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GAME ON

Art and Cherie Wright reach for a pickleball during a game at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre Aug. 16. The centre opened its doors to the public for the first time earlier this week. See story on **page 25**.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

County CAO says 'watershed moment' for tourism

By Sam Gillett

Is there a "tipping point" where tourism demand outstrips capacity?

Councillors discussed that question and how new tourism positions could help the County balance growth and livability during a meeting Aug. 11.

The conversion began after councillors unanimously supported a motion to apply for funding to hire a content creator as part of the Highlands destination management plan. That position would help spearhead County tourism efforts through managing social media accounts, highlighting

landmarks, working on the County's website and more.

CAO Mike Rutter explained the role comes during a "watershed moment" for tourism in the Highlands.

However, some councillors said alongside tourism growth comes a responsibility to investigate a community's needs as many tourism-related issues have become increasingly pressing. That includes short-term rentals, Crown land use and traffic concerns.

"We need to keep an eye on that bigger long-term picture," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. "We

need to have a consolidated long-term view of where we're going here, what this community can handle."

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts agreed.

"I drove through town yesterday and I couldn't find a parking lot to go to the farmers market," she said. "Where's that tipping point where we reach capacity, where it isn't fun anymore?"

She said staff are picking up double the amount of garbage in Head Lake Park compared to a few years ago.

"It all trickles down to the services that we provide as well," she said.

Moffatt said she appreciates the central role tourism has in Haliburton, but questioned if the community is "infrastructurally" prepared to handle even more visitors as a result of expanded outreach.

Tourism growth is mirrored by construction values across the County which exceed \$20 million in 2021 so far. That means proposed jobs such as an economic development coordinator should maintain a holistic view of growth in the County, said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

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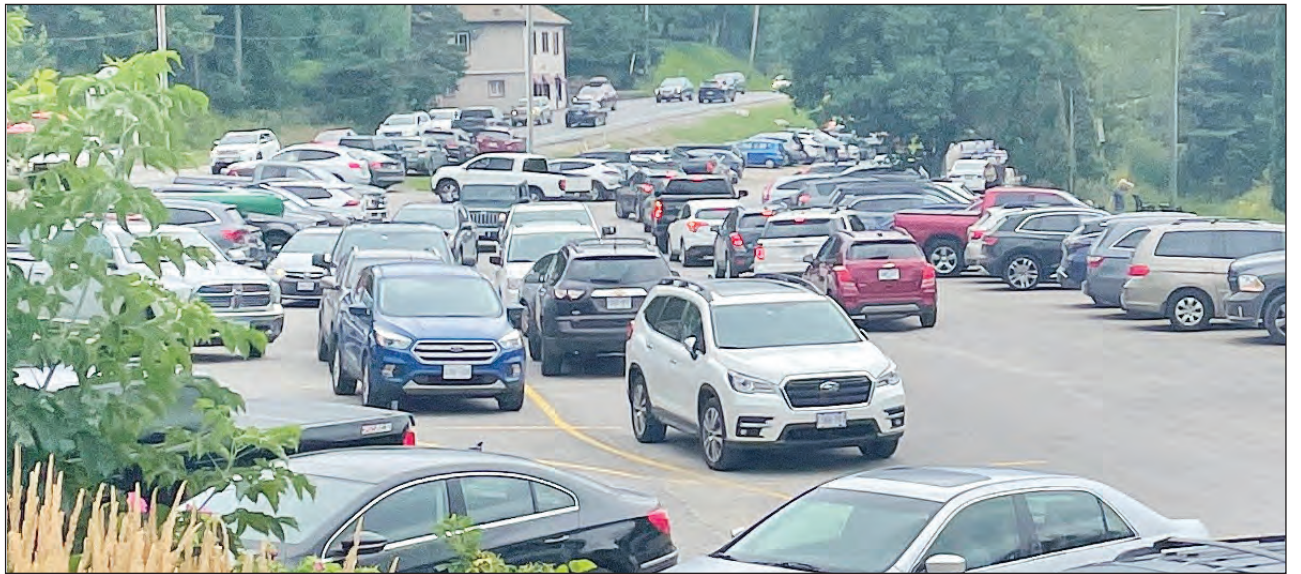


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The Head Lake boat launch parking lot, pictured on Aug. 17, regularly reaches capacity on busy summer weekends or Tuesday during the Haliburton Farmers Market. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

Devolin: it's about 'designing a path'

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"Economic development is not just about getting more, it's about designing a path, and all of the elements that dovetail with it," he said.

The County's destination management plan, built in partnership with MMGY NextFactor tourism consulting firm, charts the course for tourism development over a five-year period.

Along with ideas for improving local tourism, the strategy proposes

new County tourism positions such as the economic development office and content creator.

"How can we remind ourselves that the destination management plan isn't a tourism plan?" asked Moffatt. "It's a community development plan."

The County is currently searching for a new director of tourism. They'll be tasked with bringing on an economic development officer and content creator if the County's new grant

application is accepted.

"There's no doubt that this discussion is leading us to the thought that we need to look at this from all aspects of our operations and municipal operations," said Warden Liz Danielsen.

"I really am looking forward to hiring our economic development officer and our tourism position to help with a lot of this work."



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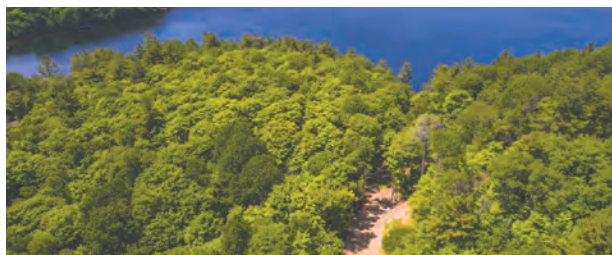
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Left: Conservative candidate Jamie Schmale. Right: Liberal candidate Judi Forbes. *File*

THE HIGHLANDS VOTES

Highlands voters go to the polls

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County voters are headed back to the federal election polls less than two years after they last cast their ballots.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau dissolved Parliament Aug. 16, setting up a snap Sept. 20 election.

In what is shaping up to be a replay of 2019 in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Conservative incumbent Jamie Schmale will again face Liberal, Judi Forbes.

The Green Party candidate is Angel Godsoe. No other party had announced a candidate as of press time.

The Highlands convincingly re-elected Schmale on Oct. 21, 2019, with 49.2 per cent of the vote. His nearest competitor was Forbes, whose party formed a minority government. Forbes had 25.9 per cent of the vote. The NDP's Barbara Doyle received 14.7 per cent; Green Elizabeth Fraser 8.3 per cent and the People's Party of Canada's Gene Balfour 1.9 per cent.

Schmale is seeking to be a third-term member of parliament.

Addressing election timing, he said, "I don't think too many people in Canada really wanted an election now."

He cited reasons such as the pandemic,

forest fires burning in certain parts of Canada and the situation in Afghanistan.

He added while the Conservatives were unsure of an election date leading up to this past Sunday, they had heard rumblings quite often from inside the Liberal party so are ready.

Responding to criticism over election timing, Forbes said if Trudeau had known Afghanistan was going to enter into crisis the day he made his announcement, he might have handled it differently.

However, she said "it is a good time to call an election".

"During the last 17 months, we've had a once in a generation crisis. The last time Canada had a real crisis like this was probably during the Second World War."

She said in 2019, the country was talking about issues that were key for the time but there are new issues now that need to be discussed.

How to vote

• **At an advance polling station:** Advance polls will be Sept. 10-13. You'll find the address and times on your voter information card, online or from Elections Canada.

• At your riding's Elections Canada office:

You can vote even earlier at an Elections Canada office (every riding has one), until Sept. 14. You will need to complete a special ballot application, which you can get online or at your local Elections Canada office.

• **On election day:** You can register to vote ahead of time or at your polling station when you go to vote. Bring proof of identity and address.

• **By mail:** You will have to complete a special ballot application. This also applies to students who might be living on campus and away from home. Once your application is accepted, you will be mailed a special ballot voting kit. Follow the instructions and return your ballot using the pre-addressed return envelope provided. Make sure your vote makes it to Elections Canada by election day at 6 p.m. ET, or it won't be counted. If you're worried about the deadline, those voting from within their riding have the option to drop their completed special ballot off at their assigned polling station, or at any other polling location in their riding, on election day.

COUNTY NEWS

Shoreline survey

An online survey seeks the public's input about shoreline development controls in Haliburton.

Available until Aug. 22 on the County of Haliburton's website, the survey asks a mix of multiple choice and short answer questions that allow people to voice concerns, suggest ideas or indicate how potential rules would impact their lives.

It's part of the extensive consultation work currently underway by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. (HESL) and J.L. Richards & Associates Limited, who are diving into the contentious issue of shoreline management in Haliburton.

According to the survey's introduction, it's intended to "collect perspectives on waterbodies, waterbody health, waterfront development and shoreline preservation generally."

Earlier in the summer, councillors voted to extend the public consultation aspect of the companies' proposed work plan. That means engagement elements such as a recent town hall, stakeholder meetings and the survey will be paired with a second round of public consultation which will focus on how a shoreline bylaw can balance residents' concerns.

The consultants will provide the County a work update in August before delivering a final report, including bylaw suggestions, in October. To access the survey, visit haliburtoncounty.ca/en/news/draft-shoreline-tree-bylaw-survey.

Vaccine policy for HSAD

Fleming College said Aug. 13 it is implementing a vaccination policy for the Fall 2021 semester.

It means everyone, including students, staff, faculty and visitors, will be required to have received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Sept. 7, 2021, and second dose by Oct. 20, 2021, in order to access the programs and activities on Fleming campuses.

"This policy will not impact the current plan for in-person and online program delivery for the September semester," the college said. *(News briefs compiled by Sam Gillett and Lisa Gervais).*

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The entrance of Glebe Park. Photo by Sam Gillett.

'Incredible' summer for Glebe Park facilities

By Sam Gillett

COVID-19 hasn't hampered a flurry of renovations and trail extensions as well as busy foot and bike traffic at Glebe Park and its facilities.

A number of projects are underway: renovated sign kiosks; an accessible path to the washroom; newly-painted signage; the installation of a bear proof garbage can, fixing up the forested viewing platform and more.

On Aug. 12, the Glebe Park and Museum Committee also approved the building of a new flowing mountain bike trail branching off the existing trail system.

"It's so nice to see us planning and then work getting done - that's fantastic," said committee member Jim Blake.

Blake, also the curator of the park's Sculpture Forest, said he's noticed an

increase in visitors to the park. "Attendance has been incredible," he said. "It's almost impossible to keep the brochure boxes full."

That's a trend mirrored in Mike Darlington's report from the Haliburton Mountain Bike Club, which maintains and uses the extensive trail system. According to him, membership has doubled since last season.

The Haliburton Highlands Museum also reopened its doors July 16. Director Kate Butler said visitors "breathe life back into the place."

The committee will explore hosting an in-person meeting in the late fall, to share updates and chat about the park's future.

Board member and Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said hearing about the park's use and renovations is "uplifting."

"I just love hearing the positive, fabulous things we're doing."

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Beloved pup found in Highlands East

By Sam Gillett

Opal has been found.

That message meant a wave of relief for Claudia Woodruff, whose nine-month old Australian Shepherd had been taken, along with a pickup truck, from Port Perry on Aug. 11.

"You hear about stories like this and you don't think this would happen to you," Woodruff said.

But Opal is home safe after being found in Highlands East, along with the silver pickup truck, by Haliburton Highlands OPP officers on Aug. 16.

"To finally hear the words that we found your dog, she's okay [that] was like the best news I've ever heard," Woodruff said.

The news came after a long, stressful and intensive search for the family's puppy, who Woodruff said is "the love of their lives. She's the love of a lot of people's lives!"

Her partner, Gavin Bergsma, was visiting a job site in Port Perry while Opal sat in the truck nearby. He had left the truck on with air conditioning going for Opal, due to the heat. He looked away for a brief moment and someone had hopped in the truck and driven off.

That sparked a nearly Ontario-wide search, with people sharing posts about Opal on Facebook and Woodruff's family and friends searching everywhere from North Bay to Bancroft to Belleville.

"We went everywhere," Woodruff said.

The search effort also went online. Her



Opal, Claudia Woodruff and her partner Gavin Bergsma's Australian Shepherd, was taken on Aug. 11 in Port Perry. Photo from Facebook.

posts were shared and copied more than 10,000 times on Facebook, in community groups, lake association pages and lost dog networks. She recounts how many people messaged offering to help by sharing posts, putting up signs or driving around to search for her.

"We're extremely grateful to the public for doing this because that's the reason she was found," she said.

Someone reported seeing the truck in Haliburton County, presumably because of the widely shared photographs online.

Over a thousand people on Facebook chimed in to celebrate Opal's safe return.

"We did have a happy ending and unfortunately not everybody gets a happy ending."

That's why Woodruff urges people to share missing dog posts on social media

"If you see a missing dog post on Facebook, just take the second to share it and maybe that can bring somebody's dog home."

A 31-year-old from Clarington has been charged with possession of property obtained by crime and was due to appear in court for a bail hearing Aug. 17.

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ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Dorset Tower to remain shuttered for 2021

Despite the province being in step three of the roadmap to reopening plan, Algonquin Highlands council has stuck to its original decision to keep the Dorset Tower closed for the fall of 2021.

Director of public works, Chris Card, said the emergency operations centre met Aug. 11 to discuss the tower once again.

Card said the township could have reopened the site and the tower itself with limited capacity.

However, he said with the fall colour season looming and anticipated larger crowds, there would be challenges, including managing vehicles and people.

Card said OPP, which traditionally supply off-duty officers and cruisers, have indicated they would be hard-pressed, although they would do the best they could. He told council at its Aug. 12 meeting he was also still reaching out to third party providers for traffic and people management.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said that in the face of all of the challenges, and unknowns about the future of COVID-19, "it is just not the wisest time to try to reopen."

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux agreed, saying, "it sounds like a perfect storm, frankly."

She also inquired about blocking off the parking lot from people even stopping.

Coun. Lisa Barry said it would be a "different animal" if it was the beginning of summer, but it is mid-August. "Going into the peak season is just asking for trouble."

Mayor Carol Moffatt said there were stories including people propping a picnic table against the gate to climb over it and access the site. She said it continued on from past issues of people disobeying OPP, fistfights, charges being laid, and somebody even driving a vehicle through the barrier.

She suggested that going forward, the township should explore timed entry ticketing. Barry thought that was a good idea to look at for the spring, as did Dailloux and Coun. Julia Shortreed.

Shortreed said, "it's a sad day and terrible decision to have to make."



The Dorset Tower will remain closed. *File.*

Money for HVAC upgrades

Card announced that the township had been successful in getting \$100,000 in funding to upgrade HVAC at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

The money comes from the federal and provincial governments under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

He said the upgrade would help with air recirculation in times of COVID-19 and future pandemics.

He said it will also tie in to the recently-discovered mould problem at the centre.

Hybrid council meetings

Council voted to spend approximately \$21,500, from modernization funding, to prepare the council chambers for future hybrid meetings.

County director of IT, Mike March, brought a report to the meeting.

In it, he addressed options so that when council is allowed to meet in-person again, and have people in the public gallery, it can still livestream meetings to the general public which can also be recorded for future public viewing.

After a lengthy discussion, the councillors voted for a Zoom format, with TV, one central camera and microphones, with the ability to add on to hardware and software if needed.

Moffatt said they will be able to maintain full public access to their discussions and can build upon that in future if needed.

Flyby for cottagers' 75th

Council approved a request from the Halls Hawk Lake Property Owners Association (HHLPOA) for a possible Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) flyby at its AGM and founders' brunch on Sept. 4, 2021 at Elvin Johnson Park.

In a letter to Moffatt, D'Arcy Le Neveu said he is working on getting a C-130 Hurricane or CH-146 Griffon Tac Helicopter for the celebration event to mark the HHLPOA's 75th anniversary.

"RCAF has our request and we will only know about 10 days before if we will get a flyby, largely dependent on other needs for the aircraft at the time," he said.

Le Neveu added if it is to happen, the RCAF requires a letter from the mayor or town council supporting the flyby.

AH to research land acknowledgements

Algonquin Highlands committed to researching an appropriate land acknowledgement at the council meeting.

The County is also pursuing a land acknowledgement.

Moffatt asked for the item to be placed on the agenda, saying, "the time has come for us to consider a land acknowledgement."

She said she'd like to see some research done to provide some context for Algonquin Highlands. She added there could be an educational component crafted for the township and a shorter actual acknowledgement to be read before meetings.

Danielsen said when she attended a recent Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus meeting, the issue was raised and she was "ashamed" that the County was not doing anything so is pleased lower-tier municipalities are also coming onboard.

Dailloux called for education on the website and Barry asked that there be Indigenous elder input. CAO Angie Bird said there would be upcoming Indigenous sensitivity training offered by Highlands East.

Rangers hit the trails

Rangers are back on the trails in Algonquin Highlands this summer.

The Stewardship Youth Ranger (SYR) program provides paid work experience, personal development, skills and training in a community setting for students aged 16 and 17 who want to expand their commitment to natural resource stewardship.

AH has been among the communities chosen for the SYR program for several years. The AH teams are managed by the parks, recreation and trails department. Each SYR team consists of a team lead and four rangers. Work terms are 12 weeks and eight weeks respectively.

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(Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais and Lisa Harrison)

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OPP NEWS



Two charged with impaired

Haliburton Highlands OPP say they've charged two drivers with impaired-related offences.

On Aug. 13, at 3:19 a.m., they said they responded to a single motor vehicle collision on Kennisis Lake Road in Dysart et al.

As a result of that investigation, a 33-year-old Markham man was charged with failure or refusal to comply with demand.

On Aug. 14, at 8:41 p.m., officers responded to a fail to remain collision on Tusk Trail in Dysart et al. They said officers attended the scene and located the involved vehicle a short time later. As a result of that investigation, a 21-year-old Georgina man was charged with operation while impaired - alcohol and operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused are scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden, on Oct. 6, 2021. Their driver's licences were

also suspended for 90 days and the vehicles impounded for seven days.

Motorcycle collision

OPP said they are also investigating a serious single motor vehicle collision involving a motorcycle.

On Aug. 14, at 10:19 p.m., officers responded to the motorcycle accident on Deep Bay Road in Minden Hills.

The male driver was transported to local hospital with life-altering injuries and later transported to a Toronto area trauma centre.

Technical Collision Investigation officers attended the scene and the road has since reopened.

This investigation is still ongoing and further information will be released when it becomes available.

Anyone with dash camera footage or other information related to this incident is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or the Haliburton Highlands Detachment at 705-286-1431. (OPP news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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

DATE: MONDAY, August 30, 2021

TIME: 10:30 AM

LOCATION: Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a virtual meeting.

To participate: Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588. Enter Meeting ID 913 4971 9571 and Passcode: 654382

Join the meeting using a computer or smart phone at: <https://zoom.us/j/91349719571?pwd=SkN4NEhNMVc4dS9hTdTdRVDA1MDVhZz09>

Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/Oq3luqFMqEI>

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by Friday August 27th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 10:00 AM. Participants registering after 10:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider minor variance applications PLMV2021041, PLMV2021044, PLMV2021045 and PLMV2021048 and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications for Public Hearing are listed below:

PLMV2021041 – Part Lot 15, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 2994 Deep Bay Road (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a 75.81 sq. m. (816 sq. ft.) detached garage on the subject property in the front yard to an existing dwelling. The variance sought would allow for a reduction in the required 15 m. (49.21 ft.) setback from the front lot line as per Section 4.1.3 (b) and Section 5.2 to 10.06 m. (33 ft.) for the proposed detached garage.

PLMV2021044 – Part Lot 16, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1891 Rackety Trail; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a 115.4 sq. m. (1242 sq. ft.) addition to an existing dwelling, together with two attached decks, being 8.36 sq. m (90 sq. ft.) and 11.1 sq. m (120 sq. ft.), respectively. The variance sought would allow for a lateral extension of the dwelling, having a high water mark setback of 18.9 m. (62 ft.) to both the dwelling and nearest attached deck, whereas 23 metres (75.4 feet) is otherwise required, as per Section 5.2; and whereas no increase in the extent of a non-complying building or structure is otherwise permitted by Section 4.8.4 (i). As proposed, the proposed addition and decks would maintain existing development setbacks.

PLMV2021045 – Part Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1018 Pottery Drive; and located on Mountain Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a detached 83.2 sq. m. (896 sq. ft.) 1.5 storey garage, as well as the reconstruction of an existing dwelling and waterfront deck. The variance sought for the garage would allow for 1.5 storeys and an interior side yard setback of 1.3 m. (4.25 ft.), whereas otherwise a maximum of one-storey is permitted and a side yard setback of 2 m. (6.5 ft.) is required. The variance sought for the new 207.4 sq. m. (2,232 sq. ft.) dwelling would permit a setback of 9.6 m. (31.4 ft.) from the High Water Mark (HWM), whereas otherwise in accordance with Sections 4.8.4 (i) and (iv), an increase in extent and size for a building or structure located within 15 m. (49.2 ft.) of the HWM is not permitted. The new dwelling as proposed would maintain the current setbacks of the existing dwelling. The application would also permit the reconstruction and cantilevered expansion of a waterfront deck currently setback 7.7 m. (24.9 ft.) to the HWM to have a setback of 6.7 m. (21.9 ft.) to the HWM.

PLMV2021048 – Part Lot 17, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden Hills; municipally known as 1180 Gravel Pit Drive; and located on Canning Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the reconstruction of an existing dwelling and construction of a new detached garage with an upper-level sleeping cabin. The variance sought for the reconstructed 113.3 sq. m. (1,220 sq. ft.) dwelling would allow for an increase in height of 2.6 m. (8.5 ft.), whereas otherwise only 1.2 m. (3.9 ft.) is permitted, as per Section 4.8.4 (ii). As proposed, the new dwelling would maintain existing development setbacks. The variance sought for the new 88.4 sq. m. (952 sq. ft.) detached garage with 35 sq. m. (378 sq. ft.) upper-level sleeping cabin would permit a side yard setback of 2.9 m. (9.5 ft.) and rear yard setback of 9.9 m. (32.5 ft.) whereas otherwise Sections 4.1.13 and 5.2 require setbacks of 4.5 m. and 12 m. respectively.

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Recognizing Turtle Island's past

By Sam Gillett

Out of the nearly 20,000 people who live in Gidaaki, I'd estimate few know they do.

That included me, a newcomer, who arrived in what we now know as Haliburton County to work at *The Highlander*.

From Minden to Haliburton to Kinmount, you could travel the County imagining the Highlands were completely empty before settlers arrived in the mid-1800s.

That's why the call for land acknowledgments at County council meetings is an important one.

In July, Warden Liz Danielsen urged council to look into the practice and councillors voted to direct staff to report on the practice.

Algonquin Highlands is also moving ahead after an Aug. 12 meeting.

A land acknowledgement can take different forms but it's a recognition of the indigenous people who came first, often read aloud before meetings and gatherings in institutions across Canada; from city councils to university board of governors meetings to sittings of Parliament.

Haliburton County, and its four municipalities, don't practice land acknowledgments.

Unlike many communities near us such as Ramara or Midland, records of Haliburton's indigenous history are scarce, built upon a more transient tradition of trade routes, hunting expeditions and seasonal

encampments.

However, as people who live in Canada, it's our responsibility to recognize and sit with our Country's painful past and present.

The unmarked graves of more than 5,000 children have been found across Canada this summer. These are children who were often forcibly removed from their parents with the intent of stripping deep cultural traditions and ways of life.

There were no residential schools in Haliburton County. Our federal government did offer an official apology for the manipulative and unfair Williams Treaty of 1923, which saw 20,000 square kilometres (including Haliburton County) signed over to Canada. The apology came 23 years after First Nations groups began litigation in 1992.

It would be inaccurate to say Canada's history of discrimination towards indigenous people doesn't stretch into the present.

While Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promised to end all drinking water advisories by this March in 2015, 51 indigenous communities across Canada still can't drink water from their taps.

County council has a chance to remind themselves, the media and the public of the history of Canada before they discuss shoreline bylaws, short-term rentals and other large challenges facing the area.

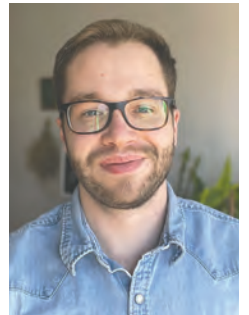
The more we integrate the land's past into our present, the more we can fully

appreciate the cultural fabric of our County. For example, evidence of Huron encampments near Ingoldsby reveal methods of living in harmony with the lakes and rivers of the land. Could knowledge of the centuries of careful use of natural resources encourage landowners today to think twice before clearcutting spruce and pines? Maybe.

Many say land acknowledgements only pay lip service to reconciliation. That can be true. However, on the rocks at Haliburton's Head Lake Park, more than 40 pairs of shoes still sit in remembrance of the children whose graves were discovered. Those shoes are simply a visual, but whenever I walk along the lakefront they also serve as a reminder, prompting me to reflect.

Across Canada, some claim taking down statues, such as those of Sir John A. McDonald, an architect of the residential school system, amounts to erasing history.

Those who hold those views should be especially supportive of land acknowledgements. It's a step in making sure the history of the land is recognized by those we elect to determine its future.



By Sam Gillett

COVID CORNER

The Trifecta ... and 'Delta Plus' and Lambda

Wave four. In Canada we had months of lead time to prepare. Three prior waves to show us the pattern, and the rest of the world to show us the severity of SARSCoV2 variant B.1.617.2 ("Delta," originally identified in India). Asia first, Europe/UK next, then USA and finally us, with about three weeks in between. So, you've got this. You know what to do.

Vaccinate. Test, test, test. Wear a mask.

Says Dr. Larry Brilliant (of global smallpox vaccine fame), "Stay safe. Remember the winning Trifecta: get vaccinated, get tested often and wear a mask indoors. The Delta variant is one of the most infectious viruses in history. Don't underestimate it but don't be paralyzed with fear either. The trifecta wins!"

Respect Delta. The reproductive rate of COVID original strain is about three (one infected person will infect three). For Delta, it's seven to eight, which is why graphs showing community spread and new cases climb vertically. To achieve herd immunity for the original strain - with enough people either previously infected or vaccinated to prevent spread of disease - 70-80 per cent of the population needs to be vaccinated. For Delta, it's estimated that greater than 85 per cent must be vaccinated. To transmit infection for the original strain, prolonged exposure of 15 minutes was needed. For Delta, exposure with an infected individual for five minutes or less will transmit

infection. Delta has two to three days faster transmissibility than the original. Vaccinated people can transmit infection. And Delta is more serious for children.

Kids spread viruses very efficiently. A large Canadian study this week from a public health agency shows that children zero to three years of age are 40 per cent more likely than others in the home to spread SARSCoV2 to household members (they don't mask, cover when cough, wash hands or social distance), although older kids and teens are the most likely to bring infection into the homes.

Children aged 14-17 are responsible for 38 per cent of the first case brought into a home, this study shows. Teens are highly mobile, social, share food and drinks. This demographic is therefore critical to vaccinate to protect those not (yet) eligible for vaccines.

We can protect the youngest by vaccinating everyone around them until the vaccine is authorized for pediatrics. Children are now over 20 per cent of new COVID cases in the U.S. (2.4 per cent of hospitalized COVID patients) and the graph showing daily new pediatric COVID (Delta) hospitalizations goes vertically up, as of July. With over 1,900 admissions of children to hospital registered, that's a recorded 30 per cent increase in children infected with COVID last week.

We in Canada have had plenty of heads

up. The message was delivered in May from India and from Singapore where the health minister announced the Delta strain was affecting children much more than the previous strain, and where their response was to move temporarily to home-based learning while testing every student.

While vaccines reduce severity of illness, hospitalizations and death so far, it is worth noting that experts are tracking Lambda variant (C.37/B1.1.1, first identified in Peru in December 2020) with its two spike protein mutations and the Delta Plus variant (B.1.617.2.1/AY.1, detected in Europe in March 2021) with its mutation (K417N), both of which are at risk of being able to evade the immune response of vaccinated individuals.

While the number of Lambda's new infections may be waning, there is the B1.621 variant first identified in January in Columbia (no Greek name assigned yet) that is being watched with interest.

And as long as a virus is allowed to infect a new person, undergoing cycles of replication, inevitably resulting in mutations, then there will be new variants to watch.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Consistency trumps common sense

Dear editor,

Whether you love or loathe Doug Ford, one must admit that he is consistent - even when he is usually a mile wide, a month late, completely wrong and seldom trustworthy.

These characteristics have been on full display with his handling of the pandemic, particularly the LTC tragedy.

According to Queen's Park figures there have been 33,723 LTC cases and 3,806 deaths since 24 April 2020. Of those appalling numbers, 15,458 cases and 3,793 deaths were residents.

While numbers were surging last autumn, Ford insisted that PPE was readily available and homes just had to ask for more supplies, but front-line staff cried out that they had little protective equipment and were reusing masks and gloves that were on hand.

While the carnage escalated the LTC minister was usually unavailable for press meetings and merely repeated that she was monitoring the situations and consulting with administrators.

Ford was quick to fire his minister of finance over a vacation to St. Barts but stood by the incompetent Marrilee Fullerton, saying that the buck stops with him. When cases were surging among migrant farm workers he erroneously stated that the migrants were hiding and not willing to be tested.

He consistently and proudly stated that his decisions were based on science, but dismissed the warning from his science table when they predicted a surge in April and similarly ignored advice from that table and teachers when they recommended in-class sessions for the last three weeks of school (mainly for socializing and mental health).

Until now he has been ignoring pleas from health authorities and businesses on mandatory vaccinations for front-line workers and teachers and on the need for vaccine passports. He is even ignoring the examples of most premiers to accept the federal offer for \$10 a day daycare subsidies. Yes, he is certainly consistent.

Surprisingly his popularity has remained stable among supporters. Perhaps it is due to his seemingly caring TV persona (without a sign-language assistant). But words do not compensate for clear judgement, proper leadership and well considered actions. Unfortunately, Ontarians must wait one more year before an election.

Dennis Choptiany
Markham/Koshlong Lake

Unvaccinated must bear the consequences

Dear editor,

I read the other day with interest Jack Brezina's column on his perceived selfishness of fellow Canadians who refuse (on other than identified health-

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Tonja Kilpatrick sent this photo captioned 'Roxy loves her canoe rides on Twelve Mile Lake'.

compromising grounds) to be vaccinated.

I wholeheartedly agree with Jack that these folks need both to be identified and also denied certain privileges and freedoms that we have all come to expect.

There is also much talk about non-vaccinated persons being denied work by their employers.

For me, what this illustrates quite starkly is that personal freedom does not come with an absence of responsibility to, or respect for, the rest of humankind and its values.

Here in Canada, one of the most significant 'freedoms' we have is bestowed by our Medicare system - no cost access to essential, quality medical care. It is this system that enables us all to protect ourselves against viruses such as COVID, at no cost and little inconvenience.

So, in snubbing this medical benefit, as Jack rightly points out, those not fully vaccinated not only forego its advantages, but risk over-loading the system's capabilities to the detriment of those in desperate need.

My solution to help persuade those who are 'hesitant' to "roll up their sleeves" (in addition to those measures Jack describes) - deny Medicare benefits to those who require hospitalization from COVID if they have deliberately chosen not to be vaccinated.

This does not mean the medical profession

will not provide services, but at a cost to be borne by the individual. All choices in life result in consequences. I do not, nor do I have any right to, suggest that everyone must get vaccinated - that is for powers far greater than mine. I do though believe it is by far the best choice. The choice not to be vaccinated however must bear consequences commensurate with its potential impact on one's fellow human beings.

John Jackson
Haliburton

Upholding 'informed choice'

Dear editor,

Health agencies have informed the public that SARS-CoV-2 is considered endemic by scientists, that two jabs are just the beginning.

Requirements will be to take the jabs for life, plus to wear masks for life as the jabs cannot stop transmission or keep up with the continually emerging variants.

The virus will never be behind us, exactly like the flu. The flu shot is changed every year to maybe protect against the flu variants of the year. The jabs are treatments only and "may" protect from the more

serious symptoms, but do not stop you catching or transmitting the virus to others.

Many intelligent, well-educated people, including scientists, immunologists, epidemiologists and politicians have raised concerns about the wisdom of mass "vaccination" and long-term consequences. Perhaps it is time to listen to these concerns?

Every time you take a jab you risk an adverse event. What will you do if you cannot take the jab due to health issues? The majority of cases of the virus were mild or asymptomatic without the jab. How have the jabs changed anything? How did a treatment only, involving mRNA technology administered by needle, for an endemic virus, SARS-Cov-2, that cannot be eradicated due to its highly mutable nature become the deciding factor if you can participate in society or not?

More time and thought must be given before making rash public health decisions and not allowing other health strategies. There is no rational behind requiring these jabs be mandatory and a health requirement to be included in society. To uphold informed choice and consent for a medical treatment for SARS-CoV-2 is the right thing to do.

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Highlander business

New owners to resurrect The Rockcliffe

By Lisa Gervais

During a gathering on The Rockcliffe patio Aug. 12, new co-owners Mark Dracup and Dan Gosselin were seated at a picnic table when a former customer strolled over.

"Here's how much I miss Friday at The Rockcliffe," he told them. "About two years ago, it was a day not unlike today. I came outside on a Friday. So, what do I do? I go to the Beer Store and I sit out front and have a few beers."

Dracup chuckled at the story and said, "hopefully in two years, you'll be doing the same thing."

Dracup and his wife, Lise, and Gosselin and his partner, Kirsty Goodearle, are the new owners of Minden's The Rockcliffe.

The group hopes to have the legendary tavern resurrected in 2023.

Last week, they decided to invite former owner Dave Willis and staff back to the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Newcastle Street because they think it's important to let the past mingle with future plans.

Goodearle said it was a case of, "Paying homage to what it was. A legend. Everyone who knows Minden knows The Rockcliffe, right? I think it's really important for us, the new owners, to get a feel of what actually made it legendary and we want to respect that and bring to light everything that was super important back then, what everyone knows about The Rockcliffe, the Hoser burger and the apple fritters, just the random good times, anything goes. We want to do that and the best way is to talk to the old staff."

Their ownership came about when long-time cottager, Dracup, met new cottager Gosselin. On Tuesdays, the wives were away and the two men would take turns feeding each other and having a few drinks. They called them 'Terrible Tuesdays.'

"Many late nights and a lot of booze and The Rockcliffe always came up as a topic," Gosselin said. "Finally, I just said 'can we just go and look at this disaster, so we can

shut up about it'?"

The place had been vacant for about six years.

Dracup had visited it in the past, as much in winter when snowmobiling as in summer and remembered "it was the place. It was the only place. This is what you did."

Gosselin said when they first got their cottage, even before meeting the Dracups, the property had caught his eye due to it being a prime piece of real estate, which "sets the tone for this town." He said with new people flocking to the area, it doesn't set a great tone at the moment. He reckoned, "I can throw a party like anybody else and have a good time."

Dracup said they're very excited and have big plans.

"We're hopeful that we're going to be able to proceed with those plans and our goal is to resurrect not only the building in a new image but also the spirit of The Rockcliffe."

Pending all necessary municipal approvals, they plan to demolish the old building and erect a new one. They have also purchased the former Dollo's site, which is now a vacant parking lot. They hope it will be used by snowmobilers and off-roaders as a staging area, with people spending time at The Rockcliffe.

The plan is for a new bar and restaurant with both casual and higher-end food and drinks and hotel rooms.

There is talk of possible affordable housing units on the former Dollos land.

Willis, who owned The Rockcliffe for 33 years, said after two prior sales in which the owners could not make it work, "they're very serious and it's what the town needs. They need apartments, they need suites, nice fine dining and casual food."

He added, "I wish them nothing but tremendous success. Because right now it's sort of an eyesore and for quite a few years it was quite famous. I was here 33 years and I heard 33 million stories. I think Mark [and the other co-owners] are going to carry on the dream."



Dan Gosselin and Mark Dracup, left, and right, share a joke with a former Rockcliffe customer. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Been there, got the T-shirt

It was Willis who came up with the iconic Rockcliffe University and graduating year T-shirt.

When he bought the tavern, he said the existing T-shirt slogan was, 'I'm a Rockcliffe beer nut.'

However, he said shortly after buying the bar in 1977, he was hauled in by the Liquor Board and told the word beer on the shirts was offensive. He said he pointed out to them their retail outlets were called Beer Stores. "And they said, oh, that's different."

He said he asked about calling it The Rockcliffe University and they said "sure." On the drive home, he thought it would be great to add a graduating year with new

T-shirts every year.

"And it just took off. Over eight years, I sold over \$250,000 in clothing until it fell down to \$200,000."

He said he wore a 1981 version of the T-shirt to Ontario Place and 20 people came up to him because they recognized the name. He said he saw one in Johannesburg and knows they are in Fiji and Jamaica.

"It's a people meter."

He said he bought the bar at a good time, when "the people were breaking loose and it was a great social. They were lined up to get in at 7 at night. Countless how many people said they met their wife or husband here. I was always saying, 'I bet you wish you hadn't come in that night'."

See more at therockcliffe.ca, or [therockcliffeminden](https://www.instagram.com/therockcliffeminden) on Instagram.

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Karen Hague at Art on the Dock 2021. *File.*

Kennisis Lake supports arts education in the Highlands

Every year since 2015, the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association and the arts community on Kennisis Lake have donated a portion of their proceeds from the Art on the Dock art tour to the Artists in the Schools and Community (AITSC) program.

This year, the lake association donated \$8,000, the largest amount to date, according to Pat Martin of the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands.

The AITSC program is a community-based program of the Arts Council. It promotes arts education opportunities for people of all ages by: exposing elementary students to a variety of art forms with in-class instruction by local artists; collaborating with the Youth Hub and other organizations to provide community-based arts programs for youth; providing training programs to artists and artisans to further their skills; and providing seniors with social and health benefits with creative and

accessible arts programs.

Martin said that prior to COVID-19, the AITSC program worked with local elementary schools to provide rich, in-class, arts-based programs to stimulate interest and creativity, while enhancing the curriculum.

"The Arts Council hopes this program can continue once schools are back to normal business," she said.

In the meantime, the AITSC committee has been working to expand the program to offer opportunities to seniors and youth. The committee collaborates with the Youth Hub and other agencies to offer arts-based programming to the broader community.

Martin said, "The Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands would like to thank the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association and the artists on the Art on the Dock art tour for their generosity and belief in the value of arts education." (Lisa Gervais).

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Highlander environment

High schooler nails new logo

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School art student Colleen Petric feels “very privileged” that her logo has been chosen as the face of Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. Her design was recently selected by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for its newest reserve. Petric, who is a student of Karen Gervais, said she was also “honoured” that her logo was chosen since she knew the late Leopoldina Dobrzensky, whose family donated land for Barnum Creek. The student said it was the first time that someone had reached out to her about a graphic design opportunity and that her design was chosen. She added she underestimated the amount of hard work that goes into a project such as this. She said Gervais gave her the opportunity in November, 2020. “I was presented with some guidelines - trees, Barnum Creek Nature Reserve as text, and a creek or a trail. When I initially began planning, [the chosen] layout automatically came to mind. I really liked the circle outline so I kept with this concept. There were a lot of revisions regarding



The Barnum Creek Nature Reserve logo (inset) created by high schooler, Colleen Petric. File. the colours, layout, font, and items in the logo. Most of the changes were small, but they really made a difference. Some revisions had rocks, a different style of trees, and a blue sky. However, this was the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's favourite one.” Petric said she visited Barnum Creek during spring break in April but is looking forward to returning when signage with her logo is in place. The Land Trust’s Joan Duhaime said while HHLT has a recognized logo, each of its public properties, Dahl Forest and Barnum Creek Nature Reserve, now has a unique logo which will be used in conjunction with the familiar HHLT logo. “Colleen has captured the essence of Barnum Creek Nature Reserve in her combination of lines and colours,” Duhaime said. Visitors will find both logos on new signs on Gelert Road indicating directions to the reserve. It will also be used on future brochures and signage as well.



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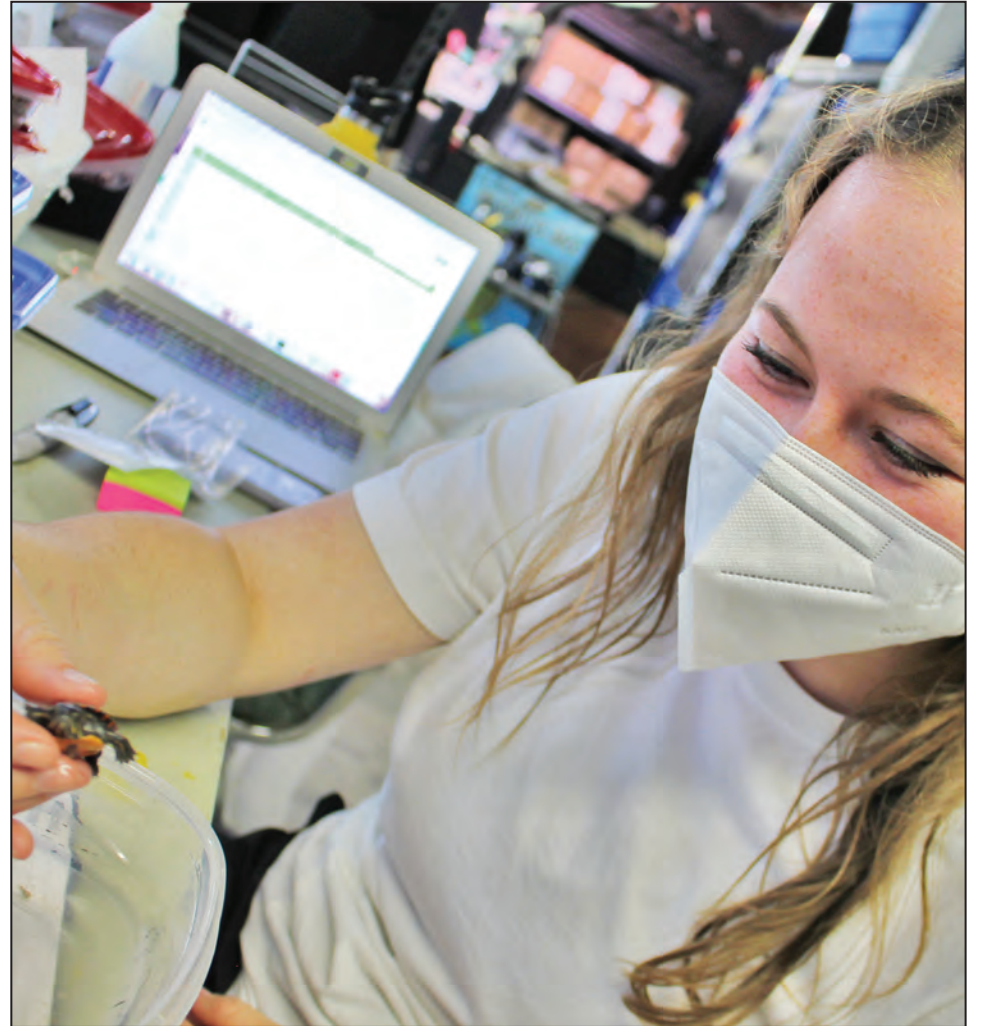
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Busy year for turtles

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton's Mother of Turtles said it's been a "chaotic, wonderful, challenging, and extremely busy" season to date for the Turtle Guardians.

Speaking at a volunteer appreciation barbecue on Aug. 14, The Land Between's Leora Berman said her 30 staff and more than 560 volunteers continue to work hard to try to give Haliburton, City of Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough turtles a fighting chance against being run over by vehicles and climate change.

After harvesting more than 5,500 eggs this year, hatchlings were on display.

Berman said she and her staff have never worked so hard.

"And it hasn't let up."

She said they put extra effort into raising the organization's profile this year, which included giving volunteers high-visibility vests, putting three PT cruisers on the road

and purchasing billboards along high kill site roads.

She said people seem to be more aware.

However, she said all of these measures are still only giving turtles a .24 per cent chance of survival into adulthood, versus .06 per cent without help.

"That's why everyone needs to be a turtle hero. Every single person needs to adopt a turtle, save a turtle."

The Turtle Guardians are also looking for a new home.

Berman said the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association has been wonderful in providing rental space on their property at the fish hatchery but the Guardians' needs have expanded.

"We've grown really quickly, doubled in size in one year due to demand, awareness, conservation becoming a greater priority and people really getting the message about climate change."

Left: Leora Berman holds a baby Blanding's Turtle. Right: Kristyn Bennett with hatchlings. Photos by Lisa Gervais.



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Highlander outdoors

Helping kids set sail across the County

By Sam Gillett

A few times a week, kids from around Haliburton County can be spotted speeding across the waters of Twelve Mile Lake near Minden.

They're sailing; often sitting on the front of the boat, and sometimes hoisting the sails themselves as they cut through wind and water.

Robin Carmount has been the director of The Haliburton County Youth Sailing Association since it began in 2019, and he's looking to add to his group of dedicated volunteers to provide what he says is an important service to County youth.

"It's one of those cool things that they can tell their friends about," the police officer said.

Volunteers don't need to know how to sail (though it's recommended) to impact kids' lives through the association. In fact, Carmount himself is still, literally, learning the ropes.

"I'm a YouTube learner, just learning on my own," he said with a smile in front of the Red Umbrella Inn. Volunteers can help with everything from car rides to supervising kids on shore.

Gesturing towards the water, he marvels at the community support the group receives. Cottage associations donated boats and Haliburton Home Hardware provided a fridge filled with snacks from Haliburton Foodland. Carmount points to

his sailing association shirt, donated by COHO Apparel. The inn lets the club use an outbuilding as a storage spot. They also rent out a sailboat to guests, the proceeds going directly back to fund the young sailors.

"It's totally community driven," Carmount said. And he added that community investment pays off on the water, as kids learn valuable skills and face their fears.

One of the kids got to pilot a Laser, a one-person dinghy, by themselves after practicing for a summer. "That's a huge achievement. I'm pretty sure the year before he never would have thought he would be sailing a sailboat by himself," Carmount said.

Another young girl fearful of the water and the possibility of storms ended up sitting on the front of a boat with "no fear at all."

"I just like to see the look on their face when they come here every week," Carmount said.

Charting a course to Highlands East

The sailing club is expanding. Carmount said that some kids who live in Highlands East want to participate, but the lengthy drive makes that difficult. "So, what we've done is bring the sailing to them."

That's where Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton got involved.



Robin Carmount and a crew of volunteers go to the Red Umbrella Inn two times a week to teach kids how to captain their crafts. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Burton volunteered his dock on Wilbermere to store a sailboat which might soon be piloted by nearby children.

"I think: what an opportunity for our youth here and throughout the County," Burton said. He said he was glad to move one of his own boats out of the way to make room for the club, and hopes many kids take advantage of the program.

Being out on the water, said Burton, can be a therapeutic experience.

"I think just the quiet, the wind hitting against their sails, the water splashing

against the boat: all of it."

Carmount said the Highlands East location will serve a community of kids which sometimes "get left behind."

"I think it's a really cool thing for kids to learn over there," he said.

That's why he's inviting volunteers to join up, giving kids the gift of time on the water and the chance to learn new skills along the way.

Those interested in volunteering can contact Robin Carmount by email at mindoverwater2019@gmail.com.

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Highlander weekend



Classic boats make a splash

Jeff Papiez and Greg Freeman of Soyers Lake, who own a 1961 18-foot Greavette Sheerlinger, organized a classic and antique wooden boat rendezvous on their five lake chain. The boats were from Canadian and American builders, such as Greavette, Shepherd and Chris Craft, ranging in ages from the early 1930s to 1960s. The lunch time pit stop was held at the Head Lake boat ramp gazebo. "Each boat represents a piece of Canadian and American boat building history from an era gone by," Papiez and Freeman said. "Having these boats here is something you don't see everyday." (Lisa Gervais)

Top: Krista and George South with their 1938 Chris Craft. Left: Greg Freeman and Jeff Papiez with their 1961 Greavette. Top Right: Lucas Vickery examines the engine of this 1938 Chris Craft. Bottom Right: The interior cabin of one of the boats. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

Highlander weekend



A lazy float and tackling whitewater

Aug. 14 and 15 provided perfect conditions for a lazy float down the Gull River in Minden. Meanwhile, the Minden Whitewater Preserve was the place to be Aug. 14 and 15 as adult paddlers strutted their stuff on the Gull River. *(Lisa Gervais).*

Left and centre right: Sun-seekers float down the Gull River. Top and bottom right: These paddlers work hard to get through gates on the course. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

Highlander community

Accessibility grant to help Legion 'flourish'

By Sam Gillett

The Haliburton Legion will soon start work on more than \$100,000 of renovations to improve their building's accessibility.

New washrooms, ramps, power doors and an elevator are all in the works thanks to a federal accessibility grant.

President Don Pitman said features such as elevators will get a lot of use from members.

"The majority of folks who come through our front door would use the elevator if we had it here," Pitman said. "If we did have it, we'd have lots of seniors who could go between floors."

To comply with the grant's guidelines, all work must be completed within a two-year window. The money almost didn't come at all: the Legion's application was initially denied before Pitman received word it was actually approved this summer.

"It was great news after two years of nothing happening because of COVID," he said. Now the Legion will work with an architect to draft plans for the work, before seeking tradespeople to complete each part of the renovation.

Member of Parliament, Jamie Schmale, who was on hand to celebrate the grant, said the renovations will further the Legion's important work within the community.

"This is fantastic news not just for the Legion but for the community as a whole. It is a hub for this area and people come here



MP Jamie Schmale and Haliburton Legion President Don Pitman stand outside the Legion on August 16. Photo by Sam Gillett.

for a variety of reasons," he said. "Without these upgrades it did exclude a significant portion of the population: they just weren't able to participate fully."

Aside from making the building more welcoming to people who need accessibility accommodations, Pitman said

the renovations mean the group can host functions more efficiently and improve events. He gives the example of an elevator allowing easier transportation of food and drinks during social events. "Right now, our staff have to lug it up the stairs," he said.

As well, washroom accessibility will

also mean a facelift for the ageing facility: "that's a win in both ways."

All the work, said Pitman, aims at making the space even more of a "community hub."

"We want this Legion to grow and flourish," he said.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

As summer winds down and the school year starts, it is time to remind parents and students about back-to-school safety.

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- Stay in your seat when riding on a bus, never put your head, arms or hands out the window and hold on to bus handrails when getting on and off a bus.

Walking

- Use crosswalks for crossing streets and remember to look left, right, left before crossing. (Children under 10 should cross with the assistance of a grown-up.)
- Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.
- If your children are young or are walking to a new school, walk with them the first week or until you are sure they know the route and can do it safely.
- Bright-colored clothing will make your child more visible to drivers.

Bike

- Wear a helmet every time you ride your bicycle and make sure the helmet fits correctly.
- Ride on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic and use appropriate hand signals.
- Always walk your bicycle when you need to cross a street.
- Wear bright-colored clothing to increase visibility. White or light-colored clothing is especially important after dark.
- Know the "rules of the road"

Hazardous Waste Collection Event

The next Household Hazardous Waste collection event is **Saturday, September 11, 2021** at the Scotch Line Landfill from 8am to 11:30am. Please visit mindenhills.ca/landfill for a list of accepted items.

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(Virtual) Council Meetings

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

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:
August 26
Regular Council Meeting
September 9
Regular Council Meeting

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

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

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

Highlander community



Kids express what belonging means to them

The Good Hood Project brought together a group of more than 20 children from community housing in Minden to paint rocks Aug. 4. The theme of the painting was, "what belonging means to them." The project team then placed the rocks next to the Logger's Bridge for all to see and enjoy. The team invites other children from the community to add to the collection of brightly painted rocks. Pictured are team researchers Johanna Cartan (left) and Ashley Kasepчук (right). (Lisa Gervais).



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School was cool

SIRCH's School's Cool kicked off its four-week program July 19 at six schools located throughout the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. The program helps prepare children for kindergarten by giving them the skills and confidence they need to succeed. This year the program also welcomed kids who were heading into senior kindergarten or Grade 1, to help bridge the learning gap created by the pandemic. During the program, participants were in the same cohort and SIRCH Community Services followed all COVID protocols as outlined by the Ministry of Health COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for day camps. (Lisa Gervais).

Top: Left to right: Watson, Harlow and Scarlett think school is cool. Bottom left: Asher Young enjoys a snack. Bottom right: Kate Moss with the children. Photos submitted.

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Highlander sports



Preparing the next generation of Olympians

With recent strong performances by four Olympians in Tokyo, the Minden Whitewater Preserve said it's preparing the next generation. It hosted a youth slalom training session and simulation race Aug. 14 and 15. There were 15 to 20 young boys and girls using the gates from Whitehorse Falls to above Otterslide. (Lisa Gervais).

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Sports hall of fame

Walker brought smarts and leadership to the rings

By Sam Gillett

For Jake Walker, curling means strategy. It means balancing big picture goals and razor-sharp precision.

Now, the national junior champion who's represented Canada abroad is among the first inductees to the new Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame.

"Obviously, it really is a great honour," Walker said. "I'm very appreciative of the support that I've had throughout my career from the Haliburton County community."

Walker began his curling journey at the Minden Curling Club at eight years of age.

"The Minden Curling Club was extremely supportive of basically helping me have the tools to grow as a kid, to learn what the sport was," Walker said.

From Minden, Walker's curling career took a turn when he was offered a position on a team from Woodville, Ontario. Over time, he grew into his favourite position in the game, skip.

That's the key role in a curling team, responsible for directing teammates and throwing pivotal shots.

"Being in that position is really not easy. It's kind of where I got to flex my strength the most," Walker said. He mentions how curling requires "mental toughness": the ability to persevere through intense stress and pressure on the rink.

"Mental toughness is maybe 80 per cent of how good teams do well," said the curler.

It's likely that quality came in handy at

the Canadian Junior Championship in 2010, where Walker's team won gold.

"It was incredible. I can think about the game pretty vividly in my memories," Walker said. "It left a strong mark on me. It's a game where me and the team came together and acted as a team the whole time."

Walker also travelled to Switzerland to compete for Canada in the World Junior Championships, bringing home bronze. Throughout his early career he trained daily for multiple hours, perfecting shots on the rink.

At The University of Waterloo, where he studied engineering, he won the athlete of the year award in 2014.

For now, with a family and busy professional life managing products for an artificial intelligence company in Waterloo, competitive curling is on hold.

"My professional career now has taken over my sports career. I'm okay with that," Walker said.

But he still curls often and a return to throwing stones competitively might still be an option.

"I'm not saying that winning the junior championships was it for me," he said. "I'd love to compete at the highest level possible."

Calling out orders and planning shots on the rink might seem quite different from managing multiple products and technological teams at a tech firm but there are some key similarities.



Jake Walker says curling's complicated strategy is what attracts him to the game. Photos submitted by Jake Walker.

"The translation between what I do now and curling is that one of the skills I have is seeing things from a big picture point of view."

He said the mental side of curling, the strategy and planning helps him execute

complicated product development initiatives within his work.

"I love thinking strategically about everything in my life," said Walker. "The strategy of curling is so complicated and it's ever-changing."

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HARP ON THE TRAIL

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

Chapter 8: The Quest

The fog of sleep was broken by a stinging pain that spread around Harp's skull like shattered glass. He opened his eyelids and flinched; even that tiny movement seemed to hurt. Thin gray light illuminated the linoleum floor he was lying on and the cracked plaster walls beyond. The room was empty except for some balls of dust and dirt that were coiled against greasy baseboard.

The sound of a deep male voice came from beyond the closed door.

"... A test of your loyalty, eh?"

The Coach! Harp's eyes shot wide.

The smooth, sonorous voice continued.

"They're going to plead with you. They're going to beg you to free them. They're going to try to weaken you. ... And what are you going to do, boy?"

Harp strained to hear the answer but heard only a muffled response. Moments later, a door slammed shut. Harp felt certain that the man known as The Coach had left the premises. He continued to listen as soft footsteps passed by his door.

The detective crawled to his feet. His brain felt like soup and the back of his head was damp. He felt around in his pockets: no gun, no phone, no nothing. He tried the door, but it was locked.

And then he thought: Where's Terry?

"Ben Gall? Are you there?" Harp shouted at the door. "I'm Detective Harry Harp. Is my partner, Constable Terry Becker, safe? Can you tell me that? That's all I want to know."

Silence.

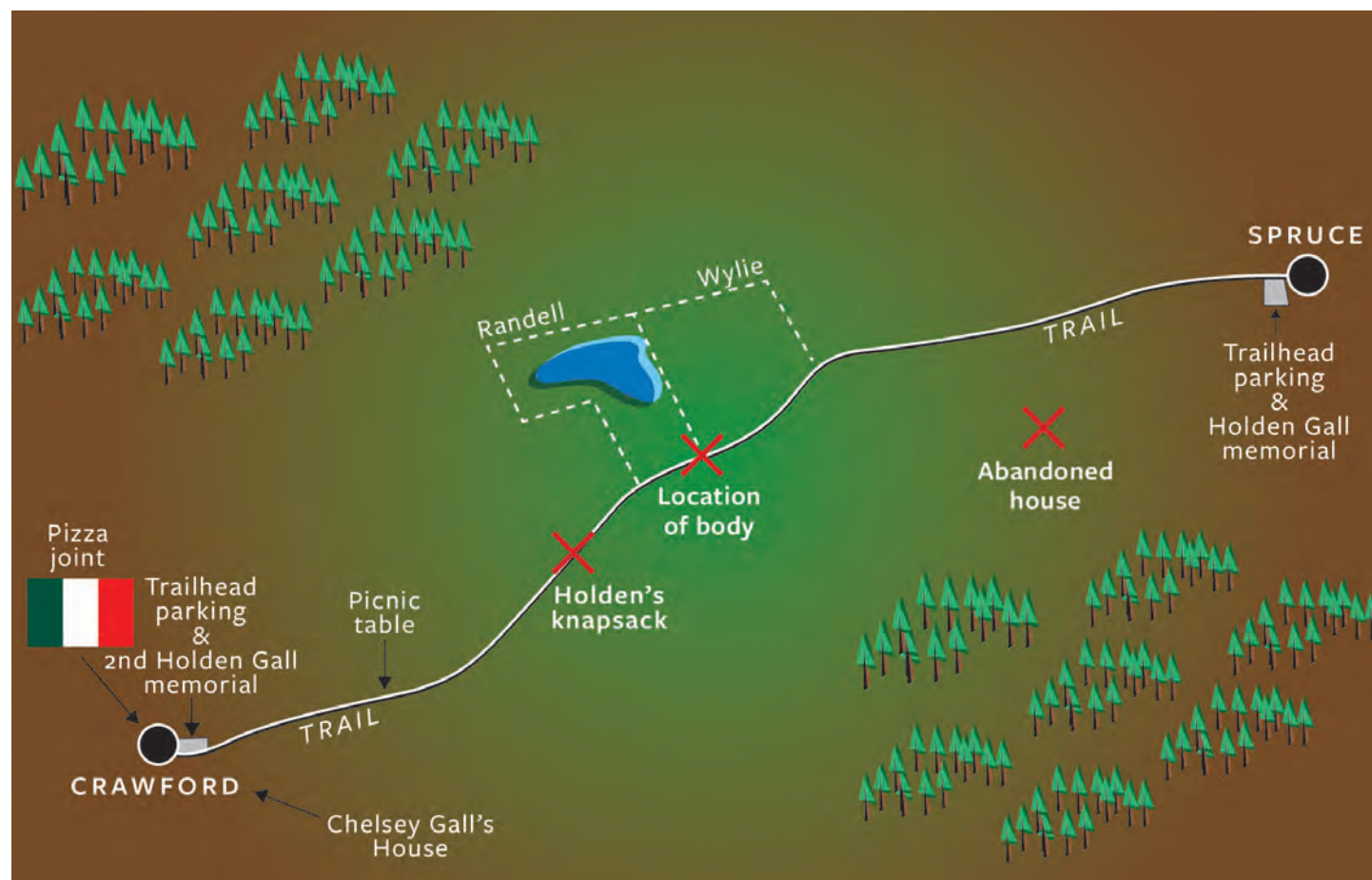
"Ben, listen to me: the man you call The Coach is right. I'm going to try everything I've got to persuade you to open the door. But it's not for me or for my partner that I'm doing it. It's for you."

Harp patted the back of his head, then wiped his blood-covered hand on his pant leg. "Ever since you ran away from home, your little brother's been looking for you. Holden wanted to bring you home. He walked five hours to find you. He knew you were in town, and he was on a quest to rescue you!" Again, Harp heard no response.

"But as you know, Ben. Your little brother Holden died trying."

The detective paused for a second and listened hard. Whoever was on the other side of the door had made a sound. An intake of breath? A stifled cry of emotion? Harp couldn't tell. All he could do was pray that his words were having some effect on the person he hoped was Ben Gall.

"Holden's murder has got me thinking about lines." Harp wiped the sweat off his face. "A straight line is the shortest distance between two points. That's one of the only things I remember from my high school math class." The detective took a few shallows breaths. "Funny thing about lines. They can divide, like a property line. Or the line between right and wrong. But a line can also join things together. Like the line



between two brothers. You can't see it, but it's there. Call it love, call it whatever—but its unbreakable. Holden knew that."

Harp fought back a wave of dizziness.

"The Coach is a criminal, Ben! Get on the right side of the law. This is your last chance."

The detective's eyes shot wide at the sound of a door opening and heavy footsteps moving across the floor.

"So? Was I right?" Harp heard The Coach say.

A young male voice simply answered, "Yup."

From somewhere came the sound of running water; one of them was using the bathroom. But Harp heard another sound, too: the metallic slip of a key in a lock. Someone was unlocking his door! Harp quietly turned the knob, pulled open the door and stuck his head into the hallway. The sound of running water came from around the corner to his left. To his right was another doorway and the young man whose photograph Harp had seen on Holden's investigation board stood in front of it fumbling with the lock. Ben Gall looked up at Harp. He was short and pale and had dark hair like his brother—and he looked terrified. A moment later Becker's head appeared, his face cut and bruised.

Just as Harp realized the running water sound had stopped, a tall man wearing a worn business suit appeared at the opposite end of the hall. He had blonde hair, large bony hands and piercing blue eyes. There

was something magnetic about him—and familiar—and Harp instantly remembered him from his trailhead press conference.

"What do you think you're doing?" said The Coach, sneering, as he flipped back the edge of his jacket revealing a handgun tucked under his belt.

"RUN!" Harp cried as he charged at the man and knocked him to the ground.

Becker grabbed Ben and took off while Harp wrestled with The Coach, but he was no match for the man's strength. The Coach easily flipped Harp onto the floor and landed a punch square on his jaw, then another and another. Nausea and pain flooded the detective's brain and his eyes watered, blurring his vision—but not enough for him to miss seeing the man reach for his gun. With all the force he could muster Harp drove his knee hard into the man's groin. Howling in pain, The Coach fell off balance and Harp shoved him backwards, crawled up and ran.

The smell of the forest wafted through the open front door and Harp stumbled towards it as footsteps pounded behind him. Like an Olympic diver, the detective launched himself off the front steps. Just then, a shot rang out and searing pain exploded in his shoulder—and the last thing he heard before losing consciousness was the growl of an ATV's engine.

The door to the hospital room opened and Becker entered.

"How're you feeling, sir?" he said.

Harp sat up in bed. His shoulder and

head were bandaged, and his face bruised. "Alive. How are you? How's Ben?"

"Thanks to Craig Wylie, we're both fine. He was coming through the woods on his ATV looking for us. Got there just in time."

"And The Coach?"

Becker nodded. "We got him."

The constable crossed to the door.

"There's someone wants to see you."

A moment later, Chelsey and Ben Gall entered.

"We just wanted to thank you," Chelsey said.

Ben reached over to shake hands. Harp lifted his hand and winced in pain.

"How about I shake your hand after this shoulder heals?" he said. "And thank you, Ben. You saved all of us."

"It's the unbreakable line," said the young man. "Just wish I could have told Holden that."

Chelsey hugged her son. "You showed him. By coming home."

A few minutes later, Harp was alone again and staring out the window. The grey morning sky was now a cloudless, shimmering blue.

On the table across his bed was a cup of water, a copy of the local newspaper—and a phone.

The detective picked up the device, punched in a number and waited.

"Brigitte?" He said. "Look, I just wanted to tell you—that I miss you."

Harry Harp listened, and the words he heard on the other end of line made him smile.

ACTIVE LIVING

Soft, and quiet, opening for Minden's new rec centre

By Lisa Gervais

Art and Cherie Wright and Iryna Samofalova and Nick Skyba took to the pickleball courts Aug. 16, making them the first users of the newly-refurbished S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre.

The centre has opened to the public for the first time with people able to book appointments to use the pickleball and basketball courts as well as the walking track.

Director of community services, Craig Belfry, said it was good to finally get the building opened.

"We've worked towards this for so long and to have the window open to be able to do this right now is encouraging. It's good to get the community in here to finally do what they love to do. It's a good day."

Belfry said they were also in the middle of making ice.

He said with the public emerging from almost two years of a global pandemic, and it being mid-August, it was a quiet first day.

"Hopefully as the fall comes we get more uptake. We

know we're getting high demand for the ice, which is good to see."

The fitness room is not yet up and running. A new request for proposals for fitness equipment will come before a September council meeting. Belfry said the other outstanding item is design of the snack bar.

He is encouraging people to book the facilities and ice time.

"It's a little different. You do have to pre-book so we can do contact tracing. But just come on out."

Samofalova gave it two thumbs up, saying "this is so nice. It's gorgeous." And Cherie Wright added, "it is going to get a lot of use."

Pickleball is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Basketball is Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors. The walking track is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free. All activities are offered in one-hour time slots and people must wear clean indoor shoes. Pre-registration is required. See mindenhills.ca/recreation.

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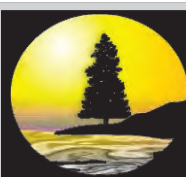
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The Book Nook is back at the Minden library, outdoors, weather permitting. Their fundraising has been greatly curtailed due to COVID-19 so they're hoping for community support to get it going again. As usual, the proceeds go to fund needed equipment and supplies for all County branches. All COVID precautions will be in place. There will be a donation jar rather than the usual charge. They are looking forward to seeing patrons old and new.

Sept. 4 - from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

503 Street Sale Event. The Gooderham Community Action Group will be hosting a street sale. If it is raining, they will hold the event on Sunday, Sept. 5, same times. The spaces in town are first come, first serve and are free. Please bring your own table and chairs. For more information, contact: Denise White/Winder 705-447-2953.

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is reopening. New hours of operation are: Monday 3-7 p.m., Tuesday 3-9 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 3-7 p.m. and Saturday 2-8 p.m. The meat draw resumed July 30 at 4:30 p.m. Summer fun darts resumed July 27. And bingo (max. 84 people) resumed Aug. 11. Mask wearing, social distancing and sign in required. No food or drink allowed from outside but the kitchen is open. Complete details of the menu items can be found at haliburtonlegion.com/bingo. The doors will be open at 5 p.m. and food will be available at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m.

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TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. conducted electronically via web conference.

The purpose of the Special Meeting will be for Council to discuss updates to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

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daughter Brenda and her wife Serena, of Kingston, Ontario. She is held dear by her grandchildren Taylor, Cora, Hannah and Rebecca and by her great granddaughter, Eden. Sadie is predeceased by her sister May and is lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews.

Visitation & Private Funeral Service

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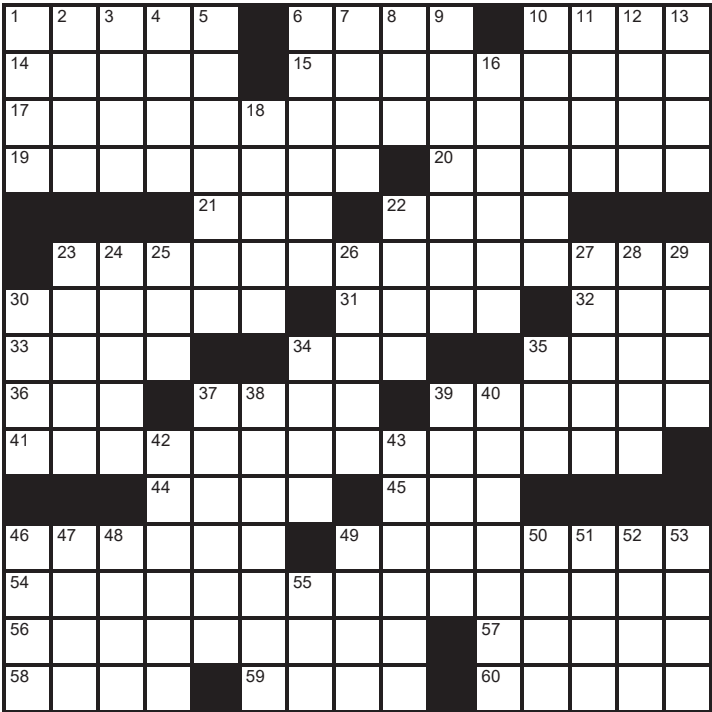
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Across

- 1 Affix with a lower price, say
- 6 902, to Titus
- 10 Freezer-filling beef buy
- 14 "There ___ stupid questions"
- 15 Joins uninvitedly, as a conversation
- 17 Naughty nightie retailer
- 19 Ones privy to private info
- 20 Comic book artists
- 21 "I ___ Rock" (Paul Simon song)
- 22 "... blackbirds baked in ___"
- 23 Media blackout regarding a court case
- 30 Trudeau's Drive
- 31 Chris Hadfield's ISS title
- 32 Marcanã Stadium city
- 33 Spanish "ones"
- 34 Certain freight trains
- 35 At any ___ (no matter what)
- 36 Heart murmur detector, in brief
- 37 Old woman's home, in a rhyme
- 39 ___ pink (delight)
- 41 Intense interrogation
- 44 Diner owner in "Garfield"
- 45 It may be left of centre?
- 46 Ashram gurus
- 49 Sliced thinly, as almonds
- 54 Wood splitter with two blades
- 56 Arms that aren't for hugging
- 57 Let the swine run freely
- 58 Macramé unit
- 59 Dues
- 60 Country's Cline

Down

- 1 Indian sitarist Shankar
- 2 Brockovich portrayed by Julia
- 3 Private eyes, slangily
- 4 No voter
- 5 Liberal politician Ralph ___
- 6 Former French president Jacques
- 7 Extinct birds of New Zealand
- 8 American equivalent of the CRA
- 9 Flavourless
- 10 Are revolting
- 11 Concerning, on a memo
- 12 Action figure?
- 13 Sinus specialists, briefly
- 16 Discount recipient at Denny's
- 18 Old song's poppier version, often
- 22 Convenience store conveniences
- 23 Party beverage in a bowl
- 24 Amount consumed, as electricity
- 25 Talks a load of crap, briefly
- 26 Being spotted?
- 27 Rendered ridable, as a horse
- 28 Loblaw's lane
- 29 What teachers don't want students to pass
- 30 Birdfeeder substance
- 34 Mrs. Dithers of the funnies



- 35 "Lookin' Out My Back Door" grp.
- 37 High-pitched, as a fire alarm
- 38 "When a man is wrapped up in ___ he makes a pretty small package": John Ruskin
- 39 Lukewarm
- 40 Crossword solver's words before checking the solution
- 42 Tiny treat with a Double Double
- 43 Postpones
- 46 Mt. Rushmore's state
- 47 Overused
- 48 "Grand Theft ___"
- 49 Desert-dry
- 50 Krabappel of "The Simpsons"
- 51 Deeply engrossed
- 52 Split decision makers?
- 53 Block, as access
- 55 Half a titter

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NEW LISTING!

Cope Lake Road



Looking for privacy? Then this 2+1 bdrm, 2 bath home or home away from home is for you! Nestled amongst 7.85 acres of nicely treed property with a small stream and crown land across the road. Municipal access to pretty Cope Lake just down the road. Warm and cozy main living area with walkout to the deck. Open concept kitchen and dining area with ample natural lighting. Very well constructed and efficient home with many recent upgrades. **\$575,000**

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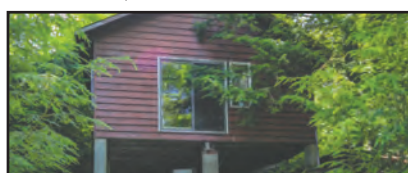
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