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Oliver Williams stands at the Haliburton Foodland with a \$5 bill. His \$5 donation to the food bank inspired others including the grocery store to raise \$8,400 for the food bank. See the story on page 20. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.* 

# Tie break delivers warden's chair

#### By Lisa Gervais

The luck of the draw delivered the warden's chair to Algonquin Highlands deputy-mayor Liz Danielsen Dec. 15 following a fourfour tie vote between her and Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

To break the tie, the mayor of the township with the highest weighted assessment, Dysart's Andrea Roberts, had to pick the winning name.

"This is not fun," Roberts said, before drawing Danielsen's name from an envelope containing both warden candidates' names on equal sized pieces of paper

The random selection delivered Danielson a third term as County warden, a post she will hold until Dec. 14, 2021.

Danielsen said, "to be absolutely honest, I wasn't prepared to make a speech today."

However, she said she was pleased and proud to continue to represent the County.

"The County means an awful lot to me and I just want to assure everyone that I will do my level best."

She said she looked forward to continuing to work with her County colleagues and thanked Devolin for putting his name forward. She said it was great to see the council actually having an election

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# Gun-wielding suspects rob pharmacy

By Lisa Gervais

OPP are continuing to investigate an armed robbery at the Haliburton Highland Pharmacy Dec. 9.

The Haliburton Highlands detachment said that about 6 p.m., they responded to a report that two masked suspects had entered the Highland Street business brandishing a firearm. The suspects demanded, and received, narcotics. They then fled the scene. The employees were not injured.

The OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit, Canine, Emergency Response Unit and Forensic Identification Services all swarmed the site.

Shortly before 7 p.m., OPP tweeted they were conducting an ongoing investigation in the area of Haliburton to Tory Hill with a large police presence and requested residents stay inside and avoid the area if possible. A second tweet at 7:15 p.m. said the police presence was clearing.

The pharmacy declined comment on the incident, referring all inquiries to the OPP.

The Ontario Addiction Treatment Centre, which is co-located in the space and operates the medical clinic, was closed at the time of the alleged robbery, CEO Sonya J. Lockyer said. "As such, I cannot comment on as we do not own/ operate it," she said of the pharmacy.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said she was driving by and noticed the large police presence.

"It was a little bit shocking," she said.
"I knew that something was up."
She believes thieves are becoming
more brazen and that drug-related crime

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# Mayor: 'crime affects all of us'

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has increased in the County.

"Crime affects all of us. I feel for the people who work at that pharmacy. They had to deal with that situation. How frightening and scary for them."

Haliburton BIA president, Luke Schell, said while the armed robbery was "concerning ... I don't think that it is something that is going to happen a whole bunch of times in Haliburton."

He added, "I don't think the drug problem we have in Haliburton County is any worse than many, many other towns such as ours. I quite honestly feel that most retail businesspeople around here feel like we're in one of the safest communities going."

Investigators are asking anyone with information about the incident, or the suspects' identity, to contact them at 705-286-1431; toll-free at 1-888-310-1122 or anonymously at Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



A large police presence at The Highland Pharmacy. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

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# 'Extraordinary times for all'

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after not having one for a number of years.

She further acknowledged it was

rather extraordinary to be warden for three years running. However, she said "it's extraordinary times for us all." She said they had some incredible challenges ahead of them, starting with the pandemic and continuing to deal

with that.

"It's sad to say that despite the fact there are vaccines coming, we're gong to be dealing with this for months yet

to come," she said, adding it will make

their jobs that much more difficult.

She said they have a province that is rapidly going further into debt and they are going to have to take part in being part of the solution to that problem for some time to come.

"So, I think we can look forward to changes and challenges that we're all going to have to deal with in the best way that we possibly can."

She touched on the service delivery review, "and an incredible number of decisions and thinking to do about how we go forward."

She said that makes it important to

work together and to communicate as best they can. She said they had promised to do that in the past, and had made some strides in that direction "but I know we can all go further in working together because we do all have a common [goal]."

She said she also looked forward to continuing with the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus.

"I just want to thank all of my friends, and my colleagues, including all of you for your continued support of me, and I will do my absolute and level best."









The new visitor centre the municipality is building outside Head Lake Park is going significantly over budget. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

# **Dysart visitor centre** \$100,000 over budget

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart et al's new visitor centre outside Head Lake Park is projected to go \$100,000 over budget due in part to rising construction material costs.

Staff reported Dec. 11 that construction costs have gone up to about \$550,000. Coun. John Smith said the deficit figure includes \$60,000 for materials due to pandemic-related price increases and \$26,000 for an HVAC system not originally accounted for.

Deputy mayor Patrick Kennedy, who heads the committee overseeing the project, reported Nov. 24 that overruns could be \$60,000. He added he would like to apply COVID recovery funding to the budget given the pandemic's impact on costs, which staff said they would investigate.

"The numbers showing in the budget today are quite shocking to me, honestly," Kennedy said. "The ball lands squarely at my feet."

The Rotary Club of Haliburton originally proposed the centre and is providing \$75,000, while the federal government is granting \$375,000.

CAO Tamara Wilbee said the \$100,000 figure is not necessarily final and there

are still invoices coming in. She said the pandemic spike on material costs could not be anticipated. She later added the building is also 20 per cent larger than originally planned.

Treasurer Barbara Swannell said they could explore additional grant funding to cover the expense and the taxpayer impact should not exceed \$60,000.

Smith criticized the build and asked how the process could be changed to avoid something such as this in the future. He further asked about councillors getting further input on projects such as this.

"It's more than 20 per cent over budget. That ought to be a concern because taxpayers are picking up the tab," Smith said. "What lessons do we learn from this experience? Because it's hard to say it's been well-executed."

Mayor Andrea Roberts defended the building and said the rising cost of materials is impacting all types of construction.

"It's something we can be proud of," Roberts said of the welcome centre. "If overall it costs the municipality, the taxpayers, the (2021 tax) levy, \$60,000 or even a little bit more, that's very good value for what we're getting, and I think we have to be a little more positive."







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# Arena and community centre drive 2021 budget

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills council pre-approved spending another \$200,000-plus at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena and Community Centre during its first round of budget talks Dec. 10.

The money includes up to \$60,000 for office furniture, preparation of a request for proposals for the design, purchase and installation of fitness equipment; other costs to get the centre up and running of \$93,600 and COVID-19-related sanitization and cleaning expenses of \$47,900.

Where the money will come from, whether a loan, reserves or taxation is

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Trisha McKibbin

Minden Hills CAO

yet to be determined. In addition, there is outstanding money from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the fundraising committee has resumed meeting and may contribute to the bottom line.

New director of community services, Craig Belfry, said the first draft of the 2021 budget for the Community Services Department includes a \$693,232, or 58 per cent, increase over the 2020 budget of \$1,194,910. The proposed net budget for 2021 is \$1,888,142.

"The majority of this increase is associated with operationalizing the new recreation complex, including equipment, supplies and staffing," he said.

CAO Trisha McKibbin said the cost of staffing the new centre represents 52 per cent of the departmental increase as of the first round of budget talks.

"The S.G. Nesbitt Arena Project was the largest project undertaken in 2020 and remains a prominent component of the 2021 budget," she said.

Mayor Brent Devolin said there will be phasing in.

"Given COVID and a number of other constraints, we're not going to incur a full year's cost in some of these things," he

Coun. Bob Carter pointed out the budget anticipated a full year's expenses commencing Jan. 1, 2021 but deferred revenues so was misleading.



Minden Hills council held first round budget talks Dec. 10. Photo by Lisa Gervais

"If we compare back to 2019, we're talking about an increase in the budget here of over 90 per cent so it's a tough pill to swallow and I think we have to examine this in great detail ... we have to recognize what it is that we can afford or what it is we can do to increase revenue or do some things to offset these large costs," he said.

Overall, McKibbin said the first draft

of the budget came in at a 17.5 per cent increase from 2020.

The most significant increase to the 2021 budget is wages and benefits, showing a combined cost increase of \$879,407.

The CAO said, "staff recognize that this is not an acceptable increase and look forward to budget discussions in order to work with council on reaching a final budget target."





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# Dysart debates look of new retail complex

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart et al council approved elevation drawings for a new commercial development at Hops Drive by a 4-3 vote after a divide over the appearance of the stores.

Toronto-based Marnac Management Corp. is planning to build at the locale on County Road 21 in Haliburton, including a 10,000 square-foot retail store, a restaurant with a drive-thru and a gas bar.

Council approved the draft site-plan agreement Oct. 27 with conditions, including more work on the elevations along the exterior of the building. Staff said Marnac offered to add minimal features over the entrance of one building, but they suggested Marnac should develop the exteriors more – adding things like wood or brick along the entire front face of the buildings to meet the vision of the municipality. But the developer instead asked its proposal, lacking more added features, be brought to council.

"Commercial development outside the central business area should be developed in a matter that meets the intent of the municipality's policies," senior planner Kris Orsan said. "These areas are the gateway to the community."

Orsan said more articulation would "enhance the unique built form and natural



Dysart staff added wooden features to a sketch by Marnac Management Corp. depicting a future retail store on Hops Drive in Haliburton. *Photo submitted.* 

character of the community." He also noted the municipality required this of other large developments like Home Hardware and the Gardens of Haliburton.

Coun. John Smith said he agreed with the staffs' perspective.

"We got a chance to ensure it is built right or to ensure it looks like an ugly box that could be located in any community," Smith said. "Council needs to be consistent."

"We're not asking for the sun and moon. Just reconsideration for something that's going to benefit the long-term," Coun. Larry Clarke said.

But Coun. Walt McKechnie opposed them and said the municipality should approve the developer's drawings and not risk losing the project.

"We should try to work with him more instead of always throwing up roadblocks," McKechnie said. "The mistake was made a long, long time ago where the facades are not all this rustic look that we're trying to create. Every building is different and we're no different than most small towns. This is a big investment."

In a recorded vote, councillors McKechnie, Nancy Wood-Roberts and Tammy Donaldson voted in favour of approving the developer's elevations, while deputy mayor Patrick Kennedy and councillors Smith and Clarke voted against.

Mayor Andrea Roberts was the tiebreaking vote and went in favour of the developer's proposal.

"I don't think this is a battle I want to keep fighting," she said.



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An image from the new five-year destination management plan for Haliburton County. The plan recommends a series of improvements for local tourism. Photo via MMGY NextFactor

# Tourism plan charts expanded vision

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

After a year-and-a-half of effort, consultant MMGY NextFactor unveiled a new vision of Haliburton County tourism to council Dec. 11.

The Vancouver-based company presented a five-year destination management plan, completed after several workshops with the tourism sector since May 2019.

It outlines how local tourism could be improved, pushing for strategic priorities such as strengthening community collaboration, diversifying destination development and enhancing the local brand.

Executive consultant, Kathleen Frankford, said the County should remain focused on implementing the plan in the best interests of the majority of stakeholders, not the 20 per cent or so who may disagree.

"This is based on data and science, based on stakeholder input," Frankford said. "You're always going to have people in the community who don't agree with everything the organization is doing, but

those who have been focused and remained on course."

The stated destination vision is Haliburton County as a place "where residents and visitors celebrate the essence of Canada's outdoor and creative spirit," meant to harken back to the area's blend of nature and creative self-expression.

The plan offers 14 action items, ranging from developing a resident sentiment survey, to developing more niche tourism products and expanding marketing efforts.

The strategy makes several points about expanding the range of tourism offerings in the County, including food, arts, culture and evening experiences. Senior vice president, Greg Oates, said outdoors remains the focal point but those other experiences can increase how much time and money tourists spend here.

"Convince people to spend more money and come out of their cabins and visit other parts of the community," Oates said.

Coun. Patrick Kennedy of Dysart et al

the most successful organizations have been said it needs to be considered in the context of COVID-19, which boosted the winter population and demand for service.

"We also have to hit the pause button. I think we have to ask – how many is too many? Our lakes are overcrowded," Kennedy said. "While we have this plan, it also highlights the problems that we currently have and will have in the future."

Coun. Carol Moffatt of Algonquin Highlands said the County should integrate the plan into what it is already doing, including the service delivery review and addressing capacity challenges. She also said what resonated most with her was the highlighting of community alignment.

"Its success or its failure is only going to rely on the community's ability and willingness to actually work together. There has been, historically, over a long, long time, a disappointing amount of in-fighting and criticism," Moffatt said. "I just look forward to seeing this move forward."

The committee voted to receive the plan and recommend council adopt it.

# **BOARD OF HEALTH NEWS**

### COVID-19 vaccine rollout Nurses in schools

During the Dec. 3 Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit board meeting, medical officer of health, Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, said they're preparing to roll out the COVID-19 vaccine.

"We are currently working with our Ministry of Health colleagues to determine the logistics associated with COVID-19 vaccine administration, vaccine supply, distribution and storage," Noseworthy said.

"New information is being shared daily as the ministry is updated by its federal counterparts on the National COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy," she added.

tor a school-based nursing initiative that would put public health nurses in schools to help battle COVID.

Noseworthy provided an update on the impact the eight nurses, and the healthy school protocol they're responsible for, is having across the health unit.

Noseworthy said five of the eight nurses were hired internally, and the other three externally.

"While the primary focus of the initiative is on the COVID-19 response with an emphasis on outbreak and case and contact

management, the provincial government indicated that the additional nurses may also Last August, the province provided funding support the fulfillment of board of health requirements to improve the health of school-aged children and youth," she said.

Noseworthy added that with the schoolbased immunization program, they are seeing a high uptake in requests for immunizations from parents of Grade 7 and 8 students. She said clinics were being offered in Lindsay and Port Hope.

(Board of health news compiled by Kirk



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# **ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS**

# Septic re-inspection numbers down

With COVID-19, the township's septic re-inspection program was made voluntary for 2020, with only a 29 per cent uptake, and 71 per cent outstanding, Paisley McDowell of WSP told councillors Dec. 10.

She said that equated to 315 properties being completed between July and October.

She said remedial action letters were issued over 32 per cent of systems, which had visible code contraventions, while 68 per cent were found to be in compliance.

McDowell said property owners who did not voluntarily book an appointment with WSP in 2020 will be assigned a mandatory inspection date and time in 2021.

Deputy-mayor Liz Danielsen said it had been indicated that the township would "pick away" at outstanding properties "but I'm just wondering if at some point there isn't action beyond just picking away and what that might look like." McDowell said when it comes to enforcement and orders, it's up to the township, not WSP.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux asked, "do you think at the end of the program there will be a way to quantify somehow the remedial action impact on lake health, riparian zones etc?"

McDowell said they will be able to do risk assessments.

# Two senior managers leaving township

Two senior staff at Algonquin Highlands tabled their letters of resignation.

Operations manager, Adam Thorn, and fire chief, Jonathan Wilker, are both departing.

Thorn is joining the Township of Minden Hills. He said he wanted to get back to his passions of roads, equipment and fleet.

He said it had been a pleasure working for the municipality over the past 10 years and he's learned and grown thanks to a "great team."

"I can never say enough good things about Algonquin Highlands."

Wilker, who was officially appointed March 5, 2020, thanked the council for the opportunities presented to him the past year. With COVID, he also became the community emergency management coordinator.

He said it was a very difficult decision to leave as he'd enjoyed working in the municipality and with the volunteer firefighters.

"Obviously, this was a very challenging year and it was great to work with all the staff here. Very proud of what we accomplished this year," he said.

However, he said he had to prioritize his

family and return to Ottawa, where his wife and children are still living.

# Affordable housing incentives

County CAO Mike Rutter did a presentation on housing. He specifically wanted to tell councillors about 33 possible municipal incentives for non-profits and the private sector to invest in affordable housing in Haliburton County.

He said they range from things such as donated land, to land at a reduced cost, and waiving building permit fees.

He said there has been significant interest in the program, though not specifically in Algonquin Highlands. However, if anyone comes forward, he would like the township to be prepared.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said they have half the village of Dorset and a little bit of Carnarvon, but there is no available land there.

Danielsen said there is inequity since Algonquin Highlands contributes to the cost but does not have any affordable housing projects.

But Rutter said affordable housing isn't just limited to large-scale developments. He said it can include secondary suite provisions, rent supplements and other incentives.

"There are options inside the affordable housing target program ... and I think many of them could be useful in Algonquin Highlands," he said.

# Phased approach to docks and landings

Council decided it will adopt a phased approach to docks and landings.

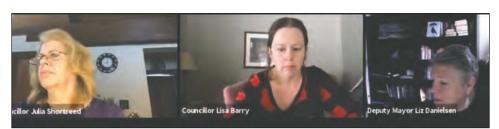
Director of parks, recreation and trails, Chris Card, recommended landings be addressed individually in the order recommended in the asset management plan

He said that would allow council to utilize a project and decision-making framework developed by staff with input from council.

"As each project is approached, the information that is required to complete that project would be identified within the framework and utilized to make recommendations to council for approval," he said.

Card said he hopes the program can be implemented in 2021, beginning with Skin Lake landing.

He will return with more information for council. (Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais)



Algonquin Highlands held a regular council meeting Dec.10. Photo by Lisa Gervais.



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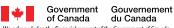
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# Less spin, more delivery

In my many years of journalism in Ontario, I have never seen a provincial government that manages the message as well as the Ford Conservative government.

They have taken their spin-doctoring to an even greater level during COVID-19.

Every day throughout this pandemic, Premier Doug Ford has taken to a podium with one or more of his Cabinet ministers. Many of these video ops involve some

form of funding announcement.

Some are a tad misleading. Take for example the Dec. 8 announcement by Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, Lisa MacLeod.

She started her Zoom announcement by saying the government was handing out \$3.2-million.

In actual fact, they were giving \$350,000 of new money. The rest had already been

MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Laurie Scott often attends the pressers involving her constituency.

However, you'll note she hasn't held a press conference to discuss her government's role in what environmentalists and critics say breaks a promise to protect the Greenbelt from development, or any of the other Bills that have been passed by her

government under somewhat questionable circumstances.

But when it comes to announcing money, Scott and the provincial Conservatives are unparalled.

Further, it should be noted that they rarely announce where the money is coming from. One can presume that the lion's share is taxpayers' dollars, though. So, in essence, the government is announcing that it is giving you back your money for some project or program, all the while patting itself on the back.

What is often lacking in these announcements as well is the 'when.'

You need look no further than Haliburton Highlands Health Services to see examples of moneys promised, but not yet delivered.

The HHHS board met Dec. 11 and member, David O'Brien, quite rightly criticized the province while discussing the organization's \$455,000 operating deficit.

O'Brien said the financials as of Sept. 30 are due to COVID-19 expenses.

He said about \$424,000 in the deficit is related to lost revenue with service closures that the province has deemed not eligible for provincial funding. Another \$31,000 is from increased overtime due to staff recruiting and retention problems.

He said the province did provide some

reimbursement for expenses up until July but he's disappointed the province has not provided more - in the six months since.

O'Brien said the



board, staff and HHHS executive has done everything it's been asked by the province.

However, funding isn't keeping up with that provincial ask.

When announcing their budget Nov. 5 - another big media splash - the Conservatives pledged an extra \$572 million for hospitals to support pandemicassociated costs.

And yet, surprise, surprise, HHHS has not received any formal communication about how many dollars will flow its way, or more importantly, when those actual dollars will hit their accounts.

While we understand the bureaucracy in translating press announcements to the real thing in Ontario communities, maybe less time could be spent on the bling and more on the details of ensuring much-needed dollars get to where they have to go in a timely fashion.

# **COVID CORNER**

# Sacrifices, perspective and war time

Christmas 1942. Canadians are sacrificing. Their children, spouses, brothers, sisters, lovers are overseas. Who knows if they're alive? Who knows if they'll come home? Food is rationed. Bombs are falling. Millions are being displaced. You might get a letter months after it was written. You can only guess with hope in your heart that your husband and father of your children is still alive, not in a prisoner of war camp, not starving or lost across enemy lines.

It is war time. The world of my parents' generation. I am one generation removed but I grew up listening to the stories from those who lived it, falling asleep listening to my grandfather and uncles singing war songs, drinking scotch into the night. Where do all those survivors put their memories? And what do the surviving heroes of those days think of us today? The sacrifices they made in the Second World War would make us shudder. And have respect. And gratitude. And maybe a little shame.

It is their heroism and perseverance in the face of global uncertainties that we need to remember. That dedicated sacrifice and stalwart duty. Most of us have never needed and day out, month after month ... And the to know it. Thanks to them.

Everyone stepped up to fight the enemy, and all had a role to play. Canadian women entered the workforce, and factories turned into production centers for war time goods. It was "maximal civilian effort."

Our enemy is now invisible. But it is a lethal enemy, nonetheless. Those on the front lines of this war against SARS-CoVID-2 are also sacrificing. Globally, there are well over 7,000 deaths in frontline health care workers and more than 300,000 have been infected worldwide. In many cases they are without adequate protective gear, are denied the support of their employers and administrators, and suffer because policymakers do not have the courage to take decisive action to stop the enemy spread. Hour after hour, day after day in the heat of battle. Who is supporting this highly-skilled and precious work force? These soldiers work with intensity and devotion, and they are dying, and they are suffering.

"Health care workers and professionals are, by nature, amongst the strongest, toughest, most resilient, grittiest people that any of us would ever encounter. Their measure of emotional and mental toughness is unparalleled. And they are accustomed to seeing accidents and traumas. What's different about COVID is that it's day in amount of death and anguish and hardship and loss is enormous. It is far beyond what they've experienced day in and day out in the past. And so, because it keeps going on, because of the severity, because of the risk for their own lives, because of the impact

on their own families, this [has] really crossed, from the normal stress that they encounter, really into traumatic



By Dr. Nell Thomas

stress for them." -Diana Hendel, Why Cope When You Can Heal? How Health Care Heroes of COVID-19 Can Recover from

Our present day "maximal civilian effort" looks very different from 1942's sacrifices. We are asked to wear a mask, stay six-feet apart, wash our hands, do a sleeve sneeze and an elbow cough. And limit exposure.

Each family gathering under one roof with individuals from other homes opens the door to infection. Which then expands the potential victim list to first responders and all hospital staff ... and their family members and coworkers.

Most of us have internet and food security. Unlike in 1942, most of us know where our family members are, and whether they are alive. In fact, we can speak to them instantly, Facetime and Skype.

What a luxury that would have been in

Christmas 2020. Canadians are sacrificing. Enjoy your family - alive and apart.

# HAVE AN OPINION?

Send your letters to editor@thehighlander.ca (300 words max)

# Editorial opinion

# **LETTERS**

# Don't make shoreline changes in pandemic

Dear editor,

I am writing in support of recent letters rightly critical of County Council for attempting to push through the shoreline preservation bylaw during the pandemic.

This is a time when property owners who will be most impacted by this change are distracted by the impact this pandemic is having on their families, health and livelihood, and those who are seasonal residents do not have the same focus on Haliburton issues as in the summer.

Public meetings (emphasis on the plural) and discussions (ie. at cottagers' association meetings when members are able to attend in person) are necessary to understand (a) why this bylaw is necessary (can existing laws be better enforced or amended to meet the same goals? Are our lakes so bad as to warrant such action?) and (b) the details and what this really means for property owners.

For example, why 30 metres? Most (75 per cent) of the waterfront homes on the 60 Haliburton lakes studied in 2019 fall within 30 metres of the high-water level. Upon what scientific research was this distance based?

According to the article in the Nov 26 *Highlander*, one of "the objectives of this by-law ... is to get County shorelines to 75 per cent naturalized." And "... assessment of 60 local lakes found only 47-48 percent of their shorelines were natural."

I have reviewed the 2019 "Lake Health Report" and find that while only 28 per cent (not 47-48 per cent) of shorelines are classified as "natural," another 47 per cent are classified as "regenerative," which the report defines as "natural vegetation has been removed in the past, but is in the process of growing back towards a natural state."

So, 75 per cent (28 per cent and 47 per cent) of the shorelines of those 60 lakes (out of 600 lakes in Haliburton County) are either "natural" or returning to a natural state, without the need of any new bylaws. You can bet that those other, presumably smaller and less densely developed 540 lakes have shorelines which are at least 75 per cent natural/regenerative.

Haliburton waterfront property owners are generally responsible citizens who have long recognized the importance of keeping our lakes healthy by preserving shorelines, not using fertilizers and following existing bylaws regarding building (municipal) and waterfront changes (provincial – MNR). Without healthy lakes, property values decline and the water cannot be enjoyed to its fullest extent.

This new bylaw isn't necessary in my opinion, but that's a decision for all affected members of the public to have the opportunity to fully understand and debate once the pandemic has ended and our lives return to normal.

I strongly encourage County Council members to not allow themselves to be seen in the same light as the federal Liberals, who are pushing through their own

agenda (ie. carbon tax increase) during the distraction of a global pandemic.

Dave Love Haliburton Lake

# Shoreline bylaw

Dear editor,

Should we be sidetracked and tricked and bedeviled now, by these politicians and their phantom official experts?

Cutting to the bottom line: There is no state of emergency that justifies sweeping away Canadian's basic freedoms. No war, no natural, no environmental or no manmade disaster here in Haliburton.

No emergency can override the meaning and spirit of our Charter of Rights and Freedoms and any enshrined riparian property usage rights.

Our government is based on the consent of the governed. We decide. We aren't property of the state. We aren't products shaped by the state. We weren't born to be in "greenbelt shoreline lockdowns" and pseudo-science test subjects in some grand utopian vision dreamt up by CHA and facilitated by our local part-time politicians - those whom we can replace in two years if we feel betrayed.

We are in a tunnel. We are carrying the light. Around us are sheep and doomsayers and hostile actors. They have redefined freedom in Orwellian terms to mean obedience. They now see privation and shoreline lockdowns as consecrations to a new cause: allegiance to a brand-new manufactured set of enviro standards that have suddenly washed ashore.

The infernal logic of this is inescapable. Once you allow the crossing of the Constitutional line, then, freedom is gone. Then Canada too is gone. Remember this bylaw is "go forward." This is "code" for an evolution of more enviro restrictions which will become even more intrusive, based on "their" (not your) ever-changing, evolving beliefs over time. Give government an inch, they will take a mile.

I've spent the past nine months proving that their theories are a scientific fraud. There is no emergency or great danger. But even if there were, the role of cottagers in the grand scheme is grossly overstated.

Instead, we have to rise up. We have to live life, move forward and above all keep our cottage dreams and lifestyles alive by raising our collective voices against this new wave of oppressive forces that will deny our long held and valued rights and freedoms as cottagers.

David Hopkins Howe Minden Hills

# Protect Oak Ridges Moraine and other lands

Dear editor,

It seems as though the Conservative Government has time on its hands to push legislation through that will forever damage

# PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Maggie Lawrence said she was thinking about her dad and looked out the window to find this beautiful Cardinal in the trees.

our protected lands in Ontario. Make your voice heard to your local MPP. We need to stand together on this. If this precedent is set, Haliburton's protected lands will be in peril sooner than you think.

Joan Duhaime Haliburton

# In praise of our large-animal vet

Dear editor,

Some hard choices have been made in keeping healthy for everyone. We are supportive of our local veterinarian, Dr. Aimee Filion who has sent a letter out ahead of time to indicate reduced hours in the spring when she will be the only large animal vet in the Haliburton Veterinary Clinic. She will be available during set hours of the day, six days of the week. With a long-term view, she is still trying to get another large animal vet for the local area in her mixed practice. We all have the challenge to manage smarter to stay healthy.

With her being here, it gives our community more coverage than some other rural areas. We feel strongly that our vet needs the support to stay healthy for the long term as she chooses to be here for local agricultural food security. As farmers, we can step up with our responsibilities to care for our animals with close observation and communication with Dr. Aimee as we share in the efforts of the community.

Thank you Dr. Aimee and the team at the clinic. We also want to thank Dr. Orna

Feehan from Ireland for her two years service, as she returns to her homeland early in 2021. The challenge to us as a community is to do our part for health as we reach out to get another large animal vet for our area.

Godfrey and Jean Tyler Haliburton

# A note to volunteers for Minden Christmas hamper program

Dear editor,

The success of this event would not be possible without our wonderful community volunteers and the generosity of our residents, community groups and businesses.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we will not be able to allow our many volunteers to help sort as we have in the past. Due to health official guidelines and restrictions, only a select few volunteers will be allowed to help. These select few volunteers have been contacted so we ask that if you were not contacted, please do not show up at the Community Centre as we will unfortunately not be able to allow you in.

The health and safety of everyone is our first priority. Thank you in advance. We hope to be able to allow you all back in the upcoming years. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Minden Food Bank

# HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES NEWS

# COVID-19 vaccine prep

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Carolyn Plummer reported HHHS is preparing for the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccine, though the district will get them later than some other areas.

She said the province is providing the limited quantities of the vaccine to hotspots for the virus, including the Toronto and Ottawa areas.

"We're anticipating it is going to be quite some time before a vaccine is available locally in our community," Plummer said.

The County has only one active case as of Dec. 14 but she emphasized the need for the community to continue to take precautions, including wearing masks and keeping a two-metre distance from people outside the household regardless of mask usage.

# **HHHS upping security**

HHHS is adding security at its Haliburton and Minden sites due to an increase in aggressive behaviour by some patients during the night.

Plummer said the organization is hiring a security guard service in the short term while working on a long-term solution for overnight security at both locations.

"Keep our staff safe, our patients safe, and of course our residents safe as well," she said.



HHHS is starting plans for distributing a COVID-19 vaccine, but it will be some time before it is available locally. File photo.

# Foundation gets grant

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) received a \$92,000 grant from the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Foundation COVID-19 Community Hospital Fund.

HHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins said the funding will be used to provide equipment to expand HHHS's acute care service. "We are extremely grateful,"

Tompkins said.

The \$5 million fund supports hospitals across Canada with fewer than 100 beds. (Haliburton Highlands Health Services news compiled by Joseph Quigley Local Journalism Initiative Reporter).



# COUNTY BRIEFS

# Millions needed for ageing bridges

The County will need to spend \$10.35 million over the next seven years to replace degrading bridges and culverts, according to a biennial inspection report.

Keystone Bridge Management Corp. managing director, Harold Kleywegt, presented to County council Dec. 8. Their inspections found four culverts needing replacement by 2028 and five bridges requiring comprehensive rehabilitation.

The report said the municipality has fallen behind on renewing infrastructure, only replacing 12.7 per cent of inventory in the past 20 years, when the ideal rate should be 20 per cent.

"There's going to be an increasing requirement for capital expenditures as these structures age," Kleywegt said.

Councillors voted to receive the report as information.

# County backs affordable housing development

The County is backing a new 30-unit affordable housing project in Minden.

The committee agreed to a \$360,000 capital contribution to the \$7 million development, pending budget approval. The homes would be located west of Highway 35 near the Highway 21 intersection, with

an estimated completion date of February 2022.

The funding will help the application for a grant under the federal Rapid Housing Initiative. Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation CEO, Hope Lee, said the grant could cover all the capital costs and potentially allow the development to offer all units for rent-geared-to-income.

If that does not happen, Lee said they would look to Haliburton County for funding to help provide 10 units at that level.

Coun. Carol Moffatt questioned the idea of subsidizing rent.

"I love everything about (this project) except that one piece," she said. "COVID has wreaked havoc on small businesses, but we're not offering any other supplements."

CAO Mike Rutter said staff could bring back more information on the financial contribution at a future meeting.

# New cardlock system

Councillors agreed to purchase a new cardlock system for approximately \$95,000.

It will add gas to the municipality's three patrol yard fueling stations for its fleet, which are diesel only. Director of public works, Craig Douglas, said the project would also upgrade the technology, allowing staff to closely monitor consumption to help reduce emissions.

Douglas noted 80 per cent of municipal



Director of public works Craig Douglas. File photo.

greenhouse gas emissions are from the fleet. "We need good, reliable data to make

incremental changes," Douglas said.
"Incremental changes on 80 per cent of our emissions is significant."

Douglas also said it would save about \$20,000-\$25,000 per year in fuel costs.

The committee voted to recommend the expense to council. They also directed staff to ask local townships if they would like to participate in collaborative procurement on the initiative (County news compiled by Joseph Quigley, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter).





# This holiday season needs to be different.

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The safest way to celebrate indoors is only with the people who live in your home. People who live alone can get together only with one other home.

Gatherings with friends and extended family can carry an increased risk of getting and spreading COVID-19. Consider celebrating outdoors or virtually with others that are not part of your household.

Know the gathering limits in your area before you choose to entertain with family and friends indoors. Indoor gatherings are not permitted in regions in Grey-Lockdown.

For all gatherings with anyone you do not live with:

- maintain 2 metres physical distance
- wear a face covering
- avoid potlucks or shared utensils
- ensure everyone washes hands regularly, including before and after meals

Self-isolate if you are sick, even if your symptoms are mild and ask guests to stay home if they feel unwell.

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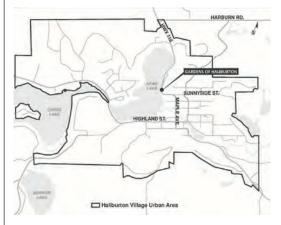
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### **NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION**

# Class Environmental Assessment Water System for the Gardens of Haliburton



The Gardens of Haliburton retirement lifestyle residences are being constructed within the Haliburton Village Urban Area at 1 Sunnyside Street on the former site of Fleming College. Municipal water supply is not available therefore a private water supply system is required.

Final approval by the municipality for the water system requires that the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process be completed.

The Water Supply EA for the Gardens of Haliburton followed Schedule C of the Municipal Class EA process.

The process included public, first nations and review agency consultation, an evaluation of alternatives, an assessment of potential impacts and identification of reasonable measures to mitigate adverse impacts. The environmental assessment process has now been completed. There were no negative impacts identified with the project that could not be mitigated. Therefore, the proponent is planning to move forward with the recommended alternative of a groundwater supply using a drilled well with treatment for hardness, particle filtration and disinfection.

The Environmental Study Report (ESR) that documents the planning, decision-making and consultation process will be available for public review on-line on the project website: https://gardensofhaliburton.ca/class-environmental-assessment/

If you require a hardcopy to review, please contact the proponent.

Comments and/or outstanding concerns are to be submitted to the proponent Gardens of Haliburton Inc. via their website or by email ea@gardensofhaliburton.ca or via mail to 12 Kensington Drive, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 3M9. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

The public has the ability to request a higher level of assessment on this project if they are concerned about potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. In addition, the Minister may issue an order on his or her own initiative within a specified time period. The Director will issue a Notice of Proposed Order to the proponent if the Minister is considering an order for the project within 30 days after the conclusion of the comment period on this Notice of Completion. The Director may then request additional information from the proponent. Once the requested information has been received, the Minister will have 30 days within which to decide or impose conditions on the project. Note the proponent cannot proceed with the project until at least 30 days after the end of the comment period provided for in this Notice of Completion. Further, the proponent may not proceed after this time if:

- a Part II Order request has been submitted to the Ministry regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, or
- the Director has issued a Notice of Proposed order regarding the project.

In the event there are outstanding concerns regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, Part II Order requests on those matters should be addressed in writing to:

Minister Jeff Yurek Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto, ON M7A 2J3 Email: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

and

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1P5 Email: EABDirector@ontario.ca

Requests should also be sent to the Gardens of Haliburton Inc.

All correspondence will be maintained for reference throughout the project and will become part of the project record. Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in a submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this project and will be released, if requested, to any person.

This notice was first issued on 10 December, 2020.



# **NEWS BRIEFS**

### **New Canoe directors**

Canoe FM's board changed at its AGM held via Zoom.

"We were certainly very sorry to see Barry Willhelm, Kevin Shea and Dave Rodgerson leave our board, but they have come to the end of their term," station manager, Roxanne Casey, said. "We appreciate everything that they have done for the station and we thank them for their years of service. "

The board has three new directors and now comprises: chair Tim Hagarty, vice chair Trina West, secretary Linda Heeps and treasurer Roger Dart. Directors are Drew Allen, Stephanie MacKendrick, Rob McCaig, Dan Sullivan, Paul Vorvis and Lori Watson.

# Sayne gets national recognition

Home inspector and Minden Hills Coun. Pam Sayne has received an award from the Canadian Association of Home and Property Inspectors.

Sayne was given The Stephen Greenford Award at the association's annual general meeting Nov. 28.

The award is presented to a home inspector in recognition of their dedication and contribution to the advancement of the home inspection profession in Canada.

Sayne is a member of the board of directors representing Ontario's central region.

Sayne founded her company, Know Your Home Inspections Inc., in Minden Hills in 1999, but jokes that her building science knowledge began at age eight, building structures in empty neighbourhood lots with leftover materials from local construction sites.

# Fleming gets new board chair

The Board of Governors at Fleming College recently appointed a new chair, Fred Clifford, and other officers.

A resident of Northumberland County, Clifford graduated from Fleming's accounting diploma program in 1982 and has served on the board since 2017. He brings more than three decades of leadership experience from the business and health care sectors.

Dan Marinigh is the outgoing chair.

# Free course from Contact North

A free Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) to help students succeed in their online learning is back for the new year.

Offered jointly by Contact North | Contact Nord and Athabasca University, Learning to Learn Online (LTLO) introduces concepts and practices for successful learning online.

The initial September offering attracted 1,541 students and educators from 79 countries. That's why they are offering a January/February session, spokesperson Sarah Gauvreau said.

Students in the next cohort of LTLO can start any time after Jan. 18 and must complete the course no later than Feb. 21, 2021.

Gauvreau said it's ideal for students learning online for the first time, who want to improve their approach to online learning and teachers or education professionals who



Home inspector, Pam Sayne, holds a plaque she received. Submitted photo.

want to support their students in learning online.

Register at contactnorth.ltlo.ca (News briefs compiled by Lisa Gervais)

# **SCHOOL BOARD NEWS**

# Snow day feedback

Haliburton school board trustee, Gary Brohman, wanted insights into how the board's first snow day went, and whether the new protocols for instruction on snow days were successful.

"This was a good example of give and take with our employee groups," Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) Director of Education, Wes Hahn, said at a Dec. 8 board of trustees meeting.

"There was lots of positive feedback from teachers about the need to keep learning moving and giving the kids the best chance to continue learning."

Hahn asked student trustee Kaylee Kelly

for her opinion. Kelly said that according to her peers, work was hit and miss depending upon the teacher, and in her case the work was not up until later in the day.

"I also heard issues about connectivity and an ability to even access the work," she said.

Trustees were reminded by staff that there is a bus cancellation video on the board's website that is intended to help families answer some of the questions they might have about inclement weather cancellation.

# Meeting format for 2021

Trustees Judy Saunder and John Byrnes

wanted to know about meeting protocols for 2021. The board had resumed distanced in-person meetings.

"If cases go up, we may have to return to virtual meetings," Hahn said. "We may have to reconsider how we hold meetings in the future even when things return to some kind of normal. We may need to continue to meet in big rooms (such as the one at the Muskoka Education Centre) and continue practicing distancing at meetings."

### New chair and vice chair

At their final board meeting of the year, the TLDSB elected a chair and vice-chair.

Bruce Reain, representing Huntsville-Lake of Bays, was acclaimed chair for 2021 while David Morrison, representing City of Kawartha Lakes Ward 5, was acclaimed as vice-chair for 2021.

Reain complimented staff "on doing their best in a very difficult year."

"We are a team and a very good team. We have done a wonderful job keeping our kids safe. I am very proud of our decision to mask all staff and students, and we should all be proud of our Learning at Home program," he said.

The board will next meet virtually on Jan. 12, 2021. (School board news compiled by Kirk Winter)



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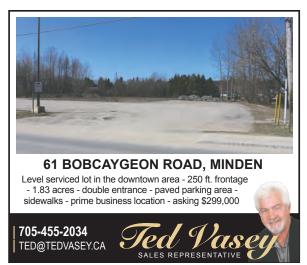
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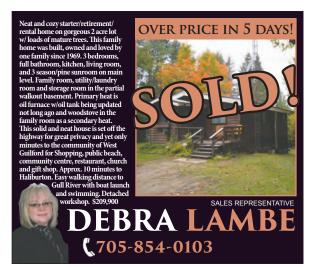






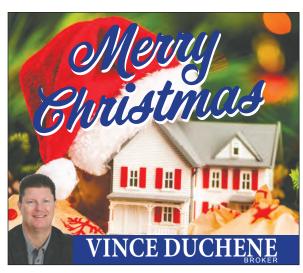


















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# DYSART ET AL NEWS

# **Budget starts at zero** per cent increase

Dysart et al began its 2021 budget deliberations starting from a zero per cent increase to its side of the property tax Dec.

Councillors reviewed the first draft budget provided by staff, which maintains the taxation rate from 2020.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said the budget may not finish there, but complimented the

"A zero per cent budget is prudent and responsible in these times and it's a great, great starting point," Roberts said.

# **Sculpture forest** seeks support

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest presented to Dysart council Dec. 15 seeking an annual \$12,500 contribution from the municipality.

Forest board chair Barb Bolin and curator Jim Blake highlighted how visitors doubled this past summer, from approximately 9,000 to 18,000. However, they said the increased popularity of the forest means trails wearing down, requiring more resources and operating dollars.

"We realized the sculpture forest has hit a tipping point," Bolin said.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said council would consider the request at an upcoming budget meeting.

# Rails End Gallery asks for help

The Rails End Gallery also sought support from council as it struggles with less foottraffic and events due to the pandemic.

Director Laurie Jones asked council to cover propane and hydro expenses at the facility – which would amount to approximately \$6,250 annually - in addition to the \$50,000 contribution the municipality already pays.

Coun. Larry Clarke, the council representative on the gallery board, said arts are important to the community and

"I don't think what Laurie is asking for is unreasonable. It's been a very challenging year for just about anybody that has to rely on foot traffic," Clarke said. "We have to support our partnerships."

Roberts also said the council would consider the request for the budget.

# Septic program under new management

Council approved Toronto-based WSP to take over its septic re-inspection program.

The company was the only one to bid for the contract and currently manages the programs in Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills. The cost will be revenueneutral for the municipality, but the company will charge property owners



The Haliburton Sculpture Forest presented to Dysart council Dec. 15 asking for an annual contribution from the municipality. File photo.

\$257.64 including HST over the course of the program.

The program will restart next year in May, with the remaining inspection areas expected to be finished by 2025.

Coun. John Smith asked whether homeowners could have their properties examined ahead of schedule by other qualified inspectors and add a septic tank pump out, which is no longer municipally mandated.

Chief Building Officer Karl Korpela said WSP would have to agree to review reports from other inspectors. but added that should not be an issue.

Smith was the only councillor to vote against the bid and expressed concern about the sole-source contract and not using local providers. (Dysart et al news compiled by Joseph Quigley, Local Journalism Initiative



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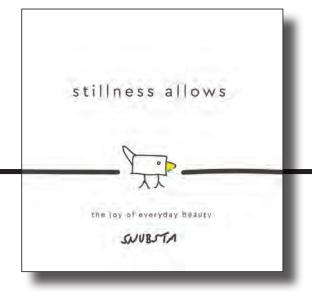








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Eagle Lake Women's Scholarship for Geography	Trinity Walker	Eagle Lake Women
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Year 1 Extended French Award	Owen Nicholls	Chris Duchene
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Wendy Schell Memorial Scholarship for		
Mathematics	Matthew Statta	Mrs. Louise Cooper
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Year 2 Drama Award	Grace Hudson	Drama Club of HHSS
Year 2 Extended French Award	Emma Miller	Ms. Jessica Lloyd
Year 2 Hospitality and Tourism Award	Emma Thompson	HHSS Hospitality & Tourism
		Program
Assante Financial Management Award	Ryanne Horsley	Mr. Gord Schakelaar,
		Assante Financial Management
Companionship Support Award	Anthony Stead-Miller	Dan & Ginny Marsden
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Technology	Stefan Salaris	Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 129

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Sherman Taylor Environmental Award	Daniella Meraw	
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Anna English Bursary	Mackenzie Tidey .	H.H.S.S. Scholarship Fund
Aramark Nutrition Bursary	Destiny Wilson-We	ells Aramark Canada Ltd.
B.J. Fowler Memorial Bursary	Brady Baldry	Mrs. Bonnie Hoenow
Bamforth Bursary for Nursing	Abigail Kauffeldt	Dr. Alexander Kennedy
Barkhouse Bursary	Jessica Jones	Mary Anne Barkhouse
Basil Hewitt Memorial Bursary	Bluma Holtzman .	Kirk Hewitt and Family
Bill and Sandra Valentine Memorial Bursary	Lane Brohm	Mrs. Sandra Valentine
Bill Medland Music Award	William Craftchick	Mrs. Donna Medland
Bob Herlihey Memorial Bursary	Michal Swiezawski	The Family and Friends of
		Bob Herlihey
Brenda Ann Chambers Award	Morgan Burke	The Estate of Brenda Ann Chambers
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C. Jean Levis Calculus Award		
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Canadian Parents for French-Extended French Award	Rebecca Archibald		J. Douglas Hodgson History Award	•	
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Catholic Women's League of St. Anthony of Padua Bursary	Salaris	Church, Haliburton	John Heffer Memorial Award		
Century 21 Granite Realty Group Ltd. Bursary	Renjamin Domerchie	*	Joyce Williams Memorial Scholarship for English	•	·
Clarence McInerney Memorial Bursary	*	e e	Joyce Williams Memorial Scholarship for English		
Clayton and Phyllis Hodgson Citizenship Bursary		_	Keith Burns Music Bursary		
Community Living Trent Highlands Award	•	,	Ken Wilson Bursary	,	· ·
, с		County	Laurie Bacon and Valerie Cowan Memorial Award	Alyssa Bogardis	. H.H.S.S. Girls' Athletic Association
Cooperative Education Program Award	Braeden Robinson	. Chris Duchene	Leslie and Nila Reynolds Memorial Bursary	Hailey Brisco	. Mrs. Carol Reynolds
Dale Robinson Award	Bianca Salaris	. Dale Robinson	Lieutenant Governor General's Community Volunteer Award	. Bianca Salaris	. The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
Daniel and Pauline Otto Bursary			Louise Cooper Bursary		
Daniel and Pauline Otto Bursary			Margaret Sisson Memorial Bursary		•
Dawson Gray Accounting Scholarship			Martha Steen Memorial Award	•	
Dawson Hamilton Memorial Award			Mary Medley Memorial Award (1)		
Donna Jennings Memorial Bursary  Earl and Jan Shipley Memorial Bursary		•	Mary Medley Memorial Award (2)	-	
Edge Imaging Highlander Yearbook Scholarship			McKeck's Tap & Grill Culinary/Hospitality Bursary		
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Ethel L. Curry Award			Minden Legion Scholarship for Science		· · ·
Extended French Scholarship	•	•	Modern Electric Business Bursary		_
F. D. Herlihey Memorial Scholarship			Modern Electric IT Bursary		
Ferguson Millar Arts Bursary	George Devolin	. Former CD Ferguson, Marge	Music Appreciation Bursary		
		Ferguson & Jean Lang Millar Awards	North Entrance Masonic Lodge Bursary	•	e
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Good Samaritan Award	James Alexander	. The Knights of Columbus	Perfect Attendance	Bence Suranyi	. H.H.S.S.
Governor General's Academic Medal	Charlotte Paton	. The Governor General of Canada	Perfect Attendance	Ciara Wilson	. H.H.S.S.
Guitar Programme Award	Lane Brohm	. H.H.S.S. Bands	Perfect Attendance	Charlotte Paton	. H.H.S.S.
Haliburton County Development Corporation Bursary	George Devolin	. Haliburton County Development	Penny Obee Memorial Scholarship	Siddhi Shah	. Bill Obee
		Corporation	Potter-Wilson Memorial Award		•
Haliburton County Folk Society Award		·	Retired Teachers of Ontario Bursary	Hailey Brisco	
Haliburton County Food for Kids Scholarship	Sophie Longo		D: 11-11 M   F   D	Charlette Detail	Haliburton
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		Association	Ronald J. Curry Memorial Bursary		•
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Bursary	Benjamin Domerchie .	. Haliburton Highlands Health	Rosie Kenney Award	Mackenzie Tidey	. Mrs. Rosie Kenney
		Services Foundation	Rosie Kenney Bursary	Grace Kim	. Mrs. Rosie Kenney
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Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Bursary .			Anniversary Award		•
Haliburton Highlands Museum History Award			Rotary Club of Haliburton 75th Anniversary Award	*	•
Haliburton Home Builders Award			Rotary Club of Haliburton Bursary (1)		•
Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association Bursary		· ·	Rotary Club of Haliburton Bursary (2)		•
Haliburton Legion Award for Communications		Association	Rotary Club of Haliburton Mathematics Scholarship  Rotary Club of Haliburton Mathematics Scholarship		•
Technology(Yearbook)	Nikita Watson	. Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 129	Rotary Club of Minden Bursary		
Haliburton Legion Bursary for Trade Apprenticeship .		,	Rotary Club of Minden Scholarship		•
Haliburton Legion Military Training Bursary			Rotary Club of Minden Scholarship		•
Haliburton Legion Scholarship			Russell Andrus Memorial Bursary		
Haliburton Lumber Award	Isaac Little	. Haliburton Lumber and Enterprises Ltd.	Sarah Bloomfield Memorial Award	Destiny Wilson-Wells .	. Elizabeth Bloomfield
Haliburton Paramedics Local 4435 Bursary			Sarah Nash Memorial Bursary		•
Haliburton Veterinary Services Bursary	_		Science and Engineering Bursary		
Hazel R. Newman Memorial Bursary			Sid Stamp Memorial Bursary		
Heat Line Tradesperson Bursary			Specialist High Skills Major	Destiny Wilson-Wells .	. 1.L.D.S.B.
HHSS Bursary	•	-	St. Paul's A.C.W. Practical Academic Life Skills Program Award	Flijah Campball	A C W of St Doul's Church Mindon
HHSS Citizenship Award (female)		-	St. Paul's A.C.W. Workplace Studies Award		
	cnosa Dinikus	Louise Clark, Emil Neimann, Hewitt	Stuart W. Baker Memorial Award		
		Transport, HH Senior Citizens	Those Other Movies Bursary		•
HHSS Citizenship Award (male)	Benjamin Domerchie .	*	Township of Minden Hills Bursary	•	-
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Memorial Bursary	Alexis Milley				Ronald J. Curry
		Rodney Gorveatt, Wendy Schell and	Will Packard Memorial Bursary	•	•
		Jeff Hutchings	Winifred Campbell Bursary	•	-
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Top: Goaltender Ethan Dobson and Danaya MacDuff battle for a loose puck in front of the net. Bottom: Cooper Lloyd and Beckham Reynolds in the corner during a game Dec. 11. *Photos by Joseph Quigley.* 

# U17 Red win high-scoring affair

On Friday, Dec. 11, the U17 Green team played the U17 Red team.

Green started the scoring and had a 2-0 lead until just before the half way point of the first period. With a lot of back-and-forth action, Red scored to bring them within one. Green scored again to give themselves a two-goal lead but Red came back and scored three goals to take a 4-3 lead heading into the second period.

Green scored right at the start of the second to tie it up at 4's. With a fast pace, both teams tried everything

to take the lead. Red took over and scored five goals to take a 9-4 lead but Green never gave up. They kept skating and trying everything. Green scored another but so did Red and with dying seconds remaining, Green scored again but Red took the game 10-6.

It's been great getting to know all these players in session one. I hope to see everyone back for session two for more great hockey. (Submitted by U17 Green team coach, Ron Hall.)

# HOME OF THE HIGHLAND STORMS



**#1 ISAAC LEE** 

Isaac is always ready to go every time he comes to the arena. He gives his all every time he hits the ice. With three stitches in his ankle, he skated both ends of the ice time and time again. He is a valuable member of our team.



**#2 ALEX HENDRY** 

Alex is a quiet but impactful player. You always know when Alex is on the ice between his offensive drives or his defensive plays. Alex has shown great improvement over the last year and is a pleasure to coach.



**#3 DANAYA MACDUFF** 

Danaya has a smile on her face at all times. She can always make you laugh but her on-ice defensive hockey smarts is what makes her an asset to our team. She always has a positive attitude on and off the ice.

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# **SCOREBOARD**

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5** U11 Red U13 Yellow W U17 Red **U11 Yellow** U13 Blue L U17 Green U11 Blue U13 Red U17 Blue U11 Green U13 Green U17 Yellow



# Highlander people

# 'Olly' turns \$5 find into \$8,400 community bonanza

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

When eight-year-old Oliver Williams came upon a \$5 bill outside the A.J. LaRue Arena after playing hockey Dec. 5, he originally imagined spending it on a Christmas gift for his grandmother.

His mother, Chyna Schell, said after coming across OPP doing a food bank drive outside the Haliburton Foodland, Oliver was inspired and wanted to donate for that cause.

Oliver did so, and Schell posted about it on Instagram. But the family did not expect the post to go viral, inspiring people to provide their own small donations - raising more than \$2,700 for the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank in the span of one week, matched by both Foodland and CDH Carpentry Dec. 12. The final tally was \$8,400.

"I feel like they feel good too, like me," Oliver said of the donators inspired by him. "It's been very good."

Schell said the power of social media is incredible, adding most of the donations are small, with only a couple more than \$100.

"So cool to see it spread," she said. "Good news travels far. We all need a lot more of it lately because our lives this year haven't been filled with joy and the amount of joy that's come out of this week has just been so wonderful."

Eleanor Dobbins and Chris Dobbins of



Oliver Williams (second from left) stands with representatives from Haliburton Foodland and CDH Carpentry Dec. 12, after they agreed to match the \$2,700, he helped raise for the food bank. Left to right: Brad Park, Williams, Chyna Schell, Eleanor Dobbins, Chris Dobbins. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*.

CDH Carpentry said the story moved them to make the matching donation.

"We were really inspired by what Olly had started," she said.

"It's truly amazing," Chris Dobbins added. "The boy's an inspiration for the rest of the kids in Haliburton."

Schell said the experience has taught the

whole family valuable life lessons.

"Incredible to watch my kids learn that every little bit counts. But I'm benefiting just as much," she said. "I didn't even realize how much I would walk past a donation box and think, I only have a five, I only have a couple of bucks. I should give when I have a bit more ... I'm never going

to do that again. Every little bit helps."

She said in a year where people may not have as much to give, working together can go a long way.

"There is strength in numbers," Schell added. "When we come together and we give a little bit each, it makes a huge difference."

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# Seasons Greetings

#### From the Township of Minden Hills

Council and Staff would like to wish everyone in Minden Hills a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

#### **Municipal Holiday Hours**

Administration Office

Dec 21st to Dec 23rd 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM CLOSED Dec 24th at 11:30 AM to Jan 1st, 2021

Cultural Centre/Agnes Jamieson Gallery CLOSED Dec 5th for the remainder of 2020

#### Landfills

All Sites are CLOSED Dec 25th & Jan 1st

# Community Services Department Administration Office Dec 21st to Dec 23rd 8:30 AM = 4:30 PM

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Regular hours resume Jan 4th, 2021

#### A Message From the Minden Hills Fire Department

Check in with older family, friends, neighbours and those who are isolated in the community and make sure they have a working smoke alarm. Check their home for Christmas fire hazards and advise them of steps they can take to help 'STOP' fire in their home. If you hear a neighbour's smoke alarm going off, don't ignore it – go and check. If there's a fire, or if you can't be sure, phone 911.

#### Safe Winter Driving

Go slow driving in snow
Drive according to weather conditions, not
the speed limit.

- During a storm, posted speed limits are usually too fast. Conditions can also be unpredictable and change rapidly. Adjust your speed accordingly and give yourself extra travel time.
- Avoid sudden moves, starts or stops. Start slowly on slick or snowy roads and brake gradually, giving yourself plenty of space.
   Steer gently into turns to maintain control.
- Be visible. Use your low-beam headlights when it is snowing. They are brighter than daytime running lights and will turn on your tail lights.

### 2020 Tax Information

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PLEASE DIAL 9-1-1. FOR ALL OTHER MUNICIPAL EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL 1-866-856-3247

Council passed By-law #20-63 to suspend late charges on all 2020 tax installments until the first day following December 4, 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This is a reminder that the 2020 property taxes were due on December 4th. Interest will be added effective January 1, 2021 to all tax amounts outstanding as of this date.

You may pay your taxes via telephone or online banking or pay at your financial institution Please allow three (3) business days for payments to be received by our office.

Payments can also be made by cheque and mailed or put in our secured drop box at 7 Milne St. located on the north wall of the Administration building facing Pritchard Lane and the Municipal parking lot. It is accessed from the wheelchair entrance and is at the top of the first ramp. Absolutely NO cash is to be put in the drop box. Please make cheques payable to the Township of Minden Hills.

If you have any questions, please contact the tax department at (705) 286-1260 and press option "3".

#### Water and Sewer Accounts

Please note that any balance outstanding on your water and sewer account at December 31st will be transferred to your tax account.

If you pay your account by telephone or on-line banking, any payments received at the Township office in the new year will be up-loaded to your water/sewer account. It is your responsibility to make your payment to the appropriate account — utility or taxes.

Any payments made on your utility account after the balance is transferred to taxes, will result in a credit on your utility account until the next quarterly billing, and will only be transferred to taxes upon written request, subject to an administration fee of \$25.00.

Please ensure your on-line or telephone banking payments are made to the appropriate utility or tax account.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office at 705-286-1260, ext. 501 or by email at water-sewer@mindenhills.ca.

#### **Holiday Hours at Waste Sites**

All Minden Hills Waste Sites are closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day so our Staff can enjoy time with their families. Happy Holidays!

# Minden Food Bank Christmas Hamper and Christmas Boutique

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

# Junior Highlander

# COVID dances Nutcracker off stage EarlyOn moves indoors

By Carolyn Allder

For some, December is synonymous with the Nutcracker in Haliburton County. It's been the time when dancers from Heritage Ballet, after months of practice, would finally be able to show what they have been working on. But this year there will be no local production of the Nutcracker.

Heritage Ballet owner, Julie Barban, said she made the decision to cancel what would have been the 17th annual production because of rising COVID-19 numbers.

In September, Barban was starting to plan holding this year's production outside in Head Lake Park in Haliburton. She officially made the decision to cancel last month.

Brianne Pocket says Nutcracker is part of her family's Christmas

"I miss the whole shebang. The fact that it is something that both my kids and I are fully involved in, the time spent with some of my best friends, watching the heart that Julie (Barban) puts into it, seeing the dedication from every person involved on stage and off and the spirit that it brings to the community," she said.

Barban said she's comforted in knowing how special the production is to the community.

"People have told me it's their



Heritage Ballet's Julie Barban works on the 2019 Nutcracker. File.

Christmas tradition, it starts the holiday season for them."

Barban added there are two scenes in the ballet which she loves and will miss this year, the Snowflake scene and the Pas a Deux.

"It's quite magical when you watch it with the costumes and the lighting and music. The last scene is also my

favourite. It's bittersweet because it's so beautiful but it's also the end of the

Barban said while she hasn't started planning next year's production, she's optimistic it will be good and welcomed with open arms by the community.

**By Carolyn Allder** 

After spending the fall outside, the Ontario EarlyOn centres have moved indoors to continue the fun for kids six and under.

Program coordinator, Julie Bosker, said while the centres at both Archie Stouffer Elementary School and Stuart Baker Elementary School are closed they have started holding an indoor play and learn hour at the Haliburton Legion. The three-week program started on Dec. 7 after the pilot program in Minden finished.

Bosker said it's important for young children to have different social connections.

"It's for their development because that's how they are learning to cooperate, take turns, to share and following directions," she said.

Bosker added it's also practice for when it's time to start school. "When children are introduced to a group of people they are unfamiliar with, it builds their confidence and comfort level so that they can separate from their parent and meet new people and have new experiences and know how to handle situations too because when they go to school they will be in a new environment with new children."

Local mom, Kenzie Merritt, attended the program with her two children when it ran in Minden. Merritt is pleased EarlyOn is starting indoor programming.

"The kids still get the socialization and physical activity without the hands-on contact with others. We all looked forward to the outing each week," she said.

The play and learn program will return to the Minden Legion in the new year. There will also be sessions in February in both Minden and Haliburton. To register email admin@oeyc.ca or call 705-324-7900.

Ontario EarlyOn centres offer free programs for families and children from birth to six years old.





# Highlander events

# WHAT'S ON

#### DEC 23

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

#### **DEC. 24**

Haliburton Pastoral Charge is hosting a Christmas Eve service online –Thursday, December 24 at 8 p.m. on YouTube featuring Christmas carols, readings and music by guest artists. Access the video any time after 7:45 p.m. at haliburtonuc.com: "Watch Services Online" All are welcome to tune in.

#### DECEMBER

Minden Hills Holiday Lights Contest

Go for a drive through the Township of Minden Hills to enjoy the lights and vote for your favourite at www.HHCC.blog. The list of addresses can be found in the advertisement on page 15 of today's Highlander.

Minden Community Food Centre Christmas hampers

The Minden Community Food Centre Christmas 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. Mask 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@halhinet.on.ca

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

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

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

### CANCELLED

For the first time in more than 30 years, the Haliburton Forest is cancelling its annual poker run. It had been scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021. General manager Tegan Legge said they made the tough decision for the safety of staff, guests and community. The event has brought in hundreds of snowmobilers annually from all over Ontario. Last yea,r between the efforts of staff and volunteer, the Forest raised \$15,000 for the local fire department. They intend to continue in 2022, on Saturday, Feb. 12. Legge said trails will remain open to those wishing to purchase day passes and for those already staying with them. The Cookhouse will be hosting outdoor BBQs on weekends all winter with bonfires and comfort foods. All day pass fees for Saturday, Feb, 6, 2021 will be donated to Dysart et al fire department.

HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT? Contact admin@thehighlander.ca







Top: The Cester family, including Maggie, Jameson, Josh and Pippa, head toward the lift together. Bottom right: Taylor Jones and Natasha McGillion get ready for a day on the slopes. Bottom left: Amanda Paterson and Aubrey Paterson ride up together on a ski lift. *Photos by Joseph Quigley.w* 

# Skiers return to the slopes

Sir Sam's Ski and Ride opened its winter season Dec. 12-13, with new COVID restrictions. Skiers and snowboarders still flocked to the slopes to enjoy outdoor fun. "After months of planning, we're excited to finally get back to what we do best," the recreational centre said on Facebook.



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December 24th: Christmas Eve Pageant and Prayer

December 25th: Christmas Morning Worship

All services are available on

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Or by visiting www.haliburtonanglican.org

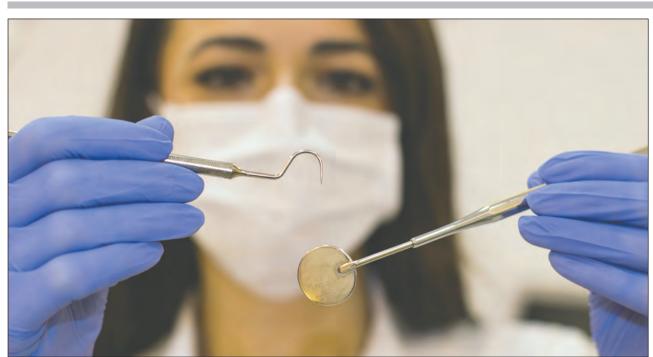
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# Living well



The local health unit has partnered with Volunteer Dental Outreach. Photo via UnSpalsh.

# Health unit hopes to help 1,700 seniors

#### By Kirk Winter

Are you a senior of modest means living in Haliburton and in need of dental care?

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit may have a program for you that will give seniors without health insurance access to anything from preventative dental care to full dental services in

Pam Stuckless, director of health promotions for the health unit, presented to the board of health meeting Dec. 3.

In April, 2019, the province announced funding for the development and launch of a lowincome seniors' dental program called the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program or OSDCP.

"At least two-thirds of low-income seniors do not have access to dental

insurance in Ontario," Stuckless said. "We believe there are at least 4,000 seniors in the HKPR district who could be eligible. We expect upwards of 1,700 eligible seniors to access this program.'

To qualify, you must be an Ontarian aged 65 and over with a net income of \$19,300 or less or a couple with a combined annual income of \$32,300 or less, and without existing dental benefits.

The application is done by hard copy or online through the local health unit

Chandra Tremblay, manager of corporate services, communications and information technology for the health unit, said the program is available in Haliburton as the health unit has partnered with Volunteer Dental Outreach.

Services include: examinations and assessments, preventative services,

restorative services to repair broken teeth and cavities, X-rays, oral surgery, anaesthesia, endontic services to treat infection and pain, periodontal services to treat gum conditions and diseases, and prosthodontic services, including dentures will be partially covered.

The program, funded 100 per cent by the provincial government, has provided capital funding to HKPR of \$516,000 to make it possible and allow improvements to facilities in Kawartha Lakes and Port Hope.

"In the HKPR area, we are fortunate to have two CHCs that provide dental services, hence the model in HKPR includes the health unit for preventative services, CHCs and the Haliburton VDO for full dental services," Tremblay said.

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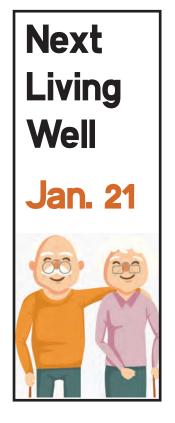
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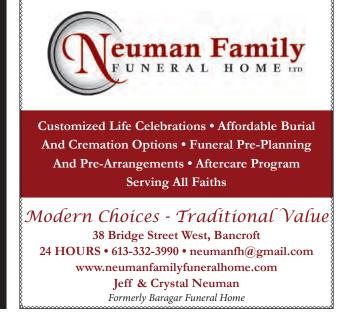
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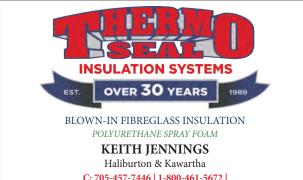


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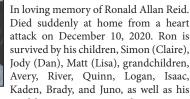
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### **OBITUARIES**

In Loving Memory of

### Ronald Allan Reid



sister, Catherine Hodgins and his partner, Joan Pipher. He was predeceased by wife, Toos, and sister, Roxanne Shuter.

Ron had incredible energy and approached each day with a positive attitude and willingness to help others. He was a man of great faith and would leave friends and strangers alike with a heartfelt 'God

He was born in Picton, Ontario and was raised in "the county" which held a special place in his heart. Ron loved to go back to Prince Edward County to visit, camp, and explore.

Ron attended Trent University from 1966-1970. At Trent, he met many great friends through studying biology and playing rugger. This is where he met Toos, the love of his life and wife of 40 years. They were an incredible pair together and left their mark on so many people from so many walks of life.

In the spring of '76, Ron got a temporary position at the Dorset research centre as a freshwater lakes biologist. A nine month contract became a lifetime in the community.

He was never one to sit still. He always had a list and a project, and he always had a willing partner in Toos. To find him in his woods, you needed only to follow the sound of the chainsaw or wood splitter. He often wouldn't slow down until he was bleeding, sometimes a little, sometimes a lot! When he took on a new hobby he didn't do it halfway, whether it was raising cows and rabbits, cultivating garlic and gardens, staying active by rugger and baseball in his younger years and cycling and golf in the later years, giving back through H.A.V.E. and the Christmas Basket program, and of course taking over every bush he could to make maple syrup.

Ron was always up for an adventure, usually by car, canoe, or 4-wheeler. He was never hesitant to pick up the phone, drop in on a friend, or drive 1000 km to watch a game. He left an impression on everyone he came into contact with and always had a huge smile and bigger heart. He was never shy to show off his moves on the

A couple of years ago, his sister, Cathy, introduced him to her friend, Joan, and he found in her a companion for his many adventures. They spent their time traveling between "the farm", "the cottage" and Florida, meeting up with friends and family along the way.

We know that Ron was loved by so many. Due to the current pandemic, we will host a virtual visitation on Wednesday December 16th from 2-3 and 6-7. Please email the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd. at info@gordonmonkfuneral.com to receive a scheduled virtual time slot with the Reid family.

A Private Memorial Mass will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, ON on Thursday, December 17th at 11:00 am. The service will be available virtually and details to attend will be available at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

A larger celebration of life will be held in Ron's memory when we are on the other side of this pandemic.

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Lachlan, Ollie, Kim, Steve and Anita



In Loving Memory of **Jack Frederick** Neville

Passed away peacefully at Extendicare, Haliburton on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. In his 85th year.

Beloved husband of the late Jean (nee Sproat). Dear father of Peter, Corrine

and her husband Ken. Loving Grampa of Jeremy and Danielle (Ryan). Dear son of the late Gord and Polly (nee Parish). Brother of Harry and predeceased by Lew. Fondly remembered by family

Jack was a long time employee with the bus lines in Haliburton. He will be remembered for his talent for music and the many years he would play at family gatherings, nursing homes and wedding dances. Jack always had a warm smile, a great sense of humour and was always dedicated to always helping others.

A Private Family Graveside Service will be held in the spring at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton.

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

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF **Barbara Elizabeth Ayres (Nee Davis)**



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# Highlander puzzles

### The Same But Different

### by Barbara Olson © ClassiCanadian Crosswords

#### **Across**

- 1 Singer Tennille
- Romance novelist Seton
- 9 Went back on shore?
- Things a therapist is told
- 15 Calculate election results
- 17 Destination for downhillers
- 19 "I'm not feelin' it"
- 20 Find a purpose for
- 21 Arrow trajectory
- 22 Sparkle
- 24 What a gin player is dealt
- Betrayed boredom
- 32 Ballet "step"
- 33 Call from a nanny
- 34 Full of dirty plays, in hockey
- Robinson who was Canada's first openly gay M.P.
- 38 Part of a Pippi costume
- Fast food chain with a stetson in its logo
- 43 Mail box?
- 44 Hard water?
- NYC-based insurance co.
- Hang-around-the-house wear
- Place to board a Border collie
- Bath-loving Muppet
- Loan accumulation: Abbr.
- 56 Madagascar's cont.
- 58 "Leave be" letters, in the ICU
- 59 Season-ending pro baseball
- Fairly certain
- 66 Doyle who led Great Big Sea
- Rapid, in music
- Words replaced by commas
- 69 Actor Hackman

#### Down

- 1 Like Tanya Tucker's singing
- 2 Henri's "hubba hubba!"
- 3 Archie to Prince William

- "It \_\_\_" (formal reply to "Who's
- Ones at a poker table?
- Brown-\_\_\_ (suck-up sort)
- Frostbite Music Festival terr.
- "As Is" singer DiFranco
- 9 Each partner
- Kitchen appliance brand
- 11 Rock band partly named for a trucker magazine, for short
- 12 Never ending, poetically
- 13 "Spring forward" zone: Abbr.
- 16 Streetcars
- Durango digits
- Like certain video game birds
- 25 Steal the spotlight from
- 26 Naheed Nenshi, to Calgary
- 27 "Ya got that right!"
- 28 Da \_\_\_ (Vietnam port)
- 29 Oatmeal cookie brand
- 31 Keypad letters on 3
- Take for \_\_\_ (test drive)
- What chefs often stick with?

- 37 More despicable
- Accounts receivable stamp
- With the bow, in viola music
- 40 "\_\_\_ your pardon!"
- 41 Lets in on email
- Itching to move
- "Hurry!", to Speedy Gonzales
- 48 Heartless Oz character
- 49 Ideal for meditating
- 51 Clothes for a cèilidh
- Put an \_\_\_ (kibosh)
- 53 Scottish landowner
- Banking costs
- Key figure on a résumé?
- 60 Top medal metal, in Madrid
- 61 Home ph.
- 62 '80s Oiler Tikkanen
- Feature that may be common to 17-, 24-, 38-, 50 and 59-Across
- "\_\_\_ me with a spoon!"

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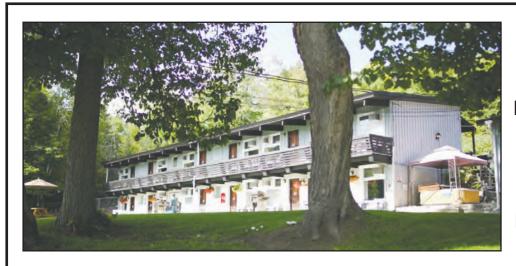
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