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Evelyn Mardus holds a cash register tray during a children's game in the Enchanted Forest during an Abbey Gardens outdoor kids camp on July 27. For more on camps and registration, go to [abbeygardens.ca](http://abbeygardens.ca).  
(Lisa Gervais)

## Police officers cleared in Haliburton shooting

By Lisa Gervais

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) has cleared two OPP officers after they shot and killed a Dysart man July 15, 2020.

SIU director Joseph Martino said in his investigation that a heavily-armed and camouflaged Leslie Hegedus, 73, hid in the bushes at his Indian Point Road property and fired at police first.

Martino said it was unclear which of Hegedus' three gunshot wounds came from which officer but "there are no reasonable grounds to believe that either subject officer one or subject officer two acted other than lawfully throughout this incident. Accordingly, there is no basis for proceeding with criminal charges in this case, and the file is closed."

Martino also said that the multiple rounds fired at Hegedus - nine by one and 19 by another officer - amounted to reasonable force.

"There can be little doubt that Mr. Hegedus was intent on killing police officers," he said.

The incident began earlier that morning at the Valu-mart in Minden. Martino said

Hegedus fought with and assaulted staff members over wearing a mask. He got into his vehicle and ran into other vehicles in the parking lot, struck the exterior of the store and several shopping carts.

He drove north on Highway 35 and then east on County Road 21. Police began a chase but called it off for safety reasons

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## Suspect 'intent on killing police officers'

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after Hegedus refused to pull over and tried to ram them.

They checked the car's licence plate and found the black Alfa Romeo was registered to a property on Indian Point Road in Dysart.

Police were also warned to proceed with caution as there had been some weapons complaints from 2011 involving the registered owner of the vehicle.

Upon arrival, police saw fresh tire tracks going into the garage but did not see the suspect.

The investigator said Hegedus was wearing camouflage, had two guns, a 'Ruger' Mini 14 .223 caliber semi-automatic rifle and a 'Browning' .380 semi-automatic pistol and several boxes of ammunition in a knapsack, and was hiding in thick bush north of his residence.

The investigation revealed Hegedus fired his rifle twice at an officer, who was not struck but dove for cover. OPP then called for tactical backup. That's when the two officer directly involved in the shooting arrived, armed with C8 rifles.

"Mr. Hegedus fired his rifle in subject officer one's direction, prompting subject officer one and subject officer two to discharge their weapons at him multiple times. In the

course of this exchange, it appears Mr. Hegedus fired further rounds from his rifle before he was incapacitated."

After firing at the suspect, they could see Hegedus lying behind a tree stump and heard him groaning. His rifle was laying partially across his lap.

They asked Hegedus to show his hands and radioed for an ambulance. After no response they went to do First Aid on the gunshot wounds. Paramedics arrived and took him to hospital where he was pronounced dead at 11:47 a.m.

Martino said that in his interviews with the subject officers, they told him they fired their weapons out of fear for their, and each other's, lives.

"I am confident that the officers returned fire believing it to be necessary to protect themselves from death or grievous bodily harm," he said.

He added the two subject officers ordered him repeatedly to show his hands, he chose not to do so, "instead rising from a crouched position behind a tree stump and firing at subject officer number one.

"In that instant, the officers' lives were in grave danger and they acted reasonably and proportionately, in my view, in resorting to lethal force of their own. Retreat or withdrawal were not realistic options in the moment."



A cruiser parked at the Valu-mart in Minden July 15, 2020 shortly after Leslie Hegedus assaulted employees over having to wear a mask, rammed the store, parked cars and shopping carts. *File.*

The SIU is a civilian law enforcement agency that investigates incidents involving police officers where there has been death, serious injury or allegations of sexual assault.

In cases where no reasonable grounds exist to criminally charge police, the director files a report with the Attorney General communicating the results of an investigation.



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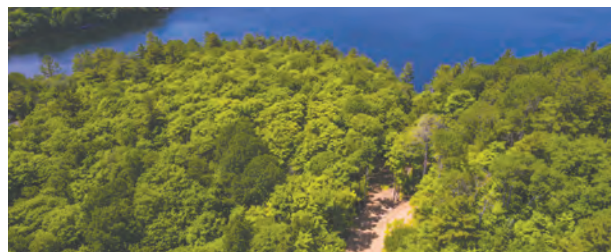
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## Forest conservation officer 'busier' than ever

By Lisa Gervais

County council was told July 28 that activity under its shoreline tree preservation bylaw "increased" over previous years in 2020 and has "significantly increased" so far in 2021.

Director of planning, Steve Stone, tabled the report to the meeting - a day before a virtual open house on the proposed shoreline preservation bylaw.

The County's forest conservation officer, James Rogers, said that in 2020, there were 52 site visits, five fines and three stop work orders.

From Jan. 1 to July 15 this year, he said there were already 45 site visits with four fines, eight stop work orders and seven work orders for remediation to address issues from 2020.

"The majority of site visits result in pre-consultation, education, warnings, follow-ups regarding previous issues, and findings of compliance with tree cutting under the exemptions listed," Rogers said.

Asked by *The Highlander* for statistics prior to 2020, Stone said that tracking of occurrences by the bylaw officer only began in 2020 so there is no comparable data for the years 2018 and 2019.

However, he said the forester noted in a 2019 report that since March 31, 2018, there were 26 site visits regarding complaints as well as frequent requests for pre-consultation. At that time, he said compliance with the bylaw was good in most cases. During that period, two fines were levied for \$930 each, two stop work orders issued and two work orders issued to

restore trees within shoreline areas.

In the case of monetary penalties, Stone said they are set fines for part 1 provincial offences act tickets set by the Court and in the County's case it was set at \$800 plus their administrative costs that add up to \$930.

During the meeting, Coun. Andrea Roberts said she's heard about a few cases of infractions in Dysart. She said at a time when there is a lot of public information about the shoreline tree preservation bylaw and the pending shoreline preservation bylaw and lake health, it is "very disheartening and it's being abused or it's being ignored."

Coun. Carol Moffatt asked about the attitude of people that Rogers is dealing with. She added she knows there are far more transgressions occurring than reported which statistically makes it look like the County does not have a problem, but it does. She said damage is evident from the water.

Rogers said there are a range of attitudes. He said some are contrite, others have been stealthful and some are tough to deal with.

He added, "Maybe there's more eyes on things and a heightened awareness, versus shoreline clearing gone wild."

In an interview with *The Highlander* earlier this month, Warden Liz Danielsen said there were "more and more" cases of people clear cutting their waterfront in advance of the County's proposed shoreline preservation bylaw. She said the instances reaffirm the importance of not only getting the new bylaw in place as soon as possible,



A shoreline in Haliburton County. Photo by Sam Gillett.

but of the need for education about what may or may not be done and why.

"There have been other indications of what is often a careless disregard for the health of our lakes and, as a result, what may come in terms of enforcement," she said.

Haliburton County Home Builders Association vice-president Glenn Evans said the rules are relatively clear as far as what you can and can't cut under the bylaw.

However, "the fact people that aren't in the industry don't necessarily know about those bylaws, how do you address that?"

He said the County does not publicize its rules and regulations very well to make the public aware.

"I think that's a lot of the problem. Maybe they need a campaign in spring, when

construction is ramping up, to make sure people abide by bylaws, and know they are part of the rules and regulations around here."

He said in some cases new cottage builders or renovators know the rules but are not following them.

"There is the potential that would happen. Joe Blow homeowner wants a view, cuts trees, pays a fine, which at \$930 is not a whole bunch of a deterrent, and then plants trees where he wants them."

He added while the finger is being pointed at new properties and new cottage builders, "people moving into existing cottages are doing the same thing."

There will be a virtual open house on the proposed shoreline preservation bylaw between 6 and 8 p.m. July 29.

## Adventure Haliburton launches exploration app

By Sam Gillett

After months of planning, Adventure Haliburton is introducing a new way to explore The Highlands.

The group of tourism operators and accommodation providers have signed on to Driftscape, a Canadian-made exploration app.

Starting July 29, all Adventure Haliburton members will be marked on the program which functions as a digital, interactive

roadmap for adventures.

"Every business in the County benefits from increased tourism and Driftscape will help bring more people here," said Adventure Haliburton vice-president Randy Pielsticker in a press release.

When the app launches, there will be 30 points of interest marked on the platform.

Users can upload video, photo and audio files, and follow themed tours with audio descriptions of landmarks and scenic spots.

Barbara Kraus, director of Adventure

Haliburton and co-owner of Tamarack Lodge, said the app could attract more guests who are enjoying the area's outdoors.

"What I really like is that they can see businesses side by side. If people are nearby on an adventure, they could see us on the Driftscape app as a place to stay," she said.

Adventure Haliburton received a \$5,000 contribution from the County to assist with initial costs and is set to get \$2,500 annually to help with advertising, marketing and outreach for the app.

"We are very grateful for their support, which has made a big roll out possible," Kraus said.

Adventure Haliburton says it will continue to develop the app's map and features over the months including adding food and beverage businesses.

The app is available for IOS and Android devices and can be accessed on internet browsers.

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## HEALTH NEWS



The Health Unit is encouraging people to move up their vaccines. *File.*

### Earlier vaccines urged

The health unit is asking people who have a second dose appointment scheduled after Aug. 3 to immediately rebook sooner or 'walk in' for their COVID-19 vaccine.

"With the more infectious Delta variant now being the most common strain of COVID-19 in Ontario, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is urging anyone age 12 years and older to get their second vaccine dose as soon as possible so they are fully protected," the health unit said in a July 26 press release.

They added there are many COVID-19 vaccine doses and places in which to get immunized in Haliburton County.

As of Aug. 3, the health unit is cancelling all second dose appointments from the provincial booking system made in August, September, October, and November at its COVID-19 vaccination clinic site in Minden.

There are a number of ways people can get a second dose (or first dose) of COVID-19 vaccine: use the provincial booking system to reschedule at [ontario.ca/bookvaccine](http://ontario.ca/bookvaccine) or call 1-833-943-3900; 'walk in' to the clinic in Minden; sign up for a 'standby list' via [hkpr.on.ca](http://hkpr.on.ca); check with your primary care provider or contact a local pharmacy via Ontario's Pharmacy COVID-19 Vaccine web page to search pharmacies by town, postal code, and vaccine type.

### Health unit reports email privacy breach

The local Health Unit is working to immediately address a privacy breach involving a mass email sent to approximately 500 clients in its region.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit says the breach involves an email sent to local residents relating to COVID-19 vaccine appointments. The email was sent to email addresses people had provided when booking initial COVID vaccine appointments. However, people receiving the emails were able to see the email addresses of all other recipients.

The Health Unit is immediately following up with people affected by the email. The incident has also been reported to the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario.

"We take this issue very seriously and sincerely apologize for this incident," says Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health for the HKPR District Health Unit. "We are reaching out to affected individuals and also working internally to ensure there is no repeat of this situation."

The Health Unit asks anyone who received these emails to delete them immediately and not forward the email.

If anyone needs to contact the Health Unit, they can do so by emailing [info@hkpr.on.ca](mailto:info@hkpr.on.ca) or calling 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5020.

(Health unit news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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## Apartment complex proposed for Haliburton

By Sam Gillett

A 21-unit apartment complex with 14 affordable rentals could soon break ground in Haliburton.

Hot Pond Enterprises Corp. is proposing a three-building development on the corner of Victoria Street and Maple Avenue.

"These three buildings, once constructed over a number of years, we think [are] going to really lift up the image of the town," said Richard Carson, corporation president, after he presented a preliminary development plan to council on July 27.

While plans are not finalized, construction on the five adjacent lots already owned by Hot Pond Enterprises Corp. could start late this year or early 2022, pending further planning and financing details.

Two buildings of six 1,500 square foot two and three-bedroom apartments are slated for construction in the fall of 2021 or early winter of 2022. A third building is expected in 2023: it will include six or nine two-bedroom apartments, each approximately 1,200 square feet.

Eight of the first 12 units built and nine units in the third building are to be classified as affordable.

"The need is incredible, to have dedicated rental units, and right here in the village," said Mayor Andrea Roberts.

Dysart et al and Haliburton County approved Hot Pond's request for \$61,700 in municipal incentives, funding a portion of the costs regarding eight affordable units



The proposed apartments would be developed on the corner of Victoria Street and Maple Avenue. Photo by Sam Gillett

expected to be built in the development's first stage.

The development plan qualifies for those incentives through the City of Kawartha Lake's Affordable Housing Target Program (AHTP). That program allows for-profit developers such as Hot Pond Enterprises to receive municipal funding for projects which include units at or below average market rent.

Incentives include waived permit fees, sewage connection costs, site consultations and more.

Coun. John Smith voted against the motion to commit funding to the project.

Since the incentives will also help to

develop units which aren't under market rent, he said the complex's upscale amenities such as in-unit laundry, steel appliances, high ceilings and more shouldn't be funded by taxpayers.

"Some of those other things are pretty big price tags per unit. To ask taxpayers [who] can't afford that kind of standard of living, to subsidize that for others, I find that problematic," Smith said.

Coun. Larry Clarke said the promise of 14 affordable units meant Dysart should financially support the project. The other units at market rent, said Clarke, will still benefit the community.

"I think for us to encourage public private

initiatives such as this. I don't think we should be cutting out the opportunity for doing an affordable housing piece."

Under current guidelines, the City of Kawartha Lakes Housing will supply a list of tenants for the affordable housing units. That means there is no guarantee residents will be from Haliburton County.

"There's no way around that," Clarke said. "We've got a massive housing shortage and the price of housing has skyrocketed, but that's also translated to the people who work in the service industries and enable the community to operate can no longer live here."

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## DYSART ET AL NEWS

### McKechnie to serve as deputy mayor

Coun. Walt McKechnie will serve as temporary deputy mayor while Pat Kennedy is on medical leave.

Council granted Kennedy's request for leave during a closed meeting of council, and did not disclose details of the situation.

McKechnie may be in the role until Dec. 31, however Kennedy could return to his position earlier.

"We hope that it's shorter, rather than longer," Mayor Andrea Roberts said.

Both Coun. John Smith and McKechnie put their names forward to fill the role.

"I've been on council three terms - I think I have a very good rapport with all the department heads, and I also show a lot of care for the whole community," McKechnie said.

With the exception of Smith and Kennedy, who was absent, councillors voted unanimously in favour of McKechnie.

Coun. Nancy Wood-Roberts will temporarily take Kennedy's place on the personnel and administration committee, a position she held previously.

"I thoroughly enjoyed it, I'd like to commit to that again," she said.

### Pickleball and tennis players to talk

An ad hoc committee will tackle the sharing and expansion of Dysart's pickleball and tennis facilities.

It will include representatives from the Haliburton Tennis Social Group and pickleball club as well as recreation coordinator Andrea Mueller and Councillors Clarke, Wood-Roberts and Smith.

Greg Freeman and Jeff Papiez of the Haliburton Tennis Social Group presented a report to council, outlining opinions from members about court capacity and sharing



Dysart Council continue to meet on Zoom. *File.*

with the community's active pickleball community.

Even without sharing courts with pickleball, the group says tennis courts in the municipality are in short supply and high demand.

"It's wonderful to see 20 people show up to play tennis - that's also a length of time to wait to get on the court," Freeman said.

Papiez explained how the two sports require different sized courts: side-by-side play could be dangerous due to pickleball's harder whiffleballs and lack of space. He said the tennis group is eager to partner with the municipality to talk solutions.

"We want to help. We're not asking with our hands out."

Roberts proposed the unofficial group as a way to discuss next steps and coordinate efforts to improve facilities for both sports.

"In order to have fulsome conversation we need all interested parties participating

together," said Roberts. "Also with council representation, they'll be the ones able to report back [to council]."

### EV charging in Haliburton

Haliburton Village is getting an electric vehicle charging station.

Council voted to install a dual charging station at 9 York St. outside the welcome centre.

It will cost \$4,440 to lease a dual port station for 10 years from The Ivey Network, which installs charging stations across Canada. Revenue from each charge could recover electricity costs; usually \$2 per hour.

There could also be more stations installed, depending on how often the

chargers are used.

Smith said he was worried that the chargers would soon be outdated by new electric vehicle technology.

"If we entered into a 10-year agreement, there's termination fees if we decide we want to get out," Smith said. "I'm worried about the cost to taxpayers."

Korey McKay, Climate Change Coordinator for the County, said the faster level three chargers cost far more. The proposed level two chargers are still being installed in many municipalities where they encourage tourism.

"This is located in an area where there are plenty of things to do, parks and recreation, local businesses. Even if that's considered slow charging, if people are parked there anyways, it's still very useful," McKay said.

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## AH works to shore up liability gaps

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands councillors spent more than an hour discussing the latest draft of a licence of occupation policy during the July 15 regular meeting.

Presented by planner Sean O'Callaghan, the draft policy would cover new and existing structures on township-owned shore road allowances that are across a road from a private property, rather than adjacent to it. The policy would affect dock encroachments, including stairs, on these allowances.

"There is significant liability exposure to the Township should there be an injury to occur while members of the public use these docks and/or other structures present," O'Callaghan told council when he presented the previous draft in April.

Key items discussed from the latest draft included legal fees, initial surveys of both the owner's property and the township's property, proof of insurance naming Algonquin Highlands as a co-insured, and exemptions for properties where compliance with the proposed policy would not be possible. Public education regarding the policy and a \$100 annual administration

fee for processing of ongoing proof of insurance and photographs were also debated.

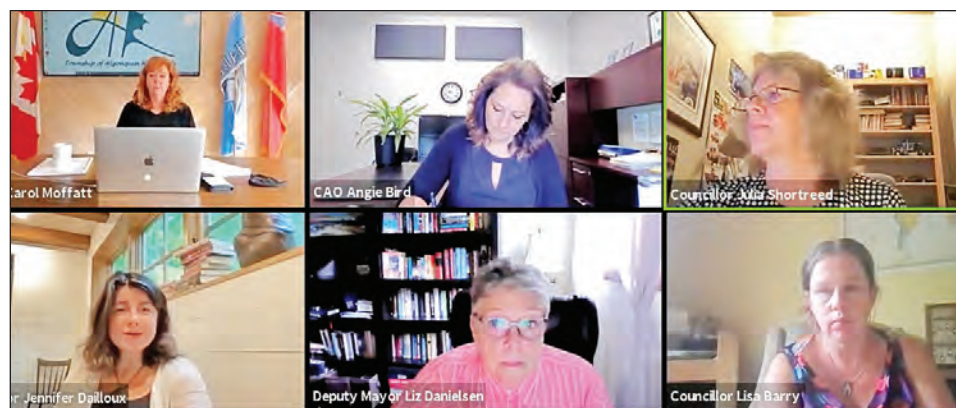
Deputy Mayor Liz Danielson said it would be important to provide education well in advance.

"This is going to be a problematic issue no matter what we do," said Danielson. "I'd like us to try and find a way to be able to resolve this without it being quite so costly."

Councillor Julia Shortreed pointed out that, as a co-insured, the township would receive a letter from the insurance company if a property owner's insurance coverage was discontinued, so the administration cost could be reduced accordingly.

The current draft policy would work on a go-forward basis and capture existing infrastructure only when a repair was needed, Councillor Lisa Barry noted for confirmation. O'Callaghan agreed and said that it mirrors the typical shore road allowance closure process whereby the SRA must be purchased before new infrastructure can be placed on it.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux suggested a staggered implementation of the policy



AH council continues to meet via Zoom/YouTube. Photo by Lisa Harrison.

over a certain period, such as 10 years, "... so that ... we capture everyone, but we do capture them in a way that is logistically reasonable for our township."

Councillors also discussed the fact that property owners don't always realize that they don't own the shore road allowance.

Council received the report for information and directed O'Callaghan to come back with another draft based on the discussions. All members agreed it should include, among other items, Dailloux's staggered implementation suggestion and

the public education component already recommended in the draft.

"This is the ideal kind of project to craft language ... with the explanations for all that – the reasons why, what it will look like, how it works, what happens when, if this then that," said Mayor Carol Moffatt. "We have an opportunity to really explain it well."

Council is also in the process of working on a revised zoning bylaw. They held a lengthy special council meeting on July 22 and discussions will continue.

### AH BRIEFS

#### Knox seeks support for revitalization

Knox United Church in Dorset has launched a revitalization project with a goal of \$80,000 over the next two years.

Algonquin Highlands council has agreed to the church's request for a letter of support to go along with grant applications.

According to the project communications, the church is now 126 years old and the only remaining church in the village for regular church services and life events. Several families in Dorset are descendants of the church's founders. The current

congregation annual average is 33, boosted in the summer by seasonal residents from a catchment area of about 1,500 people. Knox provides multiple community outreach projects to an estimated 140 people directly and many more indirectly.

Local household incomes are well below the provincial average and seasonal employment presents challenges, so the church is looking further afield for donations and grants.

The revitalization project is being supported in part by the Dorset Community Partnership Fund and general contractor Sandy MacKay. Donations can be made online at [canadahelps.org/en/dn/61962](http://canadahelps.org/en/dn/61962) or

by cheque to the church. Donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt. For more information, call 705-766-1810, 705-635-1821, or 705-766-1148.

#### Airport drainage plan stalls

Quotes for drainage work at Stanhope Airport have come in at around double the budgeted amount, and AH Council has approved a staff recommendation to put the project on hold until the "astronomically high" costs are "more reasonable."

The 2021 budget includes \$180,000 for drainage improvements and asphalt

works around hangars at the airport. A recent tender drew three bids ranging from \$297,597.97 to \$491,242.85, excluding HST. According to staff, the consultant for the project advised that every other project they have worked on has come in at double the estimate or higher because the construction companies are too busy.

Clearing ice from the hangar doors frequently, a temporary solution implemented last winter, appeared to work well enough to be used again. The budget will be split, with \$5,000 allocated to the consulting services already rendered and the remaining \$15,000 set aside in airport reserves. (Lisa Harrison).

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## Bridging a divided County

I welcomed two letters to the editor in last week's *Highlander* because they illustrated how our County is currently divided.

One was from The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, which took umbrage with an earlier letter suggesting that one of its members may have been involved in destroying public property. The other letter writer did not like a suggestion that recreational shooters are out of control despite using legal firearms on property they are entitled to shoot on.

They were not wrong.

Both groups represent what Haliburton County is. We have been forged by the outdoors and that means hunting, fishing, shooting, and using all methods of transportation to access the wild.

On the other side of the equation, there are those who say snowmobiles and other off-road vehicles are fossil-fuel based modes of transportation that are destructive to the environment and their right to have a peaceful and quiet existence. And there are those who have never fired a weapon in their lives but take exception to shooting.

To be honest, I'm somewhere in the middle of the two camps. I prefer winter hiking and snowshoeing than a snowmobile on a trail. However, I have lots of friends and acquaintances who like to sled and I

respect their choice of recreational activity. In the same vein, I have never fired a weapon and am not a keen angler, but I appreciate shooters wanting to target practice, perhaps to hone their hunting skills for the meat I eat, and realize does not fall from the sky. And you can't argue with someone dropping a line into our lakes to catch dinner or simply enjoy being out on the water.

I say all of this because there must be a spirit of compromise as we see a culture clash between long-time Haliburton County residents and some of our newcomers.

In some ways we see this divide with the controversial shoreline preservation bylaw. In fact, I believe organizations such as BeShore and the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association - and homebuilders and landscapers - are not that far apart. Both understand the importance of lakes to our environmental and economic health.

I think the problem is that some newcomers building new waterfront properties in the Highlands or renovating old ones, are the ones who are contravening the existing tree cutting bylaw. I have spoken to home builders and landscapers that have told me they have had to educate homeowners as to why they cannot simply

cut trees to provide a view. In some cases, I am hearing the owners are just going ahead and doing it themselves.

I believe it comes down to values.

Families that have lived in the Highlands for decades get it. Some of us who chose the County as our home also get it. Unfortunately, some newcomers - and I stress only some - do not seem to share our values.

They consider their wants and needs to be greater than the collective. In other words, they are going to cut down those trees for the view regardless of what the builders and landscapers say, or what the rules dictate.

Change is not a bad thing. Some of the old timers and us relative newcomers have to acknowledge that maybe there are better ways of doing things. But, when it comes to newcomers disrespecting the values that have made the Highlands the place it is, well, that is not acceptable.

All are welcome but only if they respect our values - otherwise we will be a divided County.



By Lisa Gervais

## COVID CORNER

## Final thoughts and a broken leg

I started writing COVID Corner in November 2020, motivated to provide facts about SARS-CoV-2. This was a place to get summaries of the latest research, inform your decisions, and be reassured. Here is the last article.

**Guidance for Immunocompromised individuals (getting chemotherapy, organ recipients, autoimmune diseases, receiving immune suppressing treatments):** Specialists advise you to get an mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) vaccine. The vaccines offer excellent benefits, with limited and brief side effects. As of now, the efficacy of these vaccines far outweighs any toxicity concerns. Note, your vaccine immunity may not be as strong or last as long as in others, and you may be advised to get a booster sooner.

**Guidance for pregnant and breastfeeding:** Two studies show that COVID-19 mRNA vaccines are safe and effective in pregnancy, with potential benefit to mother and baby. Vaccination of the mother causes antibodies to be secreted in breast milk, providing passive immunity to infants. Researchers found antibodies in infant cord blood as well as breast milk, suggesting antibodies are passed to infants for after delivery.

**Why vaccinate children:** Whereas young children and infants are not yet eligible for COVID-19 vaccination, about 10 per cent of children infected with SARS-CoV-2 are sick enough for ICU. Some develop potentially deadly Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children

(MIS-C). Some children after recovery have long-haul symptoms. This group may also transmit the virus to others while asymptomatic.

**Mask mandates:** Given the more transmissible Delta variant, new CDC guidance recommends everyone in high risk areas in the USA are advised to wear masks again. Even fully vaccinated people should wear masks in certain situations. They also recommend staff and students in K-12 grades wear masks.

This does not mean vaccines are less effective. All the authorized vaccines are effective against variants, greatly reducing severe disease, hospitalization or death. Asymptomatic or mild breakthrough infections aren't evidence of vaccine failure but are evidence of success (examples of preventing the infection from causing illness).

A graph comparing the number of cases and deaths during the first 50 days of the second wave versus the third wave in the UK shows dramatic reduction of deaths. On day 50 of wave two there were 33 cases per 100,000 and 35.9 deaths per 10 million, compared to day 50 of wave three with 33.6 cases per 100,000 and only 2.1 deaths per 10 million population. Vaccines made that happen.

**Vaccine mandates are coming:** California is requiring that health care and state workers either get vaccinated or get a weekly test. Similar in New York.

**Individual versus community:** We appreciate that most often in society the

individual will benefit from what is advantageous to the community, but the community doesn't always prosper from what benefits the individual.

Unvaccinated people may place a higher burden on health care, pushing up costs of ICUs, ventilators, hospital stays, emergency visits, rehabilitation, recovery, lost work days. (A new study found 34 per cent of COVID-19 survivors are diagnosed with a neurological or psychological condition within six months of recovery).

**Mistrust of government and "big pharma":** What are the far-reaching consequences of this stance? Maybe risking the health of grandparents and friends who may not be as healthy as you. Vaccines allow us to protect others, protecting the vulnerable in our community.

**Prior infection protection argument:** Vaccines provide longer and stronger immunity than antibody and T-cell protection acquired from suffering through COVID-19. And superior protection from variants (so far).

A broken leg needs a six week cast. After three weeks it feels better so you prematurely take off the cast and walk, reinjuring. Back on goes the cast. Repeat cycle. Repeat. Or leave the cast for six weeks. A dedicated, patient, effective lockdown. Once.



By Dr. Nell Thomas



# Editorial opinion

## LETTERS

### Murals worth a thousand words

*Dear editor,*

As a longtime resident of Haliburton, the arena murals honouring world class local athletes instills great pride.

I was pleased to learn that a group of Haliburton students has cleared hurdles in a bid to honour local siblings on this wall - Haliburton's first and only Olympian, hurdler Lesley Tashlin, and our first CFL player, Taly Williams.

Our young family moved near Haliburton to the town of Eagle Lake in the 80s, I'm a white guy, my wife was black, and in those days our brown skinned five and six-year-old kids were energetic to say the least. Our concerns over racism were alleviated in part, by the kindness of our neighbours and this local community, but also in large part I believe by the character of these athletes. I know the respect and admiration Lesley, Taly and their other three siblings had earned, helped pave the way for our kids.

In the 90s, when my wife and daughter Ashlie were in a tragic car accident, Lesley and her sister Lindsey, despite busy studies, intensive training for track, and all the other aspects of university life, made time to visit a little hometown girl in her Toronto ICU bed. I also recall Taly, at a local clinic in the off-season, sharing inspirational wisdom about conquering physical barriers and finding your strengths. They made positive impacts on my children and others. Not only were Taly and Lesley outstanding athletes, they were, and are, outstanding people.

I'm so impressed these Haliburton students have convinced the current council to consider their murals. It's been a long time coming, but it's never too late to do the right thing.

A picture can be worth a thousand words. These murals will help cultivate diversity, and inclusion in our community, and motivate kids from small towns to follow big dreams.

To help the students clear this last hurdle to raise the funds for the mural artwork, please check out more of this story at [gofundme #HerTrackHisField](#) and consider donating there or directly through Dysart Township.

**Rusty Cochrane**  
Haliburton

### Blairhampton obstacle course

*Dear editor,*

Enough is enough. Apparently, GPS is sending 18-wheelers through Blairhampton as a shortcut from Carnarvon to Haliburton.

It's a minute difference from 118 or 21. It's totally residential in here and these trucks are coming through at all hours of the day. The roads is almost undriveable because of the potholes. The roads department must have better things to do

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Paul Zalan sent this photo, titled, 'Warm days, cold nights.'

than go to Bracebridge or wherever, get a pickup of asphalt, and fill the millions of potholes which last about a week. I've talked to those guys and they are frustrated.

As well, several times a year those trucks can't get up the big hill without chains. Someone is going to get hurt. I remember the snowplow went off that cliff years ago. On a greasy day, I do not want to see an 18-wheeler coming down that hill when I'm trying to go up.

We need some restrictions on this issue. Please stay on the highway.

**Bob James**  
Blairhampton

### An open letter to our MP on climate change

*Dear editor,*

I am writing to local MP Jamie Schmale on behalf of Environment Haliburton! We are a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization that advocates for a healthy natural environment in Haliburton County. We are writing to draw your attention to the climate emergency.

An overwhelming ninety-seven per cent of scientists agree that climate change is caused by greenhouse gas emissions that result from human activities. There is no

meaningful debate about the basic science of climate change.

The finding that more CO2 in the atmosphere will warm the climate dates back to the 1890s. Attacks on the credibility of climate science are perpetuated by vested interests, including the fossil fuel industry, which continues to pump money into creating uncertainty about our understanding of climate change. Since the 2015 Paris Agreement, the top five oil companies alone have spent a combined \$1 Billion on misleading climate-related branding and lobbying.

We fear that the Conservative Party of Canada has fallen victim to this deception.

Climate change science leaves no room for doubt. The 2018 International Panel on Climate Change Report has confirmed what we've known for decades: increased frequency and severity of extreme weather events is a result of climate change.

Thousands of Canadians are experiencing those extremes this year. Thousands of Ontarians are climate refugees, fleeing an unprecedented number of forest fires in Northern Ontario.

Environment Haliburton! has been offering public education on climate change for years. However, only governments have the means to make the systemic changes necessary for a just transition, and we believe every level of government has the responsibility to do what it can to the limits

of its powers.

We look forward to hearing that you, as our federal representative, will press the government and your party to act with the urgency this emergency demands.

**Carolynn Coburn**  
Environment Haliburton!

### Charging stations coming to Wilberforce

*Dear editor,*

In the Highlands East news section of your July 15, 2021 edition, mention is made of two electrical vehicle charging stations coming to Wilberforce.

They will be located outside of our Keith Tallman Memorial Arena.

For those not living in the immediate area be advised: there is no cell phone service in Wilberforce, no bank or ATM.

The Scotiabank pulled out a couple of years ago taking their ATM as well.

But we will have EV charging stations. Nice to be woke in Wilber!

Makes a person wonder!

**Gerry Wigg**  
Highlands East



# Highlander business

## International chef is at home in the Highlands

By Lisa Harrison

Richard Perks, the new executive chef at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, has come "home" to Haliburton County by way of Britain, Europe, Hong Kong and Australia.

It was in Australia that he met his Canadian wife, Jacqueline Noble, who introduced him to cottage life in Eagle Lake. In 2018, they were married at Sir Sam's Inn and Perks fell in love again, this time with the area.

"I'm a country lad really," said Perks. "I came from a small town in the southwest of England, so I've never been a big city lad despite living in them anyway ... I absolutely love the countryside up here, and just the people – [they're] friendly and everybody seems to want you to do well."

Perks attended culinary school in Italy and has accumulated 17 years of international experience. He learned to make gelato and Italian pastries with renowned chef Corrado Assenza, mastered the art of pasta making with the 'Salami King of Italy' Massimo Spigaroli, worked with Canada's own Malcolm Campbell and trained under world renowned and Michelin-starred chefs in Europe.

Richard and Jacqueline moved to Ontario in 2019 and now have a young son, Charles. When the Pinestone role opened, Richard was happy to apply. For now he stays at the resort on weekdays and returns to the family's Uxbridge home on

weekends. Looking for a Highlands home is the next step.

Perks has focused his international training on the menus at Pinestone's Stone 21 fine dining area and The Gallery restaurant and says food lovers can expect to see big changes.

During the pandemic, takeout is the focus and Perks says he has created some tantalizing new dishes, including beer-battered fish and chips that pay homage to his British background and a sourdough pizza.

With the pandemic in mind, Pinestone plans to make maximum use of the resort's decks overlooking the pond in front and the 18th hole of the golf course in back this summer, according to Perks.

Using local food and reconnecting with the community are also top items on the agenda.

"I'm very, very keen on local produce," said Perks. "I would love to speak to farmers, whether it be [for] meat [or] produce ... and just use their stuff through the restaurant" or pass along food waste as animal feed.

"This is where we want to get back in touch to let people know that the standard of food is probably very different from the last time they were here," said Perks. "We just want to be a part of the community ... just building up a really good [rapport] with the community."

"And then hopefully one day down the



Internationally-trained chef Richard Perks is the new executive chef at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. Photo submitted.

line people can come back and they can eat and enjoy here."

To help reconnect, Perks is active on social media, including holding contests.

Those who want to know what's new can learn the latest at facebook.com/stone21pinestone and on Instagram @chefperks and @stone21restaurant.

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Samantha and Ollie Vanderwyst of Woodsmoke & Lore at last year's pop-up market.  
Photo submitted by April Gates.

## Arts market returns to historic school

By Sam Gillett

A former schoolhouse in Donald will once again host a wide array of artisans during this year's Schoolhouse Pop-up Market.

Organized by April Gates of Blackbird Pottery, the event brings artisans of all stripes to show off their wares. This is the market's second year.

"It was a huge success last year, so we decided to try again," Gates said.

While easing COVID-19 restrictions meant the event could take place as usual, it will be outside and weather-dependent.

"We are now safe to resume, and I have a nice line-up of people coming," she said.

Gates has curated a diverse group of nine artists, craftspeople and upcyclers. Elaborate textiles by Lisa Marchant, woolen home goods by Jenn Manuell and glass-blowing from Artech studios will all be on display. There will even be a gourmet pasta sauce maker in attendance.

The idea for the Schoolhouse Pop-up

Market was sparked by COVID-19 and the challenge lockdowns posed to artisans.

"As an artist who lives and works in the County, up to that point I had lost 90 percent of my working commitments for the year," Gates said.

She brainstormed ways to host other artists, provide safe ways to sell work and give guests an excuse to enjoy art in the outdoors.

The market also marks Blackbird Pottery's sixth year in the Donald Schoolhouse. Gates said a goal throughout that time has been finding ways to host events and cultivate community around art in the historic space.

"We sell work for our livelihood, but I think equally important is the connections you make: people can come and browse, be inspired and have their curiosity piqued."

Gates said those interested in attending should check Blackbird Pottery's website for weather updates in advance of the event.

The market runs July 30-31 and Sept. 3-4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Grant boosts Halls Island artist residency

A one-time grant from TD Canada Trust will increase the support Halls Island Artist Residency offers artists.

Funds from the bank's Ready Challenge will cover extra costs for artists attending the yearly retreat, where they hone their crafts in lakeside solitude.

For 13 artists attending this year, as well as those coming in 2022, the grant will cover transportation and food costs.

"The support of TD Bank is a true validation of our founding goal: to provide a space for artists to focus on their art form

and find the inspiration that Halls Island and the Highlands offer," said Ruth Walker, management committee co-chair, in a press release.

This grant also meets the residency's goal of finding further financial support for artists as well as crafting a scholarship for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) artists.

More information on those scholarships and applications for the residency's 2022 season will be available later this summer. (Sam Gillett).



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# Highlander arts

## Highlands Summer Festival visits Ed's Garage

By Sam Gillett

The Highlands Summer Festival took to the airwaves for its 2021 theatre season.

The not-for-profit theatre company presented act one of Ed's Garage on July 7, broadcast across the Highlands on Canoe FM. Act two of the play will be broadcast Aug. 4.

According to the festival's artistic producer, presenting the play on the radio is more than a great way to adhere to COVID-19 protocols; it's a nod to radio's rich history.

"It is a throwback thing," Scot Denton told *The Highlander*.

"For decades the radio was where the family gathered. You wouldn't miss a broadcast of something that you were used to listening to," he said.

Denton said Ed's Garage was a perfect fit for the troupe, and for radio. Written by Dan Needles, the play is all about Ed, a small-town mechanic who often meddles

in the lives of those around him, doling out wisdom and advice along the way.

"I wanted something that would be fun, would be light for people," Denton said.

Tim Nicholson, David Zilstra, Amy Leis and Alexander Kocot all play characters wrapped up in a story of psychotherapy, robberies, farming life and romance.

Jack Brezina hosted the performers at Canoe FM's studio as the intrigue and small-town drama was brought to life.

Denton said it's been a difficult season for the group - 2020 was postponed and COVID-19 restrictions meant running in-person shows this year was impossible.

He said that performing and producing on stage is an invaluable part of their lives.

"It's the way we express ourselves," Denton said. "We miss the team work, we miss the patrons."

The first act of the play is available now at canoe.fm. To register for a free ticket for the second act, visit [highlandssummerfestival.on.ca](http://highlandssummerfestival.on.ca)



The Highlands Summer Festival produced a radio drama at Canoe FM in Haliburton. The cast included Amy Leis, David Zilstra, Alexander Kocot, Jack Brezina (host) and Tim Nicholson. Photo submitted.

## Support grows for arts centre feasibility study

By Sam Gillett

Canoe FM has donated \$15,000 raised through radio bingo to the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation's (HHACF) feasibility study July 22.

The study will focus on possible locations and zoning of a large theatre space, as well as what funding models might be available and how it might be used by the County. "It's really going to open up the arts community," said Canoe FM chair Tim Hagarty.

"I think this is the next step that will allow us to get bigger and better."

Canoe FM has also entered into a sponsorship agreement with the foundation, providing radio announcements over the next 12 months to promote fundraising efforts.

The HHACF received letters of support from all four municipalities, and have identified four potential locations so far. "There's a tremendous amount of

excitement," said Canoe FM and HHACF board member Drew Allen. "We've already got groups that are here that need a proper professional space-- a space that has the right amount of stage, the right amount of lighting."

He estimates the arts centre would sit 350-500 people and include two auditorium spaces. Currently, the County doesn't have a space for large performances, or an indoor venue for concerts and productions which is licensed to serve alcohol.

Aside from gathering the support of local arts groups, Allen said foundation members have also been canvassing local lake associations.

"We think there's going to be a huge groundswell of support."

The HHACF will submit a request for proposals this fall, with the hopes of selecting a firm to begin work on the study in 2022.

To donate or learn more, visit [hhartscentrefoundation.ca/donate](http://hhartscentrefoundation.ca/donate)



Canoe FM presented a \$15,000 check to the HHACF. From left to right: Roxanne Casey, station manager; Tim Hagarty, chair of Canoe FM board of directors; Dan Manley chair of the HHACF; HHACF board members Drew Allen, Beth Kipping and Michael Clipperton. Photo by Sam Gillett.

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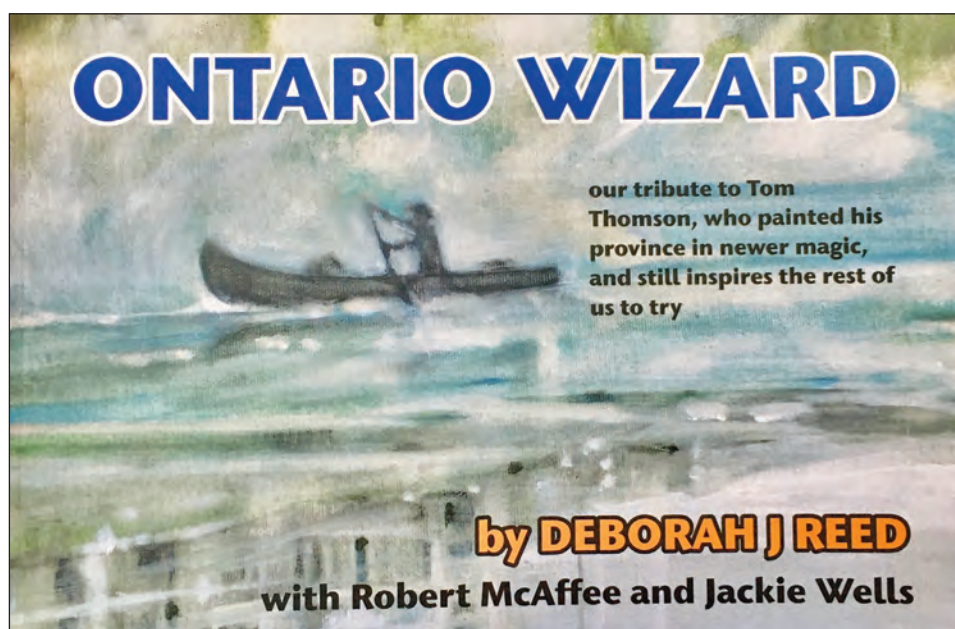
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# Highlander arts



Left: The cover of *Ontario Wizard*. Middle: Author Deborah J. Reed. Right: Tom's Painting Boots, an acrylic by Reed. Photos submitted.

## An ode to Tom Thomson and his artistic wizardry

By Lisa Gervais

Deborah J. Reed recently fulfilled a lifelong project of writing and illustrating a children's book.

Reed said *Ontario Wizard* was her COVID project.

It also allowed her to honour Group of Seven painter, Tom Thomson.

She said the book is "a rhyming tribute to Thomson's unique contribution to Ontarians' love for their stunningly

beautiful province."

For the former English teacher, the project was a culmination of her love of writing, painting and Thomson.

She said she's "long been captured by the mystique and talent that was Tom Thomson, and am grateful that my childhood art teachers made sure that he was as big a part of discussion as was The Group of Seven."

She said *Ontario Wizard* was also her way to collaborate remotely online with two other creative forces: acclaimed Ontario-

based landscape painter Robert McAfee and popular local artist, Jackie Wells.

"Both talents generously agreed to contribute images to this book, and both have been profoundly influenced by Tom Thomson, and by the rich heritage of past and current Ontario landscape painters," Reed said.

She said that she also generated 10 new illustrations for the book's narrative.

She added its shiny picture pages are perfect for sharing with families or

schoolchildren, and the accompanying poem "resonates with respect and affection for the solitary paddler who took his oil paints deep into the remote back country, and somehow, like a 'wizard,' was able to dab together his almost supernatural colours to represent how he interpreted the particular magic of our Ontario wilderness."

Copies of *Ontario Wizard*, which Reed self-published, are available at Haliburton's Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, and at Master's Book Store.



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# Highlander education

## Principal will miss Archie 'sense of belonging'

By Kirk Winter

While former Archie Stouffer Elementary School principal Jane Austin is excited about her new posting at Ridgewood Elementary School in Coboconk, she will miss many things about ASES including its students, the sense of community found at the school and the support for the school from the residents of Minden Hills.

Austin, a veteran teacher and administrator who began teaching in 1998 and became an administrator in 2006, has been the principal at Archie Stouffer since 2016.

When asked for some of her fondest memories of ASES, Austin shared that her best recollections are from time spent with students and their families, watching them grow and becoming effective community leaders. She also enjoyed watching their reactions to special trips and extracurricular learning opportunities, and working and supporting the students on their leadership learning journey.

"ASES is a special place," Austin shared, "because of the sense of belonging that we all have to our school community. The students, their families, the staff and our community partners all have a role to play at Archie Stouffer. The relationships that have been developed over the years contribute exponentially to the overall educational experience of the students. I have never felt that in any other school community in such a meaningful way. This

is what I love about Archie, and what I will always remember about my time spent here."

When asked about community support for the school and its goals, Austin said, "One word can sum it up: Amazing. The Minden Hills community is vibrant. For a small town there are all kinds of community supports ... to enrich the lives of our students and families."

Austin talked about relationships built with Point in Time, the Minden Food Bank and Community Kitchen, the OPP, the municipality, Five Counties Children's Centre, Kinark, Compass, Food for Kids and Artists in Schools that have enriched the lives of her students.

"I could go on and on and I will invariably miss someone," Austin said, "because there are just that many organizations here for our kids. Not every school can boast such rich and varied connections."

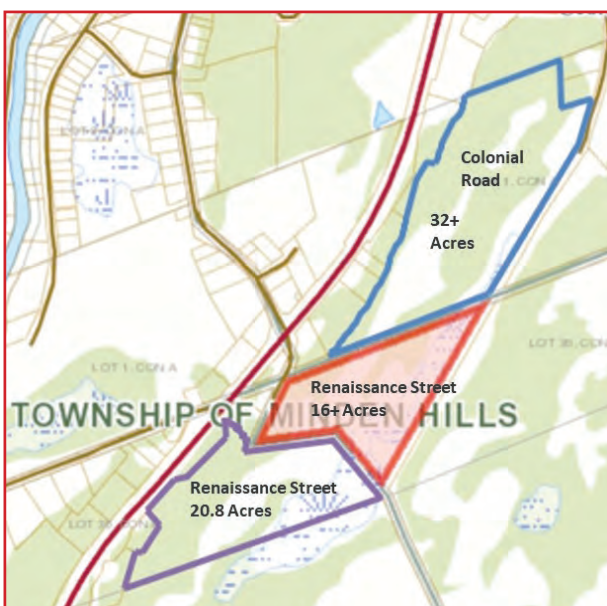
For Austin, Ridgewood will be a homecoming of sorts as the Coboconk school was one of the buildings that Austin taught in before moving into administration.

When asked about her replacement, Austin shared, "Ms. Dawn Sudsbury will be the new principal of ASES. She is coming to Archie from Langton Public School in Fenelon Falls. She is not familiar yet with the school community but I know that they will embrace her and welcome her to learn and lead at ASES."



Jane Austin is leaving ASES for Ridgewood ES in Coboconk. *File.*

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# Highlander environment

## Lake association wants Dysart's help

By Sam Gillett

The Drag and Spruce Lake Property Owners' Association (DSLPOA) has spent more than four years combating Eurasian Water-milfoil (EWM), an invasive aquatic plant that plagues lakes across the province.

Now, with more than half of the lake's residents reaching into their pockets to fund eradication, DSLPOA wants Dysart et al to do the same.

"We hoped they would accept some responsibility at least on Drag and Spruce Lake," said Jim Miners, vice-president and member of the EWM working group.

Dysart et al owns three boat launches and two beaches in the area.

Often spread on boats and trailers, EWM decreases water's oxygen supply, is easily tangled in boat props and often stagnates, becoming a smelly breeding ground for mosquitoes.

The DSLPOA, in a March 23 delegation to council, said that action by the municipality could be key in ensuring the plant does not spread further. The association requested help with grant applications to fund expensive eradication efforts.

Council members then directed staff to investigate possible solutions. So far, reported Dysart et al CAO Tamara Wilbee, council hasn't made a decision about contributing financially to the project.

"There have been no financial discussions yet, other than offering to pay for some signage and providing mapping at no cost to support the project," Wilbee said.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said municipal short-staffing and the lack of committee of the whole meetings in July meant it's been difficult to keep up with the project.

"Dysart cares very much about its shorelines and is a responsible landowner. We are willing to work with the DSLPOA but unfortunately this has been delayed at our end, and we are working to rectify this," she said.

Miners said the association recognizes how busy Dysart et al is but the window for effective eradication is now; from mid-July to the end of September.

### The fight against EWM

Even without municipal funds, DSLPOA has raised more than \$40,000. That will pay for scuba diving services necessary to lay the expensive coconut mats which kill the plant.

They've registered four blooms of watermilfoil with the MNRF so far, and have identified more to be registered in the coming years. The MNRF must sign off on the use of matting in each bloom location. Lake residents have also started hand-harvesting the plant.



Eurasian Milfoil, also known as the "zombie plant", is causing concern for the Drag and Spruce Lake Property Owners' Association. *Photo submitted.*

"There are pluses and minuses to all the techniques you can use," Miners said.

DSLPOA hosted Veronica Turnbull, a student from Trent University, to study best practices for removing the plant. She argues that a combination of hand-harvesting and bottom barriers is an efficient strategy.

The association has encouraged cottagers to join in the effort to fight the invasive species.

So far, 20 property owners have been trained to identify and help deal with outbreaks.

The annual Mike Podmore Memorial Weed Hunt invites lake-goers to snap photos of weed beds in return for being entered in a draw to win prizes donated by local businesses.

As well, musician Glen Bowker and his rock band will be travelling around the lake's docks, singing songs in return for donations to the EWM fund on July 31.

Miners said all donations are welcome. Big gifts might be rewarded with a special mention on the lake: "I'll even name a weed bed after them," he said with a chuckle.

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# Highlander community

## Retreat centre seeks active fundraisers

by Sam Gillett

After Norma Stannard was diagnosed with cancer, she was invited to the Abbey Retreat Centre (ARC) in 2018 for a weekend of guided workshops and conversations.

For Stannard, it was a chance to “be open” about cancer.

“It was people who had some idea of what I was going through,” she said.

Nestled near a pond and rustling trees at Abbey Gardens, the centre runs free retreats for those living with cancer and the people who support them.

This year, funds raised through the annual Haliburton Highlands Challenge will help ARC get back to in-person programs in the fall, as well as continuing to hone their virtual retreats.

“It’s the backbone, truthfully. The fundraising is the biggest portion of our budget,” said executive director Barb Smith-Morrison.

Until Aug. 31 people can run, bike or do any activity to solicit community pledges. Last year, the event raised \$70,000.

That had a huge impact on ARC: “it’s what allowed us last year to shift everything to online,” Smith-Morrison said.

While Stannard and Smith-Morrison agree in-person retreats allow for more free-flowing communication and sharing, the centre quickly defined its online presence as lockdowns shuttered the County last year.

Participants accessed the centre’s specialized yoga classes, healing circles, art-making and group support sessions through their Zoom screens.

“All these things in part were to help ease the isolation too,” Smith-Morrison said.

“Participants are still willing to go deep.”

Going “deep” is what in-person retreats are all about too; helping people process the complicated emotions that accompany a cancer diagnosis and navigating their new realities.

ARC hopes to run two in-person retreats this fall, and a minimum of six in 2022.

Either online or in-person, ARC’s focus is evidence-based practices that promote healing and communication.

“It’s more of the spirit, it’s more of the physical support. It’s not ‘these are the drugs you have to take,’” said Thea Patterson, a member of ARC’s board.

Patterson, whose partner lives with cancer, mentioned how important it can be for the “support people” to feel heard: ARC has

sessions for them too.

“The journey of living with someone who has cancer is up and down constantly,” Patterson said. “They have outbreaks and crises and you are on high alert, you lose weight and you lose sleep.”

Smith-Morrison said she is sometimes asked if it’s hard working with people who are “at their worst.”

“I get to see people at their best. I get to see people head-on choosing to come to a place where they not only are seeking rest and seeking to be cared for but they’re seeking to face their fears.”

For Stannard, and many others who’ve attended retreats, ARC’s model of support feels different than the hospitals where they might receive treatment.

“The thing about ARC is that you can tell that the people care. That’s huge,” Stannard said.

Greg Roe and friend, Bob Stiles, put their canoe into the water July 24 for the first leg of their plan to paddle the five lake chain that includes Head, Grass, Soyers, Kash and Canning.

Greg said their team is called StRoe Coureurs des Lacs.

“We are fundraising to support the Abbey



Abbey Retreat Centre board member Thea Patterson and executive director Barb Smith-Morrison said hosting retreats for those living with cancer has changed their lives. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Retreat Centre for people dealing with cancer,” he said.

To take part in the Highland Challenge or to donate, visit [abbeyretreatcentre.ca](http://abbeyretreatcentre.ca).

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# Highlander sports

## Storm to begin registration for hockey season

By Lisa Gervais

Registrations open Aug. 1 for this year's Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association season.

The Storm said it is accepting players for the 2021-22 playing period until Aug. 15.

"We encourage you to register right away to avoid the late fee of \$100 that will be added on if you have not registered by Sept. 1," the association said.

The Storm said they have had some increases to their programming fees which have bumped up registration fees. These include ice rental up three per cent, referee fees going up 10 to 20 per cent, electronic game sheets and a longer season.

Regular season hockey will be played until March 1. Also during March, rep teams will participate in games with MPS and the Georgian Bay Loop to determine who will move forward to the OMHA playoff weekends. OMHA playoff weekends will take place the first two weekends in April and will be tournament-style.

Meanwhile, development skates begin the week of Sept. 7.

The Storm said all teams will get one practice during the week and one practice or game on the weekends.

See the Storm's website ([highlandstorm.org](http://highlandstorm.org)) for more information, or for any registration questions with a new system, reach out to Highland Storm registrar Jessica Lloyd at [Jessica.lloyd@tldsb.on.ca](mailto:Jessica.lloyd@tldsb.on.ca)



A Storm player in action pre-pandemic. File.

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The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

July 29  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 26  
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Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in July, August and December.

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# Highlander sports



The Haliburton County Huskies held fitness training in Haliburton in mid-July as the squad prepares for the upcoming 2021-22 hockey season. Photos submitted.

## Huskies offer free tickets to intrasquad game

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Huskies have held fitness training at the high school in Haliburton as they prepare for the upcoming season.

The junior A hockey team will take to the ice at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena for their inaugural season in 2021-22.

The Huskies have also released their pre-season home schedule.

The team said it is offering free admission to fans to watch potential Huskies battle for roster spots during a Blue vs. White game on Saturday, Sept. 11 at noon.

Coach Ryan Ramsay said they have signed 17 of an expected roster of 23 players.

"We are waiting to see what players come to rookie camp on Aug. 28-29" before finalizing the squad, he added.

The team said ticket prices and availability for the other home games, as well as remaining preseason away games, will be announced shortly.

The squad will face the Aurora Tigers on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 4:30 p.m. and the Collingwood Blues on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m.

All home games are in Minden.

The team has also been finalizing its front

office staff to work alongside Ramsay.

David Lang, a Keswick native, joins the organization in the role of director of hockey operations and director of game day operations. He had been director of recruiting of the OHL and WHL for the University of Prince Edward Island men's ice hockey team. Lang has also served as an assistant general manager and GM in the OJHL, most recently with the Lindsay Muskies in the COVID-shortened 2020-2021 season.

He joins new assistant GM and director of player relations, Brian MacKenzie. MacKenzie's most recent role was as assistant GM and coach with the Whitby Fury.

Bradley Townsend is the president of business and hockey operations and the OJHL league governor for the club.

On ice, the Huskies recently announced the signing of winger, Bradley Brunet. He is coming from the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League.

Ramsay said the only area the club is struggling is finding billet families. He said those taking in a player get a monthly stipend and free hockey passes. If interested, email huskieshousing@hotmail.com.

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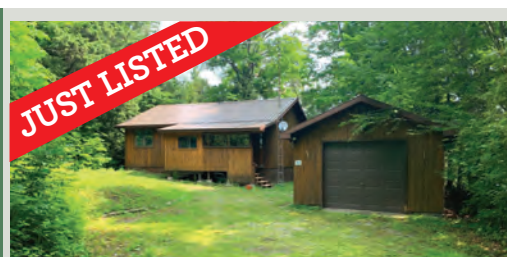
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# Sports hall of fame



Ron Stackhouse signs his image on the door of a dressing room at the Haliburton Arena. *File.*

## Stackhouse overcame the odds

By Lisa Gervais

When the Pittsburgh Penguins celebrated 50 years in the National Hockey League in 2017, Haliburton's Ron Stackhouse was surprised to be pictured on promotional material with three other Pens: former goalie Les Binkley, Mario Lemieux and Sid Crosby.

To this day, Stackhouse remains puzzled as to why he was featured with the likes of Lemieux and Crosby since he said he was not a fan favourite in Pittsburgh and was occasionally a subject of the boo-birds.

However, it is the first thing he shows on his phone during an interview with *The Highlander*.

He's proud.

In the same vein, although he would have been surprised to be excluded from the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame, Stackhouse said he is "honoured" to have been chosen and has the utmost respect for

the creators of the hall and their inclusive vision.

Stackhouse credits Roger Neilson for the start of his playing career when the coach asked him to join the Peterborough Petes. That stint with Neilson led to Stackhouse being drafted by the California Golden Seals in the days when there was no televised draft but a letter in the mail to say he'd been picked.

To this day, Stackhouse said Neilson was "unbelievably innovative and creative" and ran the best practices he ever took part in.

After a year in the minors, he made his Seals debut and believes fate played a role since it took another players' injury and another's contract dispute to deliver him to the show in his second year.

But after a little over a year in Oakland, he was traded to the Detroit Red Wings. A little over two years later, he was "shocked and disappointed" by a trade to the Penguins in 1974.

He put up some good numbers in Pittsburgh but was a "scapegoat" when things were not going well for the team. A big guy, he said there was always an expectation that he would drop the gloves. However, he preferred positioning and skill over pugilism.

He recalled one home game being like a scene out of the movie, *Slapshot*. A fan started chirping him so he raised his stick. Then full sections started in, so he raised his stick at the entire arena. He got tossed from that game.

"I was so unhappy in Pittsburgh. I just wanted out of there."

Despite asking for a trade, he signed a five-year deal for good money since GM Wren Blair said he couldn't get enough for him in a trade. He ended up retiring in 1982, which he said was a sad end to what could have been a longer and better career. However, he has no regrets. His career spanned 889 regular season games. One high included playing with Gordie Howe in an all-star game and scoring a breakaway goal.

In some ways that 2017 honouring in Pittsburgh was a healing moment for Stackhouse. "So, it was really good for me to go back there."

Stackhouse went on to teach at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School where he also coached hockey. He was also a member of the Haliburton Hockey Haven family.

According to the Hall committee, he was a role model for many young hockey players and inspired a generation of athletes to achieve their own dreams.

Stackhouse said, "I think the whole idea behind this is going to be very good for the Haliburton Highlands. It's going to be very good for things in general in this particular world with all of the stuff that is going on about equality."

He taught some of the young inductees at Hal High and said "the fact they found their way out of a small town like this and into that environment is remarkable."



Ron Stackhouse with memorabilia in his home office. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

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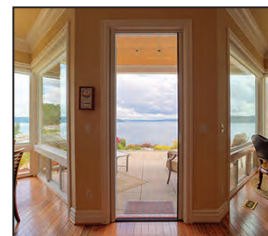
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# Highlander events

## Rock to blast invasive species during 'play the bay'

By Lisa Gervais

Drag and Spruce Lake cottagers and residents will have a unique opportunity July 31 to listen to live music just off of their dock, while raising much-needed money for the fight against Eurasian water-milfoil.

Glen Bowker and his five-piece classic rock band are preparing to cruise the lakes on a pontoon boat with all proceeds going to combat the invasive aquatic plant.

"Eurasian water-milfoil threatens to fully invade our lake, and so I want to raise funds to identify and control this stuff before it's too late," Bowker said.

Bowker invited the band to his homemade

pontoon boat that features a removable picnic table and barbecue so there is ample room to set up and perform at any dock.

He said their plan is to navigate the lakes, starting in East Bay and proceeding clockwise around Drag and Spruce Lakes between 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. They'll be going dock to dock and bay to bay playing live music for socially-distanced people on shore or floating near them in boats.

The fundraising goal is to play 100 songs, with donations to the cause at \$100 per song across eight hours to raise \$10,000.

As far as he knows, it's never been done before on the lakes.

In addition to the cause, he said it will be an opportunity for the community to come

together.

"Since COVID hit, nobody gets to hear live music anymore. This will probably be the first live music anyone has heard for two years."

He added it is COVID safe for Step 3 because it's socially-distanced by water and the party is brought to the people.

If you want to book the band, go to the Drag and Spruce Lakes Facebook page and private message Bowker from the post describing the event, or email bowkerglen@gmail.com

He is asking people to describe their docks, cottages, and their road addresses and he will map all of that out by July 29, which is the last day to book.

On July 31, the day of "play the bay," he will also be posting a link of their moving GPS location with an online application called "Glympse."

"So those 538 Facebook members will be able to see where we are on the lake and can come down to their docks. I believe this will be a very busy day for the Drag and Spruce Lakes Facebook site because members will post performances they record from their cellphones."

Bowker said as of July 13, they had a donation from a cottager (wishing to remain anonymous) of \$5,000, who had requested some Beatles, BTO, and Van Morrison. He added they are nearly two-thirds of the way to their fundraising goal.

## More than 60 items up for Land Trust auction

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has launched its annual "Rock Our World" online auction fundraiser.

"This year, we are excited to offer more than 60 auction items and gift certificates

all donated by supporters, community members and "Pay It Forward" sponsors," said Mary Lou Gerstl, chair of the fundraising committee.

She added they were "thrilled" with

generous donations from the community of Haliburton County and beyond.

By registering and bidding, she said people are supporting the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and also local

businesses who donated to their cause.

They are encouraging people to register at haliburtonlandtrust.ca to view items. Bidding begins Aug. 1 and ends Aug. 15. (Lisa Gervais).

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John McDermott, right, will perform alongside Mark Lalama, and Jason Fowler at Music at the Gardens. Press photo from John McDermott.

## A weekend of song in the gardens

By Sam Gillett

A three-day concert series will celebrate the return of live music to Haliburton County.

From Aug. 6-8, musicians from Ontario and beyond will play sets as part of Music at the Gardens under Abbey Gardens' new marquee tent.

Abbey Gardens developed the series in tandem with the Haliburton Folk Society.

"All the music is going to be good. It's a really great idea to try and inspire people and get them out enjoying live music again," said society president Walt Tose.

On Aug. 6, celebrated vocalists Richard and Lauren Margison will kick off the weekend. Matinee shows

and evening performances on Saturday and Sunday will feature world-renowned tenor John McDermott, the smooth harmonies of Boreal and more.

Alcoholic drinks and food will be available for all shows. On Aug. 6 and 7, shows include a seated dinner.

"It feels more social when you have some food in front of you, maybe an alcoholic beverage or any sort of drink in front of you," Tose said.

Janis Parker, who is organizing the event on behalf of Abbey Gardens, partnered with the Folk Society to fill out the list of performers.

"I'm thrilled," said Parker. "It's indoor, outdoor, it's just going to be wonderful."

The concerts will take place under a large tent that's a new addition

to Abbey Gardens. It sits outside Haliburton Highlands Brewing Company.

"This concert wouldn't have happened without the tent," Parker said.

It allows Abbey Gardens to host larger events in inclement weather, while still following COVID-19 guidance.

"When you have an outdoor concert, then you're always susceptible to the elements," said Tose. "This now provides a venue in the community that provides for rain or shine."

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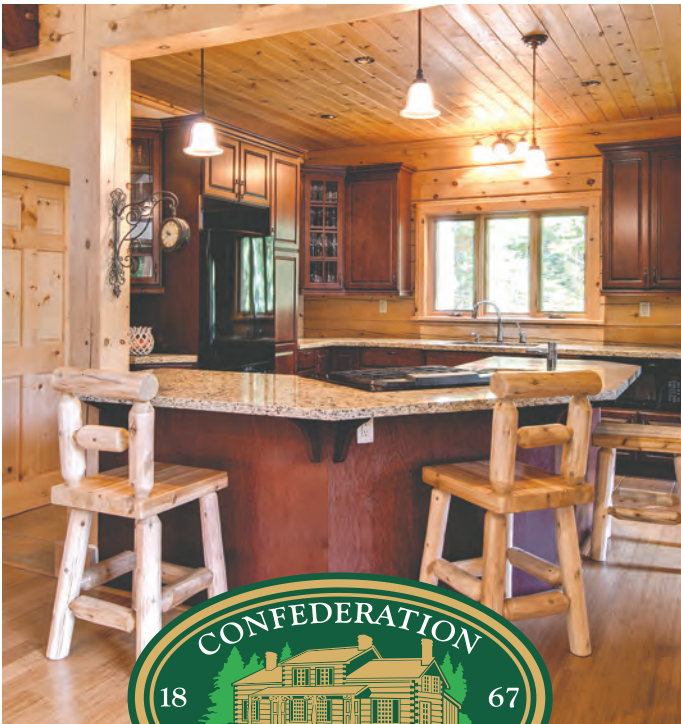
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# HARP ON THE TRAIL

*Editor's note: This is the fifth instalment of a fictional series entitled Harp on the Trail. It's written by Hope Thompson, who lives in Algonquin Highlands.*

## Chapter 5: Date night

At the Spruce County police station, Detective Harry Harp sat at his desk checking his email while Constable Terry Becker placed a takeout coffee in front of him. Becker plopped down in his own chair and extracted a doughnut from a brown paper bag, along with a folded napkin and arranged the snack on his desk, pre-consumption.

"Nothing for me?" Harp said, eyeing the chocolate glazed treat.

Becker's eyes widened. "Sir? I just thought—I mean, you don't usually want—"

"Just pulling your leg, Terry," Harp said. "Looks good, though."

The detective pressed the tab in the lid of his coffee and took a careful sip, then leaned back in his chair.

"Ever feel like we're being played?"

Becker looked up—his mouth full of doughnut. "How so?" He said, quickly swallowing.

"Remember Anna said that Holden's body was likely placed in the ditch?" Harp said.

Becker nodded, wiping his mouth.

"And his knapsack appeared on the trail after it was searched," Harp stood up and stared at the map. "I feel like someone's working us like a puppet. And that someone is the killer."

Becker crossed to the map. "Maybe the killer knows about the property feud between the Randells and Wylies."

Harp said. "And he—or she—is trying to make us think Holden's murder is tied to the feud."

"But the knapsack?" Becker said.

Harp walked back to his desk and sat down.

"I can't see a reason, unless it's to make us think the murder took place in that area." He looked up at Becker. "Have you felt anything odd lately?"

Becker sat down at his desk. "Can you be more specific?"

After taking a sip of coffee, Harp said, "More than once now, I've felt the hair on the back of my neck go up. When I've been on the trail. Like I'm being watched."

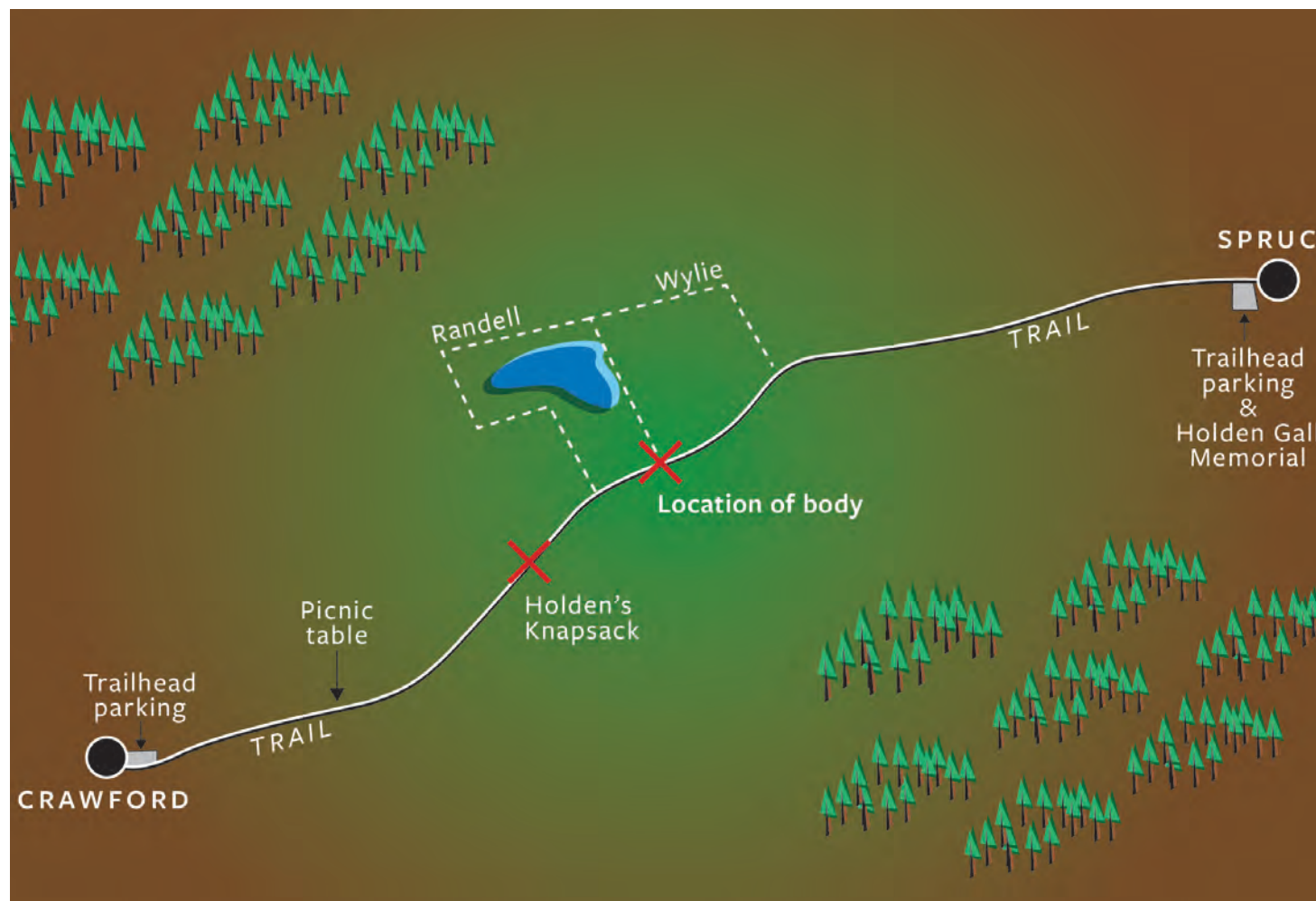
Becker frowned, then shook his head. "I don't get that feeling," he said. "But I did make a note here ..." He flipped open his notebook and read from it. "No English Ivy that I could see around the Randell's home or the Wylie's. But there were pine trees on both. So, pine needles."

"Inconclusive. But good of you to note that."

Becker's email program chimed, and he peered at his screen, fingers darting over his keyboard. "Results back on Craig Wylie. He has some convictions—drunk and disorderly, and a couple of firearm infractions. But they're all from four or five years back. Nothing recent."

"That's when Chelsey and Craig were dating," Harp said, then he took another sip of coffee. "What about the others?"

Becker shook his head. "Model citizens—as far as the law is concerned, anyway." Becker's phone emitted a 'gong' sound that Harp knew indicated an incoming message



from his new girlfriend, Tess. Becker dropped his head and read the private text, while Harp stared at the trail map.

Just then, Anna Lau knocked on the partly open door then pushed it wider. Gone was her white protective body suit, and instead, she was wearing a light-coloured top and jeans. She handed Harp an envelope.

"The complete forensics report," she said smiling.

"Thanks," Harp said. "Anything interesting?"

"We retrieved the bullet. It came from a 9mm handgun. Not typical around here. The rest, you already know."

She turned to Becker. "Hi Terry."

"Hey. Are you all done for the day?" He said with a distinct note of envy.

She smiled sheepishly, "I hope so. It's date night." Then she turned to Harp. "Call me if you need clarification on anything ... Bye guys!" The door closed softly behind her.

Harp said, "It's been a long day, Terry. Why don't we reconvene tomorrow morning?"

Becker smiled. "Thank you, sir." And a moment later, he, too, was gone.

A makeshift memorial for Holden Gall had sprung up at the Spruce trailhead and Harp stopped his car to look at it. Mourners had placed flowers, team jerseys, hockey sticks, even books. Someone had left a well-worn stuffed toy in the shape of a skunk, whose white stripes were a dirty gray and partly torn off. He stared at the unusual toy for a moment, lost in thought.

With Anna Lau's report on the seat beside him for homework later that night, Harp drove towards the residential section of town. He thought about Holden Gall, and his mother Chelsey and the other people he'd met related to the case. His mind also drifted to Brigitte Cave, the librarian he had been dating before she moved away six months ago. He toyed with the idea of calling her, then he shelved it for the millionth time, as his mind covered the same terrain: Why did she leave him? Why did she run away?

Harp unlocked the front door of his modest two-story house. It was over one hundred years old, clad in white siding and tucked away on a forested street just off the main drag. Inside, he sat down in the living room and noticed his coffee mug sitting on the side table where he'd left it thirteen hours earlier.

Then he thought about Brigitte and why she left him.

Was I too controlling? He knew from his own experience that dating a cop wasn't easy because most of the women who had dated him had informed him of that fact. They had explained that it was him, not all cops. And more than once, he'd been called controlling.

Harp felt like he was a nice guy, at least, he tried to be. Maybe he didn't try hard enough.

Why did she run away? What was she looking for? Then he shook his head and stood up.

"Brigitte didn't run away from you, Harry!

She got a new job. Snap out of it, pal," he said out loud as he walked into the kitchen and poured a glass of cold water from the faucet. Drinking down the cool liquid, he looked out the back window.

In his overgrown yard, a deer chewed on the leaves of an ancient lilac tree. Deer were a familiar sight in Spruce and the detective enjoyed watching the majestic, skittish creatures graze the town's yards and gardens with impunity. These animals knew what they wanted.

Harp, on the other hand, had been circling the Brigitte issue for months.

Go after her. Tell her how you feel. Pick up the phone!

With the encouragement of his interior thoughts, he grabbed his phone, quickly thumbed through his contacts until he found the librarian's contact page—and her image. He'd taken the photo himself at a lakeside restaurant on one of their early dates. His forefinger hovered over the 'Dial' symbol and again he wondered why he was hesitating.

If you're not sure why she left you, then call her and ask her why. They say people can change. Maybe you can, too!

He plunged his finger down—but an incoming call intercepted his action.

"Harp?" He said, lifting the device to his ear.

Chelsey Gall's voice came down the line and she sounded frantic.

"Detective?" she said. "I've found something. I think you better come over here. Quick."



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Beloved wife of William "Bill" Peeling. Loving mother of Rob Windsor, Mike (Shelly) Windsor, Colin Windsor, Cindy (Robert) Rigatti, Patti Robbins, Bill Peeling, Jamie Peeling, and Mike (Tiana) Peeling. Loving grandmother of Elladee (Jesse), Briar, Noah, Jady, Joshua, Leah, Kayla, Curtis, Grace, Darcy and Holly. Lovingly remembered by her brother Larry (Lisa) and by her nephew Jeremy (Krista). Carole is predeceased by her parents Lewis and Laurel Tompkins, by her brother Dean, by her niece Jenna, by her mother-in-law Anne Peeling and by her brother-in-law Jack Peeling.

Carole was the glue to our family, a rock for her husband, a caring sister and loving person to all that new her.

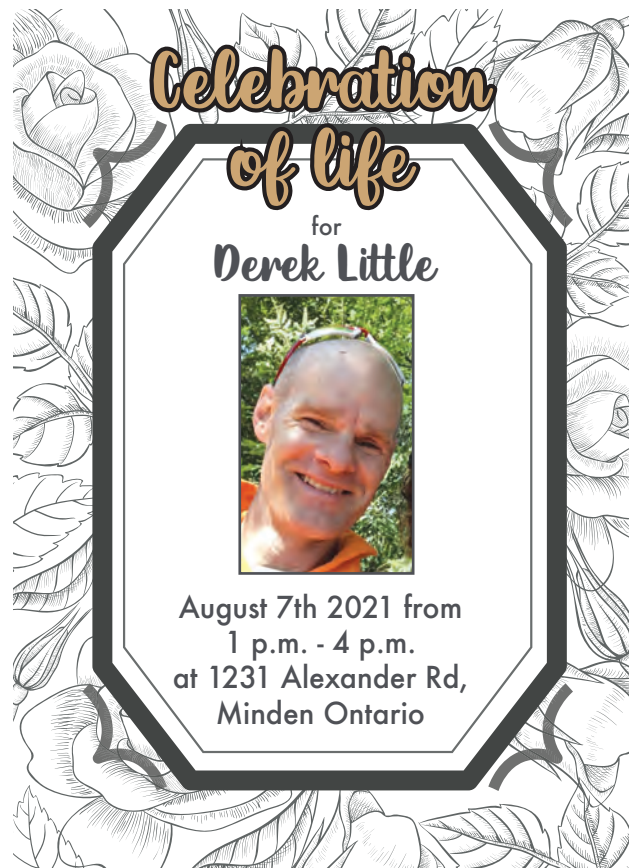
Carole loved being surrounded by family and friends whether on the beach at the cottage, or in her travels to Florida and abroad. She will be missed by everyone

A Graveside Interment Service to Celebrate Carole's Life will be held at the Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 11:00 am. Cremation has taken place.

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CAMPGROUND STAFF - Looking for someone to help with cleaning and sanitation of park facilities. Pay is \$15/hr and Friday-Sunday 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Please call 289-404-8243 to inquire.

PSW required immediately for private 24 hour homecare for elderly female. Various shifts available; just north of Minden. 705-641-0922

## FOR BREAKING NEWS THEHIGHLANDER.CA

## NOTICE

### Canadian Navigable Waters Act

Anthony T. Mestroni hereby gives notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Transport, pursuant to the Canadian Navigable Waters Act for approval of the work described herein and its site and plans.

Pursuant to paragraph 7(2) of the said Act,

Anthony T. Mestroni has deposited with the Minister of Transport, on the on-line Common Project Search Registry (<http://cps.canada.ca/>) under the NPP File Number 2021-404163 a description of the following work, its site and plans:  
 (nature and status of work - e.g. existing/proposed wharf, breakwater, booms, bridge, cable, dam, etc. - not merely "works" or such general terms) in, on, over, under, through or across Boshkung Lake at the shores directly in front of lot number 1051-1053 Discovery Lane

Comments regarding the effect of this work on marine navigation can be sent through the Common Project Search site mentioned above under the Comment section (search by the above referenced number) or if you do not have access to the internet, by sending your comments directly to:

Navigation Protection Program - Transport Canada  
 100 S Front St, 1st Floor  
 Sarnia ON  
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Transport Canada (TC) will not make your comments on a project available to the public on the online public registry. However, any information related to a work is considered as unclassified public record and could be accessible upon legal request. As such, the information and records provided should not contain confidential or sensitive information. If you want to provide confidential or sensitive information that you think should not be made public, please contact TC before submitting it.

However, comments will be considered only if they are in writing (electronic means preferable) and are received not later than 30 days after the publication of the last notice. Although all comments conforming to the above will be considered, no individual response will be sent.

Posted at Algonquin Highlands, ON this 22nd day of July, 2021  
 Anthony T. Mestroni

## GARAGE/YARD SALES

MOVING / YARD SALE - 1423 Farr Road, Wilberforce. Saturday, July 31, Sunday, August 1 & Monday, August 2. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Everything from soup to nuts must go! Make offers. Free items - if you can use it.

YARD SALE - 1238 Sand Point Rd (Drag Lake) Some cottage contents. Friday July 30, Saturday July 31, Sunday August 1. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

GARAGE SALE - 1129 Wonderland Rd, Haliburton. July 31, August 1, August 2, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Antiques, books, glassware, hardware, handicrafts, tapes, textiles, tools, etc. etc. Mask & Social Distancing required.

### REMINDER - YARD SALE

175 Bobcaygeon Rd near MBC  
 Saturday July 31, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 Books (great fiction, cookbooks and religious), Household items, Electronics, Furniture, Picture Frames, Paintings. Collectable 1/18th & 1/24th Model Cars (by bid), Clothing, Toys, Office, School & Craft supplies. Video Tapes (and don't forget the Books!)

YARD SALE - 19 Cockburn Street, Norland. Multi Family yard sale. Friday, July 30, 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. & Saturday July 31, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Antiques, Collectables and a whole lot more!

YARD SALE - 1236 Wenona Lake Rd, Haliburton. Movies, bread maker, lawn sprayer, auger for fishing, hospital bed with adjustable frame, lift for disabled, wheelchair. And a whole lot more

## HELP WANTED

**ABBEEY GARDENS** - looking for a contract bookkeeper to work in conjunction with our inhouse Financial Admin Assistant to assist our growing organization in the role of Financial Administrator. Primary responsibilities include: payroll, financial reporting for grants, cash position reporting, annual budget support, overseeing the work of the Financial Admin Assistant, and more. Approximately 4-6 hours per week. Please contact [ashley@abbeygardens.ca](mailto:ashley@abbeygardens.ca) if interested or with any questions. Full job description is available on our website at: [abbeygardens.ca/get-involved/#jobs](http://abbeygardens.ca/get-involved/#jobs)

## SOLUTIONS FOR JULY 29

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# Highlander classifieds

## HELP WANTED

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- **Temporary PT and FT, Kitchen Staff** Cook vacancy to work at Kinark Outdoor Centre in Minden, ON
- **Hours and pay:** 30-40 or 10-25 hours/week; \$14.25/hour + 4% vacation
- **Employment dates:** Aug. 23, 2021 – Nov. 5, 2021
- Complete online application at <https://www.kinark.on.ca/join-the-kinark-team/>

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### CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR (PERMANENT PART-TIME)

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge is looking for a warm and enthusiastic Church Administrator who is comfortable with technology and works well with others who will assist the minister in the daily life of the Charge and ensure office routines and responsibilities are met.

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Applications will be received until 5pm on Friday, Aug. 13th, 2021. Full job description is available on our website at: [highlandhillspc.ca](http://highlandhillspc.ca)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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### Impr-ess-ive!

Across

- 1 Served on a \_\_\_ of rice
- 4 Tory's foe, once
- 8 "The Lion King II: \_\_\_ Pride"
- 14 Nicholson prop in "The Shining"
- 15 Smidgeon
- 16 Kidnapping target Patty
- 17 Bering or Gibraltar: Abbr.
- 18 Pooh-poohed red meat?
- 20 Bert's buddy
- 22 Negative connection
- 23 Skier's application
- 24 Wig maker on a tight budget?
- 29 Conceives of
- 30 Bar with swinging doors
- 33 Blue Jays, on a scoreboard
- 34 Pre-Netflix rental
- 36 The "L" of L-dopa
- 37 Gift boxes with zombie skulls, Igor eyeballs and plastic spiders?
- 42 Highlander's early language
- 43 Manuscript encl.
- 44 The usual, for short?
- 46 Snooze under a sombrero
- 49 Fragile state
- 52 The lowdown on the layers?
- 54 "Don't know yet," on a TV guide
- 57 "... for all the \_\_\_ in China"
- 58 B.C. football pros
- 59 Place for a hasty autograph?
- 64 Colourful carp
- 65 Finger in a classic Austin Powers pose
- 66 Fairy tale opener
- 67 Opposite of WNW
- 68 Ermines, in summer
- 69 Pantywaist
- 70 Québec's Val-\_\_\_-Lacs

Down

- 1 Batter's success
- 2 Additional spoonfuls of medicine
- 3 Borrowed French phrase for "latest fashion"
- 4 Superlatively sagacious

- 5 Ad \_\_\_ committee
- 6 Suffix with burr- and band-
- 7 "With parsley," on French menus
- 8 Himalayan hiree, maybe
- 9 Roadside bomb, briefly
- 10 Dream queen mentioned in "Romeo and Juliet"
- 11 A cold one
- 12 "... against \_\_\_ of troubles": Hamlet
- 13 Univ. in Antigonish, N.S.
- 19 René and Renée, to René and Renée
- 21 Sinn Féin's parent org.
- 25 Hand over, as land
- 26 Invitation letters
- 27 Scatter Fitzgerald
- 28 "Walkabout" director Nicolas
- 31 Failed to notice
- 32 Facing directly, as for a fight
- 35 Word before "Boot" or "Kapital"
- 38 "Just \_\_\_, I'm comin'!"
- 39 Hebrew consonant
- 40 Cup of joe, in Jonquière

- 41 "Ol' Man River" composer Jerome
- 45 Crystal ball toters, at Halloween
- 47 They can be read on some spines
- 48 "Stellar, dude!"
- 50 In your dreams?
- 51 Vous êtes \_\_\_ (words on a Montréal mall map)
- 53 Comic book "bam!"
- 54 Chef's measurements: Abbr.
- 55 Vancouver trade sch.
- 56 River seen from the Leaning Tower
- 60 Wanted-poster abbr.
- 61 Stephen Leacock Award winner's gift?
- 62 "Wheel of Fortune" request
- 63 Maker of bikes and hockey equipment



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