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Schmale poses after claiming victory at the Cat & the Fiddle Pub in Lindsay on Sept. 20. Photo by Mike Baker.

Schmale wins third term as Highlands MP

By Mike Baker

Conservative Jamie Schmale has secured a third term as Member of Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock on a night that brought very little in the way of change both locally and across the nation.

Schmale received 33,826 votes – good enough for 52.6 per cent of the local vote. His closest contender, Liberal Judi Forbes, drew 14,497 votes (22.5 per cent), while NDP candidate Zac Miller had 9,237 votes (14.4 per cent). Rounding things out locally,

People's Party of Canada candidate Alison Davidson put on a strong showing, securing 4,645 votes (7.2 per cent). The Green Party candidate Angel Godsoe received 1,647 votes, and Libertarian Gene Balfour received 444 votes.

Both Godsoe and Balfour were present at Schmale's election night party, held at the Cat and Fiddle pub in Lindsay. Around 70 people were on hand when, at approximately 10:30 p.m., it was declared that Schmale had done enough to secure another term in Ottawa. "This

was one heck of a campaign. It was a very challenging campaign due to the fact we [are] in a fourth wave of a pandemic — there were a lot of health restrictions we had to overcome, and different ways to accommodate volunteers, but we got over that," Schmale said, stating he and his team knocked on more than 10,000 doors across the riding over the course of the condensed five-week campaign.

He said he felt humbled to have been elected for a third term, and vowed to work diligently and effectively on a number of issues he believes are important to the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding, referencing, in particular, the need for improved high-speed internet in some of our more rural areas.

In addressing issues here in Haliburton County, Schmale said the federal government needed to do a better job of helping small businesses get back on track after a tough 18 month period.

"We need to make sure our main streets are strong, and get people back to work

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Second place Forbes still 'hopeful'

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It's no secret that, in Haliburton County, there were many employers that couldn't find anyone to work [this summer], and that's a concern, especially when businesses in Haliburton County have a very short window to make enough money to keep them going through the winter," Schmale said.

"So we need to make sure that there are the bodies and policies in place that actually encourage people, where it's safe and responsible to do so, to get back to work. Otherwise, our small businesses won't be here much longer."

While it was a big win for the Conservatives here in HKLB, there was disappointment at the national level with another Liberal minority government. It's predicted the Liberals will secure 158 seats – 12 shy of the total needed for a majority government. The Conservatives are tipped to serve as the Official Opposition, with 119 seats. The Bloc are projected to win 34 seats, the NDPs 25 seats, and the Green Party two seats.

"The fact that we ended up with the exact same results, plus or minus a few seats here and there, is unfortunate – especially at a cost of \$610 million,"



Runner-up Judi Forbes thanks suporters in Lindsay. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Schmale said.

Forbes was the only other local candidate to hold an official gathering on election night, pitching up at the Lindsay Golf and Country Club. Approximately 25 supporters joined her on the night.

Reflecting on the results, Forbes indicated she wasn't surprised to see Schmale secure another term in office.

"This is a conservative riding. I'm disappointed, of course, that we didn't gather more [support] here," Forbes said. "I'm always hopeful that more progressive people will move into this riding, but apparently that wasn't to be in this election."

Forbes did take some solace from the

fact that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his Liberal Party were set to win a third term in power.

"I am delighted that a Liberal power is in government, because there are so many great things that they're doing, so many great initiatives that we want to keep pushing forward," Forbes said.

She went on to praise her campaign team and thanked her thousands of supporters here in HKLB, urging local Liberal voters in the region to remain optimistic in the face of another disappointing result.

"Let's keep being hopeful. Let's keep working hard. Someday we will take this riding," Forbes said. (with files from Sam Gillett).





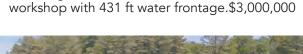
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County sets new COVID case record

By Mike Baker

In a week when Haliburton County posted a record high total of positive COVID-19 cases, the region's chief medical officer of health has warned the implications of a fourth wave of the pandemic here in the Highlands could be severe if area residents don't take preventative measures seriously.

On Sept. 16 the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge [HKPR] District Health Unit reported six new cases in Haliburton County, bringing the total number of unresolved cases at the time to 14 – the highest since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020.

As of press time on Wednesday, Sept. 22, the number of active cases in the Highlands dropped down to six. Over the past 18 months, there has been 145 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the area.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, HKPR chief medical officer of health noted that while COVID-19 cases have fluctuated in Haliburton County throughout the pandemic, last week's statistics represented something of a peak for the region.

"The fact is that many activities are resuming this fall, especially the return to school for students, and this can lead to more potential exposures," Bocking said. "The main circulating strain of coronavirus in the area [is the Delta strain]. Right now in Ontario, the Delta variant is the dominant

strain, accounting for 90 per cent of coronavirus cases in the province," Bocking said. "Studies have shown the Delta variant is much more contagious than the original virus, which means that a close contact with someone who has the Delta variant can lead to many more potential infections."

With the increased prevalence of COVID-19 in the area over the past week, Bocking says public health measures continue to be "as important as ever." She recommended that area residents continue to limit close contact with others, stay home if they are sick, wear a mask while out in public, and frequently clean and disinfect their hands.

Vaccinations, of course, are important too, Bocking notes.

Over the past few weeks, HKPR has shifted its COVID-19 vaccine focus. Instead of having residents attend fixed clinic sites, such as the ones that were previously offered at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton and SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, the unit has been organizing a series of popup and mobile clinics, especially in more rural locations where access to the vaccine may have been difficult.

Over the past couple of weeks here in Haliburton the mobile GO-VAXX bus has been on location at Abbey Gardens and at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Bocking says HKPR will continue with this strategy throughout fall, and that more

clinic dates would likely be added soon for Haliburton County.

Given the restrictions that came into place provincewide on Wednesday (Sept. 22), requiring individuals to provide proof of vaccination upon entry to certain facilities and establishments, such as restaurants, bars, gyms and cinemas, there has been a recent uptick in people getting their first shot

In the past seven days alone, 1,123 people have received the first dose of the vaccine in the HKPR region, while a further 1,544 individuals have received their second shot. In the four weeks since Ontario Premier Doug Ford first outlined his plans to introduce what he has called a temporary vaccine passport, 4,217 people across HKPR have received their first dose.

Since the vaccine was introduced earlier this year, 135,408 people across HKPR have been fully vaccinated. That accounts for almost 80 per cent of the local population.

Despite these statistics, Bocking noted the COVID-19 vaccine isn't a "silver bullet" remedy, pointing out that Ontario residents will have to be vigilant over the coming weeks if they hope to avoid a devastating fourth wave.

"It is unknown what the peak of the fourth wave might look like in Ontario. In recent weeks, case counts have risen, and



HKPR chief medical director of health Dr. Natalie Bocking. *File*.

that is likely to continue as we head into the fall and winter," Bocking said. "The fourth wave will really be determined by a number of factors — overall vaccination coverage rates, the ability of people to limit [and] preferably even decrease the number of contacts they have, and whether or not residents continue to follow important public health measures.

"We are seeing the situation in other jurisdictions — especially in parts of the US, [and here in Canada] in Alberta and Saskatchewan — where the fourth wave of COVID-19 is leading to a surge in cases and an extreme strain on hospitals and the health care system," Bocking added. "We don't want to see the same thing happen in Ontario, so let's continue to do all that we can to stop the spread of COVID-19."

Local candidates reflect on election results

By Sam Gillett

Jamie Schmale's third victory at the polls wasn't a surprise for most Haliburton residents. Neither was Judi Forbes' position as runner-up for the second election in a row. However, all four other candidates who jockeyed for votes in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding viewed their performance differently.

Zac Miller, who recently announced he is putting his political career on hold to pursue a masters degree in information, said "it seems like we just wasted \$600 million dollars for a parliament that looks the exact same." However he viewed the campaign

as a success, despite predicting who would be heading back to Ottawa this fall. "On a local level, I'm not surprised but I'm quite happy we were able to hold our numbers from 2019," Miller said, who garnered 14.4 per cent of the vote.

Allison Davidson's PPC Party nearly quadrupled its vote count, capturing over seven per cent of the vote. "It's encouraging: I mean it's a little frustrating overall, with the across Canada results and we're still in the same boat we were before," she said. The PPC party did not win any seats in Parliament this election. "But, the thing about our riding is it's about getting the word out. There's still lots of

people who haven't even heard about the PPC," she said.

For Angel Godsoe of the Green Party, the election came while the local Party association was being reconfigured. "We had some great plans for publicity, we had great plans for outreach events [but] then we were thrown into the election...there wasn't time," she said. "But I feel we could have done a lot better if we had time to mobilize."

Gene Balfour, a Libertarian candidate who supported Jamie Schmale's campaign, said he was pleased with the results despite getting only 444 votes. "My goal was never to get votes. I was trying to promote the

'less government agenda,' which feeds into the PPC which also feeds into the Conservative Party. Jamie is a like-spirited guy to me. A more responsible government is what he'd like to see," he said.

"This time around he got 53 per cent, Allison [Davidson] got 7 per cent, I got 1 per cent if you tally that up you end up with 61 percent in total as opposed to 51 per cent two years ago. As far as I'm concerned that's an indication there's a lot of people in this riding that are very sympathetic to the ideas of conservatism in general," Balfour added.



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OPP NEWS



An OPP-provided image of the suspect. Submitted.

Police search for copper wire theft suspect

Haliburton Highlands OPP officers are searching for a suspect after \$7,000 of copper wire was stolen from Hydro One substations in Minden Hills.

Between Aug. 25 and Sept. 5, officers were alerted to three separate thefts of the material at Hydro One locations in the township.

Police believe the same, currently unidentified, male is responsible for all three thefts. Police also have identified a vehicle: a white two-door GMC pickup truck. It has a spray-painted white bed cover and a metal front bumper.

On Sept. 14, at approximately 6:30 p.m., the vehicle was spotted in a Minden parking lot. Police attempted to apprehend the suspect, but disengaged due to public safety concerns after he sped off at high speed.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP urge anyone with information to contact them at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477(TIPS).

Man hurt in off-road collision

A single off-road vehicle (ORV) collision sent an adult male to hospital with critical injuries on Sept. 17.

At around 6:17 p.m., Haliburton Highlands OPP officers, along with Paramedic Services and Minden Hills Fire Department, responded to a crash on Black River Road. As a result of the collision, one man was airlifted by Ornge to a Toronto-area trauma centre. Technical Collision Investigation officers are currently investigating.

Due to the increased number of ORVs at this time of year, the OPP remind riders to exercise caution and ride within safety laws that are designed to keep you safe while operating any type of ORV, including wearing a helmet, riding with others and riding within your skill level. (OPP news compiled by Sam Gillett).

Dysart animal bylaw on hold

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al council has pumped the brakes on a proposed bylaw that would outlaw the possession of exotic animals within municipal borders.

After receiving a letter back in August from a resident who expressed concern about the possession of big cats – such as tigers, lions, cougars, bobcats and panthers – as pets in the Highlands, council directed staff to formulate a bylaw that would regulate exotic pet ownership in the community.

Karl Korpela, Dysart's chief building official, said he essentially mirrored a similar bylaw that was recently passed in Highlands East when presenting the issue to council on Sept. 14. If passed, the bylaw would prohibit a wide range of animals from being kept as pets. Among those listed are monkeys; lemurs; raccoons; snapping turtles; all venomous snakes and any nonvenomous snake that reaches a length of two metres or more at maturity; lizards such as the Gila Monster, Beaded Lizard and the Common Green Iguana; birds of prey; all venomous or poisonous arachnids, including scorpions and spiders; and invasive freshwater fish, such as the Marbled Crayfish. Proposed fines for breaking the bylaw

range from \$250 to \$500.

Smith felt the introduction of such an expansive bylaw following the complaint of a single resident was excessive. He encouraged council to engage in public consultation to gain

feedback on the proposed bylaw.

It was agreed that council would hold off on making any decision over the bylaw until November.





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ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Dorset snowball cancelled

For the second year in a row, council has voted to scrap the Dorset Snowball winter carnival that traditionally takes place on the Family Day long weekend in February.

With uncertainty around COVID-19 and the reopening of the Dorset Recreation Centre, they made the decision at the Sept. 16 meeting.

Director of parks, recreation and trails, Chris Card, said they usually use the recreation centre as a warming area with washrooms. However, with the building closed due to a mould problem, he is worried about what will happen in the event of cold temperatures. He said it would require funding for temporary heated washroom and other warming areas.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said it would be "onerous" to stage the event with all of the requirements. "I personally don't see that we can manage this," she said.

Deputy mayor Liz Danielsen and Councillors Julia Shortreed and Lisa Barry all agreed.

The deputy mayor said too many things were still up in the air and it was "too cumbersome and too risky for everyone, sadly, to plan this event."

Shortreed added it would be difficult to muster the needed-volunteers. While she'd love to host the Snowball, she said there were too many unknowns.

Moffatt queried if they could stage something else on that weekend staff will look into options.

Barry said, "Given it does fall on a holiday weekend, a celebration on a smaller scale. We have an ice rink and a beautiful park." She said they could also incorporate trails in a more self-directed, rather than congregated setting.

"I'm sure we can come up with something. Absolutely," Card said.

Traffic control for fall colours

Residents of the Oxtongue Lake area, concerned about the annual influx of leaf peepers, got some assurance with council signing an agreement with a firm called People Ready to help manage traffic around some local road closures.

The township has hired the Barrie-based company in the past.

In a report to the Sept. 16 meeting, Card, said it would be for the Thanksgiving weekend and at the north and south entrance of Oxtongue Lake Road, Elliot Road and Tom Parris Road where barriers are traditionally placed.

The township has budgeted \$7,000 towards the expense.

Moffatt said Thanksgiving is later this year, the Oct. 11 weekend, and the leaves may peak before then. She asked about the contract's flexibility. Card said there



The Dorset Snowball is cancelled for 2022. File.

was some but People Ready would need 72-hours notice. He recommended keeping the Thanksgiving weekend. He said they could discuss additional coverage if needed.

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is pre-selling timed entries so people not aware of that could result in traffic being backed up. (Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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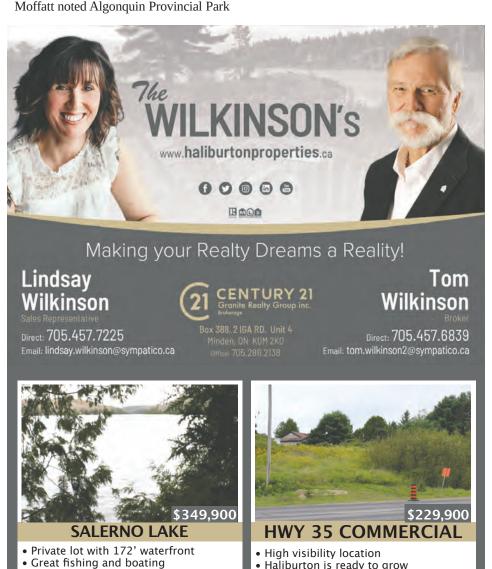
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Over 450,000 snails removed from area lakes

By Mike Baker

A group of almost 300 local volunteers have teamed up with specialists from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFA) to remove more than 450,000 invasive snails from dozens of area lakes.

The project, being lauded as the first of its kind in Ontario, kicked off earlier this summer after representatives from the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) identified two types of invasive snails that its members say are overly prevalent in a collection of popular lakes.

Paul MacInnes, chair of CHA, contacted Brook Schryer, an invasive species specialist with OFA back in April for advice on how to go about removing the snails.

"I was told pretty quickly that this sort of thing is heavily regulated. Snails, even invasive snails, are protected under the federal fisheries act, so we had to get a license," MacInnes said.

Schryer took care of most of the heavy leg work in that regard, which included training all of the volunteers who wished to participate in the clean-up.

In an interview, Schryer noted the two species in question – the Chinese Mystery Snail and the Banded Mystery Snail – can disrupt a lake's eco-system.

"These kind of snails have been linked to largemouth bass eggs being predated upon, which obviously impacts the population of largemouth bass in lakes where these snails are prevalent," Schryer said. "They've also been linked to various parasites that can be passed on to fish, waterfowl, and even humans. There's science out there that supports links between these snails and Swimmer's Itch (a skin rash caused by an allergic reaction to certain microscopic parasites)."

History on the Chinese Mystery Snail dates back to the late 1800s, Schryer says. Native to eastern Asia, the snail found its way to North America via boat, first landing on the shores of San Francisco around 1892. Since then, they have quickly spread across the continent. The Banded Mystery Snail is different in that it's actually native to North America, originating in southern U.S states such as Florida and Georgia. Schryer says there's evidence to suggest the Banded Mystery Snail was first introduced to the Great Lakes around 1931.

Mark Roszell owns a lakeside property on Mountain Lake. He says he first encountered these types of invasive snails around 15 years ago. He was one of three volunteers on his lake to be trained to collect the snails. Together, he estimates they collected around 6,000 over the course of the summer.

"This program is desperately needed. These snails have been getting worse and worse now for several years," Roszell said. "They're not good for the lake, and, at certain times, they seem to have these dieoff events, where hundreds and hundreds of empty shells float right to the surface, and all this organic matter gets into the water. It creates a horrible smell."

Michael Jankowski and his mother, Beatrice collectively gathered up around 17,000 snails on the weekends they spent at their cottage on South Lake. He hopes the attention generated through the success of this year's program will inspire more people to get involved in the future should it return.

"I think this sort of thing is really important for the longevity of the lake ... I fear that, unless we do something about this, in the future our lake could turn be taken over by these mystery snails, and the impacts on the water quality could be terrible," Jankowski said.



Brook Schryer helped facilitate the local snail removal effort. Submitted.

Schryer noted these two types of snails are particularly dangerous due to the rate in which they reproduce. A single Chinese Mystery Snail, Schryer says, could reproduce up to 100 times.

Reflecting on the success of this first program, Schryer says he was impressed by the many volunteers who went above and beyond to help clean up approximately 45 lakes across the Highlands. He reserved special praise for one individual in particular, who preferred to remain anonymous, who collected around 257,000 snails by herself on Grass Lake.

He hopes to bring the program back in future years, though warned anyone looking to participate would need to be retrained before being allowed to go out and collect.

"When it comes to the goals of this program, I would really like to optimistically say it's about reducing the populations of these invasive snails in these lakes ... We want to give shoreline owners the ability to do something about this problem," Schryer said. "Maybe over time, with enough dedication, we can start to see some results. These snails are not supposed to be in our waters, and they can have real negative impacts."

For more information on invasive snails, visit www.invadingspecies.com/invaders/invertebrates/invasive-snails. For more information on the CHA invasive snail project, contact Schryer at brook_schryer@ofah.org.

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September 30 – Regular Council Meeting 9:30 AM October 14 – Regular Council Meeting

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A resident uses the recently-reconfigured library space in the Dorset Recreation Centre. File.

Mould keeps Dorset Rec Centre closed

By Lisa Gervais

Dorset and area residents will have to wait a little longer to use the town's recreation

In addition to continuing COVID-19 challenges, mould has been discovered at the complex and Algonquin Highlands councillors decided Sept. 16 to have interior waterproofing done. The township will also apply for an Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant in hopes of getting \$500,000 to put towards the unbudgeted expenditure.

Operations manager, Lyell Bergstrome, said Cambium Inc. had been hired to have a look at the building. One of their recommendations was inside waterproofing at a cost of \$350,000 to \$400,000, which

should last 40 to 50 years.

If the OTF grant request is unsuccessful, the item is expected to come back to council for more discussion.

Bergstome said the contractor had a look on Aug. 19.

"Within their report they outline the main issues being: inadequate attic insulation and venting, exterior walls do not contain moisture barrier, duct work not adequately insulated causing heat loss in the attic space, washroom vent fans not properly discharging," Bergstrome wrote.

Recommendations ranged from exterior waterproofing to demolishing and reconstructing the building at a cost of \$4-5 million.

Bergstrome recommended interior

waterproofing to maintain the look of the building while still addressing internal issues of wet insulation and mould. However, he said it could close the centre until next spring at the earliest.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said in a perfect world, they could knock the 32-yearold building down and build something addressing all of the community's wants however it would cost many millions of dollars at a time when the township has other capital demands.

Deputy mayor Liz Danielsen said they could look at the entire footprint, including the public works garage, incorporating

However, in the end, councillors went with the interior waterproofing and applying it now stands," Bird said.

for an OTF grant.

Coun. Julia Shortreed said while she'd love to have something bigger and better, residents ask her every day, "when's it going to open? When is the gym going to open? They want to use the squash courts. It's hard to justify telling them we're going to be closed for three years. That's really hard for the community."

CAO Angie Bird said although 32 years old, it is a "solid building." She noted council has done extensive recent renovations including building a new fitness room and a community hub upstairs where the library used to be.

"I'd hate to see those go by the wayside. There's lots of potential with the building as

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Money well wasted

Monday was a bit of a disaster for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Party of Canada.

Five weeks after dissolving parliament and launching a 44th federal election, under the guise of offering the public the chance to choose whom it wants at the helm to help lead the country's recovery post COVID-19, and Trudeau is facing up to the reality that he will form yet another minority government.

Make no mistake about it though, this is not a win for the Liberals. The power play

When our prime minister made the decision to enter into an untimely early election, he did so with one thought in mind – to come away with a majority.

The end result? Three additional seats. A grand total of \$610 million spent to acquire three extra members of parliament.

I have no doubts that Trudeau was confident of getting what he wanted, even as late as a few weeks ago. He and his advisors clearly felt the Liberals had garnered enough good will for the way it responded to the COVID-19 pandemic, where they supported millions of Canadians through the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) and other likeminded programs.

According to the Government of Canada website, as of Oct. 4, 2020 – the date that CERB benefits ended - a total of 8.9 million people had applied for funding through the initiative. Once all was said and done, the feds had doled out \$74.08 billion in CERB payments.

One oversight, perhaps, was that a significant chunk of those who received benefits throughout the pandemic, around 42 per cent, were under the age of 35. In other words, not the demographic that typically makes sure to vote on election day.

It was intriguing when speaking with Jamie Schmale, who was re-elected for a third term as MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock on Monday. He was, unsurprisingly, hyper critical of Trudeau's decision to call an early election, saying it was unnecessary given he had the support of the house, with the Bloc and NDPs largely behind him. Schmale intimated it was a power grab, and that he was pleased it had failed.

It's only fair to point out though, that Trudeau isn't the first to attempt this sort of thing, and he certainly won't be the last. The Conservatives have been just as culpable in the past – in fact, former Prime Minister Stephen Harper twice called

early elections in attempts to secure majority governments, first in 2008 and again in 2011.

I think the difference is that we needed

Trudeau to be better. We needed him to be more responsible. During this desperate time of need, as the country continues to suffer from the effects of a global pandemic, the last thing we needed, the last thing we wanted was an election.

By Mike Baker

I can think of a myriad of ways that \$610 million could have been better spent. Thinking selfishly here in Haliburton County, how about affordable housing? Improved high-speed internet? Transit services? Heck, I'd even have preferred to see that money go towards our national credit card bill, which, for the record, at present count is now in excess of \$1 trillion.

Instead, we're left to reflect on an election that accomplished very little and, in the grand scheme of things, changed absolutely nothing.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

Another patient crying because a lifelong friendship has been torn apart by vaccines she is vaccinated and her friend is not. I reassure her this is unfortunate and the painful split is not uncommon. Can't agree to disagree. Can't agree to be just telephone or texting friends for now.

A new survey (OnePoll) tells us 1 in 7 Americans have ended friendships during the past year over a difference of COVID-19 vaccine opinions. They report about 16 per cent of people had terminated three friendships since March 2020.

What is more disturbing is the anguish I see in families. Conflicting vaccination approaches have left grandparents unable to see grandchildren because adult children are not vaccinated. Older youths and teens are influenced by their parents, driving them away from grandparents, but also causing

dissention between parents and adolescents. as many as 41% A disconnect has created rifts between siblings, between parents and grown children, and within (married) couples. The challenge to accept this alternative view has tested all of us.

OnePoll tells us the reasons given by the unimmunized include worry about "potential side effects," being healthy and "not needing the vaccine," or not "trusting" (the vaccine, government, "Big Pharma," etc.). None of this sits well with vaccinated individuals whose patience has been worn out with these statements. This U.S. poll published its results under the heading. "Vaccinated Americans call it quits with friends who refuse to get the COVID-19 shot."

Of interest are two additional survey components of the poll. First, even though 81% of Democrats are fully vaccinated (compared to 64 per cent of Republicans), of Democrats reported that society is "too critical" of unvaccinated

people. Over half (57 per cent) of Republicans share that

By Dr. Nell Thomas

Second interesting point: 61 per cent of vaccinated people said they felt "very confident" in their decision to get vaccinated, while only 33 per cent of individuals choosing to avoid vaccination felt confident with their decisions.

Part two of this article is to share my observations of a day in the life of a nurse, one of our most undervalued and critical health care providers. I dictated this "poem" on my way home from a week of hospital inpatient coverage.

"A Nurse's Job"

Is physically very demanding because you are running you are not walking and you are sweating and you are hefting bodies and lifting limbs and moving commodes and pushing gurneys and contorting your body so that you can access nooks and crannies of human bodies doing disgusting things and you're problem-solving and jury rigging while you are doing

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You're doing 12 hour shifts multiple days in a row. Usually going home to your families that demand of you more superhuman capabilities, and you are unlikely to have a partner in life who is anywhere close to supporting you in this

You are taken advantage of by administration and thrown under the bus by colleagues sometimes - although there is a very strong allegiance among nurses; nobody understands what you're going through except nurses.

Why is the load deposited on the front line workers? They are understaffed and underfunded and under supported.









Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Anger at Hospital protest

Dear Editor,

I am writing because of the latest pandemic news, seen on television. Somewhere in these protesters' minds, choosing to forgo vaccinations, protest outside hospitals, across the country, slowing entry to an ambulance often carrying patients in a life threatening situation: they believe it's their right? Wrong!

Minutes matter! No one has the right to impede treatment. There should not have to be police escorts for people seeking medical treatment for anything. Doctors in Toronto are reporting our hospitals and ICUs are full of unvaccinated people. Our nurses, who are and have been overworked since this pandemic started are packing in lifetime careers and walking away due to pressure from treating the unvaccinated. There is nothing in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms that says: protesters have the right to impede medical treatment or slow down an ambulance. There is nothing in the Charter that says our overworked police forces have to provide escorts to hospitals in any way shape or form.

In my opinion, should this be allowed to continue to the breaking point we are hovering very close to as these COVID waves continue, there will be no doctors or nurses to treat the unvaccinated.

Nancy Belbeck, Tory Hill

Questions about clean transport

Dear Editor,

Our governments aren't worried about it so their coffers will continue to bulge. Some of the vehicles need to be taken off the roads or the mileage must be much better.

When the price of fuel increases by 2 or 3 cents a litre just as much or more is sold. Why did vehicles become heavier as the price of fuel increased?

Why so many vehicles with only one person in them?

We have more vehicles today using more fuel than they were 50 years ago. Why has the price of vehicle parts, licence renewal, insurance, etc. increased but mileage is the same as it was 60 years ago even though we have the technology to get better mileage?

Why can't transports haul a load both ways as we have computers to set up the loads.

Will we seek a solution to climate change when it's unbearable?

Remember electric cars are a few years away as they take a long time to recharge, etc.

Winston E. Ralph, Bancroft

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Debbie Ervine recently took this photo of two foxes near Highway 35 south of Minden.

Climate action needed

Dear Editor,

In August of 2018, Greta Thunberg started her solitary "school strike for climate" outside the Swedish parliament.

Her demands were that the Swedish government reduce carbon emissions in accordance with the Paris Agreement.

Her strong actions and words have inspired a global movement that demands that climate change be taken for the crisis that it is.

The recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report puts the crisis in the starkest terms. The massive droughts, floods, fires and violent storms around the planet are definitively the result of human action.

In the three years since Greta started her strike, it has become apparent that no country is meeting the targets agreed to in Paris.

She has torn into global leaders' response

to the worsening climate crisis, accusing them of 'role-playing' and failing to take meaningful action, while levels of fossil fuel usage keep climbing. The theme for the Global ClimateStrike in May was #NoMoreEmptyPromises.

There is no time to lose. During the recent election campaign, dealing with climate change was not the prominent issue it must be

Our house is clearly on fire. Any action you take is not for your grandchildren.

That future is now. Real and deep change is needed to slow down the unfolding crisis. The theme of the Global Strike for

Climate on Sept. 24 is #UprootTheSystem. Join Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County and Environment Haliburton this Friday in Minden at noon if you believe that a massive shift is required in how humans interact with the environment and that business as usual cannot be the way to go.

Eric Lilius, Eagle Lake

Citizens report on plastic use

Dear Editor,

In the spring of 2019, Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County surveyed local merchants to ascertain their use of plastics. We followed up with letters to all newspapers to offer congratulations to those who used none or were making an effort to curb their use.

We happily report that Foodland in Haliburton and Minden, as well as Dentistry in the Highlands in Minden have no plastic bags on hand. Well done and Thanks! If we've missed anyone, please let us know. Go to our Facebook page or email us at info@concernedcitizens.ca.

Patricia Brezina, Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County

Students lay crosses for local heroes

By Sam Gillett

In Haliburton's Evergreen and St. Anthony's cemeteries, small white crosses adorned with poppies pay tribute to those who served in the Canadian Armed Forces. On Sept. 20, the crosses were laid as part of the Haliburton Legion's second annual Veteran's Decoration Day.

HHHS students helped find the graves of Canadian forces veterans at both cemeteries, and spent time planting a cross in front of each one.

"They can't be here to do it, so it's important we help remember them," said high school student Gerrit Kooistra, one of 20 students who took part.

"Anything we can do to help the legion, we're there, said HHHS teacher Paul Longo who organized the students' involvement."We try to do as much as we can within the community as well as the school."

After the Legion Colour Party led the march to the cemetery, local musician Gord Kidd strummed songs on the guitar. Songs like Leonard Cohen's *Hallejujah* echoed across the cemetery while the students paid tribute to the soldiers. The project was organized and aided by the Haliburton Legion's Ladies Auxiliary and



Students Ella Moynes, left, and Alyssa Morissette lay crosses in Evergreen cemetary. Photo by Sam Gillett.

the Haliburton & District Lions Club. Legion members such as Sir Harold Rowden, who served in the battle of Normandy, and President Don Pitman, watched as the students distributed crosses.

"It was quite emotional for me," Pitman

said. "You just go right back and remember To him, it means they're learning valuable the people who gave their life in service to their country or they spent time overseas, so it's just a great reminder to never forget."

Pitman said the presence of high school students is an important part of the day.

lessons about Canada's past and present.

"It's an addition to Remembrance Day but it has a more local tone, it's almost like an additional recognition to everyone here that served."



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Firefighters call for volunteers

By Lisa Gervais

While the Algonquin Highlands fire department is in the midst of an annual recruitment drive for volunteers, Highlands East and Dysart et al fire chiefs say the door is always open to interested candidates.

AH fire Chief Michael French, Highlands East fire Chief Chris Baughman and Dysart fire Chief Mike Iles joined a recent Zoom interview with *The Highlander*. Minden Hills fire Chief Nelson Johnson was invited but did not attend.

French said their drive runs until Sept. 30. Baughman said his department accepts resumes all year round.

"We do have banners out saying that we are accepting recruits but it's generally all-year round." He said they don't have the luxury of many businesses in the area that keep people local "so we need whatever we can when we can." He said the challenge is people leave the area for work so are generally not around, even if they do want to volunteer, at critical times such as the daytime hours.

Iles said Dysart typically has a drive every fall although they didn't last year and they're just about finished for this year.

Iles said he should have a full department of 30 firefighters. He was finalizing the hiring process as of Sept. 16. French said they had a dozen applicants but still need candidates for the north of the riding up in the Oxtongue Lake area because, like Baughman, he said there aren't the businesses up there. "We don't get a lot of people applying for the area so it is ongoing there."

Asked what some of the challenges to recruitment are, French said, "A lot of people, their lives are so busy. They're very dedicated to their families. Being a volunteer firefighter does require commitment, your weekly training along with other specialized events, and going to your emergency responses ... it's not like older days where you didn't have as many sports or activities for your kids. It's a sign of the times."

Iles said COVID may be having an impact but he does not think it's a substantial one.



Volunteers work to knock down a fire. File.

And Baugham said with the increase in the County population due to the pandemic, it may lead to more volunteers.

Volunteer firefighters are paid in Haliburton County, most at just under \$20-an-hour, but the chiefs don't think that's an impediment. Baughman said the pay matches the rest of the province. They added they don't think volunteers join for the money.

Iles said their call volumes continue to increase. "At one time it was a very minimal number of calls and every year it goes up so it becomes more and more of a commitment every year that goes by so it's a huge commitment."

French said one key issue local employers being willing to release volunteer firefighters to respond to emergencies.

Iles said he is looking for people who are open-minded and team players. Baughman said "it is very fulfilling when you do get to help someone. I think you just have to have an appreciation for that. For me, a thank you is all I need."

French added, "And they're serving their

community just like if you were going out to be a hockey coach. It's the same thing. They're just trying to help out and be part of their community."

Baughman said it is good for people to know that the departments supply the training and education so they don't have to be fully trained coming in to what is a highly trained job. He added employers aren't expected to pay their employees when they go out to a call since the fire departments pay them. Baughman said they provide training and it's a good way to get out and meet people and their community.

Iles said there are a lot of female volunteers, too. "It's not a stereotypical job. It's a job that's available to everybody." French came from a full-time department.

"It's so refreshing to see the attitude of the volunteers. They're here because they want to be. Some people will do it for a short time, and a short time becomes 25-30 years." He noted they have three volunteers around the 50-year mark and "that shows how much they enjoy doing what they're doing"

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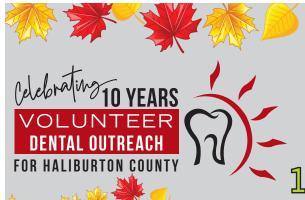
Cleaning up for fire safety

The Minden Hills Fire Department volunteered to clean up around residential properties at Floralan Park Drive in Minden on Sept. 17. "We were asked to assist with the cleanup and provide a fire safety message about reducing the fire load and combustibles that can collect around the yards, fences and buildings." said Deputy Fire Chief Shain Duda in a press release. "We want to remind everyone that they need to take responsibility for their family's fire safety."

Tenants of the area, who asked the crew to help out, took care of debris removal. The fire department reminds County residents that cleaning up combustible materials around your home like shrubs, trees, garbage and dead vegetation can be key in preventing fires and ensuring blazes won't spread. (Sam Gillett).



Minden Hills Firefighters clean up shrubs in Minden, Sept. 17. Submitted.



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Highlander education

Pandemic pushes school board into deficit

By Kirk Winter

COVID and its additional costs are largely responsible for the \$3.9 million deficit expected by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board this year.

On Sept.14, superintendent of finance Tim Ellis shared with trustees the third quarter financial report which ended May 31, 2021.

"This is the first opportunity that I have had to break the numbers to you as we don't meet in the summer," Ellis said.
"Our actual revenue was lower than our estimates."

Ellis also detailed that budgets for classroom technology, staff sick leave, maintenance, supply coverage and support for special education students learning at distance were in some cases well above what was budgeted for last year.

"The expected deficit of \$3.9 million is just below the 2 per cent provision. We can use 2 per cent of our accumulated surplus to a maximum of \$4 million to cover additional COVID-related costs," Ellis said.

Report confirms driver shortage

Every day more than 13,000 TLDSB students are transported to area schools by the 321 buses that are contracted by the board.

This year there are issues regarding the availability of drivers and buses to cover all the available routes before and after school.

Superintendent of finance Tim Ellis told trustees on Sept. 14 that, "Bus drivers are at a premium right now. Our operators are working to get as many drivers as possible behind the wheel. This is presenting a real challenge right across the province this year."

Trustee Judy Saunders wanted to know what the board is doing to make sure all students are being picked up and transported to school on board-contracted buses.

"New students may need to wait upwards of a week to be added to driver's manifests," Ellis said. "All students will be given transportation, but it will take a little time."

When queried about the cause of the shortages, Ellis said "some drivers have chosen not to get vaccinated and some have chosen not to drive this year."

Saunders continued her questioning, wanting to know whose responsibility it is to communicate with families about students not yet getting on the transport manifest.

Ellis said, "It is up to the schools to communicate with the parents unless a whole bus doesn't run, and then communication with parents is on the operator."

Saunders asked if buses that are currently arriving late for school because of doing two runs in the morning can be better coordinated.

Ellis is hoping that routes without drivers will be staffed over the next few weeks as the operators interview for potential drivers.

Student trustee Ryder Lytle asked about the status of late buses that transport students who stay after school for help or to participate in afterschool activities.

"If late buses don't run," Lytle said, "students can't join sports."

"This has been discussed," Ellis replied.
"We are engaging in dialogues with various parties looking for solutions. This is a significant challenge with the existing buses that we have access to. How do we get students home from practices and transport them to their games? We are looking at many options."

Enrollment numbers creating problems

Superintendent of finance Tim Ellis told trustees on Sept. 14 that enrollment is up across both panels, but that until more provincial funding is made available there may be issues with crowded classrooms and not enough spaces on board contracted buses.

Ellis reported that last year the board estimated they would have approximately 11,000 elementary students when doors opened for business on Sept. 7. In reality the board has found themselves with approximately 11,500 to 11,700 students enrolled at the elementary panel depending



The TLDSB board reports driver shortages on multiple school routes this fall. *File*.

inon the day.

At secondary, numbers are also up approximately 100 students with the bulk of the increase found at I.E. Weldon in Lindsay and Huntsville High School.

Trustee Stephen Binstock wanted a breakdown on which areas of the board are growing, "because 500 kids are a lot of new kids."



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Highlander education

Principal hopes to build 'family atmosphere'

By Mike Baker

While the position of principal is brand new to her, Barb Davies is in familiar surroundings as she begins her position with Cardiff and Wilberforce elementary schools.

The long-time educator transitioned into the role at the beginning of the new school year, replacing the recently retired Elaine Fournier. Davies said she couldn't be happier as she begins her dream position.

"I've been here basically all my life," said Davies, who grew up in Wilberforce. "I went to Cardiff for kindergarten, did Grade 1 to Grade 4 in Wilberforce, and then upper elementary and high school in Haliburton ... Aside from my time at Western University in London, I have lived my whole life in the Highlands. My heart and soul are here in Wilberforce, and in Cardiff."

Davies most recently spent five years as vice-principal in Wilberforce, following a similar stint at J.D. Hodgson elementary school in Haliburton. She has taught every grade at the elementary level over a distinguished career that has spanned more than two decades.

Interacting with students and playing a key role in their development is central to all that Davies does in her new day-to-day role as principal. While she enjoyed her experience in the classroom as a teacher,

Davies feels she can make more of a difference in the overall school community as an administrator.

A big part of that, she says, is helping to foster a family-like atmosphere at the two sites

"We really are like one big family, which I feel makes kids feel accepted and cared for and secure. You really can't expect success in academics if your kids don't feel those things first, so that's particularly important to me," Davies said. "We look at different needs, and do whatever we can to meet those needs. I believe that all students can learn, be successful ... and have happy, positive memories all at the same time."

To help build that level of community spirit in the classroom, Davies has encouraged teachers to lead "student circles" during morning instruction, giving students the ability to talk, share stories and express their feelings in a caring and accepting environment.

"This helps to create a culture of empathy and equity in our schools, and really strengthens the bonds between students in our classrooms," Davies said.

That particular exercise has been one of the major benefits of having students back on-site and inside the classroom, Davies says. As well, she's just enjoyed seeing all the smiling faces, and listening to the buzz generated on the playground during recess.

"I love being back. Kids do better, I feel,



Barb Davies is the new principal at Cardiff and Wilberforce elementary schools. *By Mike Baker.* in the school. They're with their friends, where we, as teachers, as educators are able

and that, I think, makes them happier. It helps their wellbeing and their mental health just being able to connect with their classmates," Davies said. "There's a quote that I really like – to reach students' minds, we must pass through their hearts first. It's been difficult over the past [18 months] in

a mostly online environment. In person is

where we, as teachers, as educators are able to make the most impact."

As Davies looks to the future, she's excited to relaunch some extracurriculars at the schools, such as youth group and the Grade 8 cooking program.

"This is the start of a whole new year, that is filled with new possibilities," Davies said.



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Highlander business

Nurse pivots from ER to aesthetics

By Lisa Harrison

Looking for a lift in life? Registered nurse Jenn Emmerson has a solution. In fact, the former emergency room nurse turned entrepreneur can offer several solutions.

Emmerson owns B.A.O. Beauty Clinic, formerly JE Medical Cosmetics, established a year ago and now located on Maple Avenue in Haliburton. She is certified for cosmetic injectables and multiple advanced procedures including the applications of Platelet-Rich Plasma for skin and hair rejuvenation, fat-dissolving injections, and non-surgical facelift techniques using dissolvable sutures called PDO Threads.

The switch from ER to aesthetics was a natural one for Emmerson.

"The most rewarding and fulfilling part of being a nurse is the opportunity to change someone's day for the better," said Emmerson. "I wanted to take that feeling and skillset and apply it in a new avenue of nursing, aesthetic nursing, [it's] the chance to provide this in my own clinic setting, an uplifting and positive environment that feels safe for everyone and is open to all.

"The ability to give someone a new sense of confidence is so rewarding, keeps me wanting to learn more and always striving to provide the best and safest services to the community."

Emmerson works with nurse practitioner Christine Wickson and Wickson's team of fellow NPs at Boost Clinics as the medical directorship for B.A.O. The team members ensure that each potential B.A.O. client is a candidate for treatment and they oversee the treatments.

"With over 14 years of experience, Christine has so much knowledge, keeping [clients] safe and informed every step of the way."

The new company name B.A.O. began with Emmerson's children's initials and then extended to a statement.

"It's simple, three names – Brooks, Ashton and Olivia, these three inspire and challenge me daily, making me a better person. They teach me to slow down and appreciate the smallest things. Keeping this reminder in my business was important to me. Beautiful, Authentic and Original."

Emmerson's family and close friends encouraged her to take a chance and believe in herself in becoming an entrepreneur.

"They still encourage me to this day and I am so grateful for them every step of the way ... My passion for making people feel good, appreciated and understood paired with my attention to detail was a perfect match for a career in aesthetic medicine."

The area resident said the community has also been supportive so far and she feels "extremely grateful" to have made it through the pandemic. She took care to accommodate the community in her choice of new location, finding a convenient and accessible environment filled with light that



Jenn Emmerson runs B.A.O Beauty Clinic in Haliburton. Submitted.

has an elevator and parking areas in front of skincare products for purchase. the clinic and directly across the street.

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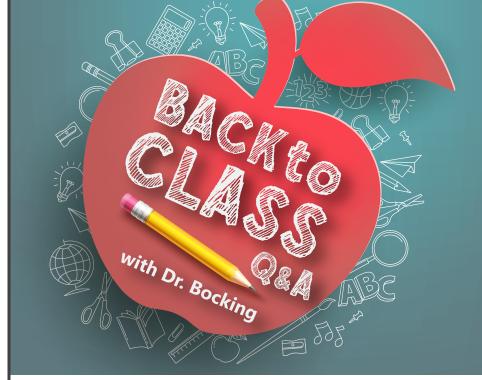
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Highlander health

Health Unit plans post-COVID recovery

By Sam Gillett

COVID-19 caused seismic shifts in dayto-day operations for the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit. Whether implementing protective measures, coordinating online meeting schedules, or determining which programs could safely be run, the unit was forced to pivot in nearly all departments. Now, they're charting a path back to normalizing service delivery.

At a virtual Board of Health meeting Sept. 16, chief medical of health Dr. Natalie Bocking said while COVID-19 protective measures aren't going away, now is the time to determine how they can restart services halted during the pandemic and reorient current programs to suit post-pandemic health needs.

She said the path forward for the region's health services means "learning to live with COVID-19" after the fourth wave. Core programs, such as health inspections, immunizations and work with vulnerable communities, have been running throughout the pandemic. Other programs are restarting this fall, like dental and sexual health clinics.

Some services remain offline or are running at reduced levels. These include school immunizations, in-person food handler training, oral and vision screening, as well as a broad suite of awareness campaigns around sexual health, climate change and health promotion. "These

programs can't remain offline indefinitely," Bocking said.

The health unit's COVID-19 Recovery Plan Framework is a master plan outlining how it will recover from the pandemic. It's guided by a board of multiple members of the district's health services team, who have been meeting regularly since June.

The plan seeks to "identify the lessons learned, and incorporate them into [the health unit's] normal going forward," said Lorna McCleary, a health promotion manager and co-chair of the recovery planning team. That includes changing how health unit programs are planned and implemented in light of COVID-19 concerns.

Much of what the plan will look like, and when it will be implemented, is still unknown, pending guidance on COVID-19 concerns. There's still uncertainty regarding COVID-19 immunization plans for those aged between one and five-year-olds, booster shots, new variants and the extent of the predicted fourth wave.

"All of this is going to impact our capacity to move forward," McCleary said.

Requests five per cent municipal funding bump

The board voted in favour of a 2022 budget totalling \$22,005,474, partially funded by a \$15,554,500 allotment from the Ministry of Health for the upcoming fiscal year. It's



The HKPR board of health continues to meet on zoom. File.

\$281,082 less than the health unit's 2021 budget, largely due to a projected decrease in COVID-19 costs.

The pandemic cost the HKPR health unit \$1,941,187 between April and June, 2020. That includes staffing costs, equipment and PPE purchases. \$920,910 was spent on COVID-19 vaccination efforts alone.

Ontario's Ministry of Health has granted the health unit \$1,618,300 in one-time funding for the 2021-22 fiscal year, and up to \$264,000 in one-time funding for 2022-23. Those funds will help make up the deficit caused by COVID-19 costs,

said Angela Vickery, HKPR's manager of corporate services. With vaccination rates up, the health unit is planning for fewer COVID-19 related costs in 2022, even though Ontario currently faces a fourth wave.

"We will not require the same amount of resources in 2022 as we did in 2021," Vickery said. The board also voted for a five per cent increase in municipal funding from the County of Northumberland, Haliburton County, and the City of Kawartha Lakes. The County of Haliburton contributed \$463,508 in 2020.



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Highlander environment

Outdoors Association washes for walleye

By Sam Gillett

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) brought hip waders and fire hoses into the Drag River Sept. 14 in an attempt to boost the waterway's walleye population.

Volunteers washed away sediment from between the rocks under the Highway 118 bridge, a busy spawning site for the fish.

HHOA Director Tim Bahr explained how Walleye eggs won't stick to rocks when sand and silt get in the way. That could be a reason why Bahr and so many other local anglers have noticed a decline in the tasty fish which is popular for sport fishing.

"Ten years ago, walleye were plentiful and now they're nearly nonexistent," Bahr said.

The HHOA will clean the spawning ground yearly, power washing sediment downstream until it's caught in a filtration net just before the river flows into Head Lake. Dysart's fire Chief Mike Iles volunteered his time to help, bringing along two fire hoses and pumps.

"It's one thing that people like us can do to help the fishing," Bahr said.

The HHOA also polled anglers along the Kashagawigamog chain of lakes and rivers about the health of the area's fisheries. So far, 138 people who live on the lakes and rivers along the chain or have fished it responded.

Eighty-two per cent said they've noticed a walleye decline throughout the years, and 33 per cent report poor fishing conditions.



HHOA volunteers Dale Freitag, Steve Belanger and Mike Mardus cleaning sediment off rocks under the Highway 118 bridge in Haliburton. *Photo by Sam Gillett*.

"We have heard from many anglers that the walleye fishing in the Kash chain has declined significantly," said Dan Smith, HHOA President, in a press release. "We plan to work with the MNRF to do all we can to improve the fishery."

Fifty-one per cent of people who responded to the survey said they fish for sport, only keeping the odd fish. Respondent concerns included big boat traffic, shoreline development and

inadequate fishing regulations that might be causing a decline in fishing conditions. Besides a survey polling those with the bait and reels, the HHOA is also keeping an eye on the fish themselves.

They restarted the Walleye Watch Program this spring to monitor the Drag River spawning site. Retired Fleming College Fisheries and Limnology Professor Denis McGee helped 14 HHOA members stake out the site for 25 nights, measuring the

quantities of walleye eggs in the spawn site. They counted 1,334 walleye.

The fish were first introduced to the Kashagawigamog chain in the 1950s. It is now one of the most popular fish to catch in Ontario, however shortages have been reported on multiple lakes and water systems. If populations continue to decline, Bahr predicts the sport fishing industry could suffer, or other species could be overfished.



Move an LGBTQI person from danger

Minden Pride has launched a fundraising campaign with the global organization Rainbow Railroad, a Toronto-based charity that helps LGBTQI individuals escape danger and persecution.

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$10,000, the cost to help a person escape state-sponsored violence in Afghanistan where homosexuality is criminalized and offenders face imprisonment, torture or death.



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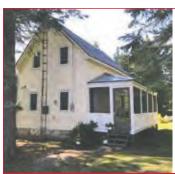
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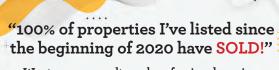
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Highlander people



Allan Guinan, left, with AH Mayor Carol Moffatt, MH Mayor Brent Devolin, Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell and MP Jamie Schmale at Minden Pride Week 2021. File.

Pride group seeks to rescue LGBTQI refugee

By Mike Baker

Minden Pride is aiming to raise \$10,000 to help bring an LGBTQI refugee into Canada, giving them an opportunity to start a new life.

The local group is partnering with Rainbow Railroad, a global non-profit that helps individuals facing persecution based on their sexual orientation, gender identity and sex characteristics escape dangerous, sometimes even fatal, situations.

"It's hard to believe there's [almost] 70 countries in the world where just being who you are is considered illegal," Allan Guinan, chair of Minden Pride said, "Being gay is not OK in a lot of countries still in the world. Afghanistan is just one example. You can be tortured, you can be murdered in Afghanistan for being gay."

Guinan and a collection of volunteers have banded together in recent weeks in an attempt to raise enough money to sponsor an individual through Rainbow Railroad. As of press time, they have raised approximately \$7,797 of their \$10,000 goal – the costs associated, Guinan says, with helping one person escape state-sponsored violence.

Since being founded in 2006, Rainbow Railroad has helped over 1,600 LGBTQI individuals find safety through emergency relocation and other forms of assistance.

Due to political instability in some parts of the world, most notably in Africa and the Middle East, there has been a huge surge in demand for support and assistance in recent months. Since Jan. 1 of this year, Rainbow Railroad has received 2,987 individual requests for help.

Kimahli Powell, Rainbow Railroad executive director, recently told CBC that his organization has fielded hundreds of requests for assistance from LGBTQI individuals in Afghanistan since the Taliban returned to power in the war-torn country in mid-August.

"Conditions for LGBTQI folks was precarious even before Taliban rule ... Our fear with the Taliban is that members of the community will be targets. We're already seeing disturbing reports from people ... that the Taliban is seeking out members of the LGBTQI community, and there have been reports of someone allegedly being killed," Powell said. "We're really concerned, and the people who have reached out to us are extremely concerned, which is why we have to do everything we can to help people who are at imminent risk escape."

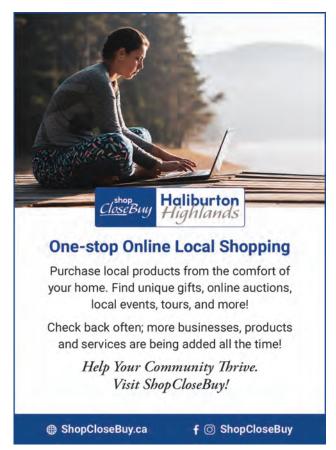
Guinan echoed those sentiments, saying the current situation in Afghanistan is really driving home the point to members of Minden Pride how fortunate they are.

"The luxuries that we have in Canada, and here in Minden as a community are not necessarily the same for everyone else around the world," Guinan said. "We're seeing some truly horrific things happen right now – not only in Afghanistan, but in other places too ... Our goal with this is to get somebody out of an area where homosexuality is illegal, or they've faced, or are facing some sort of persecution."

For more information on Rainbow Railroad, visit rainbowrailroad.org. To donate to the local fundraising effort, visitmindenpride.ca.







Highlander sports



The Haliburton County Huskies celebrate after Ethan Gonsalves scored a goal in Saturday's 6-3 home ice victory over the Aurora Tigers. Photo by Mike Baker.

Huskies cruise to pair of exhibition wins

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Huskies kicked off their pre-season in style this past weekend with a pair of impressive victories over the Aurora Tigers.

In what was a special night Friday for the hometown team, competing in its first ever game, albeit an exhibition, the Huskies roared out of the gates on the road in Aurora, displaying great offensive panache en route to a 6-3 victory over the Tigers.

The very next night, in what was the organization's home debut at SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, the Huskies once again put the Tigers to the sword, coming away with a 7-4 win. A crowd of 195 people were in attendance at the game, generating an incredible atmosphere that the Huskies players responded to right from the first drop of the puck.

Ryan Ramsay, Huskies head coach and general manager, was pleased to pick up a pair of wins as the team prepares for its inaugural OJHL season.

"I thought we played pretty well. We've been working really hard over the past two weeks on our systems and getting everyone on the same page, so to see things fall into place and pick up a couple wins was nice," Ramsay said. "There's a lot for us to break down now – there's still work to do, and we'll keep pumping the systems on the ice in practice as we get ready for the season."

The Huskies were particularly impressive when they had the puck against the Tigers on home ice on Saturday, creating a steady flow of chances that kept the away side on the back foot for the opening two periods. By the end of the second buzzer, the Huskies had racked up six goals and conceded just one.

The team's top forward line in particular really stood out over this first exhibition weekend, with star forwards Bryce Richardson and Oliver Tarr showing what they can do when given time and space in the offensive zone. Richardson put up a hat-trick and an assist in Saturday's game in front of the hometown crowd, with a further two goals on the road the night before in Aurora. Tarr had 10 points across the two contests.

"That line played really, really well. They really put a marker down," Ramsay said. "We know what we have in those guys, and they have some really great chemistry, so we're excited about that."

Ramsay did say that his team would need some secondary scoring once the season gets underway, and that he was looking for some of his other forwards to step up and play a pivotal role once the season gets underway.

"Once we get into the season, everyone can see a stat sheet, so teams are going to put a big focus on our top line and our top players. That will create opportunities for some of our other players, so secondary

scoring will be a big thing for us," Ramsay said. "We have some guys that I think can step up, but we're also still looking to acquire one or two forwards that can help

As the team prepares for another home and home exhibition series this weekend, this time against the Collingwood Blues, Ramsay says he's looking forward to facing off against one of the stronger teams in the

"This weekend is going to be a lot stiffer competition. That's taking nothing away from Aurora, but Collingwood usually has a very good team. They have a great system there. So this will be a really good test for us moving forward to see where we match up with some other teams," Ramsay said.

The teams will play in Collingwood on Friday, before a home tilt in Minden on Saturday. Puck drop at SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena is slated for 4:30 p.m.



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Sports hall of fame

Minden Monarchs ruled the rink in the 1950s

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame Committee said the Minden Monarchs were the dominant men's hockey team in Haliburton County in the 1950s.

They won the Central Ontario Intermediate "C" League Championship three years in a row, in 1956, 1957, and 1958.

The same seasons, they were Eastern Ontario Champions and Ontario Intermediate "C" Finalists.

"The village of Minden supported the Monarchs with unrivalled enthusiasm, and the Minden Community Centre was jammed with fans every Saturday night to cheer for their local heroes," the committee said.

Leading the team to consecutive championships were: Doug Powell (playing coach), Mark Vasey and Garnet Lytle

(managers), Bernie Trepanier (secretary-treasurer) and Willis Walker (trainer).

On Feb. 24, 1955, The Haliburton Echo reported that the Monarchs trounced the Lakeshore Saints, 13-2.

"A crowd of over 375 hockey fans paid their way into the arena to see Minden overwhelm the Toronto team," the report said.

Goal scorers were: Gary, Glen and Hugh Vasey, Richardson, Farrell, Wheeler, Rogers, and Lougheed. Other players credited with the win were Watt and Struthers.

"A powerhouse of a team offensively and defensively," the committee said.

"The Monarchs ruled the rink and teams from Cannington, Little Britain, Bobcaygeon, Coboconk, Haliburton and other Central Ontario hockey clubs knew they were the team to beat."



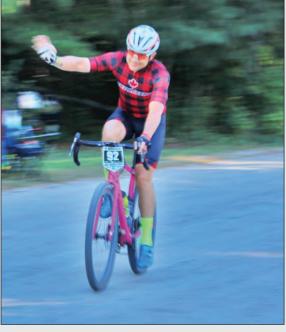
A photo of the 1956-58 Minden Monarchs. Photo submitted.

Hurtin' in Haliburton

Cyclists from across Ontario took the Haliburton Forest on Sept. 18 to compete in the 8 Hours of Hurtin' In Haliburton race.

The goal? Complete as many laps of the 27 kilometre course as you can within eight hours. As well as laps of the gavel circuit, Haliburton Highlands Brewing was on hand with post-race refreshments and the Haliburton Legion served up hot food to tired riders all afternoon. (Sam Gillett).





Left: Women's solo class hits the course. Julie Toole of Toronto completed seven laps, and finished first. Right: Adam Hill, from Orillia, crossing the finish line in first place in the solo men's category after completing eight laps of the course. *Photo by Sam Gillett*.



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Highlander arts

Sketching the Highlands' scenic views

By Sam Gillett

In the '40s, celebrated painter and sketcher André Lapine wandered Minden's backroads, forests and lakeside trails for days, rarely without paper, a pencil or a portable paint kit close at hand.

Many of his sketches of Haliburton County now hang in Minden Hills' Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

"He always sketched. That was fundamental to whatever art he would produce," said curator Laurie Carmount.

The gallery launched Sketch Out this year, a series of three outdoor art-making sessions where professional painters guide people through crafting art "en plein air" around the County.

Gary Blundell met up with eager sketchers and painters at the Irondale Church, Sept. 18, to practice depicting the building in all its splendour. Carnarvon-based artist Harvey Walker will be hosting a session on Sept. 25 at the Gull River, where he invites any level of artist to join him as he paints the rushing rapids.

"You feel the emotion, you hear the noise," Walker said.

For Walker, whose work has been exhibited in multiple group and solo shows, crafting art outside is fundamental to his practice. He paints spring blooms

and flowers, sunny days at the beach midsummer, or beside frozen ice fishing huts during the deep freeze of winter.

"When you're painting on location, you're more connected to what you're looking at," Walker said.

He likens it to reading a police report of a situation, as opposed to hearing from an eye-witness. If you just paint or draw from a picture, you miss some of the nuance, emotion and scale of the scene you're creating, he said.

But it can be hard to do, Walker adds. You don't have the comfort of a living room chair or art studio. However, it's a challenge artists of all levels have risen to for centuries.

"It's a major step," Walker said of creating outdoor art, "but it's a lot of fun." It's also a way to appreciate the wonder of Haliburton County," he said.

Both Carmount and Walker said the program is tailor-made for both experienced artists and newcomers alike.

"You can just go out and do your thing. It's really a sense of getting what nature has to offer at the time," said Carmount. Those without equipment such as paints or pencils can buy a \$20 drawing kit to bring along, and seasoned plein air artists are invited to bring their own supplies.



Harvey Walker, a painter from Carnarvon, stands beside his easel at the Gull River during a painting session. Photo submitted.

Walker said he encourages everyone to recognize art can be a "viable, life-changing hobby." Sketching outdoors, he said "is the extreme sport version of painting." He

invites everyone to give it a try. To register for Walker's workshop, email gallery@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-



Top: Margison sings a version of Edgar Allan Poe's poem, Annabel Lee, composed by Stéphane Mayer. Right: Vocalists Lauren Margison and River Guard sing "The Water" by English songwriter Johnny Flynn. Photos by Sam Gillett.

On this Harvest Moon

The Haliburton Highlands Opera Studio hosted a free concert at the Headlake bandshell Sept. 19, showcasing songs from folk, opera and musical theatre, including original compositions.

Vocalist Lauren Margison shared the stage with River Guard while Stéphane Mayer accompanied them on the keyboard. (Sam Gillett).



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Highlander community

Turning cans and bottles into community food

By Sam Gillett

Cole Dobson and his mother Carolyn might have been the Beer Store's most regular customers this summer, but they weren't shopping for drinks.

The teen has spent the summer collecting more than 10,000 cans and 3,500 bottles from Koshlong Lake cottages, donating all \$1,650 in proceeds to the Haliburton 4Cs food bank.

"It's important to give back to the community," said Carolyn, whose family lives in Stouffville. "The community is there for us, provides a wonderful environment to come enjoy with our family and friends, especially in COVID when people have lost jobs.'

Carolyn said she encouraged Cole to take up the project as a way to interact with the community and practice social skills. The teen is part of the ABLE Network, a program that helps people with intellectual disabilities develop job skills in placements around their community. Cole had been working at a bottle shop in his hometown, Carolyn said, prompting them to pick up a similar project at their summer community.

Cole said helping people is very important to him, and the project meant a lot of hard work. He and Carolyn spent about four or five hours a week collecting the empties from five drop-off bins around Koshlong

"And they have been full, very, very full!" said Carolyn, mentioning how the cottagers on the lake were supportive of the project.

The Koshlong Lake Association, said in an email that "all those that participated on Koshlong are all very proud of what Cole and Carolyn Dobson have achieved



The Dobsons raised \$1,650 for Haliburton's 4C's food bank by collecting cans and bottles from Koshlong Lake. Photo by Sam Gillett.

and happy to have helped the Haliburton community.'

Judy MacDuff, of the 4Cs food bank, said she was surprised when Carolyn and Cole approached her about the summer long

bottle drive.

"It was wonderful!"

MacDuff said the donation will fund the program's food boxes for an entire month. "That's what keeps us going," she said.

Carolyn said she wanted to thank the staff of the Beer Store in Haliburton, who she said were accommodating of her and Cole's large weekly returns.

WHAT'S ON

Sept. 24: SIRCH Applesauce project

Do you have apple trees on your property? SIRCH is asking for donations of apples for its Applesauce Project. You can drop off your picked apples to SIRCH Bistro & Marketplace at 49 Maple Ave., Haliburton on Friday, Sept. 24 between 10-3 p.m. A few days later, Community Kitchen volunteers will wash, peel, and make applesauce. The applesauce will be given out to families and seniors around the County over the coming months.

Sept 25: Hockey at the Legion

The Haliburton Legion is inviting hockey fans to come watch the Montreal Canadiens face off against the Toronto Maple Leafs. The doors open at 1 p.m. with the game starting at 2 p.m. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Sept 23-26: Corduroy Enduro

Professionals and amateur dirtbike racers will be competing in the annual multi-day offroad race in Gooderham. Gates open at 4 p.m. on Wednesday Sept. 23, and fans are invited to the Gooderham community centre where race teams will be based, as well as the final motocross race on Sunday. The event is free to attend.

Sept. 25: *Returning* show opening Photographer Barbara Brown and sculptor Cynthia O'Brien will introduce their collaborative art exhibit at the Agnes Jamieson art gallery in Minden. Their exhibit is inspired their experiences working as artists in long-term care residences. Artist talk and opening reception 1-3 p.m.



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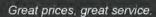
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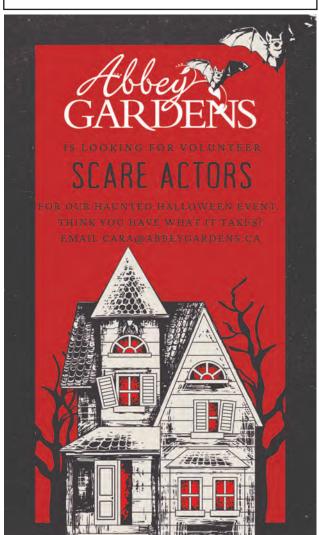
Applicants should have strong organizational skills, integrity, attention to detail, dependability, be quality focused, with a professional appearance and attitude.

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We are currently accepting resumes for the following positions:

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As a Casual Operator you will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of our community recreation facilities, parks and cemeteries. Candidates will have a minimum of 1 year experience in general grounds, building and equipment maintenance with experience operating parks related equipment preferred. This is a casual position. Hours are up to 24/week, being variable shifts. Rate of Pay is \$18.22/hour. Opportunities for training and development may be provided.

How to Apply: Email or drop off your cover letter and resume for either position to: Shannon Prentice, Deputy Clerk at sprentice@mindenhills.ca.

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The successful candidates must have excellent organizational skills and be able to work in a fast paced environment. Previous experience working in an assessment centre or primary care medical clinic will be considered an asset.

Please forward a cover letter and resumé to the address below: Haliburton Family Medical Centre

> 7217 Gelert Road P.O. Box 870 Haliburton, ON KOM 1SO

Attention: Kim Robinson, Executive Director

Deadline for applications is September 24, 2021. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.





The Haliburton Family Medical Centre is seeking a permanent, full-time Team Support (receptionist). The successful candidate will be responsible for booking appointments, maintaining schedules for providers, booking diagnostic imaging tests, fielding calls from specialists/physicians/practitioners, updating and confirming patient demographics in the EMR, careful documentation in patients medical records (EMR), taking patients to the appropriate exam room, fielding questions, etc. The successful candidate must have excellent organizational skills and be able to work in a fast paced environment. Previous experience in the Health or Business Administration field will be considered an asset.

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Employment Opportunities @ Abbey Gardens

RETAIL CLERK

Working on site in the Food Hub, the Retail Clerk will be responsible for creating and maintaining retail displays, serving retail clients, managing inventory, and some kitchen prep. The retail clerk will be mindful of quality assurance as well as assisting in reaching sales targets.

Full time and part time positions are available. Weekend availability required.

Resumes can be submitted to ashley@abbeygardens.ca

Full job description can be viewed at abbeygardens.ca/get-involved/#jobs



The Municipality of Highlands East Is Currently Seeking An Public Works Manager

Situated on the Eastern side of Haliburton County, Highlands East covers 758 square kilometers with over 70 lakes, pristine scenery and is only a 2.5 hour drive from the Greater Toronto Area. Highlands East is a predominately rural community and is comprised of the amalgamation of the Townships of Bicroft, Cardiff, Glamorgan and Monmouth as of 2001. The hamlets of Cardiff, Highland Grove, Wilberforce, Tory Hill and Gooderham are our settlement areas.

Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer, the Public Works Manager will be responsible for strategically planning, directing and supervising the municipal roads and landfill operations. The Public Works Manager will also develop, implement and administer the objectives, policies and standards as established and approved by Council, in accordance with all applicable by-laws and provincial/federal regulations.

The municipality is seeking a senior Certified Road Manager (CRS-S) with a minimum of five years' experience in a related senior municipal management position. The preferred candidate will possess additional qualifications such as Certified Engineering Technologist or equivalent college level business diploma and manager of Landfill Operations Certificate. The successful candidate will have demonstrated progressively responsible experience with budget preparation, program management, evaluation and decision making. Strong leadership and people management skills are mandatory, including the ability to administer and interpret collective agreements.

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – Public Works Manager"** may be submitted on or before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 via mail, in person or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasure Municipality of Highlands East P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0 F-Mail: shunter@highlandseast.c

A copy of the detailed job description is available upon request or on the Highlands East website at $\underline{www.highlandseast.ca}$

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Municipality of Highlands East is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring accommodation are asked to contact the CAO/Treasurer.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for candidate selection purposes only. Questions about this collection should be directed to Shannon Hunter. C.A.O.



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Salad Days

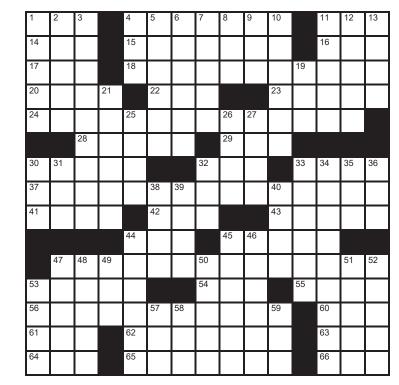
Across

- 1 Word on a Halloween bag
- 4 Horse handlers
- 11 Helen Reddy's "___ Woman"
- **14** Letter carrier: Abbr.
- 15 In utter confusion
- 16 B.C. classical music grp.
- 17 Aberdeen affirmative
- **18** Lazy layabout with a remote
- 20 Craggy peaks
- 22 Whence T.V.'s Mork
- 23 French door sections
- **24** Roman ruler after Julius
- **28** Like May through August, letterwise
- 29 Certain cell phones
- **30** "Fingers crossed!"
- 32 ___ Paulo, Brazil
- **33** Cat caller's stare
- **37** Things that require very little effort to get
- **41** Hawaiian region, or its coffee
- 42 Sundown, to a sonneteer
- **43** Related on Mom's side
- 44 Course average
- **45** Fast finisher?
- 47 Outdoor bar at Oktoberfest
- **53** "Our Father who heaven..."
- **54** It's in the range?: Abbr.
- **55** He might leave a big footprint on Everest
- **56** Mexican seed that "leaps"
- **60** Singer Hill or Mangan
- **61** King forerunner?
- **62** Ensure all needs are met
- **63** Big T-shirt size: Abbr.
- **64** Stag invitees
- **65** Less populated
- **66** "You rang?"

Down

- 1 ___ path to one's door
- 2 Heart hit "Crazy ___"
- 3 Needing to be weeded, say

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- 4 Line of work: Abbr.
- **5** "He ___, he scores!"
- **6** Shakespeare, astrologically
- 7 Closes a deadbolt
- 8 Biblical suffix with "go" and "do"
- **9** Something to patch over
- **10** Susses (out)
- **11** She gave "The Donald" his nickname
- **12** Flower whose name means "star"
- 13 Stock replies?
- 19 Classroom helpers, for short
- **21** Antibiotic drug
- 25 "Don't worry, I didn't ___ thing"
- **26** Kiltie's kinfolk
- 27 Visibly awestruck
- **30** Kind or sort
- **31** ___-ha (commotion)
- **32** I.D. on a T-4 slip
- **33** Curmudgeonly

- **34** In a protective, cautious way
- **35** Feeling no pain, so to speak
- **36** When "les élèves" are "en vacances"
- 38 Close to
- **39** Spice Girl Ginger's real name
- 40 Greek cheese
- **44** Becomes hysterical
- 45 Comes onto the scene
- 46 Related on Dad's side
- 47 Burnt, in French cuisine
- 48 Hindu soul
- 49 Limo rider, often
- **50** Abduction alert colour
- 51 Building floor: Fr.
- **52** Numbers to dress to, with "the"?
- **53** In ___ (up the creek)
- **57** Daycare down time
- **58** Ontario's cap. city region
- 59 Neither's other

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