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DOG DAYS OF SPRING

The Haliburton County Huskies square off against the Trenton Golden Hawks in OJHL playoff action starting this Sunday, April 10. The best of three series comes home to Minden Wednesday, April 13. If a third game is needed, the teams head back to Trenton for a Thursday, April 14 tilt.
Photo by OJHL images.

Crown seeking 10 years for manslaughter

By Mike Baker

Haliburton man Norman Hart has said he feels sadness and remorse over the part he played in the 2019 death of housemate Robert James Brown.

Appearing in a Lindsay courtroom March 31, Hart said his life has been “a rollercoaster of mixed feelings and emotions” over the past 18 months, and that he is haunted by the events that took place at a residence on Highland Street on June 17, 2019.

Hart killed Brown after the pair got into an argument over the distribution of a \$500 cheque from the Kawartha

Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation. A confrontation at their shared home became physical, with Hart, who was under the influence of alcohol and cocaine, delivering a savage beating to Brown before leaving him to die.

Hart was found guilty of manslaughter on Sept. 7, 2021.

“The death of Robert Brown is something that I strongly wish I could, but cannot change... This is something that did not need to happen,” Hart told the court. “At this time, I was living in a drug-induced daze of fear and paranoia. Oppressive clouds of anger and bitterness overshadowed my every thought ... I was

completely gone [and] self-destructive.”

He apologized for allowing his anger to get the better of him. Speaking directly to Brown’s daughter, Nichole Erickson, who was in attendance, Hart said, “it pains me to know that Robert’s children will not get a chance to say goodbye to his face, and that Robert will not be there to support them through life’s battles.”

An emotional Erickson said her life has been in complete disarray since her father’s death.

“I experienced grief so raw in the immediate aftermath, I wasn’t sure how or if I would get past those months. I had flashbacks of my father and asked myself

time and again, why did this happen? Why was his life cut short so suddenly,” Erickson told the court. “I struggle with the idea that my dad died alone in his home without the comfort of a hand to hold, and I am plagued with thoughts of how scared he would have been in his last moments. These are feelings that will never go away.”

Erickson said she has been diagnosed with Generalized Anxiety Disorder and complex Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder since her father’s death, which has prevented her from working and pursuing further education.

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Highlands on watch for bird flu spread

By Sam Gillett

Local wildlife experts are urging landowners to help stop the spread of a highly contagious avian flu.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has reported the flu at four farms in southern Ontario.

Avian influenza, often called "bird flu," is caused by the type "A" influenza virus. The virus tends to hit food-producing birds like chickens and turkeys. If one bird in a flock is infected, the entire population is usually euthanized. However, it can easily spread to wild birds, often through water fowl.

Xavier Tuson, a conservation technician with The Land Between, said it's possible the flu could impact Highlands birds. He said Highlanders can help keep the local bird population safe by cleaning bird feeders often or taking them down entirely.

"In those kinds of instances, where birds are in close proximity, that's where you start seeing the spread," he said.

Another way to help? "Keep an eye out for sick birds," Tuson said.

In songbirds or other birds around the Highlands, lethargy, diarrhea or other unusual behaviours point to avian flu infection.

Tuson said it's important to report these sightings to the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative which is monitoring the illness (1-866-673-4781).

Since many bird populations, like Nightjars, are already facing habitat loss and population decline in the Highlands, avian flu spread could prove disastrous to species' long-term health. For individual birds, catching bird flu is a death sentence.

"It's really just a matter of once they get it, it's too late for that animal," Tuson said.

Tuson said it's likely the flu will run its course by early summer.

"It really depends on how vigilant we are too," he said.



Avian flu is often spread by water fowl. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Second sentencing hearing scheduled for next month

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Crown prosecutor Rebecca Griffin read a written statement submitted by Brown's sister, Tammy McCafferty. She said her relationship with her brother had been strained over the years, and they had often gone years without speaking. Seeking to reconcile, McCafferty reached out to

Brown over social media last Christmas, only to learn he had passed away.

"I was extremely overwhelmed with grief and anger, lost in an empty and foggy world ... The brother who stood up for me and helped pave my path, my protector, was gone," McCafferty wrote. "I have questions about that fateful day... I will

never know how a human being can get so angry that they feel someone has to die."

Addressing Justice Michelle Fuerst, Griffin said she is seeking a prison sentence of nine to 10 years, minus time already served. Defence lawyer Rob Chartier argued that, in light of Hart's efforts to better himself while incarcerated,

which has included completing drug and alcohol rehabilitation courses, and earning his secondary school diploma, a sentencing of between six-and-a-half and seven-and-a-half years would be more appropriate.

Fuerst said she needed time to make a final determination. A second sentencing hearing has been scheduled for May 9.



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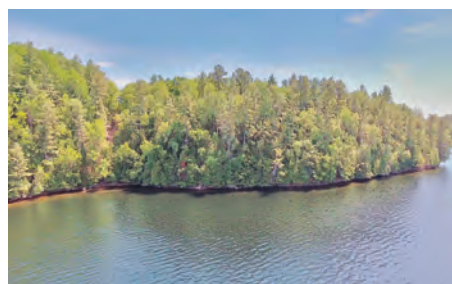
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Significant growth in County homelessness

By Mike Baker

Homelessness across Haliburton County has grown significantly over the past two years, while as many as 400 households in the Highlands are on a wait list for subsidized community housing.

While she paints a bleak picture, Michelle Corley, manager of the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation, noted the COVID-19 pandemic had not been kind to many people in Haliburton County, leaving some homeless and many others close to it.

"Currently, in the County of Haliburton, we are aware of 37 homeless households – three couples, six families, seven seniors, 15 singles and six youth," Corley said. "While there is no doubt that there has been an increase in homelessness, some of this may be that our system has gotten better at identifying homelessness."

In March 2020, Corley said her organization was aware of 12 households experiencing homelessness in the Highlands.

KLH Housing Corporation offers affordable and market-based rents to hundreds of households across its coverage zone. It also offers assistance through various programs to people affected by homelessness.

Almost all services are running at maximum capacity, Corley noted. As

of February, there are more than 400 households in Haliburton County waiting for community housing. This is up substantially over the past two years, Corley added.

Wait times for families to be matched with appropriate community housing can be as long as 10 years, and sometimes even longer than that, Corley admitted.

The provincial government recently provided the KLH Housing Corporation with an additional \$166,000 in funding to help address homelessness as part of a new Ontario-wide initiative.

The Homelessness Prevention Program, launched April 1, combines three existing programs running under the housing umbrella: the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, Home for Good, and the Strong Communities Rent Supplement Program.

Local MPP Laurie Scott said the amalgamation will give service managers at the grass roots level more flexibility to target funding where it is needed, and allow for greater financial accountability by measuring an organization's progress in reducing and preventing homelessness in their communities.

In total, the government plans to invest \$464 million into the program annually.

Corley said the additional funding



The Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation says there are over 400 families on a wait list for community housing. *File.*

received this year would be put to good use as her team continues their work to combat a growing problem in the community.

"With the top-up, we will be able to cover some ongoing costs of rent supplements within new affordable housing buildings, allowing some households with very limited income to have rent geared to their income," Corley said. "Other

potential uses might be to have additional partnerships for supports for those who are struggling to maintain housing given their need for additional supports."

To learn more about KLH Housing Corporations and its services, visit kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/klh-housing-corporation

Police investigate truck theft in Haliburton

By Sam Gillett

Haliburton Highlands OPP are investigating a reported vehicle theft in Dysart et al.

A white 2015 Nissan Titan pickup truck was reported stolen April 5, between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. from Pine Avenue in Haliburton. The truck was locked and parked in a residential driveway.

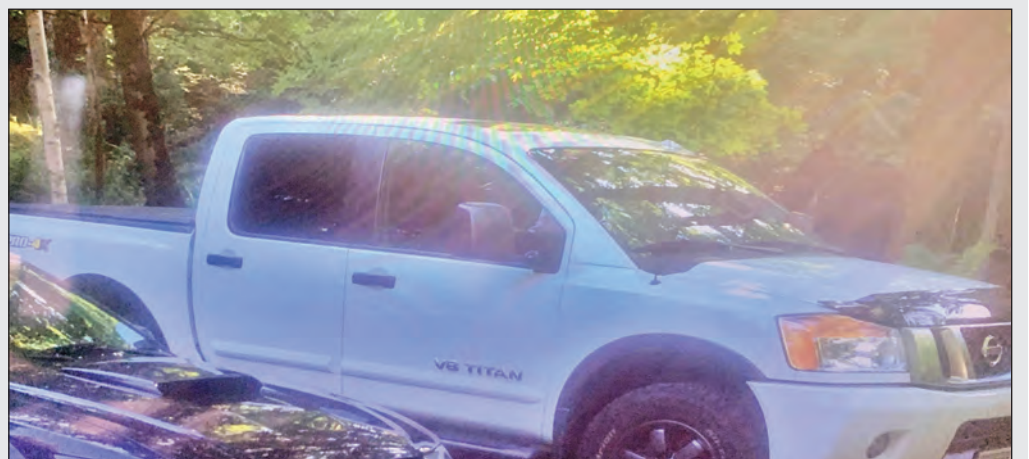
Police ask nearby residents to check security camera footage and report any suspicious activity or sightings of the truck.

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A photo of the vehicle reported stolen. *Submitted.*





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Livestreams remain for a week

Minden Hills will make video recordings of council meetings publicly available for one week after the meetings adjourn.

Councillors made the decision at a March 31 council meeting after clerk Vicki Bull provided multiple options, which mayor Brent Devolin described as a “complex labyrinth.” Those included limiting access to recordings to only be viewed live, or leaving recordings public.

“We just want to make everything as transparent as possible to the public,” Bull said.

Currently livestreams are not available after Minden Hills meetings conclude, however the official record of each meeting is available as approved minutes on the township’s website, as per provincial regulations.

CAO Trisha McKibbin said the township is “receiving more and more inquiries from the public to view past council meetings if they were away or missed the meeting because we don’t have a policy in place, we aren’t able to release that.”

Devolin said leaving meeting recordings online forever could result in “mischievous if a candidate wanted to use this in an election.”

Coun. Pam Sayne added that recordings viewed long after the meeting took place could miss key “context” needed to understand the proceedings or choices made.

Coun. Jean Neville asked if having the recordings online could pose a cyber security risk.

Bull said that’s unlikely, adding that the County of Haliburton and other townships leave their videos up on YouTube.

Offline meetings could resume

Minden Hills council will decide at its April 20 special meeting whether to resume in-person council meetings.

McKibbin prompted the discussion, advising council that “now that we have restrictions being lifted, I wanted to have a conversation about taking a hybrid approach to council meetings.”

She suggested having council and the clerk and deputy clerk in the space, and department heads and staff providing reports through Zoom. The public and media would watch proceedings via Zoom recordings.

“I’d like to take a staged approach,” she said.

Coun. Ron Nesbitt asked if councillors would have to wear masks. McKibbin replied that masks wouldn’t be required, and she mentioned the desks would be distanced.

Coun. Bob Carter said worsening COVID-19 numbers in Europe point to a rise in infections in Canada too. “I’d defer to the scientists and say it’s too early,” he said.

Coun. Lisa Schell said, “everybody else is going back into meetings. I’m fully

prepared to go into meetings. I think by the end of April that’s more than enough time.”

Devolin offered the April 20 date as a “compromise” that would allow some time for council to get a better picture of COVID-19 case counts and risk.

Renewing groundwater surveillance

Minden will renew a \$65,768.83 agreement for water quality monitoring around local landfills. Provincial law mandates the township must monitor groundwater, surface water and residential well water near active and closed landfill sites. Each year this data must be analyzed and reported to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

“While we’re still seeing contaminants and we’re still seeing leeching from the waste mound we still have to continue monitoring,” said new director of waste facilities Nikki Payne.

Councillors consider summer ice

The Haliburton County Huskies securing a playoff spot means the S.G Nesbitt arena ice will remain in place until the final whistle of their playoff run.

Neville asked director of community services Craig Belfry if it would be possible for the ice to stay put even longer. “If there was demand to have summer ice, do you

have any sense of the cost-effectiveness for having ice in the summer months?” she asked.

Belfry said there isn’t a cost estimate for keeping the rink open, however that would mean more staff being hired. He said staff “are thinking about that and what would be required” for summer ice.

Neville said she, “had some hints summer ice may be a benefit, not just for hockey but for figure skating as well.”

Land acknowledgment finalized

Minden Hills will begin each council and committee meeting with a statement recognizing the First Nations people who first lived and travelled through the area. It was developed in partnership with Curve Lake First Nations.

It reads, “we respectfully acknowledge that the Township of Minden Hills is located on Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory, and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which are Curve Lake, Rama, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Beausoleil and Georgina Island First Nations. We acknowledge a shared presence of Indigenous nations throughout the area, and recognize its original, Indigenous inhabitants as the stewards of its lands and waters since time immemorial.” (*Minden Hills news compiled by Sam Gillett*)

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(Virtual) Council Meetings

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April 14 – Regular Council Meeting
April 28 – Regular Council Meeting

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A septic system under construction. *File*

Minden septic inspection into year two

By Sam Gillett

Thirty-seven per cent of Minden Hills septic systems inspected in 2021 aren't up to par, however, most are in low-risk condition.

WSP Global, a company hired to conduct septic system inspections across the township between 2021-2025, presented its findings at a March 31 council meeting.

It detailed issues and trends found within the 1,072 systems surveyed at 820 properties in the first stage of the inspections, which will run each summer for the next four years.

The checks cost homeowners \$220. If fixes are needed, remedial inspections cost another \$220. Those with septic systems installed after 2016 are exempt.

The report said the majority of systems surveyed are between 20-30 years old, with

620 or 58 per cent - designated low risk, 420 medium risk, and 34 high risk.

Brandon Aubin of WSP said educating property owners about proper septic system care, as well as the requirements, seems to be a key issue moving forward, as well as "highlighting for them this is a benefit. It's not to put systems under the scrutiny of the building code."

Common issues found include high levels of waste within the septic bed, structural issues with septic tanks and improper use of the area above the septic bed.

Coun. Bob Carter asked if there is a calculation that can tell if a septic system is big enough for a property.

Aubin said inspectors compare notes from a property's building permits to the size of the tank, making sure it can handle capacity.

There are 126 properties that did not receive inspections for various reasons.

Carter said, "people will do everything they can from preventing the inspection from taking place because they've got a woefully inadequate system. 'I would like to make sure [that at] these 15 per cent of properties, all efforts are made to get these done.'"

Coun. Pam Sayne said she received a lot of calls about the program. She said she was concerned a high volume of calls to municipal staff would use up resources.

"Part of the reason we decided to contract this out instead of bringing it in to staff was that it would take pressure off of our building department to have this outsourced," she said.

"I think there needs to be the ability to

answer questions online."

Colin McKnight, Minden Hills' chief building official, estimated he received thousands of calls about septic inspections last year. He said it's difficult to respond to that high a volume of queries.

CAO Trisha McKibbin added, "a big key is the communication piece. Communication between WSP and the municipality and both the communication between WSP and the municipality out to the public."

Inspections are set to continue, in 2022; Duck, Horseshoe, Mountain lakes; in 2023, Soyers, Kashagawigamog, Canning lakes; in 2024, Little Boshkung, Twelve Mile, Brady and Bob lakes; and in 2025, Davis, Bat, South and Bow lakes.

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Sharing agreements the way to go: experts

HIGHLANDER INVESTIGATES

By Lisa Gervais

David Siegel is a retired professor of political science at Brock University who has researched and written extensively about amalgamations in Ontario.

He thinks the County is on the right track with its service delivery review.

For example, one recommendation by consultant Strategy Corp. is to hire a procurement specialist to help the municipalities achieve savings through strategic and collaborative sourcing.

"This idea of getting into a partnership, of things like procurement for example, that's an obvious one and that's a place where a lot of places start because it is pretty straightforward because now you have increased buying power," he said.

He noted that in Niagara they have a paper partnership where municipalities, along with school boards and universities, purchase things such as stationary, toilet paper and paper towels together to save money. "There are some forms of partnerships that can go beyond municipalities."

Siegel said something such as procurement is "also a place to get your feet wet and figure out whether this marriage is going to work."

He said recommendations such as the new economic development and tourism director and creating an in-house legal position as well as a communications officer and grant writer make sense as five townships can contribute towards the cost. They would not have been able to manage on their own.

"It seems to me your best route in the short-term is some form of sharing agreements."

He said he thinks it is a more logical progression as opposed to amalgamating and then working backwards.

"Once you start getting into these

joint service agreements, then the next step could potentially be amalgamation because if these things work then at some point someone is going to say 'why do we have these four different shells when so much work is being done on a joint service basis.

"And, if that's the way it goes, then that will make the amalgamation much easier probably because there's usually a lot of blood spilled with these amalgamations over the idea of giving up this autonomy, but if you approach this thing gradually - which it seems like you guys [the County] are, then that becomes a much easier thing to sell, and a much easier thing to deal with."

Asked for examples of what comparator municipalities have done, Siegel said he could not since every municipality in Ontario is different.

However, he pointed to northern York Region as an example.

"The northern municipalities up there, they started a number of years ago with a partnership agreement. And they just keep expanding. They get new ideas about things because the mayors and CAOs get together on a regular basis."

He said, "you might be searching in vain for a municipality that looks like Haliburton County. You will find pieces, such as purchasing agreements in northern York regions but sometimes municipalities just have to strike out on their own."

"I think people are looking for a final answer to what Haliburton is going to look like forever and a day, and that's not going to happen."

The northern York experience

Margaret Quick is the mayor of Georgina. Since 2005, her township has been working with Aurora, East Gwillimbury, King, Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville on collaborative initiatives and

partnerships. It's known as the Northern Six Municipalities (N6).

The N6 was profiled at the 2018 Ontario Municipal Administrator's Association annual conference and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities summer 2018 session. It's received national recognition.

Some of the collaborations have included waste collection, resulting in \$11 million in savings, and allowing each municipality to double its waste diversion rates.

They've also partnered on year-end auditing, garnering a 10 per cent discount. Some of the six have partnered on a fire master plan, saving 40 per cent of costs. They're now looking into emergency services and waste and wastewater.

They saved another \$750,000 in 2011 on a joint procurement for an insurance provider. There are mutual staff training costs; joint animal control services; looking into potential collaboration to further develop and implement corporate asset management programs and combined external legal services, IT, and fleet. They've done procurement together for years.

Quick said although Haliburton County is smaller, "I don't see why it couldn't or wouldn't" work here. "Whether it's a small scale, working together on joint projects and service delivery makes sense."

She said they don't all always join. "Sometimes it's N4, N3 N2 hybrid models. If it doesn't work for a community, they can opt out."

However, "if you don't look at something, you don't know if it's going to work or not, so there's no harm in looking at it."

She said in the early days, there were some attachments, for example, to long-term contractors so, "it can be difficult to look at, but when you do, it can, from a business model point of view, if it makes sense, it can save taxpayer dollars and provide a more efficient service, or a larger service or a more in-depth service."

Her advice to Haliburton County?

"Be open to it. Put things on the table and see what works. And if it doesn't work for everybody, that's fine. But don't be afraid of looking at it. Change is that big scary thing and sometimes you need to embrace change. You don't just change for the sake of change but if you can find a way to deliver a service more efficiently, perhaps a higher level of service than you had before at an equal or better price, why shouldn't you look at that?"

She said the question of possibly amalgamating some northern councils came up a couple of years ago, but "bigger isn't always necessarily better. There are other options such as partnering together that bring efficiencies while allowing the individual character of communities to continue."

First County intermunicipal agreement signed

In March, the first N6 type agreement was forged in Haliburton County with all four townships agreeing to a joint household hazardous waste co-operative.

Not only did they do a joint tender, to check off the efficiency box, but they also improved customer service. As long as you have a landfill card, you can now take your household hazardous waste to any of the 14 events being held across the County.

County Coun. Andrea Roberts said, "that kind of communication might not have happened before if we hadn't done a service delivery review. I just think this is a great example of the local municipalities working well together."

Coun. Brent Devolin said there had been some historic collaborations, such as Minden Hills and Highlands East sharing some landfill services, but "I'd love to see more of those across the County."

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Animal rights advocate calls for delayed staff report

By Sam Gillett

A Minden woman is looking for answers after delivering a delegation on animal bylaws to Minden Hills council more than two years ago.

Shanna Dryburgh alleged witnessing 14 dogs outside in sub-zero conditions on a vacant property near Minden in the winter of 2020. Videos were shared online and by media province-wide.

Dryburgh urged council to strengthen laws limiting the number of dogs that can be kept, as well as disallowing their care on vacant land.

After her delegation, council requested a staff report and possible bylaw changes, which have not yet been brought before council.

Dryburgh said she's emailed Minden Hills through CAO Trisha McKibbin multiple times and said she was assured the issue would come back before council in 2021. McKibbin did not respond to requests for comment by press time.

"There was an order made at council. How many years is it reasonable for this to be done?" Dryburgh asked.

Mayor Brent Devolin said the issue has not been forgotten.

"During COVID times the processing of these kinds of longer-term objectives, we've been running at half-speed," he said.

Devolin added he believes other issues such as shoreline preservation and short-term rentals are likely to take up council's time this spring while exceptional building activity puts pressure on administrative staff.

"This isn't a quick endeavour, it will take time."

Dryburgh said since the province, through the 2020 Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act is making changes to standards of care for outdoor dogs, it is "the perfect opportunity" to get it done and keep



Shanna Dryburgh presented a delegation to Minden Hills council March 12, 2020.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

in line with what the province is doing.

She said Minden Hills' rules, which allow people to own up to nine dogs, are irresponsible.

In surrounding municipalities, the maximum number of dogs allowed to be kept is lower. For example, private households can only own up to four dogs in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

She also called for prohibiting the keeping of dogs on vacant land.

Colin McKnight, Minden Hills' chief building official, said his department has compiled research but has not yet prepared a report.

Dryburgh said she was concerned if Devolin, who said he will not run for re-election, is not on council, the issue may be forgotten.

Devolin said that's unlikely since staff maintain report files and many council members are expected to seek re-election.

"Certainly this will be a matter of concern and of conversation we'll have at council," he said.

Two people from the Kawartha Lakes face multiple counts of animal-related charges in a case that prompted Dryburgh's delegation.

Those charged were initially scheduled to appear in court in October 2020. As of March 9, 2022 the case has not yet been rescheduled.

The case came in a time of transition for animal welfare in Ontario. The PAWS act came into effect Jan. 1, 2020, putting enforcement in the hands of the province instead of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA).



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Time for an update

I have to admit, I've never been a huge fan of the whole Sunshine List concept.

Released annually by the Ontario government, the document names and shames any public servant that earns in excess of \$100,000 a year. Introduced in 1996 by Mike Harris' Conservative government under the guise of their so-called 'Common Sense Revolution', the Sunshine List was supposed to provide accountability on behalf of the public sector and transparency to the taxpayer.

I would argue that the only thing the Sunshine List has ever really accomplished is embarrassing those whose names are inscribed within its pages year after year. Yet, there are people who look forward to its publication. I'm not sure why. Knowing how much money a school teacher, doctor, police officer, or staffer down at town hall makes has absolutely no bearing on our lives.

It may, however, have a bearing on theirs. Something that was, apparently, designed to increase productivity today likely has the complete opposite effect. I, for one, wouldn't exactly be thrilled to have my annual earnings plastered all over the place for people to see.

The most recent list was published March 25, based on people's earnings from 2021.

Incredibly, 244,390 made it. That's a more than 5,000 per cent increase from the 4,501 people whose earnings were disclosed in the very first list 26 years ago.

I think it's pretty clear to see that the Sunshine List has gotten out of hand. Despite inflation rising by more than 66 per cent since 1996, as per the Bank of Canada, the cut-off point for those included has remained the same.

That's more than a little bizarre when you consider that \$100,000 in 1996 would be worth \$166,629 today. That's a pretty hefty difference.

Inflation is the sole reason so many people now make the list. As the cost of living goes up, so should people's compensation. For a little more context, the average price of a home in Toronto was approximately \$198,150 in 1996. Today, that average has increased to an eye-watering \$1.335 million. Twenty-six years ago, a litre of gas ran you 56 cents. It's averaging \$1.77 this week. And I probably don't need to tell you how much basic grocery costs have increased over that time.

So, with everything else on the uppy up, why has the Sunshine List remained at that \$100,000 threshold?

More than 75 people from Haliburton County suffered the ignominy of having

their position and earnings called into question last week. At the very least, the whole thing needs a major facelift.

If we as a society deem there is a certain threshold in which we have a right to know how much we are paying our public servants, not to name and shame but to keep the sector accountable, then perhaps it would be better to produce a list without names.

Locally, it would give us some insight into how much salaries have risen. Along with that should come some form of explanation as to why costs have gone up. Take this year, for example. You don't need to be a rocket scientist to figure out health care salaries have risen as a result of a global pandemic, but it would be helpful to know that the only reason so many police officers made the list is due to overtime pay.

If the Ontario government is going to continue supporting the release of the Sunshine List, they need to do a better job of presenting it.



By Mike Baker

EleXion files

Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County (CCHC) is offering a series of articles entitled, EleXion Files until mid-May, 2022. Articles will focus on non-partisan information that we hope will be of interest to readers in helping to cast their vote in the provincial election, June 2. Voting is a right, a privilege and an obligation that every citizen should exercise.

Poverty in a province of plenty

Life is full of contradictions. One that really concerns me is that poverty persists today despite obvious wealth. In 2019, Ontario reported its highest GDP ever. Yet a consulting firm hired by Haliburton County reported in January that we have a child poverty rate of 23 per cent. Quebec has a child poverty rate of five per cent, the lowest in the country. Why the difference? Could it be that Quebec recognizes that poverty is not a personal problem but a policy problem?

One of Quebec's policies illustrates how governments can lower a family's expenses by providing affordable \$10 a day daycare. Ontario has just signed on to a federal-provincial funding agreement, which will reduce expenses in a province with some of the highest childcare fees in the country.

In Haliburton County, three food banks and two heat banks are evidence of a

caring community. Yet charity has limits. Government representatives announce grant money to local agencies but this will not end poverty. Relying on the voluntary and non-profit sector to provide basic needs is a willful disregard for the right of every person to an adequate standard of living. Charitable approaches let governments off the hook.

Tax credits are one way to "put more money in your pocket". While this sounds appealing, there are often unintended consequences.

The Ontario Child Care Tax Credit was offered to families to offset the high cost of childcare, but the Financial Accountability Office found that approximately two-thirds of the benefit would go to families with incomes over \$63,700. Families with incomes of \$21,400 or less will receive only three per cent of the benefit. Why is this the case?

You have to owe income tax in order to take advantage of a tax credit. You have to be paying for childcare in order to claim any Child Care Tax Credit. Many low-income families, who cannot afford childcare, and likely use informal arrangements, are excluded from the very program designed to help.

Another tax credit, the Low-Income Individuals and Families Tax Credit (LIFT) was introduced by the provincial government in 2019 and is worth up to \$850 a year for individuals earning a

maximum of \$38,500. The FAO estimates that one million individuals will receive an average of \$409 from the LIFT. Workers however, would have gained an average of \$809, if the minimum wage had been raised as scheduled on Jan. 1, 2019.

So, what is the answer to poverty? It is a system that ensures both sufficient income and universal basic services. Tax revenue is required to fund this approach. In *The Nordic Theory of Everything*, a Finnish journalist reveals that her municipal and national taxes amounted to 31 per cent of her taxable income. In return, she received or was eligible for: comprehensive health insurance; paid disability leave; up to three years of parental leave; affordable high-quality day care; one of the world's best education systems; free post-secondary education; elder care; and social security programs when needed. Like the citizens in the Nordic nations, can we see taxes as an investment in well-being rather than a burden that must be minimized?

Poverty diminishes us all. As the song goes ... "None of us are free if one of us is chained." Ontario governments have the power to enact policies that work to eliminate poverty.

Judy Paul

Next week, see Carolyn Coburn's article entitled "Justice in a Province of Plenty".

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Larry Murphy snapped this Trumpeter Swan.

LETTERS

Not a fan of CKL amalgamation

Dear editor,

As a former councillor and resident of the City of Kawartha Lakes, I was shocked that Haliburton County and its municipalities were even considering amalgamation after watching the abject failure in municipal governance in Kawartha Lakes.

One only has to drive on any road in the City of Kawartha Lakes to realize the failure of this municipality. I drive to Minden Hills and Haliburton to bicycle. Your roads are exemplary compared to Kawartha Lakes.

In most part, this is due to the fact that each municipality in the County

gets separate funding for roads from the province and each municipality can apply for grants offered by the provincial or federal governments. The City of Kawartha Lakes only get funding as one municipality and can only apply for one grant instead of each municipality applying for funding.

To expect a fair and unbiased review on the success or failure of the City of Kawartha Lakes from CEO Ron Taylor or four-term councillor Doug Elmslie is ludicrous. Their interests are not your interests. All you will get from amalgamation is increased debt, impassable roads and poor services.

David Hodgson
Former councillor,
City of Kawartha Lakes

Plain and simple

Dear editor,

There's an old truism that says, "When you mix science and politics, you get politics".

Over two weeks ago Doug Ford said "Let me be very clear to the school boards, they're not medical experts – the chief medical officer is the expert. But our expectations to the school boards, to the exception of the parents that want their kids to put masks on, follow the direction of the chief medical officer. Plain and simple."

This confounded hundreds of doctors, many public health officers, the Ontario Science Table, universities, school boards and teachers' unions who felt that it was too early, particularly immediately after the Spring Break where many families headed

south to enjoy warmer temperatures. It also confounded everyone when Ford went on to say that he would continue to wear a mask in certain situations. Go figure???

But Dougie knows best, so the mask mandate and other restriction came off, even though children who feel safer when wearing a mask face may be ridiculed from those who don't want to do so.

To no one's surprise the numbers are going up across Ontario – more hospitalizations, more in the ICU and more deaths. A sub-variant of the highly transmissible Omicron version of coronavirus known as BA.2 is now dominant worldwide. Let's see how this plays out, with the 'experts' in Queen's Park in charge. Is it still plain and simple?

Dennis Choptiany
Koshlong Lake

Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Thoughts of a frustrated peacenik

Dear editor,

Very early morning, not able to sleep, mind filled with concern for state of this world and trying to think of actions that individuals, families and communities can do to make a positive difference. I've shared some ideas with my pen and paper.

What if instead of praying for peace, we genuinely build a 'peace bridge' to practically help people in need by creating welcoming spaces and places for those fleeing conflict and major climate crises.

For example, we could use the armories and other available existing buildings to provide temporary shelter for the Ukrainian families escaping the violent Russian attacks.

Religious orders of every faith could help sponsor this endeavour.

These armouries would become places of safety and support.

Our flag would again be a symbol of peace and freedom for a world in grave danger, with our humanity once again in jeopardy.

Our world is in crisis, facing significant issues of climate, war, human rights, income disparity, food insecurity, mental health, and threats to democratic principles that took centuries to build.

Clean air, community responsibility, social justice, peace of mind are all necessities for a healthy life for all. How best can each of us contribute to restore our humanity, and protect our world for future generations?

I believe that most of us want to do what we can to make a better place for all. Let's keep sharing ideas on how to build these bridges, serving our communities, both locally and on the global scale, and show respect and appreciation for the many whose compassion and commitment to the principle that we truly are all in this together and that it is only in looking out for one another that we can heal this planet, and the life upon it.

Fred Phipps
Haliburton

A new role for the OPP?

Dear editor,

I've always been a vocal supporter of the OPP and the wonderful work I've witnessed in this community, however my opinion has shifted somewhat this week.

It has been brought to my attention that our local police force is now in the business of making home visits to ensure that negatively tested, non-symptomatic vaccine free residents under quarantine order are in fact physically in their homes.

This action was taken despite no evidence to the contrary.

Apparently, phone calls are not enough.

I've never begrudged the amount of my tax bill that goes to ensuring the safety of this community however, given the increase in crime, homelessness, and drug overdoses of late, certainly our officers must have something better to do?

I'm hopeful that a real emergency requiring assistance did not result in

increased harm because this particular officer was out in the boonies checking up on a female senior citizen who was following the rules and doing her housework.

We can do better.

Cindy Thistle
Minden Hills

Editor's note: The need for OPP members to conduct a compliance check at a home is determined by the Public Health Agency of Canada. The OPP only follows up with travellers that are required to quarantine under current travel guidelines issued by the federal government under the Quarantine Act.

Places for People agreement

Dear editor,

Thanks for Mike Baker's coverage of progress made on our proposed development on Wallings Road.

Just to clarify, this is a new draft letter of intent that supersedes the previously existing letter, wherein the municipality agreed to donate 2.47 acres for our development. This new letter of intent proposes to give us .9 acres of land.

We are working hard to revise our plan again, but believe that this new parcel will accommodate no more than 12 to 15 units.

Places for People did not ask for the municipality to reimburse us \$45,703, but rather for \$6,503, which was the cost of the

geotechnical study, and only if the zoning bylaw amendment is not approved.

A geotech study is a valuable study for any future use of the land. In the draft agreement, the municipality has asked us to apply to rezone the entire 2.47-acre parcel, but has not committed to giving us anything beyond the .9 acres.

The new draft letter of intent does not refer to a second phase, but we hope that the municipality will consider same in the future. Our relationship with Dysart has been very cordial to date and we have worked through various issues together quite nicely. We are grateful for this opportunity to create much-needed rental housing.

As you know, in a small town, it's important that what's being discussed at the water cooler is factual. Prior to the rezoning process, we intend to meet with anyone interested in understanding what we are proposing for the Wallings Road site. We are aware that a petition has been submitted to the municipality from the Haliburton by The Lake Community Association that is against any further multi-residential development on Wallings Road.

We hope that members of the public that are interested in seeing affordable energy efficient housing developed in this municipality will support our development.

Jody Curry
President
Places for People
Haliburton Highlands Inc.

COVID CORNER

Approved treatments for COVID-19

Wishful thinking aside, COVID cases are climbing, as predicted, with the rapidly spreading Omicron variant BA.2. I have never had so many COVID patients in my practice as I do right now. I am grateful so many are vaccinated, as most illnesses are manageable at home. So far, I am aware of only one death, and one hospitalized (neither vaccinated). Data continues to support the effectiveness and benefit of vaccines, with CDC reporting three shots reduced hospitalizations by 92 per cent and deaths by 96 per cent in patients over 18 years during the Omicron BA.1 wave to Jan. 31, 2022. (Two shots reduced hospitalizations by 75 per cent and deaths by 85 per cent).

We are all watching to see if the next variant is worse, or if the virus evolves to be less infectious with less severe illness (to become the fifth coronavirus "common cold"). Scientists tell us there is an almost infinite number of ways SARSCoV2 can mutate. So far, each lineage has evolved on a unique path, each separate from the

original. This can make the virus stronger and less likely for us to have immunity against it. It also becomes harder when it infects someone with a weakened immune system, or if it transmits from human to animal to human. It can gain strength if one individual has two variants simultaneously (Delta plus Omicron), allowing recombination to occur.

We got lucky with the development of very effective vaccinations, including viral vectors, mRNA, and, now approved in Canada, the protein-based Novavax Nuvaxovid, containing five micrograms of the original SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, two doses given 21 days apart for adults 18 years and older. It is anticipated that vaccines will soon be available with more specific targeting of variants. Fourth shots will be recommended for adults over 50 years whose third shot was more than four to six months ago.

Current approved treatments for COVID-19 include monoclonal antibody medications such as Sotrovimab, given

by IV for mild to moderate disease in non-hospitalized adults and adolescents (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) who are at high risk for progressing to hospitalization and/or death. The antibody treatments are less effective for certain variants, including BA.2.

Nirmatrelvir and ritonavir are two antiviral medications given together in pill form over five days. Marketed under the name Paxlovid in Canada, it is intended for non-hospitalized patients 18 years or older with mild to moderate illness who are at high risk for progression to severe or critical COVID-19 illness. If given within five days of symptom onset it can significantly reduce the risk of hospitalization or death in unvaccinated adults with confirmed COVID-19 who are at risk for a more severe course of disease.

Other treatment options available to higher risk patients include remdesivir, fluvoxamine, and budesonide.

In what is believed to be the first time a vaccine has been used as treatment, a

patient in Wales who had suffered with seven months of ongoing symptoms and repeated positive tests received

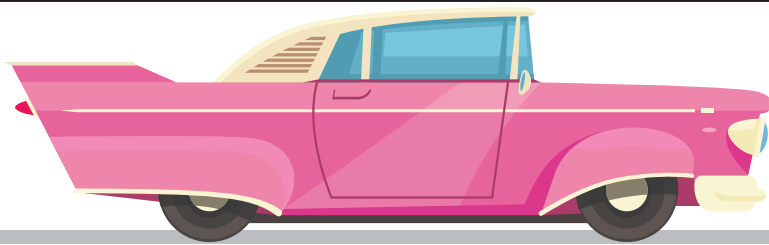
two doses of Pfizer's mRNA vaccine. The patient has a chronic illness suppressing his immune system and making him less able to fight off infections. The vaccine successfully ignited his immune response. After more than half a year of chest tightness, headaches, poor concentration and extreme fatigue the virus finally cleared from his body (Journal of Clinical Immunology).

In a study published in JAMA, Aspirin was shown to improve survival rates in 112,000 hospitalized COVID patients. Patients who received aspirin within one day of being hospitalized with moderate COVID-19 were nearly 14 per cent less likely to die in hospital within 28 days compared to patients who did not.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

Spring car care



Spring maintenance is a vital step toward enjoying sunny days on the road. *File.*

Getting your car road-trip ready

By Sam Gillett

Haliburton County's roadways have emerged from the grip of snowstorms and ice. Sunny road trips and warm-weather drives are just around the corner.

Aside from a suds-and-scrub to polish off winter grime, here are some yearly maintenance tips to keep your car in tip-top shape and ready for summer fun.

- Oil changes keep your car's engine happy. Cycling out oil every three to six months ensures any sediment mixed up in the oil is discarded. It's a job best left for professionals, who know how much oil to add and have equipment to conduct the job safely.

- Car batteries are stronger than ever, but extremely cold temperatures can still take a toll, especially this year with frequent weather fluctuations. If your battery is more than four years old or it takes some time for your engine to turn over, it's worth getting a mechanic to test it. That's a quicker option than waiting for a parking lot boost.

- Highlands road crews don't use salt, a road treatment that can corrode a car's frame, brakes and engine parts. However, sand, which still coats Haliburton roads after the snow is gone, can clog your vehicle's air filter. Making sure your filter is clean of dust and debris before summer helps your engine run smoother and longer. Experts recommend changing the filter once every year. You can easily do this at home: the air filter is housed in a black box with a tube sticking out of it, usually on or beside the engine block, and you can purchase air filters at Canadian Tire and other stores.

Tired tires

Rolling your snow tires back into storage is

often a relief. Experts recommend waiting to do so until the temperature hits seven degrees for a consistent length of time. Haliburton County often gets snow later in the year than Ontario's southern locales, so waiting until mid-April is usually a safe bet.

If you're getting professional help with the switch, it's always best to book your tire change early. Don't forget to take a peek at the condition of your snow tires before you stow them to make sure they're in shape for next winter. Auto experts like CAA recommend a tread depth of about 1/8 of an inch. An easy way to check involves sticking a Toonie in between the treads, bear paws down. If the words on the outer rim of the Toonie are visible, your tires are likely nearing time for a replacement. If one side of the tire is more worn down than the other, there's a chance your car's alignment may need a check too. Anyone who regularly drives around the County knows the most common misalignment culprits: potholes. If your suspension feels too firm or is squeaking, it's likely time for a mechanic to give your car a post-pothole tune-up.

Finally, we've spent the last two years more aware than ever about germs and sanitization, so why not take some time to make sure your car is clean as well as tidy.

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HHSS teacher planning trip to Costa Rica

By Mike Baker

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher Darla Searle is inviting local students to join her on an adventure of a lifetime next year, having recently booked an eight-day educational tour of Costa Rica.

Planned for April 2023, the trip includes stays in five major cities in the Central American nation, providing a unique insight into Costa Rican life and culture. Searle said she's hoping to take dozens of students with her for an experience she believes they'd be hard-pressed to find anywhere else.

"My purpose with this is to give these kids some lasting memories, some truly life-changing experiences they can enjoy with their friends," Searle said. "When I think about my own memories from high school 40 years ago, I still remember going to Stratford, going to the ROM to see King Tut. I think it's important that, after the two years we've had, we give these kids something they can really remember."

Searle said today's students have had to endure much with the ongoing pandemic, missing out on field trips, dances, and most extracurriculars.

"I do not want their enduring memory of high school to be a mask, and not being able to do things because of a global pandemic," Searle said.

The trip is being offered through EF Educational Tours Canada. A community information session providing more details,



HHSS teacher Darla Searle is planning an educational trip to Costa Rica for local students in April 2023.

including an itinerary of events, is being held virtually April 12.

Sharing some of those details, Searle said participants will jet off on Good Friday, landing in San Jose, the Costa Rican capital. They will also visit Sarchi, Monteverde, Sarapiquí and the Arenal region. Over the course of the week there will be tours of a coffee plantation, an active volcano, Braulio Carillo National Park, the Santa Elena Cloud Forest and EARTH University.

"The idea is to give the kids a chance to learn a little bit more about the world.

Broaden their horizons a little bit," Searle said. "The trip to EARTH University in particular will be a wonderful opportunity. Their programming brings students from other countries, teaches them how to be more sustainable and then sends them back to their country armed and equipped with all this new knowledge. We'll be spending a full day there, doing a bunch of experiments."

Searle says there will be a chaperone for every six kids booked on the trip. She says there's no maximum, and is hoping to take

at least a full bus load with her. Originally, she had planned an eight-day excursion to Greece, but changed location due to the current instability in Europe.

"It's a bit of a blessing, really. Greece would have been wonderful, but this trip that's been organized for Costa Rica is one-of-a-kind. It's one of those things that the kids will do, and then never do again," Searle said.

For more information, or to register for the information session, visit rsvp.eftours.ca/yvb83hs.

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Highlander outdoors



Volunteers washed sediment from Walleye spawning grounds in Haliburton in the fall of 2021. File.

All eyes on Walleye in nighttime river stakeout

By Sam Gillett

The Hwy. 118 bridge in Haliburton will be a surveillance hotbed this month.

The goal of the nighttime stakeouts will be to count walleye spawning among the rocks under the bridge.

"We will walk up the shore of the Drag River, above the bridge, then you shine a light down at the surface of the water and count pairs of eyes," Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) president Dan Smith said.

Counting walleye, Smith said, helps

the HHOA keep tabs on the health of the Kashagawigamog chain of lakes fishery.

HHOA volunteers are currently monitoring the spawning grounds for signs of life. Once spawning starts, they'll be out every night to record walleye numbers.

In 2021, the first year the HHOA re-started the "Walleye Watch" program, the walleye run started April 2 and lasted until April 20. Volunteers recorded 1,334 walleye.

Eighty-two per cent of anglers surveyed by the HHOA in 2021 think the health of the fishery has declined

in recent years.

In the fall, the HHOA sprayed down the spawning beds under the bridge in order to make the area better for hatching with hopes of boosting walleye numbers.

"We're going to do it again this year, because it hadn't been done for probably 15 years," Smith said. "That way the eggs that the walleye leave will be able to cling to the rocks of the spawning grounds better and be more successful in hatching."

The HHOA will release walleye count results after the spawning season ends.

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Highlander arts

New book paints picture of Drag Lake's history

By Mike Baker

What we know today as Drag Lake may have been two separate waterbodies referred to by early Indigenous settlers as Lake Kashquashibook and Lake Kashquashibioh.

That's just one interesting tidbit Charles and Laurie Wheeler have uncovered while researching their soon-to-be-published book *The History of the Drag Lake Community*.

What initially began as a pet project borne out of a desire to learn more about the history of their land on Depot Bay manifested into a year-long undertaking highlighting the history of Drag Lake, Spruce Lake and Outlet Bay.

The Wheelers have spent thousands of hours poring over historical documents, conducting interviews, compiling photos, maps and paintings and writing. The end product is a near 500-page book that will be published later this year.

"We've been coming to our cottage on Depot Bay for 35 years, but realized there's a whole bunch of stuff about the history of the lake that we didn't know about. That's what sparked this whole thing, then as we did more digging, we decided to expand the book to cover the whole lake," Charles said.

Much of the content was sourced from the Haliburton Highlands Museum, Archives Canada, the Province of Ontario Archives and the Toronto, Peterborough and Trent University archives. Charles estimates he completed between 70 and 75 first-person interviews to help piece things together.

Loathe to give too much away before the release, Charles delved into the historical name of the lake when asked to comment on the most interesting piece of information he learned.

He found evidence that suggested Drag Lake was, more than 100 years ago, two lakes split by a sand divider. This theory was confirmed by Wayne Roberts, grandson of Tom Roberts, for whom the locally-famous Uncle Tom's Cabin was named.

"Before the lake was dammed, the water levels were much lower than today. On the west side of the lake, there's an area called Sand Point. Once, people could walk across a sandspit that separated the west and east sides of the lake. Wayne told us he could do that as recently as the late 1930s," Charles said. "I believe that sandspit is still visible today, only it's buried by about 10 feet of water."

The water level of Drag Lake has been a bone of contention with local cottagers for generations. As far back as the early 1900s, Charles said several property owners had trouble accessing their land as there were no roads developed yet, and when water levels were low, parts of the lake were unnavigable.

Because Drag Lake was considered a reservoir lake to supplement the Trent Severn Waterway, landowners and the townships were limited in what they could do to address the issue. Charles found letters between area residents and at least one federal representative that he described as less than savoury.

"This guy basically gave Drag Lake the middle finger for 30 years. He went out of his way to frustrate Dysart council and cottagers," Charles said.

Laurie spent a considerable amount of time researching the history of lumbering on land surrounding Drag Lake. While many published books in circulation today indicate Mossom Boyd was the main player in the logging industry during the late 1800s, Laurie said she found evidence that suggested he had only worked in the area for three years, between 1869 and 1871.

Another company, going by the name Boyd Smith, operated between 1871 and 1884. The company was made up of four partners, including Boyd, who she said left the business in 1872, his son Gardner, Alexander Smith and James Irwin.

"The big picture here is there was a first, second and third pass of lumbering. The first pass was the 1870s, where Boyd Smith was most prevalent. Then the second pass



Charles and Laurie Wheeler have spent the last year compiling information for their new book *The History of the Drag Lake Community*, which will be published this summer. Photo by Mike Baker.

was 1900 to 1926, when William Laking was the main name. The third pass, which was mostly hardwoods, was in the 1930s and 1940s," Charles said. "By the end of the 40s, the lumber industry on Drag Lake and in Haliburton was basically dead."

As the pair put the finishing touches on their baby, they are encouraging other community members to pick up where they left off.

"One of the biggest challenges we had was finding out little pieces of information and wanting to go down that rabbit hole and find out where it leads, but it turns out there's pretty much an unlimited number of rabbit holes you could go down," Charles said. "It's just impossible to cover every little detail and chase every lead. At the front of the book there's going to be a document of things that we just couldn't get to. Hopefully somebody else can pick it up, do some more research and find a few rabbit holes of their own."

The final version of the book will feature

paintings from renowned local artists Ethel Curry and Neil Broadfoot.

While it has been a monumental effort from the Wheelers in putting *The History of the Drag Lake Community* together, the couple say they didn't do it all alone.

"We're incredibly thankful to all the people who have helped us. Steve Hill at the Haliburton Highlands Museum has been instrumental, and there's a number of others without whom we wouldn't have been able to do this," Wheeler said. "We want to give a bit of a shout out to these people. It's probably 100 people in total. We feel this is a book produced by the community, for the community. We're not looking to profit off of this, we'll be selling it at cost to anybody that wants one."

The Wheelers say they will be releasing details over how to order a copy in the near future.

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The Huskies



'No better place to play' says Kosurko

By Mike Baker

After scoring one of the goals of the season during the recent 4-0 routing of the Trenton Golden Hawks on home ice, Cameron Kosurko couldn't help but get lost in the emotions pouring out of the stands.

It was a moment to remember for the 18-year-old forward, who has enjoyed a successful first season in the OJHL. With slick hands, elite skating and high hockey IQ, the teen has been backed to make a big impression in the league by coach Ryan Ramsay.

Since joining the Dogs in October, Kosurko has racked up 14 points in 43 games while playing largely on the team's third and fourth lines. His tenacity and voracious work ethic have earned him a key role on the Huskies' special teams during the second half of the season.

It was during a pivotal penalty kill March 27 against the Golden Hawks when Kosurko really announced himself. With the game precariously poised and the Dogs defending a 5-on-4, Kosurko took a chance, rushing out of the zone after a Golden Hawks misplay. The puck found its way to his stick, and while he missed the initial breakaway, he recovered to score an unbelievable short-handed goal.

"It was pretty special. I just stuck with the play, made a few moves and I saw an opening down low ... That goal was definitely a highlight of the season for me. Just the reaction of the crowd, I got

goosebumps," Kosurko said. "That it helped to elevate us to a win over a rival team just made it all the better."

Kosurko said he draws inspiration from Toronto Maple Leafs winger Mitch Marner, and has tried to incorporate facets of his game into his own.

As the Huskies prepare for a best-of-three playoff series with the Golden Hawks, the team's number 23 says he's ready to go to war on the ice. "We're into must-win territory. Every game is so important, and you have to be totally dialled in. You can't make any mistakes," Kosurko said. "The thing I'm most looking forward to is the crowd. Our fans have been awesome all year, and the energy inside the building for game two is going to be off the charts. That could make all the difference for us."

While Kosurko said he's more of a live-in-the-moment type of guy, he admitted an NCAA scholarship would be a great goal for him to work towards. He hopes to be able to do that in Haliburton, having made a special connection with his teammates and wider community.

"What's not to love [about the Highlands]. I visited here quite a lot during my childhood, going to cottages with my friends," Kosurko said. "It's definitely a beautiful area, and I'm so lucky that I get to chase my dreams of playing hockey in a community like this. There's no better place [in this league] to play."



Cameron Kosurko has adjusted well to life in the Highlands after being traded to the Huskies in October. Photo by Shawn Muir, OJHL.

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Energized Huskies defuse Chargers

By Sam Gillett

Huskies head coach Ryan Ramsay said the team might have struggled to maintain focus as they battled the Mississauga Chargers to a 6-3 victory April 2 on the last weekend of regular-season play.

"I think we were a little bit off today. Sometimes when you have the light of playoffs you kind of get mesmerized by who you're going to play in the playoffs. You're not thinking about who you're playing day-to-day," Ramsay said.

He praised the Chargers' passionate performance.

"Their boys played hard today and they got a lot of quality shots. They're not making the playoffs but they didn't quit. They're playing for their careers and for next year," he said.

The Chargers scored first before the Huskies' Bryce Richardson thundered up the rink to slot home a shot assisted by Oliver Tarr, and Will Gourgouvelis. After that, the Dogs crowded the Chargers half of the rink, with multiple shots on net, the closest being a Joe Boice effort which flew just a hair wide of an undefended net.

The Huskies' fast-moving play was sparked by Patrick Saini, who was later named first star of the game. The plucky forward brought precision to the Dog's attack, showcased by one-two play with Simon Rose and a pass across the net to Noah Van Vliet who scored his first OJHL goal to put Haliburton in front.

The teams exchanged goals until Saini put them ahead once more, assisted by Isaac Sooklal and Christian Stevens.

Rose, who quickly has become an anchor on the Dog's backline, joined the party with a precise shot from distance assisted by Tarr and Sooklal.

Saini capped off his immense performance with a shorthand goal, with Sooklal and Tarr once again providing support. Racing up the rink, he danced by two players before bulging the top of the net.

Ramsay said the squad is in high spirits as they prepare to battle the best in the league in playoff action.

"The guys are excited obviously to get going. I guess you could call it the real season. We're focused, we're healthy right now too which is nice," he said.

"It's going to be the best of three and it's going to come quick so we have to be ready."

The Huskies honoured graduating players and their families before the match.

Christian Cicigoi, Rose, Tarr, Nathan Porter and Payton Schaly will be moving on from the squad next year.

Huskies fall to Wellington

The squad fell to Wellington on the road 3-2 as the hosts enjoyed a comeback victory April 4.

After a Wellington goal, the Huskies' Gourgouvelis grabbed one back late in the first period, assisted by Sam Solarino and Nick Athanasakos. Athanasakos scored four minutes later to give the team an early lead. However, a resurgent Wellington squad came level before finding a winner five minutes into the third period, ending the Huskies' regular season with a loss.

Playoffs

Now, the team looks ahead to a playoff series with Trenton. The first game is Sunday, April 10 in Trenton at 4:30 p.m., then Wednesday, April 13 at home at 7 p.m. If a third game is needed in the best of three series, the teams return to Trenton Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the home game are available now at Haliburton Foodland and Dollo's foodland.



Top: Cameron Kosurko stands off against a Charger. Bottom: Oliver Tarr eyes the puck. Photos by Sam Gillett.


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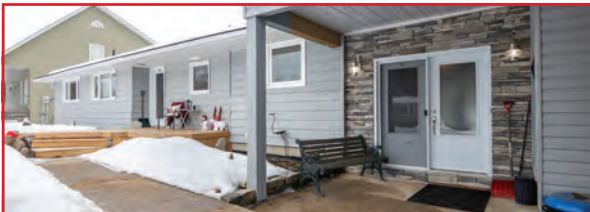
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What's on

Songwriting heavyweight to play Haliburton

By Sam Gillett

When walking into a Steve Poltz concert, expect the unexpected. A surprise ode to a stage-sharing Florida cockroach for instance.

The audience spotted the bug first, at one of the first stops on the celebrated songsmith's tour in St. Augustine, Florida.

"Without missing a beat, I made a loop, a sort of hip hop song about a palmetto bug," he said.

Poltz never lets precedent get in the way of fun, often singing about audience members, the venue or the location he's in (and its creepy crawlies) off the cuff.

"People always freak out, like 'how did that happen'? I don't know how it happened, it's magic," he said.

Poltz plays the Haliburton Legion in a Haliburton County Folk Society show April 23. If you haven't heard of him, you've almost certainly heard his work. He wrote songs like "You were meant for me" that helped launch Jewel into the global spotlight.

His songwriting career has spanned 14 albums that weave smooth guitar with quirky lyrics that tap into soda pop, getting older, religion, Emmylou Harris, quarantine blues, love, baseball ... and just about anything else you can think of.

He's also a prolific tourer, notching nearly 250 shows a year.

"Probably, I'm just insane," he muses.

While Poltz's set lists are usually different, there's a chance he'll be drawing from his 2022 album *Stardust & Satellites* which was profiled in *Rolling Stone* and positively



Steve Poltz is a Canadian-American songwriter, guitarist, and founding member of the indie rock band The Rugburns. *Submitted.*

reviewed across North America.

"I never really plan on making a record. I sort of just think up songs. I think 'I have a collection of songs here, I should record them'," he said.

Don Gage of the Haliburton County Folk Society said he's been trying to bring Poltz to the County for a while. The timing was finally right, as Poltz is playing other

shows such as Orillia's Roots North festival around the same time.

Gage saw he was "blown away" by Poltz the first time he saw him live.

"He's a comedian and an entertainer as well as a songwriter and singer," Gage said. "You cannot leave a concert by Steve without a smile on your face. I dare you to even try."

Perhaps Poltz, in "Wrong Town," describes his style best: "I'm emo, I'm screamo, I'm country, I'm folk, Americana if you wanna', I'm old fashioned but I'm woke."

But mostly, Poltz continues, "I'm just here to sing for you."

Tickets are available at haliburtonfolk.com

Landscape artist talk draws crowd

By Sam Gillett

At the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, a forested hillside sprawls across a massive canvas, frosty fence lines receding into the fog and island pathways scratched from an overhead view.

Alex Jack's Drawing in Landscape solo exhibit celebrates the colour, patterns and depth of Ontario wilderness locales.

A standing-room-only audience turned up to hear Jack discuss the collection April 2. His previously scheduled talk was postponed after it was disclosed curator Laurie Carmount was no longer employed by the township.

Jack explained his process, inspiration and

technique.

"They all come out of being in the landscape," he said. On camping trips, day expeditions and sunny afternoons, Jack sets up a portable easel armed with paper, pens and often pastels.

Jack's art, as he writes in an artist statement, is "a reaction" to the environment.

"I don't see myself as an abstract artist, but the language of art is very abstract," he told the crowd.

Each dash of jagged colour and sharp line and scratchy current across the page is an attempt for Jack to "define the space, get to know it."

Jack demonstrated how in many of his large works, such as a sprawling shoreline of early autumn trees, he'll constantly layer more pastel on parts of the drawing in order to balance out the image.

He told one audience member he knows a piece is done "when it can stand on its own."

In an introductory pamphlet, Carmount wrote that Jack can be compared to André Lapine, whose landscape sketches are central to the Agnes Jamieson collection.

"Collectively this is an exhibition of life long journeys between two dedicated artists who display their wisdom gathered," Carmount wrote.

Carmount's departure from the gallery in March stirred dismay throughout the County's arts community. The Township of Minden Hills has not publicly commented on the matter.

Val Wallin, who introduced Jack, worked with Carmount for more than eight years. She told the audience "during that time I've watched her work tirelessly to maintain and further develop the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and Minden Hills Cultural Centre ... she helped bring it to the stature and level of integrity the gallery holds today." The crowd applauded after she asked them to join her in "thanking Laurie Carmount." Jack's exhibit is now finished.



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- Provide appropriate personal / physical care, including medication administration and crisis response.
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- Support life skills training one-to-one and in groups and provide emotional support.
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REQUIREMENTS:

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- Criminal Reference Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening.
- Relevant experience with people living with developmental disability and their families.
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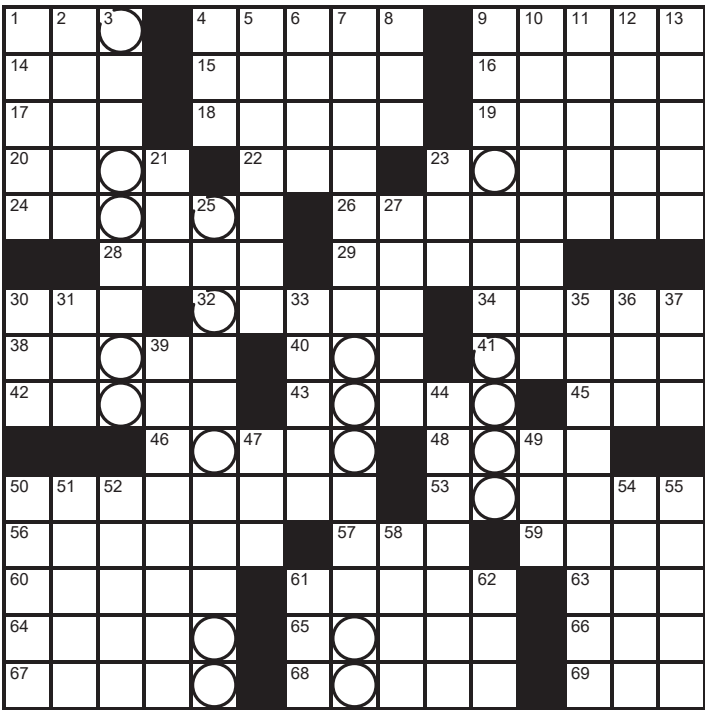
Across

- 1 Morse morsel?
- 4 "Walk ___ in my shoes"
- 9 Cardinals but not Blue Jays: Abbr
- 14 Kangaroo partner on a coat of arms
- 15 "Scat stat!"
- 16 Start of a choosing rhyme
- 17 "Contestant" Watson on "Jeopardy!"; e.g.
- 18 At the expected time
- 19 Render imperfect
- 20 Glittery rock genre
- 22 June honoree
- 23 Lay a whooping on
- 24 Naheed ___, Calgary's former mayor
- 26 Core elements
- 28 Curved molding
- 29 Regretful ones
- 30 Phone trio on 4
- 32 Patty and Selma to Bart and Lisa
- 34 Lindsay with the 2020 tweet, "I'm back!"
- 38 Lowest point
- 40 "That feels so-o nice"
- 41 "I never forget ___"
- 42 Joe with many mobster roles
- 43 Scot's tot
- 45 Kook
- 46 Off ___ (sporadically)
- 48 Took too much
- 50 Lead-in to "sweet chariot"
- 53 Is welcoming at the door
- 56 Shutterbug's brand
- 57 Neat freak's condition, briefly
- 59 Wired on caffeine, maybe
- 60 Vowel-heavy sauce
- 61 Hamper, as one's style
- 63 Barcelona bravo
- 64 Mystical Celt
- 65 Newborn's wristband, say
- 66 Erstwhile "eh?", in England
- 67 Actor Rob of "Melrose Place"
- 68 Invitation requests

Down

- 1 Stoop (to)
- 2 Mosey along
- 3 Homo sapiens lookalikes of sci-fi
- 4 Fifth lyric of "American Pie"
- 5 Two-thirds of O.M.G., in French
- 6 Andean worshiper of Inti
- 7 How actions speak, it is said
- 8 Farm girl?
- 9 Home of The Hague
- 10 Gets wise to
- 11 Clunky computer of old
- 12 Precondition at the hair salon?
- 13 Meyers and MacFarlane
- 21 Frowned-on flavourer, for short
- 23 Bay St. share trader, pre-2002
- 25 Audiology assistants?
- 27 Literally, "sour rice"
- 30 Yardstick of econ. strength
- 31 Possess, in Paisley

- 33 Queen Amidala's "Star Wars" home
- 35 Decisive way to win that's depicted by the circled letters
- 36 Prefix with pressure
- 37 Item in tennis, basketball and hockey
- 39 "Truth be told"
- 44 Way forward, metaphorically
- 47 Ancient Roman 560
- 49 ___ out a living
- 50 Dark suit not kept in a wardrobe
- 51 Small river dams
- 52 Desk tray words
- 54 "Nanook of the North" construction
- 55 Muscovite's 69-Across
- 58 Cable syst.
- 61 Ring-shaped: Abbr.
- 62 Some movie ratings



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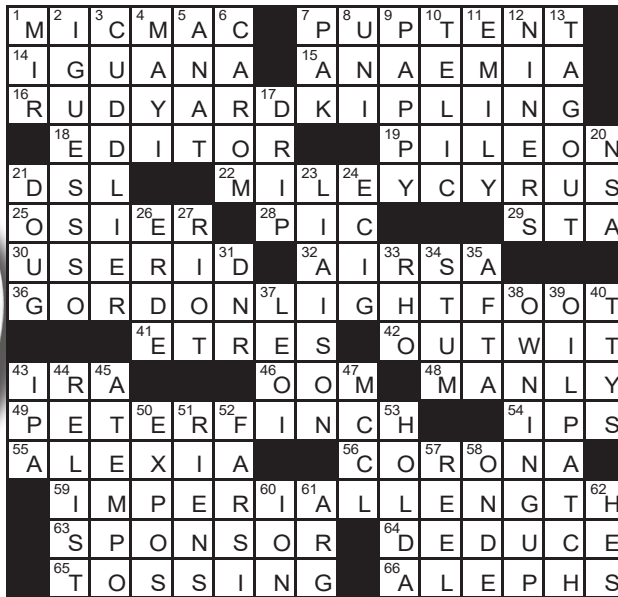
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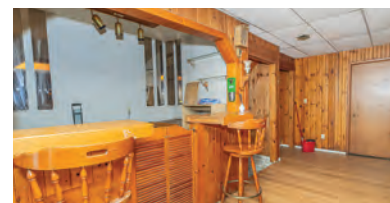


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