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FIELD OF DREAMS

HHSS player Brooke Stover chases the ball during the team's last home game of the season Oct. 12. versus St. Peter's Saints. *Photo By Sam Gillett.*

Science helping to mitigate future flooding

By Mike Baker

The County of Haliburton believes it will be well prepared the next time a 100-year storm rips through the community.

In September, regional staff partnered with representatives from the Ganaraska Conservation Authority and the Kawartha Lakes Conservation Authority to kick start a new bathymetry surveying project of the

Gull and Burnt River watersheds.

The information will be used to improve flood protection practises in the area, said Steve Stone, the County's director of planning.

The project is being funded by the federal government through its National Disaster Mitigation program, launched in 2015. The initiative is designed to reduce the impacts

of natural disasters on Canadians through focused investments on significant recurring flood risks, while also advancing work to facilitate private residential insurance for overland flooding.

Stone said the County plans to use the approximately \$175,000 it received from the feds to create new floodplain mapping for the reservoirs, lakes and connecting

rivers that experience frequent flooding around the Highlands.

The idea is to avoid the sort of situation seen in 2017, when the Gull River burst its banks, flooding many riverside properties.

"We're trying to introduce science into why these disasters are happening and, ultimately, come up with a mitigation plan

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Project to wrap up December 1

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for them,” Stone said.

There have been several funding intakes since the program was launched six years ago. The County initially applied for, and received funding in 2017. That money was used on LiDAR mapping of the watershed, which involved commissioning airplanes to fly in a straight line over certain areas of the County to form a digital map of the terrain below.

Hopefully, through our preventative measures we’ll end up mitigating some of the potential for severe damages in the future.

Steve Stone, County planner

That terrestrial mapping project, as Stone calls it, is still ongoing. While it was expected to wrap up in 2019, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the County to put it on hold. Those involved in the work are only just now getting back to it, Stone said.

The bathymetry project is a second, separate intake that involves the use of SONAR technology to get an accurate read for what different waterbodies look like under the water line.

“We’ve basically broken this down into three phases –

we’re going out, surveying in the water, looking at what the terrain looks like in the rivers and lakes in a few key areas. The Gull River is our primary focus right now, because of the flooding that’s happened there in the past,” Stone said. “The net result of all this survey work is that we’ll have data that the conservation authorities can plug into a model. Then, based on what we find in the water, and the features along the different rivers and lakes, they will be able to accurately figure out where the floodplain is, and based on rainfall, snowfall etc. accurately plot where this theoretical floodplain is within all the major rivers that cycle through Haliburton County.”

Stone noted this information will be used to direct public policy and assist in the decision-making process when proposals for new or existing developments along potential floodplains come before council.

While the first phase is focused on populated areas around the Gull River – most notably the village of Minden – the second and third phase will focus on more outlying areas, covering the southern portion of the Gull River watershed. Stone expects all three phases to be wrapped up by Dec. 1.

Public consultation is expected to take place in late 2022 and early 2023, presenting the project’s findings, before being officially presented to County council and the four lower tier municipalities.

“This is the sort of thing that will lead to better mapping and better policies as it relates to development in and around our County’s rivers,” Stone said. “This is the sort of thing that will lead to better response (during extreme storm events). I guess you could say we’ll be more preventative, because we’ll know more and, hopefully, through our preventative measures we’ll end up mitigating some of the potential for severe damages in the future.”

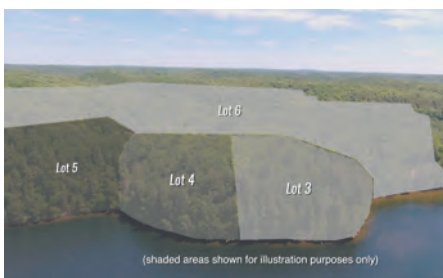


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County 'begs' while 'Muskoka millions' flow

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County has to "beg and scrape" for provincial money to support its watershed projects while 'the Muskoka millions' continue to flow, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt told a township council meeting Oct. 7.

During a Muskoka River Watershed communications committee meeting in late September, Moffatt, who sits on the committee because the watershed partly falls in Algonquin Highlands, said she learned about provincial government funding for work in the Muskoka watershed.

She was referring to an April announcement in Gravenhurst that the Ontario government is investing more than \$4.25 million on 16 projects to further protect that watershed. According to a Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks press release, the funding would help safeguard the region from environmental pressures, such as severe weather and flooding, while also improving the health of the watershed. Moffatt said one of the projects is a hydrology model for Muskoka.

"I've been waving the angry flag for some time that Haliburton County is miles ahead in its integrated watershed management process and relationships and modelling, and we've had to beg and scrape for every cent and this is just some more money ... the Muskoka millions," she said.

Moffatt added, "It's frustrating that a neighbouring municipality continues to receive tremendous amounts of money to address problems that neighbouring communities and other jurisdictions across the province are facing."

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux commented, "I

wonder if now is another moment to write a letter and say there are equity issues here. Cottage country across Ontario is vast and it isn't just one region. We all have these same questions and we've said it before, but we'd like to say it again now."

In August 2018, Ontario announced a \$5 million Muskoka Watershed Conservation and Management initiative. In August 2019, the MECP established the Muskoka Watershed Advisory Group.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry did release its Protecting People and Property: Ontario's Flooding Strategy in March 2020 in Minden. However, there was no money specifically announced for Haliburton County.

And while the County of Haliburton received \$175,000 from the National Disaster Mitigation program to assist with flood prevention planning in 2017, that was federal money for LiDAR mapping of the Burnt and Gull River watersheds following significant flooding.

Moffatt, and Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin are County representatives on the Upper Trent Water Management Partnership.

Moffatt said municipalities within the local watershed have forged relationships, including with the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow and the Trent Severn Waterway, and have expertise, yet she feels the County has been slighted.

"In some ways [the two watersheds] have different battles, different hills to climb, but when they [the province] issue a press release that says, 'The Muskoka region is one of Ontario's crown jewels, and we want to ensure that we continue to protect its environment which is so important to the



MPP Laurie Scott, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin and then MNRF minister John Yakabuski at the March 2020 unveiling of the province's flood strategy. *File.*

local economy and the great people who live there, said Premier Doug Ford ... well I think there are a lot of other jurisdictions in Ontario that would like to receive that same largesse over and over."

Moffatt indicated it is a County of Haliburton issue and she would be talking to deputy mayor and County warden Liz Danielsen about raising it there in future.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott said that in April 2021, the Ontario government announced an initial investment of over \$4.25 million to fund 16 projects to address flooding and the watershed health of the Muskoka River Watershed as previously announced in 2018.

However, she said, "our municipalities have been working hard to protect local waterways including a successful application through the Great Lakes Local

Action Fund to create a sustainable, citizen-based model of benthos biomonitoring in the Haliburton, Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes areas to identify early indicators of lake issues.

"This was one of the 44 community-based projects to receive \$1.9 million in funding through the Great Lakes Local Action Fund. This fund supports local projects that protect and restore coastal, shoreline and near shore areas of the Great Lakes."

Scott added, "our government is committed to protecting and conserving our environment and we want to ensure that Ontario's natural beauty can be enjoyed for generations to come. That is why we created the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan outlining practical, sensible and affordable solutions to some of our province's most pressing environmental concerns."

Planners launch second shoreline bylaw survey

In partnership with the County of Haliburton, planners have released a second survey polling residents on options for a draft shoreline protection bylaw.

The survey focuses on specific aspects of the previous draft that consultants J.L. Richards and Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. have identified as areas to

clarify or improve in a new draft bylaw.

One element of the bylaw that has stirred debate is the previously proposed 30-metre setback.

In the survey, JLR asks residents what elements of a property, including topography, existing site conditions and developments, should be considered when applying the bylaw.

As well, the survey asks how people view a protection plan meshing with existing planning requirements such as the County's

official plan, which states "the 30-metre shoreline preservation setback shall apply from the high watermark of a 'body of water' including lakes, rivers and streams."

From Oct. 6-19, the eight-question survey can be accessed through the County of Haliburton's website.

Another survey, completed in August, focused on general feelings towards lake health and waterfront development. Among the 286 respondents, all indicated lake health was either extremely important, very

important or somewhat important.

The surveys are one part of a wider consultation strategy from JLR and HES. Ahead of presenting a draft bylaw to County Council at the end of October, the consultants met with stakeholders and received input from private residents through two virtual town hall meetings, also attended by County councillors.

(Sam Gillett)

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Rogers to lease land

As part of a plan to construct 300 internet towers across eastern Ontario, Rogers is requesting to lease 86-acres of township property to build a new broadband internet tower. It would be located north of Highway 118 and west of the ball diamond on Monck Road.

Once a building plan is finalized, the company would pay \$1,000 a month to lease the land. Council decided to move forward with finding the company a suitable construction site, however, the township will have the final say over the site specifics.

"We have been fighting very hard to get better and improved broadband connectivity," Coun. Cec Ryall said.

Spectra Point Inc. is spearheading the installation effort on behalf of Rogers Communications.

Steady improvements at Cardiff Lagoon

Township staff have been working to remediate high PH levels in the Cardiff sewage lagoon since early summer.

Environmental coordinator Megan Lockwood explained how pH levels have now been lowered to around nine pH, under the threshold for worry.

"We have seen that improvement we've been looking for," said Lockwood.

High pH levels were likely caused by increased stormwater runoff into the lagoon, which increases the likelihood of algae blooms.

Rink open for business

Public skating at the Keith Tallman Arena started on Oct. 10, and will be held each Sunday from 1-2 p.m., with skating for adults and seniors on Tuesdays between 2-3 p.m. All attendees must be vaccinated and undergo a screening process.

Other recreational opportunities are shuttering for winter: the Cardiff pool closed Aug. 28, bringing in \$1,660 in revenue during the two months it was open this year.

Council finalizes land acknowledgments

Highlands East will begin all municipal meetings and events with an acknowledgment of indigenous people on whose land the township sits.

At an Oct. 12 council meeting, clerk Robyn Rogers explained that the new process is part of acknowledging past and present wrongs done to indigenous people in Canada.

"It's just paying respect to what has gone on," said Rogers. She added "there is a lot more that we can do."



Highlands East is beginning land acknowledgments. *File.*

The acknowledgment will recognize where Highlands East is located in regards to existing treaties: the township sits on treaty 20 territory, of the Michi Saagiig First Nation. It's part of the William's Treaty area which includes Curve Lake Hiawatgha, Alderille, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil, and Georgina Island First Nations.

It's a decision, said Rogers, which works towards fulfilling recommendation #57

of the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission: a call on public servants from all levels to be educated on the history of Aboriginal Peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools.

Council unanimously accepted the recommendation and will begin its next meeting with a land acknowledgment. *(Highlands East news compiled by Sam Gillett)*

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Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott and Haliburton Highlands Health Services president and CEO Carolyn Plummer walk through the existing doors at the Haliburton site. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Provincial taxpayers help pay for new hospital doors

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton’s hospital is getting new sliding doors courtesy of Ontario government taxpayers.

MPP Laurie Scott was in Haliburton Oct. 12 to make the announcement alongside Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) president and CEO Carolyn Plummer.

Scott said the investment of \$130,000 will fund the replacement of the existing automatic accessible main doors.

Plummer said the doors have been in operation for more than 20 years and have exceeded their life expectancy.

As a result, she said repairs are becoming more frequent, while at the same time parts are becoming more difficult to source as the doors and parts are becoming obsolete. She added the doors operate frequently every day and need to be reliable. She’s hopeful the work can be done in the spring.

“This funding allows us to replace the well-used main entrance at our Haliburton site, supporting both security and accessibility,” Plummer said. “We appreciate the support of the Ministry of Health in our ongoing efforts to maintain our facilities.”

Scott said, “throughout the pandemic, our local hospitals have gone above and beyond to provide exceptional care to patients and families in Haliburton County. This new funding will help improve operations and support capacity building to ensure residents of Haliburton and surrounding areas have access to quality health care.”

She said the money is part of the government’s \$182.6 million investment provided through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund.

She added it will ensure that patients can continue to access the care they need in safe, comfortable environments and that the local health care system is prepared to respond to any scenario as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve.

In a press release, the government said funding from the province allows its health care system partners to address urgent infrastructure renewal needs such as upgrades or replacements of roofs, windows, security systems, fire alarms and back-up generators.

A total of \$50 million from the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund will be used by hospitals for urgent projects, including those that support the health system’s response to COVID-19, such as upgrading HVAC systems to enhance patient and staff safety, and improving infection prevention and control measures.

In addition to this new funding, Scott said HHHS also received a two per cent increase to their estimated base and one-time funding for 2020-21.

The press release further noted that HHHS received \$1.329 million in funding in 2020-21 through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Local Health Integration Network for critical infrastructure upgrades.



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE THIS MEETING WILL BE HEARD AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING BY WAY OF A VIRTUAL MEETING

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

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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 October 22nd 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 **PLMV2021068, PMLV2021069 and PMLV2021071** 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:

PLMV2021068 – Part Lot 18, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1060 Oxbow Lane; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a 2.9m2 dwelling addition, and expansion of an attached deck, together with the reconstruction of a sleeping cabin having an increased height. In addition to the dwelling addition, the variance seeks to increase the existing 5.9m2 attached deck to 23.7m2, and increase the height of the sleeping cabin from 3 metres to 4.2 metres, all within 15 metres of the high water mark, whereas Section 4.4.8.iv of the Zoning By-law otherwise does not permit an increase in size or height of a building or structure located within 15 metres of the high water mark.



PLMV2021069 – Part Lot 17, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1328 Otter Lake Trail; and located on Otter Lake (see Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a dwelling addition that seeks to increase the ground floor area of the dwelling 48%, whereas 25% is the maximum allowed, as per Section 4.8.4.iii of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law.



PLMV2021071 – Part Lot 28, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1059 Grandview Lane; and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (see Key Map).
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new dwelling with a setback of 15 metres from the high water mark, requesting an expansion of 26% and increased height of 3.5 metres whereas otherwise a maximum increase of 25% and 1.2 metres, is permitted as per Sections 4.8.4.ii and iii, respectively. The application also seeks to permit an increase in the new attached deck located 13 metres from the high water mark, whereas otherwise no increase in size is permitted for structures located within 15 metres of the high water mark, as per Section 4.8.4.iv of the Zoning By-law.



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

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For more information about this matter contact adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

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DYSART NEWS



Playground equipment at Head Lake Park is set to be removed, as it no longer meets federal safety standards. Photo by Mike Baker.

Head Lake Park jungle gym to be torn down

The main jungle gym feature of the children's playground in Head Lake Park will be removed early next year after township staff revealed the structure was unsafe and no longer meets CSA standards.

Andrea Mueller, Dysart's manager of programs and events, told council the playground equipment is in a considerable state of disrepair and, when she reached out to the manufacturer to enquire about repairs, was told the only appropriate course of action would be a full replacement.

"It's a wooden structure that houses some slides and a couple of climbing apparatus.

We tried to replace the platform years ago, and were told we couldn't replace it. Since then [we have reached out to the manufacturer again] and they said we can no longer get replacement parts, and they don't recommend we keep that structure in place," Mueller said. "Over time, the wood has deteriorated ... It's no longer deemed safe."

Mueller said the structure would be removed from the park in early 2022.

Township staff also recently removed the teeter totter from the park, which Mueller said was also made of wood and had rotted.

"There's going to be a big hole in the park. We'll have swings and a tire swing, but there's going to be a big gap," Mueller said. "We're looking at possible

replacement situations that [we're going to bring] forward in 2022 budget discussions.

"I know it's never great to hear we need new playground equipment, because it's never cheap, but we're going to explore our options," Mueller added.

It was noted that the sand base at the site would also be removed and replaced with wood chips.

Cyprus road request

A letter submitted by a local resident calling into question the safety of Cypress Road sparked a response from council at Tuesday's meeting.

MaryAnn Kuyen-Thomas said on Sept. 5 she found herself unable to pass through the road after a storm completely washed out the peak of a hill on the municipal thoroughfare.

"I was leaving the cottage and ended up stuck on the hill, unable to leave the area because the top of the hill was washed away, and the right side of the road was also washed away ... For 47 years this has been a consistent issue that has yet to be resolved," Kuyen-Thomas wrote.

Rob Camelon, Dysart's director of public works, said this issue "is not unique," and many roads in the municipal network are not up to standard and require work.

"There are four other roads in that area that probably don't meet current day standards, and that's just the tip of the iceberg," Camelon said. "If we want to go around and bring all of our roads to current day standards, I hate to say it, it's probably unachievable, honestly, given the numbers we're talking about."

He said he was waiting on results from a survey of the area around Cypress Road to determine how much of the road is actually considered municipal property. Dysart assumed the roads around 40 years

ago, Camelon noted, after a developer abandoned plans to build a new subdivision in the area.

Council asked that Camelon prepare a report for a future council meeting, once the survey results are in, to come up with a plan for Cypress Road and others in the area.

Marnnie Blair land donation

The transfer of approximately 15 acres of land in Haliburton from the Blair family to Dysart et al township was rubber stamped this week, paving the way for an eventual new recreation or cultural space in the community.

In November 2019, the Blair family offered the land (on CR 21 across from Pinestone Resort) to the municipality on the premise that it be used to construct a new recreation complex. The deal was temporarily shelved due to the pandemic, but has been rekindled in recent months. Following further discussion between municipal staff and the Blair family, it was agreed that the land wouldn't necessarily be used to house a new building, but rather a recreation or cultural facility of some sort.

"We greatly appreciate this gift. One day, I think there will be something wonderful on that property and we will be even more grateful," said mayor Andrea Roberts. "We are very, very limited within the boundaries of the village and how we can expand here by the geography we have. This [land] is on the sewer system, on a county road. There's great [potential]."

As part of the agreement, it was noted that the land would need to be developed by 2042 or transferred back to the Blair family at the municipality's cost. (Dysart news compiled by Mike Baker)

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Notice of Public Meeting

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 28, 2021 during its Meeting of Council via web conference regarding its Fees and Charges By-law. To review the proposed changes to Schedules C- Fire Services; F- Planning Services; H- Parks and Recreation Services, please visit www.minden Hills.ca/council/ to download the agenda. Dated this 12th day of October, 2021. Trisha McKibbin, CAO/Clerk • 705-286-1260 ext. 505 tmckibbin@minden Hills.ca

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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:

October 14
Regular Council Meeting
October 28
Regular Council Meeting

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Highlander news



Rotarians Ted Brandon and Phil Carrol say it was a 'no brainer' for the local club to purchase this unique Automated External Defibrillator. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

New 'life saving device' installed at Welcome Centre

By Mike Baker

The Rotary Club of Haliburton has invested approximately \$6,000 to install a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at the community Welcome Centre in Head Lake Park.

Unlike the several other AEDs that are already sprinkled across various locations in Haliburton, this device is a little different, said Rotarian Ted Brandon.

"This safety station is sort of unique in that it can be mounted outdoors in the open. This unit is heated and ventilated and so can be outside 365 days a year,"

Brandon said. "It will be available for use 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

All of the other AEDs in town are located indoors and are only available during a facility's open hours.

Long-time Highlander Phil Carrol was instrumental in the effort to bring this new device to Haliburton.

He organized for a representative from Action First Aid to attend a Rotary meeting over the summer and explain the benefits of having an AED available to the community year-round.

"The young woman who came out told us how one of these devices actually saved her life," Brandon said.

"It was just dumb luck that a fire truck

happened to be close by where she went into cardiac arrest, and they brought her back with the defibrillator ... What a powerful message, for her to tell her story. I think it really resonated with everyone."

This new AED is simple to use, Carrol said, and has various "neat" features.

"If you take it out and open it up, it starts talking to you and it tells you exactly what to do, how to utilize it and what to do to the patient.

If the patient is not in cardiac arrest, it will know and it won't operate,"

Carrol said. "You can't charge it or operate it if the person doesn't need it, so it's really great that way."

As soon as the storage station is opened up, the AED sends a message to emergency services and contacts in Haliburton.

While first responders will be notified the device has been activated,

Brandon said it was still important to call 911 if someone is in a state of emergency.

"Calling 911 is always the first step. Then get the defibrillator," Brandon said.

"When you're on the phone, the operator will actually stay with you and help you through the process.

They will be able to hear the defibrillator talking and will confirm to you what steps to take and when."



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Time for the trades

When I started high school, students had the option of three streams of learning: advanced, general and basic.

At that time, it was thought a university career was the best way to go. I chose the advanced stream to get there, attending Carleton University for journalism.

To be perfectly honest, at that time in Ontario's history, some of my classmates and I looked down on those opting for the general or basic streams, which would allow them to go to college or enter the workforce.

Were we ever wrong as we perpetuated a stigma.

Driving by the high school Tuesday, I noticed that something was going on. Being curious, I donned my mask and maintained my six-foot distance to find out what it was.

I first talked to Steve Dramnitzke of Support Ontario Youth who told me it was a skilled trades day promoting plumbing. The students were getting some hands-on learning as well as some practical advice from a panel representing would-be employers. They also got \$250 worth of tools and a free lunch.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School trades teacher Chris Simpson was pretty proud of the fact it was the first practical application of the Trillium Lakelands

District School Board's new Start Me Up Campaign.

The board unveiled the plan to encourage students to consider choosing the skilled trades as a career path back on April 27.

The timing couldn't be better.

In the next five years, one in five new jobs will be in the skilled trades. By 2030, the province will need more than 500,000 new tradespeople to keep up with retirements and economic expansion.

According to a Sept. 2021 RBC report, more than 700,000 skilled tradespeople are expected to retire by 2028. We're in for shortages across the board but critical areas when it comes to an expected post-pandemic infrastructure boom: industrial mechanics, welders and boilermakers.

The Ontario Construction Secretariat, a lobby group for homebuilders in Ontario, said a 2019 survey of 500 member firms found 79 per cent reporting company growth slowed and 76 per cent turning down work because of a lack of skilled workers.

The school board now has technological studies classes and two-credit co-ops that place students in workplaces and the Specialist High Skills Major program and Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program.

In Haliburton County, this new Start Me

Up campaign really resonates.

That's why Aggie Tose of the Haliburton County Home Builders Association was there. She knows it's all about getting kids into the trades and onto their worksites.

In the past, an outdated perception of the trades has hampered recruitment efforts. That is improving. Some of the next hurdles include getting under-represented groups on board, such as women (only about five per cent of apprentices) and new Canadians (only 8.7 per cent). Another challenge, according to the RBC report, is training these new tradespeople for a much more digital future.

I wish I'd had access to Tuesday's session when I was in high school. I would have learned that the median incomes can start at \$80,000 and climb into the six figures; and that I would be valued and intellectually challenged.

Don't get me wrong. I love my job. I just wish I knew more about the options when I was in school.



By Lisa Gervais

COVID CORNER

Canada buys rapid tests

If your house has school age kids, adults working outside the home, obligations to participate in family gatherings, or any community commitments, you can appreciate how nice it would be to have a quick and accurate tool to assess for COVID. Your four-year-old has a fever. Can you and your 17-year-old still go to work/school? Should you cancel the birthday party? Decisions can be made less agonizing with rapid testing.

Though not 100 per cent accurate, rapid antigen tests nevertheless can show within minutes if you have a high enough viral load to be contagious. If yes, stay home and quarantine and avoid infecting others.

The PCR molecular tests are considered the gold standard because they work by identifying a piece of the genetic material found inside the coronavirus, so they are very accurate. But they may take days to get results. The rapid antigen tests look only for a protein fragment of the coronavirus therefore they are not as accurate as the PCR test, but you get results in 15 minutes. They are less sensitive, so you need to have adequate viral load to get the most accurate results. If you are feeling cold symptoms and the test gives a negative result, the recommendations are to retest in two days. Positive results need confirmation with a laboratory based PCR test.

In Europe return to social activity was aided by widely available and inexpensive rapid testing. Thanks to government subsidies, there were free tests at pharmacies and clinics as well as tests for home use.

Unfortunately, Canada and the U.S. have been slower to get rapid tests circulating to the public. Availability and affordability have been obstacles for most of the public. However, motivated to get back to business, many companies started using rapid swabs months ago, despite the cost. And last May, the Ontario government provided an online portal for essential businesses to access tests for free.

Last month, after investigating local and online resources, my husband ended up traveling to Oakville to buy a box of 25 Panbio (made by Abbott), purchased from wholesaler Levity-Safety. He was told this is the only wholesaler Abbott had authorized for their product to the general public. The cost per swab was around \$10.

While not as sensitive as a PCR test, rapid tests identify infections with 91-95 per cent accuracy. People studying the spread of COVID say that more frequent testing, even if less sensitive, reduces the spread of COVID more quickly than relying on PCR tests. An analysis shared in Science Advances showed that test frequency

matters more than test sensitivity in reducing COVID cases. Experts in public health have been advocating for a dramatic increase in access and affordability of at-home rapid antigen tests in the U.S. and Canada.

Now the U.S. government has approved the sale of several rapid tests and spent more than \$1 billion dollars to purchase tests, making these tests free at 20,000 select pharmacies and 10,000 community clinics in the country. Particularly useful for keeping schools and public events safe, some experts are saying enough rapid testing could replace masks in certain settings.

Here, as of Oct. 6, the government of Canada signed an agreement with Abbott Rapid Diagnostics to purchase up to 20.5 million Panbio COVID-19 antigen rapid tests. They are expected to help reduce large cluster outbreaks when results are needed quickly to avoid further spread of the virus. Recognizing that to return to business as usual and keep Canadians safe in the process, quick and easy access to rapid tests must be a priority. And they must be affordable.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

In the story 'Thanksgiving drive to support Food Centre' that appeared in the Oct. 7 edition of *The Highlander*, we mistakenly referred to Andy Muirhead as president of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lake Area Property Owners' Association. In fact, Muirhead is past president and current director. The interim president of the association is Bill Missen. *The Highlander* regrets this error.

Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Majority don't support a shoreline bylaw

Dear editor,

The County's Shoreline Preservation Survey #2 should have included a separate question allowing survey responders to clearly indicate their opposition or support for the process itself.

Based on the wording of each question, just taking the survey implies some level of support for a County bylaw.

Opposition to a County bylaw can only be expressed through the other option for each question. This all but guarantees the prolongation of a process, in my opinion, that the majority of property and business owners in Haliburton do not support.

Neil Hutchings
Minden Hills

Thanks

Dear editor,

My sincere and heartfelt thanks to Fire Chief Mike Iles, EMS, OPP, and my neighbours on Wonderland Road for their help and assistance after I swamped my canoe Monday evening.

I never knew how much support I have to count on.

Tom Needham
Lake Kashagawigamog

Questions for Ford on climate change

Dear editor,

July, 2021 was the hottest month on record.

If the global temperature continues to rise, my granddaughter (six years old) and your grandchildren will have a future with even more flooding, more fires and more climate deaths than we have now. The effects of climate change (smoke, heat, floods, droughts that destroy crops) will likely shorten their lives and will definitely make them increasingly difficult.

"The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the U.S. has said the

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Tammy Nash captured this photo of a beaver working hard in the autumn colours of Algonquin Highlands.

temperature in July was more than 1.6 degrees higher, on average, than any other time in their 142 years of record-keeping."

Since your government took office, Ontario's emissions have increased, not decreased. That makes Ontario part of the problem, not part of the solution.

I agree with the Green Party in saying climate change is not a partisan issue. As

premier, you have the power to lead the government towards legislation that will help prevent increased global warming. I urge you to bring all the political parties together to make policies that will help the climate, not bring further harm to it.

Andrea Percy
Eagle Lake



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No rust buckets if you get your vehicle sprayed

By Lisa Harrison

A vehicle's longevity and value can disintegrate quickly if it's not protected through rustproofing, a film application that protects metal from contact with oxygen and water to avoid rusting.

"Annual rustproofing is important because it protects the metal, it adds to the longevity of your vehicle, it keeps your vehicle looking better for longer with less down time due to repairs and [helps ensure] a better resale value when you decide to sell," said Chris Anderson, owner of Niche Auto in Minden.

"Cottage country is full of large hills and winding roads. These areas have to be made safe for winter driving and to do that it requires a lot of salt [or] de-icing agent ... so, you have to be proactive and keep your vehicle protected."

Different rustproofing companies may use different products and approaches. Anderson is a big believer in Fluid Film, which he said has been leading the market since 1940.

"It has been proven in the most extreme conditions and is used by the Canadian and American Army, Navy and Air Force, exclusively," said Anderson. "In Fluid Film there are no solvents, it is non-toxic, non-hazardous, it protects all metals, stops rust on contact and is long-lasting."

Anderson differs in service approach by offering both garage-based and mobile options. Customers can go to the Niche garage or, for three or more



A heavily rusted car can be the byproduct of not getting rustproofing.

Photo by Lisa Gervais.

vehicles, Anderson will come to them with a mobile lift that can raise half-ton trucks or with ramps for larger vehicles.

"This service works great for large families, businesses and anyone that doesn't have the time to drive their vehicles around and wait for service or try to organize rides."

Anderson's own experiences led him to start the mobile service. He found rustproofing vendors were not located within walking distance of stores or entertainment where customers could pass the time while waiting, and given the wait times or pickup needs, business owners were often paying for the treatment and the wages for two employees just for one vehicle.

"What if they have trailers, campers, RVs, or heavy equipment?" asked

Anderson. "So, I made a service tailored for busy people that are interested in protecting their daily drives and anything else they could possibly want protected."

Anderson recommends rustproofing your vehicle in spring as well as fall to make up for any rustproofing film loss due to harsh winter conditions and to protect against gravel chips. In addition, the metal is exposed to more moisture in spring, summer and fall than in winter when water turns to ice, and rustproofing fluid tends to creep more easily in warmer weather.

"[If] you were to do just one spray a year I recommend getting it done in late summer – August or September ... but what is really important, is to just make sure you get it done before the salt hits the road."

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FALL CAR CARE



It's time for winter vehicle maintenance.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Safe vehicles mean better winter driving

By Lisa Harrison

Servicing your vehicle before the snow flies will help you stay safe on winter roads.

"Fall maintenance is an important preventative measure which will ensure your safety and the longevity of your vehicle," said Dennis Pennie, owner of Minden Auto Care.

"This is more important in cottage country as we tend to get colder weather and the possibility for heavier snowfall. We also have limited cell service, longer response time for tow trucks and less service facilities in the area."

Pennie's top recommendations for general fall maintenance begin with servicing the brakes to make sure they will operate properly under winter road conditions.

Have your coolant (antifreeze) strength checked to make sure the coolant is operational to -40 degrees. Use winter wiper blades to ensure they will keep the windshield cleared effectively and won't freeze up.

"Have the vehicle battery tested to ensure the voltage is good for cold weather start-up," added Pennie. "Have your air filter and cabin air filter checked to make sure they are clean and free of debris from rodents. This will ensure proper heat and air flow."

Next is the switch to winter tires. "Tires should be changed when the weather is consistently seven degrees celsius or below, which is normally the first of November. Winter tires wear faster at temperatures warmer than seven degrees ... Have your winter tires checked to make sure they will stop properly and won't slide

on snow and ice-covered roads."

Finally, ask your service provider to perform a general inspection to make sure the front end is tight and confirm the brakes are working well.

Vehicles that haven't been maintained regularly may need additional attention. The Canada Safety Council (CSC) recommends checking heaters and defrosters, flushing the cooling system, doing a diagnostic checkup on the engine and checking the exhaust system for carbon monoxide leaks.

Maintenance shops are generally busy during the fall so Pennie recommends booking an appointment.

Safe winter driving also involves emergency preparation. The CSC's checklist for winter safety and survival includes ensuring your spare tire is inflated properly and you have a wheel wrench and a jack. Pack a windshield scraper and snow brush and a lightweight shovel along with a wire traction mat, bag of sand or other abrasive material to help you dig out your vehicle if it gets stuck. Add battery jumper cables, flares, a first aid kit and a flashlight. The CSC also advises bringing lined winter boots, a hat, other warm clothes, a blanket, candles, a lighter or matches, and small heating cans for warmth in case you need to wait for help.

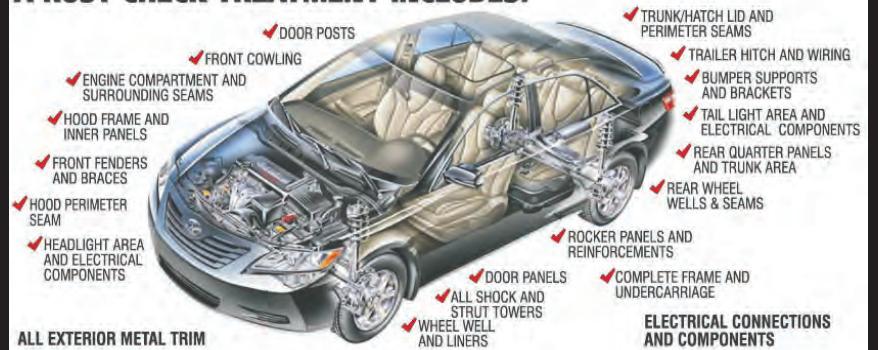
During the pandemic you may want to bring extra masks and hand sanitizer.

For more information on making your vehicle ready for safe winter driving, contact your maintenance service provider and visit canadasafetycouncil.org/get-ready-winter-driving/.



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Highlander business



Veronica VanLeeuwen, Taylor Pridham, Craig Gordon and Colby Marcellus take a break during service Oct. 8. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Eatery 'fabulous fit' for new owners

By Lisa Gervais

When Baked and Battered reopens in the spring, it will have rebranding to go along with its new owners.

The mother and son team of Veronica VanLeeuwen and Taylor Pridham are taking over the popular Haliburton eatery from Craig Gordon and Colby Marcellus.

The two hail from the Collingwood area but have cottaged on Little Redstone Lake for 13 years so know the iconic business well.

"We're very familiar with the location, quality of food, the great service and the friendly staff and the feel of this," VanLeeuwen said.

"When we saw the listing, it brought up excitement right away. It was like what a fabulous fit. It was a place we both loved and haven't lived full-time so that crossed

all the T's and dotted all the I's. It was instantaneous."

The two say they share a love of the restaurant industry and have worked together in the past. Pridham said, "we've always got along well." VanLeeuwen added "We argue well. It's a healthy conversation."

Pridham went to Fanshawe College to study hotel and resort management and has worked in the field for 11 years. VanLeeuwen has worked at a variety of self-employed businesses, most recently a restaurant franchise she sold. During COVID, Pridham said it gave them both time to reset, reevaluate and "see this amazing opportunity and jump on it while we can."

The two said they were grateful that Gordon and Marcellus were so generous

with their time.

"I think our focus wasn't so much about learning the industry," said VanLeeuwen. "[It was about] how well they've done in the community and what everybody loves about this place because we've always heard such good feedback and so we just wanted to really get to know what it was that made everybody love it."

Pridham said "it's been great becoming part of the community and getting to know everybody the last few weeks."

The two have been thinking about how they will make the restaurant their own while ensuring they keep the things the clientele loves.

Pridham said that means maintaining a lot of the menu items "with some more tastier dishes we'd like to bring as well."

VanLeeuwen said they will be letting go

of the bakery - "Colby is tough competition to follow" - hence the need for rebranding. They plan to offer breakfast, lunch and dinner, and are hoping to get a liquor license.

They are closed for the season and plan to do some renovations. Once they reopen in the spring, they hope to become year-round. They added a lot of staff have expressed an interest in staying on.

Meanwhile, Gordon and Marcellus called it a day Oct. 10.

"It's very bittersweet because it's been almost a decade," Gordon said. "The community has been great to us. But we're getting a little bit older and we're going to pass it on to people who are far younger than me."

"And energetic ... I couldn't be more excited," Marcellus added.

Small business summit upcoming

Growing labour shortages, the rise of remote work and the expansion of digital business are just some of the themes of an

upcoming 2021 small business summit for Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes.

The summit will be held virtually on Tuesday, Oct. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It will feature a keynote speaker, Shai Dubey, of Queen's Business School, on post-pandemic small business recovery.

There will also be a local business panel and dedicated networking time.

The theme is 'moving forward.'

"This virtual summit will focus on innovation, inclusion, and sustainability as we discuss the opportunities that lie ahead for small businesses in Kawartha Lakes

and Haliburton County," said Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce executive director Amanda Conn.

Attendees can register at: smallbusinesssummitklh.eventbrite.ca (Lisa Gervais)



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Highlander business

Another 'stellar' year for HCDC

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) continued to invest money in the Highlands throughout the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, distributing more than \$5.7 million in different loans to area businesses from April 2020 to March 2021.

During the organization's annual general meeting, held at Haliburton Highlands Brewing Oct. 6, it was noted that HCDC enjoyed another "stellar" year, despite all the complications brought on by the pandemic.

"We were deemed essential right from the get go – we pivoted our operations, and then got to work on helping businesses from across our community," said Patti Tallman, HCDC executive director.

The organization moved quickly to establish a COVID-19 loan program, which was structured to help businesses and non-profits in Haliburton County that had been adversely impacted by the pandemic. The program offered loans of up to \$25,000, to be paid back at zero per cent interest over a two or three year period. Sarah Joanu, HCDC loans officer, said 18 loans had been approved by March 2021, totalling \$908,500.

During the lockdown, HCDC also deferred more than \$570,000 in principal and interest payments for clients. Joanu noted that \$213,000 of that amount was eventually forgiven.

"HCDC was very fortunate to be in such a strong financial position to be able to do this for our clients. Most other organizations and banks deferred payments, but kept the interest still accruing," Joanu said.

Shortly after HCDC launched its COVID

loan fund, the federal government unveiled the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund. Joanu said HCDC received just over \$1.7 million through that program, which was split among 48 qualifying businesses and non-profits in the Highlands.

In discussing HCDC's complete year-end financials, Joanu noted the organization presently had 162 outstanding loans in the community totalling just over \$14 million, approximately \$4.9 million cash in the bank and an investment portfolio of \$20.6 million.

Since incorporation in 1986, Joanu revealed HCDC had approved 2,203 loans across the community totalling almost \$94 million.

While the organization's primary job is providing financial assistance to businesses, program and operations coordinator, Heather Reid, program and operations coordinator, said HCDC also offers advice and mentorship to new ventures through its business incubator.

Established in 2010 in partnership with Dysart et al, the incubator was designed to support creative businesses in the Highlands and offer them an affordable office space, with access to high-speed internet, in the downtown core.

Over the years, it has evolved to become more of a mentorship program, spearheaded by Jim Blake.

The incubator currently serves as a home for two businesses – Haliburton Guitar Studio and Highlands Technical.

According to Reid, businesses that have at one time or another been a part of the HCDC incubator program are now providing more than 20 full-time jobs in Haliburton County.



Top: Patti Tallman, executive director of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, speaks at the organization's AGM, held at Haliburton Highlands Brewing Oct. 6. Bottom: HCDC executive director Patti Tallman and Dysart et al deputy mayor Pat Kennedy thank long-time volunteer Peter Fredericks, who retired from the organization's board this year. Photos by Mike Baker.



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Left: Support Ontario Youth's Steve Dramnitzke. Right: HHSS student Braedon Miller. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

Plumbing holes in skilled trades sector

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Braedon Miller said he always thought he would end up in the trades so found a Supporting Ontario Youth skilled trades day at the high school Oct. 12 "interesting."

"I think it's pretty neat," Miller said while taking a lunch break. "We had the chance to actually come out and do plumbing stuff."

Support Ontario Youth's Steve Dramnitzke said the day was about introducing students to plumbing with some hands-on activities.

There was also a panel offering tips on things such as resume writing, finding out what employers are looking for, and what students need to do to get into the trades.

"Every student that comes in today gets \$250 worth of free tools to be able to go out into the trades, get to do some hands-on projects, so they understand a few things," Dramnitzke added.

Chris Simpson, who teaches woodworking and automotive at the high school, said it was the first session of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's new

Start Me Up campaign.

"This is basically a means to help address a little bit of the skilled trades shortage," he said.

"They started [the campaign] and this organization, Supporting Ontario Youth, put together these boot camps to help entice some of the kids to maybe explore some of the trades. So, this one here is plumbing and they come and they actually do some plumbing projects and soft skills as well, employability skills, and all that good stuff. The kids get some tools and some lunch."

The boot camps were also headed to Bracebridge and Lindsay this week with a focus on automotive and millwrighting. Electrician sessions are also on the cards.

"We're the first run for the board which is kind of nice," Simpson said.

Haliburton Highlands Home Builders Association executive director Aggie Tose was one of the panelists on hand to answer students' questions.

"Today is about getting kids involved in the trades," she said. "Just getting them on our worksites."



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Top: A fall display in a front yard along Scotch Line Road. Middle left: People had picnics at Skyline Park overlooking Haliburton Oct. 12. Middle right: Josh, Melanie and Jacob Morris check out the fall harvest at the farmers market Oct. 9. Bottom: Alex and Anthony Clifford with baby Hunter at the farmers market Oct. 9. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

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Left: Nicholas Athanasakos #91 of the Haliburton County Huskies skates with the puck during the third period against North York Oct. 10. Right: Davis Bone #16 of the Huskies skates after the puck during the Rangers game. Photos by Ray MacAloney/OJHL Images.

Huskies pick up impressive road win

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County Huskies head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay said there were “hugely encouraging signs” this past weekend as his new outfit hit the road to take on two of the top teams in the OJHL, picking up a win and taking a loss to improve their seasonal record to 2-2.

While the Huskies fell to a 5-1 defeat to divisional rival Wellington Dukes on Friday night, they rebounded in the best possible way on Sunday – dominating the previously undefeated North York Rangers and cruising to a 3-1 victory.

Reflecting on the games, Ramsay said he couldn’t be more proud of his team and the way they battled on the ice against top-class opposition. Both the Dukes (4th) and the Rangers (20th) were included in the Canadian Junior Hockey League’s top 20 pre-season rankings, and have been touted as potential frontrunners for the Centennial Cup national Jr. A championship.

“That we were able to compete against these teams was huge,” Ramsay said. “Against the Dukes, I don’t think the score was an indicator of how the game went. I

would say we were right there in the game throughout. We were out shooting them all game. Their goalie played really well and I think ours had an off night. Sometimes that’s just how it goes.

“Then, against North York, I think we played pretty much the exact same way. The boys played hard and fought for every inch. The difference, maybe, is that the bounces went our way in that game. But I think we deserved the win,” Ramsay added.

The Dukes got off to a hot start on Friday night – racing away to a 3-0 lead before the midway point of the second period. Forward Oliver Tarr brought the Huskies back into the game with a well-placed finished after good work from Jack Staniland and Bryce Richardson, before the Dukes once again took control, with a fourth goal late in the second, and a fifth part way through the third.

The Huskies showed remarkable character at the Herbert Carnegie Centre in North York on Sunday. The Rangers took the lead just 32 seconds into the game. Rather than let their heads drop, the Huskies dug in – outshooting the Rangers in that opening period and silencing the raucous hometown

crowd for large spells.

Then, forward Patrick Saini took centre stage. He scored the tying goal at 3:51 of the second, assisted by Will Gourgouvelis, and would go on to grab the game winner at 13:54 of the same period, assisted by Tarr and Lucas Stevenson. Saini then set up Tarr for an empty netter with 23 seconds to play to confirm the victory.

“Pat Saini plays the same way every game. He just comes in and keeps working hard, he’s like the ‘Steady Eddy’ of the team. He’s got great skill and comes in and competes every single night,” Ramsay said.

The coach also reserved special praise for Tarr, who picked up his team-leading fourth point of the season in the game against the Rangers, rookie defenseman Will Gourgouvelis and recent forward acquisition Nicholas Athanasakos.

The Huskies completed a trade on Tuesday, adding 20-year-old goaltender Christian Cicigoi to the roster. Cicigoi comes to the Huskies from the OHL’s North Bay Battalion. He played seven games for the Battalion in the 2019/20 season, before COVID-19 shut league play down, posting a 6.24 goals against average and .837 save

percentage.

Ramsay said he’s expecting to welcome forwards Jacob Dupuis and Kolby Poulin back into the fold as early as this weekend, with the pair having recovered from concussions they picked up during pre-season.

“We’re very happy with the group we have now. I think we look good – we’ve added some bodies, and we’re starting to get some of our injured guys back on the ice. Christian Linton should be back soon – he’s a really good goalie who came to [summer] camp with a high ankle sprain,” Ramsay said. “I think we’re going to be very competitive this season.”

The Huskies will take on the Cobourg Cougars at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Saturday. With the provincial government recently lifting capacity restrictions at hockey rinks, there will be a full complement of seats available to the public for the first time this season. The arena can hold a crowd of approximately 500 people.

Puck drop on Saturday is slated for 4:30 p.m. To enquire about tickets, visit www.huskieshockey.ca.

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The 2019 version of the annual Fall Festival at Abbey Gardens. *File.*

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Oct. 16 and 23 - Water Ambassadors Canada is holding two fundraising events in Haliburton County. 'We walk so they don't have to' is a 6-km walk, representing the average distance women and girls walk to collect water daily in Africa and Asia. Oct. 16, 10 a.m., Glebe Park, Haliburton and Oct. 23, 1 p.m. Minden Bible Church. In Minden, contact Barry Hart bhart@waterambassadorscanada.org, in Haliburton Ursula Devolin at udevolin@waterambassadorscanada.org

Minden Lions celebrate Octoberfest

By Sam Gillett

The kegs won't be flowing, but bratwursts, potato salad and coleslaw will all be on offer at the Minden Lions Club's first family-friendly Octoberfest celebration.

On Oct. 16, the Lions will be serving up German-style fare in their clubhouse. Guests can book one of two seatings, at 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

"We're trying something new," said Lions Dan Bingham, who is organizing the event. "We thought October would be a good time to do it."

To comply with COVID-19 protocols, everyone attending must be vaccinated, since the event falls under the same classification as a restaurant. They're also offering takeout. "The reason we're doing the takeout we know some aren't comfortable with the dine-in experience yet," he said. All diners must book their table or takeout order by Oct. 14.

The dinner is the Lions' first largescale in-person fundraising event for over a year and a half.

"It's been very frustrating," Bingham said. He mentions other cornerstone events on the Lions' calendar such as Music on the Gull, which was cancelled this year. Funds from the Lions Club go towards multiple community initiatives, as well as helping out in times of need such as the town's 2017 flood.

For Bingham, this event could act as a kick-start for fundraising as pandemic restrictions continue to allow more in-person events.

"Because it's been so long since we've done any fundraising, we wanted to get back in the groove," he said.

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Mary "Wina" Edwina MacDuff (nee Tapp)



Peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital on Monday, October 4, 2021, Wina went to be with our Lord and Saviour, at the age of 82 years and 10 months. Beloved wife of the late Glen MacDuff. Loving daughter of the late James and Beatrice Tapp. Devoted mother of Ken (Beth), Darlene (Terry Keast), Colleen (the late Don

Lewis), Dawson, Winnie (Dennis Jess) and Glen Jr. (Kendra). Cherished grandmother of Ken, Janice, Amanda, Chantal, Warren, Leslie, Kelly, Sarah, Bryan, Kristen and Alessandra. Adored great-grandmother of Jade, Clair, Nathan, Kendrik, Elias and Emery. Dear sister of Will (Verna), Lorenzo (Flora), Mill (the late Lionel), Emma (the late Redmond), Norma and Carmel; and sister-in-law of Bobbie. Predeceased by her siblings Romeo, Marcella (Harold) and Madona. Wina will be lovingly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In keeping with Wina's wishes, cremation has taken place. Family and friends are invited to attend a graveside service at Gooderham Cemetery, 503 and McColl's Road, on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. There will be a celebration of life reception immediately after at the Robert McCausland Memorial Centre, 1043 Community Centre Road, Gooderham, ON, K0M 1R0. Please note that masks/face coverings are mandatory and covid protocols will be enforced. In memory of Wina, donations to the Red Cross or the Haliburton Food bank would be appreciated by the family and can be made; along with expressions of condolence, at www.highlandparkfuneralcentre.com

SOLUTIONS FOR OCTOBER 14

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Detailed resumes from qualified applicants are to be submitted no later than 4:30pm on Friday, October 15, 2021 to Andrea Bull, Director of Corporate Services at abull@haliburtoncounty.ca

We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The County of Haliburton is an equal employer. Accommodation can be provided in all steps of the hiring process, please contact Human Resources for further details.

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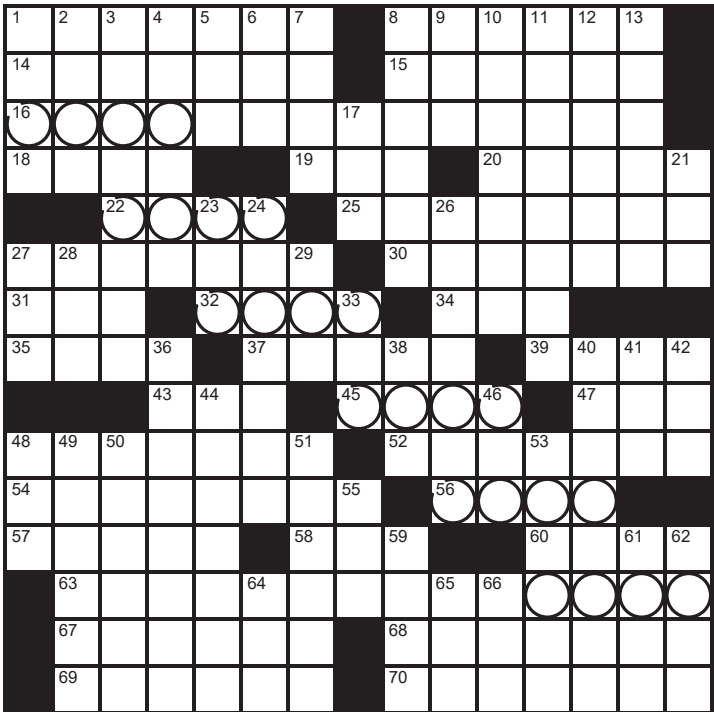
Across

- 1 Cherry's sidekick, once
- 8 Los ____ (New Mexico city)
- 14 Within cell phone calling distance
- 15 Group of ants or nudists
- 16 Garden ingredients for minestrone, say
- 18 Camelot lady
- 19 Wee sizes: Abbr.
- 20 Archie's "Dingbat"
- 22 Old French coins
- 25 Tour takers' trips, often
- 27 Easily taken by whim
- 30 Love handle?
- 31 "Am ____ the right track?"
- 32 Boozers
- 34 ____ Hammarskjöld ('50s U.N. head)
- 35 Close, to Coleridge
- 37 Parkinson's treatment
- 39 Frosty's makeup
- 43 Fish caught in a pot
- 45 Becomes compost
- 47 Lei wearer's instrument, for short
- 48 Dismissed as foolish
- 52 Reacts to an insult, maybe
- 54 Get closer to, as the truth
- 56 Dirt biker's road hazards
- 57 Lay ____ (bomb bigtime)
- 58 Beyond rescue, in the E.R.
- 60 Alias abbrs.
- 63 The whole gamut ... and how the circled words progress
- 67 Drill "chill"
- 68 Canoeist
- 69 Strings that stand taller than their players
- 70 Skirmishes

Down

- 1 ____ en scène (stage setting)
- 2 Soon, once
- 3 Aboard the Titanic, prior to 11:40 p.m.

- 4 Pom or peke
- 5 Letter carrier?: Abbr.
- 6 Word with new or old
- 7 Photo reprint needs, once, briefly
- 8 Behaves like a brat
- 9 Hawaii's Mauna ____
- 10 Province named for Queen Victoria's rebel daughter
- 11 Shaped wooden strips
- 12 Silverware brand
- 13 Part of DOS
- 17 Ambassador's bldg.
- 21 Prop. that may be mortgaged
- 23 "Let me think" sounds
- 24 German fruit bread
- 26 Anesthetist, say
- 27 Jaws' ominous protrusion
- 28 Lévesque's law
- 29 Jan. 1 till now, to a CPA
- 33 Coll. girls' group
- 36 Words before an attempt
- 38 Disc in a '90s fad
- 40 Definitely no Einstein
- 41 "Crisis" town in 1990 Quebec news
- 42 Hump day, on a cal.
- 44 Head-scratchers
- 46 Name that sounds like a meat dish
- 48 Rock's ____ Na Na
- 49 Casual conversation?
- 50 Code of silence, in Mafia lingo
- 51 Old birds?
- 53 Prepares to give an ovation, maybe
- 55 ____-TURN (road sign)
- 59 Dr.'s visit
- 61 "Suits you to ____!"
- 62 States under Stalin: Abbr.
- 64 180° from NNW
- 65 Greek T
- 66 Needs naloxone, say



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