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Cadence McIntyre and Rich McCulloch pose after a run down Sir Sam's front slope the Jan. 8-9 weekend. The popular Eagle Lake ski hill is still open to the public with restrictions. See more photos on page 18. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

ERs staying open but at a premium

By Lisa Gervais

The emergency departments at Haliburton and Minden hospitals continue to operate as normal thanks to agency nurses covering staffing gaps, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) president and CEO Carolyn Plummer says.

In a Jan. 7 community update, followed by a Jan. 10 interview, Plummer said, "It's not something that we want to be doing for the longer-term, but I'm thankful we have that option right now to help get us through this tough time."

In a Nov. 22 letter to the community,

Plummer said that HHHS' continued challenges around staffing and nursing capacity meant that it was very likely they would need to reduce service at one of their emergency departments, including closures during certain hours and days.

Despite Omicron forcing eight per cent of staff to isolate since Christmas Day, Plummer said they've been able to stay the course.

She said they are working with various agencies across Canada to recruit mostly Ontario-based staff for short-term coverage.

She stressed that staffing challenges

are not new to HHHS and pre-date the pandemic, but COVID-19 has exacerbated it.

"In the past, it may have taken time but we were able to recruit people to replace folks retiring, for example. Now the pool of available nurses for recruitment is basically non-existent.

So it's become increasingly difficult to find staff to come here and it just isn't here, it's everywhere."

Plummer noted in her Jan. 7 community update that major urban hospitals such as William Osler Health Systems in the

GTA have seen demand for services outpace available staffing recently and Campbellford Memorial Hospital had to close their emergency department overnight on Dec. 24 as a result of insufficient staffing.

Plummer said the agency nurses "are coming from all over the place. We have some from the GTA, and other parts of the province. We've even contracted with an agency out of British Columbia." She said in some instances, nurses may work at another setting and are coming to earn some

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COVID cases likely higher than official count

By Sam Gillett

On Jan. 11 the HKPR reported 80 unresolved cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County. However chief medical officer of health, Dr. Natalie Bocking, said cases reported now represent a fraction of total active COVID-19 cases in the area.

"Many might have tested positive with a rapid test or have symptoms, and those people aren't reflected in the dashboard," Bocking said during a Jan. 5 media information session.

Evidence suggests the Omicron variant of COVID-19, now the dominant strain of the virus, often causes milder symptoms.

One woman from Minden tested positive after experiencing mild cold symptoms.

"I'd never dream I had it," she said, requesting to remain anonymous due to her job in health care. After isolating for 13 days, she tested positive once more on a PCR test.

She and her partner have found walks a helpful way to "keep their sanity."

Bocking predicted many in the County will contract the virus without the opportunity to get tested.

Those who work in high-risk settings are prioritized for rapid tests and PCR tests are

limited to high-risk people.

Bocking said that the massive increase in case count poses a severe risk for hospital capacity and high-risk people.

As of Jan. 11 there were over 3,200 people in hospital with COVID-19 across Ontario, the highest number of admissions than at any point during the pandemic. In the HKPR health region, there are 10 people hospitalized and five people in an ICU due to COVID-19.

"Nobody wants to be in this situation," Bocking said.

For Haliburton County, rising case counts could mean Haliburton Highlands Health Services, with existing staffing worries, would be over capacity if hospitalizations increase.

"We are looking to mitigate or decrease the impact on our acute care system," Bocking said. "It doesn't take many admissions because of COVID-19 to overwhelm a small rural hospital."

HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer said the service hasn't seen a COVID-related spike in hospitalizations.

"We do rely very much on other hospital ICUs, Peterborough, Ross Memorial... they are getting busier, particularly the

Peterborough Hospital and so we do watch that closely because it can have an impact on other types of patients we may have to transfer to those other ICUs for other, non-Covid-related reasons."

Under 30s get Pfizer

All County residents under 30 will receive Pfizer doses for their third shot, based on data that shows an extremely small percentage of the age group can develop heart inflammation after receiving the Moderna shot.

"There has been a provincial shortage of the Pfizer vaccine," Bocking said. "We're trying to ensure we have vaccines for those individuals who can't receive Moderna."

In the HKPR health region as of Jan. 5, 66 per cent of those aged 70 and over have received their booster dose, along with 49 per cent of people aged 50 and older and 37.5 per cent of people aged 18 and older.

Thirty-nine per cent of 5-11-year-olds have received two doses of a vaccine, a number "much lower than we want it to be," Bocking said.

Anyone aged 18 and older can now book a booster shot at the Minden arena through the provincial booking system.

Rapid tests incoming

Some studies, such as a recent preprint (not yet peer-reviewed) study from scientists in the Sports and Society working group in the U.S.A., show rapid antigen tests may have limited effectiveness in identifying the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

In other cases, said Dr. Bocking, a test can give a false-positive result.

However, "given the background rate of COVID-19 if someone tests positive it is extremely likely they have COVID-19," she said.

Without rapid tests available - even the HKPR health unit doesn't have any - Bocking urges anyone with symptoms to isolate for the recommended five-day period and assume they have COVID-19.

"We'll hopefully have different messaging around that as we have more supply [of rapid antigen tests]," Bocking said.

The federal government announced on Jan. 5 it is distributing 140 million rapid antigen tests to the provinces on a per capita basis. There have been no rapid antigen test hand-out locations in Haliburton County to date.

Plummer: we're not out of the woods yet

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extra money.

HHHS is having to provide accommodations and Plummer said they have been working with AirBnBs, particularly ones close to both hospital sites.

Asked for an estimated cost to date, the CEO said she was still waiting on that but it will likely be made public at the board's Jan. 27 meeting.

According to Indeed, as of May 1, 2021, the average salary for an agency nurse is \$41.56 per hour in Canada. Another employment site said the cost of nursing

service provided by an RPN ranges from \$45 to \$60 per hour, while the rate for a RN is \$55 to \$80 per hour. Companies can require a minimum number of hours per visit, and discounts may also be offered if organizations hire a nurse for more than a certain number of hours.

Plummer said the agency nurses do come at a "premium." She added that every time someone new arrives, although they have nursing skills, they do not know the organization and other staff have to continually assist with onboarding.

She said the long-term solution continues to centre on recruitment, although they have not had a lot of luck recently. HHHS

will be hiring student nurses in future, which have resulted in permanent, full-time hires in the past. They're also having a nursing fair later this month. However, she said they are competing with hospitals across Canada.

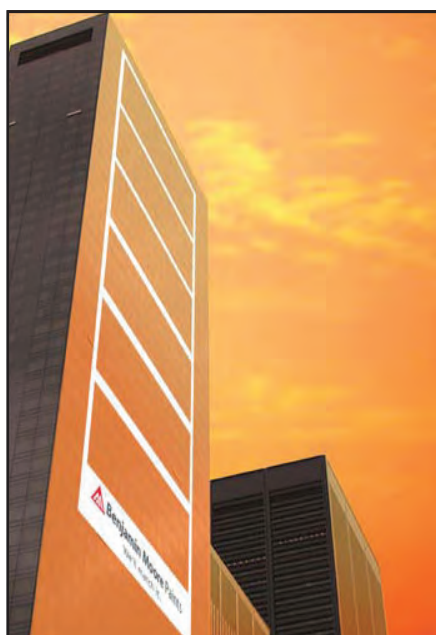
Plummer is grateful they have not had a problem finding agency staff. She's also hopeful the provincial government will help HHHS - which is already in a deficit position - to cover the added costs.

"The direction we've been hearing from Ontario Health is we've got to do what we've got to do to remain open and avoid reducing services and that's what we need to do for this community as well so

we're hopeful that the incremental costs associated with all of this will be covered, that we will get help with those costs."

However, Plummer encouraged the community to stay safe and follow all public health advice.

"Things are still precarious. It wouldn't take much for Omicron to have a real effect on our staffing. So, we're not saying we're out of the woods by any means, but we're doing what we can to stay open and avoid service reductions. We are also at the same time preparing for what has to happen if we're not able to (adequately staff)."



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Shoreline bylaw coming back before council

By Lisa Gervais

County councillors have an all-day meeting scheduled for Jan. 17 to go over the draft shoreline preservation bylaw.

Nothing has been publicly done since consultants J.L Richards (JLR) and Hutchinson Environmental Services Ltd. (HESL) presented the draft during an Oct. 27, 2021 council meeting.

County Warden Liz Danielsen said it will be council's first chance to review the final report and recommendations in detail.

"There are a number of options being presented so I anticipate a very fulsome discussion, and no doubt there will be some different opinions about some of the details," she said.

The new draft bylaw came after nearly five months of community consultation, stakeholder interviews and two sets of surveys and virtual town hall meetings.

Danielsen said, "While I'm sure that all of County Council are committed to the protection of our lakes and shorelines, making decisions to ensure the process has as little impact on residents and businesses is key to the success of the bylaw."

She added there will not be community input to the meeting as there have been numerous opportunities for public consultation into the process, including a questionnaire, individual interviews, surveys and open houses. However, members of the public are invited to watch the meeting online.

"The County has received hundreds of e-mails and individual councillors have personally heard from interested parties, many in support of the proposed bylaw without reservation, but also others who have concerns about specific aspects of what is proposed," Danielsen said. "However, there are still folks who are adamantly opposed. Throughout the process we have tried to respond to their concerns and will continue to do so, but given human nature, very few decisions made by councils are unanimously supported."

She said should the bylaw be adopted, it will be reviewed carefully over the next year to determine its level of success and whether changes need to be made.

"We still have some details to iron out so it may take a bit more time to get the bylaw in place."

What's on the table now

- JLR and HESL are recommending keeping the shoreline buffer at 30 metres in any future bylaw. HESL's scientific review suggests that will remove up to 85 per cent of pollutants, 85 per cent of sediment and 75 per cent of nitrogen from entering lakes. The draft bylaw allows "minor landscaping" which includes the creation of gardens, maintenance and replacement of pathways and driveways up to five-metres wide, and beaches, as well as the removal of topsoil and up to 25 per cent of trees distributed throughout the shoreline.
- It would also strengthen the existing tree preservation bylaw by requiring permit approval "to any future tree removal or site alteration in the shoreline buffer zone selected by county council." It prohibits removing native vegetation including trees larger than five-centimetres in width, tree trimming and non-emergency removal of trees and stumps, and the placing of fill or altering the steepness of a shoreline more than a certain amount.
- Also added is the protection of ponds

and wetlands, which would be classified as bodies of water. The draft includes allowances for a "lesser shoreline" when a property's lot depth or site characteristics make it impossible to stick to the 30-metre rule. Applications would include a legal description of a site, a project schedule, and a shoreline plan drawn to scale that includes estimated body of water locations and high watermarks, as well as approximate topography and natural and developed feature locations.

• JLR planner Jason Ferrigan told council the application process was "regarded as a way for the community to grow into the bylaw over time" as well as expanding the matters that can be referred to council, such as when a permit is denied or delayed. The consultants suggest a transition period, where applicants would be free to submit for a year, with a simplified permit system, before moving to the full application system.

• The recommended fines are \$925 for first-time offenders and second offence fines maxing out at \$100,000. (Sam Gillett).



Barb Fisher of Fisher Farms hands a plant to Susan Johnston during a 2021 market in Haliburton Village. *File.*

Putting out a call for farmers big and small

By Sam Gillett

Whether growing mushrooms in a backyard greenhouse or partnering with bees to craft golden honey, the Haliburton County Farmer's Market (HCFM) is inviting producers to apply for a spot in this year's market.

"We're always trying to make our market the best it can be, and have a diverse range of products and vendors," said coordinator Lauren Phillips.

The HCFM operates markets in Haliburton, Minden and Stanhope, with

Minden also hosting an artisan's market.

The year's application window closes Jan. 31 and Phillips said while they welcome artisan applications, the market is focused on attracting agricultural sellers this year.

She said selling to local customers connects food growers directly to a local market.

"They bring the community together, people from near and far. It's a great destination for tourists and locals. Nonetheless, Phillips said she's excited by the possibility of locally-made goat cheese, mushrooms and other foods that can easily

To encourage local growers, Phillips

said the market will offer a community agriculture table, which vendors share at a reduced fee.

"A lot of our vendors come from south of here," she said. "We want to see more local agricultural vendors."

A shorter growing season and less farm land in the County, compared to southern locales around Buckhorn or Lindsay, can make producing in Haliburton a bit tricky. Nonetheless, Phillips said she's excited by the possibility of locally-made goat cheese, mushrooms and other foods that can easily

be made in backyards.

"It never hurts to apply. We're always trying to make our market the best it can be, and have a diverse range of products and vendors," she said.

While it's unclear what health protocols will be in place come summer, Phillips said "most of the vendors and customers are cooperative and supportive and compliant with public health issues."

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Fire chief advises residents to check the ice

By Sam Gillett

January is often when winter activities kick into high gear. In Haliburton County, that means using the vast lakes as hockey rinks, snowmobile tracks and ice fishing locales.

Minden Hills fire chief, Nelson Johnson, said he personally doesn't recommend anyone venture out on the ice. Each year, his department responds to one to two ice-related emergencies. That's not a lot, he said, but the ideal number is zero.

"There's a lot of factors to why ice is good," he said. "You can't just go by thickness and you can't just go by temperature."

He said air temperature, along with the flow of water under the ice, recent snow, and temperature changes all play a factor on how ice develops.

Thick ice, said Johnson, doesn't necessarily mean safe conditions.

"We have lakes, rivers and streams with ice that has flowing water underneath," said Johnson.

It's estimated ice with moving water under it is 15-20 per cent less strong than normal lake ice. The amount of snow can also change the danger level. Snow insulates ice and can cause it to deteriorate.

A deep lake, such as KENNISIS, as opposed to Kashagawigamog, will take a lot longer to freeze to a safe level, Johnson said.

"That's kind of a problem we have here," said Johnson. "We have all different sizes, shapes and depths and amounts of water in these lakes."

He said the only safe way to access ice is to test to know what the ice is doing.

Blue ice is usually thicker, and if it's eight-10 inches thick, it's safe for fishing and taking a vehicle across.

However, Johnson said understanding how ice forms is key. Ice can form at about four degrees celsius. Ice particles drop into the

water, sink and then become buoyant as they freeze into ice crystals and rise back up to the surface to form an ice surface. Abrupt temperature changes can interrupt this process.

"When it starts to warm, it always warms up close to the shores. That's where a lot of people do their skating, close to the shores."

On still bodies of water, Johnson said he recommends four inches or thicker. "Four inches is for one person sitting," he said. "Six inches for a group."

Johnson recommends those who head out on the ice bring a cell phone in a waterproof bag, as well, to "always let someone know you're going out there."

HCSA recommends

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association maintains 74 kilometres of lake routes. The ice on each lake is continually monitored and routes are staked at 100 metre intervals at optimal crossing locations. Members drill test holes to ensure ice quality and thickness.

"The criteria is different for each lake," said association president John Enright. The association has rarely opened water crossings this early in the year.

Once trails open later in winter, he said riders should stay within the set routes, with the compressed snow from snowmobile tracks packing down frost.

"You really have to know your ice and where you're going," Enright said. "I would never randomly go out on any lake in this County exploring."

OPP driving tips

With the onset of winter weather, members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are



The HCSA only recommends snowmobilers ride across lakes within marked and tested routes. Photo by Sam Gillett.

urging drivers to drive safely this winter.

- Before starting out, prepare yourself for safe winter driving by planning your trip. Check road conditions by visiting Ontario 511. Carry a fully charged cell phone to contact emergency services if you experience trouble.
- In bad weather, reconsider unnecessary travel and stay home. If you do need to drive, adjust accordingly. Slow down and leave ample space between you and the vehicle in front of you. If you experience trouble, park your vehicle well off the roadway, if safe to do so, and stay in your vehicle until help arrives.
- Make sure your heater, defroster and all

lights are working. Clear your vehicle of snow and ice, fill up the windshield washer fluid, and keep your fuel tank at least half full.

- Drivers are also reminded to stay back from working snowplows with flashing blue lights and give them space to safely do their jobs. These vehicles travel slower than regular traffic and will be active on roadways before, during and after a snowfall or storm. Do not pass them as visibility can be significantly reduced by blowing snow created from the operation of these vehicles. Learn more about safe winter driving: ontario.ca/page/winter-driving.

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January 13 – Regular Council Meeting

January 27 – Regular Council Meeting

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Scott Ovell, right, with Katie Love, who organized Volunteer Muskoka. Photo courtesy of the Huntsville Doppler.

Ovell looking for long-term prosperity for community

By Lisa Gervais

In one of his first moves as the County's director of economic development and tourism, Scott Ovell asked council Jan. 12 to approve a request for proposals for an economic development strategy.

In a report to the committee of the whole, Ovell said he's been hired to develop a more diverse and resilient economy, while still recognizing the importance tourism plays in the Highland's continued growth.

He said while there is an overarching tourism plan, the Destination Management Plan, that has stalled during COVID-19, there isn't a plan for the broader economy.

"An economic development strategy is essentially a road map for economic transformation, growth, and yields long-term prosperity for a community," he said in a report. "It includes action steps that will require the participation of the business community, institutions and citizens."

"While the County has had tremendous success developing and marketing tourism, the challenging realities of today's economy call for new directions, ideas and approaches to enhance economic growth, attract investment and ensure that opportunity continues to be a significant part of the County's quality of life."

Ovell said in an interview it's about creating a vision and how to get there with a five-year departmental budget and business plan.

With two months under his belt, Ovell said "it's been a bit of a whirlwind." In addition to finding his feet, he's helped the County hire its new tourism manager, Tracie Bertrand, who started Jan. 3.

Bertrand is coming from Peterborough and the Kawartha Economic Development where she was director of tourism. Ovell said she is familiar with the area and provincial and federal tourism organizations. He said she's also knowledgeable about some of the County's larger tourism stakeholders. [The Highlander will profile Bertrand at a later date].

Having her onboard means Ovell can now concentrate more on the wider economic

development side of his job. However, he said it will inevitably overlap with tourism.

"Tourism's probably one of the two or three driving economic forces in the community so, it's about developing and cultivating a more diverse and resilient economy, and trying to reduce the peaks and valleys," he said.

"On the economic development side, it's more about working with the other industries in the County and helping them grow and communicating with them and finding out the issues from them and how the County can better support them to overcome those obstacles and develop programs and initiatives that are going to help them achieve their objectives."

He said another initiative they're in the process of is developing a business survey that they plan to release annually to start collecting data on the economy and establish some baseline information. He said that will help them identify trends, "to better feel for what the pressure points are and then identify whether it's a specific program initiative that we need to bring to County council for consideration."

He added they will go beyond an online survey and will call businesses to hear their stories. It's something that is already beginning.

"I've been pleasantly surprised. They're saying 'you need to talk to this business or that business. They're doing great things'. It's about making people more aware of what's going on in the County and what's more unique and highlighting those businesses and showing the rest of Ontario, and in a perfect world, Canada and the world, that here's what you can do in Haliburton County. Here are the businesses that have been successful. And you don't always have to look to Southern Ontario or other parts of the province if you're looking to grow or expand."

Ovell said along the way they will look at the area's challenges, everything from internet problems to workforce housing. "And work collaboratively with council, townships and stakeholders to try and implement some solutions to those problems."

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Connect online with Algonquin Highlands

By Mike Baker

Algonquin Highlands has launched a new public engagement platform it hopes will encourage township residents to provide feedback and share ideas on key municipal issues.

'Let's Connect Algonquin Highlands' is a multi-faceted portal that staff will use to consult and communicate with community members on a variety of themes on an ongoing basis, according to communications coordinator Chad Ingram.

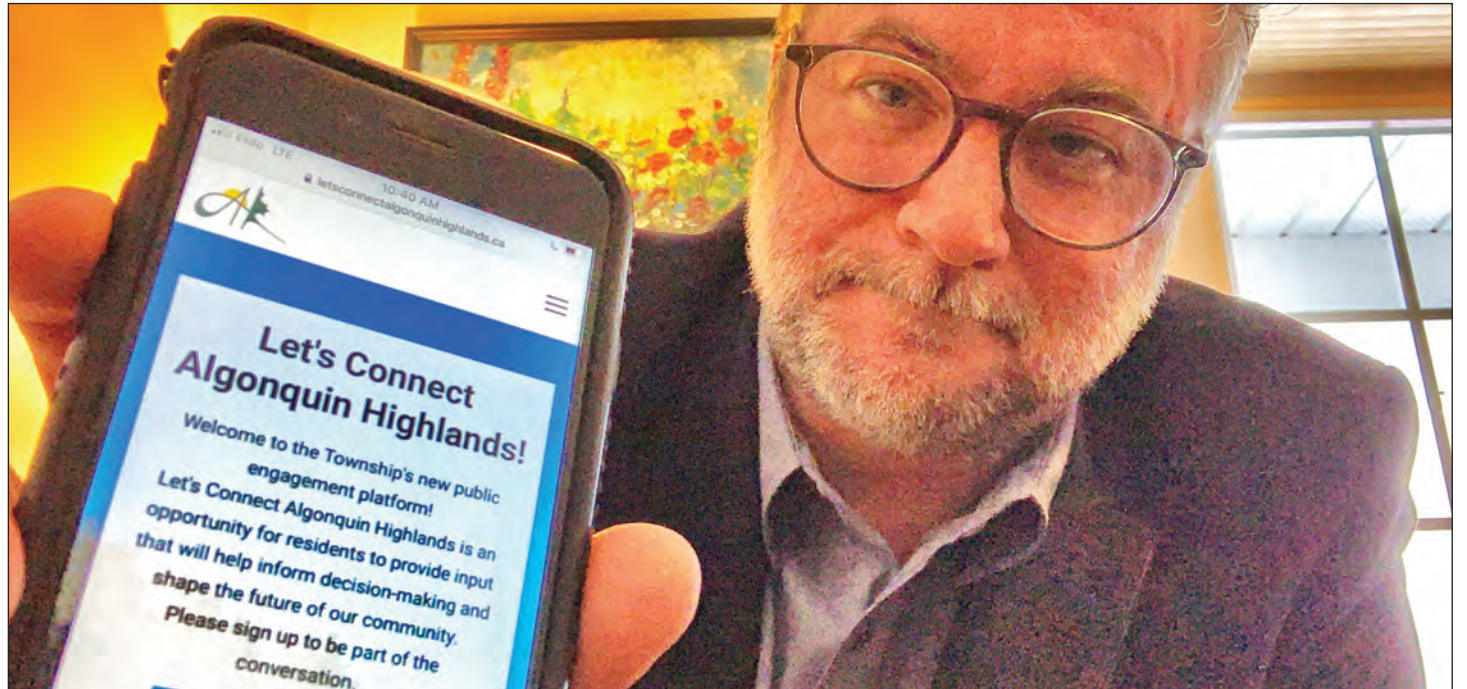
The website went live on Dec. 20.

"Heightened, two-way communication is really the goal here," Ingram said. "One of the great advantages of the platform is that it houses a number of tools all in one place. We can conduct polls and surveys, but there are also opportunities for residents to share stories and engage in more open forums."

There are two projects currently open for discussion on the portal, one concerning Algonquin Highlands' zoning bylaw update – with discussions around cannabis cultivation, backyard hens, backyard beekeeping, and septic system setbacks ongoing – and a public survey seeking input that will be used in the creation of a new municipal communications plan for the township.

Mayor Carol Moffatt says she's excited to offer a new way for residents to interact with council and municipal staffers.

"This [is a] more robust way of engaging with the community," Moffatt said. "We've



Communications coordinator Chad Ingram. Submitted.

had a lot of success with social media over the years, but this is very different and will allow a more focused and issue-specific way for the public to participate in local government."

There are already more than 80 registered users on the site. The portal cost \$7,632 to set up. It can be accessed at letsconnectalgonquinhighlands.ca.

Ingram said one of the key selling points of the software is its versatility.

"The potential applications are limitless, really. If there was a controversial planning application before council, for example, the portal might be used to conduct a poll to provide council with a snapshot of public opinion on that project. At a recent meeting, one member of council suggested it might

be used to gauge reasonable thresholds for fee increases. Once events are up and running again, we could use it to ask for suggestions for added features to those events," Ingram said.

"You can also do fun things with it – photo contests, for example, or a poll asking residents to vote for their favourite Algonquin Highlands landmark," he added.

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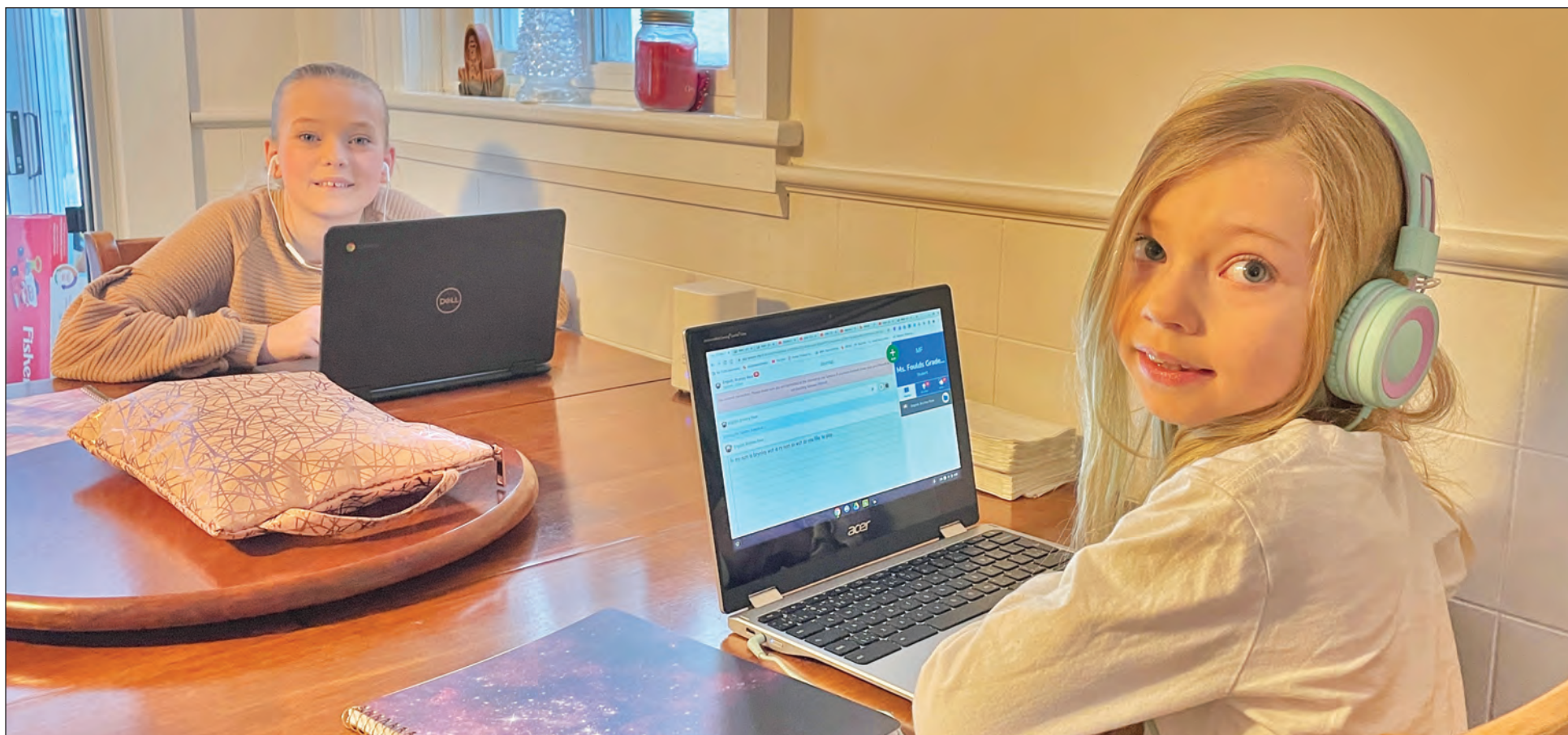
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Addy and Brynley English said they're excited to get back to school Jan. 17. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Mixed bag as students return to virtual learning

By Mike Baker

Haliburton resident Cody Sprague decided enough was enough last week, granting his two step-children an extended Christmas break after refusing to once again put them through the “torture” of online learning.

Attending Stuart Baker Elementary School for in-person learning since September, the kids – a five-year-old in senior kindergarten and a seven-year-old in Grade 2 – were among millions of students forced to revert back to virtual learning after Premier Doug Ford closed all schools in the wake of the latest wave of COVID-19.

It was announced on Jan. 11 that schools would reopen Jan. 17.

Sprague didn't know that when he pulled his kids. After watching his step-son struggle massively with virtual learning last year, he wasn't prepared to let that happen again.

computer, the kids aren't involved like they would be in-person. It's not interesting for them. It's not engaging whatsoever.”

He said the methods used for virtual learning were akin to torture for young children, criticizing Ford for once again closing schools.

“100 per cent schools should be open. They have everything in place. They wear their [masks] all day, they have social distancing, the cohorts. It should be safe,” Sprague said.

High schoolers' grades suffer

It's not just young children who struggle to keep up with the demands of virtual learning, says Lisa MacPherson. Her 16-year-old son, a Grade 11 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, has seen his grades fall off a cliff ever since reverting to online in 2020.

MacPherson said she's been forced to keep her son home since the onset of the pandemic due to people within the family's immediate bubble being immunocompromised.

“It's definitely taken a toll. It's been a struggle for him doing online because there's very little help. He's given his assignments and left to it,” MacPherson said. “When he was in Grade 9, he was getting 90s in math. His average now is around 55 per cent. This whole online learning has completely

stunted his development.”

It's a similar story for Grade 12 student Darian Maddock, who said he was “pretty down” about returning to school this week knowing he'd be doing so virtually.

“Ninety per cent of my friends were like ‘great, here we go again’,” Maddock said.

The high schooler says he's seen a significant drop in his grades, and an uptick in stress, since the province introduced online learning almost two years ago.” He said he'll likely return to HHSS next year to retake classes with the hopes of getting better grades before pursuing post-secondary programs, if he wants to move on to post-secondary.

Maddock said he'd like the provincial government to know that “this really isn't as easy as it is to say ‘oh well, kids can go back to online school for two weeks’. You're ruining the flow of everything.”

What's online learning?

Nicky Parish wishes her children had an opportunity to participate in virtual learning. Living just outside of Haliburton on Harburn Road, Parish said her internet service is so bad it won't allow even one of her children to log in to their Google Meet stream, never mind all three.

In fact, prior to the pandemic, Parish didn't have an internet service at her home at all. Having initially been told she was located in a connectivity dead zone, Parish signed up for a \$155 a month satellite internet package with Xplornet last summer. Now, 18 months later, she wishes she never bothered.

“It's a disaster. It's supposed to be high speed internet, I'm supposed to get 25mbs, but it's impossible to run any streaming service,” Parish said.

Instead, her three sons, in Grades 5, 7 and 8 at J.D. Hodgson Elementary, have completed paper assignments whenever they haven't been allowed to be in school. That involved Parish driving to Haliburton twice a week to pick up and drop off work. It's not a perfect system, but it's allowed her children to keep up with their classmates.

Issues have arisen whenever one of the kids runs into a problem they can't solve.

“It can be difficult contacting teachers – if they have an issue with something, it's all done through email. Then some of the teachers will call once a week to check in,” Parish said. “I have a learning disability, so I struggle and can get frustrated trying to help them. That can definitely lead to issues if we don't hear back.”

It's not all bad

Tiffany English has two elementary-aged daughters who thrived in virtual learning when it was introduced in 2020.

Now in Grades 3 and 7 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, English said her kids have shined academically since returning to the classroom in September, something she owes to the “amazing” work of teachers carrying out virtual learning during the pandemic.

“They had great first report cards after being away from public school for so long, and now excel in some areas at school that they didn't before we did the online learning,” English said. “For virtual, they are completely self-sufficient. This is very familiar to us, and the girls are excited they get to keep their in-school teachers. Things have went off without a hitch so far.

“I would say both settings work for us,” she said. (with files from Sam Gillett).

“Sitting there on a computer, the kids aren't involved like they would be in-person. It's not interesting for them. It's not engaging whatsoever.”

~ Cody Sprague

“He's on the autism spectrum, so does need a lot of extra help and guidance. And he easily gets frustrated, which is compounded when he's sat staring in front of a screen not really knowing what's going on,” Sprague said. “Sitting there on a

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It's ok to tax growth

Now is the time for the County of Haliburton, and the four lower-tier municipalities, to seriously consider implementing development charges.

In May 2019, the province launched a five-point plan to increase the supply of housing. It included a mechanism to make the cost of development more predictable.

The More Homes, More Choices Act 2019 and *COVID-19 Economy Recovery Act* changed a bunch of statutes, including the Planning Act and the Development Charges Act.

The result is a new and improved funding framework for municipalities to make the cost of building more predictable (for example, my development needs a turning lane and it is going to cost X amount of dollars); and erect new housing faster to provide more housing options.

Basically, townships can help pay for local infrastructure in our growing communities via development charges, community benefit charges and parkland dedication.

Most importantly, municipalities have a Sept. 18, 2022 deadline to change to the new framework.

Former County planner Charley White got the ball rolling in the spring of 2019. County council included \$50,000 for a development charges study in the 2019 budget with a plan to release an RFP. It's been shelved ever since.

Consequently, no local government body

now collects development charges but they can apply them on a new development to help pay for the capital costs of infrastructure to support new growth.

Development charges are discretionary. Municipalities can choose whether to use them and, if they are used, which services or infrastructure they want to include from an extensive list of eligible services, such as water supply; storm water drainage and control; specified services related to a highway; electrical power; transit; waste diversion; policing; fire protection; ambulance; library boards; long-term care; parks and rec; public health; child care and early years programs; and housing and emergency preparedness.

All the municipalities have to do is pass a bylaw to set development charges for different types of development. First, though, a municipality must prepare a development charges background study as set out in legislation.

We urge our townships to get the ball rolling now because they'll likely need outside help as municipalities have to calculate development charges separately for each eligible service, or class of service, detailed in their development charges bylaw.

Community benefits charges are another option but likely would not be that beneficial locally since they are aimed at developments with 10 or more residential

units and five or more storeys. The parkland dedication is also likely not to be used as we shouldn't have to fight for parkland as our County grows.

However, the time for development charges is long past due in the Highlands.

While they're at it, municipal staff and councillors should begin to think about a municipal accommodation tax or MAT on rental revenues. This will tie in nicely with work about to get underway on a short-term rental review.

In many parts of the province, short-term rental operators must collect and remit a four per cent municipal accommodation tax on rental revenues. So, if there is a complaint that 10 people are squished into a two-bedroom cottage and taxing the septic, the MAT could pay for a municipal bylaw officer to go and check it out rather than coming on the backs of taxpayers. On the same subject, it's time for some serious consideration of short-term rental licensing fees.

Prior to the pandemic, and certainly since, we've seen growth put added pressure on our County's infrastructure. However, there are ways for the growth to give back.



By Lisa Gervais

A welcome addition

It's been a lot of fun having a junior hockey team to follow these past few months.

The Haliburton County Huskies arrived in the Highlands last summer, moving north from their previous home in Whitby. Setting up shop at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, the arrival of a new hockey franchise excited a community that, honestly, hasn't had a whole lot to celebrate over the past couple of years, (thanks COVID-19).

To witness, then, the atmosphere, the spirit swirling around the rink on game days has been a sight to behold. The community has truly embraced this team in its first few months, solidifying the long-term viability of the program.

But make no mistake, this is not a one-way relationship. It's symbiotic in the sense that the Huskies bring a lot of benefits to the community, outside of simply providing a few hours of entertainment every week.

Our local eateries, for example, have surely seen a huge uptick in business in recent months. Have you ever tried to get a table at a restaurant after a 4:30 p.m. weekend game? It's nigh on impossible. Even the evening games, I've chatted with many folks who stopped to get a bite and a pint before taking in the action. It's been a welcome boost for a sector that has been

decimated throughout the pandemic.

And while you may not notice it, the Huskies have had a positive impact on some of your wallets too. The money they pay to Minden Hills township to rent the rink and the locker room helps offset the costs to run the arena, and partly subsidizes the annual interest payments paid to Infrastructure Ontario. Ultimately, they've helped shave a penny or two from your quarterly tax bill.

While the Highlands has never had a problem attracting people from a tourism perspective, the introduction of a hockey program has, perhaps, brought new eyes to our beautiful corner of the world. Only two of the Huskies' 22-man roster grew up here, meaning 20 youth, full of potential, are getting to experience first-hand what life is like in the Highlands. Their families are visiting, friends too. If there's one thing I've noticed from my time here, it's that once people come and see all that the County has to offer, they keep coming back.

And these players are idolized by local youth. After games, while waiting for interviews, I'm often joined outside the Huskies' dressing room by a dozen little kids, all waiting to catch a glimpse of their heroes. The excitement is palpable. And

the players are always happy to oblige.

It was a sight to behold when, just before the holidays, the Huskies held an autograph signing session. There must have been 100 kids in attendance, getting everything from hockey sticks, jerseys and scrap pieces of paper signed. These players are good role models for our youth.

Credit must go to head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay, and the rest of his staff, for icing a competitive team. They've pivoted as the season has progressed, transforming the Huskies roster from a youthful bunch with bags of potential, to one of the best outfits in the league. They have exceeded expectations and look primed for a lengthy playoff run come spring.

The Huskies have been a welcome addition to our community. This is a team, and organization that Haliburton County can be proud of.



By Mike Baker

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Editorial opinion

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Val Roylance captured this image of a sunset on Canning Lake Dec. 26.

LETTER

Advocate for long-term solutions

Dear editor,

Kudos to Sam Gillett for digging a little deeper into the food insecurity issue in our county, province and country.

I must agree that while people need to eat, supporting food banks locally serves only to mask the real problem, which the article aptly points out: basic incomes don't match

basic needs in Haliburton County.

For the working poor, I would suggest a wage matching incentive provided by the government of say \$5 per hour worked, combined with a tightening of restrictions on the use of the food banks, would go a long way.

I would like to be able to close food banks completely.

There are many jobs available in the County these days. Let's find a way to help people capable of working but unmotivated because they can't live on what they would

make, can't get there and would lose other benefits like dental if they are working. What ever happened to a hand up not a hand out?

Until we eradicate all the human conditions that lead to unemployability there will always be a need to support the less able and fortunate. For those folks, I would advocate a raise in government benefits accompanied by enhanced accountability. Far too often food banks are leaned on to provide essentials while monies received from government sources

are used to buy things many of us would consider unnecessary or even frivolous. We don't like to talk about it but it happens and we all know it.

Again, thanks for addressing this important and complex issue. Let's stop congratulating ourselves for giving food away and start advocating for actions that will make a long-term difference to the lives of our neighbours.

Cindy Thistle
Minden Hills

COVID CORNER

Lay low and let it blow – avoiding a war zone

It will eventually go. We all know. One way or another the pandemic will have an end. We just have to get there, don't we?

Herd immunity is when enough people are immune so that the virus cannot sustain itself. It occurs with a combination of vaccinating and infecting the population until enough people have antibodies to prevent further spread. But infections breed mutations, leading to more variants - we need to avoid those - while vaccinating helps prevent infections, reducing mutations. Better idea.

Consider SARS-CoV-2 to be the enemy we are fighting in a war. In Canada, between February 2020 and January 11, 2022, there have been 2,191,420 cases of COVID, including 30,863 deaths. If this were a real war and we were accumulating casualties like these, what weapons and strategies would we be using? We would be aggressively acting to reduce the number of casualties. Consider, almost 45,000 Canadians died in the Second World War.

Widespread and frequent rapid antigen

testing has potential to screen for and suppress outbreaks. With 98 per cent detection rates, rapid tests can reduce virus spread and allow us to move around with more confidence. Think of these as contagiousness tests, detecting infection when people are without symptoms but are infectious to others. Within 15 minutes you can determine if it is safe to leave your house, visit family, go to work, attend school, get groceries. Smart mathematicians calculated that if 50 per cent of the population tested itself every four days, we could achieve a vaccine-like herd immunity effect. By stopping transmission from an infected individual to the next, the outbreak peters out.

This approach has significant value. If every home was provided with a rapid antigen test kit it would be far cheaper than the cost this virus is wreaking on the economy, health care, mental health, academic growth, social connections, and our overall well being.

For determining safe return to work,

rapid tests are more accurate than PCR because these antigen tests detect live virus (while it is replicating in you) and not the virus' DNA, as PCR tests do. As soon as the person is no longer contagious, the test result will be negative, unlike a PCR, which can remain positive for months after the infection has cleared (detecting remnants of the dead virus). A rapid test is ideal for detecting live, contagious virus in a seemingly well individual. The false positive risk is 1/200 (getting a positive test result when you do not have active infection).

Current recommendations are to do rapid tests at home. However, their results are not reported to Public Health. And as we shift from PCR tests in external assessment centres and rely more on home testing, we lose two vital measurements that allow us to keep tabs and control on infection: (1) the accurate daily number of infected individuals, and (2) contact tracing to identify and isolate those who were exposed. Now we must trust our neighbours

to be responsible.

What goes up must come down. The graph lines are climbing due to the rapid rise in numbers of Omicron-infected individuals. And the graph lines will soon fall. But this will be misleading. Most likely the true number of infected people will still be climbing; we just won't be measuring them, unless they are hospitalized.

Public Health Ontario reported 7,951 new COVID cases on Jan. 11, a total that is "likely an underestimate according to the province" (according to a news report). Yup.

Better than a swab. Duke and Hunta are two Labrador dogs working in Massachusetts elementary schools to sniff out COVID. These "COVID Warriors" can detect the virus with 97 per cent accuracy.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

2021 year in review

MAY

Commission calls out long-term care failures

The Haliburton-City of Kawartha Lakes Long-Term Care Coalition praised a report from a provincial commission highlighting systematic failure in the sector.

Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission released its final report April 30. The province tasked it July 2020 with investigating the state of the province's long-term care (LTC) homes after hundreds of COVID-19-related deaths in the early days of the pandemic.

The report highlights the province as ill-prepared for the crisis and that the sector was an easy target for outbreaks after decades of neglect.

County lobbies for internet speed-up

Haliburton County and other eastern region municipalities ramped up lobbying to get provincial and federal backing for gigabyte internet speeds.

Heads of council throughout the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) area met May 4 to discuss the state of the Gig Project. The proposed \$1.2-\$1.6 billion initiative would deliver gigabyte download speeds, above the 50 megabytes per second (Mbps) download/10 Mbps upload minimum promised by the Government of Canada universally by 2030.

EORN is seeking \$200 million each from the provincial and federal governments, which has yet to come forward. County Warden Liz Danielsen said May 6 she was worried if the funding would happen.

"Seems to be becoming more and more tenuous," Danielsen said.

AJ LaRue vaccination centre closes

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit decided that Haliburton County will not receive a replacement for the A.J. LaRue Arena mass vaccination centre after May.

Dysart et al and the health unit opted back in March to limit the time the arena would be used as a centre out of consideration for summer and fall recreation, including hockey. The health unit originally scheduled the clinic to last until at least the end of September but changed that to the end of June in response to public outcry.



A.J. LaRue vaccination centre closes. *File.*

Recreation businesses feel COVID squeeze

Golf courses across the Highlands spoke out against a prolonged spring lockdown they said unfairly targetted the industry.

"Many of my friends take on three and four jobs in the summer just to be able to get through the winter, and not having

the long weekend will definitely hurt," Carnarvon Family Golf owner Pennie Murray said. "It just doesn't make any sense to me that you can't get on a golf cart. You've got nothing but wilderness, and it's going to hurt the economy."

The Ontario Medical Association said in a May 12 press release that although the province should extend the lockdown, outdoor recreational spaces should reopen, with rules to prevent gathering.

JUNE

Highlanders remember Kamloops children

More than 40 pairs of children's shoes dotted the rocks by Haliburton's waterfront this summer.

They were laid in memory of the 215 children whose graves were uncovered at the site of a former residential school in Kamloops, BC.

Ashley Wilson posted on Facebook after she and her family placed shoes on the rocks. By the next day, many others had come to put footwear and pay their respects.

"It's something that I have personally myself paid attention to and tried to educate others [about]," Wilson said.



Kamloops children remembered. *File.*

Camps prepare for COVID summer

While Premier Doug Ford announced on May 16 that camps across the province could open this summer, places like West Guilford's Medeba said business as usual wasn't a realistic option.

"If overnight camp was not going to be allowed – or even if it was – we determined that we better be safe than sorry," said Steve Archibald, executive director of Camp Medeba. "We decided that we better do something for certain that we'll be able to do, rather than wait to be able to do something that might be able to happen."

Multiple camps ran reduced summer programming or took on a cabin rental, family camp approach.

Shoreline access woes

Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin declared war on people lacking "civility and respect" using township-owned strips of land to access Haliburton County lakes.

Devolin raised the issue at a June 10 council meeting.

The mayor discussed one particular area in his township - Murdoch Road leading to the Gull River - but said it is happening across the County.

In the case of Murdoch Road, he said people had chopped trees, used machinery to build roads, were partying and urinating and defecating on neighbouring privately-owned property.

County opposes Centre Lake disposition

At its June 22 meeting, Highlands East council voted 3-1 against supporting a planning amendment to allow the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to consider the disposition of Crown land along the shoreline of Centre Lake.

Two landowners have submitted applications to the MNRF requesting the disposition of a 200-foot Crown reserve, one for the proposed Granite Shores resort and wellness spa.

The decision-making on Crown land will ultimately fall to the MNRF, though the municipality can provide feedback and would have a role in subsequent planning approvals if the land is disposed of.

JULY

Tourism stakeholders enter new chapter

The Haliburton Tourism Stakeholders Group is evolving, with a new name, mandate and leadership. Emily Stonehouse and Randy Pielsticker are the new co-chairs of the Haliburton Tourism Action Committee (HaliTAC). According to Stonehouse, HaliTAC will continue the work of the Tourism Stakeholders Group with a focus on providing insight and direction to County council and the County's tourism department. "We can evolve this into something that will really benefit the community," Stonehouse said. "We always saw the benefits before - it always had this really great energy."

Residents speak out over crown land use

Residents in Highlands East said shots often ring out near Ripple Rock Drive within shouting distance of walkers, canoers and swimmers. Even when no one is using the Crown land, hundreds of shotgun shells, metal ammunition casings, clay targets, broken beer bottles and burnt debris remain.

Many who live at the Highlands East lake said it's an issue that's getting worse. "It's the shooting, and the garbage that's left behind," said Mike Palmer, director of the Koshlong Lake Association and president of the Koshlong Lake South Shore Roads Association (KLSSRA).

Dave Westaway, who's director of the KLSSRA, added evidence of alcohol consumption paired with target practice leads to worrying conclusions. "That's the part that scares us," said Westaway. "We recognize it's Crown land, and we can't do anything about that part. But it's about being respectful of the land and the danger that it creates."

Dysart searches for muralists

Dysart et al was seeking artists to paint two new murals on the A.J. LaRue arena.

Athletes and siblings Taly Williams and Lesley Tashlin will be depicted on the arena's exterior, alongside five other murals of celebrated Haliburton County sports stars.

The project, estimated to cost \$30,000 was fundraised by public donations.

SIU clears police

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) cleared two OPP officers after they shot and killed a Dysart man July 15, 2020. SIU director Joseph Martino said in his investigation that a heavily-armed and

camouflaged Leslie Hegedus, 73, hid in the bushes at his Indian Point Road property and fired at police first.

Martino said it was unclear which of Hegedus' three gunshot wounds came from which officer but "there are no reasonable grounds to believe that either subject officer one or subject officer two acted other than lawfully throughout this incident. Accordingly, there is no basis for proceeding with criminal charges in this case, and the file is closed."



SIU clears police. *File.*

AUGUST

Public gets voice in shoreline process

People shared concerns, ideas and visions for lake protection at the first of two shoreline bylaw open houses July 29.

The Zoom meeting was the first time members of the public, as opposed to private and public stakeholder organizations had an opportunity to speak to County of Haliburton-hired planners Hutchinson Environmental and J.L Richards.

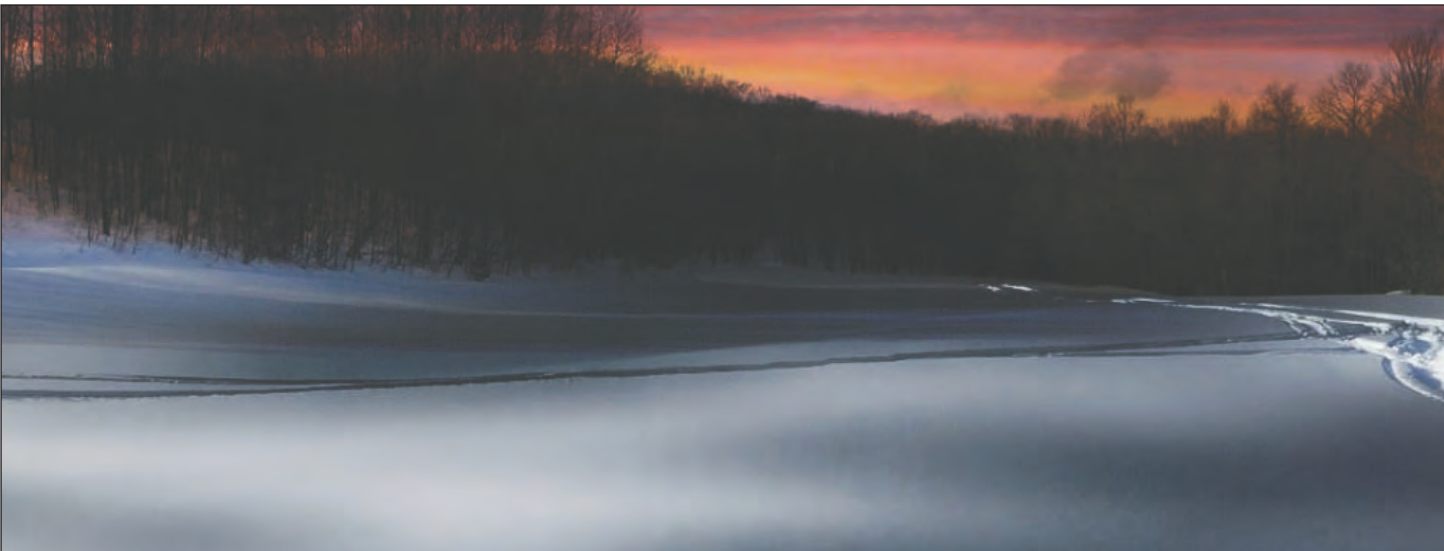
The two companies were contracted to review a draft bylaw and submit recommendations to council for a final policy document in October. For more than a year, it's proved a divisive topic: some consider its rules too far-reaching and restrictive, while others say it's only a first step in protecting lake health.

Head Lake Welcome Centre opens

After a year of construction, the Haliburton welcome centre is open for business. Provincial and federal representatives, Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts and the Rotary Club of Haliburton were on hand to cut the ribbon, celebrating the building that had been in the works for more than four years.

Proposed by Rotarians as a way to celebrate their 75th anniversary, it was made possible with \$75,000 from the club and a government grant of \$375,000. "It's awesome to finally have it open and we're getting rave reviews from the community," said Rotarian and past president of the club, Ted Brandon, who was on hand when construction began last August.

Highlander arts



Snap happy in a winter wonderland

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club has submitted images from its last competition. The winners from the Winter Wonderland category are first advanced, Field of View, by Fred Pyziak; first intermediate, Cold, Crisp and Clear by Julie Jones and first novice, Snowy Promenade, by Jaan Luubert. The club continues to be active online and welcomes photography enthusiasts of all experience levels from complete beginner to seasoned professional. Bi-monthly competitions are designed to encourage members to try various types of photography and hone their photography skills. Visitors are welcome to attend one of their monthly Zoom meetings to see what it's all about. For meeting schedules and to view all competition images visit highlandscameraclub.ca. You can also follow the club on Facebook. (Lisa Gervais).

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The Huskies



Families welcoming Huskies into the fold

By Mike Baker

It's been a remarkable debut season in the Highlands for the Haliburton County Huskies, backstopped by a group of 12 unsung community heroes.

Junior hockey is a competitive environment, with a professional feel. Players are recruited from all over the province, and sometimes beyond, to represent teams like the Huskies. Of the 22 players currently on the blue and white's roster, only two are homegrown.

So, what happens to the rest?

Enter Jess Jackson, volunteer billet coordinator with the Huskies. Since the organization arrived in the County last summer, Jackson has been hard at work recruiting families willing to welcome players into their households for the season.

"We've been so lucky," Jackson said. "We've had so many great families come forward to take players in; without them, we really wouldn't have been as successful as we've been this season. Having a strong billet program makes such a big difference."

There are 12 billet families across the Highlands. Many agreed to take in two players – something that has helped build team camaraderie, Jackson said.

Kim and Kevin Hodgkinson live on a rural property in Gelert. When they learned Haliburton County would be gaining a junior hockey program, they immediately started to think about billeting.

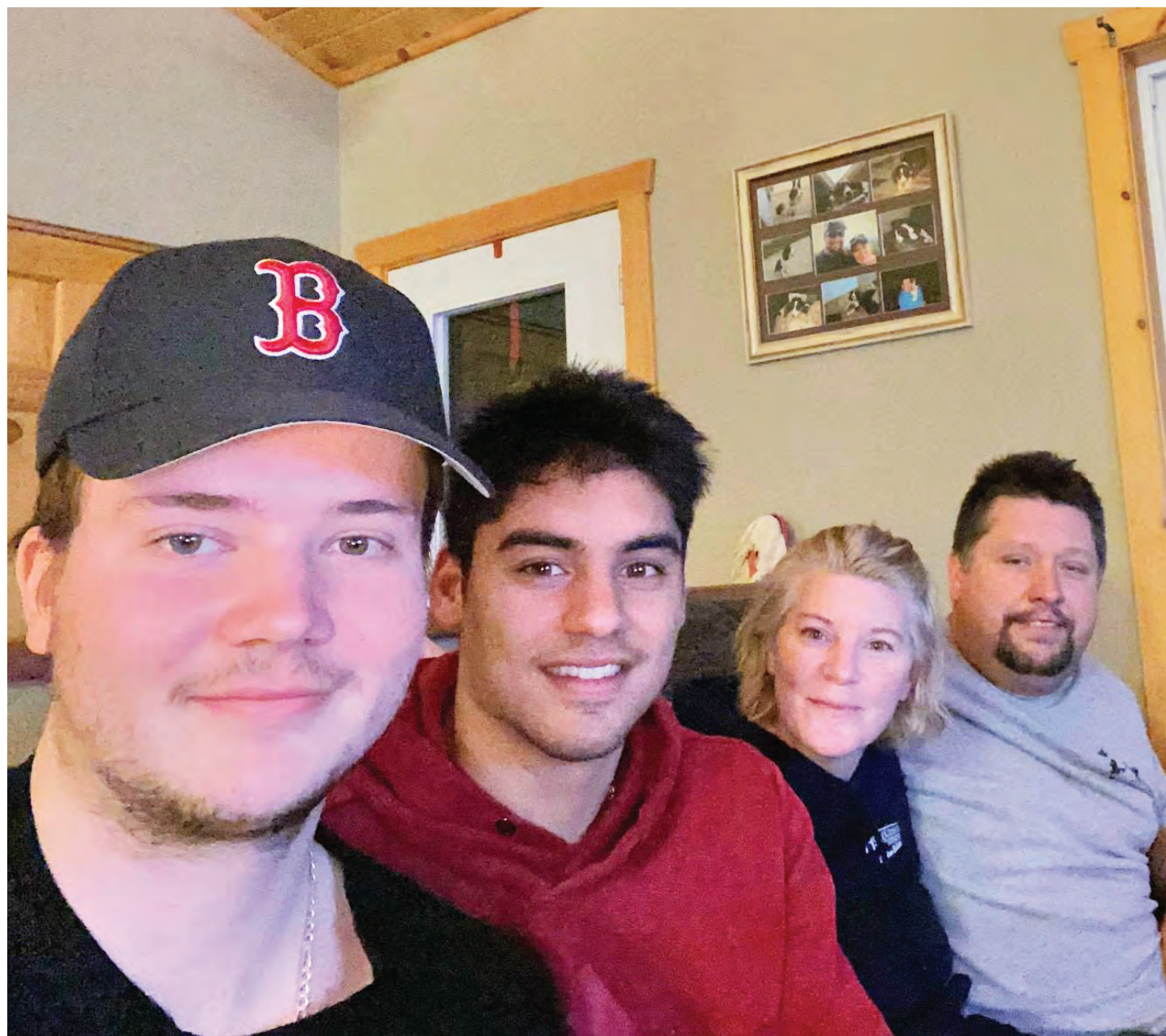
"My brother has been a part of junior hockey for a long time, so I know the drill," Kevin said. "We thought it was a wonderful opportunity for us to open up our home. My wife and I never had the chance to have kids, so it was a nice idea for us to get involved with this and experience what it's like to have some kids around."

Forward Sam Solarino has been living with the pair since last fall. Defenceman Jonah Cochrane joined him in November, after he was acquired from the Wellington Dukes.

The Hodgkinsons have loved the experience so far.

"It's been great. They're kids, but they're also adults at the same time. They help out with stuff around the house and they're very self-sufficient," Kevin said. "It's not hard to get attached to these guys; they're wonderful people and they've got a lot of drive."

Don and Julie Pernerowski were one of the first families to sign up. Having seen their son, Taylor, travel out west to play



From left, the Huskies' Jonah Cochrane and Sam Solarino have had a great time living with billets Kim and Kevin Hodgkinson this season. *Submitted.*

junior hockey in the late 2000s, they saw this as an opportunity to do their part and give back to the hockey community.

They have forwards Nick Athanasakos and Patrick Saini living with them on Horseshoe Lake.

"We've been involved in hockey all of our life, but since our kids have been done, we've really missed it," Julie said. "Because people have stepped up and provided a home for our kids in the past, we thought it was our time to help out. It's been an

awesome experience so far. We couldn't have asked for better kids. They've just become a part of our family."

All billets receive a monthly stipend of \$475, paid by the players' families, and a pair of season tickets supplied by the team. The expectations are that they will provide a bedroom for the players, have food in the house, and cook an evening meal. Transportation to and from the rink for games and practices is the responsibility of the team.

Jackson said she's still on the lookout for potential billets, both for this season and next. Anyone interested can message her at huskieshousing@hotmail.com.

"There's no perfect fit, no ideal scenario as to who can be a billet family. Anybody from a single working professional, to a family with children, to a retired senior can take a player in. I think anyone can be a candidate for the program," Jackson said. "I don't think we can ever have too many families on board."

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Stevenson has eyes on Div 1 scholarship

By Mike Baker

Rookie forward Lucas Stevenson is making a big impression during his debut OJHL season.

The 18-year-old, two-way forward has been an ever-present for the Haliburton County Huskies, suiting up in 29 regular season games and establishing himself as a force to be reckoned with on the team's top line.

With 16 points on the year, Stevenson has fitted in seamlessly with regular line mates Oliver Tarr and Patrick Saini; his defensive prowess proving to be a perfect foil for two of the team's top scorers.

"I'm having the time of my life playing in Haliburton. I love everything about it – the team, my billets, the community," Stevenson said. "I'm just grateful for the opportunity."

Stevenson is living in Minden with Caroline McEathron and John Stark.

The teenager, born and raised in Ajax, has really had to work to get to where he is today. His path to junior hockey has been different to most; as one of only four Huskies not to have been drafted into the OHL, Stevenson has scratched and clawed his way to the big time – taking nothing for granted, and treating each and every shift out on the ice as if it were his last.

Stevenson was introduced to hockey when he was four. He played AAA with the Ajax Pickering Raiders for several years,

before moving on to represent the Markham Waxers at the U16 level. He played two full seasons with the Waxers, becoming a standout on the team.

During the summer of 2020, while preparing to return as one of the locker room leaders, Stevenson received a call from Ryan Ramsay, then head coach and general manager of the Whitby Fury. It took him by surprise.

“He explained to me how he’d like me to fit into the team, what he thought I could bring,” Stevenson said. “I was pretty excited. I wasn’t sure I was going to [get the chance to play] junior hockey.”

The COVID-19 pandemic shot down his chances of playing in Whitby that year. Stevenson wondered if that was it, his chance having come and gone. But he heard from Ramsay again last summer, this time with a bit of a different proposition.

It was a big deal for Stevenson moving to Haliburton County – his first time away from home. He was familiar with the area, with many of his childhood friends having cottages in the Highlands. Still, it was an adjustment over those first few weeks.

Now completely settled in, the forward is excited about what the Huskies can achieve this season. Challenging for top spot in the OJHL's East Division, the blue and white are looking a solid bet to make the post-season. Once there, Stevenson believes the team has what it takes to challenge for a championship.



Haliburton County Huskies forward Lucas Stevenson has put up 16 points in 29 games with the blue and white this season. *Submitted.*

"I think our team is unbelievable. We're strong all over the ice. We're going to go really far and have a deep playoff run this year," Stevenson said.

He expects to return to the Huskies next season, but looking long-term Stevenson is hoping to emulate Tarr, who recently signed a commitment to play Division 1 NCAA

hockey with Buffalo's Canisius College.

"I've talked to a couple of schools. It's been a cool experience – I didn't get drafted during my minor midget year, so this has been new for me. It's nice to be recognized and gives me good motivation to continue improving my game," he said. "A Division 1 scholarship is definitely the goal."






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For further information, please contact Robyn Rogers, Clerk by email at rrogers@highlandseast.ca

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The 2022 Canadian Pond Hockey Championships have been cancelled. File.

Pond hockey falls through the cracks once again

By Mike Baker

It's worst case scenario once again for John Teljeur, who for the second consecutive year has been forced to cancel the Canadian Pond Hockey Championships.

Slated to begin Jan. 28, the event was expected to bring around 500 visitors to Haliburton. With Ontario in the midst of another lockdown, and COVID-19 cases continuing to soar, Teljeur said he and his team of volunteers could not see a clear path forward.

"There's no way we can be confident of hosting the event properly, and that the restrictions currently in place won't get worse," Teljeur told *The Highlander*. "I know there's a lot of players that are not going to be very happy with me, but the event really would have been a pale imitation of what we have done in the past, even if we were allowed to go ahead with it."

"In the end, we decided we did not want

to take any risks with anybody's health.

I hate the fact we're making this kind of decision again, but it's the responsible thing to do," he added.

The championships were to take place at Pinestone Resort, with games on the pond in front of the facility and other activities inside. Pinestone has hosted the event several times since it was first brought to Haliburton in 2013.

Teljeur said he was unsure what things will look like next year, and could not confirm whether the championships would ever be back in Haliburton.

"It's tough to say what the future holds for the event. Maybe we need to look at other venues going forward. There's no way I could put the event on at the size it was [at Pinestone] now, and I'd like to grow the event," Teljeur said. "We do want to come back to Haliburton in 2023, but there's a lot of work that needs to be done, and a lot of things to figure out."

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COVID-19 puts Storm season on ice

By Sam Gillett

Highland Storm players won't hit the rink again until Jan. 27. The season was paused due to provincial COVID-19 restrictions barring indoor sports and the use of indoor training facilities. "We understand this is a disappointment for everyone at the moment. We want to thank everyone for making hockey their sport of choice this season and we look forward to returning to the ice as soon as possible to get back to the game we

love," said the Ontario Minor Hockey Association in a press release. Tony Prentice, Highland Storm president, said it was tough news to break to players and families after the club's executive met on Jan. 5. "We hate to see kids miss any hockey," he said. During the shutdown he said he's heard of coaches sending training material to players, however, there won't be practices or outdoor training sessions. "We all support the healthcare

system," he said. "At the same time, we feel sorry for our kids who want to be on the ice to play hockey." Shutting down the organization temporarily isn't hard, Prentice said. It's rescheduling games and making up for lost time that he suspects might pose issues in February. Prentice encouraged players and parents to "stay positive. There's got to be better times ahead of us," he said. "We can all celebrate hockey but we all gotta' do our part."



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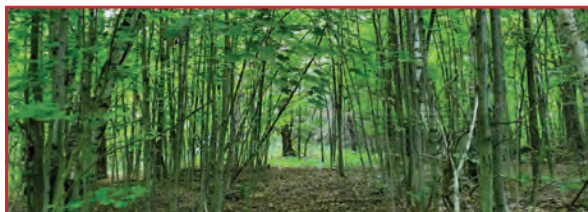
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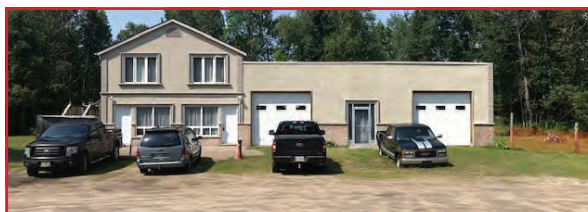
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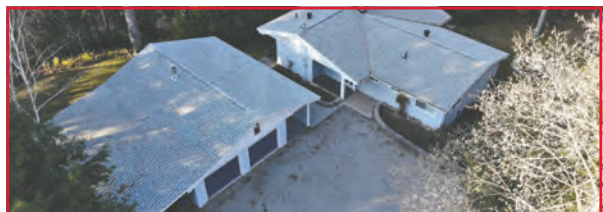
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Highlander sports



Jaxon Gill in action representing the Christchurch Seahorses, a Division 2 school based in Virginia. Submitted.

Highlands teen to play Div 1 NCAA lacrosse

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County's Jaxon Gill has spent the past 18 months chasing his sporting dreams stateside, with eyes firmly set on forging a career in lacrosse.

The high school senior is doubling as a student athlete at a private boarding institution in Virginia, where he plays a key role on the Christchurch Seahorses varsity lacrosse team. A talented forward, Gill tallied 75 points in just 15 games during the 2021 season.

A string of impressive performances put him on the radar of several top ranked NCAA programs across the U.S. In October, he committed to playing Division 1 lacrosse with Quinnipiac University, based in Hamden, Connecticut.

"A dream come true," Gill told *The Highlander* of his signing. "I love lacrosse, and now to have the opportunity to play it at a really high level, I'm really excited. Just the whole aspect of playing on a Division 1 team, that's a really big deal for me."

It's certainly a far cry from the environment he grew up in, playing box lacrosse in Lindsay as part of

the Kawartha Lakes Fury. He was 10 years old when he picked up his first spoon, joining some of his friends on the 'local' team.

According to Gill, it was pretty much love at first sight. He took to the sport quickly, and before long made lacrosse his primary focus, even ahead of hockey. He started playing field hockey in Newmarket when he was 12, which opened his eyes to a completely different style, and level, of play.

As his skills developed, Gill considered his options. He had been told by coaches that he was good enough to play at a higher level. Last year, right before the onset of the pandemic, he made the decision to transfer from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School to Christchurch. Since there was no school team at HHSS, and Gill was restricted to playing solely box lacrosse during the winter, he felt the only way he could keep progressing was to move.

It was a shock to the system the first time he took to the field in Virginia.

"Even though I had played field lacrosse before, it wasn't the same as American field. Down here it's a

different game. The biggest change was I started to use both hands [on the stick] instead of just one, which is a typical Canadian thing that most people do," Gill said. "It was a jolt, definitely. A big adjustment. But my coaches and teammates were really supportive. Since then, I feel I've elevated my game to a whole new level."

Christchurch went to the Virginia state championships in 2021, and Gill hopes he can lead his team to a title in what will be his final season.

He admits he'd be lying if he didn't already have one eye on the future, though. He's already met with his future coaches at Quinnipiac, and has decided to major in communications. He and his dad visited the campus in August.

"It was great, sort of like seeing what my future would be," Gill said. "I know I'm going to have to work really hard if I'm going to play in my freshman year, Quinnipiac has a great program with a lot of good players, but this is just the next challenge for me. Since I started playing lacrosse, it's almost like everything has been leading to this. I can't wait."

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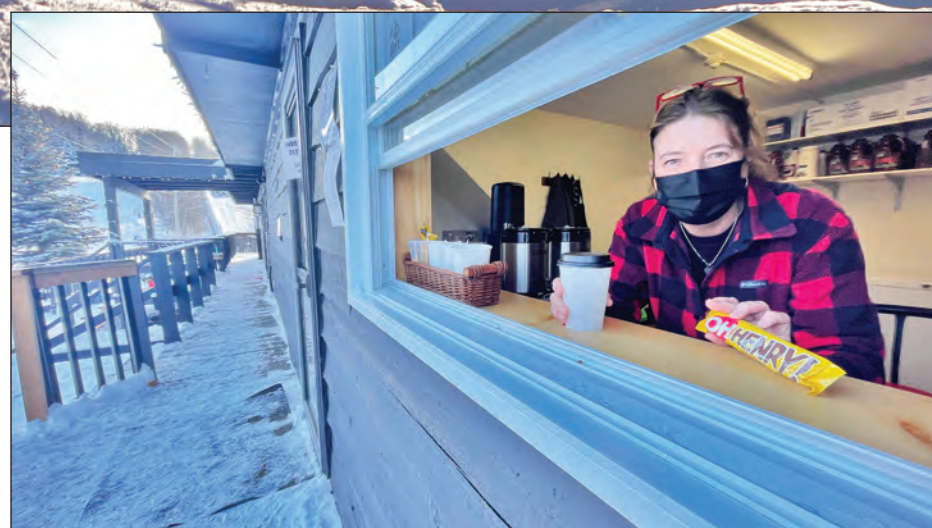
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Highlander outdoors



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Top left: A skier carves fresh snow on "Cash Register," Sir Sam's front hill. Top Right: Bill Mallinson, who also runs Into the Blue Bakery, gets ready to help load skiers onto the chair lift. Middle: A skier takes flight. Bottom: Robin Crate served frosty skiers coffee, hot chocolate and other snacks from a take-out window. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*

Junior highlanders



Ryan Martin, individual placement and support worker with the Haliburton Youth Hub's new Lift program. Photo by Mike Baker.

New program lifting up Haliburton youth

By Mike Baker

An innovative new pilot program designed to connect troubled youth in Haliburton County with meaningful employment has seen some success in recent months.

The Haliburton Youth Hub was selected as one of six locations across Ontario to lead the Lift initiative last spring. The program, launched by the Canadian Association for Mental Health, provides integrated employment supports for individuals aged 14 to 25, helping them with a wide variety of job-based skills and connecting them with potential employers.

Ryan Martin has been running the program in the Highlands since September. He has around a dozen clients he's actively working with, some of whom he's already helped place in jobs.

"One of the really cool things about Lift is that it's an individualized program. We really tailor our services to the needs of the clients," Martin said. "Once we've connected with someone, we'll meet with them, work on long-term career planning and get as much information as we can to get to know them and come up with ideas for what we can do for them."

The most important component, Martin says, is figuring out a client's preferences.

"They're not going to be interested and properly apply themselves unless it's something they really want to do," he noted. "Once we learn where their interests lie, we can take things to the next level, so to speak."

Once the ball starts rolling, things can develop quickly. One of the principals of Lift is rapid job searching, Martin said, meaning clients are, ideally, placed into a job within a month of signing up.

"Within that first month, I'm helping people do resumes, write cover letters, going out and actually applying and then

helping them with the interview process," Martin said. "The idea is that everyone should at least have been interviewed within 30 days of seeking out our services. I think we've been pretty successful in maintaining that so far."

One of the interesting parts of Lift is that services don't end as soon as a youth is matched with an employer. Martin says there are no timelines in place, so, theoretically, he could work with an individual for the entirety of the three-year pilot.

Job coaching has already become a key part of his job.

"The first goal is to get them a job. From there, we work to solve any performance issues, and just making sure they're comfortable in the work place," Martin said. "For the most part, our employers have been very supportive, and they've been happy with the youth we've matched them with."

Martin is also available to offer supports and advice to employers throughout the process.

Lift operates from a zero-exclusion policy, meaning anyone is welcome to access services, regardless of the severity of their mental health, disability or substance abuse issues.

That policy is one of the main things that drew Martin to the job.

"The only criteria for engaging in this program is having a desire to work. We believe people can improve their situations by having a job," Martin said. "Research shows that 60 per cent of people with serious mental illness report wanting to work, but only about 20 per cent are employed. So, this policy is all about recognizing that, regardless of their issues, these people are capable of being in the regular workforce."



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Highlander community

Folk society says thanks to Canoe

By Sam Gillett

The Haliburton County Folk Society is saying “thanks” after a bingo-funded cash injection. CanoeFM donated \$5,000 to the society from its weekly radio bingo.

After nearly two years of cancelled concerts and reduced ticket sales, society president Walter Tose said the donation will help “keep some live music going in the Highlands during this pandemic and will allow us to keep doing so when we are able.”

The society’s open stage concert was booked for Jan. 8 but was the latest in a long line of concerts cancelled by COVID-19.

A Feb. 19 concert featuring local musicians Jess Knights and Cassidy Taylor will likely be postponed too.

In the past, they’ve presented concerts virtually, including a monthly open stage for local musicians.

“We have been able to carry on the open stage in one form or another,” Tose said.

While the CanoeFM donation along with a three-year federal grant, Tose said the society is financially “sound.”

“If we didn’t have the CanoeFM money we’d end up losing income or losing revenue,” he said. “It assures us we’ll be able to continue to do these things once we get out of this current situation.”



The Folk Society hosted Coco Love Alcorn at the Haliburton Legion in October. *File.*

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Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, a graveside service and interment will be held at the South Wilberforce Cemetery, Wilberforce in the Spring of 2022.

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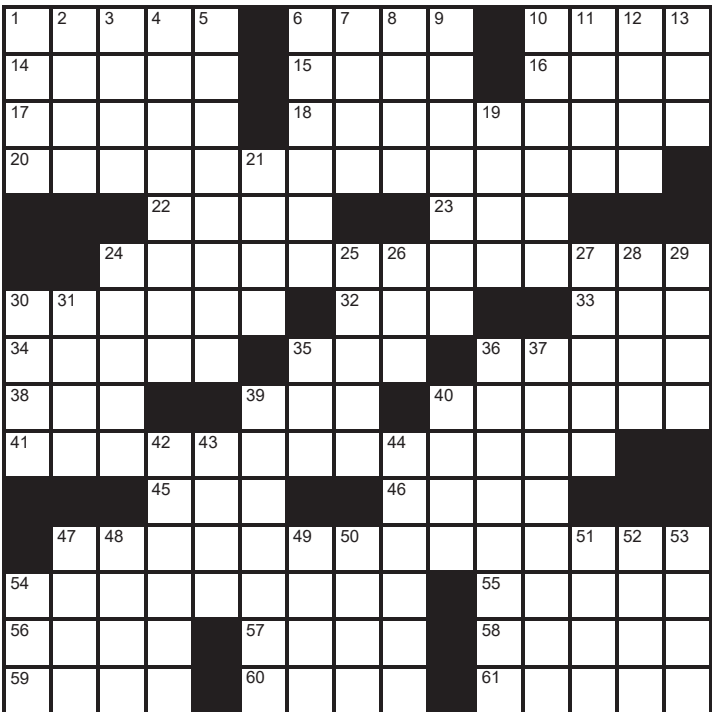
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Across

- 1 ___ time (soon enough)
- 6 Draw attention to
- 10 Work like a beaver?
- 14 Bruce and Laura father/daughter actors
- 15 Small brook
- 16 Boonies bumpkin
- 17 Like a model, posture-wise
- 18 Totally focussed, as attention
- 20 Quip about orderly disorder, part 1
- 22 "What ___ mind reader?"
- 23 Little kiss, in Québécois
- 24 The quip continues ...
- 30 Offers cake to a dieter, say
- 32 First aid course topic
- 33 B.C.'s intl. airport
- 34 Actress Witherspoon
- 35 Middle of the quip
- 36 More like the driven snow
- 38 Letters before an alias
- 39 Pluralized Ys, often
- 40 Fanged slitherers
- 41 The quip continues ...
- 45 "Printemps" follower
- 46 One who finishes the cake?
- 47 End of the quip
- 54 Preferring overalls to party dresses, perhaps
- 55 Reason to say "Pee-yew!"
- 56 Violinist's "use the bow"
- 57 Theatre award
- 58 Canadian writer Heather O'___
- 59 Grazing lands
- 60 Brezhnev's domain
- 61 Piece of Lamb

Down

- 1 Noodle concoction?
- 2 Spongy ammo maker
- 3 Trio quantity, in Germany
- 4 Detaches, as a necklace
- 5 Rough amount, as a contract cost
- 6 Thrifty
- 7 One of TV's "Mod Squad"
- 8 Swit's co-star on a '70s sitcom
- 9 More smooth-talking
- 10 He's as "cuddly as a cactus," per Seuss
- 11 Clothing-optional option
- 12 Be a partner in crime
- 13 Hump day: Abbr.
- 19 Penthouse suite selling feature
- 21 Bites, puppy-style
- 24 "Er, that is to say ..."
- 25 Come at ___ (aren't free)
- 26 "Brain" of a PC
- 27 Brontë's Jane and family
- 28 CanaDream driver, say
- 29 Calls a spade a club, say
- 30 Gillette product, with "II"
- 31 "___ mouse!" (musophobe's squeal)
- 35 "___ haw!" (hoedown hoot)
- 36 Coniferous branch attachment
- 37 Newer software versions
- 39 Words after "Peek-a-boo"
- 40 "Veni, vidi, ___"
- 42 Greek isle of poet Sappho
- 43 "Airplane!" autopilot
- 44 Opposite of yon
- 47 Flinch-inducing, maybe
- 48 Place that's "fun to stay at," in a disco hit
- 49 Game of marbles
- 50 Just the way it appears
- 51 Hi's wife in the comics
- 52 "Be-Bop-A-___" (1956 hit)
- 53 Every 12 mos.
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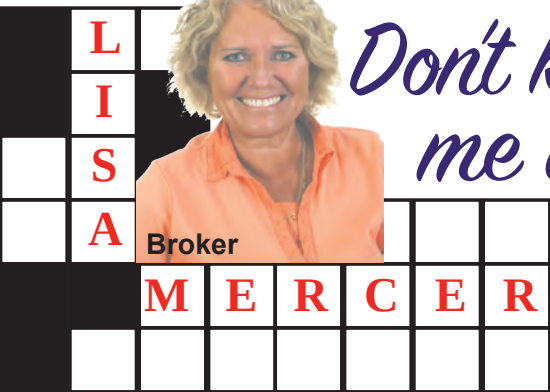
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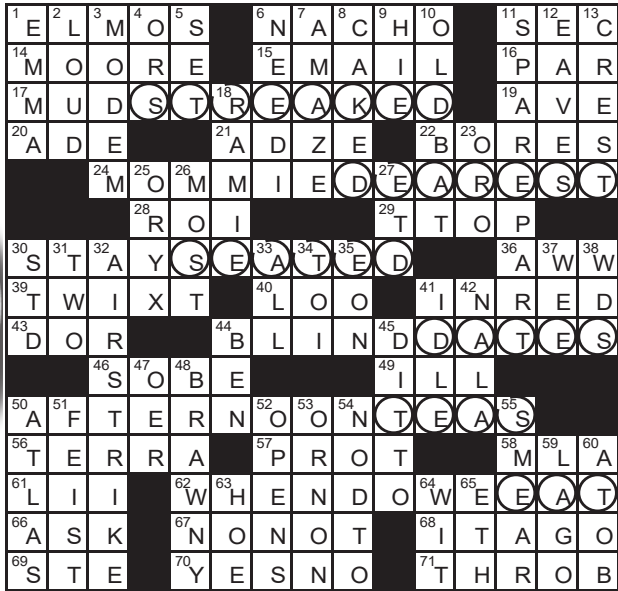


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