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James Seed, front, said he's excited to start junior kindergarten at Stuart Baker Elementary School this fall. Also pictured is his father, Kevin Seed, mother, Jodi Curry and brother Wells Seed. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

## Board balancing risk with back-to-school plan

By Kirk Winter

Since early August, senior staff at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board have been working with principals, local health units and the provincial Ministry of Education to safely re-open schools on Sept. 7.

While parts of the plan remain fluid, Director of Education, Wes Hahn, hopes to see students return to schools with recess, music and choir, open cafeterias and libraries and a full buffet of extracurriculars being offered to enrich the lives of students. "There has been a lot happening this

summer," Hahn told trustees at their Aug. 24 regular board meeting. "Area COVID cases remain low and they are not rising like they were in the spring. As of today, there are seven confirmed cases in Muskoka, one in Haliburton and 20 in Kawartha Lakes. Those numbers are hopeful, but we will still be continuing with many of the protocols that we have already been doing like deep cleaning high touch surfaces and improving air quality with the installation of HEPA filtration systems in area schools."

Hahn said masks will be required on board supplied buses, and for kindergarten to

Grade 12 students while in class.

Cohorting will continue for elementary students while they are inside the building, but students will be allowed to mix freely on the playground and share balls and equipment during recess without masks.

"Clubs and teams are back on," Hahn said. "Many parents want these back and we believe that the opportunities for peers to make connections will be important for students at all grades."

Secondary schools will be following the quadmaster model with one subject in the morning and one subject in the afternoon for approximately 40 days until

the end of semester one. Hahn is hoping that all secondary schools will be able to move back to full semesters as quickly as possible.

"Libraries and cafeterias will be open at secondary schools," Hahn said. "It is important that we re-open these spaces and the month of September will be a learning curve as we try to do this safely for all. We are still in negotiation with companies like Aramark who provide our cafeteria services and we are hoping they will be open when school returns."

Hahn also said that OFSSA, the umbrella

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## School sports will be encouraged

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organization for secondary school sports, is up and running, and locally "sports are going to be encouraged."

Visitors to schools must be vaccinated if they are going to be interacting with people inside the building, Hahn added.

Trustee John Byrne wanted to know the vaccination status for school bus drivers and was told that drivers should be vaccinated.

Trustee Gary Brohman asked for more clarification about elementary school recesses, wanting to know how much freedom the kids will have on the playground. He was assured students will be able to mix and share sports equipment.

Vice-chair David Morrison was excited about the return of music but wondered how safety could be ensured in music rooms where singing and instrument playing are occurring.

Hahn told Morrison that, particularly in some elementary schools, the space currently being used for the delivery of the music program is too small to allow social distancing. Principals in those schools have been asked to find larger spaces to host music classes.

Student trustee Alexia Evan-Turnbull wanted to know if secondary students would gain access to lockers again. Hahn said that at this point lockers encourage gathering and become additional high touch surfaces that need to be cleaned. Hahn said students made do without them last year, and will again this school year.

Student trustee Ryder Lytle asked when students will receive their timetables and was told sometime during the week of Aug. 30.

Craig Horsley, President of OSSTF District 15, said, "I think our members' comfort levels with the current COVID restrictions are similar to that of the general public and it covers quite a large spectrum. We have members



James Seed and his mother Jodi Curry at Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton. Photo by Sam Gillett.

very concerned about personal safety with the unknown of the Delta variant, the effectiveness of ventilation and lack of cohorting while at the same time other members are quite open about being double vaccinated with a willingness to follow health unit guidelines to get things like extracurriculars up and going. We firmly believe that extracurriculars are voluntary and the criteria for them to run should be based on the comfort level and willingness of a teacher to facilitate them."



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## Shore report calls for flexibility

By Sam Gillett

After months of consultation, firms hired to undertake a review of the County's draft shoreline bylaw have called for more flexibility in an easier to read document.

Representatives from J.L. Richards and Associates Limited (JLR) and Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. (HES) summarized 216 pages of research, feedback and early suggestions for bylaw improvement at an Aug. 25 council meeting.

Areas of the bylaw which the firms suggest could be improved include: plainer language; consistent application; flexibility depending on site conditions; consistency with local regulations; using performance-based standards to regulate site activity; streamlining application requirements and broadening the scope of lake health matters that will be referred to council; as well as an efficient transition from current to revised bylaw rules.

Many of the suggestions rely on enhanced bylaw flexibility. For instance, lakes with steep shorelines more at risk of contamination from runoff might have different regulations than lakes with flat waterfront lots. Currently, the draft bylaw is the same no matter the size, shape or orientation of a waterfront property.

"That might make things quite difficult for the people who are going to be managing this document," said Warden Liz Danielsen, mentioning how lake-specific rules would be tricky to regulate in a County with as many waterbodies as Haliburton. "We're all going to be very cognizant of the management of enforcement."

That flexibility could extend to site-specific regulations. For example, currently shoreline construction work must be limited in the instance of strong winds. With performance-based rules, that would determine risk management strategies each firm could have in place.

### Thinking of 30 metres

In JLR's report of existing regulations, they reminded County council of regulations set out by the planning act: any new rules must conform to a municipality's official plan.

That means a shoreline setback other than 30 metres would not match what's laid out in the County's plan. That plan directly refers to a 30 metre setback from a high water mark.

Brett Parsons, a scientist with HES, compared the County's proposed rule with other municipalities including Gravenhurst, Lake of Bays, Huntsville and Hasting Highlands. He found setbacks between 15-30 metres are common. The province's Lake Capacity Assessment Handbook also suggests a 30 metre setback for waterbodies on the Canadian Shield.

Coun. Cec Ryall said it appeared the report stood by the initially proposed 30 metre setback: "Would a 20 metre setback compromise anything of what we're doing?" he asked.

Parsons explained that buffers of non-development of 10 metres remove 65 per cent of sediment while 30 metres is found to remove 85 per cent.

"The length of the buffer and the effectiveness of it all depends on what you deem to be effective," Parsons told council. He also said site conditions determine how much of a setback could limit pollutants entering the water. Most municipalities researched by the consultants required that 75 per cent of a property's shoreline must be maintained in a natural state.

However, many of the public who addressed the planners at a July 29 special meeting of council said they were concerned a 30 metre setback was overly cautious.

### Stakeholders, public have their say

All those who spoke with JLR or HES consultants have remained anonymous, however Jason Ferrigan of JLR assured council they accurately presented the full spectrum of opinions. As of Aug. 25, 783 people responded to a survey on the shoreline bylaw. The report presented to council details a list of stakeholders interviewed.

"Most important is that everyone we've spoken to values the lakes and waterbodies in the County," he said.



A County shoreline. *File.*

Members of council and the public said there were other public policy objectives that were more important to address than the rules surrounding shoreline development.

"The lakes are still in pretty good shape based on the reports we have," said Coun. Walt McKechnie. He mentioned other lake issues are similarly important: "To me I'm hearing concerns like in Head Lake with (Eurasian) Watermilfoil."

Coun. Carol Moffatt said jurisdiction of lake activities is also a challenge: "the problem is that the jurisdiction of whatever is happening out on the lakes is not ours," she said.

Whatever bylaw eventually is passed by council will likely be far easier to read.

For the public to accurately understand whatever rules are decided on, Ferrigan suggested revising the bylaw's wording or including a "Coles Notes" version to summarize the rules.

"Our sort of approach is to write short bylaws that are performance based and outcome focused."

Ferrigan said the current bylaw is quite lengthy, meaning the "average citizen" might not even read the whole thing.

After presenting their findings to council, the consultants will continue working in the community to determine clear recommendations and a final draft bylaw County council will discuss.

"We provide you with the options," Ferrigan said. "At that meeting you decide which options you want to take."

To read the full report of work and research completed so far, visit [haliburton.civicweb.net/portal/](http://haliburton.civicweb.net/portal/)

## COUNTY NEWS

### Shuffling up building priorities

The County will spend \$310,000 less than expected on capital building projects like culverts and bridge repairs in order to focus on high priority projects.

"We're trying to set ourselves up for next year to look towards that sustainable structure budget," said Robert Sutton, director of public works, at an Aug. 24 meeting of council.

Construction of a bridge at Eagle Lake is projected to add \$465,000 to the budget. Design work for the York River Bridge, Drag River Bridge and Dark Lake bridge has been added, while work on culverts around Lower Cup Lake and Fishtail Lake are to be delayed. Work on the Horseshoe Lake Bridge will be deferred until next year.

### CAO provides strategic update

The County is "on track" to meet strategic goals, CAO Mike Rutter told councillors. Formalized in November 2019, the County established seven goals for the term. Those include things like infrastructure stability, broadband access, tourism excellence and housing options.

Recommendations from a service delivery review are set to be discussed in working groups from different sectors of the County. Council will receive reports from each working group in September. Rutter said hiring the director of economic development and tourism is another milestone in the plan.

"It's a really important decision so we want to make sure we get it right," Rutter said. A candidate will likely be hired by the end of September, and a manager of tourism by the end of the year. (*County News compiled by Sam Gillett*).

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Coun. Pam Sayne spoke about the upcoming national Day for Truth and Reconciliation at the Aug. 26 council meeting. *File.*

## MINDEN HILLS NEWS

### Minden to fly Orange Shirt Day flag

Minden Hills will raise a flag for Orange Shirt Day before its Sept. 30 council meeting.

The federal government has declared that day a statutory holiday, as a national Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

According to the township, its actions are "in recognition of the Indigenous children and the tragic history and legacy of residential schools; and to honour the commitment of anti-racism and anti-bullying in schools, as every child matters."

Coun. Pam Sayne spoke to the matter at the Aug. 26 meeting, saying she was pleased a day had been set aside in recognition of Indigenous children being forcibly removed from their homes and placed in residential schools. She said they were also stripped of their languages and cultures and even their clothing, which is the origin of Orange Shirt Day.

### Vaccine clinic volunteers thanked

The township is giving The Rotary Club of Minden \$3,500 to put towards a thank you event for the 210 volunteers at the COVID-19 vaccine clinics at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre.

Rotary is planning an in-person event at its namesake park in September.

It's expected staff and councillors will also attend the COVID-compliant celebration.

Coun. Jean Neville, who volunteered, said it would be good to recognize that the township volunteered its facility for the clinics and that people came from great distances to get their jabs.

Coun. Bob Carter, who also volunteered, lobbied that an initial donation of \$2,000 from the province's Safe Restart funding be upped to \$3,500 and received unanimous consent.

### Township reports \$969K surplus

As of June 30, 2021, the township had a general surplus of \$969,080.23.

Director of finance, Lorrie Blanchard, said financial results are preliminary and influenced by the seasonality of expenditures and revenues, vacant positions

or delays in hiring, timelines for capital projects or significant purchases, repairs and maintenance, as well as the impact of COVID-19.

She said COVID had cost them \$38,833 so far this year but that has been offset by Safe Restart funding.

The biggest chunk is in wages and benefits, due to vacant positions, followed by capital projects funded from taxation that have been delayed.

She noted the hiring of planning consultants have also cost nearly \$70,000. However, Coun. Bob Carter said they are helping to eliminate a backlog in that department.

### Working group struck

Council is going ahead with an unopened road allowance working group.

It endorsed CAO Trisha McKibbin's recommendation for composition and a draft terms of reference.

Staff will be posting a call for volunteers and will bring names back to council.

She suggested they have one member of council, herself or a designate; a staff representative from public works and planning and four members of the public.

Council voted for the working group approach during its July 29 meeting. They will look into the use, enforcement and maintenance of unopened road allowances across the township.

Mayor Brent Devolin commented it was "no less complex an issue than the shoreline bylaw."

### Court lease extended

The Provincial Offences Act court will continue in Minden until Oct. 31, 2025. However, Devolin told the meeting they should be looking for new space after that.

His words came after a protracted negotiation for space rental at the township's Milne Street offices, where the council chambers is located. It is also used by the POA court on a monthly basis.

McKibbin said the latest negotiation took time over language with regard to responsibilities during COVID but an agreement had finally been reached. She said it was at the township's sole discretion whether or not any pandemic-related work takes place. She said legal had signed off on the extension. (*Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais*)



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## County polls residents on wellbeing 'gaps'

By Sam Gillett

Haliburton County is developing a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan (CSWB) and now they want to hear from the public.

The County launched a community survey, developed by consultant StrategyCorp, on Aug. 23. The firm has been hired to help the County address Haliburton's social challenges through collaboration between government, stakeholders and community groups.

The survey polls County residents about their perception of social issues and services. That includes housing, education, healthcare, transportation and more.

StrategyCorp has been working with the CSWB Plan Steering Committee since April 2021. At an Aug. 25 meeting, they outlined their findings so far.

They suggested three "focus areas": issues within the County that the plan could address. Those include housing, poverty and food insecurity, and physical and mental health.

"They are the ones that are coming up over and over again as foundational problems," said StrategyCorp manager Lauren Wyman.

Other areas Wyman suggested posed risks include: public transportation, indigenous support, mental health and substance use, elder care, service system navigation and climate change.

They detail how interconnected many of the issues Haliburton County faces. For example, the County has the second highest cost of living in Ontario after Toronto. A living wage, they estimate, is \$19.47 an hour. That translates into issues of energy poverty. Sixteen per cent of homeowners in Haliburton County spend more than 15 percent of their income on energy costs, according to StrategyCorp.

The goal of the survey, steering committee talks, and upcoming public consultation in September is to pinpoint where Haliburton County's infrastructure is failing members of the community.

"It's about identifying the gaps between the services you have that will get you to innovative solutions," said StrategyCorp principal John Matheson. Those solutions, suggested Matheson and his team, might aid Haliburton in decreasing issues such as crime, homelessness and poverty. Suggestions so far include streamlining access to support systems, a centralized transportation system in the County, data collection and sharing and better collaboration with community organizations.

He said the plan, when finalized, won't necessarily mean huge spending. Instead, it will act as a guide in the ongoing process of streamlining support systems across the community. It's also mandated by the Ontario government that all municipalities



A Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan would direct collaboration efforts between government, OPP and social service groups in Haliburton County. *File.*

develop a CSWB plan under the 2018 Safer Ontario Act.

"As long as there are gaps in community collaboration, that's where this can benefit," he said.

Filling those gaps as a municipality is hard to do, remarked multiple members of council.

"It's not an issue of political will, it's an issue of political knowledge," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt.

CAO Mike Rutter said he's become more aware of how communication of County programs has been a barrier to people

seeking help: "We're doing things to help people, somehow the message just isn't connecting."

After the survey results are processed, the CSWB Plan Steering Committee will coordinate with StrategyCorp to develop a draft plan in October, finalizing the plan after that.

To access the survey, available until Sept. 17, visit [haliburtoncounty.ca/en/news](http://haliburtoncounty.ca/en/news). There will also be paper copies available at Haliburton County Public Library locations and soon to be announced town hall meetings.

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## New candidates join federal election race

### THE HIGHLANDS VOTES

By Sam Gillett

Two new candidates will now jockey for Haliburton County's votes in Canada's federal election.

The Libertarian Party of Canada has announced Gene Balfour, of Fenelon Falls, as a candidate while Alison Davidson, of Kawartha Lakes, will represent the People's Party of Canada (PPC).

Balfour ran as a PPC candidate in the 2019 election after representing the Libertarian Party in 2015. He advocates for decreasing the role government has in regulating Canadian industries, and has voiced distrust over coverage and handling of climate change issues, including, he claimed in a Facebook post, "legacy media's sensationalized reports of catastrophic events that are weather-related."

Balfour, as a PPC candidate, received support from 1.9 per cent of voters in 2019. The Libertarian Party was not represented in that election. "I rejected the PPC request because I am 70 and want a younger person to build the PPC brand over the next 10 years in HKLB," he wrote on Facebook.

Davidson's PPC party, led by Maxime Bernier, is similarly focused on a decreased role in governmental regulation, including dismissing the idea of vaccine passports,

and opposing bills such as C-16 which they say limit Canadian's right to free speech. A central aspect to the PPC platform is ending supply management (the practice of controlling export activity from industries such as dairy and forestry in order to regulate prices).

Both parties have opposed lockdowns throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and both Davidson and Balfour have expressed distrust over widely-accepted guidance regarding vaccine efficacy.

"[The Canadian government] chose the path that gives them more power, and makes a nation dependent on them," wrote Davidson in a Facebook post.

The two candidates join an election race including Conservative Party representative Jamie Schmale, the Liberal party's Judi Forbes, Green Party representative Angel Godsoe, and the NDP's Zac Miller.

Soon, all six candidates will get a chance to make their case to voters in Haliburton. An all-candidate meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and other regional chambers. More information about submitting questions and accessing the live stream will be available on the chamber's website in the coming days.



Left: The Libertarian Party of Canada's Gene Balfour. *Submitted.* Right: Alison Davidson, People's Party of Canada candidate. *Photo from the People's Party of Canada.*

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## Fighting opioid stigma to save lives

By Sam Gillett

At a table in Head Lake Park, Matt Perrin shows two people how to use Naloxone kits.

The small nasal plungers are safe to have around kids, small enough to fit in a purse and could mean the difference between life or death for someone who has overdosed on opioids.

Perrin is a Harm Reduction Outreach Worker with PARN, a community AIDS Resource Network. He was set up at one of three booths in Head Lake Park on Aug. 31 at a vigil marking International Opioid Overdose Awareness Day.

It's a somber occasion.

Between April 2020 and March 2021, the HKPR District Health Unit reported nearly double the number of opioid overdoses across the region. Across Canada, cities such as Toronto are experiencing higher than ever rates of opioid-related overdoses, with 51 calls made to 9-1-1 on July 30 alone.

At the vigil, multiple people working on the frontline of the crisis in Haliburton County said the issue is increasingly pressing.

"It's a combination of the exacerbating of an existing problem, increased anxiety, increased mental health stresses," said Robert Gaudette, manager of skills development and harm reduction services with the John Howard Society of Canada.



Matt Parrin holds a Naloxone kit at a vigil marking International Opioid Awareness Day. Photo by Sam Gillett.

### Fighting stigma

Gaudette said there are countless misconceptions around drug use, such as perceptions about who uses drugs.

"It isn't strictly within an underserved community. It's quite surprising how many people live successful lives, are business owners, and this just gets a hold of them."

Many people who overdose don't intentionally consume too much. Increasingly, the drug supply is tainted with

the extremely toxic drug Fentanyl. A small amount mixed in with another substance is nearly impossible to detect.

Natasha James, a harm reduction and crisis coordinator with the John Howard Society, said Haliburton's housing crisis also plays a role in the amount of drug use and people's risk of overdose.

"Oftentimes that stigma gets in the way of finding proper and stable housing," she

said.

"If people don't have proper housing they are more likely to use. We are very concerned about going into the winter months."

Rebecca Eagleson works with the Canadian Mental Health Association as a case worker. At the vigil she and a colleague were spreading awareness about their services and support programs. She

said a lack of services in Haliburton makes getting help with mental health difficult: that can be linked with drug use or serious mental health conditions such as opioid addiction.

"Up here there is almost next to nothing. I think that's a huge contributor to what's been going on up here recently. It's a lot of unmanaged mental health and people unable to access resources."

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## It doesn't add up

The minimum wage in Haliburton County and across the province is \$14.35 an hour.

A living wage in Haliburton County is estimated to be \$19.47 an hour.

That means an army of minimum wage workers in the Highlands is \$5.12 an hour short of paying for essential needs such as food and shelter.

It doesn't add up.

The province has mandated all Ontario communities develop a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan. The plan's steering committee has quietly been working behind the scenes. They've collected a lot of data and are now going to the public for its input.

Some of the things they have discovered are not new. However, having them formally noted in this plan may finally result in some action.

The consultants, StrategyCorp, say they have identified three focus areas within the County that the plan could address. They include housing, poverty and food insecurity, and physical and mental health.

Strategy Corp's manager, Lauren Wyman, told a County Council meeting Aug. 23, these issues are coming up repeatedly as foundational problems.

Other risks identified to date include public transportation, indigenous support, mental health and substance use, elder

care, service system navigation and climate change.

The ultimate goal of the plan is to find out where the County's infrastructure is failing members of the community. Further, Strategy Corp said finding the solutions could help us tackle crime, homelessness and poverty.

We have known for a very long time that housing is a major issue in the Highlands. In short, there isn't enough affordable housing either for buyers or renters. Listings are out of the financial reach of many locals and have been driven even further up by a COVID exodus from the city. Some are seeing 16 per cent of their income going towards home heating costs. The weekly grocery cart eats even deeper into earnings. Small wonder people's physical and mental health is being challenged.

We are hearing that opioid use is on the rise and with it more trips to the ER, stays in hospital and deadly overdoses.

On the other side of the coin, we are also hearing from baby boomers who are desperately trying to get care for their aging parents when wait lists for long-term care continue to grow.

As a community, it is clear our infrastructure is failing. We are seeing it with the recent spike in opioid-related ambulance call-outs and crime. In many

ways, we are at a critical stage and a breaking point.

One of the County councillors commented it's not an issue of political will but of political knowledge. But is it? Surely our municipal, provincial and federal representatives are well-versed in all of these issues? I would hazard a guess they have all been documented in some way, shape or form in the past.

So, it's great that all of this is again being captured, this time in a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan. But then what?

How do we as a community begin to tackle some of these very real issues?

I would suggest start with something. Anything. A good first step might be public transportation since the County has tried to tackle this beast without success for years.

We encourage the public to do the survey. After all, it is the users of infrastructure who know the unique challenges being faced, followed by social services, not the politicians. It would be easy to be cynical, since we've been down this road before and nothing ever seems to get done. However, as a community, we need to keep trying.



By Lisa Gervais

## COVID CORNER

# Lessons learned at school

We are lucky to have research data guiding our behaviours, advising what actions and habits are protective armor against illness for. A simple thing like wearing face masks prevents spread of disease when chosen and worn correctly.

A study published this week in the journal Science analyses the aerosolization of SARSCoV2 viral particles, confirming the distance they may travel when exhaled from an infected person breathing, talking, laughing, coughing, sneezing. These measurements reinforce the need to stand apart, keep air circulating, use ventilation, HEPA filters, open windows, and wear masks.

### How are aerosols different from droplets?

Researchers analyzed the aerodynamics and mobility of variously-sized particles. The majority of exhaled aerosols are smaller than five microns and many are smaller than one micron (one millionth of a metre). They can travel 26 feet or more and float suspended in air for minutes to hours depending on air temperature, humidity, airflow, ventilation and ultraviolet radiation (sunlight). Walk into a room where someone infected with COVID was engaged in conversation and you are inhaling those exhaled viral particles potentially hours later.

Exhaled droplets are as large as 100 microns and remain suspended in still air for only five seconds if expelled from a height of 1.5 meters. They can travel two

metres but then fall, landing on surfaces where the virus can remain infectious for several days.

While many respiratory viruses are spread by droplets, the WHO and CDC acknowledge that COVID-19 is primarily spread by inhaling virus-laden aerosols, although this study comments that it is likely aerosols drive transmission more often than previously thought.

Once inhaled, virus-laden aerosols can deposit in different parts of the respiratory tract. Larger aerosols get as far as the upper airway (nose, throat, windpipe), while smaller aerosols can penetrate much deeper into lungs.

In May, an unvaccinated elementary teacher in Marin County California infected 12 of 24 students in her class by reading aloud without wearing a mask (despite mandatory mask wearing indoors). The students (too young to be vaccinated) seated closest to the teacher's desk had an attack rate of 80 per cent (8/10 infected), while 28 per cent (4/14) of the three back rows were infected. This real world evidence of aerosolized transmission and consequences of not wearing a mask is described in an article in CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report on August 27. The teacher apparently continued to work for two days despite having symptoms.

In addition to vaccination for eligible persons (especially teachers who are in close proximity in indoor spaces with unvaccinated children), strict adherence to

masking, routine testing, facility ventilation and staying home when symptomatic are effective prevention strategies.

### When to test?

Another announcement this week confirms the ideal window for testing to capture SARSCoV2 on a swab. The virus is shedding most in the two days before and three days after symptoms develop. That is when an infected person is most infectious to others. This reminds us to get swabbed as soon as we have symptoms. It also reminds us how critical it is to quarantine as soon as you feel sick or find out you were exposed to someone who was.

A study in JAMA Internal Medicine August 23 showed that close contacts of infected individuals were more likely to become infected if they were exposed shortly before or shortly after the onset of symptoms in the primary case. This study looked at 9,000 close contacts of primary cases (coworkers, housemates, riders in shared vehicles) for 90 days after the primary case tested positive. It showed that household contacts with repeat/multiple exposure or longer exposure had higher infection rates than other close contacts.



By Dr. Nell Thomas



# Editorial opinion

## LETTERS

### Renters can't be blamed for all garbage

Dear editor,

As a resident of Minden and thus not a renter I would like to know how it came to be determined that the garbage strewn around roadways came from the rental community?

On my small street of six houses, three of them have been weekly rented all summer and some for several years. My experience with the renters has been pleasant, friendly and comfortable. The owners, to a person, have had no bad words to say about any rental experiences they have had.

I would be very shocked to find out that "discarded household wares or even furniture lying roadside" has been placed there by renters. This is the first line in the article and it frankly does not make the rest of the article bloom with believability.

My personal experience points at local residents (like myself) for a great deal of the litter around the county. Our road (Bethel) is littered with Tim Hortons coffee cups and beer cans year round. It is not very likely that renters come up on a Wednesday in February just to throw out their garbage.

I am not saying that all renters are caring and thoughtful people but to place all the blame on them, as your headline does, is just wrong.

Jon James  
Minden

### Fine those who play with matches and gunpowder

Dear editor,

Jan Graham of Algonquin Highlands' letter, advocating for banning all fireworks, speaks to me.

Earlier this year, I was awakened from

a sound sleep by some clown setting off fireworks in the middle of a dry spell when burning was banned.

Not only the annoying explosions, but checking for the glow of a fire in the forest.

It is not only household pets that are terrified by the sound and fury of amateur fireworks displays. To use firecrackers on a lake, it also acts as poison in the water, killing marine life.

Wildlife have their mating rituals adversely affected, birds in the forest with eggs or newborns fly away in fear, often leading to the death of the next generation and, if the cycle continues, the possible extinction of species. It also disrupts the life cycles of forest dwelling animals to the same effect.

In light of all the adverse effects on forests, lakes and wildlife, perhaps it would behoove the MNR to get involved on a pre-emptive basis and send out power boats to lakes on holiday long weekends and issue heavy fines to those who play with matches and gunpowder.

Anne-Marie Borthwick  
Haliburton

### Controlling human made noise and pollution

Dear editor,

I thank Jan Graham for her thoughtful letter "Ban the Fireworks."

"We measure everything according to human interests." A quote from Vicki Miller of the Toronto Humane Society.

We do not own the planet, we share it with all living things.

We cannot control lightning or thunder.

We can control human made noise and pollution. I look forward to the electric car, motorcycle and seadoo.

Fred & Judy Phipps  
Haliburton

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Ron and Laura Henselwood of Halls Lake sent this photo of their daughter, Bailey, and granddaughter, Audrey, in the Highlands for a great summer visit.

# First Tuesday in September a milestone

Labour Day is one of those moveable holidays that floats around in the early days of September looking for a Monday.

Its origins lie in the celebration of the working man first set in 1894. Over the years, the growth of labour unions ensured that suitable celebrations marked the annual holiday. Today, the assault on unions, the hollowing out of factory jobs has left the labour movement a shriveled shadow of its former self. There are still healthy components of it thriving and politicians of all stripes still refer to "hard working middle class families," but the number of unionized workers in North America has dropped dramatically.

Here in the Highlands, Labour Day always marks a significant point in the economic churn of the County. It signals what is known as the unofficial end of the summer season. The economic boom that arrives with the influx of cottage owners and tourists in summer comes to an abrupt

end. The changing weather and the return to school signals a change in the economy.

I recall a certain calm returning to the business community, a chance to pause and catch one's breath. But there was also a concern as the busy times were fading rapidly. Merchants hoped that summer sales had been vigorous enough to carry them forward into the winter and on to next spring when the visitors would return again.

While Labour Day marked an end for some people, for others it was a beginning. For children the return to school, or for the youngest students the first time attending, the day after the first Monday in September, was one filled with great anticipation and for some, anxiety. Older students looked forward to new adventures with new teachers. It was like a reunion with the same cohort of students, and a few new faces, to make things interesting.

For high school students, the mix was

even more pronounced. The number of new acquaintances was larger and the challenges of the big school, added to the tension that came with evolving maturity, fresh opportunities and freedoms. High school freshman could vaguely see over the horizon to where their future might lie, but they knew it would soon come into view. The question: What do you want to be when you grow up? became a serious one, not just a frivolous inquiry. Students were beginning to shape their future by the courses they studied and diligence applied to the effort.

Four years later, in my day it was a five year passage through high school, the graduates faced life-defining options: join the workforce, or attend a college or university. While different opportunities were still available, the urgency to define your path in life became more pressing while the options narrowed. Whatever the choice, it often meant leaving home, the

nest, and making your way in the real world. It was a glorious time filled with potential, a chance to redefine who you were.

We think about those days, for me more distant than ever, and ponder the adventure and promise each step held. For the most part, we were not fully aware why the next step was freighted with such import. And yet, as we like to think that New Year's Day or the coming of spring marks new beginnings, it is in fact the first Tuesday in September that was a more important milestone than any other date on the calendar in our young lives.



By Jack Brezina



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# Highlander news

## Party 'had people's backs' in pandemic

### THE HIGHLANDS VOTES

By Sam Gillett

While the party she's representing called a federal election, Liberal candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Judi Forbes, didn't have much notice she'd be hitting the campaign trail.

"It's been a bit of a whirlwind. I think it's been that way for all the candidates," she said.

Despite running in a riding longtime held by the Conservatives, Forbes said she feels confident. "I've had a great reception when I've been door knocking," said Forbes, who worked for 30 years in the financial industry and currently owns a bed and breakfast in Beaverton.

She said many people she's spoken to "know the Liberal government has had their backs through this pandemic."

Forbes said her party is focusing on housing and rentals, a key issue in Haliburton County.

"Part of that is increasing the supply of housing," she said. That includes doubling funding for the National Housing Co-Investment to a total of \$2.7 billion over four years and a promise to spend \$600 million in converting commercial spaces into residential housing.

The party also proposes an "anti-flipping tax" on residential properties to discourage

buy-and-sell strategies.

As a business owner working in hospitality, an industry hit hard by COVID-19, Forbes said "small businesses are a focus of mine. I am concerned about our small businesses, a lot of them were closed down during COVID. Large box stores were allowed to stay open which seemed unproductive."

However, she said party policies such as a reopening subsidy or support program for the tourism sector, covering up to 75 per cent of rental costs until 2022, represents strong support for businesses.

"The Liberal government has been supporting small businesses all along," she said.

One contentious aspect of the platform is CERB, a program which the Conservative party, among others, claims is partly responsible for difficulties in finding employees as they claim it "penalizes workers for picking up shifts."

Forbes defended the CERB rollout, saying "the point of this program was to get money into people's hands who needed it. I think it was hugely successful in doing that," she said. "Obviously there are people who take advantage of programs, it's a very, very small minority of folks that would do that."

Parties such as the NDP have also criticized the Liberal government for its handling of key electoral promises such as a 2015 pledge to end first past the post voting

or a commitment to ending boil water advisories in Indigenous communities.

In both cases, Forbes said the issues are far more complex than "sound bites."

"We have brought clean water to well over 100 indigenous communities. It's a work in progress, we haven't finished yet."

### Support for mandatory vaccines

"We need mandatory vaccinations for health workers and education workers," she said. For Forbes, it's important to make sure all who work in high-risk areas protect the people they work with, whether elderly, infirm or too young to take the vaccine.

"I have confidence in Dr. Tam and her team when they say vaccinations are safe and absolutely effective."

For Forbes, the issue is personal. Her mother is living in long-term care and she said "many, many vulnerable citizens passed away from COVID, and it broke my heart."

The Liberal Party is proposing a new Safe Long Term Care Act and a \$9 billion investment in increasing spaces available and the quality of care.

Another flashpoint of the 2021 election has been the rapid resurgence of the Taliban in Afghanistan, a country where more than 40,000 Canadians served in various military



Liberal candidate Judi Forbes. Submitted.

and support roles since 2001.

Many say Canada has not been proactive in helping Canadians and those who helped Canadian forces in Afghanistan escape the country.

Forbes rejects that claim: "I've been talking to John McKay [counsellor for Canada's NATO Parliamentary Association] personally about this situation in Afghanistan, because I know so many people are concerned about it. He assured me his team is working incredibly hard to resolve this."

## Green candidate says people want change

### THE HIGHLANDS VOTES

By Lisa Gervais

Green Party candidate Angel Godsoe said people can call her naive, but she isn't about to concede the 2021 federal election to Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Conservative incumbent Jamie Schmale.

Nor will she predict a percentage goal for the Greens, after 2019 candidate Elizabeth Fraser garnered 8.4 per cent of the vote.

"I've been speaking to people in parks and everybody's ready for a change that I have talked to," she said. "I'm not going to limit us by putting any numbers out there. We're in it to win."

While taking a lunch break at a parkette on Balsam Lake near Cambry with her children, Godsoe said she is dedicating the month of September to contesting the election.

She owns a riding stable called Heaven's Gait in Cambry and runs summer camps for kids. She is a mother of nine and has one grandson. On the day of the interview, the kids had practised rodeo skills and tie-dyed bandanas.

She said she has had horses for about 25 years and has taken them to public events.

"It started off with ponies for my young kids and it just sort of grew." She said she loves the feeling she gets from taking

ponies or horses to public gatherings.

Like when walking dogs, she said, "you immediately have something to talk about because the horse is the attraction." She is working to open a therapy centre at her farm for people with post traumatic stress disorder.

Asked if the Green Party's very public leadership woes are being discussed, she said some people mention it. "They ask if Annamie (Paul) is still the leader because that was really put out there. I think that was not an accurate representation of what actually was happening. I think there was an issue with her press person but it was resolved to the vast majority of the party's satisfaction and I think the bad press that we got was really troubling. It was not reflective of the reality."

As for the timing of the election, she said it is "unnecessary and ill-timed" with droughts, fires and a pandemic. "I really hope people see it for the power grab that it is."

As for her and the party's election platform, she speaks to climate, electoral reform and international issues.

"The climate should be in everybody's heart. I really feel we have a pulse of it in this riding. We have a lot of farm people. I think as a farmer myself we are really in tune with what's happening in the environment and the threat of fires and drought and flash floods and severe storms.

We get it. It's important. The Green Party has been constant and unwavering in our commitment to alleviating climate change and to sticking to our carbon goals."

As to electoral reform, she said Liberal leader Justin Trudeau campaigned on change in 2015 and it has not come about. "Because now he is in power and he doesn't want things to change but we do. When we get in, we will make the change."

Godsoe added that international affairs are important to her and the party has been consistent in its stance of Canada maintaining its role as an international peacekeeper, stopping the arms trade, not supporting violent, militant groups, and being open for immigration of displaced people and people who are asylum seekers and in need of a place."

She said she believes the crisis in Afghanistan is on people's minds.

"I'm just really looking forward to speaking with people. If people see us out and about, putting up signs, wearing green T-shirts, I really want to be approachable and I want to hear feedback from as many people as I can about what is important to them."



Green Party candidate, Angel Godsoe. Photo submitted.



# Highlander business

## Skin Tech expands in new location

By Lisa Harrison

It's been an exciting 15 months for business owner Yvonne Kreuzwiesner.

During that time, the Halls Lake cottager moved to the County full-time, ran a mobile esthetic services business, launched Skin Tech Face and Body Care in Haliburton, moved it to a new location and weathered pandemic slowdowns and a closure. But it has all worked out.

"The reason for our relocation was to expand our size and our services," said Kreuzwiesner.

"We are located in a great new spot with other amenities available beside us. We are on the ground floor, which is easier for seniors, and there is a registered massage therapist, Cathy Killoch, [nearby] and Mark [Christiano] from the Hair Lounge is two doors down from me."

The new location features double the space to hold more equipment and provide greater client comfort, and electrolysis and laser treatments have been added to the original esthetic and medical esthetic services.

Kreuzwiesner made the move on March 1, only to be required to shut down from April 6 to June 30 under pandemic regulations.

Since the reopening, "I'm happy to say we have been very busy and we are so grateful," said Kreuzwiesner.

"The pandemic has been challenging to our business; however, we proceed with



Skin Tech Face and Body Care owner Yvonne Kreuzwiesner has expanded the business in a new location. *Photo submitted.*

strict hygiene procedures and clients can see how clean and professional we are ... We screen and follow the health department [guidelines] closely.

"Our new location has been so good for business – bigger space, great location

and great support and referrals from the businesses next door to me. I am so happy to be servicing the wonderful people of Haliburton County, what a privilege and an honour. We like our cottagers from the GTA, all are welcome."

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# Highlander arts



Cinematographer Owen Deveney and Director Matt Finlin filming in Highlands Cinemas. *Submitted.*

## Profiling Kinmount's 'movie man'

By Sam Gillett

Matt Finlin was 11 when he first discovered Highlands Cinemas. His family had rented a cottage and his aunt and uncle took them in for a film.

"All of a sudden we're driving up someone's driveway ... it almost looked like someone's house. It was like 'oh, is this a movie theatre?' said Finlin. "Then you walk in the doors and it's just this magical place."

For the past three years, Finlin has been trying to capture some of that magic, and the magician behind it, Keith Stata, in a documentary.

*The Movie Man* will likely be completed in 2022.

He hopes to find interested investors who could help fund post production and help bring the passion project to life.

"This is very much a passion project. It's something that evolved from a weekend creative outlet into something that's become a larger feature film," he said.

Finlin is a partner in Door Knocker Media, a Toronto-based video production company that's produced ads for Honda and RBC, music videos for the likes of Eddie Vedder and more.

He said he approached Stata to do a small video piece on the theatre, mentioning his childhood attachment to the space.

"When I got there, I realized there was a larger story to be told," Finlin said.

That story has taken more than three years to tell.

"The larger story is that there's not really any place like it in the world," he said. With ancient projectors,

halls of memorabilia and 45 cats living in handmade apartment-style accommodations, it's a one-of-a-kind operation. Finlin said he was surprised by secret passageways, hidden doors and Stata's care of his animals (including a bear which has made itself at home at the back of his property).

For Finlin, Stata is a character intertwined with his theatre.

"Keith is the theatre as much as the theatre is Keith," said Finlin. "They're like this symbiotic relationship which is really interesting. Someone who's born and raised in a town of 200 or so and decided to stay there, to create a magical place which drives the town."

But does it get tiring, sharing the theatre's stories? "No," said Stata. "It's kind of fun sometimes."

That's even after more than 40 hours of showcasing his theatre to Finlin and his team.

"He practically lived here," Stata said. "I said to him 'you realize I've almost gone through three dogs since you started this!'"

### Uncertain ending

Stata doesn't know how the documentary will end. After all, neither does Finlin.

That will depend on whether the theatre can open in 2022.

Stata's magical place is currently shuttered, closed since 2019. He and his 46 cats haven't welcomed the usual summer crowds. The future of the cinema is a bit uncertain.

He said it costs \$75,000 to run each year. "In all reality we have to get back to some kind of normal,"

he said. And that means both as far as COVID-19 and moviegoing habits. Stata said he's seen other theatres in nearby regions suffer with mediocre ticket sales ever since they were allowed to reopen with limited capacity.

For now, Stata's been sorting through memorabilia, neatly organized across his property in 17 shipping containers, such as a collection of more than 1000 movie posters he's been selling.

"It took me months to find enough time to go through this: they're out of order, there are multiple copies," he said, leafing through a pile of posters from the original Matrix movie, The Dark Knight; The Hulk (He recently sold a rare Revenge of the Jedi poster for \$950).

Stata compares sorting through his posters to Finlin dealing with the hours of footage from the cinema.

"With that much footage he's going to have a hell of a time editing it down," Stata said.

Over the course of hours of interviews and stories about the theatre, Finlin said he views the cinema's proprietor as a friend. As a documentarian, that makes producing the work a personal challenge.

"My version of the truth is becoming more awkward because I've gotten to know Keith very well. I have a very personal relationship with the theatre because it inspired me to make movies."

Finlin said in the next few months he hopes to dive back into the Highland Cinema's documentary. The goal is to have it all completed by the spring. All, that is, except the ending. That part of the script has yet to be written.

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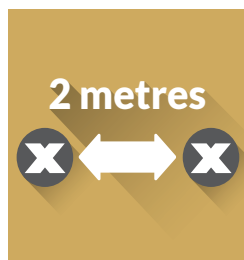
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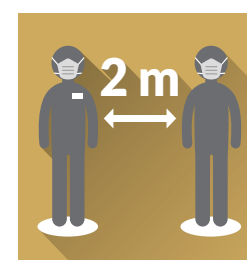
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# Highlander environment

## EH! goes back to the land on climate

By Lisa Harrison

The relationship between climate issues resolution and Land Back – the movement to return lands to Indigenous peoples – is the focus of an upcoming Environment Haliburton! event.

“Land Back & Climate Justice” will discuss the movement, explain why it's central to addressing the climate crisis, and provide information about how settler climate organizers can support the movement.

The discussion will feature speakers Jaydene Lavallie and Sakej Ward and moderator Dr. Jen Gobby.

Gobby is an activist-scholar and educator based on unceded Abenaki territory in rural Quebec and author of the book *More Powerful Together: Conversations with Climate Activists and Indigenous Land Defenders*.

Gobby said in an interview that she started out as a climate activist and in the mid-2010s she “came to understand that the most powerful and transformative force towards environmental and social justice in this country is Indigenous folks defending and caring for their lands and waters, And so, I try to support Indigenous land defenders in ways that I can, though various forms of solidarity.”

Her research is focused on climate policy, climate justice, social transformation and Indigenous-settler relations in social

movements in Canada, and through her research she met Lavallie and Ward.

Lavallie is a Two-Spirit Michif-Cree woman currently living in Dish with One Spoon Territory (Hamilton). She spends most of her efforts on anti-extractive and land defense struggles but has also dedicated herself to defending Hamilton against gentrification, fighting patriarchy inside and outside of organizing circles, and pushing for animal liberation.

Sakej (James) Ward belongs to the wolf clan. He is Mi'kmaw (Mi'kmaq Nation) from Esgenoopetitj (Burnt Church First Nation, New Brunswick). He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a master's degree in Indigenous Governance. Sakej has a long history of advocating and protecting First Nations inherent responsibilities and freedoms.

Gobby holds a PhD from McGill University, is a postdoctoral fellow at Concordia University and teaches courses on environment and climate change at Bishop's University and McGill's Bieler School of Environment.

To highlight Indigenous perspectives Gobby pointed to a talk by Pamela Palmater (“Canada, It's Time for Land Back”; [breachmedia.ca/land-back](http://breachmedia.ca/land-back)). Palmater is a Mi'kmaw lawyer, professor, writer, member of the Eel River Bar First Nation and Chair in Indigenous Governance at Ryerson University.



Sakej Ward. Photo submitted.

“Today, Indian reserves account for just 0.2 per cent of the land,” said Palmater. “It's worth remembering that even though Indigenous peoples make up less than five per cent of the world's population, we protect 80 per cent of global biodiversity ... First Nation jurisdiction over lands and waters would not only be a matter of justice, but a pathway for Canada to a more sustainable relationship to the natural world.”

According to Gobby, while the Land Back

movement may not seem politically feasible at the moment, it actually is.

“There are a lot of great examples that we'll talk about in the event about ways that concretely people are enacting Land Back in all kinds of really exciting ways.”

“Land Back & Climate Justice” will be held Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m. virtually on Zoom. To register, go to [environmenthaliburton.org](http://environmenthaliburton.org) and use the link on the home page. For more information contact Susan Hay at [hayfield@tcc.on.ca](mailto:hayfield@tcc.on.ca) or 705-457-9239.



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# Highlander education



In-person classes are resuming at HSAD on Sept. 7. *File.*

## Big red doors to open to students, staff

By Lisa Gervais

It's not just elementary and high school students heading back to classrooms Sept. 7.

The Haliburton School of Art and Design will also open its doors to in-person learning next Tuesday.

The college was shuttered during periods of the COVID-19 pandemic, forcing some

programs to be put on hold while others were delivered online.

However, the big red doors will be open with students returning for the fall semester.

Fleming College spokesperson, Amar Shah, said, "In general, students, faculty and staff are thrilled to be back in the studios in-person with reduced capacity limits and other safety protocols in place. All studio courses are in-person with a

small percentage of lectures online."

He added that with the health and safety of the college community as its top priority, Fleming is implementing a campus-wide vaccination policy for the Fall 2021 semester.

That means everyone, including students, staff, faculty and visitors, will be required to have received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Sept. 7, 2021, and second

dose by Oct. 20, 2021, in order to access the programs and activities on Fleming campuses.

Asked about Fleming College's plan to build housing at the Haliburton campus, Shah said "Fleming College continues to be committed to building a residence in Haliburton and planning is moving ahead expeditiously."



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# Highlander education

## Mandatory vaccinations fuel discussion

By Kirk Winter

The vaccination status of staff and students was hotly debated at the Aug. 24 Trillium Lakelands District School Board regular board meeting.

Senior staff drilled down with trustees the protocols that will be put in place with teaching staff who refuse to get vaccinated.

"Vaccinations for students and staff are not mandatory," Director of Education, Wes Hahn, said. "Staff who remain unvaccinated must have a medical exemption and will be COVID tested on a regular basis."

Trustee John Byrne wanted to know if staff who refuse vaccinations will have to participate in a vaccine education program. Byrne was told that board is waiting for direction from the Ministry of Education on that piece of the protocol, but he expects the answer will be yes.

Senior manager of human resources services, Tracy Hubbard, told trustees staff testing kits have already been delivered. She believes staff who refuse vaccinations will need to be tested once a week.

Trustee Steven Binstock asked Hubbard what would happen if a staff member refused to self-test. She said the board "will be ready for that contingency."

Trustee Judy Saunders wanted to know if the board has the power to make vaccines mandatory for staff and students. Hahn was unsure and said senior staff would have to look into that.

Both local teachers' unions are fully supportive of mandatory vaccinations in schools saying in a joint press release Aug. 18, "We believe that everyone working in, or attending a school who is eligible and can safely be vaccinated should be vaccinated."

The unions qualified that any mandatory vaccination program must include provisions that ensure those who are unable to be vaccinated for medical or religious reasons receive the required employment accommodations and are not disadvantaged. However, they said, "Individuals who



Mary Gilbert, Steven Gilbert and Kursten Dove give a thumbs up after exiting the COVID vaccination clinic in Minden June 1. *File.*

are exempt for reasons due to statements of conscience, or are not vaccinated, must be required to take additional precautions for their own safety and that of those around them including regular testing, using additional PPE, ensuring distancing requirements are met and adhering to other safety protocols."

Craig Horsley, president of District 15 of the OSSTF, added, "I would like to see as many layers of protection in place to keep staff and students safe ... and vaccination is just one of those layers as well as proper ventilation, smaller class sizes, comprehensive cohorting and testing. The current board policy for vaccination disclosure aligns well with OSSTF on the topic."

When asked how many teachers this new policy might affect, Horsley said due to privacy issues OSSTF does not have that information but, "generally speaking our members are no different than the public on what can be a very divisive topic, so I

suspect the numbers will be similar to the general public but again I have no data to support that."

Hahn also informed trustees that public health will be using secondary schools in TLDSB in September to host vaccine clinics.

"TLDSB is encouraging students to be vaccinated. It is clear that cases that are on the rise come from the unvaccinated," Hahn said.

We have to always be on guard. Cases could spike again despite the fact that we are feeling good locally. We want staff and students to be safe and kids to stay in the classroom."

Hahn said the clinics will be run by the local health units and it will not be mandatory for unvaccinated students to attend.

"We simply want to provide students and others the opportunity for getting the vaccine," Hahn said.

### Smaller learn-at-home

The board's Learn at Home program for 2021-2022 will be a shadow of the robust pandemic-bloated model that operated in 2020-2021.

Hahn said that as of Aug. 24, 327 elementary and 257 secondary students have registered in the virtual education program. This is a significant drop from the 2,000 who used Learn at Home as their primary vehicle for educational programming during 2020-2021.

Hahn made it clear again that due to concerns about staffing, once students have committed to Learn at Home they will likely have to finish at least the semester in that program.

"There might be some shifting in early September happening as we do our regular school reorganization, but after that the kids won't be moving. Staffing this year will not allow it."

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# Highlander events



## A new book and a fun time

The Haliburton and District Lions Club presented its second Stories in the Park Fun Fair 2021 on Aug. 27. The Head Lake Park event thanks children and gives them a new book and a fun time in the park. There were games, story reading, free hot dogs, popcorn and juice boxes. Lion Linda Heeps said more than 300 people made their way into the award-winning COVID-compliant event over a two-hour period. (Lisa Gervais).

Top left: Storytime. Top right: Elsie Webb poses at the Roaring Fun!! with Haliburton and District Lions Club photo booth. Bottom: Josh Lebouthillier climbs a ladder on the back of a fire truck. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

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- Exits are clearly marked and pathways are clear.
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### Labour Day Holiday Weekend

**Minden Hills Council & Staff wish everyone a Safe and Happy Labour Day Weekend**

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### Notice of Tax Sale

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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:

**September 9**  
Regular Council Meeting

**September 30**  
Regular Council Meeting

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# Highlander events



## Sinclair's bench is official

Sinclair Russell's Pride bench along the Minden Riverwalk was officially dedicated during Pride Week Aug. 27. Members of the Russell family, friends, and Pride participants gathered on the Invergordon side of the river to honour the man who co-founded Pride six years ago and passed away in 2020. His sister, Barbara Russell Gaskey and brother, Colin Russell, cut the ribbon while niece Jenny Dobell also spoke about her larger-than-life uncle. A number of local people talked about their relationship with Russell and the impact he had on the community in pushing for inclusivity. He was also remembered as a global citizen for his international career in organizing lavish events. Following the ceremony, participants blew bubbles. (Lisa Gervais).

Top left: Minden Pride chairman Allan Guinan speaks at the Pride bench dedication. Top right: Sinclair Russell's sister, Barbara Russell Gaskey and brother, Colin Russell cut the ribbon. Bottom: People attending the Pride bench dedication blew bubbles in honour of Sinclair Russell. Photos by Lisa Gervais.



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# Sports hall of fame



Lenny Salvatori has been honoured as a builder in the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

## ‘It’s all about people’ for Lenny Salvatori

By **Lisa Gervais**

Lenny Salvatori’s man cave is a visual history of what the 91-year-old Haliburtonian has achieved in sports, youth mentorship and public service over the years.

There’s a hockey stick, golf clubs and balls, curling paraphernalia, trekking poles, and trophies and pictures lining the walls.

Someone made him a wooden framed cabinet with the names of many of the Scouts he mentored over 30 years written in calligraphy.

There are mementos from nearly 35 years as a school board trustee.

For all of this, and more, Salvatori has been named to the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame in the builder category.

The Hall committee says, “Lenny Salvatori invested a lifetime of involvement into the sports culture of Haliburton County. From his early days as an athlete in the 1930s and 40s to his legendary success as a 90-year-old golfer, Lenny has been a player, an organizer, a promoter and a fan of local sports.”

In the downstairs room of his house just

west of Haliburton, Salvatori recalled driving a 48-passenger school bus down Kennisis Lake Road for the LaRue family when he was just 17 years old and still attending high school. It was during the Second World War and they were short of men to drive.

His first foray into organized sport was at the age of 14 or so when he played softball for an Eagle Lake team. He caught and later pitched.

“I was always into sports,” he said. Although he could not play organized hockey because the family lived too far away from the Haliburton arena, he was heavily involved in management, coaching and on minor hockey executives in his adult life.

He managed the high school hockey team. After graduating, he ran the arena for a year, recalling having to hand scrape the ice. He was also somewhat of a counsellor as parents would come to him with their problems.

Going on to join Curry Motors, which he eventually co-owned, he continued to work with youth. He was a founding member and long-time organizer of the Glen Dart

Hockey Tournament.

The Hall said he became known for his skills at resolving disputes and challenges among the teams.

His Scouting career spanned more than three decades as did his trusteeship.

“I was always around kids.”

He began golfing with former HHSS principal Bud Thayer when he was still in school and has played right up until this summer. He had a hole-in-one on the third hole of the Pinestone in 2006.

He said his love of the game stems from “the friendship of people you go with and the competition.”

Asked about being inducted into the Hall, Salvatori humbly said, “I have mixed emotions about that. There are a lot of good people that did a lot of work in minor hockey and never got any recognition. I think everybody should be recognized for what contribution they made. It’s unfair guys like me get recognition when guys I worked with didn’t get anything.”

At the end of the day, said Salvatori, two phrases come to mind.

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# Highlander sports



## Huskies' hopefuls hit the ice

The Haliburton County Huskies held their rookie camp over the Aug. 27-29 weekend, inviting goalies, defencemen and forwards to try out for the new Ontario Junior A Hockey Club playing out of the Minden Arena. The goalies showed their stuff Friday night and all skaters took to the ice Saturday and Sunday. Vying for a spot on the big club, they took part in a series of practices and games. Here are some images from the Aug. 27 Team White versus Team Yellow matchup. Following this past weekend, players report to training camp Sept. 5. They play a blue versus white game Sept. 11; then host two pre-season games at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena: on Sept. 18 at 4:30 p.m. versus the Aurora Tigers and Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m. against Collingwood. The Huskies open their season on the road in Lindsay Oct. 1 before their home opener Oct. 2 at 4:30 p.m. against the Muskies. See more at huskies.ca.

Left page: Left: #8 for Team Yellow prepares to fire at goal. Right: The Team Yellow goalie deflects a puck. Right page: Top left: A Team White player breaks in on goal. Top right: The Team Yellow goalie watches the down ice action. Bottom left: A Team White player prepares to fire the puck on net. Bottom right: An OJHL patch on a jersey.

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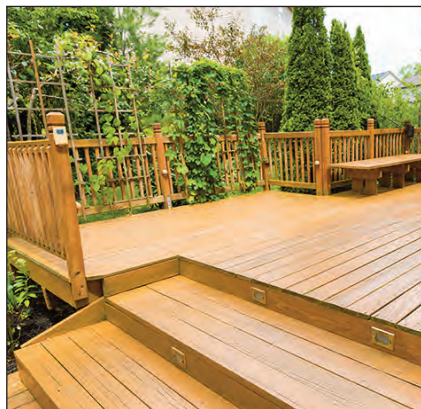
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# What's on

## Hiking the Highlands' secret trails

By Sam Gillett

From across Ontario, hikers will be strolling through Haliburton County's forests, clambering across remote rocky shores, and even watching a plain air dance troupe while summer comes to a close.

Hike Haliburton, a yearly festival of guided hikes, kicks off Sept. 16. It's an event meant to celebrate the area's beautiful terrain and draw visitors during the "shoulder season."

"Hike Haliburton was designed to bridge that gap and essentially smooth out the tourism season," said Thom Lambert, event organizer with Haliburton Tourism.

Visitors from around the province have embarked on a range of hikes over the festival's 17-year existence (the event was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19). People can choose a hike that matches their skill level and physical needs, ranging from guided short strolls to full-day hikes that require a paddle to access.

"Most people when they think of cottage country they think of lakes. We love that. But that's really well known about the Haliburton Highlands at this point," Lambert said. "The Hike Haliburton festival hikes happen on private land or on places that aren't traditionally thought of as hiking destinations."

That means it's the perfect event for Haliburton locals too, he said.

"I think lots of locals who have lived here

for many years have no idea that many of these places existed."

Bear Mountain, a remote spot in northern Algonquin Highlands, is perhaps this year's most intense hike. Participants will spend most of the day travelling to "one of the stunning places" in the Highlands with waterfalls, an 80-foot rock face and an expansive vista.

"If there was a place I really wish people knew more about, it's that area," Lambert said, mentioning how he has observed a new type of tourist: those who want to explore off-the-beaten-path spots.

Another hike takes walkers through the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, where dancers will be working on interpretive dance pieces based on the sculptures while the tour takes place.

However, this year, the festival imposed participant limits to ensure COVID-19 protocols would be easy to follow. Each hike is limited to eight participants, and the number of hikes are fewer than usual.

Even with participant numbers capped, and a reduced roster of hikes, Lambert said the hiking festival is still set up to fulfill its mission: showcasing a different side of the Haliburton Highlands.

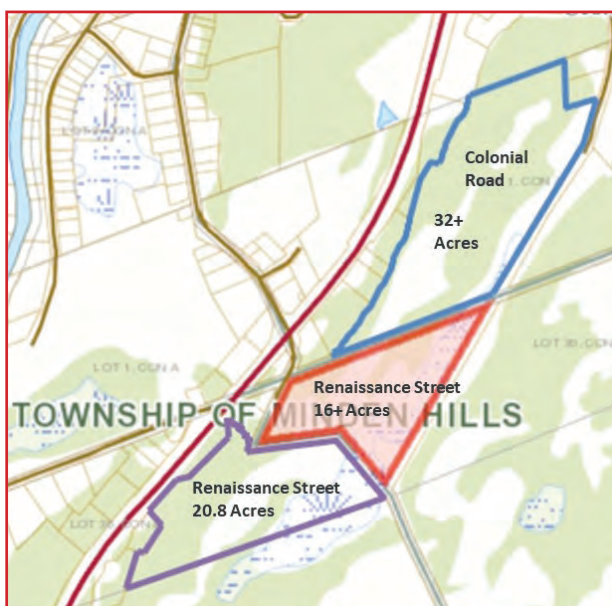
"There's more to it than a dock on a lake," he said.

While most hikes are full, there are limited spots on select hikes still available. Learn more: [festival.hikehaliburton.com](http://festival.hikehaliburton.com).



Barrie Martin, of Yours Outdoors, during a past Hike Haliburton festival. *File.*

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## Rocking for a cause

The second annual Bouwmeister Rock on the Dock raised \$3,520 for SIRCH Aug. 28. Boaters, swimmers and kayakers gathered on Kennis Lake to listen to the Tim Magwood band play live from organizer Gary Bouwmeister's dock. (Sam Gillett). Photo submitted by Gary Bouwmeister.

## WHAT'S ON

**Sept. 4** - from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 503 Street Sale Event. The Gooderham Community Action Group will be hosting a street sale. If it is raining, they will hold the event on Sunday, Sept. 5, same times. The spaces in town are first come, first serve and are free. Please bring your own table and chairs. For more information, contact: Denise White/Winder 705-447-2953.

**Sept. 4** - Wilberforce Legion Br 624 is hosting a horseshoe tournament. Register between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Fee is \$15. Play starts at 12:30 p.m. sharp.

**Sept. 8** - 7:30 pm - Environment Haliburton! special speaker event via Zoom: Dr Jen Gobby, scholar and activist will discuss what the "Land Back" movement is and how it is central to meaningful climate action, with two Indigenous people: Jaydene Lavallie, a Two-Spirit Michif-Cree woman from the Dish with One Spoon Territory near Hamilton and James Ward, from the Mi'kmaq Nation in New Brunswick. Go to [environmenthaliburton.org](http://environmenthaliburton.org) to register and for more complete information.

**Fridays**, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. - The Book Nook is back at the Minden library, outdoors, weather permitting. Their fundraising has been greatly curtailed due to COVID-19 so they're hoping for community support to get it going again. As usual, the proceeds go to fund needed equipment and supplies for all County branches. All COVID precautions will be in place. There will be a donation jar rather than the usual charge. They are looking forward to seeing patrons old and new.

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

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Your loving husband,  
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### McDONALD, Joan (nee Peck)

Passed peacefully in Haliburton, Ontario on Monday August 16th 2021 at the wonderful old age of 100. Joan is predeceased her husband Richard "Dick" McDonald and daughter Elizabeth Cox. Joan will be deeply missed by her devoted children Gregory, Barbara (Michael), Joyce and Skip (son-in-law); and by her cherished grandchildren Carrie (Michael), Tanessa (Darren), Michael (Stephanie), Joan (Lance), and Brenden; and her loving great grandchildren Sierra, Jacob, Caleb, Haley, Dayna, Joshua, Brooklyn, Richard, Torin, Kala and Aybree. Aunt Joan will be missed by her nephews; David, John (Kathy), Peter; their families and by friends spanning the globe including her two furry friends Felix and Rosie.

The family invite you to join in Haliburton for a "Beans and Butter Tarts" visitation of happy memories on September 8th, between 1-3pm at the Wintergreen Maple Products patio at 3325 Gelert Road.

Visitation and Celebration of Joan's "long and well-lived" life will be held at Smiths Funeral Home on Guelph Line, September 15th and 16th followed by interment at Burlington Memorial Gardens. For more details and to register your attendance (covid protocols) please go to [www.smithsfh.com](http://www.smithsfh.com). Celebration of life will be publicly live streamed as well.

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Bonnie taught for thirty six years in the Victoria St. School in Haliburton. She was very passionate about her teaching career and enjoyed watching her students excel. Most of all, she enjoyed her summers at the cottage on Drag Lake and time spent with her family.

#### Visitation & Celebration Of Life

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday evening, August 31, 2021 from 7-9 p.m. by appointment only. Please RSVP at one of the visitation times on our website. Masks must be worn and social distancing observed. A Celebration of Bonnie's life will take place on Wednesday morning, September 1, 2021 at 11 o'clock in the Chapel. Attendance is limited. Please RSVP should you wish to attend on our website. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



In Loving Memory of

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As per Audrey's wishes, Cremation has taken place and celebration of her life will be held at a later date.



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The successful applicant should possess:

- A Valid Class "G" License with a clean record and in good standing.
- Professional Demeanor & Appearance
- Be Personable, Reliable, Dedicated.
- On Call as Required by the Funeral Director.
- Possess a willingness to work odd hours. There is some night driving & weekend work involved.
- Strong maintenance & general repair background is helpful
- Assist with Funeral Home Maintenance & Vehicles.
- Be able to lift more than 50 pounds.
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- Strong Team Player who is friendly, professional, and compassionate.
- Community Minded
- The successful applicant will be required to complete a Police check.

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<https://kinark.hua.hrsmart.com/hr/ats/JobSearch/viewAll>

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- **Note:** Free On-Site Accommodation Offered
- **Complete online application at**  
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## GARAGE/YARD SALES

### YARD SALE

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Many more treasures  
just for you. Toys,  
some household  
appliances, books (Yep  
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Home office & desk  
items. Some furniture  
too. See You There

### MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE

1612 Duck Lake  
Rd, across from the  
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Course. Saturday, Sept. 4  
& Sunday Sept. 5,  
8 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Masks  
& Social Distancing  
required) Hallmark  
Christmas Collectibles,  
other Christmas

decorations. Beatles 45's.  
Dart board, darts, counter  
etc. TOOLS – Chainsaw,  
Scroll saw, woodworking  
tools and much more.  
Singer sewing m/c,  
antique rug, jewellery,  
vacuum cleaner, books  
– old & new, artwork.  
Many more items Come  
and enjoy.

### MOVING / YARD SALE

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## First Things First

by Barbara Olson  
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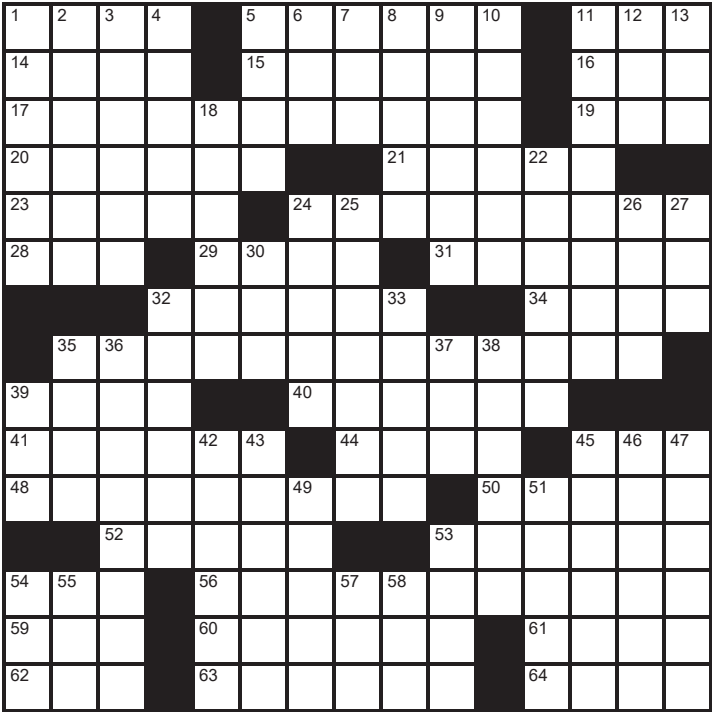
Across

- 1 Pats with a tissue
- 5 Weapons on a woolly mammoth hunt
- 11 Dated
- 14 "... cow, E-I-E-I-O, with \_\_\_ ..."
- 15 Parlour piece
- 16 "Gross!"
- 17 Black and white orca
- 19 "Let It Roll" group, for short
- 20 Tops a rival
- 21 Swiss chocolatier
- 23 Sculpted trunks
- 24 Bob Seger hit, 1986
- 28 Doofus
- 29 Not of the clergy
- 31 Pigeon's perch, often
- 32 One having a bawl
- 34 Nativity scene figure
- 35 Belly dancer's bell clinkers
- 39 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- 40 Soundtracks
- 41 Modern surgical beams
- 44 Carry, as a burden
- 45 G.P.'s field
- 48 Electric insect repellent
- 50 Warwick's "\_\_\_ Little Prayer"
- 52 Actress Zellweger
- 53 Plant's pollen producer
- 54 Montréal Mrs.
- 56 Starring actress ... and literally, what the first word of 17-, 24-, 35- and 48-Across can have
- 59 Burnt \_\_\_ crisp
- 60 Of the mystic arts
- 61 Twelfth Jewish month
- 62 Yellowknife is its cap.
- 63 Car, slangily
- 64 Klutz's comment

Down

- 1 Divided state, or a Dodge pickup
- 2 Certain acids
- 3 Roundish trailers designed in Canada

- 4 Stage direction meaning "alone"
- 5 States under Stalin: Abbr.
- 6 Place for bums in church?
- 7 Biblical verb ending
- 8 Have \_\_\_ about (discuss)
- 9 Counts (on)
- 10 Spotted attending
- 11 Amount before GST, say
- 12 86 or 99, of "Get Smart": Abbr.
- 13 Band, with "The" or "The Guess"
- 18 Author's afterword: Var.
- 22 Many shows on Bravo
- 24 Sign of autumn
- 25 Water cooler
- 26 Unlikely show dogs
- 27 Minor thing, to a musician
- 30 Grandpa Simpson
- 32 React to pepper, perhaps
- 33 "Stompa" singer Serena
- 35 Herr's her?
- 36 "I love this!"
- 37 "Mamma \_\_\_!"
- 38 Really digging?
- 39 Priest's robe
- 42 Needed to restock
- 43 Audience cry to an award winner
- 45 Hawaiian "thank you"
- 46 Looked over hungrily
- 47 Hall and Hannah
- 49 Canadian rockers "Our Lady \_\_\_"
- 51 "Great" fifth-century pope
- 53 Six-legged marchers
- 54 Logan is Canada's highest: Abbr.
- 55 Cut blades with blades
- 57 Invoice word
- 58 "\_\_\_ bet" (doubter's words)



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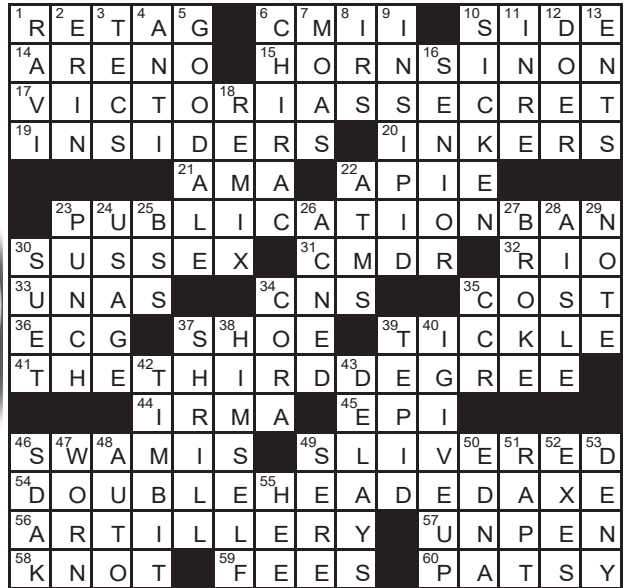


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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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## Kushog Lake



A Southwest facing point of land, on Kushog Lake – with 275 feet of shoreline. Experience beautiful sunsets. This 2,300 sq ft Classic cottage is situated on 1 acre. Level lot and includes a hill at the rear rising over 100 ft where you will find a Gazebo with a 3-mile view of the lake. The hill property goes back over 400 feet to Crown Land. **\$1,300,000**

## Irondale River



First time being offered for sale! This beautiful 3-bdrm 1 bath year-round home or cottage. With over 200 feet of frontage and 3.24 acres, this level property provides ample privacy. Sand riverfront shoreline is perfect for swimming. This home was built in 2015 and offers a spacious kitchen finished with wood cabinetry, soft close drawers, ceramic flooring, & a large island. The formal dining room is the perfect size for your family's harvest table. Sunken living room with walkout to the large front deck. The unfinished lower-level waits your finishing touch to create more space for your family. **\$759,000**

## NEW LISTING! Old Donald Road



This 3 bdrm, 3 bath bungalow is a pleasure to view both inside and out. Open concept living inside with the tastefully designed kitchen opening up to the dining & living room areas. Generous sized living room with floor to ceiling windows. The primary bdrm features a walk-in closet, ensuite bath, & large patio doors that open to the backyard. Forced air propane heating, & air conditioning. Situated on a level, landscaped, 4.5-acre lot. Gorgeous and spacious 3 season Haliburton room. Two detached outbuildings. This property truly has too many amazing features to list, and pride of ownership is evident. **\$729,000**

## Cope Lake Road



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

## NEW LISTING! Turning Leaf Lane



Are you looking for privacy? This 5 bdrm, 3 bath year-round home will be perfect for you & your large family. This well-maintained home features an open concept kitchen & dining room with vaulted ceilings, oak cabinetry, & engineered hardwood flooring. The sunken living room has ample natural lighting. Walkout lower level. Enjoy a daily hot tub on the covered deck. Don't miss out on the chance to explore the 3.70 acres **\$549,000**

## NEW LISTING! Glamorgan Road



This 100+ ac off-grid Hunt Camp is abound with wildlife & beautiful vistas - there's a little something here for everyone! The property offers scenic walking trails, marshes & ponds. With Crown Land all around, this property is a gateway to thousands of acres of wildlife & a beautiful large pond on the abutting Crown acreage. Rustic yet comfortable amenities including a cistern, outhouse, grey water pit and is wired for a generator. This secluded and private property is a rare find and truly a must see. **\$509,000**

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## Gelert Road



Fantastic 3 bdrm, 2 bath family home located in the heart of Haliburton. Perfect for the outdoor enthusiast. Tranquil wooded backyard backs onto the Haliburton Rail Trail. Enjoy walking, four-wheeling, and snowmobiling for year-round enjoyment – head out your back door, just hop on and go! Convenient low-maintenance home. Kitchen features a generous sized island, inside entry to the attached garage, and a walkout to the back deck. Sunroom off the front is a bright and breezy space. Walking distance to schools, shopping, hospital, recreation and Head Lake Park, this is the perfect spot to settle in. **\$449,000**

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## SOLD!

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