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Archie Stouffer Elementary School Kindergarten student, Jackson Little, shares a beach story during ASES' March break activities the week of March 15-19. *Photo submitted.*

Covid numbers rise as County vaccines begin

By Lisa Gervais and Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A spike in COVID-19 cases - including the high school and two long-term care homes - has come as health partners in Haliburton County prepare to begin vaccinating the general public starting March 22.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) said the health unit had declared an outbreak at Highland Wood as of March 15.

HHHS said on March 16 that two staff members have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

"HHHS has been vigorously working with Public Health authorities in managing the situation and identifying anyone who may have been exposed to prevent further spread," they said.

Repeat tests for both staff members occurred March 16 and results will be known within 72 hours.

If the results of both tests are negative Public Health will re-evaluate the outbreak status of the home.

In the meantime, outbreak protocols have been implemented to minimize potential spread. These measures include immediate testing of all residents and potentially exposed individuals; isolating all residents; limiting admissions, readmissions, discharges or transfers at this time.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) has closed four classes after two students tested positive for COVID-19.

HHSS announced that some students would have to quarantine at home, and get tested, in a notice to parents March 14. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) has been contacting all close contacts to provide directions.

These are the first cases associated with any schools in the County since the pandemic began.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) communications officer, Sinead Fegan, said the incidences have prompted additional cleaning and sanitization.

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Outbreak declared at Highland Wood

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"The safety of our students and staff is most important and we continue to follow all public health protocols," Fegan said.

Students not identified as close contacts are continuing to go to class as usual. They do not need to stay home and isolate or go for testing unless they start showing symptoms or do not pass the self-screening tool.

Fegan said three classes are identified as close contacts by the health unit and must quarantine until March 22, though that is subject to change based on symptoms or test results. All three classes are moving to remote learning.

A fourth class is not considered a close contact but is being closed and moved to remote learning out of caution. Those students do not need to quarantine or get tested.

Residents and most staff at the Hyland Crest long-term care home have tested negative for COVID-19 after a declared outbreak March 12.

The health unit made the declaration after one staff member tested positive for the virus. Testing found that the case was not a variant strain.

HHHS implemented additional protocols and tested all its staff and residents, who have already received vaccinations. None was found to have COVID-19 beyond the original case.

"This news is shared with a sense of cautious optimism as we know that this testing provides us an early snapshot," HHHS said on March 15. "HHHS will continue to closely monitor residents who will remain in isolation for the remainder of the outbreak."

It is the second declared outbreak at Hyland Crest. Another one occurred



Highland Wood is in a declared COVID-19 outbreak. *File photo.*

Jan. 31-Feb. 14 after two essential caregivers tested positive, though no staff or residents were positive in that period. The HKPR was reporting three new cases in Haliburton March 17. There are 10 cases not resolved and 18 current high-risk contacts. The County has also had its first COVID variant.

Vaccination clinics to begin March 22

The increase in cases comes as the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team/Haliburton Family Medical Centre is planning to start immunizing the County's 80-plus population starting March 22.

They said plans rely on vaccine inventory but clinics are scheduled at 7217 Gelert Rd. from March 22-26, 1-6 p.m., March 27, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.,

and March 29-30, 1-6 p.m.

If people show up without an appointment they will not be seen, a spokesperson said.

The provincial booking number is 1-888-999-6488 and the online portal is covid19.ontariohealth.ca/

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There have been two applications for pot stores in Minden. Photo via flickr.

Two cannabis stores proposed for Minden

By Lisa Gervais

Two cannabis stores are hoping to open soon in Minden Hills.

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) confirmed that Capturing Eden has applied for a retail store at 12818 Highway 35, while NORTHERN HIGH has lodged paperwork for 101 Bobcaygeon Rd.

An AGCO spokesperson said on March 15 that the 15-day public notice period for Capturing Eden's application concluded at midnight on Jan. 26, 2021. There were no submissions received. "However, the due process and eligibility process for this proposed location continues," the spokesperson said.

Capturing Eden co-owner, Wanita Livingstone, said they are waiting for their paperwork from the AGCO and then there'll have to be a final compliance inspection. However, she said they would like to be open in time for the May 24 weekend.

She said they decided to apply because "quite a few customers were asking when we were coming to Minden. So many people from Minden were driving to Haliburton."

Capturing Eden has a retail outlet on Highland Street in downtown Haliburton.

Livingstone added they were transparent with the Township of Minden Hills. She said they discussed their plans with Mayor Brent Devolin and Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell as well as the municipality's planning department. She said they also talked to County CAO Mike Rutter.

She said they will hire four full-time staff and some part-timers for the Minden location, which is in the retail outlet at the Country Road 21 turn-off. She said they had already done some hiring, and have begun training staff in the Haliburton store.

Livingstone added she had been pleasantly surprised by the number of people that have so far supported the Haliburton business

and its focus on education. "They're happy to have a legitimized service."

At 101 Bobcaygeon Rd., the windows are covered in butcher paper and signs indicate that NORTHERN HIGH has applied for a cannabis retail store authorization for the front unit 1.

The public notice period for their application concluded at midnight March 17. *The Highlander* was unable to reach them for comment.

Devolin said the municipality does not make decisions about cannabis retail outlets, other than a decision to opt in when it was first legalized. All local governments opted in. He said it is a provincial government process through the AGCO.

He added, now that marijuana products are legalized it is preferable "to have them in a controlled setting versus out of the back of some vehicle."

His only criticism was that he would like a better public notification process. "At least notify us at the municipal level so we can put it on our website and not find out by looking at a flyer on a door. That way we can share it with our residents and ratepayers," he said.

One Minden family doctor, meanwhile, said she did not like the idea of recreational cannabis stores coming to the village.

Dr. Nell Thomas said, "The healthcare consequences of cannabis use are getting ridiculous. We are seeing social disconnection, severe depression and anxiety from cannabis use. There is also a well-known environmental cost. Cannabis crops are contributing terrifically to carbon much more than any other crop and people need to be aware that there are zero known medical benefits but many risks associated with cannabis. For many chronic cannabis users, the burden to healthcare includes increased repeat emergency department visits for cyclical vomiting and abdominal pain, psychosis and suicidal ideation."



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Dysart et al is introducing a new bylaw for Evergreen Cemetery. *File photo.*

Dysart changing cemetery rules

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart et al staff presented a new cemetery bylaw March 9 in part to address issues stemming from a conflict between caretakers and a grieving mother.

Council committee of the whole reviewed the draft bylaw for its Evergreen Cemetery, which added rules around gravesite mementos. It came after a viral video from resident, Dulce Acero, in June, where she protested alleged mistreatment from caretakers disposing of mementos placed by the grave of her son Phoenix.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said the memorialization section was made with that June incident in mind.

"We're trying to take all that into consideration and do our best to ensure that people are able to memorialize their loved ones," Roberts said. "But also making sure it's safe for the caretakers, and also keeping within the decorum of a cemetery."

The new version states the municipality reserves the right to regulate articles placed on plots. It

prohibits ceramics, corrosive materials or breakable objects by graves. It allows for loose objects and flowers to be placed up off the ground, on a ledge or in an elevated basket.

The bylaw also states objects removed by staff will be placed at the main entrance, where they must be "picked up in a timely manner" before staff dispose of them. The previous bylaw did not formally address mementos or a disposal policy.

"We aren't saying people can't leave things or mementos," Roberts said. "But they have to be in a certain manner. They can't be all over the grass and they have to be of a certain material."

Acero said she is dissatisfied, and the municipality did not seem to change existing protocol.

"It's essentially the same thing," Acero, who is Hispanic, said. "There's absolutely nothing underneath that is sensitive to the multicultural members of our community because it's exactly the same rules written in a different way."

Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy mentioned the possibility of including a small area by a plot untouched by

staff for mementos or flowers, which exist in some cemeteries.

Deputy clerk, Laurie Salvatori, said something like that could be included, though added it could make maintenance more difficult.

"Right now, you can take a whipper snipper right up to a granite stone," Roberts said. "Can't take a whipper snipper up against a little rosebush."

Council voted to receive the report as information and direct staff to bring back a revised bylaw at the April 27 meeting. Salvatori said there will be a public notice for a 30-day period before then.

Acero said she would like to see a designated memorialization area as Kennedy mentioned. She said caretakers have left her and her son's grave alone since she went public in June, but she is not certain that will last.

"I'm not the only one that's ever had a negative encounter," Acero said. "I understand there has to be a bylaw and there has to be rules ... What the difference is between Evergreen Cemetery and the other cemeteries in the community is maybe the lack of humanity."

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County puts driver on economic development bus

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

County committee of the whole gave approval for a mandate for a new economic development position.

The role was recommended in a service delivery review and included in the 2021 budget. When approved, the new position will include creating an updated community profile, identifying gaps in the workforce, business retention and expansion, marketing assistance and developing a concierge service to help potential new businesses.

Coun. Cec Ryall said Highlands East's economic development department has had its struggles in scope. He said the County department should help address that.

"What we found was our voice was nowhere near strong enough, nor were we capable of handling the scope of some of the things that need to be done," Ryall said.

"I know there's going to be governance issues, I know there's going to be jurisdictional issues, but I think this is going to be one awesome beginning."

CAO Mike Rutter proposed the position have an approximate compensation of \$96,500 to \$118,830. The County has budgeted \$100,000, taken from provincial safe restart dollars.

Rutter also recommended a tourism and economic development committee to oversee the department, replacing a

disbanded tourism advisory committee. Rutter suggested it would be made up of councillors from each municipality, to implement the County's Destination Management plan. Rutter also said two departments would be needed to connect with the public for consultation in both sectors.

Coun. Carol Moffatt questioned the governance structure and said economic development and tourism committees should be kept separate. But she added having public input separate from a committee structure makes sense.

"We need to make sure we have clear-cut expectations and focus on specific outcomes to effect change in the community for the better," Moffatt said.

Council directed staff to develop a job description based on input and forward the report to townships.

Township economic development uncertain

Ryall said Highlands East has a robust economic development committee. He said they do not plan to fold it but want to ensure the township and County departments can work together.

"I know there is a lot of economic development activity happening already," Rutter responded. "We need to make sure



The County is preparing a job description for the new director. *File photo.*

we don't duplicate but complement that."

Coun. Brent Devolin said Minden had its own full-time economic development position but paused on filling it to see the County's direction. He said communication to the municipalities is needed as the file

progresses.

"I know we're kind of sitting and waiting to see the evolution of what happens here," Devolin said. "Whether the type of initiatives that we were trying to do at the municipal level will be mainly covered."



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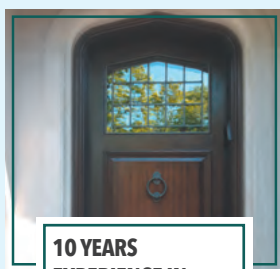
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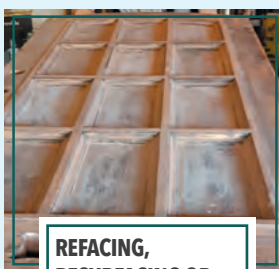
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Minden Hills held a public meeting on the 2021 budget March 11. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Roads 'taking the hit' in budget: Minden resident

By Lisa Gervais

One Minden Hills taxpayer did not hold back during a public meeting on the 2021 budget - ripping into council for axing the reconstruction of Bobcaygeon Road from the final draft.

Diane Peacock also questioned decisions around staffing for the Community Services Department (CSD), particularly for the new S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre.

However, Coun. Bob Carter, who largely drove the decision not to borrow the more than \$2 million to fix up a section of Bobcaygeon Road, defended council's record on roadworks since 2017. No staff or councillors spoke to the CSD decisions.

Council removed the Bobcaygeon Road project during its final budget deliberations. The project would not have impacted

the 2021 budget, with repayments of a planned loan beginning in 2022. Council subsequently landed on a tax levy increase for the year of 3.75 per cent.

Peacock said, "Once again our roads department is taking the hit and having a major construction cut."

She said she drove the road twice last summer and was "appalled" at its condition, adding "no wonder the people who have to travel it every day complain."

She further commented that, "The longer you delay a project, the more it is going to cost you in the long run. Yes, I realize that borrowing the money to fix this road will affect the budgets in years to come but when the township has the opportunity to debenture this project with low interest rates being offered now by Infrastructure Ontario it seems to be very unwise that they do not do it."

When the new arena is finally open to the public, Peacock said people from Bracebridge and Gravenhurst will drive the Bobcaygeon Road from Highway 118 and, "what a disgrace to this township when they reach this part of the road. Not a very welcoming site entering our town."

Peacock said she had supported the township and its decision-making for years, "but this past year I have questioned some of the decisions that have been made both internally and publicly and because of that I am starting to lose confidence in this township and the council."

Carter said between 2017 and 2019, the township spent \$3.6 million a year on roads and \$4.3 million in 2020. He added they will be spending almost \$6.3 million on roads in the 2021 budget, "so, we're not cutting roads. We're investing more."

He added as the infrastructure gap

continues across the province, the township needs a full roads report and assessment so staff, council and the public can decide how much to invest in roads going forward.

"We're not decreasing our investment in roads, we're not ignoring roads, we're spending more on roads but there's a limit to how much can be spent," he said.

Coun. Pam Sayne said while the reconstruction is not happening, engineering studies are going ahead "so, it's not like we're not doing it. We all see those as important and we're looking forward to the assessment for all of our roads so we can make a very good decision on future management of this whole package."

Director of finance Lorrie Blanchard also announced the budget's impact on water and sewer, with staff proposing a 3.7 per cent increase in water rates and a three per cent increase in sewer rates for 2021.

COUNTY NEWS

Shoreline bylaw RFP

The County is putting out a request for proposals (RFP) for a firm to oversee the development of its shoreline preservation bylaw.

County committee of the whole recommended the RFP for approval March 10. It asks applicants to submit proposals to meet three objectives: a review of scientific literature, an environmental scan and public consultation. The municipality plans to choose an applicant in April and have the firm complete the work by June.

Coun. Carol Moffatt questioned the RFP and asked whether there should be more detail on requirements, such as ensuring the proponent does not get "involved in receiving influence from any other groups with a definitive position in the matter until

or unless it's from the public consultation."

CAO Mike Rutter said more specific instructions could come after the contract is awarded.

"Council could be very clear with the preferred proponent, or the successful proponent, as far as your expectations," Rutter said.

Deputy Warden Patrick Kennedy asked about the absence of shoreline erosion in the RFP.

"In the future, we need to look at water as a whole and this shoreline is just one tool in the toolbox," he said.

County deputy CAO and director of planning, Charsley White, said the municipality has other projects addressing different aspects of the water picture, such as flood plain mapping and a partnership with the Trent-Severn Waterway.

Deputy CAO departing

White is leaving the municipality April 14.

Rutter announced White had submitted a letter of resignation. White said she and her family will be moving to Yellowknife.

Warden Liz Danielsen complimented White's work amidst the challenges of the pandemic and the shoreline preservation bylaw.

"This is a tough one," Danielsen said. "You have done such a terrific job. There are not enough words to say."

White said she hopes to ensure the municipality is able to move forward with ongoing planning projects.

"Thank you very much to everyone," she said.

Outdoors association funding

County committee of the whole agreed to maintain \$10,000 in support for the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association.

The committee voted to recommend council approve the budgeted dollars to support the organization's marketing and promotions.

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Pot process not without flaws

Visiting Minden Hills on March 16, residents would be hard-pressed to know that two storefronts in the township could soon host cannabis retail stores.

You can tell that something is going on at the front of 101 Bobcaygeon Rd., the former Minden Book and Stationary store. There is butcher paper on the window. Step closer and there are two small signs, one in French and one in English, announcing that NORTHERN HIGH has applied to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) for a shop.

The sign goes on to tell people a cannabis retail store authorization application may be issued to the applicant unless the Registrar finds it is not in the public interest pursuant to the Cannabis Licence Act, 2018. Matters deemed of public interest, the sign says, are protecting public health and safety; protecting youth and restricting their access to cannabis; and preventing illicit activities in relation to cannabis.

There are details about written submissions, which closed on March 17.

At the other storefront, in the mini-plaza at the Highway 35 and County Road 21 turnoff, Capturing Eden plans to move in but there is nothing evident there at the moment. They're further along in the process, having had their public notice period close Jan. 26.

While the plans for these stores have not been completely secretive - since notices have been posted, and in the case

of Capturing Eden, the owner says they consulted with the township and County - it hasn't been exactly widely canvassed either. Many have learned through the gossip mill that is social media.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin expressed some frustration that the township initially found out about the two applications because someone stopped and read the notice on the windows. He would have preferred the township be notified directly. That way, he said they could have posted it to their website to allow a more fulsome community discussion that would have allowed more public comment.

He's not wrong. However, when the County and its four lower-tier municipalities 'opted in' to marijuana stores within their boundaries back in the fall and winter of 2018, they seem to have capitulated their rights to the province.

While *The Highlander* was able to have a good conversation with Capturing Eden about its plans, since there is a Haliburton outlet under local ownership - we have not yet been successful in talking to the person or persons behind NORTHERN HIGH.

There is nothing on the signage to indicate who these people are, or how to contact them. The AGCO would not provide information on them, citing confidentiality. An Internet search did not turn up much. It would be nice if the township could hear from proponents of this particular shop.

Some in the community have also said the

townships didn't get what was on offer, namely LCBO-like treatment of cannabis in the province.

Some would argue it's all a moot point now, anyway. After all, cannabis

became legal across Canada in October, 2018. People can order cannabis products via the mail. Townships have opted in. And, there is already a cannabis products store in Haliburton that seems to fit into the community.

From a provincial standpoint, the only real rules are that outlets must be a minimum 150 metres from schools, which both of these are.

The township will get some funding to offset any costs associated with the stores, but it won't be much.

So, if you are inclined to take issue with two pot shops coming to Minden, don't call the township or your councillor to complain. When it comes to the AGCO, you can try Doug Ford government representative, Laurie Scott. As for the feds, it was a Liberal government decision, but you can reach out to Progressive Conservative MP Jamie Schmale.



By Lisa Gervais

COVID CORNER

Vaccines: why, how, when and where

Dr. Brent MacMillan, on March 11, issued this plea to anyone uncertain about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine:

"Get the vaccine if you do not want to be hospitalized or die. The vaccine is almost 100 per cent preventative.

Get the vaccine if you want to avoid spreading the virus to your elderly relatives, children, friends and colleagues.

Get the vaccine if you want to avoid passing the virus to susceptible patients and community members.

Get the vaccine if you want this pandemic to end. If enough people refuse vaccination, the virus will continue to circulate and potentially mutate, creating variants that may be resistant to the available vaccines. This could result in a brand-new pandemic wave with death and social chaos all over again. This vaccine strategy is not only about you; it is about your family, community, as well your country and other countries around the world.

Get the vaccine to show respect to the millions who are damaged or deceased because they couldn't get the vaccine.

Get the vaccine to allow return to normal living - visit family, hug your grandmother, go to restaurants, safely return kids to school, travel locally and abroad.

Get the vaccine to allow the economy to get back on its feet, so that businesses can reopen and financial handouts from taxpayers can stop.

Get the vaccine after a careful and

balanced review of available information and science. Ask your questions to settle your concerns. For those who fear potential side effects, keep in mind that our immune systems are challenged each and every day by antigens in the food we eat, the medications we take, the bad habits we partake in and the air that we breathe.

The COVID vaccine is another challenge and boost to our immune system. The vaccine technology is well studied and the evidence is freely available to all. I get that there is a fear of needles. If I offered a pill providing the identical COVID-19 vaccine ingredients, how many vaccine resisters would happily and wholeheartedly accept this alternative? I get that there is a fear of government and "big pharma." Ask your trusted family doctor or pharmacist for their medical opinions. Ask me.

I care about the health and prosperity of my family, friends, community and country. What is it that you care about?"

What you need to know

HOW: For anyone 80+ or turning 80 in 2021. To book your vaccine, use the following COVID vaccination provincial telephone number or online portal (link): 1-888-999-6488 (Monday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.). covid19.ontariohealth.ca

If you have a non-photo red and white health card, you must use the phone to book

your appointment

You will receive a booking confirmation code that you must bring with you the day of your appointment.

WHEN: In Ontario, this phone number and online link are available Monday, March 15. In Haliburton, the booking schedule opens March 18, and we plan to start immunizing our 80 plus population Monday, March 22. This depends on vaccine inventory.

WHERE: Haliburton Family Medical Centre at 7217 Gelert Rd., 2nd Floor. Clinics will run Monday through Friday from 1-6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please do not show up without an appointment.

Please wear a short-sleeved shirt.

More details at hhft.com

TIPS: Get a good night sleep, eat fresh fruits and vegetables, and avoid alcohol to keep your immune system strong so you get the most benefit from your vaccination.

Immunity develops over time. You won't develop significant protection against COVID-19 for at least two weeks.

IN THE WORKS: Paramedics may provide in-home immunizations for housebound. Transportation may be arranged with volunteer vaccinated drivers.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

Editorial opinion

LETTERS

County supports LTC changes – but not all

Dear editor,

In the recently published book *Neglected No More*, Andre Picard describes in much detail the management deficiencies exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic in Long Term Care (LTC) homes. Those LTC homes that are managed for-profit were generally much less prepared than those listed as not for profit or municipal. In Ontario, the majority of LTC homes are in the private for profit category and the suggestion to County Council by the Haliburton-CKL Long-Term Care Coalition had been made that this category should be eliminated, likely by nationalization.

The number of private for profit homes constitutes a large business activity and County Council specifically did not support nationalization.

The two major deficiencies described in the book are with the infrastructure (too much congregation of residents) and with the inadequate number of caring staff, mostly personal support workers (PSWs). A suggestion in the book is that homes that can house several hundred residents should be converted or rebuilt to operate as separate or isolated units of about 30 beds which will limit large outbreaks.

The book describes how these larger institutional-style buildings have historical roots in the workhouses of Dickensian times. We are fortunate in Haliburton in the two more recently-built homes, Highland Crest and Highland Wood, conform as single floor units of about 30 beds per floor.

Conversions of large institutional buildings to multiple single floor units will take time and a lot of money. Many more PSWs will have to be employed and their value in looking after the residents must be properly recognized by much better pay and benefits. How this can be done by the private investors with expectations of reasonable returns on their investments is beyond my understanding.

Peter Brogden
Haliburton

Fridays for Future

Dear editor,

March 19 is the next Fridays for Future Global Climate Strike. The message for this Strike is #NoMoreEmptyPromises.

Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County is planning a COVID compliant demonstration (limited to 25) in Minden 11-1 p.m. Contact Bonnie Roe at info@concernedcitizenshc.ca to confirm attendance and get details.

If you cannot be part of the Minden action here are some alternatives:

- Set up an action alone or with friends at the end of your driveway or road (masks and two metres apart) and post a photo of your action on your social media.
- Make a poster and post it on your social media on Fridays.
- Save the FridaysforFuture logo and make

it your Facebook and Instagram profile photo.

- When you decide what you are going to do, register your action with Fridays for Future Canada fridaysforfuture.ca/register-event/

In the evening, Environment Haliburton! is collaborating with Climate Action Muskoka (CAM) and Seniors for Climate Action Now (SCAN) for an online event titled Canada's Climate Action Plan: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly. Details and registration can be found at environmenthaliburton.org.

For Greta Thunberg this will be her 136th Fridays for Future strike. She says, "When your house is on fire, you don't wait for 10, 20 years before you call the fire department. You act as soon and as much as you possibly can."

Join us on March 19.

Eric Lilius
Haliburton

Chart a course to green recovery

Dear editor,

Wetlands enrich our lives. They are places where we can observe and learn about a diversity of plants and animals while enjoying a quiet, natural environment.

But wetlands accomplish much, much more. They are crucial in preventing climate change through carbon storage which takes place in vegetation, sediment and dead plants. Complementing our efforts to reduce the use of fossil fuels, removal of carbon from the atmosphere is essential to avoid a climate crisis. Wetlands are also instrumental in mitigating the impacts of climate change by controlling flooding and recharging groundwater.

It is critical that our natural wetlands be protected and preserved. When wetlands are drained or developed, the result is the releasing of carbon into the atmosphere. Mature wetlands develop over thousands of years and newly-constructed ones will not reach the same carbon sequestering capacity or biodiversity within our lifetimes.

Unfortunately, in Ontario, the government has been changing laws to circumvent protections afforded to farmlands, wetlands and natural features outlined in the Provincial Policy Statement. Within the budget bill 229, Schedule 6 limits the ability of Conservation Authorities to protect life, property and the environment. Schedule 3, of Bill 257 tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure, Laurie Scott, allows Ministerial Zoning Orders to override key provisions of the Planning Act, removing protections from environmentally-sensitive lands. These are regressive, short sighted decisions which threaten the health and safety of our communities and our economic future. The public interest is sacrificed for the benefit of private developers.

It is time to chart a course to a green recovery with climate change at top of mind. Natural climate solutions such as

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Kevin Pepper sent in this photo he titled Salerno swamp.

protecting our wetlands would reduce our carbon footprint, ensuring a better future for ourselves and for generations to come.

Elizabeth Turner
Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County

Don't criticize our way of life

Dear editor,

Responding to letter to the editor, *The Highlander*, submitted by Ms. Keenan.

The majority of local shops do not shut down from Labour Day to May 24 unless seasonally-driven such as golf courses.

There are fall colour tours and many winter activities such as snowmobiling, skiing and cross-country skiing to name a few.

Being a past seasonal resident, now permanent, perhaps Ms. Keenan will take advantage of the many year-round activities available and realize seasonal residents are not the main focus for Haliburton County and area survival. Simple economics.

It infuriates me that when some seasonal attitudes feel that without them, we in Haliburton County would wither up and die. It is those attitudes that stem the us versus them relationships.

I could use the rationale for rural versus urban in the GTA, living with the rampant crime, pollution, congested traffic and limited housing personal privacy. Toronto also depends on tourism so it is not conducive to rural Ontario only.

As for the seasonal slowdown, lockdown and lack of family gatherings, the pandemic has been the driving force whether rural or urban and would explain why many seasonal residents have flocked to rural living to avoid the runaway cases in urban centers.

Life has drastically changed and has nothing to do with limitations to growth. Topography, waterways and provincial regulations have an impact on development. Remember it is the attitude of many seasonal residents who do not want a tree cut down yet expect the same services as they receive in the GTA.

Stop the criticism about our way of life in Haliburton County, for many have lived their entire lives here and contributed so

much over the tens and hundreds of years.

Beverly MacDuff
Goederham

The provincial vaccine system

Dear editor,

This is just a short note on the new Ontario Vaccine Booking System, which works!

I can say that it is easy to use and will book the time and place for both shots. To access it go to the page [Ontario.ca/BookVaccine](https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine) and then click on the lozenge that says 'How to book a vaccine'. There will be several prompts to fill in to see if you qualify, but each one of them is straightforward and should not present a problem. If you qualify then you will see a page entitled 'You are now in line for COVID-19 vaccination services' at which time you will see where you stand in the queue and how long you will have to wait.

The key to getting a successful booking is to stay online. The system keeps you up to date as to where you sit in the queue and how much of a delay there will be. When your turn comes up you will need to supply your Health Card number, birth date and postal code.

Phone support is also available if needed.

There are two minor changes that should be made to the system. The first is that you will need to fill in a Ministry of Health form entitled 'COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form' before you get vaccinated. There should have been a direct link to that form but it is missing. It is easier to print out the form, fill it in and take it with you when you arrive at the vaccination centre. The second fault is that you will have to fill in the form in writing. It would have been easier to design the form so it could be filled in while on the computer and then print it.

Since each region may differ as to other details, it would be wise to go into the web system for your region because you might be able to qualify earlier. Hopefully the regional system will be as easy to follow as the provincial system.

Dennis Choptiany
Koshlong Lake/Markham

Highlander news

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MINDEN HILLS NEWS

River Cone to be spruced up

The new owners of the Minden River Cone, Monica and Ben Scott, will be getting a \$5,000 grant from the township after sprucing up their building façade later this spring.

Council agreed to award the funding under its community improvement plan (CIP). It approved the CIP in June 2019 but this is the first application and CAO Trisha McKibbin said she was excited to bring it before council.

She said the owners are planning a number of improvements at the site, but the CIP funding application is for the actual cone, to fully waterproof, insulate and paint it.

Businesses have to complete the work and provide proof of payment before being reimbursed.

Coun. Jennifer Hughey asked how well-known the CIP was, adding, "We should make sure that everyone is aware that this is open to anyone who is interested and qualifies."

McKibbin said it is posted on the website but the township needs to promote it better.

"The impacts that CIP programs can have on a specific area, it's a little bit like a domino effect. Once streetscapes start to change and facades are improved it lifts up the neighbours and you can really start to see things take shape," she said.

Township provides housing incentives

The Township of Minden Hills will waive more than \$33,000 in municipal costs to support two projects intended to meet affordable housing targets for Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Hope Lee, manager of housing for the County and CKL, formally made the incentive requests to council's March 11 committee of the whole meeting.

They represented costs for a public-private partnership for a 30-unit development at Highway 35 and County Road 21, as well as a secondary suite being proposed by a

private developer.

Lee said the projects represented the first intake in The Affordable Housing Target Program (AHTP).

She added the benefits to Minden Hills are: the addition of 31 new affordable rental apartments supporting housing objectives as well as increased property tax revenue.

Mayor Brent Devolin welcomed the public-private and private developments.

"To speak as an incentive to others in projects large and small that they may follow suit," he said.

Coun. Pam Sayne recalled Lee and her team making an affordable housing presentation at the Haliburton Legion and "it's nice seeing it come to fruition in these actual projects."

A further report will come to the March 25 regular meeting of council.

Tennis courts getting a facelift

The Minden tennis courts are getting a playing surface overhaul.

Director of Community Services, Craig Belfry, sought council approval to award the contract for the work at the March 11 meeting.

The township got a \$25,000 New Horizons for Seniors Program grant a couple of years ago.

Belfry said they reached out to three companies but only Workhorse Sports Installation got back to them with a quote for \$33,720.63 plus HST.

He asked that council waive its procurement policy. Belfry said the department had a budget of \$50,000 to do the work.

New office and lobby furniture

Council also voted in support of Belfry's recommendation to use Staples Canada to provide furniture for the new offices and lobby area of the refurbished arena and community centre.

He noted staff had received early budget approval for the office furniture to a

maximum of \$60,000 and \$15,375 for lobby furniture, both through a loan. Belfry said he got quotes from Staples Canada, Brant Basics and Grand and Toy, but Staples won out, with quotes of \$55,486.81, and \$15,375.

Council also endorsed his request to use the remaining office furniture allocation for the purchase of miscellaneous office equipment and supplies in the amount of \$6,311 plus a contingency of \$13,577.19, for a total of \$19,888.19.

The municipality is working towards opening the new S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre.

Mayor marks year of emergency

With this week marking the municipality's one-year anniversary of the COVID-related state of emergency, Devolin thanked staff and council for its works during a "bizarre" year.

"We're not through it yet but I think that the longest portion of it's over," he said.

He said he also wanted to thank the public. And while not everybody in the County and community "has been perfect," he said "one of the reasons we've done so well is the individual responsibility that our citizens have taken."

"In my mind, that has played no small measure in what has happened to date and I'm hoping will continue until we're done this," he added.

More safe restart money

The township recently received an additional \$121,047 in Safe Restart funding, bringing the total for 2021 to \$202,047, director of finance, Lorrie Blanchard, said. The township had also received \$402,000 back in August of 2020.

She said the money is to assist with COVID-19 operating costs and pressures.

As of the March 11 committee of the whole meeting, she said the balance of uncommitted funds was sitting on \$378,790.75. (Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

OPP NEWS

Lost hikers prompt warning

After rescuing two hikers from Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park in Minden Hills March 5, OPP reminded hikers that proper planning and emergency preparedness are crucial for safety when planning outdoor activities.

Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment commander (DC), Liane Spong said that at about 4:19 p.m., they responded to a call from a man saying he and his wife were missing somewhere in the park after they went for a hike.

"The caller continued dialing 911 with updates however the cell phone reception

was very poor," Spong said. "The officers immediately responded and began their search."

She said an OPP helicopter located the two but could not land due to the terrain and conditions.

At that point, Spong said emergency response team members went in utilizing OPP snowmobiles. Due to a water crossing, the ERT members had to walk for approximately 1.2 km to locate the missing hikers.

The 62-year-olds were located in good health.

"Whether your activity is during the summer or winter, on land or water, anywhere in Ontario, proper planning and emergency preparedness is crucial for your

safety when planning outdoor activities," Spong said.

New interim OPP commander

Spong will be on a temporary assignment, filling a position in Central Region for a number of months.

She said Dan Collings will be the interim DC.

"He knows this detachment and the County very well as a long-time resident and former sergeant here so it will be in great hands," Spong said on March 11. (OPP news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

Highlander arts

Moxie Moose to help raise funds for Walkabout

By Lisa Gervais

Jennifer Semach wrote three children's stories 14 years ago.

She said she authored them for her kids because she had a learning disability as a child and wanted to show them that despite the struggles she had, she kept trying her best to overcome those hurdles.

Fast forward to 2021 and Semach has published one of those stories, Moxie Moose Finds a Tail, with proceeds from sales going to her beloved Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association in Minden.

Semach said she works with children at the farm who also struggle with literacy, anxiety and dyslexia in their Reading Buddies Program.

"It brought back all those feelings of inadequacy, frustration and worthlessness seeing kids today struggling the same way I did," she said.

That got her thinking that maybe she could dust off Moxie Moose Finds A Tail and try to get it published so she could show program participants that, "I know exactly how you feel. I've been where you are but I did overcome

hardships and did eventually learn how to read and look at this, here is a book I wrote for you and all the children of Walkabout Farm."

She said while they were at it, she thought why not raise some money to further develop their accessibility to program participants.

"We are just one of many not-for-profit organizations who are trying to survive the COVID-19 pandemic disruption.

We need funding and we've really had to think outside the box in these unprecedented times," Semach said.

She said the book is illustrated by another local, Biljana Banhotova.

Semach said that "luckily" Kristin Groulx of Tenth Muse Books decided to take her book on, which will assist with distribution and marketing to reach a far greater audience than if she had self-published.

"We now have access to people outside our community and country who can contribute to our mission by buying a funny children's book," she said.

The book will be released March 20.

It can be ordered through Amazon when it's released.



Jennifer Semach of Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association Inc. has published her first children's book. *File.*



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Highlander people

Fire chief dished out smiles to the community

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Whether fighting fires, plowing roads or getting kids to school on time as a bus driver, Highland Grove district fire chief, Doug Bowen, was continually serving his community.

His daughter Mary Rutledge said he was her first hero – and was a selfless individual.

“He loved to be around people,” Rutledge said. “He just really got a kick out of making people happy ... He made a point of making everyone feel welcome and part of the community.”

Highland Grove came together March 10 to mourn the 68-year-old Bowen after he passed away March 5 due to cancer. He received a service at the St. John Vianney Catholic Church, including a firetruck escort for his body.

“It’s very comforting to know the community saw the person we saw as well,” Rutledge said, thanking the community for its support.

Bowen entrenched himself in Highland Grove, taking on several different roles as a municipal employee. He worked as a mechanic and a plow driver for many years, before taking on bus driving in retirement.

Local Ralph Baehre said he also regularly volunteered and helped at community suppers.

“He was the main ‘maitre’d’ for the meals, willing to talk to anybody at any time and offering that welcome smile and hospitality,” Baehre said.

That affability made him well known around the area, according to Bowen’s fellow firefighter Gary Burroughs. He recounted visiting an antique store with Bowen and feeling like he was next to a celebrity.

“He dished out smiles to the community and it brought smiles from the community,” Burroughs said. “People are just surprised by the community life that’s here and Doug brought that out.”

“My dad knew everyone and loved to talk to everyone,” Rutledge said. “Just a really positive influence.”

Bowen was one of the first firefighters at the local department according to Burroughs. He helped build it up, eventually becoming chief. He became a tireless advocate for the local hall, going to bat for it at times when the community feared the municipality might close it.

“Whenever there were words to think they’re going to shut it down here, Doug was on fire,” Burroughs said. “He grew up with it. Built up the fire hall.”

“Doug was relentlessly passionate about Station 2, its firefighters and the community they served,” Baehre said. “Doug was truly a person of humility and dedication.”

Through it all, Rutledge said Bowen was a



The Highland Grove community mourned district fire chief Doug Bowen March 10 after he passed away due to cancer. *File photo*

good family man. He said his grandchildren became the highlight of his life and he would always want to spend time with them in the summer.

“They were his everything,” Rutledge said. “He would have done anything for

them.”

Burroughs said even with Bowen gone, the firefighters there intend to protect their fire hall in the future. He further said the chief was someone special.

“He’s just like an icon.”

Mushroom master finds new life in outdoors

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

When Stephan Lukacic returned to Canada after years in international music production, he thought he would continue the career – not heed the call of the wild.

But Lukacic followed a different passion when he returned to his family’s summer home in Haliburton, where they had operated a hunting and fishing camp.

Compelled, he turned a rekindled interest in the outdoors into a business, guiding fishing, hunting and foraging. He has also garnered a social media presence, with more than 7,000 following him on Instagram, where he posts his self-prepared meals.

With the job change came a lifestyle shift. Almost everything he eats is self-grown or caught. He lives off the land – something he said has changed his life.

“Just getting outside, getting my hands dirty, breathing fresh air, being responsible for the food I eat, it’s made literally all the difference in my health, just my general wellbeing, my happiness,” Lukacic said.

For him, leaving a “cosmopolitan” life for a rural one was a boon. He said he suffered for several years from psoriatic arthritis – an incurable autoimmune disease, causing significant joint pain. He said the side-effects of treatments became as bad as the disease itself.

But those symptoms dissipated when he changed how he lived.

“I tried to alleviate or cut out as many industrial products from my diet as possible and it’s made all the difference in the world,” Lukacic said. “We’ve become so removed from nature ... When I was a music producer, 15-16 hour days were not uncommon in a dark room full of blinking lights with no natural sunshine. I really am convinced that’s why I got so sick.”

After gaining first-hand experience, Lukacic began to share his knowledge with a wild mushroom foraging course done in partnership with Yours Outdoors. He operated the course during the pandemic, with social distancing and health protocols enforced.

“Teach people the methodology to start their own foraging career and have the skillset. I give them a blueprint,” he said. “I cover a lot of the ecology of wild mushrooms and how important they are to every single ecosystem on the planet.”

The course proved to be Yours Outdoors’ bestseller in 2020.

“Steve is an extraordinary teacher with so much knowledge and an engaging personality,” Yours Outdoors experience broker Barrie Martin said. “He is a fun guy.”

Lukacic said he slowly built up his Instagram following and it has exploded in the past 12-18 months, driving him to expand his range of content. He has added more wild cooking videos – something he hopes to offer a class for in the future.

“A lot of people aspire to a cleaner,



Outdoorsman Stephan Lukacic holds up a home-grown pumpkin. Lukacic grows and hunts most of the food he eats himself. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

healthier way of living and it’s very hard to do in a city, where you don’t have outdoor space,” he said. “There just seems to be a lot of interest.”

Lukacic said there is value in becoming more self-sufficient.

“What happens with most people – you get really good at one thing they pay you for and you kind of don’t know much else,”

he said. “When you can start doing these things for yourself, it’s very empowering. Not only is it empowering, it’s better for you, and it’s cheaper. It’s just a good way to live.”

Lukacic’s courses are available through youroutdoors.ca. His Instagram is [stevie_funfur](https://www.instagram.com/stevie_funfur).

Highlander outdoors

Dogsledders journey 1,000 miles in new book

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

When Winterdance owner Hank DeBruin was unable to finish the Iditarod dog sled race in 2010, his wife Tanya McCready said she lost him.

McCready said he fell into a depression after he was scratched mid-race over a contested competitiveness ruling. She said that mood only lifted when they committed to race in the Yukon Quest for 2011. That experience is the subject of their new book, *Journey of 1000 Miles: A Musher and His Huskies' Journey on the Yukon Quest's Century Old Klondike Trails* which launched in paperback Feb. 26.

"It was an emotional book to write," McCready said. "Numerous times we had tears streaming down our faces ... These sections aren't sad, they are just really powerful."

The story, also available as an eBook, picks up from where their first work – *Iditarod Dreamer* – left off. It recounts how the duo got into the Yukon Quest race and their journey across mountain ranges, blizzards and -60 degree Celsius temperatures to finish.

Ten years since their first book was

released, McCready said the pandemic provided an opportunity to write a sequel – and help them while their business was hit during lockdown.

"Like so many others, lost a good chunk of revenue," McCready said. "Finishing the book was one of several options we decided to run with to help with revenue in case we were shut down this winter. Additionally, these races are incredible adventures with so many life lessons in them. They deserved to be captured."

Those lessons about getting through dark times are something the pair recount as public speakers. Their race stories have a wide appeal, McCready said.

"For adventure seekers, dog lovers and folks who love the North it is an obvious choice. But we have had folks read it who don't fit any of those groups and tell us they couldn't put it down and that there were so many valuable life lessons in it, and it was also a great escape from the pandemic."

The publisher, Melanie Warner, said in an online launch event that the story offers an adventure for people stuck indoors.

"This will make you feel like you're there," Warner said. "Just you sharing your experience made other people want to



Hank DeBruin and Tanya McCready have published their second book recounting their dogsled racing. *Submitted photo.*

change their own life experience."

DeBruin said he races in part because of how everything else fades away.

"You live the moment," he said. "Most people aren't able to do that nowadays

because of how hectic our life is. That's what I love about these races, is you actually live in the moment."

The book is available at Master's Book Store and amazon.ca.

Driving in a winter wonderland

DriveTeq hosted its extreme winter training event for the first time at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre Feb. 25-27. Typically hosted at the Minden Fairgrounds, drivers had the opportunity to navigate an ice circuit and put their skills to the test. "Our events went incredibly smoothly," DriveTeq managing director Rick Morelli said. "We're grateful to have been able to collaborate on this project to create a little bit of excitement on the ice."

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Highlander sports

Banner memories arrive for curling squad

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

After more than a year of waiting, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School 2019-20 boys curling team has received its championship banner.

It arrived March 11, honouring the team for earning a provincial gold one year ago in the Ontario School Curling Championship. The award would have normally been provided last spring, but the pandemic delayed the hand-off.

The banner will be hung at the Haliburton Curling Club. Skip Jacob Dobson said it was a long year waiting.

"It's great to see it come back to town," Dobson said. "Just being able to see it come back and having everything we've done together as a team."

The team of Dobson, Liam Little, Corin Gervais and Owen Nicholls went on a run last season, winning zone and regional competitions to play in the provincial contest. They also earned a spot at the provincial OFSAA competition, but officials cancelled the event due to the pandemic.

Ontario School Curling Provincial Championships president Carlos Gregorio presented the award. He said the pandemic delayed the banner production. It was ready by December, but another lockdown delayed the presentation even further.

The team also lost out the chance to play this season, with cross-school competition



The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys curling team received its banner March 11 for earning the Ontario School Curling Provincial Championship. Left to right: Erin Nicholls, Owen Nicholls, Darrel Dobson, Liam Little, Corin Gervais, Jacob Dobson, Carlos Gregorio. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

cancelled. Coach Darrel Dobson said they may have been able to go on another run this year if they had the chance.

"We definitely all hoped to play going into this year," the younger Dobson added. "We were all disappointed when we heard we

couldn't for sure ... It's been difficult."

The skip said the group has gotten out for some practices and one event but has not been able to play together nearly as much. This was the last chance for graduating Dobson and Little, though Dobson said

he would look to compete at the post-secondary level.

"We're definitely looking forward to things getting better and being able to get back to playing the game we love," he said.

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A Message from the Fire Department

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- Fires must be 5 metres from any forested area
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- Smoke cannot impair motorists or other residents
- Fires must be attended at all times with a water supply readily available
- Zero tolerance for burning during declared fire bans

(Virtual) Council Meetings

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

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

- March 25** – Regular Council Meeting
- March 25** – Adoption of 2021 Budget
- April 8** – Committee of the Whole Meeting

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

Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

Budget Approval

Notice: Adoption of 2021 Budget

TAKE NOTICE that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills during its Regular Council meeting held on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 9:00 AM via web conference will consider adopting the following By-laws related to the 2021 Municipal Budget:

- 2021 Minden Water Rates By-law;
- 2021 Minden Sewer Rates By-law;
- 2021 Lutterworth Water Rates By-law; and
- 2021 Estimates By-law

Dated this 12th day of March, 2021.

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Assessment Review Board

The Assessment Review Board has updated their Rules of Practice and Procedure, effective April 1, 2021. For these new rules and guidelines, including highlights and downloadable word or pdf files, please visit their website at: <https://tribunalsontario.ca/arb/legislation-and-rules/>

Other important links:

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Half Load weight restrictions are placed on roadways and posted each year in the spring for approximately 1-2 months.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Your celebrations may be low-key this year, but if you do plan on decorating, remember that decorations are not recyclable. If you are not keeping your decorations, please place St. Patrick's Day decorations in the garbage.

HOME OF THE HIGHLAND *STORM!*



Left: Mak Prentice battles two defenders. Top right: Prentice breaks in against goalie, Ethan Dobson. Bottom: Goalie Dobson dives for a loose puck. *Photos by Lisa Gervais*

Yellow defeat Red in entertaining Friday night tilt

On Friday, March 12, the U-17 Yellow Bantam/Midgets squared off against the U-17 Red Bantam/Midgets in a fast-paced game at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. It was an awesome game, with both teams delivering exciting back-and-forth action.

In the first half, Team Yellow fell behind early but outshot Team Red. In the second, Kyan Hall scored a couple of nice goals to keep the game close. Sam Hoenow also scored a couple of goals.

A big shout out has to go to Ethan Dobson, on Team Red, for what was the save of the year. He dove post-to-post to snatch a puck off the goal line. All in all, it was a great Friday night hockey game. *(Submitted)*



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Meghan Cox on opening day of the new Just Movement Fitness studio. Photo submitted.

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Fitness business pivots with pandemic

By Lisa Gervais

COVID-19 may have forced Meghan Cox to pivot Just Movement Fitness but after opening a new home-based studio March 1, she couldn't be happier.

The pandemic forced her to close her commercial studio in Minden at the end of November. She was shuttered from March to September 2020 and only made about 50 per cent of the revenue moving online. Even when allowed to reopen in September, she said restrictions on the number of clients meant she couldn't afford the overhead anymore.

She said the decision was heartbreaking as she had been teaching in the space since 2003.

After that, she said she had many discussions and crying sessions with her dad, Wayne Cox, about building a space at her home.

"Because I'm stubborn and hard headed and wasn't willing to just give up on my passion of helping others in wellness. It really hurt to be faced with closing my business and dream that I have worked so hard for. I just wasn't ready or willing to do it."

In the meantime, she was offering classes from her living-room, but said it was an ordeal with studio lights, cameras, screens and computers, and it meant never getting away from work, which was hard on her mental health.

She, partner Sebastian Joseph, who had some experience in construction, and her dad, a contractor, began work on an addition Aug. 22, 2020. They mostly did the build themselves, with only help from neighbours, her brother and a few friends on truss day.

"We worked every single day from Aug. 22 to Jan. 23 to build the addition.

and converted an existing small granny apartment into a large beautiful private workout studio," Cox said.

Cox is running in-studio programs with a maximum of six participants and some of the classes are also offered online. She said they have COVID protocols above and beyond what is recommended by public health to keep clients safe.

With the March 1 opening, she said she, clients, and onliners, are all glad to be back in-studio.

"Now that people are in the studio with me, my online clients have said they love the camaraderie of the group even more than when it was just an online group meeting and I have to agree. I really missed the connection, laughter, jokes and fun of the people and group," she said.

With almost 100 acres of land, she's also been offering snowshoeing classes and has more plans for summer outdoor bootcamps and nature meditation and yoga.

With the pandemic lingering, she said, "Fitness has always very much been a part of mental health for many of us ... but I think we feel it more now. We see how it makes a difference because we are all faced with stress right now."

Cox is also offering Mindset Coaching for clients "as it's been an extremely difficult year for all of us and sometimes we just need help to keep moving forward."

"My coaching program has been amazing and I'm so happy to have this alternative service for wellness that isn't about fitness necessarily. My passion and purpose are helping others in wellness and this piece allows me to help others with the mental piece of wellness."

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ACTIVE LIVING



Life coach Nancy Brownsberger is starting a new full-time business to provide more mental health support in the County. *Photo submitted.*

Bettering mental health in COVID

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative
Reporter

Mindfulness and cognitive behaviour strategist Nancy Brownsberger said the pandemic has taken its toll on her clients.

The social services worker described the experience as a “globally traumatic event” that will seriously impact mental health and wellbeing in the long-term.

She said our society struggled with expressing emotions even before the pandemic began, but the last year has forced people to deal with them in a way that will leave a mark.

“All of a sudden, we’re here holding the bag of, ‘here I am in this situation and I’m not really clear on how to feel better,’” she said. “The slowdown caused a lot of us to really halt in our tracks.”

To help address that, Brownsberger launched her Grow Optimism mental health consulting business full-time in December, after running it part-time since 2015. She also began a Zoom training program March 6 entitled

“Life Hacks for Uncertain Times,” teaching people skills to help alleviate anxiety.

She said she is responding to a community need.

“There’s a need in this community for some more folks that offer counselling and emotional wellness supports,” Brownsberger said. She added that she wants to provide that in collaboration with all the existing supports in the County.

Statistics Canada found fewer Canadians reporting having excellent or very good mental health in July 2020 (55 per cent), compared to 2019 (68 per cent). The study also found those reporting poor mental health were more likely to report substance use and that the mental health decline was most prominent amongst youth.

Brownsberger said the toll could extend beyond the pandemic. With people grappling more with their mental health, Brownsberger said they should seek ways to better manage it in the long-term.

“Maybe we don’t return to normal. I think the biggest missteps would be

marching back onto the lives we once had,” she said. “Because we’ve all been altered on some level.”

She said we should be aware that we have gone through a collective trauma that will impact people differently. She noted though there will be celebration after the pandemic, there will also be anxieties about returning to larger gatherings.

“Kindness and patience and understanding,” she said. “The experience on a personal level can look and sound very differently for everyone.”

Brownsberger said she is pleased by the reception of her program and business so far. She said people should reach out and connect.

“It’s really important to not feel alone in the struggle,” she said. “If I can just add to the landscape of voices and connections to assist others on their wellness path, then to me, that just feels like a deep honour and privilege.”

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March 21, 10 a.m. live on Zoom. Join experts from Speaking of Wildlife for a 30-minute virtual presentation. It will feature three native Ontario wildlife ambassador animals and an interpreter who will introduce each individual animal and chat about their species, adaptations, and habitat. Pre-registration is required at haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 705-457-3700. Admission by donation.

March 30, 7:30 p.m. Lake Kashagawigamog Organization's (LKO) Love Your Lake spring Zoom webinar series. The first webinar is: Haliburton County's Proposed Shoreline Preservation Bylaw with speaker, Terry Moore, vice-president of Environment Haliburton! For more information and to register: lko.ca

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Feb. 11- March 25 (Thursdays - 4:30-5:30 p.m.)

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Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. - Maker Breakers on Facebook Live and YouTube.

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Mar 25 Seed Starting 101 with JaimeA.

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Water Ambassadors Canada is lighting up landmarks around the country blue for World Water Day March 22 to help fund well projects around the world. *Photo submitted.*

Water ambassadors lighting country blue

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Water Ambassadors Canada is turning landmarks blue across the country and at home to celebrate World Water Day.

The Haliburton charity is lighting up the CN Tower, Calgary Tower, Vancouver City Hall and Haliburton's Head Lake Park fountain blue March 22. It is for the United Nation's World Water Day to raise awareness about the global water crisis.

Charity founder Barry Hart said it is also a way to help promote their own organization's efforts.

"Just to highlight the problem of clean drinking water because it's way under the radar. Contaminated drinking water is the biggest cause of death and disease in the world," Hart said.

The charity helps deliver clean water to communities worldwide through well drills, repairs, filters and more. It originated in Haliburton, with members journeying to help projects in-person.

CEO Brian Johns said the charity's efforts remain ongoing in the pandemic.

"There's still a lot of ways people across Canada can help," Johns said. "While our volunteer trips to partner countries are on hold, we're still connecting our in-country partner teams with the financial and material resources they need to keep water flowing."

The organization has done more than 40 projects over the last six months spread across countries such as Uganda, Colombia, Honduras, Liberia, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic.

"We're going to beat the bushes for

awareness and fundraising to keep these projects alive and working in these other countries," Hart said. "It's actually turned out better for us with our in-country people, way better than we feared."

The organization is fundraising through World Water Day, with a \$100,000 target. Hart said the figure is arbitrary, though also matches a legacy donation recently received from a Haliburton cottager.

Hart said the charity hopes to make this an annual tradition to generate more awareness in subsequent years.

"People think of some of these bigger causes and awful diseases, or COVID right now. But meanwhile, the need for clean water is such a huge thing," Hart said. "It's so basic you can't see it."

To donate visit waterambassadorscanada.org.

Next year's Katie's Run will be the last

By Lisa Gervais

There'll be no Katie's Run for 2021 and the Woudstra and Pogue families have announced that the 2022 run - the 10th - will be the final.

In a news release, the families said that after much consideration, it was with great sadness that they decided the 10th run will be the last.

"Due to COVID-19 and Katie's ongoing health struggles, the event will be postponed this year with the hope that it can be held in Haliburton one final time in 2022," they said. "As difficult as this may be, we know this

is the right decision for our families."

They thanked the community, saying the run had become a platform to raise awareness for epilepsy and to provide much-needed funds for epilepsy research.

"It is our utmost desire that others will pick up where we leave off to keep the momentum going," they added.

To date, more than \$373,000 has been raised through Katie's Run. However, it is their goal to reach \$500,000 before they close the book on the event.

Even with no Katie's Run event this year, they said they will still be making efforts to raise money for the cause. They're asking the public to create their own fundraising campaigns for the run and research.

"Whether you do this in March, for epilepsy awareness month, or anytime throughout the year, we will be there to help in any way we can."

They are encouraging people to share their individual fundraising ideas and their next newsletter will highlight some suggested ideas. Email info@katiesrun.ca

What's on

Library's Covideos are a pandemic smash

By Carolyn Alder

If you follow Haliburton County Public Library on Facebook, you'll have noticed a lot of videos this past year.

It started last March when the library closed due to the pandemic. Normally at March Break children would attend story and craft hour at either the Dysart or Minden branches, where they would sing and listen to stories read by program and outreach coordinator, Nancy Therrien, and do a craft. Not wanting to disappoint the children, Therrien made the program available online.

"I remember the Saturday when we realized the programs couldn't happen," she said. "Immediately we took the content we were going to provide for March Break and tried to create videos. It was hard at first because none of us had done the online videos before."

The first story time video consisted of celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, reading *Green Eggs and Ham* and then conducting a science experiment with staff member Noelia Marziali by making a green egg out of baking soda and dropping it into cup of vinegar.

Since then, more than 120 more online story time videos have been created. Some feature Jamie Bilodeau with her daughter Holly, who read a story and do a craft together. Some have Rob Muir as host. He sings, reads a story, tells some jokes with

his Lobster friend and finishes by checking on his cats.

Muir also hosts Tech Time where he answers viewers 'how to' questions regarding the internet.

Other video series include the twice weekly Maker Break with Nicole Dolliver and Jamie Abbs. These hosts either do a craft or an easy-to-follow recipe. Some of the crafts have also been available in free grab-and-go craft bags in order for the viewer to follow along.

"The grab and go bags do not cost a penny," said Therrien. "We are not charging for any of the materials or supplies so affordability is not an issue."

Therrien said continuing the videos is important, even a year later.

"People like to see our faces, even now while we are doing curbside (and reopened March 16). It's a way for us to connect and for them to leave their comments. Anything we can do to provide the content people are looking for we will, but I think what makes our programs unique is the passion that each staff member puts into their program."

The newest video series is Story Studio with Lindsey Hobbs, which is a story time geared to adults. The current novel is *The Blue Castle* by L.M. Montgomery.

Therrien believes the video series are here to stay.

"When we are able to go back to in-person activities, I imagine a lot of these things



An image from Seuss-a-bration family storytime, March 18, 2020. Facebook.

will continue on a smaller scale for those who aren't able to attend. Some of the activities will continue in a positive way such as having take-home craft kits

available after children's story hour."

All videos are available on the Haliburton County Public Library Facebook page and YouTube channel.

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1. **File No. PLSRA2019072:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front of 1166 Peterson Road located within Lot 12, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden
 2. **File No. PLSRA2020005:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Vacant Land having Roll Number 4616-051-000-19500 on Raccoon Lane located within Lot 9, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
 3. **File No. PLSRA2020030:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Devils Lake, lying in front of 10535 Devils Lake (Water Access Only) located within Lot 24, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
 4. **File No. PLSRA2020031:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of 1055 Raccoon Lane located within Lot 9, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
 5. **File No. PLSRA2020032:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Moore Lake, lying in front of 1270 Tundra Trail located within Lot 25, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
 6. **File No. PLSRA2020053:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of 1187 Bob Beeney Trail located within Lot 16, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
 7. **File No. PLSRA2020055:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Minden Lake, lying in front of 1047 Tilley Trail located within Lot 6, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden
 8. **File No. PLSRA2020059:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Clear Lake, lying in front of 1231 Clear Lake Road located within Lot 15, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
 9. **File No. PLSRA2020062:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of 1017 Shetland Road located within Lot 27, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
 10. **File No. PLSRA2020061:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of 1074 McCrackens Lane located within Lot 11, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden
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 12. **File No. PLSRA2019074:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front Vacant Land on Cub Trail having Roll Number 4616-051-000-82110 located within Lot 16, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
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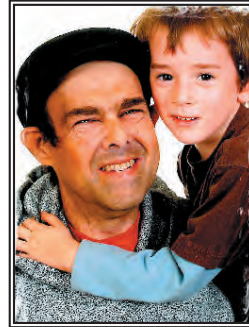
Robert "Bob" Leu

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at his residence on Sunday morning, March 14, 2021 in his 78th year. Loving and devoted husband of Carole Leu (nee Ashby). Dear brother of Patricia, Michael and Pauline (Keith) and brother in law to Neil (Janet) and Linda (Arthur). Caring Step Dad to Sandra & Brian. Loving and fondly remembered as Papa to Christopher, Matthew, Danny, Jessica, Simon & William and Great Papa to Alexis, Haileigh, Chanelle, Edwin & Quinn. Loving uncle to Cindy (Dennis), Sandra (Patricio), Bradley, Blake, Steven L, Andrew, Natalie, Alicia, and Steven A. Predeceased by his precious parents Gerald and Geraldine Leu (née Paige), brother John (Nancy) and his nephew Bobby. Bob worked for the Bank of Montreal in Montreal, Quebec, London, England and in Toronto for over 30 years. When he and his wife retired, they moved to Haliburton. Bob loved living in Haliburton and spending winters skiing at Sir Sam's.

A Private Family Gathering

A Private Family Gathering will take place at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Community Support Services would be appreciated by family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, HALIBURTON, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



Randy Grant

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday afternoon, March 10, 2021 in his 56th year. Loving father of Brandon. Dear brother of Marty. Also lovingly remembered by many aunts, uncles, cousins and his niece Heidi. Randy owned and operated Cool Licks for many years. He looked after Bernstein's General Store. He loved the Haliburton Highlands.

Private Family Service

A Private Family Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday morning, March 17, 2021 at 11 o'clock. To join the service virtually, copy the following link into your browser ten minutes prior to service time. <https://join.skype.com/txGGeCeQqrHR> As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Institute for the Blind or the Kidney Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209



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In Loving Memory of John Ernest Pentney

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Saturday, March 13, 2021, in his 87th year.

Beloved husband of the late Minnie and Eileen. Dear father of John and Linda, Dave and Bonnie, Lynne and Wayne.

Dear grandpa of Don, Leanne, Jeffrey, Chad, Jason, Katie, great grandpa of Darcy, Jordan, Tyler, Sapphire, Griffin, Kit, Remi and great great grandpa of Deagen and Greyson. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

The Family of John would like to acknowledge the kind, compassionate and loving care provided to their dad by the staff of Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden. They are forever grateful.

A Private Family Graveside Service will take place at a later date in the spring. Cremation has taken place.

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.



Mary Cathleen (KAY) TOWNSEND



Passed away at Hastings Centennial Manor on March 16, 2021 with her daughters by her side following a lengthy illness at the age of 93. Kay (Peters) Townsend, beloved wife of the late Elwood Townsend (2008), loving mother of Lois & Gene Baker of Minden, Charles & Patricia of Harcourt, Lynn & Larry Donaldson of Bancroft and David & Isabel of

Shoal Lake, beloved grandmother of 9 grandchildren and their families and dear sister of Jean Whitten of Ellenville and the late Clem, Doug and Allen Peters. Kay and Elwood lived in Harcourt for most of their lives and following his death, Kay resided at Haliburton Extendicare for a number of years and for the last 2 years, had been a resident of Hastings Centennial Manor. Kay will be fondly remembered for her love of embroidery, quilting, knitting, keeping her home as her castle, gardening and camping and fishing with Elwood. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Neuman Family Funeral Home in Bancroft. In keeping with Kay's wishes, cremation has taken place at Elmwood Crematorium in Corbyville and her remains will be interred with Elwood in South Wilberforce Cemetery in a private graveside service later in the spring. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Hastings Centennial Manor would be welcomed by the Townsend family.



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PUBLIC NOTICE Evergreen Cemetery

Municipality of Dysart have submitted the amendments to the following By-laws, which will be considered by Council at their meeting on April 27th, 2021.

- By-law No. 2017-42 – Cemetery Maintenance and Management By-Law for Evergreen Cemetery; and
- By-law No. 2017-43 – Cemetery Fees and Charges By-Law.

Further information on these proposed changes are available on Dysart's website: <https://www.dysart.ca>

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Highlander puzzles

Parse and Parcel


by Barbara Olson
© ClassiCanadian Crosswords

Across

- 1 Spruce (up)
- 6 A house divided, essentially: Abbr.
- 9 Crook's "bracelets"
- 14 "By the ___ Get to Phoenix"
- 15 Help for a bad hair day
- 16 Set for simmering, as a burner
- 17 Former spouse in a contemplative mood?
- 19 "You could ___ pin drop"
- 20 Steak order specification
- 21 Some pillow stuffing
- 22 Stallone and Stone
- 23 Jailbird's side of the story?
- 27 Tick off
- 29 "Rabbit ears" component
- 30 Talk trash about swearing?
- 35 Topaz or turquoise, e.g.
- 36 "___ that back" (retractor's words)
- 37 Film buff's network
- 38 "Ready or not, here ___!"
- 40 Zero, in soccer
- 41 Terrific sunshade?
- 43 Big buyer of concert souvenirs, maybe
- 46 Netanyahu's ctry.
- 47 "About stopping over", in a memo?
- 50 April summers?: Abbr.
- 54 Author's reps: Abbr.
- 55 "Do not make 180s" sign
- 57 Tubby one's moniker
- 59 Paid athlete preparing for a photo?
- 60 Oodles
- 61 C.B.C.'s "Dragon's ___"
- 62 Turn back to 0
- 63 Staffs at a yacht club
- 64 "Sale!" items
- 65 Superman costume letters

Down

- 1 Meat and potato mélanges
- 2 Computer image bit
- 3 Get at
- 4 React to the motion of the ocean, say
- 5 Seek successfully
- 6 One-horned beast
- 7 Acknowledged expert
- 8 ___-Foy, Québec
- 9 Like-minded sidekick
- 10 Feeling of discomfort
- 11 Pink lawn ornaments
- 12 Tit-tat bridge
- 13 Namibia, before 1990: Abbr.
- 18 Long hockey gear
- 21 ___ shui (Chinese design principle)
- 24 Megahit "Riptide" singer ___ Joy
- 25 "___ Time" ('70s musical)
- 26 One choosing a handle
- 28 Line on a "carte" of Montréal
- 30 Libyan loot
- 31 Stick-to-___ (tenacious)
- 32 Emulates a Pavlovian dog
- 33 Hinder the growth of
- 34 Little rascal
- 38 Drips that hang around the E.R.
- 39 Barnum and Bailey shows
- 41 "Je ne ___ pas" (French shrugger's words)
- 42 Assemble a contraption
- 44 Uses a shovel on
- 45 Camera settings
- 48 "Lady ___" (Chris de Burgh hit)
- 49 High times during the day?
- 51 Oh-so-proper one
- 52 Span of 365 "jours"
- 53 Some R.C.M.P. officers
- 56 Ran, or got a run in
- 57 "The whole ___ damily"
- 58 "I knew it!"
- 59 Palm Pilot, for short



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NEW LISTING

Redstone River



Peace and tranquility are the perfect way to describe this stunning riverfront property. Beautiful 11+ acres with fields, forest, trails, and ample wildlife throughout. 3-bedroom, 3 bath year-round home features a bright eat-in kitchen finished with oak cabinetry and walk out to back deck. Open concept living space, large windows throughout providing ample natural lighting. Gorgeous views from sunken living room. Fully finished walkout basement. Attached double garage. **\$699,000**

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