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Brian Johnston sits next to an absorbent boom placed to deal with an oil seepage on the Drag River. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

### Citizen calls out long-term Dysart oil spill

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Brian Johnston said the sight of oil spilling into a Drag River stream where Walleye spawn is "sickening."

The avid fisher called out the decadeslong problem in a viral Facebook post March 30. Johnston said a small stream of oil, the result of an old gas station near the

locale, has continually poured into the river since the 1980s.

and Parks district engineer Kelly Andreoli said the leak is coming

The post had been shared more than 120 times as of April 12. Johnston said he was glad to bring the problem to light.

"It's kind of embarrassing it's not been cleaned up," Johnston said. "How many times does this have to happen before this gets fixed?"

Ministry of Environment, Conservation

and Parks district engineer Kelly Andreoli said the leak is coming from an underground storage tank of fuel oil, which she said the province confirmed in a 2012 drilling program. She said the oil was initially sporadic but is appearing more frequently in recent years due to fluctuations in groundwater.

Andreoli said the province plans to

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# Family comes to terms with dog attack

By Lisa Gervais

Sadie Lester is just like any other seven-year-old Haliburton County kid, enjoying jumping on her trampoline during Spring break.

The bespectacled girl with the long blonde hair pulled pack into a ponytail briefly joins a Zoom call to say "Hi," adding she likes going to Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton with her friends, rather than virtual learning. She then runs off to play.

It's a far cry from a year ago when she was at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto following a vicious dog attack.

Her mom, Lindsay, also suffered non-life-threatening injuries on that fateful April 12, 2020 day. The events of a year ago have naturally affected Sadie's father and Lindsay's husband, AJ, as well as elder child, Addison.

"I would say that this past year, there's been ebbs and flows," Lindsay said in an interview. "There's certain times when we felt like it's been years since it happened and other weeks it just felt like it happened the day prior."

An anniversary date is a natural trigger. Lindsay says the smell of spring brings it back. On Easter Sunday, she and Addison were out for a walk and got cornered by an off-leash dog on a public dock. That brought it back, too. Lindsay admitted to an hour in bed crying in the aftermath of that. However, overall, she said the family "is definitely in a good place."

Physically, Lindsay has long since healed. Sadie has had several trips to

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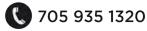


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### School board getting nearly \$7.5 million

By Lisa Gervais

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board is getting nearly \$7.5 million from the federal and provincial governments.

The announcement was made April 14.

In a news release issued by Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, the money is to upgrade infrastructure and continue keeping students and staff safe.

The funding is being provided through the COVID-19 Reliance Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

"The health and wellbeing of students remains the highest priority for our government," Scott said. "Building on previous investments, this funding will help support important upgrades for local schools." She said the money will go towards building retrofits, updates and upgrades to schools and co-located child care facilities.

Projects can include HVAC renovations to improve air quality, installing water bottle refilling stations to improve access to safe drinking water and space reconfigurations such as new walls and doors to enhance physical distancing.

It is not known what individual schools in the Highlands will be getting.

Scott added the investments build on the more than \$1 billion the Ontario government has invested since 2019 in new schools and child care spaces and additions to provide working families with access to quality, safe, and stateof-the-art learning spaces.

Supported by provincial funding, she said 95 per cent of Ontario schools have reported upgrades or enhancements to their air filtration

systems, with over 40,000 HEPA filters and other ventilation devices in classrooms.

The Government of Canada is investing up to \$525.2 million towards these projects and the Government of Ontario is contributing \$131.3 million.

"Ontario's government is focused on protecting the lives of students, staff, and their families," said Stephen Lecce, Ontario's Minister of Education. "We put a plan into action that leads the nation - delivering air ventilation improvements to over 95 per cent of schools, 7,000 additional staff, and improved cleaning, testing, and stronger screening.

"This one-time investment will help improve the safety of schools, building upon Ontario's annual investment of over \$1.4 billion to maintain schools and \$550 million to build new schools," he added.

### Oil cleanup could take five years

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remove the buried oil tank and install a barrier along the shoreline to prevent any residual contamination. She said a work plan and site investigation are likely to begin this spring.

"The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks takes all spills and threats to the environment very seriously," Andreoli said. "The ministry anticipates that implementation of the various stages of the remediation project will require approximately five years."

Andreoli said although there may be some localized impacts from the seepage, the environmental impact appears to be minimal.

But Johnston said it is still important to get the spill fixed. He noted how area municipalities have prioritized waterway protection with laws such as septic tanks being set back from shorelines.

"It's just as bad as littering. If I went to your property and spilled a bunch of diesel fuel on your property, how would you feel about it?" Johnston said. "A waterway is public property."

Johnston said there is difficulty determining who bears responsibility for the underground tank, but the solution is likely to come from taxpayer dollars.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said the ministry cleaned the area in the past, but she does not have further information on the spill. Andreoli said the township has assisted by maintaining absorbent booms in the area to help mitigate the seepage.

Johnston said he was not out to point fingers at the municipality but would like it addressed. He noted how the section of the river can teem with Walleye at this time of year. He said the absorbent boom is not enough and more needs to be done.

"As long as we are aware and spread awareness of the issue, hopefully, the faster this will be dealt with," he said.



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### Residents peck at bylaw blocking backyard chickens

#### By Lisa Gervais

Matt and Alex McWilliams hope Minden Hills council doesn't chicken out on their request to have a long-standing township bylaw revisited to allow them to have backyard chickens in their residentiallyzoned neighbourhood.

The McWilliams made a virtual presentation to the April 8 council meeting.

Matt McWilliams said they grow food, tap Maple trees, pick apples and have backyard chickens - all deemed in contravention of a 15-year-old bylaw that says farming must not occur on land designated residential.

He said the delegation wanted to clarify wording in the bylaw on what exactly constitutes farm land use.

He added he had more than 50 signatures of households in his neighbourhood overwhelmingly supporting the idea.

"What we wanted to address is that according to the zoning bylaw 06-10, farm use is not permitted in a residential zone. We're in a residential zone but the definition of a farm is land used for the growing of crops, nursery or horticultural, raising of livestock, agri-forestry or maple syrup production."

He said they had received a complaint that their land was being used as a farm due to their homesteading on their acre.

"In the trend of green and climate action, why wouldn't the township be encouraging

the growing of backyard food production, including and not limited to eggs from chickens, rather than discouraging food security in the wake of a pandemic?" he asked. He noted Ontario farmers have forecast upcoming food shortages that will hit later this year due to COVID.

In a time of environmental pressures and food insecurity, the McWilliams think residential zones shouldn't have such high restrictions. They noted that Harvest Haliburton had identified the benefits of having backyard chickens for improving food security, environmental and health benefits and social well-being.

Alex McWilliams said reasons given against backyard chickens in residential areas include attracting predators. However, "there is zero evidence of this potential claim." She said they had bears and foxes long before fencing the yard and introducing hens. Nor is there a smell, she added.

Dysart et al allows backyard chickens and Algonquin Highlands is looking into it, they said. Metropolitan areas such as Kingston, Kitchener, Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver have also recognized the benefit of this type of land use, noted the McWilliams. Matt McWilliams said it becomes an issue of discrimination.

"At the end of the day, we are two of thousands of up and comers that townships like Minden will be seeing trickle in more and more as the months progress. For people moving this far, urban farming is one of the biggest draws to such a quaint rural community. We hope we're not forced out due to the unwillingness of recognizing the ever-changing landscape of the economy and food security rights. We hope the bylaw would be changed to allow growing of horticultural crops, agriforest, maple sap production and backyard chickens to be allowed in residential zones."

Coun. Jean Neville, a self-described "poultry fancier," said she had been fighting for changes during her entire time on council.

She said one of the issues cited is chickens spreading viruses to humans. "I have not yet known anybody to have caught a disease or died from a chicken."

She added chickens, hens and the raising of chicks has proven to contribute to social well-being and decreasing anxiety during COVID. "They are the best mental therapy ever." She added she lives in a residential area and people tap their Maple trees for home use.

Coun. Bob Carter said he was on the planning committee before becoming a councillor when the issue was put up for review, so it had been extensively reviewed in those 15 years. At the time, he said it was



A Minden couple wants council to ease restrictions on backyard chickens. Flickr.

decided not to proceed.

"I don't think we should just make changes because - even though it seems like the right thing to do - all changes have consequences so we should at least review the research that was done."

Coun. Pam Sayne said she recalled the main reason a change was not made during the review was based on Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) input, and concern about viruses being spread to large chicken operations. She said she agreed with the McWilliams' direction and politics, but wanted to check with OMAFRA.

Mayor Brent Devolin said the issue would be discussed along with other bylaws needing possible updating before the end of this term of council.

#### HIGHLANDS EAST NEWS

### Exotic animal restrictions

Highlands East council approved a new exotic animal bylaw that will forbid certain species in the municipality.

The document forbids a range of animals including bats, lions, large rodents, bears, snakes longer than two metres, lizards longer than one metre, canines besides dogs such as wolves, and more. Venomous or poisonous animals of all kinds are forbidden even if glands are removed.

But exemptions exist for veterinary hospitals and farm operations involving alternative livestock permitted in the zoning bylaw. Temporary exemptions are also possible for special events.

The law came due to an incident in Bancroft, where someone moved in with a collection of exotic animals. The municipality there lacked a bylaw to address the situation.

Fines for violations under the new bylaw range from \$250 to \$500.

#### **Crown Land meeting**

Highlands East council is holding a special meeting for people to provide feedback on the province putting Crown Land up for sale.

Council is hosting a virtual meeting April 27 at 9:30 a.m. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has received requests to purchase parts of the Crown reserve on Centre Lake from two abutting

landowners. One seeks to use parts of the reserve for a resort development.

Council voted to modify its procedures to allow multiple people to speak at the meeting. Delegations will be limited to five minutes with no PowerPoint presentations to provide more people with the opportunity to present.

People must contact the municipal clerk at least two days ahead of time to schedule a delegation or make written submissions.

The clerk can be reached at rrogers@ highlandseast.ca or 705-448-2981 ext. 422.

#### **Building software**

The building department plans to introduce new software to increase efficiency, improve customer service and allow for online submissions.

Chief building official Laurie Devolin reported Cloudpermit was approved to provide the service through a request for proposals process. The company will implement the software, which will provide inspectors with added tools for reporting.

Devolin said the public could also register and use a new citizen portal online to submit required building documents.

"I'm very excited to move forward with this. I think it will help us immensely," Devolin said.

The software was budgeted for \$100,000 but was paid for using upper government grants according to Devolin. (Highlands East News compiled by Joseph Quigley, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter.)





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## Developers seek to bring condos to Cardiff

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Developers are proposing a new 40-unit condominium project in Cardiff aimed at independent living seniors, at 2778 Monck Rd. using municipal property and offices.

Teska Development Corporation presented to Highlands East council April 13. Its plans includes two two-story buildings, each containing 20 units, utilizing wood-framing. The development would use municipal land, with the old township office used as a community centre but the library and post office on the property kept as is.

Corporate chairman Stephen Tunks said the project is designed to be affordable for the area — about \$900 per month for a single-bedroom and \$1,100 for a twobedroom suite.

"We've kept the project costs really low by having a fairly simple design," Tunks said. "It's an attractive project, but we've done everything we can to design it to keep the costs down."

It would include 16 two-bedroom units and 24 one-bedroom units. Tunks said the buildings would be fully wheelchair accessible. The rents would be all-inclusive except for satellite TV and internet, which the condominium would offer.

Tunks sought to start working with the municipality to purchase the land and progress building permits.

"We've done an awful lot of consultation," Tunks said. "We've done an awful lot of



A rendering of a proposed condominium development in Cardiff. Photo via Teska Development Corporation.

work to get to this point."

Cardiff-area Coun. Cam McKenzie said housing is needed in the community.

"We're looking for additional housing," McKenzie said. "Affordable additional housing."

But he added concerns about whether there is enough sewer capacity. He also said the services on the property, including the post office, food bank and library, need to be protected.

Tunks said they would be kept available. He also said the development could maintain the \$1 annual lease for the library, which is currently paid to Highlands East.

On sewage, Tunks said they are willing to pay for any expansion needed, though it

would play into land purchase negotiations.

"It's doable, it's just a question of what does it cost," Tunks said. "It's the first and primary concern we have moving forward."

McKenzie said he has heard from constituents worried about the buildings being used for short-term rentals. Tunks replied the municipality could likely make it a building permit condition that short-term rentals are forbidden.

Other parts of the development include parking, picnic areas, an enclosed dog run and a solar power generation station.

Tunks said they want to progress quickly. Construction would take about 8.5 months. He said occupancy is possible in Spring 2022 but acknowledged COVID-19 meant

it would likely take longer.

"With the circumstances, we're just going to have to work with what we have," Tunks said.

He further said he would like to have a public meeting to answer questions when health restrictions allow for it.

Council voted to receive the delegation as information.

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall expressed appreciation for the proposal.

"The fact that you are taking the time and effort to look at us and invest in our municipality, thank you for that," Ryall said.

More information is available at teskadevelopment.com/Cardiff.





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#### SCHOOL BOARD NEWS



Haliburton trustee Gary Brohman has been pushing for staff vaccinations. File.

### Schools to remain closed after break

Trillium Lakelands District Board School Board (TLDSB) students won't be returning to school following this week's spring break.

The province made the announcement April 12.

"This move has been made in response to the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases, the increasing risks posed to the public by COVID-19 variants, and the massive spike in hospital admissions," the Ontario Government said in a news release.

Premier Doug Ford added, "as I have always said we will do whatever it takes to ensure everyone stays safe. By keeping kids home longer after spring break we will limit community transmission, take pressure off our hospitals and allow more time to rollout our COVID-19 vaccine plan."

#### September speculation

TLDSB director of education, Wes Hahn, speculated at an April 7 board meeting about what September might look like. He also discussed vaccinations for staff and how the board is trying to remain open for learning.

"We continue to plan for September,"

Hahn said. "We will be encouraging kids to come back to brick-and-mortar schools, but we also realize that parents will want choice. We expect that the ministry will provide direction on what the Learn at Home environment will look like."

He said there has been a strong trend of movement back to physical schools this year and the board expects Learn at Home will be on a much smaller scale next year.

Hahn said they will be surveying parents through a Thought Exchange survey (available on the board website) about remote learning.

On the issue of staff vaccines, Hahn thanked Haliburton-area trustee Gary Brohman for advocating for staff vaccinations sooner rather than later.

"I think it (Brohman's public stand) has made a difference," Hahn said. "Health units are very supportive of educational workers getting vaccinated once supply is available. Staff who work directly with special populations will be getting their vaccines over the next couple of weeks."

He said the board continues to focus on learning during "this difficult and challenging time."

They have put together a virtual edition of the Trillium Lakelands Arts Camp which they are very proud of, showing their continued commitment to the arts. They are also putting together a summer learning program for both elementary and secondary students.

"We hope we might be able to meet in-person for this and keep kids engaged in learning," Hahn said.

### Grads likely to remain virtual

Graduations this year are likely going to be virtual, or with limited in-person experience, Hahn, said.

Superintendent Katherine MacIver added the board had sent a memo to schools sharing possibilities of what graduations might look like.

She said students enrolled at the Learn at Home in Grade 8 will be recognized through Learn at Home. Grade 12 Learn at Home students will be honoured at their home school graduation ceremonies.

"Many have attended those schools for the last three years. We also want to make sure that they remain eligible for all the awards and bursaries that are typically available at a Grade 12 graduation," MacIver said.

Hahn added that all Grade 8 and 12

graduations will remain closed to visitors.

"We don't want to do anything that might encourage people gathering together in large groups." (School board news compiled by Kirk Winter.)

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## Minden to begin septic reinspections in the south

#### By Lisa Gervais

Property owners of North Pigeon, Little Bob, Gull, Black and Moore Lakes can expect letters from the Township of Minden Hills and contractor WSP Canada soon regarding the kick-off to the septic reinspection program.

About 1,071 non-vacant properties in Zone A will be done in year one of the anticipated five-year program.

WSP's Paisley McDowell updated council at the April 8 meeting.

"The program is proposed to begin in 2021 with Zone A and be completed in 2025 with Zone E," McDowell said.

She added that WSP was planning to send program information letters to all property owners in April/May 2021 to introduce the program.

She added a modified version would be sent to property owners from Zone A that includes more details about the inspection process and the information on how they can contact WSP to book an inspection.

She is also looking to council to set up two virtual public information sessions that were postponed in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions and are now proposed to take place this spring.

"In WSP's experience, these initial information sessions are a critical part of the program to allow owners to engage with WSP directly, learn about the program, understand their responsibilities and ask questions," she said.

Coun. Bob Carter said he'd like to see an accompanying letter from the township, to point out that it is not an optional program; outline the costs associated with it; and information on what will happen to people who do not comply.

"Let's get it out there right up front so that everybody understands what's going on here because this is a very important program," Carter said.

He asked McDowell why it is fiveyear program, and she replied that WSP normally recommends about 1,000 properties a year as a "doable" number.

Carter also asked if they could do inspections during a stay-at-home order and McDowell said they are an essential service that can guarantee safety as it is outdoor work with employees and homeowners wearing masks and social distancing.

Carter further asked when inspections would commence and McDowell said within the month of May. She said they know seasonal residents are often not at their properties until the May long weekend.

#### The five-year plan

- **2021:** North Pigeon, Little Bob, Gull, Black and Moore lakes.
- 2022: Duck, Horseshoe, Mountain lakes.
- 2023: Soyers, Kashagawigamog, Canning lakes
- 2024: Little Boshkung, Twelve Mile, Brady and Bob lakes.
- 2025: Davis, Bat, South and Bow lakes.



Minden is expected to kick off its septic program in May. *File*.

### Public regains voice on Highlands East committees

#### By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Highlands East council convened its advisory committees for the first time in more than a year after a hiatus caused by the pandemic.

Council held a joint committee meeting March 31, with almost all of its committees: recreation and culture, housing and grants, environment, trails and outdoor tourism, and economic development. The meeting was held on an online Zoom call, with each convening in turn.

The structure was approved Jan. 19. Meetings are to resume monthly going forward.

"We want everybody heard," Mayor Dave Burton said. "We want to make everybody part of this." The only exception was the fire committee, which remains on hiatus.

#### Visitor information kits

The economic development committee plans to create a visitor information kit to help with a busy summer season.

The kit was drafted and being edited before the pandemic. It is a document focused on seasonal renters and hard-toreach visitors, providing information about the community.

Member Barbara Kraus said the kit should be a priority. She added based on last summer, there will be a greater influx of people to the area.

"This is really our opportunity as a region to shine and present ourselves to the general

public that, in the past, may not have even heard of us," Kraus said. "This is a project we would be silly not to put in the foreground."

Economic development coordinator Joanne Vanier said there is money in the budget to print the document. The committee agreed to make it a top priority at an April meeting.

## Green burials back on the agenda

The environment committee is planning to take another look at green burials.

Chair Suzanne Partridge said the committee explored it before going on hiatus. The environmentally-friendly burial practice was promoted by the local Green

Burial Society, founded in 2019. No County cemetery currently offers it.

Members agreed to discuss it at an April meeting and review the cemetery bylaw.

#### Trails projects resume

The trails committee reviewed a long list of projects after a year hiatus.

The committee's plans include creating multi-use trail links in Gooderham, Wilberforce and Cardiff, creating a water trail map and adding more signs and markers to tourist mineral sites.

"We have lots of things on our plate, which is great. Gives us purpose," chair Cam McKenzie said. "Because of COVID, there's been a lot more outdoor activity going on."



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## The Highlander All-ages volunteer army needed

I attended the orientation session for Rotary have less time for volunteering during the Club of Minden volunteers for the S.G. Nesbitt arena COVID vaccination clinic.

According to Rotary, in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean Islands, 71 per cent of Rotarians are more than 50 years of age. Only 12 per cent are less than 40 years

The local Rotarians attending last week's session included some people much older than 50. While I admire all of them, I do worry about the burden of potentially months of volunteer work to support the cause when they are a vulnerable demographic.

I can only hope their ranks have been, and will be, bolstered by volunteers of younger demographics in the days, weeks and months to come.

According to the Government of Canada, Baby Boomers (born between 1946 and 1965) and Matures (born between 1918 and 1945) are more likely to be top volunteers in Canada.

In 2018, Statistics Canada found Matures (40 per cent) and Baby Boomers (31 per cent) were more likely than iGen (born 1996 and later) - at 18 per cent - to be top volunteers

StatsCan rationalizes that with many Baby Boomers struggling to keep businesses afloat, working from home, and in some cases caring for elderly parents, they likely

pandemic.

At the same time Matures are among those at highest risk of COVID-19 and may be self-isolating.

So, the most dedicated unpaid workers in the charitable sector going into the pandemic are now among the most impacted by the current situation and in need of support themselves.

But StatsCan doesn't know the mettle of the Rotary Clubs of Minden and Haliburton and the army of Baby Boomer and Mature volunteers in the Highlands. It is in some cases the busiest and most at-risk who are showing up to staff the clinics at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton and the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

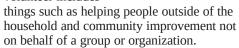
However, their ranks should be bolstered by iGens, according to StatsCan. Although less likely than other generation to be top volunteers, they were involved in quite a bit of volunteer work going into the pandemic.

Further, as schools have transitioned to online learning and extra-curricular activities have been cancelled, some iGens may be in a better position to up their community contributions through formal volunteering.

They are actually known for more informal giving. The StatsCan paper said the informal volunteer rate for iGen (78 per cent) was actually higher than Baby

Boomers (73 per cent) and Matures (58 per cent). This likely reflects different volunteertype preferences for younger versus older generations.

That informal volunteer includes



So, while it appears Baby Boomers, Matures and iGens are stepping up to the plate, *The Highlander* is putting out a challenge to others to step forward, including Millennials (those born 1981 to 1995) as well as GenXers (born 1966-1980) to help staff the clinics.

Each clinic will be running three days a week – Haliburton on Monday, Thursday and Sunday and Minden on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The Haliburton clinic is also running on Fridays in at least its first two weeks.

Anyone can volunteer for the Haliburton clinic by contacting haliburtonrotary@ gmail.com. The Minden effort can be reached at volunteer@mindenrotary.ca or 705-286-4922. Shifts are four hours, with two blocks each day. People can only sign on up to two weeks in advance.

**By Lisa Gervais** 

#### **COVID CORNER**

### Mobile phones and COVID control

Vaccines are making their way through our

More of us are feeling that cloak of protection start to form around us after getting the shot. It sure does take the edge off the constant feeling of vulnerability and the vigilance we have all been burdened with. But until vaccination coverage helps us to reach herd immunity, nonpharmaceutical interventions remain the primary means of preventing virus spread. In some countries, such as Taiwan, for example, population behaviour has been the key to controlling spread of the virus.

Border control and compulsory mask wearing on public transit was imposed at the outset in Taiwan. Therefore, this island nation (population 23.6 million) had no locally-acquired cases of COVID-19 for the 253 days between April and December 2020. As of February 28, 2021, there had been 955 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Taiwan, with only 77 (8.1 per cent) locally acquired.

Adherence to social distancing and face masking, plus quarantining and contact tracing. These are the techniques that have made Taiwan a country with one of the lowest per capita COVID incidence and mortality rates in the world. They have not had to close schools or use strict

An estimated 55 per cent of their infections occurred during the presymptomatic stage. A combination of early diagnosis of cases, plus contact tracing, plus 14-day quarantine of close contacts (regardless of symptoms) was estimated to decrease the reproduction number from 2.5 (each infected person infects 2.5 other people) to 1.5 people. (Remember, to stop spread, it is necessary to have the infection rate less than one.)

The effect of social distance and face masks reduced the reproduction number to 1.3, meaning that voluntary populationbased interventions, if used alone, were not enough to stop spread. Combining quarantining and contact tracing plus social distance and masks reduced the reproduction number to 0.85, successfully stopping spread.

Taiwan demonstrates that stopping the COVID-19 pandemic requires the collaboration of public health professionals and the general public. Either strategy alone would be insufficient.

The behaviours that are most effective at reducing spread in Taiwan are also effective in Canada. We are just not applying them strictly. But if we did, we would see the benefit. A study that tracked peoples movements using smartphone data from March 15, 2020 until March 6, 2021 showed that average time spent outside the home in a three-week period predicted the increased spread of COVID-19. It showed that low levels of mobility will control disease spread. (I doubt any of us is surprised at this, as we have witnessed

the numbers go up when our activity is less restricted and fall again after lockdowns curb movement in our community.)



By Dr. Nell Thomas

This study

measured weekly growth rate – the ratio of cases in a given week compared to the previous week – and evaluated the effects of average time spent outside the home in the previous three weeks. The researchers tracked variation from week to week among regions and provinces.

Across the 51-week study period, 888,751 people were infected with SARS-CoV-2. Each 10 per cent increase in population mobility was associated with a 25 per cent increase in weekly case growth rate. Before the pandemic we had no restrictions on our movement, so mobility at pre-pandemic baseline was 100 per cent. Mobility measured during the study was highest in the summer (69 per cent) and dropped to 54 per cent in winter 2021.

The study concluded that use of smartphone data can be used to guide provincial and regional loosening and tightening of physical distancing measures. Mobility strongly and consistently predicts weekly case growth, and low levels of mobility are needed to control COVID-19.

## Editorial opinion

#### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Icebreaker: On Wednesday, April 7, Lori Sexton couldn't wait for the ice to melt on Spruce Lake. Photo by Pat Hunt.

#### **LETTERS**

## Businesses must train employees

Dear editor,

I would like to respond to your article in last week's *Highlander* (Pandemic worsens County labour shortage) and the opportunity to train the workforce.

I've cottaged in the Highlands all my life, 53 years, and have spent the last 12 years living here because who wants to live in Toronto expressly at this time?

I believe it is a prime time to recruit new, qualified candidates to the area.

I have been a chef by trade for more than 25 years with 25 years in management as I was transferred to Calgary at the age of 19 as the youngest chef in the corporation.

At that time, the company put me in school to get my Red Seal. I ended up moving back to Toronto to open up, with partners, two restaurants. I then found myself getting calls to open up other restaurants so I opened up my own business and opened 14 new restaurants.

What does this have to do with your article? After working 10 years in the Highlands, one of the biggest things I have noticed is all the companies that I worked for in the County had no training manuals or schedules for the staff, and were just tossed into the position and expected to do the job. So as far as I am concerned, it is a very big part of the employer that their business is not successful and it is a panic attack for them to get someone.

The company must put in the time with a training program as well as ask the employee where they wish to be in five years and what position they wish to be in. For the employee, if their response is 'I wish to have your position', then this is someone you would like to put your time into

Best of luck to all and have a great year. Smile, it will go a long way.

David Bull Haliburton

#### Help with Chinese Mystery Snails

Dear editor,

Are you a property owner on Cranberry, Pine, Green lakes or the adjoining Gull River? If so, we would love to have you join us in a study of the "Chinese Mystery Snail" that is invading our waterways.

The Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association has joined with the Ontario Federation of Hunters and Anglers along with the federal and provincial governments to document and remove this invasive species from our waterways.

We know the snails have been found in the last lake of our system as well as above us on Eagle Lake.

To remove these invaders from the waterways one needs to be trained and granted a licence to legally remove and dispose of them. Since this is a study, some documentation would be required as well. OFHA will be providing training for this program via Zoom, anticipated early in May. MBC has had a great response from our membership. We are hoping some likeminded folks from the lakes above us will join in.

Ideally suited to those who love to fish, swim, canoe, kayak on those calm mornings when the lake bottom is visible. If you would like to join us, please contact presidentmbclakes@gmail.com

On another note of interest to these property owners is MBC's ongoing discussions with The Coalition for Equitable Water Flow and the management of the Trent Severn Waterway concerning water levels in our chain of lakes. The last meeting with TSW gave us the opportunity to speak directly to the senior management of TSW to express our concern about our disappearing lakes and rivers. Last year was particularly bad. We can only hope that they were listening to our concerns, time will tell.

Murray Adam President MBC POA

## Vandalism at the skate park?

Dear editor,

Graffiti is considered an art form in a growing number of schools and colleges today.

What I see at our skatepark is art.
There is no profanity, no crudeness, no

In fact, the message is kindness.
Although the kids that hang out at the skatepark aren't responsible for the graffiti, they should be allowed to express themselves in this manner, if they wish, without fear of repercussions.

I am not aware of any place that our youth can express their creativity.

Isn't that how they 'christen' their parks in the rest of the country? For those that were surprised that this

happened, you shouldn't have been. Labeling this 'mischief' is wrong and unjust.

Brenda Cummings Acero Haliburton

## Thanks, Northumberland County

Dear editor,

Please acknowledge and give kudos to the dedicated volunteers of Northumberland County who came up here and helped at the clinic Wednesday (April 7).

Their experience with running other clinics was invaluable in making it a very efficiently coordinated event.

Pat Johnson Minden

#### AirBNBs active

Dear editor,

Despite the lockdown order, both Airbnbs next to us are booked this weekend (April 10-11)

No one is apparently following the protocols as they bask in the sun.

Is the town (of Algonquin Highlands) any closer to recognizing them so they can be regulated?

Peter Willmott Algonquin Highlands

#### ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

#### **Construction booming**

The Township of Algonquin Highlands continues to experience growth as evidenced by its building permit revenue. Interim chief building official Greg Moore had a written report for February that was

presented by CBO David Rogers. Rogers said 36 permits had already been issued for the first two months of 2021, compared to seven in the same time frame

last year.

"It's actually started off to be an extremely busy year," he told council, adding "it's going to be a really busy year."

Mayor Carol Moffatt said she was "pretty impressed" with the amount of construction value this early in the year.

February saw 19 building permits and two septic permits, for a value of \$11,699.90. Last year's February stats were four building permits and no septics for \$2,659.10

Rogers added the construction value for February 2021 exceeded \$1.4 million.



Residents interested in learning more about the township's ongoing septic re-inspection program will have another opportunity to educate themselves with an upcoming virtual event.

Council selected Tuesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. for the WSP Canada-led online event.

Rogers said staff had been advised by WSP that the septic social can be hosted virtually via webinar at a cost of \$1,750 plus HST.

He said the presentation will include a question-and-answer session. After the virtual event, WSP can provide the township with either a recorded file or a link that can be placed on its website, he added.

"WSP has begun receiving requests and questions from ratepayers regarding the upcoming inspections for 2021," Rogers said. "They are aiming to send notices out



Visitors are getting a 25 per cent break with the tower closed this year. File.

to owners in mid-April."

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen was the first to speak, recommending a weekday evening as opposed to people having to log in during a Saturday in May. Coun. Julia Shortreed agreed, saying "an evening one might be more realistic for a lot of people."

## Council reducing tower fees 25 per cent

Council set the fee reduction for the Dorset Tower at 25 per cent.

Director of parks, recreation and trails, Chris Card, tabled a report with options of either 25 per cent or 50 per cent to reflect the fact people will not be allowed to climb the actual tower this year, although they can still visit the ground-based amenities of the popular lookout.

He noted operating costs will remain the

same, including fall traffic control and property maintenance.

Danielsen queried something in the midrange, such as 35 per cent, however her council colleagues wanted to stick with the 25 per cent reduction.

Shortreed thought that amount was fair because the township had costs and there is still lots to do at the tower besides climbing it, such as the peek-a-boo rock and trails.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux added it was a decision the EOC (emergency operations centre) could revisit in summer if needed.

#### Turn-key preferred

Council expressed an interest in a turn-key electric vehicle charging station model, as opposed to one owned by the County.

Council council, at its March 24 meeting, directed staff to provide the options to local municipal councils so that they can provide

direction on the location and number of charging stations and the preferred funding option for their municipality.

Dailloux said she preferred the turn-key approach.

"It seems that there would be less staff time required, for installation and maintenance." She added, "but also because technology is changing so fast. I could imagine that in just a few years, there's going to be an upgraded, better thing out there and if we went with option two (ownership) maybe they'd be obsolete already and what do we do with them?"

Shortreed agreed, saying "at the end of the day someone else who know what they're doing is doing it."

While County council chose the North Shore Road administrative office as its first location, councillors deferred to staff to choose the locations. (Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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#### DYSART ET AL NEWS

## Electric vehicle charge stations coming

The public could have two electric vehicle charging stations in downtown Haliburton by the fall of 2021.

Dysart et al council, at its April 13 meeting, endorsed having stations at the A.J. LaRue Arena near the township office as well as the new welcome centre in Head Lake Park.

They further said they liked the idea of paying a service fee for chargers owned by Hydro One and Ontario Power Generation, versus municipal ownership.

County of Haliburton climate change co-ordinator, Korey McKay, attended the meeting. She said the annual service fee would be \$3,300 per dual-port station with no upfront cost. She said it would be cost neutral with a fee to recover hydro costs and to encourage people to move vehicles. The money will come from modernization funding.

The station at the arena parking lot would also be used to charge future municipal electric vehicles, she said.

The plan would be to then add more stations in future.

Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said he'd also like annual maintenance costs covered by fees. He also noted that businesses, such as Canadian Tire in Bancroft, have charging stations. "I would prefer to do the absolute minimum until privates business catches up to us," he said.

Coun. John Smith said he didn't like using property taxes to pay for something that businesses such as Canadian Tire and Petro-Canada are installing to make money. He said it must be based on a total cost recovery model with a detailed financial case made to ensure no property tax dollar subsidies.

However, Mayor Andrea Roberts said she sees it is an economic development opportunity.

"There are people who are not stopping in Haliburton because they are mapping out where they can go from point A to point B being able to charge their vehicles."

## Grieving mom wants cemetery bylaw change

Dulce Acero made a delegation to the meeting, asking for council reconsideration of parts of its recently-minted cemetery bylaw.

Acero, who lost her son, Phoenix, 14, in 2017, had other suggestions for Evergreen Cemetery as well.

She said when there are issues, it is difficult to contact the cemetery administrator or clerk based on current signage. She asked for clear contact information on cemetery signage for who to get in touch with.

She further suggested the township incorporate a memorialization space in front of headstones. She said it could be



A vehicle charging station. Ivan Radic/flickr.

the width of the marker and 18 inches in length, which she said is the standard in most cemeteries she's looked at. She said they could have a concrete or granite border to withstand lawn mowers and whipper snippers.

If items have to be removed, she requested lot owners be notified first, "just to avoid conflict." In addition, she said there should be a process for requesting accommodations for religious or traditional-held beliefs or other exemptions or variances to the grave

rules, as well as an appeals process. She also asked that animals be leashed and owners adhere to township bylaws.

Beyond bylaws, Acero said it would be a good idea to revise a cemetery committee.

Council received the delegation for information only - with some indication of support for better signage, a memorialization area and revised cemetery committee - with a report expected at the April 27 meeting. (Dysart et al news compiled by Lisa Gervais)



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### Barbecue and brisket specialty of 'crazy' Hunter/Gatherer

By Joseph Quigley Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Jason Lougheed said people have questioned him and his partner Allana Ziorjen for starting a takeout business in a pandemic.

The two launched Hunter/Gatherer, a new takeout business out of Minden's Wintergreen Maple Products in March. The smoker-based establishment serves brisket, meatloaf, and pies made-to-order, with a clothing line to

Ziorjen said the pair have known each other for a long time and reconnected recently over a mutual love of barbecuing. The takeout idea unfolded quickly, and they got a business licence in November. The location came about because Ziorjen has worked at Wintergreen periodically for 17 years.

"Everything just kind of came together beautifully," she said. "The beauty of this is we've been able to set it up in the midst of the pandemic. So, we've been able to tailor how we operate to the rules."

"Everybody thinks we're crazy," Lougheed said. "And it makes sense. We are crazy."

The service currently only operates one day a week on Friday, though plans to expand to lunch service on the weekends over the summer. It also planned to be out of a food truck on Easter weekend, though the provincial shutdown April 3 dashed those plans.

The business centers around the barbecue and brisket specialty, which Lougheed said requires 12 hours to cook using a smoker. They said they are looking to introduce it to the area



Jason Lougheed and Allana Ziorjen have launched a new takeout business focusing on smoked meat. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

and elevate more homely dishes such as meatloaf.

"People in this area aren't as familiar with what brisket is because it's more of a southern thing," Ziorjen said. "It kind of changes barbecuing because it is such a long process."

Wintergreen owner Tom Dawson said the relationship is a way to maximize the operation.

"We have facilities, they have skills and we're trying to put them together," Dawson said. "Very symbiotic relationship ... In one essence, we're trying to put wind under their wings."

Lougheed said the Hunter/Gatherer name came from their philosophy on food and the community. He said they want to use locally-sourced products as much as possible.

"Our brand is we just kind of do what we have to do to get by. We

use what's readily available to us," Lougheed said. "We are survivors."

Ziorjen said they have kept a slow, but steadily increasing pace – 20 meals on a first week and more than doubling that over Easter weekend.

"I have been blown away," Lougheed said. "It's great. Everybody seems to be just loving it."

The two are unsure of the long-term future, with their own building a pipedream. For now, they are taking it one summer at a time.

"The restaurant industry right now is so unstable. We're coming in at a really interesting time where we're able to sort of adapt," Ziorjen said. "We have to be realistic about what will happen in the next few years, with the restaurant industry as it is."

The service is available at huntergatherfood.com.



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## Highlander arts

## Arts council keeping stable in pandemic

#### By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands opted to keep its board steady for another year as it maintains programming amidst the pandemic.

Members voted at an AGM March 30 to extend chair Kate Butler and secretary Renée Woltz to serve an additional year, past the two-term, six-year maximum set out in the society's bylaws.

The move came because of a board proposal to modify those bylaws to allow for three terms, given the difficulties of the pandemic.

Attendees balked at the bylaw modification but instead to give Butler and Woltz another year. Woltz said stability was important at this time.

"The board really feels this is not the time to be losing some experience on the board, given the challenges," Woltz said. "And the fact with less social interaction it has been a little more difficult than usual to recruit new board members."

Woltz said the two-year term limit was meant to keep the board fresh with new ideas and energy. But members said it did not make sense to change the bylaw or to provide an extra full term, which usually lasts three years.

"The bylaws are the backbone of the organization and you don't go making adjustments annually," Rails End Gallery curator Laurie Jones said. "That doesn't

mean that this has not been an exceptional period."  $\protect\ensuremath{^{\circ}}$ 

Butler said she is willing to carry on for one year as an exception. She added she would be willing to provide advice beyond that

"Hopefully, by that time, we'll have a handle on what things are looking like as we've gone through this COVID-era," Butler said. "And we're coming out the other side and we'll be in a better position."

The society also voted to add Sophie Creelman and Danielle Martin to its board, joining Butler, Woltz, treasurer Pat Martin, Chris Lynd, Pat Jones and Scott Walling.

#### Programming carries on

The arts council reviewed its past year, how COVID-19 impacted the scene and what art programs have carried on despite that.

The organization had a 2020 deficit of \$2,532, compared to a \$1,642 surplus in 2019. Its general fund had \$40,356 at the end of the 2020 fiscal year.

Martin said the board has worked to get more grants and donations to keep programs going.

"Your board has been working hard to ensure the financial viability of the organization," Martin said. "While the COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenge we have been able to initiate several new programs."

Some of those new initiatives include a



An image from a past, pre-COVID, AGM. File photo.

promotional video, a remote reading event called 6-Minute Escape, a monthly social media feature on local artists, an online artist course and a new radio play which premiered April 7.

"The resilience and creativity of our arts community here is remarkable," Butler said. "We always find a way to make things work ... Looking forward to another great year ahead."



HHHS recognizes the unique challenges this past year has brought to our many volunteers. We are heartened by your caring and compassion and the support you have shown your family & friends, neighbours & strangers. We truly value your continued support of HHHS.







## COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

#### THIS MEETING WILL BE HEARD AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING BY WAY OF A TELECONFERENCE CALL

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: MONDAY, April 26, 2021

**TIME:** 10:30 AM

**LOCATION:** Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed

as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of

a teleconference call.

To participate:

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to consider minor variance applications PLMV2021001, PLMV2021006, PLMV2021019, PLMV2021020, PLMV2021021, PLMV2021022 PLMV2021023 PLMV2021024 and PLMV2021025. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45.



**PLMV2021001-** Part of Lot 17, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as <a href="https://docs.ps...https://docs.p



**PLMV2021006** - Part of Lot 10, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1026 Nectarine Lane; and located on Horseshoe Lake (see Key Map). **Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the reconstruction of the existing 128.5 m2 (1,383sq.ft.), non-complying, dwelling which measures 4.3m. (14') in height with a new taller dwelling measuring 10.1m. (33') in height (measured to top of roof) to be located 2.2m. (7'3") from the east side lot line with a new deck encroaching to a distance of 1.2m. (3'11") from the east side lot line. The variance sought would allow for the dwelling and deck, which currently encroaches onto the neighbouring property, to be rebuilt within the required 4.5m. (14'9") side yard setback greater than1.2m. (3'11") taller than existing.



PLMV2021019 - Part of Lot 6, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; being vacant land on Manor Lane; and located on the Gull River (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new dwelling and sleeping cabin proposed to occupy 352.2 m2 (3,791sq.ft.) representing 19.5% of the lot area. The variance sought would allow for a total lot coverage greater than the 15% otherwise permitted within the Shoreline Residential (SR) zone and within the Flood Risk (FR) overlay zone



PLMV2021020 - Part of Lot 24, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1052 Beverley Lane; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map). Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the replacement of the existing 44.6 m2 (480sq.ft.) dwelling measuring 3.7m. (12') in height and is situated 12.8m. (42') from the High Water Mark (HWM) with a new larger and taller dwelling measuring 80.9 m2 (871sq. ft.) and 5.2m. (17') in height and to project to a distance of 12.8m. (42') from the HWM together with the replacement of the existing 36.7 m2 (395sq.ft.) sleeping cabin with a new 44.6 m2 (480sq.ft.) garage The variance sought would allow for a larger and taller building projecting further towards the HWM and a new garage within the required setback.



PLMV2021021 - Part of Lot 28, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1066 Reflection Circle; and located on Soyers Lake (see Key Map). Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the replacement of the existing 32.5 m2 (350sq.ft.) detached garage with a new 87 m2 (936sq.ft.) detached garage measuring an additional 2.4m. (8') in height and projecting further within the required setback of a private right-of-way. The variance sought would allow for a garage measuring 6.1m. (20') in height whereas 3.5m. (116") is otherwise the maximum within 40m. (131'3") of the High Water Mark (HWM); and, to permit a setback of 1.2m. (4') from a private right-of-way whereas 3m. (9'10") is otherwise required.



**PLMV2021022** - Part of Lot 27, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 8700 Highway 35; and located on Moore Lake (see Key Map). **Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of an addition measuring 53.5 m2 (576sq.ft.) to the existing 80.3 m2 (864sq.ft.), non-complying, dwelling. The variance sought would allow for a 67% increase in size whereas 25% is otherwise the maximum permitted for a non-complying dwelling located 19.8m. (65') from the High Water Mark.



PLMV2021023 - Part of Lot 10, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon; municipally known as <a href="https://docs.org/1186-Macklin Trail">1186 Macklin Trail</a>; and located on Canning Lake (see Key Map). Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the conversion of a 26.8 m2 (288sq.ft.) section of the existing open deck which is situated 14.9m. (49') from the High Water Mark (HWM) into an enclosed sunroom. The variance sought would allow for the construction of a new sunroom addition within the required 23m. (75'6") setback from the HWM.



PLMV2021024 - Part of Lot 1, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; being vacant land on Wessell Road; and located on East Moore Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new 86.2 m2 (928sq.ft.) dwelling to be located within the required side yard setback and setback from the High Water Mark (HWM). The variance sought would allow for the new dwelling to be situated 2.7m. (8'10") from the side lot line whereas 4.5m. (14'9") is otherwise required; and 16.7m. (54'9") from the HWM whereas 23m. (75'6") is otherwise required.



**PLMV2021025** - Part of Lot 28, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as <u>1055 Grandview Lane</u>; and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (see Key Man)

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the replacement of the existing 173.4 m2 (1,866.6sq.ft.) dwelling and attached open deck which are situated 19.3m. (63'4") and 13.6m. (44'7") from the High Water Mark (HWM) with a new 194.4 m2 (2,092.6sq. ft.) dwelling and attached deck both projecting closer to the HWM with the open deck also projecting into the required side yard. The variance sought would allow for a total lot coverage of 22% and permit the proposed larger and taller dwelling to be situated

16.4m. (53'10") from the HWM and the open deck to be 14.7m. (48'3") from the HWM and 3.4m. (11'3") from the side lot line.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding these applications are available online at www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom. Copies of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

**HAVE YOUR SAY:** Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS:** To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

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## Highlander arts



The Haliburton County Folk Society cancelled an online concert April 10. File photo.

### ockdown, internet sideline concert.

By Joseph Quigley Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Haliburton County Folk Society's plans to bring music to people at home April 10 were dashed by a combination of the provincial lockdown and poor local internet.

The society announced it was cancelling a virtual, open-stage concert April 8 due to the provincial COVID-19 health restrictions. The province enacted a shutdown April 3, which closed facilities including live-streaming concert venues, before adding a stay-at-home order with more restrictions April 8.

Folk society treasurer Don Gage said the show may have been possible under the restrictions given performers all operate from home. But the society cancelled because hosts could not get strong enough internet connections to broadcast without using closed public facilities such as libraries or the Rails End Gallery.

"Disappointed, frustrated, confused," Gage said, adding it has been difficult to figure out the regulations. "If everybody here had good internet, we could do it."

However, Gage said the society has

put on another show April 24 with the same slate of performers – all while staying within the rules.

The folk society has put on several virtual shows throughout the pandemic using live streaming. Its latest series have been virtual open stage shows, featuring local artists performing from home with pre-recorded songs. Gage said they have also been adding bigger-name headliners, with folk artist Rick Fines scheduled to join the stream from home.

Gage said the pre-recorded performances were a workaround to accommodate poor internet speeds throughout the County. Shows did still feature live hosts and interviews, with professionals like Fines in betterconnected areas able to perform live.

"Our mandate is to support local artists. Our mandate is to provide good music," Gage said. "Especially in these days of lockdowns and restrictions, being able to do some community-minded things and being able to continue to represent local artists in unique ways is important."

The province closing isolated livestreamed shows in concert venues has earned some ire in the music world. The Canadian Live Music Association

worked out alternative arrangements to wrote a letter April 8 asking the government to revise restrictions to allow companies to continue rehearsing, taping, and live streaming.

> "In live streaming, we convene small groups of highly-trained professionals in well-managed spaces to engage in closely-controlled work," the letter said. "We are well-equipped to implement and work within worldclass safety protocols. As a sector, our number one priority is the safety of our artists, workers and patrons."

Gage said the folk society was able to reschedule by avoiding any "concert venues" and finding alternate sites with good internet. Hosts and performers alike will be broadcasting from different places.

"We don't want to bend the rules if we don't have to," Gage said. "We want to stay within them the best we can."

Gage said the society wants to continue with open stage events that spotlight local artists, who may not have the same live streaming opportunities that professionals do.

"Open stages have that sense of community, of everybody getting together in a room," Gage said. "We're trying to recreate some of that atmosphere.'

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## Highlander people

## God 'never left us in the ditch for a second'

Continued from page 1

Sick Kids for follow-up treatment after a week-long stay last year. There has also been physiotherapy, speech therapy and scar therapy. However, Sadie has just one more major procedure remaining.

The Lesters said surgeons will take fat tissue from her buttocks to help rebuild her right thigh. They will also do something called revision, to lessen the scarring in 14 places on the young girl's body, including her face. Then she'll need laser therapy. It's hoped the revision will make a 75 per cent improvement to the visual scarring.

AJ said his daughter is self-conscious about her scars. Tucking her into bed at night, he said she's commented, "I wish I didn't have these scars. She calls them the cracks on her face."

Lindsay added that in some ways having to wear a mask due to COVID has helped ease Sadie back into normalcy.

Mentally, the work continues as well. Lindsay has had counselling and said she has tools in her toolbox to talk herself through her triggers.

Sadie has also been under the care of a child trauma counsellor, who is pleased with her progress. Lindsay explained kids like Sadie are "puddle jumpers" so they will talk about their trauma and then quickly move on to something else. That's normal. It's when children aren't talking about it that counsellors are more concerned.

The family said they also want the public to know that dogs running off leash in public places are not helpful to them, or others that have experienced dog bites or similar trauma.

"We want to remind people of the importance of keeping their dogs on leashes in public places ... especially the park in town as numerous times when we've been there with Sadie, people have let their dogs run free," Lindsay said.

Throughout it all, AJ and Lindsay said they have been blessed with solid people in their lives, from family, to friends, to complete strangers who donated towards a \$40,000-plus GoFundMe which has helped immensely with the medical expenses.

Both said they would like to thank each and every person in the Highlands who either donated money or sent cards or presents or helped welcome Sadie home April 17, 2020 upon release from hospital.

They also couldn't say enough about Addison, from the time Sadie came home from hospital to today.

"She was great. She was an amazing older sister. She was a champ," AJ says.

#### A test of faith

The Christian family admitted the ordeal has been a test of their faith.

Lindsay said, "AJ and I had to ask ourselves this question, are we going to judge God by the circumstance or are we going to judge the circumstance in light of who God says he is? Because it's great to say God is this wonderful, loving God and then all of a sudden, your kid gets ripped apart by dogs. It's natural to question is he really good, is he really loving?"

"I have two truths that exist," she added.
"The mother in me, if we were to rewind and he were to say, 'this is what Sunday's going to look like,' no earthly mother could ever say 'okay.' But now being able to have experienced how he's revealed himself through this, and that he is trustworthy and he is kind and he is gracious and never left us in the ditch for a second, I would say that I am at peace with what has happened because of the gains that we've experienced from God showing us who he is really is."

AJ adds he has learned that bad things happen to good people.



Sadie Lester and mom, Lindsay Lester, play in the outdoors. Photo submitted.

"At the end of the day, you realize there is going to be purpose to all this stuff. And if you can't bring some kind of hope through the situations you go through, then it will probably just make you a bitter person. And I could sense that very strongly and so I thought, you know, I have the tools from going to church for years. I know all the things I'm supposed to do."

AJ said there are still ebb and flow days for him as well, and days when he is frustrated and angry.

"Our life has changed in the past 12 months. These things happen because we live in a world that isn't perfect and it's not meant to be perfect. If it was, then bad

things wouldn't happen. But if you allow him, he can take those bad things and bring good to it and that's where we're at."

AJ said since last year, there have been more good days than bad ones and there has been progressive healing.

One thing AJ said on Facebook last year at this time was that when it was all over, the family wanted to take Sadie to Disneyland. He said a vacation remains on the cards, post-COVID.

Lindsay added, "I'm going to be a puddle when she's there riding on the rides. I'll be doing the ugly cry. It's going to be just horrific to look at."

But that's the kind of horrific image this Haliburton County family can live with.



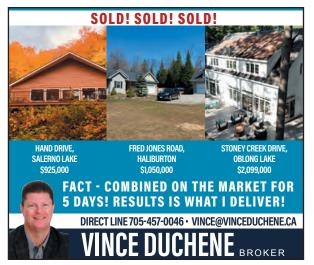




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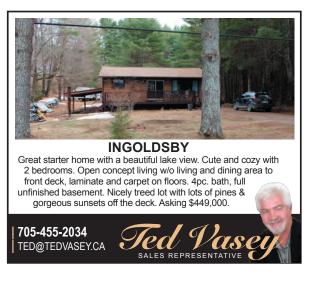
















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## Highlander community

## Supporting families through trying times

By Joseph Quigley Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton's Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre said the pandemic is putting a strain on young mothers and families.

The Christian-based charity said pandemic isolation has taken its toll on the health of clients, both old and new to the County.

Client services director, Leanne Young, said though the centre is still offering services, young families and new parents are missing group connections. She said they are reaching out, but with new families moving into the community, they face difficulties maintaining public awareness.

"People are emotionally struggling with feeling isolated," Young said. "As a young mom, I've learnt so many techniques with my kids from being – in the past – in mums' groups."

The pandemic has caused parents to spend more time with children, navigating home-based education and lockdown. A December 2020 study from Cambridge University found both Canadian men and women with children in their household are spending 37 per cent more time in childcare throughout the pandemic.

Centre executive director, Julie Goodwin, said they find clients often need someone outside their household they can vent with.

"It's hard for clients to reach out for help when they're struggling. To say, 'I want to come and talk about this concern'," Goodwin said. "Just a listening ear. A lot of



Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre's Leanne Young and Julie Goodwin. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

people just don't have that person to listen."

The centre offers free support to struggling families, including parenting programs, supplies and pregnancy education.

The pandemic has curtailed its group programming, but Goodwin said it has remained open to provide individual services.

Though its supports are not exhaustive, Goodwin said they can refer people to organizations addressing any issues they cannot cover.

"It's not the same as mums being able to physically gather with their children and gain that peer support," Goodwin said. "We're just trying to look for ways to say, 'we're here, we care.'

"This is a great community that we live in and there are lots of good resources that we can help people navigate," she added.

The charity is 100-per cent donor-based and has been unable to hold its usual fundraisers, Young said. But she added they have gotten by with generosity and

successfully shifting their main fundraiser – a baby-bottle drive – online.

"We've been overwhelmed by the support of our donors," Goodwin said.

Young said the centre has health protocols in place and is ready to help anyone, regardless of background.

"Everyone needs support and you're not alone," Young said. "If you feel like, 'I'm alone in this,' that's not true'."

The centre is available at 705-457-4673 or haliburtonpregnancycentre.ca.

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The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

April 29 – Regular Council Meeting
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Meeting

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Sue King of Pine Reflections stands with a rack of seeds. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## Stay at home unless gardening

By Lisa Gervais

During the current stay-at-home order, one thing Haliburton County residents can do is get ready for another gardening season, says Sue King of Pine Reflections in Carnarvon.

Reopening at the beginning of April, King said "I think it's going to be just as busy or busier" than last year when the initial COVID-19 lockdown saw a surge in vegetable and flower gardening as well as outdoor space beautification.

King said COVID helped her and her staff to achieve a pre-pandemic goal of gently getting people to garden as a de-stressor at a time when the world was getting busier, faster and embracing instant gratification.

"I'd noticed a lot of people, their stress levels were just going through the roof, especially if they were coming up from the city. So, we were gently trying to get people into gardening. There's something very meditative about digging in dirt and we know the holistic benefits of grounding yourself."

"And then with COVID and the lockdown, people realized how

important it was," she added.

She said staring last spring, they began to get people interested that didn't have the opportunity in the past because they were either too busy or just did not put it high on their priority list.

"It was a very exciting time for us because although we never want to force anyone to make a change in habit, to us it was a great way to show people the dirtier your knees are, the less stress you have."

Kind said they had people who were growing vegetables for the first time.

"And there is actually something very exciting about watching something grow. And being able to eat your own tomato from your own plant."

She said proud clients were coming back with photographs and "wonderful" stories about the beautiful spaces they were creating. She said they were also empowered, telling her and her staff, "I can do this."

She added the Pine Reflections staff were able to educate people.

What is different this year is the supply and demand chain has been affected by COVID, so ensuring stock

will be more of challenge for garden centres, King said. She is confident in her wholesale suppliers, however, making weekly trips to restock. In her tenth year in business, she added she is resourceful.

The industry is hoping people will stretch out their buying and not horde plants in May, similar to the toilet paper hording of 2020.

However, she said the local demand is already starting after a long winter in which people have been planning their 2021 gardens.

However, she reminds people it's a bit early to get going.

"You've got to watch Mother Nature up here."

That said, it is a good time to check your soil and your growing zone. She said a foot down the soils is too cold and wet to sustain root growth and expects the dirty work will begin mid-May to early June.

She implores gardeners to be patient since a Farmers' Almanac prediction of a warm summer will mean a long and abundant growing season.

"it was a great season last year and this year is going to be even bigger and better."

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## What's on



Nikki Middag and Haylee McNail collecting garbage to help clean up the Wilberforce community during a past Earth Day event prior to COVID. File.

### Celebrating Earth Day and week

#### By Lisa Gervais

In celebration of Earth Day (April 22) and Earth Week, the townships of Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East, Minden Hills, the County of Haliburton and the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) are partnering to share ways everyone can help conserve and protect forests, energy, biodiversity, resources, and

Each day of earth week, the partners will use their social media channels to highlight environmental conservation tips, supported by complementary book recommendations that help deepen the understanding and impact of human actions.

In addition, the HCPL is hosting a number of free waste reduction activities on its Facebook page and Youtube channel:

• Monday, April 19 at 10:10 a.m.: Storytime with Jaime plus a nature walk.

- Tuesday, April 20 at 2 p.m.: Maker Break - Light Bulb Planters.
- Wednesday, April 21 at 2 p.m.: Maker Break - Hanging Critter Bird Feeders.
- Thursday, April 22 at 2 p.m.: Maker Break - Seed Balls.
- Friday, April 23 at 2 p.m.: Tech Time -Municipal Waste Wizards.
- Saturday, April 24 at 10:10 a.m.: Earth Week Storytime in the Reading Lagoon. Also on Thursday, April 22, What's Growing Grab 'n Go Bags will be available for free pickup at Dysart and Minden Hills library branches during regular operating hours while supplies last. Children can plant, observe, and harvest a wheat or soybean plant at home, courtesy of the Grain Farmers of Ontario.

Follow your local municipal, County, and library social media channels for daily tips and hints on how you can help restore our earth, said John Watson, project lead and environmental manager for Dysart et al.

#### WHAT'S ON

April 15, 7 p.m. Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) presents Nancy Brownsberger who will focus on reminding ourselves, and getting curious about, our already developed coping strategies for navigating difficult times. Register for this Zoom presentation at cfuwhh.ca.

April 20, 7:30 p.m. The Lake Kashagawigamog Association presents Stayin' Alive: Environmental Threats to our Lake and Forest Creators with speaker Rebecca Osborne, PhD. Zoom register at Iko.ca.

Until April 22 - Central Food Network income tax clinics. Contact 705-306-0565 or email taxes@centralfoodnetwork.org . This is a dropoff service for residents of Cardiff, Wilberforce, Harcourt, Highland Grove, Gooderham and

May 14, 7 p.m. The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands and Haliburton Reads & Writes Committee is inviting anyone curious about the arts to save the date and join them for their upcoming 6-MINUTE ESCAPE, on YouTube.

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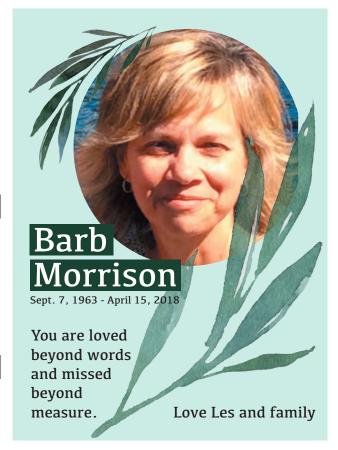
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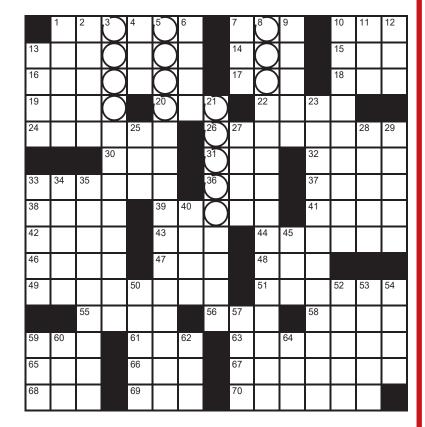
#### It's No Big Thing

#### Across

- 1 Mark of disgrace
- **7** Reverse of reverse: Abbr.
- **10** Hip-hopper's homey
- 13 Ensure the job gets done
- 14 Extra-wide shoe size
- **15** Competed against Andre de Grasse
- **16** Grunt worker of yore
- **17** Target of sports fan abuse, at times
- 18 What certain candles represent
- **19** "Just \_\_\_" (Barenaked Ladies song)
- 20 Loan stmt. fig.
- 22 Former U.N. head Annan
- 24 Pounds, as a headache
- **26** Tasteful luxury
- 30 Nth degree, in brief
- **31** Years upon years
- 32 Honchos: Abbr.
- **33** One saying "Boo!", say
- 36 Begin to drop off
- **37** Scallion's big cousin
- **38** Farley Mowat's "Never Cry \_\_\_"
- 39 "I did great!"
- 41 "\_\_\_ Said" (Neil Diamond hit)
- **42** "The Thin Man" terrier
- **43** "Rah!", in Rio
- **44** Hero played by Hogan
- **46** Machu Picchu locale
- 47 Panthers' home: Abbr.
- **48** "B-\_\_\_-O, and Bingo was his name-o"
- **49** One whose project is a bust?
- 51 "Season" opener, for carollers
- **55** "That's my final offer, take \_\_\_ leave ..."
- **56** Abbr. after poly or before fi
- **58** Something to pack, for a cop
- **59** Semi radios
- **61** French consenter's word
- **63** Tropical sunscreen scent
- **65** Something to shake on
- **66** Alta.'s Macleod and McMurray
- **67** Thankless sort
- **68** H.R. worker's stack

#### by Barbara Olson

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- 69 Silencer
- **70** "\_\_\_, or do you think so too?"

#### Down

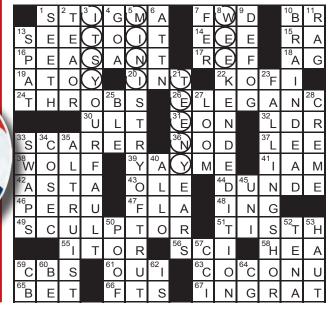
- 1 Lay eyes on, Biblically
- 2 "\_\_\_ coffee?" (flight attendant's query)
- **3** Blamer's accusation
- **4** \_\_\_ long way (be successful)
- 5 Winston Smith's workplace in "1984"
- 6 Office mail abbr.
- **7** Hillbilly pro?
- **8** Newspaper issues with large crosswords
- 9 Clear up, as a windshield
- 10 Stupider than stupid
- 11 It goes with a dipstick
- 12 Vowel's value in Scrabble
- **13** Lover's tiff
- 21 Ages twelve to twenty
- **23** Not up to par ... or, literally, this

- puzzle's theme words (see circles)
- 25 Wheat, in Québec
- 27 \_\_ large (be ominous)
- 28 Café lightener
- 29 Stamp's football rival
- **33** Is involved in a trade
- **34** Sine's reciprocal, in trig.
- **35** Do-gooders?
- **40** "Hello?", au téléphone
- **45** Prefix meaning 12-Down
- **50** Vanishing sounds
- **52** Morning break time, maybe
- **53** Word with couture or cuisine
- **54** Room extension?
- **57** 202, in Roman numerals
- 59 "\$chitt's Creek" airer
- **60** Former Tory cabinet minister
- **62** Guesstimator's suffix
- **64** 3-D movie graphics, for short



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