a potential lockdown,” chamber executive director Jennifer Locke said. “We need to support them now more than ever.”

E-Commerce site launches

Meanwhile, TechnicalitiesPlus launched the ShopCloseBuy website Nov. 5 to support local businesses in the online shopping world versus the likes of Amazon.

The site is aimed at giving a local centralized e-commerce platform. Owner Donna Enright said it launched later than hoped and currently has only 10 vendors – though one of them is the arts council which will feature multiple artists.

“Making sales online is really beneficial for business especially at Christmas,” she said. “I hate seeing all the packages coming in from Amazon and other retailers who aren't part of our community and really want to see us try and find a way to shift that.”

She added there are still 10 subsidies available to cover start-up costs.

Locke said there has been a global awakening about the importance of shopping local.

“They're our neighbours, they're our friends, volunteer organizations. You know these people. There is a little bit of comfort to be had with that.”

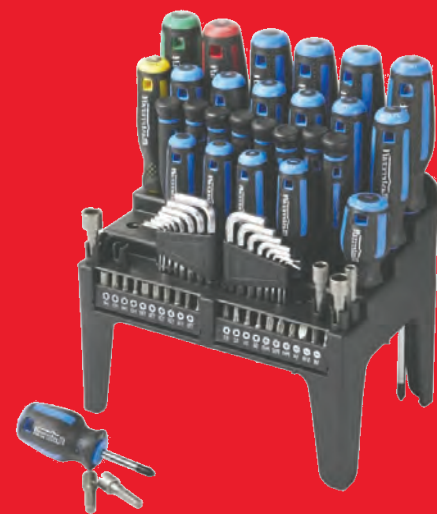
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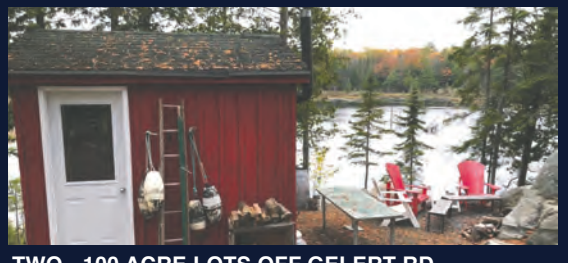


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Putting the general store back in mercantile

By Lisa Gervais

The new owners of Minden Mercantile and Feed Co. Inc. are hoping to stick to the tradition of a good, old-fashioned general store, while looking to add and improve moving forward.

Marc and Cyndi Wilkens officially took over the 131 Bobcaygeon Rd. business on Nov. 3.

The couple, who have lived in Kinmount for seven years, said they'd spent the past five years looking for a business to buy in the area but found options were few and far between, especially for something they were interested in.

Their passions include a 75-acre property with horses, chickens, and three dogs. They love the outdoors and Marc likes to hunt. And they do a bit of farming and homesteading. In fact, Marc said he'd been coming to Minden Mercantile as a customer for several years.

A few months back, he was chatting with Kelly Pearce, who was at a crossroads.

"And something just popped into my head, I said, 'Kelly, have you ever thought about selling the business?' We decided to think about it more, to pray on it, and to come back together. And we worked on it over a couple of months," Marc said.

As Marc runs an online business but wants to transition full-time to the store, Pearce helped him get some new staff in.

Marc said the business is in an older building in town that's been around awhile in a few different iterations.

"The term mercantile was the general store. You think back in the olden days. People would go to the mercantile to get their food, their feed, to pick up sewing supplies, whatever. And one thing we both realized in this area is you've gotta' drive 20 minutes here, or 40 minutes there, or an



Marc and Cyndi Wilkens are the new owners of Minden Mercantile. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

hour, to get the things you need. And locally here there's certain things that farmers, bird lovers, homesteaders need that they have to drive a fair distance to get, so we see an opportunity to expand the business here and be a bigger part of the community."

Marc said that could involve expanding the size of the warehouse and the retail space.

They also want to use the yard, whether it's an outdoor cage, permanent gazebo with chicken coops, fencing, wiring, gates, shovels, wheelbarrows, hardware for

farming, for seasonal items, such as skids of salt.

But before doing any of that, Marc said they are talking to customers, trying to get to know them, understand them and find out what they want. He said it is a diverse customer base, from someone who buys bird seed for art, to a cat sanctuary owner to farmers and homesteaders.

Cyndi adds, "and they want to learn about homesteading and how they can be more self sufficient so we want to be able to fill that need."

Marc added they are also contemplating hosting events, for example speakers for people who want to learn about horses, chickens or gardening.

They're now on Facebook and hope people will post about their animals, whether wild or pets. They're also incorporating online ordering and curbside pickup.

"We're already getting great feedback from people and have already activated new products in store. We're excited and we're having fun doing it," Marc said.



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Highlander arts



Camera club winners

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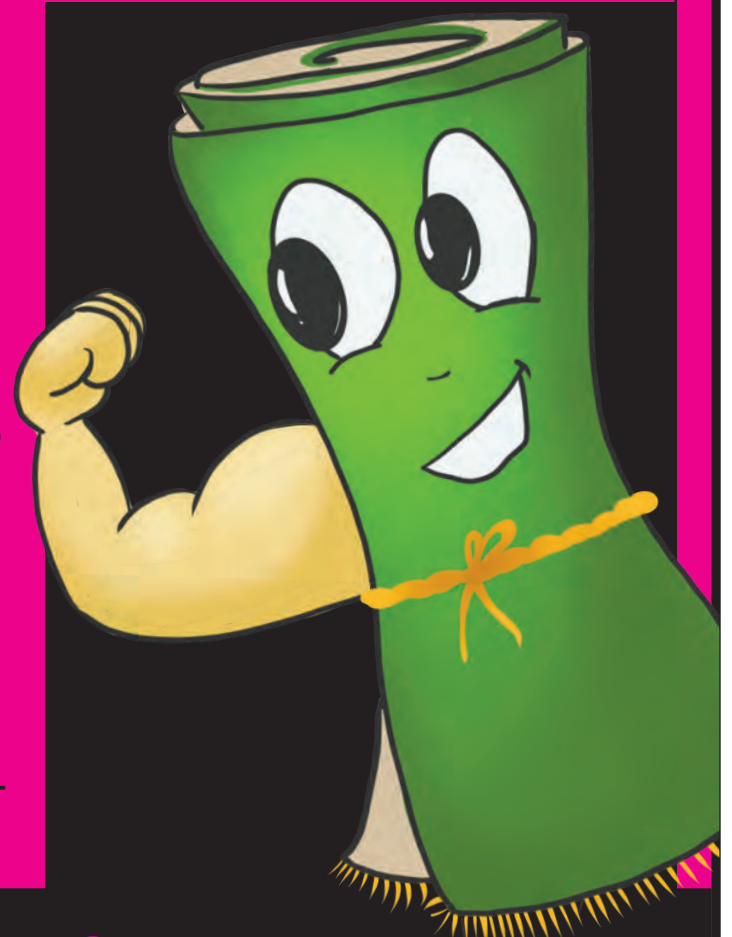
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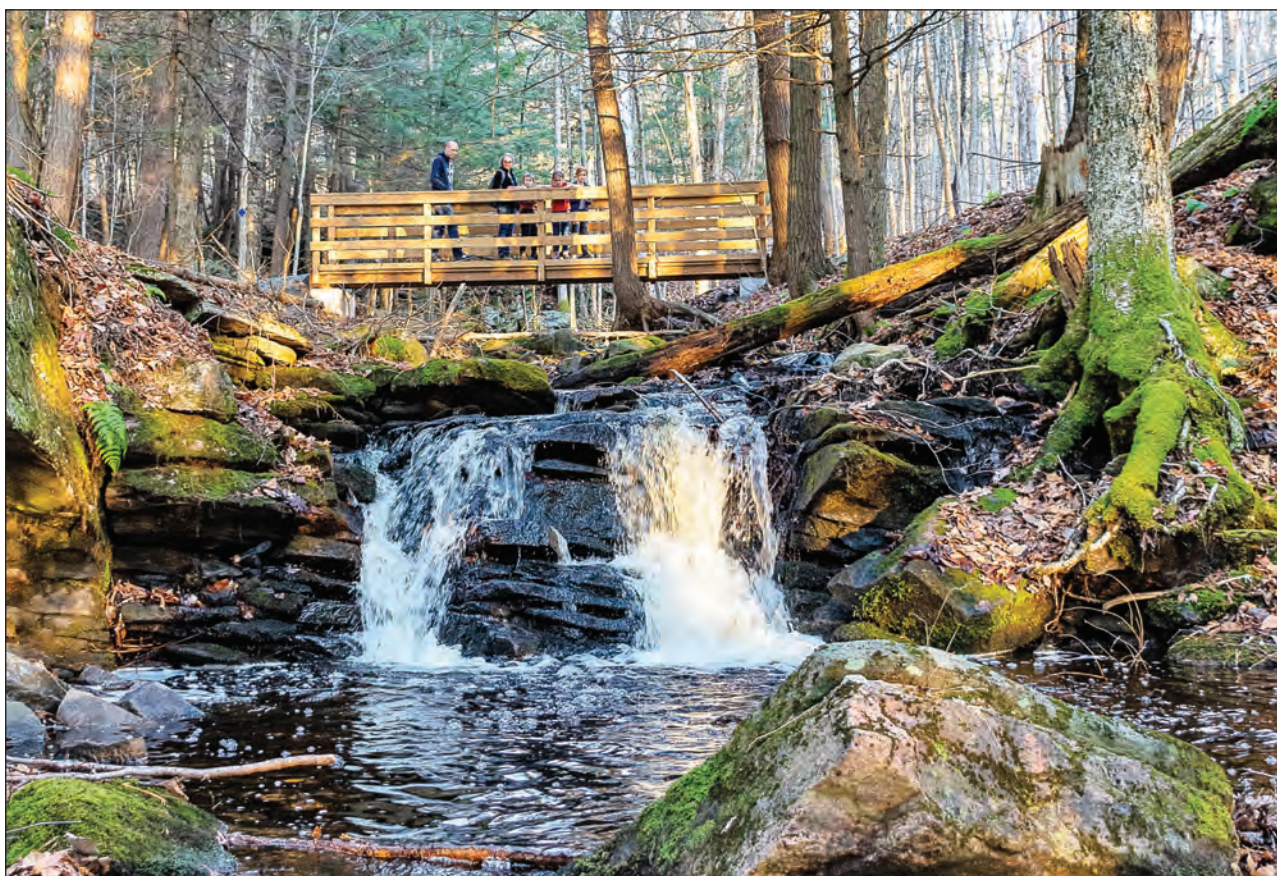


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Highlander outdoors



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Adopt an acre of paradise this Christmas

By Ian Darragh

The newest nature reserve in Haliburton County provides an ideal Christmas gift.

People can give an acre of Barnum Creek Nature Reserve to someone special on their shopping list and help the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust carry out its mandate of protecting special wildlife areas in the County.

The 600-acre reserve opened Oct. 15. It's the closest to the village of Haliburton, just a five-kilometre drive on Gelert Road/ County Road 1.

There's a large map of the reserve in the Land Trust office at 739 Mountain St., Haliburton, where the public can choose the acre they want to adopt. There is also an online option at haliburtonlandtrust.ca. One acre can be adopted for \$50; half an acre for

\$30. The Land Trust can mail a frameable certificate to the recipient. (If you are planning to visit the Land Trust office, call 705-457-3700 to book an appointment).

The Land Trust will be using the donations to expand the trail network; install new trail markers; mow the fields around the abandoned farm on the property and maintain the new parking lot at 1118 Gould Crossing Rd.

Google Maps wrongly gives the location of the nature reserve as Cowan Road (Google has been notified of the error). When you are driving south from Haliburton, watch for the green sign pointing to the Gould Crossing Road turnoff and turn left off Gelert Road.

The designation of Barnum Creek as a nature reserve has been a long time in the making. One of the founders of the Land

Trust, Sheila Ziman, remembers being invited in 2012 to go for a walk through the property by Margaret Dobzensky, whose family donated the land through the federal government's Ecological Gifts Program.

"I remember falling in love with the property. It was so beautiful," Ziman recalled. She said what makes the reserve special is the diversity of habitats, including wetlands, upland forests and grasslands. The open areas provide habitat for such at-risk species as the eastern whip-poor-will, hog-nosed snake, eastern milksnake and common five-lined skink. Flowing through the middle of the nature reserve is the creek, which cascades down a ridge in a long series of waterfalls bordered by ferns and rich mosses. The Land Trust is planning to set aside plots of land to measure the impact of climate change in the County.

The nature reserve will become a living laboratory for environmental education and has received funding from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

The reserve may be explored by hikers, cross-country skiers and snowshoers. Bicycles are only permitted on the main trail called Heritage Hike, a former logging road. The reserve is closed to all motorized vehicles. Hunting is not permitted, which makes it a safe place to walk during the fall hunting season. In winter, the parking lot will not be plowed, so visitors will have to park along Gould Crossing Road.

Ian Darragh is a member of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and former editor of Canadian Geographic magazine.

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Highlander sports

Jump rope returns from the playground

By Carolyn Allder

There have been many trends in the exercise world, such as Zumba, water aquatics, and Pilates but the latest is jump rope. It's similar to what you did in the playground at recess with your friends when you were a child.

Owner of Rise Jump Rope, Danielle Maia Carney, is hoping to bring back that playfulness with her online classes of interval jump rope.

"The reason I wanted to do this is because a lot of workout programs out there are by people in their late '20s or '30s and often times men, and I found I couldn't keep up with a lot of those workouts so I wanted to create something that was an opportunity for people wherever they're at to try something out," Carney said.

Carney started jumping rope for exercise a couple of years ago at the suggestion of a friend. She'd not been as active as she would have liked. The single mom says when she first picked up her rope, she was shy to do it in front of friends and so began at home by listening to music and jumping in front of a mirror.

"At the beginning it was a bit more clunky and awkward because I was trying to figure out technique and posture. As everything was coming together it became easier."

Carney then began holding her high intensity, low impact, interval training classes for her co-workers outside at Living



Danielle Maia Carney of Rise Jump Rope. Photo submitted.

Librations in Haliburton. She was going to expand her classes to include more when the pandemic started and she changed her idea to teaching online.

"It inspired me to keep going as a way to engage and move at home and stay connected with people. [The online classes] feel warm and being able to see and talk with each other supports that. It's a social

space. I wanted to create a safe supportive space as a woman for women without excluding men."

Angela Andrews has been taking the online classes from the start. She said, "if you're looking to try something new, it's a lot of fun and a great workout and no one can really see you because you're too focused on jumping that you don't often

look at the screen."

Beginning classes run Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. while intermediate classes are Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. Blended classes are offered Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. Carney is offering a complimentary class Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. For more information and to register, email risejumprope@gmail.com before Dec. 4.

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Highlander people



Left: Lion Mary Lawr was awarded the International Leadership Medal for her role as local club Service Chair. Right: Lion Betty Mills was awarded the International President's Medal as Global Service Chair for local Lions District A-16. *Photos submitted.*

International gratitude for local Lions

By Lisa Harrison

The Haliburton and District Lions Club has received recognition at the international level thanks to the dedication of two members.

Mary Lawr was awarded the International Leadership Medal for her role as club Service Chair, with the club placing among the top 20 in Canada. Betty Mills was awarded the International President's Medal as Global Service Chair for local District A-16, which was counted as one of the top 10 districts in Canada.

These honours are made even more important by the club's small size, at 32 members. The club covers Stanhope, West Guilford, Haliburton, Wilberforce, Harcourt, Cardiff and Highland Grove regions.

Due to pandemic precautions, the certificates and medals were couriered to the winners.

"I was very honoured and proud, but I would not have received this medal without the work of our club members," said Lawr.

Mills called her award "a wonderful surprise" and also pointed to her team for their part in the achievement.

Lawr's service has included tree planting and gathering food for the Food Bank. She operated the Good Food Box program, which is now overseen by the local Rotary Club branch.

"My passion with Lions is really Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides program and raising funds through our Walk for Dog Guides, and of course our wonderful Santa

Claus parade with our great float," said Lawr.

As Global Service Chair, Mills worked for two years to help the 52 clubs in District A-16 improve their service reporting.

"Those clubs were doing lots of service work, they just weren't telling anybody about it," said Mills. She held workshops and increased reporting significantly.

Mills noted that service reports help the international office prove to large investors that funding Lions projects is worthwhile. They also enable clubs to encourage local fundraising by demonstrating effective results.

The local club raises at least \$15,000 annually from the popular Polar Plunge alone. Fundraisers such as the toll bridge

campaign have gone virtual because of the pandemic. With everything the club takes on, it appears there's never a pause in finding good causes. According to Mills, local Lions are now investigating whether service clubs can be helpful when coronavirus vaccinations are available to be administered.

Lawr and Mills have been full club members for 15 and 14 years respectively and highly recommend the experience.

"Being there for the community when they need us is important and if you decide you want to join our club be prepared to work hard, enjoy social events, and just be proud to serve your community," said Lawr.

"Consider joining a service club, helping others and enriching your life," said Mills.



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Highlander community



Still Standing for the food bank

The Minden Community Food Centre's Joanne Barnes accepts a cheque for \$1,092 from Minden Hills Coun. Jennifer Hughey Nov. 23. Coun. Hughey donated the money that she was paid by CBC's Still Standing to help with a local segment of the show that will be aired next fall. Meanwhile, Barnes wanted to thank university student Emile Lewis, who created her own T-shirt business, Boshkung Strong, and donated more than \$1,000 of the proceeds to the food centre. Barnes also reminded the public the toy drive for Christmas hampers has started. Toys must be dropped off on Saturday, Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Centre in Minden, upstairs on the tables set outside the doors. Barnes said volunteers will move them inside and toys will be quarantined for two weeks. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

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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 26 – Council Meeting
December 10 – Council Meeting

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

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

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Christmas Toy Drop Drive Thru

Support our community this holiday season by donating non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped children's toys to the Minden Food Bank Christmas Hamper Program.

Donations can be dropped off at the Minden Hills Community Centre (upper parking lot) on Sat Dec 5th between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM.

This is a drive thru drop off. Please place items on tables set up outside the Community Centre doors. Volunteers will watch for and collect the items for the hampers. Tables will be sanitized between drop offs.

Items in need this year include toys for all ages and gift cards for teenagers.

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Minden Food Bank Christmas Hamper Program

The Minden Food Bank Annual Christmas Hamper Program application begins on Nov 30th. Apply for a hamper by calling the Food Bank at 705-286-6400 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM from Nov 30th to Dec 4th and Dec 7th to Dec 11th.

Hampers can be picked up on Monday Dec 21st between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM at the Minden Community Centre.

NEW for this year: Hamper pick up will be a Drive-Thru format. When you arrive at the Minden Community Centre, a volunteer will direct you to a parking space. Please have the I.D for everyone listed on your application ready.

A volunteer will bring your Christmas Hamper and toys outside and place them on a designated table beside your vehicle. Please remain in your vehicle until all products have been placed on the table. Once completed, you may get out and pack your items into your vehicle (NOTE: if you require assistance to lift, please bring someone to help you).

In order to ensure COVID GUIDELINES are being followed, volunteers will not be allowed to load items into vehicles and community members will not be allowed to enter the building. We ask that everyone respect these guidelines and wait in their vehicles in the line-up.

Please note that there will be no used/new clothing available on hamper pick up day. A Christmas Boutique has been made available at the Food Bank on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM until December 20th. For more information please contact the Foodbank at 705-286-6838

A Message From the Minden Hills Fire Department

Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.

Keep an eye on any drinkers in your household and make sure all cigarettes are properly extinguished and the stove is off before going to bed. Cigarettes can smoulder among upholstered items for hours before igniting. Check sofas and chairs for cigarettes that may have fallen between the cushions. Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

Recycling Tip of the Week

Drink pouches, chip bags, straws and disposable cutlery are not recyclable. Please place these items in your garbage. For a full list of items that can be recycled, please visit www.mindenhills.ca/landfill.

Did You Know? Being active for at least 60 minutes daily can help kids improve self-esteem and confidence, do better in school and feel happier according to ParticipACTION. Try out one of the many trails within the TWP!

Highlander community



And the winner is ...

Tim Lariviere, left, pulls the winning ticket in the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's fistful of cash draw Nov. 22 at the fish hatchery. He is pictured with Eric Christensen. The winner of ten, \$100 notes was Jeff Stamp. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*



Volunteers help decorate the tree in Haliburton Nov. 22. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Haliburton tree all lit up

The Christmas tree has gone up in Haliburton Village to mark the beginning of the festive season. The tree was erected and lit Nov. 22. It was donated by Kim Emmerson, brought in on an Emmerson truck and put up by the Dysart fire department. Anthony and Juliane vanLieshout have again donated their property at the Village Barn for the tree as well as the use of hydro for the lights. *(Lisa Gervais)*

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NOVEMBER 28 & 29

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School would like to spread joy to those less fortunate in our community by collecting hygiene products, toys, clothing etc. They will be located in the old Sharpley's parking lot across from McKecks in Haliburton between noon-2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28 and in the village square across from Upriver Trading Company in Minden between the same times on Sunday, Nov. 29. All items must be packaged due to COVID 19.

NOVEMBER 28

The Christmas Shindig at 7 p.m. See the ad in this week's *Highlander*.

NOVEMBER 30

Reverse Advent Calendar drop off at the 4Cs in Haliburton at 10 a.m.

DECEMBER 2

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 7 pm. EHI AGM speaker, Kevin Skerrett, author, will speak about connections between COVID-19, for profit lon- term care, the climate emergency, and public sector pensions. The AGM will follow. Email info@environmenthaliburton.org to register. For more info please call Susan Hay at 705-457-9239

Lunch Is On Us - Wednesdays from 11:30 - 2 p.m.

Lunch Is On Us will happen every Wednesday for 16 weeks. It's free of charge, 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.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Minden Community Food Centre Christmas hampers

The Minden Community Food Centre is urging people to register for Christmas hampers by calling 705-286-6400 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Nov. 30 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 7-11. Hamper pick up will be Dec. 21, 1-3 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre. People are asked to bring photo ID for all family members including children. This year's pick-up will be a drive thru and the public responsible for loading their own vehicles. Masks required. Enter via Parkside Street and follow signs and instructions from volunteers. Exit via Prentice Street. Select volunteers have already been contacted.

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@halinet.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

Friends, fun and adventure - The Royal Canadian Sea Cadets is a free program for youths aged 12 to 18. Meeting every Thursday evening 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Coboconk Legion. For more information call 905-484-4005

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Top left: Toby Fergenbaum participates in a drum circle at the A.J. LaRue Arena Nov. 20. Top right: Diane Burchert began playing the drum during the pandemic and said it has been wonderful to be part of. Bottom left: Burchert stretches. Bottom right: Rails End Gallery curator Laurie Jones leads a drum circle. *Photos by Joseph Quigley.*

Art gallery keeps drums beating

By Joseph Quigley

Upstairs at the A.J. LaRue Arena, the beating of the drums echoed through the walls.

A small group kept the rhythm steady, headed by Rails' End Gallery Curator Laurie Jones. Masked and spaced apart, the players improvise, as they have done throughout the pandemic.

Diane Burchert joined the circle in the summer when it started back up after a pandemic-induced hiatus. She does not remember drumming without a mask.

"It's very empowering," Burchert said. "It's really quite satisfying to pound on it and perhaps let go some of the frustration of days and weeks past."

The drum circle has been one of the

programs the gallery has kept running in the pandemic - moving indoors this month at a new location to get out of the cold. Jones said it has run successfully and helped keep people connected in a difficult time.

"It's a form of nonverbal communication that is very powerful," Jones said. "It's not like we're planning to go on a stage or rehearsing numbers of performers. It's a very in-the-moment experience and so it's good for your brain, it's good for your body."

"COVID is a very stressful time for a lot of people so we wanted to do something that is joyful and also restorative."

The gallery has continued to run programming and exhibits during the pandemic. Jones said they have prudent fiscal management and

reserves but have struggled six months into COVID-19.

"It's not sustainable the way it is. But if we don't plan for the future, there will be no future, so we have to act like everything is going to be okay and keep innovating," Jones said. "I don't know how you monetize all this stuff. That's the big question for everyone in the arts."

For the drum circle and some other programs, any fees are kept low to maintain accessibility. Despite some of the pandemic's limitations, the gallery has kept the art - and music - beating steadily.

"It's a chance, an opportunity to connect with people to enjoy learning a new skill and make some music in a very safe, COVID-friendly environment," Burchert said.

Highlander events



Top: Rudi Havelock and Brenda Ohngemach enjoy hot chocolate prepared by volunteer Mary Hamilton. Left: Darby Bayly and Asta check out the event. Right: A storyteller reads to families. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

Christmas comes to Minden

The Christmas season has begun in Minden as people flocked to the museum and cultural centre Nov. 21 for Christmas in the Village. The daytime event featured an outdoor artisan market, Dickens' Christmas Heritage Village, Bowron House baked goodies, hot chocolate and cider, Christmas caroling, door prizes, games and activities. In the evening, there was the lighting of the village tree with bonfires and hot beverages, holiday season music, coupons from local merchants and special holiday mocktails and treats. *(Lisa Gervais)*



Thank You

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton thanks all our members and non-members who volunteered to help us in our recent Poppy Campaign. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we had no idea how things would play out. However, due to the huge generosity of you, the amazing people of Haliburton, the net result so far is over \$2400.00 more than last year. Our current balance is \$26,369.66. Last year Branch 129 donated \$15,000.00 to organizations supporting our Veterans.

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OBITUARIES



Norman Laine

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Toronto General Hospital on Sunday morning, November 22, 2020 in his 84th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Doris Laine (Korbut). Loving father of Jodie. Dear brother of Anja. Also remembered by family and his many friends. Norm started his career as a mining engineer and then became a Chartered Accountant working in Public Practice. He enjoyed squash, skiing, hiking, playing cards and most of all his family.

Private Visitation & Funeral Service

A Private Visitation & Funeral Service will take place on Thursday November 26, 2020 at 2 o'clock. For those who wish to attend virtually, you may do so by copying and pasting the following link <https://join.skype.com/EI4bTxWwbdO4> into your web browser on the day of Service. Please be sure to log-in up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the service. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario or Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.



Leo Morello

(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)

Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Friday afternoon, November 20, 2020 in his 69th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Yvonne Morello (nee Horlock). Loving father of Steve (Karen), Paul and Rebecca (Rohan). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Kaysia, Briahna, Devon, Brandon and Leia. Dear brother of Marie (Sonny). Predeceased by his brother Tony. Also lovingly remembered by his sister-in-law Joyce and his niece Lisa (Tom) and by his great niece Adrianna and great nephew William. Leo started his career as a cook in a middle eastern restaurant in Scarborough and decided to attend the George Brown Culinary Program. Then he was offered an apprenticeship at the Windsor Arms Hotel in Toronto. From there, Leo went to help the Chef open the Millcroft Inn in Alton, it was there that Leo and Yvonne met and fell in love. Roughly two years later, Leo was offered a Chef's position at the Deerpark Inn in Stouffville. After seven years there, both Leo & Yvonne opened a Cafe and catering business in Newmarket. After ten years had passed, they closed up the Cafe and then focused their efforts on catering for weddings and other major events. They bought their cottage property in the Haliburton Highlands with the idea of eventually retiring to the area. That dream was realized nearly seven years ago.

Private Visitation & Memorial Service

A Private Visitation & Memorial Service will take place on Saturday November 28, 2020 at 1 p.m. For those who wish to attend virtually, you may do so by copying and pasting the following link <https://join.skype.com/wWKpi51J1sP3> into your web browser on the day of Service. Please be sure to log-in up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the service. As expressions of sympathy, donations to St. Margarets Anglican Church, Wilberforce and 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.



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NOTICES



Municipality of Dysart et al NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

2021 BUDGET PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

Take notice that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss projects and priorities for the 2021 Budget. The Municipality has also set the following dates (if required) to review the 2021 Budget:

January 8, 2021 and February 12, 2021

These meetings will be hosted virtually as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view the proceedings by visiting the Dysart YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVWZxsvf8VCyDf04uwjCJ6g>

Dated this 20th day of November, 2020.

Mallory Bishop, Clerk
mbishop@dysartet.ca



NOTICE December and January Council Meeting Dates

Note: As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, as well as the requirements for social distancing, Council Meetings will be conducted electronically via web conference until further notice. We thank the public for their understanding as we work toward keeping our community safe and healthy in this uncertain time.

TAKE NOTICE that Council Meetings are reduced to one meeting per month during the months of December and January, to be held electronically via webcast on the following dates:

- Thursday December 10, 2020 – 9:00 AM
- Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 9:00 AM

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found in the Regular Meeting Notice posted on the Township's website under the News and Notices at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Dated this 25th day of November, 2020.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk
Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Road
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1 Tel: (705) 489-2379
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NOTICE Fees and Charges

NOTICE is hereby provided that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands intends to consider amending Comprehensive Fees and Charges By-Law 2020-21 at its regular meeting to be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

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Dated: November 25th, 2020

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© ClassiCanadian Crosswords

Across

- 1 "Who's ___?" (classic comedy routine)
- 8 Fanciful urge
- 12 Cycle starter?
- 15 Moscow ballet theatre
- 16 First-class
- 17 Bricklayer's trough
- 18 Find mildly amusing
- 19 Be carried on a breeze
- 20 Freddy once dubbed "the next Pelé"
- 21 Charged remark?: Part 1
- 24 Sounds around a cradle
- 26 Mil. roadside hazard: Abbr.
- 27 Pit ball?
- 28 Part 2 of the remark
- 33 Part of a.k.a.
- 34 One filling a flute, say
- 35 "I Am ___" (Simon & Garfunkel)
- 37 Three-headed exile in Dante's 10-Down
- 38 Part 3 of the remark
- 40 Have an ___ superiority
- 44 Surgical gripper
- 46 Oat-based skincare brand
- 47 Russian port city
- 50 Part 4 of the remark
- 53 No longer injured
- 55 Blood typing syst.
- 56 Busy place in January
- 57 End of the remark
- 62 "Go on"
- 63 Slobbery dog in the funnies
- 64 Engaged in battle
- 67 "Family Circus" cartoonist Keane
- 68 Same old same olds
- 69 Classified costs
- 70 "___-haw!" ("Yippee!")
- 71 Dominant species in a Heston film
- 72 "Piece of cake"

Down

- 1 Maternity ward VIPs
- 2 ___ de plume
- 3 Blows a gasket
- 4 Sandy fly-in destination

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- 5 Prefix with -stat meaning "current"
- 6 Getting more Sunlight, say
- 7 Like novels and nobles
- 8 Ontario home of a 28-ft. tall Canada goose
- 9 White ground frost
- 10 Dante's "Hell"
- 11 Like-minded one's comment
- 12 "___ teach you!"
- 13 Where contestants get big bucks?
- 14 "Couldn't tell ya"
- 22 Prince of a prov.
- 23 Less dense, as pastry, or more dense, as people
- 24 Nile biters
- 25 "Impressive!"
- 29 Bonfire sound
- 30 ___-Ration (dog food brand)
- 31 Have, in the Highlands
- 32 Suffix with adult
- 36 Speleologist's worksite
- 38 "You're oversharing," in an IM
- 39 Some PCs and printers
- 41 Spark up again
- 42 "I swear ___ mother's grave"
- 43 Head of a brewery?
- 45 Did a tally
- 46 Trendy toast topper
- 47 "Chantilly Lace" refrain
- 48 Nasty name-caller, say
- 49 Mustang's back seat?
- 51 "Dude, Where's My ___?" (film)
- 52 Jedi role for Alec
- 54 Gorge-ous town in Ontario
- 58 Provide, as an example
- 59 "___ of the D'Urbervilles"
- 60 Rule-breaking verbs: Abbr.
- 61 Got ___ deal (was shafted)
- 65 U.S. teachers' org.
- 66 Shopper's 5% add-on

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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