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Here comes Santa

Hundreds of people took to downtown Minden on Saturday, Nov. 20 to take in the community's Santa Claus parade. There were dozens of floats featured in this year's event - including Santa himself, who drew smiles from those young and old as he made his way down Bobcaygeon Road. For more photos, see pages 24 and 25. *Photo Mike Baker.*

HHHS may be weeks from ER cutbacks

By Lisa Gervais

County Warden Liz Danielsen said she's "extremely disappointed" the region's emergency departments could see reduced services in a matter of weeks following a Nov. 22 community update from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

HHHS CAO Carolyn Plummer and the board of directors wrote that if they can't find adequate staffing, they "will have to close one of the emergency departments during a set number of hours and days. This

situation may persist for some time and we may not be able to forecast when we can resume full operation at both emergency departments."

Danielsen said if it happens, it "will have a ripple affect across the county, not only for patients in need, but on other services as well, like the County's paramedic service."

She added she was "particularly disappointed that there was so little notice of something that will have such an impact. The County will be discussing this to consider what we can do to help reduce that impact and try to ensure that there is no

permanent closure."

According to HHHS, there were 18,633 trips to the ER in 2020, including 10,426 in Minden and 8,207 in Haliburton.

In the community update, Plummer and the board outline some of the obstacles they say the organization is facing and its possible impacts.

She told *The Highlander* on Nov. 23 that they have a shortage of registered nurses, for which the average age is 47. They are also looking for an emergency department physician and registered practical nurses.

Plummer said although they have been

trying to recruit, including taking help from staffing agencies across the country and other healthcare organizations in the province, personnel issues are prevalent across Ontario, Canada and the world.

She said it's a particular problem in rural communities with retirements, injuries, parental leaves, health issues and pandemic burnout and stress further exacerbating a bad situation.

"We know it has been a challenge for staff to find suitable and affordable

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Finding affordable housing a challenge

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housing in the community.”

She stressed the current staff shortage is not related to a vaccine mandate, which took effect Nov. 15, with 97.4 per cent of staff either fully vaccinated or having received one dose, continuing to work with regular testing and proof of their intention to receive the second jab. “No registered nurses were placed on leave or resigned due to the policy, and the majority of the small number of staff on leave are in support areas rather than direct patient care,” she said.

Next steps

As for next steps, Plummer said no decision has been made about which emergency department will need to reduce services. HHHS will make that decision based on typical volumes of patient visits to each emergency department; staff schedules, gaps and staffing models; the geographic location of each emergency department in relation to communities; and feedback from the Ministry of Health, Ontario Health East and Haliburton County Paramedic Service, among others.

If they proceed, Plummer said they would give the community at least 48 hours notice before implementing any change. She added they will continue to try to recruit



Emergency department cutbacks may be coming to the Highlands. *File.*

staff and work with health care partners to assist patients.

She said the community can help by spreading the word that the help wanted sign is out, and people can contact hr@hhhs.ca.

Plummer and the board are also asking the public to access care through their family doctor or nurse practitioner whenever possible.

MPP Laurie Scott was unable to do an interview but issued a statement to the

paper the afternoon of Nov. 23.

In it, she said, “It’s unfortunate that Haliburton Highlands Health Services may have to make the difficult decision to adjust hours for one of their emergency departments. As we know, the human resource shortage in health care is not a new problem.”

She went on to cite a list of Ontario health care investments to boost the ranks of nurses, and personal support workers.

Meanwhile, Minden Hills Coun. Jennifer

Hughey expressed concern on her Facebook page. She said she recently took her nine-year-old daughter to the Minden emergency department after she suffered an allergic reaction. She added that she’s been treated there herself and was once airlifted to Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

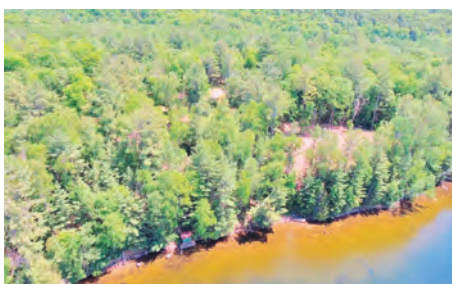
“Time matters. It always will, and some won’t have time to get to another ER,” Hughey wrote.



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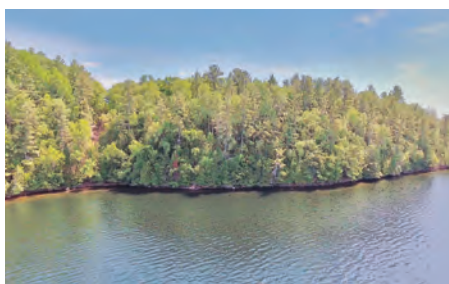
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Highlander news



Dysart’s communities in action committee is calling on council to develop a new pedestrian system that will allow residents from the new Gardens of Haliburton retirement home to safely walk to the downtown core. Photo by Mike Baker.

Safety of Maple Ave. called into question

By Mike Baker

Representatives from Dysart’s communities in action committee told council Nov. 23 the municipality needs to do a better job of establishing, and maintaining, a pedestrian system for residents walking in the downtown.

Sue Shikaze and Kate Hall presented on the state of sidewalks along Maple Ave., saying they are not up to par with provincial safety standards. They took particular exception to conditions on the north side, just after the bend in front of the new Gardens of Haliburton retirement facility.

Only one side of Maple Ave. has a functional sidewalk that far out – leaving elderly residents to walk along the side of the road, or crossing unsafely. When the Gardens was first proposed, Shikaze said the committee submitted several recommendations for improvements in the area.

“Now, two years later, with the Gardens fully operational, there has still been no improvements to the walking infrastructure,” Shikaze said. “This all leads to the question, what is someone who is a walker to do? There is no option for someone who wants to walk from the Gardens safely into town.”

She suggested council consider installing a sidewalk on the north side of Maple Ave.,

in front of the Gardens, to connect to an existing sidewalk by Victoria St., where a crosswalk would be installed. Shikaze also recommended designating Maple Ave. a community safety zone, which would lower the speed limit and result in higher fines for speeders, as well as implementing several other “traffic calming” measures, such as signs and pavement markings.

The committee walked Maple Ave. in September with Mayor Andrea Roberts, councillors John Smith and Larry Clarke and CAO Tamara Wilbee. Shikaze said participants admitted the walk “wasn’t overly pleasant” due to the high rate, and speed, of traffic.

It’s worse for the seniors who reside at the Gardens. Shikaze told a story of a 97-year-old man who goes for a walk early every morning as a way of getting some exercise, saying there is concern about him navigating snowbanks in winter.

She also referenced concerns with the safety of the York St. pedestrian crosswalk, disrepair of the fencing along the Drag River trail, and the condition of the existing pavement along some parts of Maple Ave., crumbling in some areas and requiring extensive weeding in others.

She said the community has an excellent track record rectifying issues, such as the transformation along Highland and York streets. Now, there’s an “urgent need” to do

the same to Maple Ave..

“Our residents have a right to walk safely from their homes to services and amenities,” Shikaze said.

Roberts admitted the municipality had work to do. Council will discuss upgrading Maple Ave. during its 2022 budget deliberations, set to begin Dec. 10.

Wallings Rd. development

A delegation representing a group of Halbiem Cres. residents expressed their opposition to a proposed 48-unit affordable housing development slated for nearby Wallings Rd.

Tim Negus, president of the Haliburton By the Lake (HBTL) property owners’ association, and Derrell Stamp said they’re worried about the impact the potential Places for People project could have on their neighbourhood.

The group’s chief concern surrounds the possibility of a go-between road being built from Wallings Rd. to Halbiem Cres., as touted by some council members and representatives from Places for People.

That idea stems from concerns the project could be shelved unless alternate routes out of Wallings Rd are identified. The County

of Haliburton is worried the intersection at Wallings Rd. and County Rd. 21 won’t be able to handle the additional traffic flow.

Negus said Roberts told him in 2020 that Halbiem Cres. was not being considered as a potential thoroughfare for Wallings Rd., so was surprised to learn the option is on the table.

He noted 94 per cent of residents along Halbiem “strongly opposed” any road way coming into the subdivision from Wallings. They’re worried about more traffic without proper infrastructure. Another concern is spillover parking, with 63 spaces for 48 units proposed for the development.

Ward 4 Coun. John Smith chalked up many of the group’s concerns to NIMBYism, saying he hears the same thing every time a development is proposed.

“There’s no greater, more urgent need in our community than additional housing. It seems every week I pick up a paper there’s a group saying ‘well, you can’t build housing in my neighbourhood.’ We’ve got to build it somewhere,” Smith said.

No decision has been made over the Wallings Rd. proposal, and the County, Dysart and Places for People are still talking.

“We do intend to keep this project going forward, to keep you informed, and keep having these conversations,” Roberts said.



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Fire chief says man saved by smoke alarm

By Lisa Gervais

A hearing-impaired Minden man was able to safely escape his burning home this past weekend thanks to smoke alarms, fire Chief Nelson Johnson said.

Johnson said his fire department got a call to a Tennyson Rd. property at 12:30 a.m. Nov. 21.

The call from the 911 dispatcher said all occupants were out of the structure as volunteers headed to the scene.

Johnson said when the first crew arrived just before 1 a.m. they "encountered heavy smoke and flames. The roof was compromised and flames were spreading fast throughout the small, three-bedroom cottage."

The department response included an engine, water truck, rescue, two command units and 11 firefighters. The incident commander then called for mutual aid, with the Dysart Fire Department bringing two water trucks, a rescue, and 12 firefighters to assist. There was a total of 23 firefighters, one engine and three water trucks on-site.

Johnson said crews began knocking down the fire and keeping it contained to the structure. The Minden Hills volunteers placed a portable pump in the lake to supply the engine with water.

Johnson said the occupant reported that he was sleeping in the cottage when insistent noise from the fire alarm woke



Minden Hills fire Chief Nelson Johnson. *File.*

him. He was roused to find flames and heavy smoke filling the cottage. He quickly ran out and called 911. Johnson said the occupant is hearing impaired and wears hearing aids.

"The occupant did not report any injuries, and the fire was considered out at 4 a.m.," Johnson said. "The crews then switched to overhauling the fire to ensure that there were no hidden hot spots, leaving the scene at 5 a.m."

Johnson said no firefighters were injured either.

"The loss of a home can be difficult but we were very pleased that the smoke alarm functioned as it was supposed to and there were no injuries, and that the occupant was able to leave the building to call 911," he added.

It was a busy weekend for the department. It had just finished extinguishing a large unattended brush fire when the structure fire call came in. Johnson said volunteers chocked up 37 hours of calls over Nov. 21 and 22. They included the structure fire, brush fire, a vehicle fire, medical calls, hydro lines down and the Minden Hills Santa Claus Parade.

"I am very proud of the volunteers that were able to assist this weekend and the long hours that were put in by all. The community should be proud of the volunteers that provide the township with the fire and rescue protection that they deserve, the volunteers always go above expectations when they are called upon."

Fire alarms save lives

Johnson emphasized how working smoke alarms save lives. He said if they are properly installed and maintained, they play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. He said other tips include:

- Know the sounds of fire safety, hear the beep, get on your feet and get out, stay out.
- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area.
- Install alarms on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms should be interconnected, when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test your smoke alarms at least once a month, press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years.

Johnson said modern smoke alarms are more technologically-advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms and there are many types and devices for people with hearing difficulties, young children and for other situations.

He added when you are looking at replacing or upgrading any smoke alarm, you should consider having alarms with strobe lights. The flashing lights can assist with hearing difficulties. If the hearing difficulty is extreme there are devices that shake the bed or vibrate when the alarm goes off. There are also smoke alarms that connect wirelessly through the internet to your phone. This provides instant notification to you, even if you are not home.



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Site plan for treatment centre approved

By Mike Baker

Algonquin Highlands has provisionally given the green light to Dimensions Health Centres to demolish and reconstruct a two-storey building on land the organization owns fronting Maple Lake.

At a meeting Nov. 18, municipal planner Sean O'Callaghan said the application complied with Algonquin Highlands' official plan and bylaw provisions. The plan calls for the demolition of an existing building on the site, and subsequent construction of a new two-storey facility that O'Callaghan said will cover a "slightly larger" area.

The proposed building will boast a footprint of 6,400 sq. ft. and will be used, as per the application, for tourism purposes. It will include a spa, dining area, meeting rooms, gym, yoga studio, general reception area, sauna and float tank room. It will also include a walkout basement fronting the lake.

There was some public concern over the property in question earlier this year when, in a press release announcing its purchase of the site, Dimensions said the 40-acre property would be "the first of several destination retreat centres integral to [its] treatment model." In the release, the



Algonquin Highlands has approved a site plan application for the demolition and reconstruction of a two-storey tourist facility on Maple Lake. The site was recently purchased by Dimensions Health Centres. *File.*

company describes itself as a psychedelic treatment company focused on inpatient treatment, integrating neuroscience with traditional healing practices.

Some area residents approached local media in May, expressing concern that the site would be transformed into a drug rehabilitation centre. Dimensions has since refuted those claims.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said that while some remain skeptical over the company's plans for the site, the municipality had no option

but to approve the application.

"Let's call a spade a spade. I know there are public concerns about this property. It needs to be stated, unequivocally, that the current zoning is being complied with and that we can't make a decision on replacing a building about what may or may not happen on that property in the future," Moffatt said. "We have to go with what it is today, and this is moving forward in accordance with our legislation."

Coun. Lisa Barry was concerned about the

septic capacity at the site, especially in light of Dimensions' proposal to increase the footprint of the main building. O'Callaghan said that the system on the site is large enough that it falls outside of municipal control, and is regulated by the province. He said the company would have to show that it is meeting ministry requirements when it submits an official building permit for the site.

ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Municipal fees increasing

Algonquin Highlands is making widespread changes to its municipal fees beginning Jan. 1, 2022.

Going through department by department last week, staff members cited inflation and an increased demand for services as key contributing factors for the hikes. Starting things off, treasurer Jean Hughes said her department would begin charging a \$10 fee to reprint tax bills for ratepayers, while also implementing a \$30 per hour charge for anyone requesting historical property tax information on a specific property.

Many interment-related costs are also going up, most notably the price of single

plots – increasing by \$200 to \$950. Care and maintenance fees are also rising.

On the parks and recreation side, department manager Chris Card recommended an across-the-board increase of three per cent for all services. That will impact the cost of things such as ski trail permits, facility rentals and admissions to parks and attractions, including the Dorset Tower.

Further discussions will take place over proposed price increases at Stanhope Airport after operations manager Lyell Bergstrom suggested a five per cent increase to hangar lease fees and aircraft parking. He said current fees were considerably cheaper than comparative sites across the province. Council agreed

to discuss an increase to airport fees at a future meeting.

Land acknowledgement adopted

Following in the footsteps of several other municipalities in the area, Algonquin Highlands has adopted a land acknowledgement statement recognizing the Indigenous history of the area, which will be read out at all future official municipal gatherings.

Communications coordinator Chad Ingram noted that, by adopting the acknowledgement, the municipality was recognizing "human history [on these lands] over a span of 10,000 years."

The statement that will be read at all future municipal meetings is as follows, "We respectfully acknowledge that the Township of Algonquin Highlands is located on Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory, and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which are Curve Lake, Rama, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Beausoleil and Georgina Island First Nations. We acknowledge a historical shared presence of Indigenous nations throughout the area, and recognize its original, Indigenous inhabitants as the stewards of its land and waters since time immemorial." (*Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Mike Baker*)

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Highlander news

Library lands free streaming service

By Sam Gillett

The Haliburton County Public Library is rolling out a new video streaming service.

Anyone with a HCPL library card will soon have free access to Kanopy, a streaming service used by more than 45 million library patrons worldwide.

The program was funded with a \$2,200 donation from the Haliburton Rotary Club.

HCPL CEO Chris Stephenson said the program “strikes a balance between education and entertainment, which is what libraries strive to do.”

It includes top-rated dramas such as *Call Me By Your Name*, *Lady Bird* and deep-dive documentaries such as *The Facebook Dilemma*. New titles are added regularly.

“More than 6,800 library users can get the app on their phone, laptop or on some Smart TVs as well,” Stephenson said. “It’s actually considered a gold-standard platform for public libraries.”

Stephenson said the program is a low-cost alternative to Netflix and other services, offering Highlanders “things to do with their families that are low-cost and brings them together.”

Users get a set amount of credits to redeem for Kanopy titles per month.

“You don’t have to pick up a DVD or worry about returning them. If your credits are out, you just wait until the next month when they are restored,” Stephenson said.

He said Kanopy means the library can host new events too.

Often licenses to show films in libraries by large producers such as Disney can cost hundreds of dollars.

“That’s impossible for many libraries,”



Library board chairperson Sally Howson holds the Rotary Club cheque with CEO Chris Stephenson. Photo by Sam Gillett.

said Stephenson.

With Kanopy, if all viewers have a library card the library can host movie nights, film clubs and more.

“It opens up the door for many possibilities,” he said.

After a short staff testing period, Kanopy

will be available to library patrons within a couple of weeks. Those interested in a library card can now get one online through the HCPL website.

Stephenson said Kanopy is another step in continuing to build the library’s digital services, which already includes free access

to e-books, learning experiences offered by National Geographic and online databases such as Ancestry.ca.

“The library has something for everyone,” Stephenson said. “We always tell people it’s probably changed if it’s been a year or five years since you’ve been in.”

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Notice – 2022 Budget Deliberations

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence the 2nd round of its 2022 Budget deliberations during its Regular Council Meeting via web conference scheduled for December 9, 2021.

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From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Vehicles parked in these areas that prohibit the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

(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:

November 25
Regular Council Meeting
December 9
Regular Council Meeting
2nd Draft Budget Meeting

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

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Highlander news

Incentives for landlords to start renting

By Mike Baker

After successfully piloting a new rental incentive designed to combat homelessness across the region last year, the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation is kicking the program into overdrive this winter in the hopes of alleviating one of the region’s most serious and complex issues.

In its inaugural year, the rapid re-housing program found homes for 34 families from across Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. Michelle Corley, manager of the regional housing authority, says that 85 per cent of those households remain housed 14 months later.

“We have seen a lot of success with this program since it was introduced. During the initial run last year, during the height of the pandemic, we did see a few landlords in the Haliburton area take advantage of it, and that helped some really vulnerable people find a home,” Corley said.

Through the initiative, the housing corporation offers landlords with vacant apartments a variety of supports and incentives, including funding to help prepare a unit for move-in, two months of pre-paid rent, and last month’s rent guarantee. Further security is provided to landlords in the form of compensation for damages beyond regular wear and tear and assistance in recovering any rent arrears. The housing authority also commits to

carrying out weekly check-ins with tenants, and monthly check-ins with landlords to ensure things are going smoothly.

Any homeowner with a vacant unit, or with one that will soon be available, can apply for the incentive. Corley says while it’s designed to subsidize standalone living units, they may also consider co-habitation situations, such as someone looking to rent out a room in their home.

“We won’t say no, initially, to anything. We’ll work with landlords as much as we can,” Corley said.

In an attempt to learn the full extent of the region’s homelessness problem, the City of Kawartha Lakes led a homeless enumeration exercise in September aimed at finding people experiencing homelessness.

Looking at the statistics, Corley said there are currently more than 150 homeless households in the area. In Haliburton County, the survey found 15 families, seven seniors and seven youth who were living without a fixed address, and a further 10 households considered unsheltered and sleeping either outside, in a vehicle or a seasonal trailer.

“The number of individuals and families who are currently sleeping outside or in vehicles is significantly higher than what we have previously experienced,” Corley said.

While she acknowledged some people experiencing homelessness suffer from



The Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corp. is bringing back an incentive program for potential landlords to help offset the region’s growing homelessness problem. *File.*

mental health and substance abuse issues, there’s been an alarming growth in the number of working households who have found themselves without a home over the past 12 months.

“We are seeing rents significantly increase, and we are seeing the amount of available or advertised private rental units significantly decrease, so those are certainly very concerning trends,” she said. “In all circumstances, homelessness is often related to a lack of housing. And we know that there’s a significant lack of housing in the County.”

Corley said the strength of the local housing market was exacerbating the issue, with many landlords choosing to sell their homes to maximize their investment while prices are high.

“We have seen a lot of people dispersed because of that, and because there’s nothing available these people often have nowhere to go,” she said.

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HHHS not alone in staffing woes

Reacting to news that ER hours and days may be cut at the county's two emergency departments saw some *Highlander* readers blaming hospital management and a mandatory vaccine policy.

It isn't that simple.

When hospitals such as the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario - which regularly wins best employer awards and is in the middle of Ottawa - struggles to find health care workers, you can understand some of the challenges HHHS is facing.

Ottawa's Queensway Carleton Hospital is offering up to \$10,000 to some nurses who qualify for an incentive program, and who agree to work for at least a year. The Windsor Regional Hospital is offering up to \$75,000 in bonuses to new nurses from outside Canada or outside Ontario. Obviously, small hospitals in Haliburton and Minden can't compete with that.

According to recent Statistics Canada data, the health care and social assistance sector had more job vacancies than any other in January 2021. Health care workers also reported working more hours in April 2021, compared even to the first wave of the pandemic in April 2020. And, even before the pandemic, the Canadian Nurses Association projected Canada would have a shortage of 60,000 nurses by 2022.

So, let's acknowledge this is by no means a local issue.

Nonetheless, it remains concerning.

The HHHS community update issued Nov. 22 contained a lot of terminology such as 'very likely, may and if'. It may have been phrased that way to cushion the blow or not cause panic. But perhaps in this case, it would be better to just rip off the band-aid rather than slowly and painfully pull it off. After all, it's unlikely HHHS is going to suddenly get an influx of staff. Let's call a spade a spade. It looks like we'll have to watch out for which emergency room is open at any given time and adjust our emergencies accordingly.

It could be far worse. We have two hospitals within about 20 minutes of each other. We still have the option of going to an ER in the Highlands. However, with our vast geography it will be a bit of a jigsaw puzzle to figure out which one will remain open at any given time. Those to the north can go to Huntsville if it is not life-threatening. Those in the east can go to Bancroft. Those in the south can go to Lindsay and those in the west have the option of Bracebridge.

When it comes to life-threatening situations it is more concerning since 20 minutes can be the difference between life and death. Being airlifted from the hospital closest to your home is always the preferred option.

However, the community needs to take a few deep breaths. There are many answers still to come. HHHS says no decisions have

been made about which ER will need to reduce services. It has pledged to give the community at least 48 hours notice of any planned reductions or closures.

As a community, we can stop blaming vaccine mandates. CEO Carolyn Plummer stated in the letter that the current staff shortage is not related to HHHS' vaccination policy.

We can stop predicting which ER could be cut back and turning it into a Minden versus Haliburton service debate.

We can go to our family doctors and nurse practitioners first when we don't have emergent issues. We can use telehealth services to get advice as to when the situation is an emergency.

As a community, including our federal and provincial members of parliament and our elected officials, we need to seek solutions to barriers to recruitment. For example, we have heard from some people that one of the major obstacles is our continued housing shortage. We need to stop holding up housing developments. And finally, as Plummer said at the end of her letter, we have to do all that we can to keep each other healthy and safe.



By Lisa Gervais

Introducing a COVID pill at last?

There are a few things worth mentioning this week. Numbers are climbing. But not everywhere. Why not?

Reviewing data from Europe, Asia, the Middle East and North America reveals trends. In Europe the surge in cases in Austria, Netherlands, UK and Germany is attributed to insufficient vaccine coverage, waning vaccine immunity, dominance of the highly transmissible Delta variant, poor compliance with mask wearing and failure to restrict indoor gatherings.

The WHO has advocated for a push for vaccine mandates and increased social precautions because they continue to be effective tools to limit disease spread. England is talking about mandatory COVID passports for some indoor venues, compulsory face coverings in certain indoor settings and advice to work from home. (Nice to know in Ontario we are on board with the globally recognized and recommended safety measures.)

In Ontario, booster doses (third vaccines) are available and encouraged 168 days or six months after second vaccines for health care workers, those older than 70, people who had AstraZeneca or the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, First Nations and their households. Immunocompromised are eligible eight weeks after second dose and elderly residents in group settings are eligible 20 weeks after their second dose.

Anticipated in 2022, the third shots will be available for everyone older than 12.

Kids five to 11 are now eligible for

first shots and can book online starting Nov. 23 through [Ontario.ca/bookvaccine](https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine) or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900. Patients and parents can visit [Ontario.ca/covidvaccinekids](https://ontario.ca/covidvaccinekids). Resources are available in COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Youth (ontario.ca)

For children, Health Canada authorized a two-dose series of the paediatric Pfizer vaccine, with a lower dose formulation providing 90.7 per cent reduction in serious illness or hospitalization and reduced risk of myocarditis and pericarditis. (That risk is 16 times higher with a COVID infection than from a vaccine.) Most children have mild COVID, but vaccinated children are less likely to infect other people than unvaccinated children, and a mild COVID case in a child can be deadly in an elderly grandparent. Vaccinating children provides a strong level of protection against the highly contagious Delta variant, keeps schools safer and open, and stops spread of the virus to family members.

And very exciting news. There is finally an at-home pill treatment for COVID-19 coming soon. It is like Tamiflu, the anti-viral that we use for influenza, a pill that is given within two days of symptom onset that reduces severity and duration of illness. This COVID-19 anti-viral, called molnupiravir, is made by Merck and claims to reduce hospitalizations and deaths by half among patients with early COVID-19 symptoms. It is licensed for adults 18 and

older who have tested positive for COVID-19 and have at least one risk factor for developing severe disease, such as obesity or heart disease. Patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 would take four pills of molnupiravir, twice a day for five days.

The implications are ground-breaking. Out-of-hospital treatment will reduce hospital burden. And in poorer countries where access to vaccines is challenging, outbreaks could be contained.

Molnupiravir works by targeting an enzyme the coronavirus uses to reproduce itself, inserting errors into its genetic code that slow its ability to replicate itself and take over human cells.

While not yet published in a scientific journal, the results of the trial (MOVE-OUT) are so positive that Merck is already producing molnupiravir, with 10 million to be ready by the end of 2021 and at least 20 million in 2022. There are purchase agreements with UK and USA, but most significantly Merck has licensing deals with several Indian makers of generic drugs to manufacture lower-cost versions of molnupiravir for developing countries.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Hold development for fragile sites

Dear editor,

On the heels of the UN Climate Change Conference and in the wake of unprecedented weather events in BC this is surely a wakeup call for our local governments to take serious action on climate change.

Locally we've experienced torrential rain, overflowing rivers causing millions of dollars in damage, and state of emergency declarations to safeguard the assets and well-being of local citizens. Work is proceeding on a Community Climate Action Plan and we've begun to re-map flood plains using the newest technologies.

Now we need to turn the spotlight on how we use land and design our communities in light of climate chaos. With a steady stream of people moving to the Highlands there are growing pressures for more housing, more everything. Are we prepared for this? We think not. The County doesn't have a site alteration bylaw. Without it, property owners can willy nilly fill in "swamps" and clear-cut trees without heed to a changing climate that will need the natural environment to keep us safe. Furthermore, after five years we still don't have a shoreline preservation bylaw to help protect our lakes and wildlife.

Wetlands continue to be filled and, most alarmingly, within town lines. These wetlands act as huge sponges absorbing rain, filtering pollutants and slowly releasing water into Head and Grass lakes. They are a buffer against flooding. The same goes for the forested hillsides that surround our villages and lakes. On average an untouched forest floor can absorb two-thirds more rain than a cover of suburban turf. Development is slowly creeping up and along the tops of our hillsides. Some environments are more fragile than others. Are the Haliburton Highlands reaching their environmental carrying capacity?

Until we have a firmer grasp of this, we need to call for a moratorium or a halt to developments close to floodplains, steep forested hillsides and other fragile sites. Let's start with the largest development before Dysart council – the condo and commercial development proposed for the land adjacent to the west wetlands on Grass Lake.

Carolyn Langdon on behalf of the Langdon family, Grass Lake, Haliburton

Perhaps not 'unenlightened' voters

Dear editor,

Letters to the editor are valuable in that they express opinions and reactions.

I join with Judi Forbes in expressing appreciation to any and all who stand for election at any level. Unfortunately, the remainder of her letter (Think before you vote, *The Highlander*, Nov. 18, 2021) appears to be elitist dismissal of the voting preferences of many who have participated in democracy in this area over a period of

many years.

While no party, leader, or representative is without fault, the freedom to express personal opinion, which properly allows Ms. Forbes her views, should be extended to and respected in others, including in how they vote.

As one of those accused of voting against (my) best interests, I remind her that it was the Liberal Party of Dalton McGuinty who shut down the Frost Centre - a pioneer in developing forest rangers, and environmental restraint. Further, it was the Progressive Conservative government which created the first Ministry of the Environment in all of North America, and set up such cultural treasures as TV Ontario.

As to COVID, there have been enough challenges to pass any blame around, but it was the federal Liberal government that allowed unmonitored entry from high-risk countries to continue coming into our province through Pearson Airport, and it was the provincial government that demanded testing.

Perhaps we "unenlightened" voters have, and do, use critical thinking in casting our votes.

*Russ Wunker
Miners' Bay*

Taking exception to three letter writers

Dear editor,

I was shocked at the letters to the editor published Nov. 11 by Darlene Buckingham and Doug Smith, obviously anti-vaxxers.

If they choose not to get vaccinated that is their choice, but to give false information about vaccines should have been fact checked by the newspaper.

Their opinions are just that, opinions, and not backed by science or medical professionals.

The second letter which I'm taking issue with is from Judi Forbes, former HKLB Liberal candidate. Apparently, she feels the need to campaign for the Liberals. She is the former candidate for a reason. The Liberals did a horrendous job in Ontario for years putting us into debt for which there will be no recovery for decades.

The federal Liberals are following in their footsteps. A trillion dollars in debt, fighting indigenous children in court, countless scandals and ethics violations, millions paid to a Chinese drug manufacturer who never sent the vaccine at all, millions wasted on substandard PPE for our hospitals, giving away our PPE and left our coffers empty, carbon tax which he seems to think will clean the planet all while taking several jets for one trip and threatening to censor the media.

This is only a snippet of the mess they've caused. I couldn't imagine the nightmare in Ontario if Wynne was still the premier, another trillion would have been added on to the debt. Now tell me again, Judi, why we should vote for the Liberals?

*J. Gibson
Algonquin Highlands*

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Greg Pichnej sent in this photo of a team of Mergansers.

Lack of affordable housing options

Dear editor,

Dysart's delay of the Wallings Rd. development needs to end.

In late 2019 I found myself in this predicament. I had sold my home. As a widow and a senior, I was not able to afford it anymore. I thought I had all my plans in place, but the accommodation I was planning on fell through. I was facing homelessness.

There was no alternative, no listings at all that I could afford. Finally, I was offered use of a small cottage to rent, I thankfully accepted. Arrangements were made to store my furniture and I moved to my temporary home. The relief was unbelievable. This arrangement would take me to April 2020, when I would need a more permanent accommodation. During the winter months I continued to search for something, somewhere, but once again there was nothing. Then I lucked on a listing in my area. I didn't waste any time, and fortunately made an agreement for a long term lease.

Yes, I was very fortunate, and I often think of those months, with the stress and anxiety of not knowing where I was going to live. Finances were a worry as they are with many. Also, some places don't accept pets, and I have three cats.

When we say affordable housing, we mean affordable for those folks on limited incomes, whether they be single, those with families, those who are working more than one job. When do we look after these persons? Those of you who are sitting comfortably in your home consider that in a blink of an eye your life could take a drastic turn and you could be one of those looking for somewhere to live.

The Wallings Rd. development could relieve mental anguish such as I suffered. Please no more delay.

*Sheila Robb
Algonquin Highlands*

Corporations are not trustworthy

Dear editor,

In responding to Robert Wagman, I find it so frustrating when issues get mixed into one argument or labeled as "anti vaxxer" to end the discussion. In truth, it is more complex than that.

First, let me say I am not an anti vaxxer, I've had my Polio, TB, Cholera, Tetanus, Small Pox and Yellow Fever injections without issue or concern.

If Dr. Wagman was from my generation he would remember, Thalidomide, DDT, Asbestos, Radium, Arsenic, Tobacco, Oxy Contin, BPDE's, Fire Retardants, Synthetic Estrogen, 2,4,D, Nicotinoids.

All of these things were deemed safe for use by all the regulatory bodies of government and of course, the manufacturers. Thalidomide was even given out for free. He would remember how tobacco companies dragged out compensation cases for years. The last Thalidomide cases in Canada were resolved in 2010, 50 years after the fact and when many of the victims were dead. When pharmaceutical corporations are indemnified from prosecution on an experimental vaccine (mRNA) that is still on trial until May of 2023 there is reason for concern.

What product, with as yet unknown outcomes, gets that kind of soft touch?

It is not anti vaxx to have a healthy suspicion of these corporations, who have a revolving door relationship with regulatory bodies, who have been proven to openly lie about product safety to increase sales. Please remember, most of us started out trusting these corporations, it is these corporations who have relentlessly proved to us by their behavior that they are not trustworthy.

*Steve Clarke
Minden*

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Committee members noted the condition and construction of the bridge's foundation seems concerning. *Highlands East.*

Committee worries about IB+O bridge

By Sam Gillett

The Highlands East trail and outdoors committee will seek engineers to conduct a structural assessment of the IB&O rail trail bridge.

If the committee receives a suitable quote, they can forward the decision for Highlands East council's approval.

"I think we're doing the right thing by bringing this forward to council," said chairperson Coun. Cam McKenzie.

Committee members raised issues with

the bridge, located near Farr Road, in the summer of 2020.

McKenzie estimated the wooden foundation is original, and other committee members pointed out makeshift supporting structures under the bridge seem unsafe.

"It seems as though they're comprised of partial sections," said member Peter Wood.

"To me, I don't know how secure that is, if that's a normal bridge-building practice. I'd think a proper review is worthwhile."

The IB&O bridge regularly sees

snowmobile traffic and increased ATV and side-by-side traffic.

For board member Frank Meurer, the bridge is a concern to riders.

"Having now seen the underside of the bridge, I'm a little more concerned than when I was riding on top of it," said Frank Meurer.

It's estimated an engineer's review of the bridge could cost \$2,500. Highlands East council will make the decision whether to hire a third-party inspector.



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Highlander arts

Highlands Summer Festival to make 2022 return

By Lisa Gervais

The Highlands Summer Festival will kick off its 2022 theatre season in July with a world-famous Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein musical.

The announcement of the new season was made by artistic producer Scot Denton and festival president Brian Kipping Nov. 14.

"It will be an exciting year for the festival," Denton said.

"The Highlands Summer Festival will be celebrating its return to the stage leading off with *The Sound of Music* July 4 for 10 performances, including three matinees," Denton noted.

Kipping added, "We are so excited to finally be presenting the season we promised you before our theatre, and the world for that matter, went dark. We knew from the enthusiastic response to the announcement in 2019 that we should make every effort to bring that season [back] and we have."

In addition to *The Sound of Music*, the festival season includes: Oscar Wilde's satirical *The Importance of Being Earnest*, the touching *Every Brilliant Thing* and feature a rollicking performance from Marshall Button as *Lucien* and a memory evoking, toe tapping rock concert, *Across the Pond (The British Invasion)*, with Leisa Way and the Wayward Wind Band.

The season will run from July 4-Aug. 11.

Details for the shows can be found on the festival's newly refreshed website, highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.

Included in the schedule are eight matinee performances with special youth pricing of \$20 for those 18 and younger. Single tickets will still be available for \$37.50. Season passes, which include all five shows, are now on sale for \$160. Passes can be purchased online, by phone 705-457-9933, 1-855-457-9933 or by mail at Box 678, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0. Season passes will be on sale until Jan. 31, 2022.



With music director Melissa Stephens at the keyboard, five of the seven von Trapp children originally cast for the 2019 season performance of *A Sound of Music* practice their singing. *File*.

Talent readies for Highlands Christmas Shindig

By Lisa Gervais

The Highlands Christmas Shindig "now has a life of its own" as organizers ready for the Nov. 27 event, Mike Jaycock said.

"The wonderful talent lineup has been rehearsing and they're all primed and ready to go," he said. "We'll have a live audience, which will be wonderful for the performers too."

Jaycock said the volunteer production staff have been working diligently to create

stages, backdrops, sound, lighting and technical equipment to stream the signal via YouTube (search Highlands Christmas Shindig), Facebook (Highlands Christmas Shindig page) and fuelforwarmth.com.

Three cameras will capture all the fun and, thanks to a strong internet feed at the Haliburton Legion, they will have a clean, clear video stream.

Close to 30 production volunteers are involved in the planning and delivery of the fundraiser. Many have been working on it

since the late spring.

"It's so typical of the Highlands that, when there's a worthy cause, the good'uns pitch in and make it happen. All that remains is for our viewing audience to join us Saturday evening and be generous in their giving to Fuel for Warmth. They'll be able to do that at fuelforwarmth.com," Jaycock said.

The tech team, led by Tammy Rae, will be doing live feeds on Saturday, every hour for five minutes, from noon to 6 p.m. "This

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U9 Storm surge washes out Huntsville Otters 11-1

Saturday, Nov. 20 showcased a late morning showdown between our U9 Highland Storm and the Huntsville Otters.

The team was very excited to hit the ice for their first game. It didn't take many shifts for the initial emotions to subside and the game plan to unfold.

Grayson Thomas put us on the board first with a rush to the net. He would go on to score three additional goals in

what was a stellar performance.

The first period was dominated by good passing and aggressive skating, which allowed us to put in five goals during that frame.

The second period started off similar. Wyatt Braun completed his hat-trick, while goaltender Mason Bishop stymied the opposition by only relenting a single goal. Key contributions by Nolan Frybort and

James Hamilton, both for a pair of goals themselves, aided in the successful 11-1 win for the home team.

The team defence did a tremendous job keeping the Otters hemmed into their end zone and limiting shots. The coaching staff and parents were very proud of their effort and sportsmanship. Our next matchup is slated for Nov. 27 in a rematch tilt in Huntsville. (Submitted).

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Left: Ethan Gonsalves of the Haliburton County Huskies carries the puck during the second period Nov. 20 against the Toronto Patriots. Right: The Huskies' Oliver Tarr protects the puck against McKay Hayes of the Toronto Patriots. Photos by Paul Mauceri/OJHL Images.

Returning players set to give Huskies a boost

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Huskies got back to winning ways last week, putting some daylight between themselves and their closest rivals at the top end of the OJHL's East Division.

On Nov. 18, the team travelled to Caledon to take on an Admirals outfit that have recorded only two victories this season. The game was a blowout, with the Huskies firing six goals without reply in what was, statistically, their biggest win of the season.

Sam Solarino got things started just a minute in, tickling the twine after being set up by Lucas Marshall, before defenseman Jonah Cochrane registered his first goal as a Huskie at 14:07 of the opening period. Forwards Ethan Gonsalves and Nicholas Athanasakos added tallies of their own in the second, with Lucas Stevenson and Solarino scoring in the third.

Nov. 20, the team faced much sterner

opposition in the Toronto Patriots. An entertaining tilt in the city finished with a Huskies' 3-2 victory. Athanasakos and Stevenson were again on the scoresheet, netting either side of a Bryce Richardson ripper as they tallied three straight goals in the first and second periods. The Patriots put in a late consolation at 19:24 in the final period, setting up a nervy final 30 seconds, but the Huskies held on for the two points.

Head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay was full of praise for his team after back-to-back wins.

"We played well in both games. With Caledon, obviously they're a team that's struggling and sometimes those games are hard to get up for, but our guys really showed up and performed. Then on Saturday, we played a sound 60-minute game," Ramsay said. "Christian Stevens was impressive, playing really well and putting up two [primary] assists to set us on our way."

A rare Monday night game seemed to catch the Huskies cold, as they gave up a 6-1 decision to the Cobourg Cougars Nov. 22. Playing on the road for the fourth successive game, the team struggled to generate offense and were poor on the powerplay, something Ramsay said his players needed to work hard to rectify.

"We were 0-6 on the man advantage down there, and were 3-6 on the penalty kill, so it wasn't a good night. If your special teams aren't doing so well, you're not going to win very many hockey games," Ramsay said.

There was some positive news later in the week when it was revealed that reliable forward Pat Saini is back in training after recovering from injury. Assistant captain Isaac Sooklal is also set to return after missing the past 12 games through injury, while Payton Schaly, acquired earlier this month in a trade with the Wellington Dukes, is now ready to make his Huskies debut.

Those additions will give the team a lift as they prepare to take on the Cougars and the Dukes this weekend.

"Payton Schaly is a top line guy, and Pat Saini is a top line guy, so we're really going to notice a difference getting those guys back into the lineup. Then Isaac Sooklal is one of our top defensemen, and is one of the top defensemen in the league, so we're getting a lot of workhorses back," Ramsay said. "We haven't had a full lineup this whole season, so this will be a huge boost and give us much more depth going forward."

The Huskies welcome the Cougars to S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena Nov. 26, with puck drop set for 7:30 p.m., before traveling to Wellington to take on the Dukes Nov. 28. The team is currently in second place in the East Division, seven points behind the table-topping Trenton Golden Hawks, boasting a record of 12-7-1.



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Porter leading Jr. A team by example

By Mike Baker

After spending much of his childhood watching his dad and older cousin man the blueline in GTA hockey leagues, Nathan Porter feels he was always destined to become a defenseman.

The 20-year-old Haliburton County Huskies captain is one of the top stay-at-home D-men in the OJHL. A four-year veteran of the league, his on-ice quality and behind-the-scenes leadership have helped inspire his team to new heights this season – the organization's first in the Highlands.

The Huskies are currently second in the OJHL East Division, with a record of 12-7-1. Porter has laced up the skates in all 20 games thus far, registering two goals and seven assists. It's at the other end of the ice where he excels, however. His big 6-foot-2-inch, 220-pound frame makes him a defensive juggernaut, and he is often used to help nullify opposing team's top attacking talents, and to kill penalties.

"I've always been a Duncan Keith kind of guy, Brent Seabrook too. I would say I've sort of modeled or styled my game on them, more of a defence-first player," Porter said.

He started his career as a seven-year-old playing novice in Whitby. Over the years, as he grew into his body and his play improved, he took the step into AAA, representing a Whitby Wildcats team that also featured Cole Perfetti (drafted 10th overall in the 2020 NHL entry draft by the Winnipeg Jets), Ryan O'Rourke (selected

39th overall by the Minnesota Wild in 2020) and Blake Murray (a sixth round pick by the Carolina Hurricanes in 2019).

He made the jump to the OJHL as a 16-year-old during the 2017/18 season, playing 50 games with the Pickering Panthers. He would spend one more season in Pickering, before being traded to his hometown Whitby Fury ahead of the 2019/20 season.

The jump from midget to junior hockey was a substantial one, Porter recalled. He remembered spending his first year in Pickering following around some of the older players, trying to learn as much as he could from them.

"As a younger player, especially in this league, I feel like you just have to be a sponge. You've got to take everything in. During my 16-year-old year, I wasn't really a go-to guy, and wasn't logging big minutes, but I wouldn't change a thing because the experience really helped me to take that next step," Porter said. "Then, during my second year, things just started to click, and I haven't really looked back."

Porter was one of the first players to commit to the newly-formed Huskies when it was announced the old Fury organization would be moving north. While, at least initially, he didn't love the idea of moving from home, things were made easier when he made his first visit to the Highlands.

"The people are so welcoming, and so warm. I love walking down the main street



Haliburton County Huskies captain Nathan Porter is making the most of his final season in the OJHL. Photo by Mike Baker.

[in Haliburton] and seeing guys wearing Huskies hats, and having kids be so excited to meet you and talk to you. It's awesome," Porter said.

He's living with five of his teammates and the Huskies' defensive coach in the "hockey house" in Haliburton.

Speaking about his teammates, Porter said the togetherness and camaraderie inside the dressing room this year is unlike anything he's been a part of.

"We're all best friends. We're all brothers. The Huskies really are like a family," he said.

Given the team's bright start, which

includes impressive victories over top-ranked rivals across the OJHL, Porter said the team is focused on one thing only – winning a championship. That would mark the "sweetest possible ending" to a junior career that has spanned more than four years.

Not that Porter is preparing to give up hockey completely. He said he's held tentative discussions with some schools, both north and south of the border, about playing college hockey. He hopes to one day pursue a career in business, or become a firefighter.

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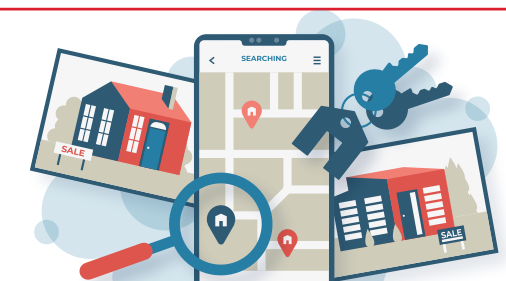


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Children aged 5-11 can now get their COVID shot. *Freepik.com.*

Fast facts on COVID-19 vaccinations for kids

By Lisa Gervais

With Health Canada's approval of a COVID-19 vaccine for children ages five to 11, local health care providers say they are working together to help families understand why vaccination is safe, effective and recommended for kids.

Health Canada has given the green light for the Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine to be provided to children ages five to 11 years. On Nov. 22, the Ontario government announced that parents can start booking appointments through the provincial booking system starting Nov. 23.

Locally, parents can book appointments for their children at COVID-19 vaccination clinics scheduled anytime after Nov. 29. Appointments are encouraged at all HKPR clinics for first, second or third doses, but walk-ins will also be accepted between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. at all clinics.

"Children can contribute to the spread of the virus at home and in other settings," said Dr. Natalie Bocking, medical officer of health for the HKPR District Health Unit. "In order for us to most effectively build community protection against COVID-19, we need to get as many people across all age groups, including children, fully vaccinated."

To help answer questions parents may still have about vaccinating their child, the HKPR District Health Unit is teaming up with local primary care providers to offer a virtual panel discussion entitled Fast Facts on COVID-19 Vacs for Kids.

"We know some parents are questioning the need and the safety of the vaccine and this information session is the perfect opportunity to talk about those concerns and help clear up some of the misinformation and fear that may be circulating," said Dr. Bocking. "While children are less likely to get really sick from COVID-19, there are still many reasons why they need the protection offered by the vaccine."

Dr. Bocking said she understands parents may have many questions about COVID-19 vaccines. The Dec. 2 information session is designed to provide information about the vaccine, how to prepare children for it, potential side effects, and the ways to book an appointment. With a wide variety of panelists, parents can have their questions answered and will receive information from public health representatives, as well as family physicians, the health unit said.

Parents/guardians with questions about the COVID-19 vaccine for children are also encouraged to speak with their health care providers. The SickKids COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service also offers an appointment-based phone service that provides a safe, judgement-free space to discuss COVID-19 vaccine for children and youth. To book an appointment visit COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service (sickkids.ca). As well, the Health Unit also has information, resources and videos on its website (hkpr.on.ca) for families to help decide what's right for their child. Information on vaccination clinic locations, date and times for children is also available on the site.

When: Thursday, Dec. 2 from 6 to 7 p.m.

What: A virtual meeting with a panel of local health care providers. The session will be live streamed on YouTube and the recording provided after the meeting.

Why: The panel will share information on COVID-19 and the vaccine for children.

Who: Panel participants will include: Dr. Sheila Mae Young – family physician in the City of Kawartha Lakes; Dr. Bocking; Dr. Emma Smith, family physician with Northumberland Family Health Team and Brooke Mountney, Public Health Nurse, HKPR District Health Unit.

How: visit hkpr.on.ca for information on how to view the session and pre-submit questions.

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Former teacher loved and respected by all

By Mike Baker

A former auto shop teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is being remembered for his boundless community spirit, and a “kind and gentle” nature that resonated with students and family alike.

Bill Johnston was an institution at the local school for more than 30 years having taught there from 1967 until his retirement in 1998. Over the years he taught hundreds of students how to change a tire, identify issues under a car’s hood, and make simple repairs.

On Oct. 29, he passed away at the age of 80, shortly after suffering a stroke. His family held a memorial service in his honour last week at Haliburton Community Funeral Home.

Dozens of people attended in-person, with a virtual offering made available to those who couldn’t be there.

“I have come to realize just how amazing and exceptional my dad was. He was a truly gentle, caring and sensitive man who could command the attention of a room without being loud or boisterous,” said son, Mark Johnston.

He shared stories of the guidance his father offered him while growing up: how he was supportive when, on the pair’s first hunting trip, Mark had trouble pulling the trigger and making his first kill; or, when Mark was about to embark on an overseas mission trip, offering a piece of wisdom that changed his son’s entire outlook on the adventure.

Tales of Bill’s humour also drew more than a few laughs.

Mark recalled a time when he and his friend, Benton Brown, were out in his back yard hitting a few golf balls.

“My dad strolled out with a book under his arm and walked up to Benton and said, ‘I was just going through some stuff in the

house and I found something that I thought you might find useful.’ He handed Benton the book, which was called ‘Golfing for Women’,” Mark said. “Then he just walked away. It was so funny, and I still think about that all the time.”

Born in Haliburton in 1942, Johnston spent the majority of his life living in the community.

Upon graduating from HHSS in the early 1960s, he took on a mechanic apprenticeship at Curry Motors.

He then moved to Oshawa, working at another Chevrolet dealership, before returning home and, ultimately, rounding out his professional career by moving into education.

In 1975, he married Jane Stokes – also a teacher at HHSS. Together, the pair have two children, Mark and Tammy.

Also speaking at the ceremony, Tammy said her dad actually foreshadowed the event, and had but one request.

“Dad told me once about a funeral he had been to. The minister had approached him and said, ‘when we grieve, what we’re actually doing is feeling sorry for ourselves because our loved ones are no longer with us. The truth is, they’re doing just fine, and they’re in a better place,’” Tammy said. “Dad then said, ‘when my time comes, I don’t want people to make a big fuss or get upset. I just want them to remember the good things.’ I see a lot of truth and value in that story.

“When I look back on the last 34 years I got to spend with dad, there are so many good things to remember and be grateful for that it almost doesn’t make sense to be sad,” she added.

“I remember the good things. Dad’s spirit is very much still there, and the connection remains. And I know he’s doing just fine on the other side.”



Bill Johnston was a former auto shop teacher at HHSS. Photo submitted.



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Relocating a little piece of Minden history

By Mike Baker

Having spent the best part of a week restoring “a cool piece of Minden’s history” over the summer, Sharon Lake resident Brian McGroarty wants to reassure area residents that an old lighthouse, that for decades sat on a property overlooking Hwy. 35, lives on.

In August, while returning home from a morning scouring for goodies at area garage sales, McGroarty and his partner Jan Delville noticed something different about the lighthouse they had long admired – it had a small ‘for sale’ sign attached to it.

“This lighthouse has been on that property forever, I think for over 40 years” McGroarty said, referencing the home immediately north of the Kawartha Dairy and Minden Coin Wash. “I love something that has history and character, and when you come across something like this it really doesn’t get any better.”

McGroarty spent \$100 to acquire the lighthouse and a further \$100 to restore it. The finished product now sits in his backyard on Sharon Lake Drive, overlooking the water.

Many of his neighbours and visitors to the lake have marvelled at the structure, McGroarty said. The couple are renowned in their neighbourhood for decorating their property with antiques and collectibles.

Adding the lighthouse was an opportunity

McGroarty says he could not pass up. Now, it will serve as the crown jewel of their lakefront home.

“When I tell friends and family about the lighthouse, their immediate reaction is to go ‘aww, you got that?’ I think a lot of people have recognized it over the years, which is why I wanted to come forward and let people know where they can find it,” McGroarty said. “I think people will have noticed it’s not there anymore. I know that I have it, and I still find myself looking towards that same spot when I drive by.”

He and Delville said they would welcome any visitor who wanted to stop by, check it out and get a few photos.

“It’s a piece of Minden history. We don’t just want to keep it for ourselves,” Delville said.

As well as the main structure, which stands around eight feet tall, McGroarty also took possession of a smaller lighthouse, which he says he plans to refurbish next year. While he doesn’t yet know where he will put that lighthouse, he says it will be well away from the main structure – likely on the front of his property, overlooking Sharon Lake Drive.

“I’ve always been attracted to these little oddities. I see beauty in things old and worn down,” McGroarty said. “I’m just so happy to have been able to get my hands on this lighthouse. It really did deserve to be fixed up and showed off. It’s a beautiful piece.”



Brian McGroarty and Jan Delville love the latest addition to their property on Sharon Lake. Photo by Mike Baker.

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Sleeping in Cars event rakes in over \$12,000

By Mike Baker

It was a long, cold night for a group of 14 area residents Nov. 19 as Places for People held its Sleeping in Cars fundraiser under the stars at Abbey Gardens.

The event was a “tremendous success,” according to lead organizer Nataly Mylan, raising more than \$12,000 to help Places for People with its mandate of providing affordable living spaces to some of the community’s most in-need residents.

Fay Martin was the top individual fundraiser, bringing in more than \$5,200, with remote participants ‘The Chilly Chicks’ Sylvia Claridge and Val Jarvis raising more than \$3,000. Various county residents, including Minden councillor Bob Carter and Dysart mayor Andrea Roberts, stopped by over the course of the evening to drop off donations.

“I think the night went very well ... I am extremely thrilled at the amount raised. I believe people really appreciate how difficult life would be without safe, secure, stable housing,” Mylan said. “We are grateful to have such a generous community.”

Having spent an uncomfortable evening in her car, Mylan said she has certainly gained a new appreciation for the home comforts she often takes for granted.

“Privacy is non-existent in a car, and with two teenage kids that is especially problematic. There was no way I was going

to exit my ‘cocoon’ once I was in bed, so calls to the bathroom were ignored,” Mylan said. “And we were without our loyal dog companion, something that seems insignificant considering the magnitude of being without a home, but I was reminded of the comfort and love we would not have without him.”

Emily Stonehouse, a board member with Places for People, feels it’s important that the organization host events such as Sleeping in Cars to remind area residents that, even though they may not see people sleeping on the sidewalk along Highland Street in Haliburton or Bobcaygeon Road in Minden, homelessness is a real problem in our community.

That fact was showcased eloquently on the night by a local couple who, for reasons outside of their control, have found themselves without a home since April.

The pair, who asked that their names be withheld from publication, have lived in Haliburton County since 1987. They owned a place of their own before selling in 2016. They then rented a small place in Minden, but were given an eviction notice earlier this year after their landlord sold the property.

“We’ve been looking, but just haven’t been able to find anything we can afford. The monthly cost for rental properties now is way crazy. It’s more than double what we were paying before,” one of them stated.

As of press time, there were just two



Minden Coun. Bob Carter and Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts showed their support for Places for People’s Sleeping in Cars fundraiser. Photo by Mike Baker.

online postings for apartments in Haliburton County on Kijiji, a three-bedroom house in Minden listed at \$2,000 a month and a one-bedroom apartment in Haliburton listed at \$1,400 per month.

The couple spent the summer living in a trailer on a friend’s property. They have recently moved into a small cottage, although they can only stay there until May. Looking long-term, they are considering pooling their money with a family member to try and find a place where they can all live.


“We don’t want to live together, but that’s the only option that we have right now in order to find something. We’ll be 63 soon. We want to live alone, but this is the

situation we’re faced with.”

Places for People is currently working with Dysart et al and the County on a proposal to develop an affordable housing complex on Wallings Rd. in Haliburton. The project, if approved, will feature up to 48 one-and-two-bedroom apartments.

All money raised through the Sleeping in Cars event will go towards the Wallings Rd. proposal, Mylan said.

“We have the opportunity to respond to our needs in our own unique way; to ensure that we keep our retail workers, our seasonal workers, our elders, and everyone in between in a dignified way that benefits our communities as a whole,” Mylan said of the project.



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Top left: The Haliburton County Huskies walked in the parade, just hours before they were due to play the Toronto Patriots in OJHL action. Top right and bottom: Participants were all smiles on Saturday morning. Photos by Mike Baker.

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Top left and middle: Mrs. Claus made a surprise appearance, flanked by her elves. Top right: The Haliburton Dance Academy put on a performance for those in attendance. Bottom left: Many families adorning festive garb as they watch from the sidelines. Bottom middle: The floats kept on coming down Bobcaygeon Road, as local residents watched on. Bottom right: Santa Claus delivers Christmas greetings to Minden.

Photos by Mike Baker.



2022 Municipal Election

Joint Compliance Audit Committee Members

The Corporations of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, the Township of Minden Hills, the Municipality of Dysart et al and the Municipality of Highlands East, are currently seeking interested applicants from professionals who are required to adhere to codes of standards of their profession, and other individuals with in depth knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* for appointment to a **Joint Compliance Audit Committee**.

The Joint Compliance Audit Committee has full delegation of the authority in the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, to address applications requesting an audit of a candidate's election campaign finances. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the following:

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- Where indicated, decide whether legal proceedings shall be commenced.

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Preferred Qualifications:

- (a) Accounting and audit – accountants or auditors with experience in preparing or auditing the financial statements of municipal candidates;
- (b) Academic – college or university professors with expertise in political science or local government administration;
- (c) Legal; and
- (d) Other individuals with knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Members of the public interested in serving on this Committee are asked to submit a resume, and covering letter, marked "Confidential" no later than Noon on November 30, 2021 to:

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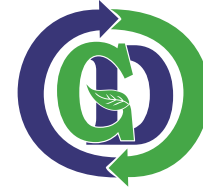


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It was Carm’s wish for cremation and a graveside service will take place at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery in the spring.

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Loving mother of Dan (Krista) and Brandon (Lina). Dear sister of Ron (Joyce), Darlene (Alex) and Elaine (Ray). Predeceased by her brother Douglas. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Jane was actively involved in the Community. She was a member of the Haliburton Lions, Friends of the Library, Community Support Services. She enjoyed art, stained glass, card making and making jewellery. One of the most favourite things Jane enjoyed was decorating the house for Christmas. Most of all, she enjoyed the time spent with her family. She will be missed by many.

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Highlander puzzles

What To Do, What To Do?

by Barbara Olson
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Across

- 1 Half of an ice grabber
- 5 Carling O'___ (onetime brewer)
- 10 Beaded slip-ons, for short
- 14 Belcher at a tea party, say
- 15 '90s Governor General Hnatyshyn
- 16 No room to swing ___
- 17 *In some way
- 19 Having a wild flavour
- 20 Mirror image, often
- 21 Airport building
- 23 Prom venue, perhaps
- 26 Cyber seller
- 28 "Exodus" character
- 29 Have the ___ for (be sweet on)
- 31 "The Simpsons" Duff dispenser
- 32 Early PC platform
- 34 *Won't be believed, slangily
- 38 Triple-hug, in a letter
- 39 Shoulder-crier's sentiment
- 40 *Utterly abandon
- 49 Wheel rods
- 50 Neptune's realm, in myth
- 51 Himalayan hgt.
- 52 Kick ___ fuss
- 53 Tough-guy triathlon
- 57 Chilling activity, for short?
- 58 Appoint as a candidate
- 60 Break down, as compost
- 62 U.K.military medals
- 63 *Upholstered seat cushion tuck
- 68 Make over
- 69 Majestic tales
- 70 Prefix meaning "self"
- 71 Belgian river to the North Sea
- 72 Dry, as Italian wine
- 73 See 40-Down

Down

- 1 "Not sure yet," in a T.V. guide
- 2 Sock-in-the-gut response
- 3 "I was kidding!"
- 4 Not dyeing, perhaps

- 5 Frankfurter's cabbage topping
- 6 "... spelled with ___ in 'eagle'"
- 7 It may be expressed with :-) or >:(
- 8 Fido's front limb
- 9 Between: Fr.
- 10 Biblical wise guys
- 11 Song that gets people on their feet
- 12 Chevy muscle cars
- 13 In "Vogue," maybe
- 18 Preschoolers?
- 22 Nighttime orb, in a kid's song
- 23 4, on the phone
- 24 Homies' howdies
- 25 Logan is Canada's highest: Abbr.
- 27 Baie-Comeau buddy
- 30 Kenmore in the kitchen
- 33 Abba or First Aid Kit member, e.g.
- 35 Enters
- 36 Gusher's cry
- 37 A pair, to Burns
- 40 With 73- Across, schedule of tasks ... and an apt place for the last words of the starred answers
- 41 Pulls back the curtain on
- 42 Topped with ice cream
- 43 Atom that may be radioactive
- 44 Like cheaper drugs
- 45 Seuss title food
- 46 Car seller on a lot: Abbr.
- 47 Stimp's chihuahua chum
- 48 B.C.'s intl. airport
- 54 Participates in a 53-Across
- 55 "Am not!" retort
- 56 Neither partner
- 59 "Take it as ___ not at all"
- 61 Nonstick cookware brand
- 64 Letters on the starship Enterprise
- 65 "Je suis d'accord"
- 66 Some C.F.B. officers
- 67 Small J topper

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Twelve Mile Lake Road



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Mountain Street



Fantastic home, situated on a year-round road in a lovely private neighbourhood just a short drive or walk to Haliburton village. This lovingly owned & maintained home features 3 bdrms & full bath on the main level. Enjoy tons of natural lighting in the bright, spacious living room, dining area & kitchen. Step out to the sunroom & feel immersed in nature - overlooking the beautiful flowing creek & forest. Finished lower level with den/bdrm, renovated 3pc bath & large rec room. Great sized lot, with prepared vegetable garden site, shed, & large double carport. This family home offers endless possibilities. **\$539,000**

Kawagama Lake



Stunning south views across the lake. This property has a fantastic shoreline of mixed sand/gravel gradual entry to the water. Hydro is at the lot line and there is good cell service. This is easily accessible from either marina on the lake. Enjoy this affordable lot in the summer while you make your plans for your new cottage. Great fishing year-round and fantastic snowmobiling in the winter. **\$279,000**

SOLD

Stills Road



This beautiful 1.2-acre building lot is located in the heart of Eagle Lake. Driveway installed & building site is cleared & ready for your year-round home or getaway. Many apple trees throughout the property. Stunning park-like setting. Surrounded by mature trees in a quiet neighbourhood. Paved year-round municipal road. Walking distance to Eagle Lake Country market, Eagle Lake public beach, & boat launch. Stop dreaming and start building your dream home or cottage. **\$128,500**

SOLD

Wenona Lake



Fantastic lot in a quiet area. This 0.42-acre lot is the perfect spot to build your families dream cottage or home. Conveniently located on a year-round road with hydro and telephone available and located 15 minutes from Haliburton village. Surrounded by mature trees providing ample privacy. 1/12 interest (ownership) in waterfront lot 62 which has a beautiful sand shoreline and western exposure overlooking Wenona Lake. Adjacent lot is owned by the municipality adding additional privacy. **\$94,500**

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This pretty 1.52-acre lot is in the vicinity of the 3 lake chain-Green-Maple-Beech. Deeded access to Maple Lake within walking distance. Situated just outside West Guilford, between Camarvon and Haliburton with easy seasonal access off HWY 118. The lot is fairly level with a slight elevation to a great spot to build your retreat. Surrounded by mature trees in a quiet area. Ample privacy and lots of space for the family to enjoy the outdoors. **\$69,900**



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