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Dan Jenkins crafts a small table out of a broken wooden chair at SIRCH's First Steps Training: Basics of Carpentry course. It accepted repair jobs from the community this week. Students will be offered transportation as part of a pilot project. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

County climbs on board rural transit pilot

By Lisa Gervais

The County of Haliburton has committed \$20,000 towards a rural transportation pilot project being championed by SIRCH, City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL) Human Services and Fleming CREW.

County councillors gave the green light to the funding at their committee of the whole meeting April 13.

While initially the pilot will assist people to get to and from SIRCH for training programs, and people on Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Programs (ODSP) to meetings and appointments, it could evolve to help the County sort its need for public transportation, County CAO Mike Rutter said at the meeting.

The partners have already leased an eight-

passenger van and hired a driver. The cost will be free for SIRCH trainees during training and for three months after.

Janine Mitchell, manager of human services for CKL, presented to council.

"We're really quite excited about the potential to provide increased access to participate in either Ontario Disability Support Programs and services or employment-related services and

programs," she said.

She said Shanthi Rajaratnam of Fleming CREW identified the ongoing problem, particularly in Haliburton County, and SIRCH's Gena Robertson quickly jumped on board for the pilot project. In SIRCH's participation service proposal, they noted "one of the biggest hurdles to providing training in Haliburton County is the lack of public transportation." They added

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Tourism and business summit planned for May

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County tourism providers and businesses will gather May 16 at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride for the first of what is hoped to be an annual tourism and business summit.

County director of economic development Scott Ovell discussed the summit with councillors at their April 13 meeting.

The County is partnering with the Haliburton Tourism Action Committee (HaliTAC) on the venture.

Ovell and manager of tourism Tracie Bertrand have been working with HaliTAC on the idea since the fall and have now added the business component to the tourism component.

HaliTAC's Emily Stonehouse said the idea came about because there have been "a lot of major changes happening in the tourism community here, and we decided this would be a good time to not only meet some new faces but also to be aligned in some of our projects moving forward."

She said the day will offer networking opportunities, a chance for stakeholders and businesses to display content.

For example, Joanne Vanier from Highlands East may bring some minerals to showcase geocaching.

There will be a keynote speaker, Trevor Benson of Bannikan Travel and Tourism, and breakout speaker, Jennifer Lamantia of the Workforce Development Board.

Stonehouse said they surveyed members and they identified staff recruitment and retention as the number one issue. In addition to that, people can chat about collaborating.

"The whole day is supposed to be a very cohesive day. Everybody's going to be working together, just listening to each other and coming up with new ideas to move forward," she said.

For his part, Ovell added, "staff see this as an opportunity with pandemic restrictions lifting, to engage with businesses and create opportunities for partnerships while also highlighting some of the economic development services available to them within and around the County."

"Moving forward, all the partners involved in the development of this program see this as potentially being an annual event that could cover a variety of business topics open to all enterprises. Ideally this will take place every spring and will also include a job fair," Ovell added.

The Haliburton BIA, Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce will be aiding in promotion and have offered to provide administrative support where necessary.

To register, contact Emily Stonehouse at emily@YoursOutdoors.ca



Randy Pielsticker and Emily Stonehouse of HaliTAC at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike. *File.*



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Roberts not running for mayor in fall election

By Lisa Gervais

While other candidates will soon be embarking upon gruelling summer election campaigns, Dysart et al mayor Andrea Roberts is looking forward to camping.

She announced publicly April 18 she is not seeking re-election.

Roberts said it was always her plan to step down at the end of the 2022 term, however the prospect of leaving after only one term as mayor was hard. But she found clarity while vacationing in the Dominican Republic earlier this spring.

"The debate I had with myself all winter was 'do I have it in me to do four more years? Do I want to?'" Her answer was no.

"This is the right thing for me personally. It might not be the right thing for the town but I do believe that somebody good will come along," she added.

Roberts said she will still be involved and is keen to see who will run for her vacant seat.

"My heart's still there but I want to go camping this summer and I do not want to be campaigning."

She said the job does come with sacrifices. She recalled attending an all-candidates debate at Haliburton Lake in 2018. She had

to tell the audience she could not stay to the end because her daughter was in labour in Ottawa. She left the meeting and drove to be with her daughter. She is a grandmother now. She said a candidate has to be 100 per cent in.

Previous to being mayor, she was deputy mayor and ward one councillor.

Roberts reminisced on how much she enjoyed being a ward one councillor, and working on things such as the building of the Dysart library and the 150th celebrations. As mayor, she said there had been challenges, not least of which was a global pandemic that is now into its third year.

However, she feels the township has accomplished a lot, some seen, such as the new welcome centre, and some unseen, such as finalizing a strategic plan by June, DOT road software and an asset management plan.

At the lower and upper-tier level is the shoreline preservation bylaw. Roberts has gone on record to say it should be deferred to the new councils. There is also the short-term rental review and the service delivery review.

She foresees some of the challenges will be a turnover in politicians. She encourages

people who are interested to get involved now, if they have not already.

For her, though, making the announcement comes with a sense of relief and gratitude.

"It's truly been an honour to be able to be in this position and to serve my community. I got into it as a little ward one councillor as a way to get involved. I never thought of myself as a politician but just a regular person."

Candidate information session April 26

There will be a free candidate information session on Tuesday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, 719 Mountain St., Haliburton.

It is for potential candidates, family members of potential candidates and anyone interested in learning more about local government.

Anyone considering running for mayor, deputy mayor or ward councillor in any of the County of Haliburton municipalities is invited to attend.

The session will be led by Fred Dean, a municipal coach and former municipal solicitor who has been training members



Andrea Roberts announced April 18 she will not be seeking re-election. *File.*

and heads of council since 2002. The session will provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities of municipal council members and explain how public office will impact their life.

This event is being offered both in-person and virtually. There is no registration required for in-person attendance. To register virtually, visit dysartetal.ca/election/

The event will be livestreamed by Sticks and Stones Productions and is hosted by the Township of Algonquin Highlands, Municipalities of Highlands East and Dysart et al and the Township of Minden Hills.

Lack of transportation hurdle to training

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people on low income generally can't afford to live in Haliburton village but on back roads many miles from town. Potential trainees might not be able to afford a vehicle and its related costs and taxi fares are heading towards \$2.50 per kilometre.

The driver is specifically trained to be knowledgeable about programs and is expected to help people find ride shares, get their licences and perhaps their own transportation one day.

When not driving SIRCH trainees in the morning and afternoon, the driver is free for CKL clients.

The proposal put the cost at \$67,960 excluding cost recovery for OW and ODSP

clients, ranging from \$8 for rides up to 10km and \$50 for trips of 60 to 100km.

Mitchell said the lack of public transportation was identified in the County's community safety and well-being plan.

Rutter said he thought the pitch was "very timely." He said the County had about \$200,000 in a transportation reserve as past councils had identified public transportation as a challenge, and need, but had been "waiting for a model or a service delivery model that would work in the County of Haliburton and we continue to investigate those."

He noted first-year projects are not eligible for provincial gas tax funding but they are in second and subsequent years.

Coun. Andrea Roberts called the project

"exciting. I love the marriage of finding a need and the service matching that."

Coun. Brent Devolin lamented that two terms of council were unable to deliver some form of public transportation and said this might help with some of the Highlands' "labour force woes". He also took a swipe at Fleming College for failing to establish a trades school in the County.

Coun. Pat Kennedy said he was interested in how they would navigate logistics.

"Trying to get six people to work for 9 o'clock in the morning ... I'm really looking forward to seeing how you work that one out all over the County." However, he felt it was money well spent.

Coun. Cec Ryall asked about looking into alternate training sites as Haliburton village

might not work for all future training. Mitchell said they would look into it.

Rutter said, "the really interesting thing about this pilot is we're not sure where it will take us eventually but at least we are doing something ... and there are other things we can do in the meantime."

He mentioned that he and director of economic development, Scott Ovell, met with a group piloting on-demand transit services based on sophisticated algorithms and technology that predict routes and demand. "They believe in a rural community like this, that can be a really valuable tool. I really think there is potential to see a real evolution of transit in the County using this as a springboard," Rutter said.



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Books and magazine borrowing beat out digital loans in 2021. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Library borrowing up 27 per cent in 2021

Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) users flocked back to the books last year, according to HCPL's 2021 annual survey.

In total, 64,441 physical items were checked out, a 27 per cent bump over 2020.

Patrons also withdrew out 43,901 ebooks and audiobooks, an 11 per cent increase.

Membership increased too, with 788 people acquiring library cards in 2021.

HCPL CEO Christopher Stephenson said the increase is largely due to existing members renewing their cards and a resurgence in library usage after the early lockdowns of 2020.

He's heard from HCPL branches that some patrons just began returning to the library in late 2021.

The library also introduced online membership forms.

"This was a new way that libraries across Canada were supporting their communities and ensuring safe service through the pandemic," Stephenson said.

Library vehicle could improve service

At an April 13 HCPL board meeting, Stephenson explained how a library courier vehicle might benefit patrons and staff.

He said a vehicle acts as advertising for the service, adds flexibility to programming and creates a more equitable work environment for staff who currently must use personal vehicles to drive around the County or courier books.

"It's very normal that libraries have their

own transportation for this reason," he said. "We're asking a lot to have staff put wear and tear on their vehicle."

Stephenson's presentation was for information only, and the idea is likely to be discussed at future strategic planning meetings of the board.

Grant boosts Highland Grove web speed

The HCPL's Highland Grove branch will get a provincially-funded internet upgrade thanks to a grant the library applied for in 2020.

Stephenson said the grant means the branch will get a revamped service that aims to hit 50 megabytes per second and

will be funded for one year.

"It will be great news for Highland Grove," Stephenson said.

Website nearing completion

HCPL will soon unveil its new logo and branding, as well as a completely overhauled website. Both projects have been underway since 2021.

Stephenson said the website will be easier to navigate for patrons and staff, with a more efficient content management system and editing process. *(Library news compiled by Sam Gillett)*



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County wants CT scanner for Highlands

HHHS says it's early days for discussion

By Lisa Gervais

County of Haliburton CAO Mike Rutter raised the issue of the need for a CT scanner for Haliburton County during an April 13 council meeting.

His comments came after director of emergency services, Tim Waite, said a lot of ambulance time is used transporting patients to Lindsay and Peterborough for diagnostic imaging.

Presenting his 2021 annual report, Waite said, "our number one call is an interfacility transfer, and a lot of that's associated with CT transfers, transfers for CT scans for diagnostic imaging to Lindsay and Peterborough."

His report showed that 23.18 per cent of calls were for interfacility transfers.

Further, in 2021, there were 283 calls in the County but 611 outside of the County. That number climbed from 444 in 2020 and 372 in 2019.

Asked by *The Highlander* what this is costing the service, Waite said the majority of transfers to take a patient to Lindsay or Peterborough has the crew out of the County on average five hours. Factoring in wages, overhead, fuel costs and vehicle wear and tear, the average transfer for CT costs \$720. He said they are completing 300 transfers per year for patients requiring a CT scan which equates to \$216,000 a year.

"Plus it takes a crew out of the County for that extended period of time where they could be available locally for 911 calls. Having one or more ambulances out of the County on CT transfers also directly reflects on response times."

Rutter said Waite was gathering data and sharing it with Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

"We spend many, many, many hours outside the County travelling up and down County roads with the ambulances so they're not available for emergency calls inside the County and so the best-case scenario is a CT scanner here," Rutter said.

"From a patient care standpoint, that would be wonderful, where patients can actually have that diagnostic tool nearby so they don't have to suffer that trip as well.



A CT scanner. *Prima Diagnosits/flickr*

"So, I know County Council is establishing a much stronger relationship with HHHS and I think that's one area where we hope that there's conversation because that would be a real game changer for patients in Haliburton County, doctors in Haliburton County and certainly the paramedics as well."

HHHS president and CEO Carolyn Plummer said April 14, "while we know many small hospitals do not have their own CT scanners and instead rely on larger partners, we do believe it would be of great benefit to the community. We are exploring this – collecting stats, etc. – to see if we have enough to build a business case for approval from the Ministry of Health; however, it is early days and I don't have anything further to share right now."

Ambulances doing 911 calls outside County

Coun. Pat Kennedy also picked up on the fact that ambulances are experiencing off-load delays and are also responding to 911 calls in places such as Lindsay and Peterborough because they happen to be available when in those jurisdictions.

Kennedy, a former director of EMS, commented on "off-load delays encountered at other services and us being drawn into doing calls in other service areas. Has there been any talk amongst the other EMS services about how to address that? I mean you're up almost 50 per cent over last year doing calls in other areas which impacts our ability to service our clientele."

Waite said, "we do a lot of calls in the

other jurisdictions. A lot of the time because we've done transfers into Peterborough or Lindsay, and we end up being the closest car to a 911 call. What happens is, the local crews in Lindsay, say, are in an off-load delay and we're leaving, that's why we get sent on a call, because we're the closest vehicle trying to get out of the city."

Waite said the Ontario Association of Paramedics Chiefs is working with the province, looking at trying to alleviate some of the off-load delays. He said it was particularly bad around Christmas with COVID spiking and the new EPIC patient record system being launched.

Until a solution can be found, Waite added, "we just have to live with it and try and just buckle down and get through it and see what new plans and alternatives destination plans come up for patients."

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Hike Haliburton dates

Staff has settled on Sept. 21-25 for this year's Hike Haliburton.

Director of economic development and tourism Scott Ovell said that based on feedback, they are going to go with the smaller hikes that were well received.

He said it is unknown what the status of COVID-19 will be but they are planning with protocols if needed.

One tweak he and new manager of tourism Tracie Bertrand have discussed is, "we're just going to try and link the hike to some more culinary opportunities, and perhaps a little bit of shopping as well and any other events that are going to be taking place around the County at the time. Just try and circulate people around the County." He said in addition to hiking, they'd like people to spend as much money as possible.

Coun. Andrea Roberts said one challenge is people register for hikes early, filling them up, and then do not show up on the day. She wondered what could be done, such as gathering people's emails and reminding them the day before the hike or providing a means to unregister. She said she'd also like hikes along the rail trail with a possible shuttle service.

Ovell said he would talk to Bertrand about options and bring it back to committee of the whole.

Lower Cup Lake culvert

The County has awarded the contract for the Lower Cup Lake culvert rehabilitation



Participants in a past Hike Haliburton. *File.*

on County Road 648.

The job is going to Premier North Ltd. of Huntsville for \$477,266 plus taxes.

Director of public works Robert Sutton said the culvert was deemed a high priority in the 2020 bridge and large culvert biennial inspections report (OSIM 2020).

He said the project will include the rehabilitation of the culvert's existing concrete footings and barrel.

He added the project will generally maintain two lanes of traffic with some temporary and intermittent day-time single lane closures with full-time flagging.

Sutton said the total 2022 construction, inspection and contract administration estimate for the projects is \$513,739.43, approximately 45 per cent per cent under the 2022 approved budget of \$932,000.

(County of Haliburton news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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April 20 – Special Council Meeting
4th Round Budget Deliberation

April 28 – Regular Council Meeting

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Minden Hills to host arena grand opening

By Sam Gillett

Minden Hills is inviting the community to a long-awaited celebration of its S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena May 7.

While the arena has been open to the public since 2021, COVID-19 restrictions delayed grand opening plans.

“This is a great opportunity to end off our first ice season with a giant welcome to the community. We’re looking forward to it,” director of community services Craig Belfry told Minden Hills councillors at an April 14 meeting.

Events will run from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The schedule includes a Minden Figure Skating Club show, a Highland Storm scrimmage and public skating with Haliburton County Huskies players.

There will also be a basketball free-throw contest, opportunities to try other sports equipment and martial arts demonstrations.

Community groups who use the arena will be set up to showcase their organizations and there will be refreshments and snacks available.

The gym, now fully equipped with exercise equipment, will have demonstrations from fitness professionals.

Mayor Brent Devolin said it’s exciting to finally be able to celebrate the project. He urged Belfry and staff to ensure everyone who had a “formal” part in the arena’s construction be invited.

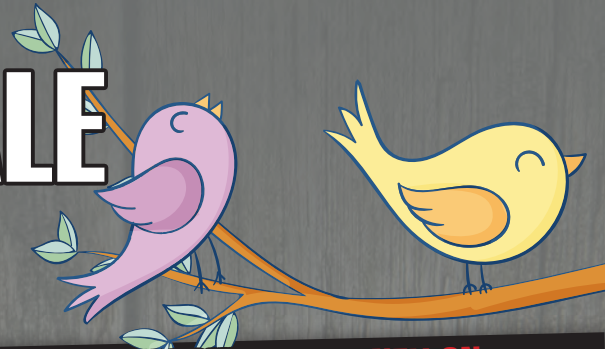
“There’s been a lot of people involved along the way,” he said.



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Declare early

I applaud Dysart et al mayor Andrea Roberts for her relatively early announcement that she will not be seeking re-election in the fall.

In the same vein, I think Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin did his community a service in making it known last November that he would be ending his tenure as mayor of the township.

Often in the past, incumbent councillors left their constituents hanging, sometimes not filing their nomination papers until very late in the process. Consequently, we often did not know until the last day of nominations who was running.

It is not a good practise at it does not give possible successors much time to decide whether or not it would be strategic for them to throw their hats in the ring.

With the early heads-up, would-be candidates can get involved much earlier in the process. We think that results in better candidates.

In the past, we also knew who was interested because they would show up at council meetings prior to the October elections to get a feel for how things work. It has been harder during COVID to gauge

who might be keen since meetings are on Zoom and we don't know who is watching.

We'll get some indication of who might be interested at a candidate information session April 26 at the Haliburton Legion. Then again, people can sign on via Zoom, so there may be some anonymous types who are thinking about becoming involved, but we won't really know until nomination time.

It is also a good time to remind people that it isn't just municipal election on Oct. 24, but school board as well.

Candidates interested in running basically have to get at least 25 electors to sign a form. School board trustee hopefuls do not need signatures. You can find the forms at the municipal clerk's office or on township websites. It's \$200 to run for mayor and \$100 for other offices.

The window is May 2 to August 19, which is dubbed nomination day.

We would encourage anyone thinking about running to attend next Tuesday's session in-person or online. It's at 6:30 p.m. Candidates, their family or the public can attend. It's free.

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municipal solicitor who has been training members and heads of council since 2002, will be speaking.

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We would encourage incumbents and prospective candidates to let their intentions be known early in the game rather than doing the nomination day shuffle. It does not have to be a big reveal as it has in the past. It gives candidates more time to get to know their constituents, the machinations of local government and their communities. It gives voters a longer period of time to figure out who they might select come Oct. 24.



By Lisa Gervais

EleXion files

Elder Care an election issue

Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County (CCHC) is offering a series of articles entitled EleXion Files until mid-May. 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.

In writing, I reflect on the tumultuous past three years. It is the third anniversary of co-founding Haliburton CKL Long-Term Care Coalition, created in response to the tragic deaths of residents in Pinecrest Nursing Home, in Bobcaygeon. I also reflect on how privileged I have been to work with advocates across Ontario and with our local dedicated team. Together we have promoted awareness about the crisis in LTC and the changes needed to fix this broken system.

In Haliburton County, we need to be grateful for the quality of care and level of staffing in our LTC facilities and their stringent protocols. The community also deserves praise for their role in protecting the safety of residents and staff.

I believe that we would not have lost 4,300 lives during the pandemic if smaller, home-based supports had been in place. Safety would have been more manageable. Advocates support care for our elders that is based on these principles: living in one's home as long as possible, adequate public home care funding and staffing, and is based on the needs and wishes of the individual. Denmark, Japan, South Korea and Germany have had huge successes in creating small, home-like, alternative

models of assisted living. Denmark has not built a LTC home since the 1980s. We know it can be done. Our current government plans to privatize the rest of home care and is building more than 30,000 new and rebuilt LTC beds. 18,000 of these beds have been offered to 'for-profit homes', many of which had the most deaths. Have we not learned anything?

The 0.2 per cent of G.D.P. Canada spends on home care is one of the lowest in the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The Financial Accountability Office (FAO) projects that the number of Ontarians 75 and over will increase by 52 per cent from 2019 to 2030. The National Institute on Aging reports that "97 per cent of seniors over 65 want to live at home, will do everything they can to avoid living in LTC facilities". These clearly indicate that Ontario is in a crisis situation that does not reflect the wishes of our elders. We need to shift how we fund care from privately-funded institutional care to that of a publicly-funded community-based model. Strategies need to be created urgently to implement these goals.

There are several groups I feel citizens of Haliburton County should be aware of that are advocating for Ontarians to raise their voices for change and to promote community discussions about aging with dignity and care.

Seniors for Social Action Ontario are adults from across Ontario demanding change to the ageist attitudes and policies that have led to the unspeakable conditions

and high infection and death rates in long-term care institutions. They believe in seniors having input into how and where they live, neighbourhoods based on small residential living options and portable and flexible funding supports for individuals and caregivers. For more information visit seniorsactionontario.com

Re:Think is a non-profit policy think tank, partnering with the Haliburton Highlands LTC Coalition ltcneedsyou.ca to organize community discussions in Minden, Haliburton and Wilberforce, the end of June. The purpose is to engage people of all ages in sharing their thoughts about 'choice' in how and where they would like to live in their senior years, in Haliburton County. What would it take to make this a reality? What would need to change to make that happen? Stay tuned for more information. rethinkpolicychange.ca

I am extremely heartened to see progressive grassroots, local action in support of alternative living options and home-based supports for our elders. Between now and June 2 we need to keep promoting awareness about this important election issue. It cannot be swept under the carpet, yet again!

Bonnie Roe, CCHC

Our next article by Judy Paul is entitled, *Wanted: An Affordable Home for Everyone.*

Contact our Facebook page or info@concernedcitizenshc.ca

Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Foundation to meet council April 28

Dear editor,

In the last few weeks more than 30 friends of the Minden Hills Culture Centre (MHCC) concerned with recent events at the MHCC came together to collaborate on a vision for its future.

Out of this collaboration, a clear vision and a plan for its achievement were developed along with a presentation to the Minden Hills council, on the agenda of the April 28 meeting.

The friends of MHCC are a diverse group representing local interested citizens and organizations supporting the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, the Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village, Nature's Place as well as artists and members of the education and environmental communities.

This partnership has resulted in a shared plan for the growth and development of MHCC which collectively we believe will provide a valuable contribution to Minden Hills and the extended community going forward.

We encourage all interested parties to attend the meeting virtually (mindenhills.ca) and we look forward to further dialog with the council, Minden Hills staff and the community at large on our recommendations.

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the presentation. We will publish the presentation when released by the council and provide updates going forward on our website MHCCF.ca.

Neil Briggs

President, The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation

HAVE AN OPINION?
Send your letters to
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(300 words max)

Gallery worked well

Dear editor,

I was recently informed that Laurie Carmount was no longer working at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and there is debate over how the space will be financed and managed.

For 20 years, I forged a relationship with Laurie and the gallery. I had four exhibitions, gave talks and workshops. Due to the gallery's connection with the Ontario Arts Council (OAC), I applied for Exhibition Assistance grants to assist with financing these and other shows.

I was approached by others with similar concerns to my own and informed that they would have an opportunity to speak to Minden Hills council on April 28. Last week, I was told, however, that the council is only providing the group 15 minutes. How can these thoughts be summarized in this ridiculously short period? It makes one feel that the council is uninterested in what they have to say about the gallery, its management and continued connection with the OAC.

Some say that the gallery was not connected to local arts. I dispute this. In 2020, I had an exhibition there about local mining in the late 19th century that I worked on with local landowners and historians. I took an enthusiastic group of locals on a hike to these old mining sites.

Last year, my partner was in an exhibition of many local artists. Several locals have given workshops. Laurie was building an André Lapine collection. Laurie has had to show work from outside the County to continue to receive finances from the OAC but the funding received likely helped the municipality with financing the gallery.

Laurie was doing a great job. The gallery was something special in this County. Too bad Minden Hills council can't see this.

Gary Blundell
Highlands East

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Noni Richardson spied the ducks hanging out near the Hwy 118 road bridge in Haliburton.

Celebrate Earth Day

Submitted by the Highlands East environment committee

Why does the Highlands East environment committee believe it is important to celebrate Earth Day?

In Haliburton County, we are surrounded by nature. There are trees, birds, wildlife and clear lakes and rivers all around us. Sometimes, when you've lived in a place for a long time, you forget to appreciate the beauty, the quiet, the clean air that you enjoy. Sometimes, it takes a trip to the city to remind you that it's not like this everywhere. So, let's celebrate Earth Day, and act like it's Earth Day every day.

With an ongoing pandemic, severe weather events caused by climate change across the globe and armed conflicts throughout the world, it's a challenge to

stay hopeful. However, solutions to our climate crisis do exist; it's just deciding to act that is the biggest hurdle.

There are many actions that can be taken to benefit the planet. These include planting native flowers, shrubs and trees and fostering soil health, and building our homes with materials that have a low carbon footprint that can actually store carbon. We can choose to enjoy recreational activities like kayaking and canoeing, hiking and cycling in our beautiful County.

The Highlands East environment committee has been working on a number of initiatives. Education is the first step in acting on climate change. To that end, each week, beginning in mid-May, we will be suggesting an action that you can take to be part of the solution. Our suggestions to save

energy and support our ecosystem will help you feel empowered to do something to help make our planet healthier.

Until then, we would like to suggest that keeping your yard in as natural a state as possible will help to support your ecosystem. Butterflies and native bees and other beneficial insects that help with pollination over winter in leaves that fell in autumn. Leaving yard cleanup until the weather warms up to an average of 50 degrees F is important, to allow those beneficial insects to emerge. Leaving the leaves where they fall also helps absorb the impact of heavy spring rains that can wash pollutants into our waterways. Leaving your native shoreline vegetation intact is an important way to keep our lakes clean.

Once the weather warms, turtles will be

crossing roads to lay their eggs so please watch for them and if safe to do so, help them across the road. All of our Ontario turtle species are endangered and every turtle matters. You can find out more about helping our turtles here: thelandbetween.ca/turtleguardians

If you have the space, the time and enough sun, planting a vegetable garden is a great way to save money and enjoy the fruits of your labours. It can also help protect against food insecurity due to interruptions in the global supply chain due to extreme events. Eating food grown locally is a great way to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. Also, please consider supporting your local farmer's market.

Happy Earth Day and be kind to the planet and to one other.

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Rick West and Mark Arike in Minden after their walk. Submitted.

Walking in Ukrainian footsteps

By Lisa Gervais

Mark Arike and his friend Rick West walked 23 miles Saturday to show their support for a war-ravaged Ukraine.

Arike has been doing an online fundraiser since the beginning of March, having raised nearly \$2,500.

The April 16 feat amounted to more than 31,000 steps taking seven hours to complete. They began in Haliburton and ended in Minden.

"Several drivers honked to show their support," said Arike, who has dyed his hair blue and yellow and was sporting a Ukrainian flag.

Arike said the overall community response had been "fantastic." He said the war in Europe is personal. His late grandparents had to

flee Estonia, their homeland, during the Second World War when it was occupied by the Soviet Union.

"I still have relatives who live there and met them for the first time in 2019. I strongly believe that Ukraine needs support from everyone, as much as we can possibly give," he said.

He wanted to do something to help Ukrainians experiencing a dire situation due to the Russian invasion. A fundraiser immediately came to mind. He chose the Canadian Red Cross because he learned they'd be providing humanitarian aid and also the federal government would be matching funds (up to \$30 million). He connected with a couple of Red Cross representatives and learned how to use the online platform Tiltify, which is connected to their campaign.

He quickly set up an online page and began spreading the word. "It's been a pretty seamless process that way," he said.

"As someone who likes a challenge and have a bit of fun, I decided it would be great to create certain milestones along my journey to my ultimate goal of \$2,000. This way, there would be an added incentive for people to donate."

Now that he's reached \$2,000, he said he would dress in drag and make a couple of appearances in the Highlands in May.

Ever though he has surpassed his goal, he said he would continue to collect donations.

Go to <https://tiltify.com/@markcharlesfundraiser/rise-to-the-challenge-for-ukraine/>

MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Bridge rebuild underway

Postponed since June 2021, a Sedgwick Road bridge replacement project will begin this summer.

Council provisionally accepted a bid from GMP Contracting to replace the structure, which Mayor Brent Devolin estimated was more than 100 years old.

The project is estimated to cost \$1,185,270.89, more than \$10,000 below the \$1.2 million allotted to the project in the township's 2022 budget. The work will be discussed further at

Minden Hills budget discussions at the end of April.

Council defers road acquisition

A request for Minden Hills to assume ownership of a portion of Denna Lake Road off Highway 121 was deferred pending a staff report on the road's condition and legal processes that might be involved in the acquisition.

The road is public, but Minden's portion of ownership ends near a residential address. The property owner asked Minden Hills to assume the road. A staff report claims the

road meets most standards set out in the official plan, which details why the township would assume a road, but would require public works approval and the submission of a pre-consultation report.

Coun. Bob Carter said he was worried about the cost of maintaining more township roads, as a recently-released roads report called for more than 100 kilometers of fixes. "We're looking at what it's going to cost us over the next few years to maintain our roads. We understand this is going to be a real challenge to our budget," he said. (Minden Hills news compiled by Sam Gillett)

Highlander business



Heidi Hudspith, owner of Mixtape Vintage, checks out a retro sweater. Photo by Sam Gillett

Vintage shop finds new digs

By Sam Gillett

It's a new era for Haliburton's Mixtape Vintage.

The retro apparel, accessories and decor shop has moved from its Highland Street storefront, shared with Russell Red Records, to the former barbershop below Halco Plaza.

"When I saw that space become available, it really kicked me into high gear because it's been a struggle to find a space I thought I could manage," said owner Heidi Hudspith.

She said the move means both she and Dan Manley, who owns Russell Red Records, can expand their offerings after spending two years testing the waters of Haliburton retail together.

"I've built that clientele who come

in regularly to check out what I have," Hudspith said. "That's what kind of pulled me through the winter months."

Hudspith said it was a perfect window of time to move shop.

"Being closed for a few weeks [in March] wasn't devastating. It gave me the opportunity to move and get set up before the cottage people arrive and we have our busy time of year," she said.

Mixtape Vintage's new location is awash in the bright warm colours of the 60s and 70s. Vibrant dresses and patterned sweaters hang neatly under tall shelves stocking everything from candles and greeting cards to local art to houseplants, sold on commission.

"It all kind of works with the Mixtape

Vintage brand," she said.

Hudspith also created a line of t-shirts, sweaters and totes emblazoned with the "Haliburton is for Lovers" 1970s tourism slogan.

"I plan to keep evolving that and playing around with the vintage aesthetic of what used to be here, what used to be prominent," she said.

Vintage trends are intertwined with mainstream fashion now, Hudspith said. She said sweaters, comfortable dresses and leisure clothes are selling fastest and COVID-19 might be to blame.

"We're searching for comfort. We're working from home, we're not doing big celebrations as much. I'm curious to see if that changes this summer," she said.



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Highlander arts



One young blues performer will get a chance to play with the B&B Blues Band this summer at Head Lake Park. *Submitted.*

Contest chance for youth to sing the blues

By Sam Gillett

The Highlands Buckslide Blues Society (HBBS) is searching for young stars to share the stage with veterans of the genre and learn from the greats.

The society will introduce its "Road to the Kitchener Bluesfest Youth Camp Contest" at a concert for high schoolers at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School at 1 p.m. April 28. To enter the contest, students between 12-18 can submit a video clip up to five minutes in length of them covering a blues song to qualify for a final round of the contest May 25.

The winning teen will get an all-expenses paid trip to the 2022 Grand River Blues Youth Camp in Kitchener and a chance to play with the B&B Blues Band on an upcoming album and as well as at a concert at Head Lake Park in August. They'll also be awarded the 2022 Patrick Monaghan Blues Cruise award, named after the society's founder, appear on Monaghan's Blues show, the Buckslide Blues Cruise on CanoeFM.

"It's a great event for the youth in the area," said Monaghan.

He's been a blues fan for decades, often travelling across Canada and the U.S. for

blues conventions and contests.

He said a spot at the Youth Camp in Kitchener can "open doors" for County youth who love the blues.

For teens submitting performances to the HBBS, Monaghan suggests focusing on stage presence, blues inspiration, vocal skill and instrumental precision.

"Originality will score them some points too," he said.

The project is partially funded by the Government of Canada's 2022 New Horizons for Seniors Program. Monaghan said he's excited that COVID-19 restrictions have eased to allow concerts and in-person

gatherings again.

"It really limited what we could do," he said.

The event is organized by Monaghan and HBBS marketing and education coordinator Rusty Rustenburg.

The HBBS is also inviting Highlanders of all ages to apply for membership, to help the society "keep the blues alive" in the Highlands.

For more information or to submit a video for the contest, visit highlandsbuckslidebluessociety.com or contact Monaghan at 705-306-0181 or Rustenburg at 705-464-1719.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Due to restrictions related to COVID-19, the 26th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held virtually on June 23, 2022 via the Zoom video platform.

2022-23 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. **To be eligible to vote at the 2022 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by May 9, 2022.** Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

Forms for corporate membership can be found on HHHS' website - hhhs.ca Payment of the membership fee can be arranged by contacting:

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Highlander events



Top left: Hailey Blair and Lennix Thompkins decorate cookies. Top right: Dylan and Tyler Piercey pose with the Easter bunny. Bottom left: McKinley Fisher and Harper Hamilton with the mini ponies. Bottom right: Pockets the Clown makes a balloon creation to the delight of Abby with Trisha Schmid. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

Having a hoppy time

Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Limited held its seventh annual Easter event Good Friday, April 15. Families flocked to the Haliburton dealership for a variety of activities. There were photos with the Easter bunny, Pockets the Clown was on hand to make balloon creations and no child left without a treat bag. There was also a colouring content, cookie decorating and miniature ponies on hand. *(Lisa Gervais)*

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The required filing fee for the Head of Council is \$200.00 and all other offices are \$100.00, cash, debit, certified cheque or money order made payable to the appropriate municipality, and must accompany the signed forms. Full details on the procedures to be followed may be obtained from the appropriate Municipal Clerk. Please call the appropriate office to schedule an appointment to file your nomination.

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Registration: There is no registration required for in person attendance. **To register virtually please visit** <https://www.dysartetel.ca/election/>

Nominations to run for Council commences on May 2, 2022. Nomination Day is Friday, August 19, 2022 (9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.) Municipal Election Day will be held October 24, 2022.

This event will be livestreamed by Sticks and Stones Production.

Hosted by Township of Algonquin Highlands, Municipalities of Highlands East and Dysart et al and the Township of Minden Hills

Highlander environment

T-shirts promote clean climate 'legacy'

By Sam Gillett

Highlanders are invited to join the fight against a warming world by purchasing a t-shirt promoting climate action.

Dr. Nell Thomas is distributing t-shirts in return for \$20 donations through GoFundMe. Proceeds will benefit four organizations working to spread awareness and mitigate the climate crisis' impact.

"My legacy is your destiny," reads the front of the shirt. "That's why I'm your hero for climate today," is written on the back.

"Each one of us is responsible today for what happens tomorrow," Thomas said. She said the shirts are a call to recognize humanity's impact on the planet.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says maintaining a temperature rise of 1.5 degrees Celsius is no longer plausible. Small temperature rises can have massive consequences. Researchers are increasingly confident that many catastrophic natural events such as flooding across Europe in 2021 can be attributed to rising temperatures.

Thomas said raising funds for organizations focused on the issue can "increase awareness at a critical time, and remind each one of us there are real tangible things we can actually do," she said.

Money raised will be distributed between Environment Haliburton (EH!), Environmental Defence, Nature Canada and

the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

Thomas said she appreciates how EH! fights for action in the Highlands.

"It's local, it talks to my people in my community, and it's very connected to what's going on globally," she said.

Susan Hay, EH! president, said the funds will help support new projects such as a series of bookmarks that list ways to live in an eco-conscious way.

"Idling cars, eating less meat, flying less, looking through the lens of climate change in every decision you take," she said.

The climate outlook may seem bleak. In Haliburton, rising temperatures will decrease the length of winter, and put lakes at increasing risk of blue-green algae, for instance. However, Hay said everyone must strive to find hope.

"We have a younger generation and we can't afford the luxury of despair," she said.

T-shirts can be purchased by donating at gofund.me/d270a7da.

EH! co-hosts talk

EH! Is partnering with other Canadian organizations to host a virtual discussion with Dr. Samantha Green, of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE), April 26 at 8 p.m. Green will be speaking about climate change's impact on human health, followed by a question and answer period. To register, visit environmenthaliburton.org.



Rhonda Bryant, Dr. Nell Thomas and Michelle Miscio wear shirts promoting climate action. Submitted

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Highlander volunteers



Brigitte Gebauer, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at HHHS, said there's always a need for passionate volunteers in healthcare. Photo by Sam Gillett.

When you give time you get more back

By Sam Gillett

What do the Head Lake Welcome Centre, an upcoming production of *The Sound of Music* and the Haliburton County Public Library's new online streaming service have in common?

All were made possible by volunteers.

National volunteer week, hosted by Volunteer Canada, runs April 24-30 and many County groups say now is a great time to get involved.

Brigitte Gebauer, Haliburton Highlands Health Services' (HHHS) coordinator of volunteer services, said there's an "urgent"

need for empathetic volunteers for jobs such as driving patients to medical visits, checking in over the phone, delivering meals or connecting with people living in long-term care homes.

HHHS volunteers have often found it a gratifying experience.

"When you give your time, you get so much more back than you give," Gebauer said.

Volunteering with HHHS begins with an interview, safety checks and ample training.

Then, Gebauer and her colleagues monitor volunteers to make sure they're enjoying their roles. She said volunteers "have

really stepped up" during the COVID-19 pandemic, adding that Haliburton County has a "wealth of volunteer spirit."

Funding for health

HHHS is also supported by a crew of dedicated volunteers who fundraise to fill financial gaps.

The Minden Healthcare Auxiliary issued a public plea for new volunteers in March.

President Anne Stephens said the group is in a "crunch," with only around 20 active volunteers, down from about 40 prior to the pandemic.

"We're really just a group of people who are keen to raise money to help our hospital and long-term care," she said.

The auxiliary helped purchase new medical devices, industrial food preparation equipment and more.

Stephens recounted how one time a stretcher at the hospital broke: the group quickly rallied to purchase a new one right away.

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Highlander volunteers

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"It's a lot of fun, that's what we hear all the time," said station manager Roxanne Casey.

The station is currently looking for volunteer show hosts. They broadcast talk shows, classical tunes, rock, folk and more. Casey said there's ample training for those who want to hop on board. It's a chance to practice communication skills and learn new technology in a low-consequence environment, she said.

The Highlands is home to a broad range of other musical and theatrical societies that rely on volunteers.

For example, the Haliburton County Folk Society regularly brings world-renowned musical acts to the Highlands. Volunteers also facilitate local open mic nights and songwriting circles with local musicians.

Serving with pride

Peter Dickson and Dave Mullins, co-presidents of the Dorset Lions Club, list local landmarks and community projects the group has helped fund, build or maintain such as the lush Dorset Lions Centennial Park.

Dickson said the group has a special focus on fundraising for healthcare and has donated thousands to the Dorset Community Health hub.

"Those are the things that make people's lives better," he said.

Mullins said it's rewarding to know the club can help improve the town's quality of life.

He added that club barbecues and dinners are a chance to meet people and feel more

involved in the community.

On Sept. 23, they'll be offering food at a Shipyard Kitchen Party fundraiser at the Dorset Pavilion to help raise money for the health hub and other community initiatives.

Mullins encouraged anyone living in Algonquin Highlands to send the club an email (dorsetlions@gmail.com) to get involved.

It's impossible to walk around any pocket of Haliburton County without seeing the work of service clubs, whether it's a Lions club, Rotary branch or other fundraising groups.

There are Lions clubs in Dorset, Minden and Haliburton, Rotary clubs in Minden and Haliburton and other independent groups such as the Wilberforce FUNdraising club which helps sponsor university students, school lunch programs, reading clubs and more.

Helping hungry families

Charlene Daviau started volunteering at the Central Food Network in Wilberforce in 2021. She helps sort donations, stock shelves and conduct day-to-day operations.

"I've seen since I've started a difference in how busy we are," she said. Daviau said rising food costs make places such as the Food Network even more important to communities like Wilberforce.

"I'm hoping I've made a difference, I know it's made a difference in me personally," she said.

The Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank and Minden Community Food Centre also offer supplies for people in need and are staffed by passionate volunteers helping to fill Highlander cupboards.



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CanoeFM volunteer Penny Randall-Mowbray poses in the studio. Photo by Sam Gillett.



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Left: Sam Solarino celebrates after potting the game-winning goal in overtime to give the Huskies a 2-1 win in Cobourg. Right: Goalie Christian Cicigoi makes a huge stop during the second period of Monday's game. Photos by Shawn Muir, OJHL.

Huskies win in Cobourg to extend post-season run

By Mike Baker

Sam Solarino was the unlikely game-winner April 18 as the Haliburton County Huskies toppled the Cobourg Cougars 2-1 in overtime to keep their OJHL championship dreams alive.

The Dogs went into Monday's game with their backs against the wall, after dropping a 5-3 decision on home ice the previous night in the first game of the series. With the league running a condensed best-of-three schedule through the opening two rounds of the playoffs, the Huskies needed a win in enemy territory.

There were more than 1,500 people in attendance at the Cobourg Community Centre, creating a frenzied atmosphere that, at times, spilled over onto the ice.

Both teams spent the opening period feeling each other out, with very few chances at either end. Huskies defenceman Isaac Sooklal came closest to opening the

scoring, hitting the post with a rasping drive from the point midway through the first.

The two sides came out energized after the break, chasing every puck and not afraid to throw the body. The Cougars were handed a powerplay after Patrick Saini tripped a Cougars forward on the rush, but Huskies netminder Christian Cicigoi pushed back against intense pressure to keep the game tied.

Seconds after Saini returned to the ice, the Dogs were on the man advantage. It didn't go to plan, however, after a mix-up between two Huskies players allowed Justin Jamer a chance on the breakaway. He made no mistake, firing the puck high over Cicigoi's glove to make it 1-0.

The game threatened to get away from the Huskies, who incurred two more penalties during the second, but Cicigoi showed he was up to the task, keeping the Cougars at bay.

Solarino had a huge opportunity to tie the game a minute into the third, firing the puck wide while free in the slot. It was the first of many openings the Huskies carved out during the early goings of the period and, eventually, their hard work paid off. Payton Schaly tied the game 7:42 in after being released by Cameron Kosurko, much to the delight of the 100-or-so traveling fans.

With seconds ticking down, both teams had their chances to finish the game during regulation. Cicigoi, in particular, was impressive, showing incredible reflexes to keep a George Krotiris shot from crossing the line with less than 10 seconds left on the clock.

"In my opinion, he should have been goalie of the year. He's a rock back there, and he kept us in the game so many times tonight," Ramsay said of Cicigoi's performance.

It was one way traffic in the extra frame,

with the Huskies dominating the puck. Solarino potted the game-winner at 3:28, assisted by Noah Van Vliet.

"I still don't think it's registered yet in my head what happened, it's obviously a great feeling," Solarino said post-game. "I just found myself with the puck and shot it on net. We worked so hard tonight, and put in a great performance so it's nice to see that things paid out in the end."

Ramsay said he was proud of his team's performance, noting they always seem to turn things up a gear when their backs are against the wall.

A decisive game three was played at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena April 20. Results were unavailable as of press time. The winning team will take on the Toronto Jr. Canadiens, who swept the North York Rangers two games to zero in their second round series.

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Van Vliet taking hockey career one game at a time

By Mike Baker

It's been a memorable season for 18-year-old Huskies defenceman Noah Van Vliet, spending time playing junior hockey south of the border, making his OHL debut and now chasing a championship in Haliburton County.

The 6-foot-4-inch blueliner signed with the team ahead of the OJHL trade deadline. With a big body that relishes the physical aspects of the game, Van Vliet has impressed down the stretch for the hometown team.

It was his goal that served as the game, and subsequently, series winner in the first-round playoff series with the Trenton Golden Hawks. He got in on the action April 18 in the Dogs' do-or-die match-up on the road against the Cobourg Cougars too, providing the primary assist on Sam Solarino's overtime winner.

Speaking to *The Highlander* in the aftermath of that result, Van Vliet said he's having a great time playing his trade in the Highlands.

"What a ride so far – I joined the team late, but I played with some of these guys when I was an AP with the Whitby Fury... It's a great locker room to be a part of," Van Vliet said.

It's been an interesting road for Van Vliet, who began the 2021/22 season suiting up for the El Paso Rhinos in the North American Hockey League. He played 17 games with the Texas-based outfit before

returning to Canada and signing with the OHL's Hamilton Bulldogs.

A fourth-round selection in the 2020 OHL priority draft, Van Vliet played 11 games with the table-topping Bulldogs.

"I don't think I've lost a game at the OHL level yet, which is kind of cool," Van Vliet said. "It's always a lot of fun when I get called up... The skill level in that league is incredibly high, everything moves just that bit quicker... It's definitely made me a much better player."

His most recent appearance came in a 3-0 win over the Erie Otters on April 1.

Since then, he's been in Haliburton County, helping the local team manoeuvre a tricky end to the regular season and first-round playoff series win over the Golden Hawks.

Van Vliet has really taken to his new surroundings. Billeting with Cathy McIlmurray in West Guilford, he said he appreciates the slower pace of life in the Highlands.

While his long-term goal is to stick with the Bulldogs, his focus right now is on ensuring the Huskies extend their post-season run, culminating in, he hopes, a championship.

"We've already shown what we can do when our backs are up against the wall. In the playoffs, we know that one bad night, one bad shift even can be the difference between us moving on or elimination, so we need to be ready at all times."



Noah Van Vliet is a mainstay on the Huskies blueline. Photo courtesy of OJHL images.

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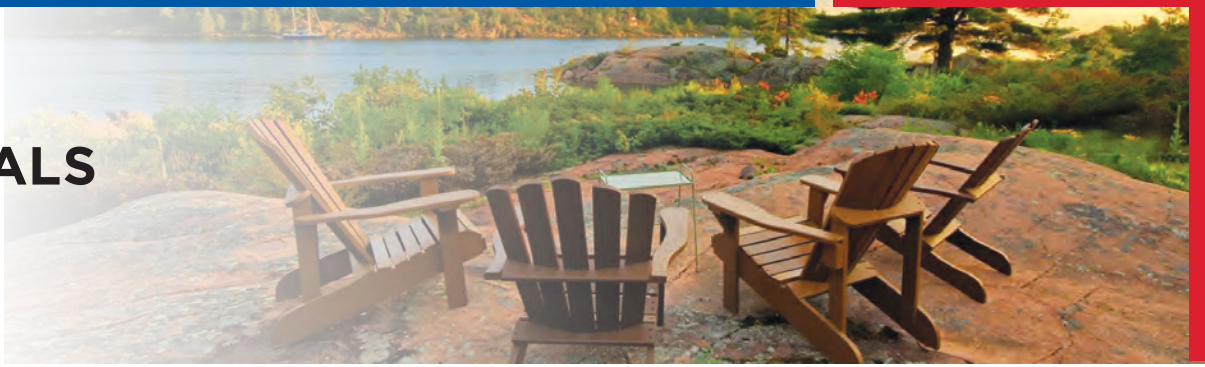
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A group of hockey players gathered for a scrimmage at the A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton April 10 to pay tribute to a friend who died of COVID-19. Submitted.

Dropping the puck for Garry

By Sam Gillett

A group of hockey lovers scrimmaged in honour of a dearly-departed buddy at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton April 10.

Garry Weston of Newmarket and Oro Medonte, 75, died after contracting COVID-19 in 2021.

"This event was what Garry was all about," said close friend John Adlam, who organized the game.

Adlam and many others who knew Weston in Newmarket have recently

moved to the County. The Haliburton team, wearing "Haliburton Old Guys" jerseys, faced off against a crew travelling from Newmarket, many who have played hockey together for years in the city's over 55 and over 60 leagues.

The teams met at centre ice before the game, where they shared memories of Garry and observed a moment of silence.

Weston was remembered for his "zest for life," said Adlam, adding that he was always up for conversation

and sharing stories. He was known for his passion for family and friends. He was also a renowned fastball player, playing for the Newmarket Rays and was recently set to be inducted into the Canadian Amateur Athletic Hall of Fame.

Adlam said the game was called the "just perfect" friendly, in tribute to Weston's signature response to a great story, joke or sporting highlight.

Adlam said he'd smile widely and say, "oh, that's just perfect."

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NORTHERN EAGLE CAMPERS ASSOCIATION PARK SUPERINTENDENT

Northern Eagle Campers Association (NECA) is located on Lake Kashagawigamog in the Township of Minden Hills, part of the County of Haliburton. NECA is owned by it's members, and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. NECA operates seasonally, with over 100 lots.

Passion, energy, integrity, and empathy are attributes we are looking for in our Park Superintendent. The successful candidate should have the ability to self motivate, self manage and work independently. Have the ability and willingness to engage with the park Board of Directors, contractors, owners, and visitors. You must possess good organizational and communication skills, have excellent time management, maintain a positive attitude and take pride in your work.

What's involved?

- Project Management - Help to oversee capital improvement projects and contractor relations
- Management - Recruit, train and support summer staff, and meet regularly with the Maintenance Director and other Board members as required.
- Financial - Provide monthly review of financials as requested.
- Overseeing day to day management of all grounds, infrastructure (Water, Septic & Electrical), park repairs & maintenance.
- Manage the preventative maintenance of all machinery, equipment & buildings.
- Ensuring that the property meets required standards for cleanliness, health & safety.
- Operating machinery to safely carry out tasks including but not limited to: landscaping, drinking water systems, septic systems, buildings, roads, boat docks/launch, beach and play equipment

Experience and Training Requirements

- A minimum of two to three years experience of maintaining and overseeing the repairs of a campground/ resort or similar, is preferred along with maintenance experience, equipment repairs and grounds keeping.
- Must have own vehicle and a class 'G' driver's licence or equivalent, as recognized by the Province of Ontario.
- Must have or willing to certify in the following;
 - WHMIS
 - CPR/First Aid
 - Confined Space
 - Operation of Small Drinking Water Systems

This is a Full-time, Permanent position. Candidate must be willing and able to be on call 24 hours, to work evenings, weekends and/or holidays as required.

As part of your remuneration (salary plus services), the ideal candidate must be willing to live on-site (a century home is included as part of your compensation package) (more details during interview).

Northern Eagle is an equal opportunities employer. Successful candidate must able to supply a Vulnerable Sector Check, Police Record Check and a Drivers Abstract.

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KITCHEN ASSISTANT/BAKER

The Kitchen Support/Baking position will be an integral part of the on-site staff team in the Food Hub. This role will primarily support the Chef and Sous Chef in kitchen work, with a special focus on restocking the Garden Café.

\$16/hr Preference for full time work during the summer and part time year round, but flexible.

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CHEO is the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. The ride will have about 600 participants and "Money raised through this event helps to fund programs and research for oncology patients and their families."

The slogan for the event is: Help Kids With Cancer. If you can, I am humbly requesting that you visit the CN Cycle for CHEO website <https://www.cncycle.ca/> and go to the bottom of the splash page and search for my name Peter McLuskey, in the "Find a Fundraiser or Team" section and make a donation.

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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of Douglas "Derek" Titus

Born on November 14, 1957 and passed away at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on April 12, 2022.

Derek leaves behind his loving wife Susan (nee Henderson), children Jay Titus (Jinelle), Tanya Titus (Will), grandchildren Jackson,

Jordyn, Ethan, and Oliver. Predeceased by his parents Douglas and Caryl Titus, and by his brother Brent. He will be missed by many inlaws, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and by Chelsea.

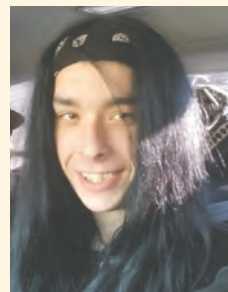
A private family celebration of Derek's life will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



Nehemiah Jacob Andreae

It's with a heavy heart We would like to announce, On Wednesday April 6th Nehemiah Jacob Andreae passed away suddenly at home in Minden Ontario. He leaves behind a loving Grandma (Liz Struz) , mom (Karen) and dad (Jesse), Uncles Steve (Georgia), George (Amanda) and Gary (Lisa) brother Jordan and loving cousin Bethany. He will be missed by many family and friends.



Nehemiah had a heart of gold and smile that could melt your heart. He was always kind, helpful and funny.

Donations can be made to the Minden Food Bank

A private funeral and viewing for family will be held Thursday April 14th at 2pm in Whitby Ontario.

Celebration of life this Saturday April 23rd at 11am at the Minden Lions Club. All are welcome.

May he Rest In Peace.



In Loving Memory of Sonya Holliday-Rhodes and Victor "Vic" Disik

Passed away suddenly at the Minden Hospital on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, as the result of a Motor Vehicle Accident, ages 77 and 79 respectively.

Sonya and Victor have been a dedicated couple for over 25 years. Sonya is predeceased by her parents Czeslaw and Margaret Reng, mother of Nicholas Holliday-Rhodes, Julia Moore, Isabella (Billy) McCall, predeceased by her son Christopher Holliday-Rhodes, grandmother to Michael, the late Daniel, Thomas, Andrew, great grandmother of Aubree, Chloe, Zachary, Jackson, and predeceased by her brother Paul Reng.

Victor is predeceased by his parents Gerald and Mary Disik, father of Kristin (Bill) Withey, and Jill Wyllie, grandfather of Kandice, Cody, Nathan and Alyssa, predeceased by his brother James Disik.

Sonya and Vic were fun and adventurous with their grandchildren and great grandchildren and they will be sadly missed.

Friends are invited to join the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 11:30 am until the time of the Funeral Service to celebrate their lives at 1:00 pm. Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray family centre at the Funeral Home.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Cat Angels or to the Woodland Wildlife Sanctuary would be appreciated. Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



We are deeply saddened to announce the death of **GEORGINA "GINA" VICTORIA BAUM**, 85, of Dorset, Ontario. She passed away peacefully with family at her side, in the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital, on April 1, 2022 of cancer.

Gina was born on December 3rd, 1936, in Hungary. Gina, her parents and sister fled the horrors of WWII and lived in Germany and England, before moving to Toronto, Ontario, in the early 1950's. She married Fred Baum and had two sons, Bobby and Mike. Later buying a marina on Kawagama Lake in Dorset. She became a realtor alongside Fred in a very successful real estate business, the legacy of which is presently carried on by her son, Mike, and granddaughter Sabrina. Gina and Fred travelled often throughout past winters and came to love the island of Kauai, Hawaii. After the passing of Fred, Gina met Phil Poyntz at a Lion's Club Christmas dinner and were married on October 10, 2010.

Phil's wonderful family consists of his daughters, Kim, Karen and Cindy, and two sons, Larry and Guy, each with their own families. Gina and Phil travelled often and enjoyed a beautiful, loving marriage together in Dorset.

Gina was predeceased by her first husband, Fred Baum, her parents Etelka and Arpad Tiborc, sister Ildiko Francais and son Robert Baum. She is survived by her husband Philip Poyntz, and her son Mike, granddaughter Sabrina Baum, her niece Francis Mitchell and nephews David Mitchell, Arpad & Tristan Francais and Oliver & Volker Lange.

Gina lived for her family and friends. She gave 100% from her heart and soul to all those who were around her. She will be dearly missed, but lives on within all of those she touched with her wonderfully giving, loving and warm personality.

Rest in peace Gina, we love you and your memories will live on in us forever!

Burial service will be held in May, 2022, at Paint Lake Cemetery, Dorset. A summertime 2022 Celebration of Life will be held. (Date to be determined.)

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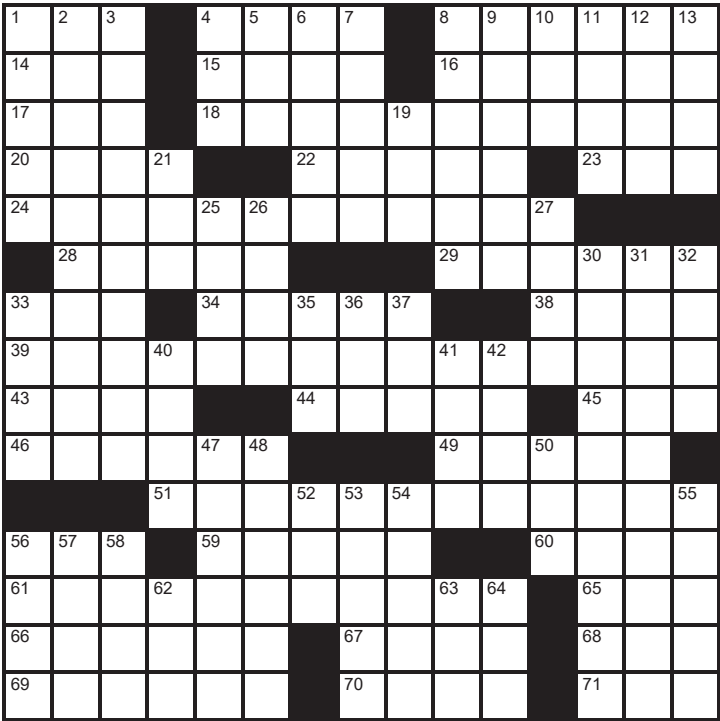
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- 4 Flailing dancer's pit
- 8 Get all set
- 14 "Fat" day: Abbr.
- 15 Economical Chevy
- 16 Suffer through
- 17 Birdie flight path
- 18 Nicholson/Barber duo?
- 20 Speedwagons, e.g.
- 22 Nice noggins?
- 23 Rubber cheque letters
- 24 Fleming/Plath duo?
- 28 Milk bag?
- 29 "Ritardando" reversal
- 33 Opposite of Dn.
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- 38 Scull propellers
- 39 Kelly/Valli duo?
- 43 ___-tat (toy gun sound)
- 44 Stuck together, maybe
- 45 Zeds tipped over
- 46 Pied-___ (temporary home)
- 49 Ill-fated rapper Shakur
- 51 Lahr/Coombs duo?
- 56 Words with dare or tear
- 59 Critter on an Aussie keepsake
- 60 Informal agreements?
- 61 Cochrane/Garcia duo?
- 65 ___ in "xylophone"
- 66 Tip jar toss-in, maybe
- 67 Canadian Club products
- 68 ___ d'Orléans, Québec
- 69 Beginning stages
- 70 Starbucks size below "grande"
- 71 Bay St. trading place

Down

- 1 Centipede company
- 2 Petty government official
- 3 Passable, but not primo
- 4 Rank with a crown insignia: Abbr.
- 5 Eggs, to a biologist
- 6 Splinter groups
- 7 Laughably lame
- 8 Swiss city or U.S. watch maker
- 9 Says "We're through"
- 10 Curly, but not Larry or Moe: Abbr.
- 11 Partner of wrack
- 12 Surfing destinations?
- 13 Ill-gotten gains
- 19 Ocean called "the pond": Abbr.
- 21 Like a basset hound's look
- 25 Guelph-born Campbell of "Scream"
- 26 "The Sopranos" actress de Matteo
- 27 Ages and ages: Var.
- 30 Take one's leave
- 31 Weatherbee and Skinner, for two
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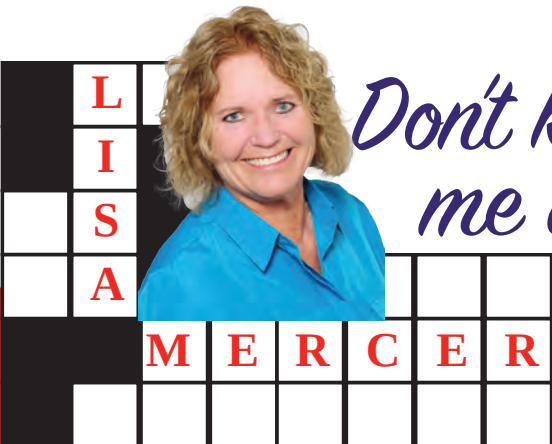
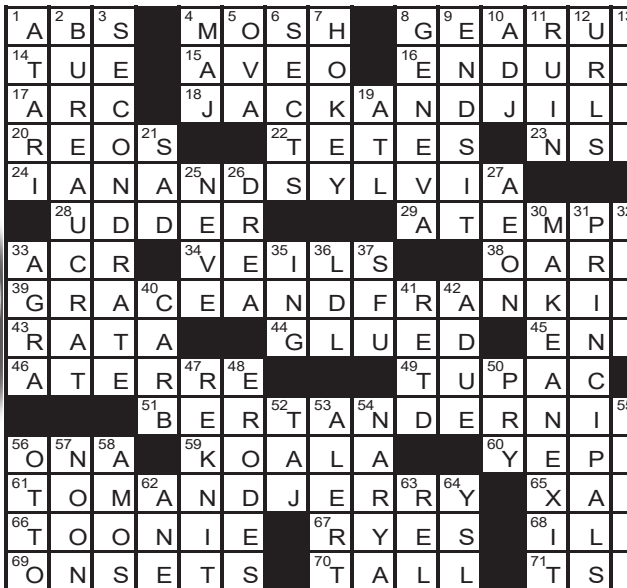
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This property is a great opportunity for anyone who is looking to start or grow their business in an easily accessible, high-traffic area in the quickly growing town of Haliburton.



PRIVATE WITH PERSONALITY \$359,000



Imagine the possibilities in this family home with loads of character and tons of potential. High-speed internet ensures you're always connected but the south-facing lot provides plenty of space to enjoy sunny days and star-lit campfire nights so you won't want to be.



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