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Red Hawks back on the pitch

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School junior and senior girls' soccer teams are well into their first season back since COVID-19 began. On May 9, the senior squad battled to a tough 0-6 defeat against Peterborough's Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School. The junior Red Hawks tied Holy Cross 2-2. Both teams played at HHSS May 11 versus Fenelon Falls Secondary School and are set to face Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute May 16 in a doubleheader starting at 3 p.m. (Sam Gillett).

Haliburton County showing its age

By Sam Gillett

The average Highlander is more than 10 years older than the average Ontarian, according to recently-released 2021 Census data.

Compared with the provincial average of 41.8, the average Haliburton County resident is 52.8 years old.

Statistics Canada data released April 27 shows the Highlands' older age groups are growing, with 35.2 per cent of the population, or 7,250 people, over 65. In 2016, 32.9 per cent of the population, 5,940 people, were 64 or older.

Some age groups didn't see much of a bump.

There were 1,720 kids aged 0 to 14 years in 2016, and 1,915 in 2021.

Other key demographics in the Highlands' workforce shrunk, when compared to overall population numbers.

For example, there were 675, 20-24 year-olds in 2016 and 680 in 2021, a 0.7 per cent increase. Haliburton County's total population has increased 13.9 percent since 2016.

People observing sectors of Haliburton's economy say the data reveals what life in the County may look like in coming

decades and highlights issues already at the forefront of public planning.

HHHS plans for aging residents

Haliburton Highlands Health Services CAO Carolyn Plummer said her team is planning for the future with the County's population and age distribution in mind.

"We've been looking at both of those statistics as we look towards the future," she said.

She points to HHHS home care services and its long-term care homes as "critical" to

an older population that's expected to grow.

She said the services will complete planning exercises to figure out how HHHS might need to evolve to handle a growing population.

"Community consultation will be part of that."

She added that many Highlanders have come to rely on HHHS emergency rooms for primary care. Local family doctor waitlists can exceed 1,000 people.

Part of the planning process, Plummer said, will be considering "are there different service models we can consider ...

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Housing market 'saturated' by Airbnbs

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recognizing the resources are definitely not unlimited?"

She said staffing shortages present a more immediate challenge than demographics or population growth.

She added finding housing seems to be a primary barrier to young healthcare workers coming to the area.

Finding a place to live

Alexander Dacunha wanted to leave Hamilton behind. The 25-year-old part-time paramedic wanted to be closer to the outdoor areas where he leads outdoor education trips.

"I came up here to look for a better quality of life and cheaper rent," he said.

But he couldn't find a place to live for months, now renting a room in a retired couple's home with his partner.

"There needs to be some sort of incentive to rent long-term. It's completely saturated by Airbnbs," Dacunha said.

The County of Haliburton is beginning to recognize the challenge and is looking into regulating things such as Airbnbs.

Dacunha said it seems Haliburton's housing market is monopolized by an older generation who often live in under-utilized homes or rent them out to vacationers.

According to the Census data, 77 per cent of single-detached houses in Haliburton County are occupied by fewer than three

people, compared to 50 per cent of single-detached homes in Ontario.

He's frustrated by the resistance to developments in places such as Haliburton village, which he said are often sparked by landowners.

"It is just preventing change in the community," he said.

Workforce challenges

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce executive director Bob Gaudette said he suspects the Census data may not capture all the new faces to the Highlands.

"We know a lot of people moved up here during the pandemic," said Gaudette, mentioning how work-from-home employment makes moving to Haliburton County from urban areas more viable.

Based on the Statistics Canada data, he said "it looks very much like we're a retirement community — there's a lot of truth to that."

He said the Highlands' expanding leisure economy paired with a hot real estate market could drive up the percentage of younger families moving to the area.

"This is one direction it could go. If we stay on the track of property values increasing and more investment ... that aging population might be pushed out to an area that's more affordable to live in."

However, he said the labour shortages widely reported across the Highlands have been holding chamber-connected businesses

back from expanding or fulfilling the sky-high demand for construction services.

"There's this resource that is finite,"

Gaudette said. "That's the amount of locally available labour."

At an April 28 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) job fair, Home Hardware district manager Glen Rickerby said it's been "extremely tough" to hire seasonal and full-time staff since 2020, with both County locations seeking to fill a combined 40 positions. He received

"There needs to be some sort of incentive to rent long-term."

Alexander Dacunha

approximately 300 resumes in 2019 and 40 in 2020, and said they'll likely be understaffed this summer.

It's likely the labour shortage won't disappear anytime soon.

Some of the issue is generational: the Baby Boomers are exiting the workforce across the country.

"Never before has the number of people nearing retirement been so high," stated Statistics Canada in an April 27 website post.

The percentage of the County likely to be in the workforce (aged 15-64) has shrunk to 55.4 per cent, from 57.6 per cent in 2016.

According to the Workforce Development Board, retail, accommodation and food services are the biggest employers in Haliburton.

The number of people in the County's workforce who are most likely to seek those roles, such as jobs at camps, restaurants or lodges, hasn't grown at the same rate as the population as a whole.

Fewer high schoolers

Indeed, at HHSS, the population has declined.

"In all schools across Ontario and at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, there are empty classrooms," said long-time HHSS principal and current board trustee Gary Brohman. According to Trillium Lakelands District School Board data, there were 589 kids enrolled at HHSS in 2011. In 2021, there were 450.

Brohman said he suspects it's access to good paying jobs that might prevent young families from moving to the area, or bolstering high school numbers. "The jobs are the jobs, but there are only so many building jobs, hydro jobs, and social services jobs. I would say the school system gives you a good indication of the economic parallel between people coming here to work and retirement people coming."

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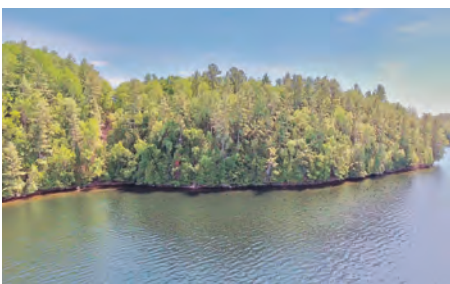
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Water levels plunged after a land bridge eroded near Essonville Line. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Water breaches Esson Lake embankment

By Sam Gillett

A soil land bridge on the south side of Esson Lake has collapsed, causing flooding and low lake water levels.

The breach of the retaining wall, adjacent to the Esson Lake dam, was first reported to Parks Canada May 3.

“I noticed that the flow was larger, it was coming through more,” said Mark Bramham, who lives on a property below the lake and reported the breach.

As of May 4, a creek and surrounding forested area on his property was submerged. No buildings were damaged.

On May 5, Karen Feeley, public relations officer for the Trent-Severn Waterway, said “the breach is not expected to pose a risk to private property or municipal infrastructure.”

Parks Canada crews installed sandbags in front of a culvert that divides the south side of the lake with a crane May 4, and returned May 5 to add more.

“As a result, the small southern portion of the lake will experience significantly reduced water levels to allow access for an inspection of the breach and surrounding embankment,” Feeley said.

She said properties north of the culvert closure will experience lower than average water levels, with property owners south of the culvert closure experiencing “significantly” lower than average levels. Boating across the culvert isn’t possible.

“Parks Canada is working with provincial and municipal stakeholders and local property owners to provide updates as necessary,” Feeley said.

She added that Parks Canada crews are working on an “interim repair,” which she said is expected to “allow the portion of the lake south of Essonville Line Road to have its water levels increased with negligible expected impacts on the water levels in the portion of the north of Essonville Line.”

A long-term repair is likely to be scheduled for this winter.

Trent-Severn previously inspected embankment

Bramham said the landbridge was in disrepair before the breakage. He said it points to the need for more Parks Canada funding.

“They need to listen to landowners who can see changes in the dams and [they need to] have the resources to act on it,” Bramham said.

He said he noticed early signs of water flowing through the embankment and alerted the Trent-Severn Waterway.

Feeley confirmed that crews attended the dam in 2021 and noticed leaks. She said Trent-Severn Waterway crews put in place a monitoring plan.

The entire dam system was previously set to be renovated.

A 2016 provincial funding announcement earmarked \$3.3 million for rehabilitation or reconstruction of the nearby dam,

abutments and wingwalls.

That work didn’t take place.

Bramham said further inspection and renovation could have prevented the embankment’s erosion.

Bob Tisdale, who lives on the north side of the culvert, said “if you have a fixed dock or you’re not here for a while and the water level drops, it could be a problem for your dock or your boat, it could cause all sorts of issues.”

He said many cottagers use the culvert, currently blocked with sandbags, as a boating route between the lakes.

“But the fact that Parks Canada had known there was a potential breach there, that’s what concerned me more than anything,” he said.

Parks Canada has established an email update system for property owners. They can email trentsevern@pc.gc.ca with Esson Lake in the subject line.

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Strategic plan to capture Dysart's 'essence'

By Sam Gillett

What kind of community does Dysart et al aspire to be? What should it be known for?

Councillors waded into strategic plan brainstorming with consulting firm StrategyCorp May 3, discussing values, mission and aspirations for the township.

John Matheson of StrategyCorp said a strategic plan includes a mission, day-to-day guide for operations, aspirations for the future and values; the "essence of Dysart's identity."

StrategyCorp interviewed staff, concluding their top priorities for a strategic plan included service excellence, financial stability, environmental stewardship, effective governance, communication and engagement.

The plan's framework includes goals such as enhancing customer service experience, fiscal responsibility, and modernizing municipal processes.

Matheson said a strategic plan will aid new staff. For example, a commitment to support the arts and culture sector in the category of economic development and prosperity would determine what's prioritized and give a sense of the township's values.

"You'll continue to refine the meaning of [the plan] as you go," Matheson said.

The proposed plan will be further developed by StrategyCorp before coming back to council for review May 17.

"The idea won't be to micro-manage each



Dysart council discussed a draft strategic plan May 3. Photo by Sam Gillett.

line item, it's going to be to say 'hey, if we did the items here would it add up to the fulfillment of what we want to do,?' Matheson said.

After council discussion, a draft vision statement read "Dysart et al is a culturally rich, welcoming community that prioritizes the natural environment while encouraging a robust local economy and sustainable growth."

Matheson said the town's vision statement doesn't necessarily have to reflect the

present. It can set out goals that the township wants to accomplish.

Councillors chimed in with ideas for added words or parts of Dysart's identity that shouldn't be missed.

Deputy mayor Pat Kennedy added that a key attraction to the community is that it's a destination "whatever your passion is: arts, culture, snowmobiling."

Matheson also guided council through the drafting of a mission statement, reflecting, "what does Dysart do and for whom?"

A mission statement would direct staff activities and council priorities.

"Our mission is to serve and engage our residents, visitors and businesses and deliver innovative solutions that advance the priorities of the community," was a preliminary mission statement Matheson proposed. StrategyCorp will incorporate councillor comments, including mention of the community's changing needs based on demographic shifts and the needs of year-round and seasonal residents.

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Please take notice Council will consider proposed changes to the Township's Procedural By-law during its Thursday, May 12, 2022 Regular Council meeting conducted virtually at 9:00 AM in the Council office, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

Proposed changes to the Township's Procedural By-law will permit a hybrid meeting model of in-person and virtual attendance at Council meetings.

Meeting Live-Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/4s97SX2qeug>

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Dated this 5th day of May, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact:
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May 12 – Regular Council Meeting
May 26 – Regular Council Meeting

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Rotaract members keyed up over housing ‘tragedy’

By Sam Gillett

Places for People vice president Fay Martin said Haliburton’s lack of housing is an “economic tragedy in the making.”

“If people don’t have a place to live, they can’t participate in the work world, and if business don’t have people working in it, they can’t survive.”

Martin addressed a virtual forum hosted by the Haliburton Rotaract Club, “Fighting for Haliburton County housing.”

Martin said that common wisdom in Canada is viewing home ownership “as the very best way to increase your wealth.”

She said since housing is viewed as an asset rather than necessity, younger Canadians can have difficulty entering the market. Statistics Canada reported nearly a third of Canadian houses in many markets are owned by investors.

Rotaract member Emily Stonehouse, who also helps run the Haliburton Tourism Action Committee and works with tourism providers through Yours Outdoors,

said housing is a “number one issue” when it comes to businesses hiring new staff.

Martin pointed to Western Canada tourism hubs such as Banff, Alberta or Whistler, B.C. where staff housing is common.

“Why would we think we shouldn’t have to have staff housing, why isn’t that a cost of doing business?” Martin asked.

She also described ways of navigating higher house prices and lack of rentals, such as finding roommates or house-sharing.

She also described how “NIMBYism” (stands for not in my backyard) can often create challenging conditions in which to build affordable developments.

“Except now it’s BANANA,” Martin said. “Build absolutely nothing anywhere near anything.”

Martin said fixing the rising prices and providing more rental options “will take enormous political will,” but urged Rotaract members to engage with their local representatives.

“How do you eat an elephant?” she asked. “One spoonful at a time.”



Multiple young adults within Haliburton County struggle to find housing. *File.*

Three new candidates join provincial election race

The list of candidates for the June 2 provincial election in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock has grown to nine.

Since the May 5 Highlander, three other candidates have let their intentions known.

They include Gene Balfour of the Ontario Libertarian Party, Fred Fischer of the Consensus Ontario Party and Ben

Prentice of the New Blue Party of Ontario.

They join previously named Progressive Conservative Laurie Scott, Liberal Don McBey, NDP Barbara Doyle, Green Tom Regina, Ontario Party Kerstin Kelly and None of the Above Grant Dewar.

As of press time, no all-candidates debates were scheduled for Haliburton

County. However, the contenders will square off in Lindsay May 17. The Lindsay Advocate is hosting a debate at Cambridge Street United Church between 6:30-8 p.m. In addition, Peterborough-based television station, YourTV Peterborough is hosting a debate May 18 to be aired from 7-9 p.m.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is currently distributing a survey asking members what five questions they should be putting to candidates. The survey was scheduled to close at noon May 10. *(Lisa Gervais).*



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Eight years for 'alcohol-fuelled' killing

By Mike Baker

Haliburton man Norman Hart has been sentenced to eight years in jail, less time served, after pleading guilty to manslaughter in the 2019 death of housemate Robert James Brown.

Justice Michelle Fuerst delivered her verdict in a Lindsay courtroom May 9. Prior to sentencing, she read a statement of facts outlining the events that occurred at a Highland Street residence 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.

Among the injuries sustained, Fuerst said, were a fractured cheekbone, broken ribs, damaged voice box and numerous contusions consistent with being kicked and stamped. The damage inflicted to Brown's

chest caused his lungs to collapse and led to his eventual death. She said Brown survived for between two and three hours after the attack.

Hart then travelled to a friend's house where he changed clothes and convinced someone to cash the \$500 cheque on his behalf. He then spent several hours drinking in a local park before returning home at around midnight. It wasn't until several hours later that Hart phoned the police to report the incident.

"This was a mean, brutal beating on an unarmed man ... Mr. Hart's behaviour in leaving Mr. Brown to die alone, and then dead in the hallway for several more hours was cruel and callous," Fuerst stated. "Mr. Hart has a history of committing criminal offences, including assaults, after consuming alcohol ... Mr. Hart was on notice that alcohol and drugs fuel his anti-social behaviour, yet he continued to use them, with tragic consequences for Mr. Brown." Fuerst said Hart did an 18-month probation about a month before killing Brown.

"He was assessed as a high-risk to reoffend, and he did reoffend in the most egregious way," Fuerst said.

She listed several mitigating factors that factored into the sentencing. That Hart pleaded guilty to manslaughter, saving approximately four weeks of court time, was considered, so too were comments Hart made at a previous sentencing hearing expressing remorse for his actions and apologizing to Brown's family.

Fuerst also acknowledged the "harsher than normal" conditions Hart has been exposed to while in pre-trial custody. Due to staffing shortages and COVID-19 protocols at Lindsay's Centre East Correctional Centre, Hart spent approximately 210 days in full lockdown, meaning no access to the yard, phones or showers. Given the nature of his holding conditions, Fuerst granted greater weight to time served. While Hart had been incarcerated for 1,056 days as of May 9, Fuerst said she was treating it as 1,584 days. As such, there are three years and seven months remaining on Hart's sentence.

The judge encouraged Hart to seek out an extensive alcohol rehabilitation program while behind bars. While Hart has spoken of his desire to become sober, Fuerst noted he has been found in possession of homemade alcohol in his cell on one occasion while incarcerated.

"Unless [substance abuse] treatment is undertaken and successfully completed, Mr. Hart will remain a danger to the public ... It is clear there is no quick fix to Mr. Hart's issues. He must understand that he has a long journey ahead of him to achieve and maintain sobriety," Fuerst said.

"He must understand that this is a last opportunity to change his lifestyle for the better, as he said he wants to do. And he must understand that, should he fail and relapse into violent criminal activity, it is very likely he will find himself the subject of a dangerous offender application with the prospect of spending every day of the rest of his life in jail," she added.



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From Left: MP Jamie Schmale, arena task force member Diane Peacock, Coun. Jennifer Hughey, Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, MPP Laurie Scott, Mayor Brent Devolin, Coun. Pam Sayne, task force member Gary Stoner, Coun. Jean Neville, Coun. Ron Nesbitt. Inset: Sayne takes a turn at the free-throw contest.
Photos by Sam Gillett.

Community celebrates S.G. Nesbitt's facelift

By Sam Gillett

With a snip of his scissors, Mayor Brent Devolin officially welcomed the Highlands to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

Devolin, councillors and government representatives were on hand May 7 for the arena's grand opening, cutting the red ribbon two years after the project was finished.

COVID-19 restrictions kept the arena closed for months. The township decided

to hold off on a formal celebration until capacity limits were lifted.

"I didn't want to do this without all of you here," Devolin told the crowd outside the arena.

Devolin thanked the Rotary Club of Minden and others who volunteered to deliver vaccines at the arena before it was open to the public. He also handed out mementos to community members who played key roles in the refurbishment.

"Facilities like this don't get built without

help from a lot of people," he said.

MP Jamie Schmale said, "there has been a lot of challenges ... the community and council and staff had to push through, and they did a fantastic job. I think the whole community can appreciate what this arena does for the present and also for the future."

MPP Laurie Scott said she was happy to have a chance to celebrate the community hub, adding that the Haliburton County Huskies have been a highlight of its early history.

"When you needed a boost, it was great to have a hockey team and it was great to have a facility to host them," she said.

Rotarians served hotdogs and hamburgers while staff hosted a free-throw contest, the gym echoed with the sound of pickleball and the Minden Skating Club showcased ice dancing routines.

The Highland Storm hosted a boisterous scrimmage before the Huskies took to the ice with community members.

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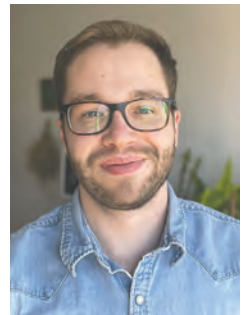
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Planning for an older County



By Sam Gillett

Haliburton County is getting older. Census data released at the end of April gives us a clearer indication of who is moving here, and where they're living.

The percentage of our population over the age of 65 is higher than it was in 2016.

I'd encourage anyone looking to run for municipal office this coming fall to take a peek at our County's age-based population data.

Since the 65-74 age range is also consistently the most engaged in elections at provincial and federal levels, there's a good chance Haliburton's older population will decide who gets on councils.

Here's a question we'll be asking candidates: how will Haliburton County adapt to a growing population of people who are retired?

Haliburton County has already started some of the planning. Along with The Aging Well Committee of Haliburton County, the County developed an "Age-Friendly Master Plan for Haliburton County," which lays out community-sourced priorities for making Haliburton a better place to live for older adults.

Transportation and varied housing options

topped the list. While there has been little headway with transportation, the County has had new housing options, some geared towards seniors such as the Gardens of Haliburton. However, if you're not a homeowner, finding an apartment is just as tough for retirees as it is for young families, couples or singles.

Another point in the report is walkability. The committee pointed out multiple roads and infrastructure features that make navigating Haliburton and Minden difficult for older people, such as steep inclines or access to roads crossings.

Another? Social hubs. The Minden arena hosted its grand opening May 8, and already offers a pickleball night, ping pong, and walking track access. However, are there opportunities to better support our local legions, curling clubs or walking groups?

In my conversation with Carolyn Plummer, Haliburton Highlands Health Services CAO, she mentioned staffing was the most urgent concern at our healthcare centres. However, she said they're planning for an aging population.

Expanding our health services' capacity

for emergency room visits, and attracting new doctors; that's key for aging well and safely.

Here's my take: the points above make Haliburton a better place to live for everyone. Improving accessibility enhances people's ability to shop in our downtown stores. Investigating transportation options means high school kids living in Minden might be more apt to staff restaurants in Haliburton village. The Minden arena has services that cater to just about everyone, regardless of age, but a focus on local parks and community spaces draws a crowd.

Highlanders of all ages are waiting for family doctors, too. A well-funded HHHS serves us all. It's a huge source of jobs for all ages too.

Seniors are central to Haliburton life, powering our community groups, volunteer initiatives and much of our economy. Keep that in mind as you head to the polls, or put your name forward, in 2022.

EleXion files

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 they hope is of interest to readers in helping to cast their vote in the June 2 provincial election.

Why vote in the provincial election?

As the election approaches, it is worthwhile to look at why it's important to vote. There are many reasons but first and foremost is the fact that it is a right, privilege and obligation.

While we take for granted that we have the right to vote, it has not always been that way. There was a time when only wealthy men of the landowning class could vote and it wasn't that long ago that the privilege was denied to women, indigenous people and immigrants from Japan, China and India. Our democracy affords us the opportunity to vote, where millions of people around the world do not. It is a right that many people fought long and hard to gain and it is a privilege that all eligible citizens should exercise. To not do so lessens its value; not a good message to send.

When you vote, you are getting involved

and studies show that people who vote are likely to be more involved in their community. If you have opinions on things such as climate change, health care, housing, taxes, roads and infrastructure, voting gives you the opportunity to influence decisions made through your elected representative. If you don't vote, you have missed an opportunity to influence who will make these important decisions. As well, your non-vote may actually help get someone elected that you'd prefer not to be in office.

Sometimes people say they don't vote because it won't make any difference. This kind of sentiment is often attributed to the younger voter although it is certainly not limited to them. But, in fact, every vote counts.

Politicians pay attention to who votes and age demographics. If there are large numbers of younger people voting, it will influence decisions and policy. Politicians will look to issues of concern to those younger voters. This, of course, holds true for all age groups. The message is simple. If you want the issues that are important to you to be priorities, get in the game. Young voters can influence not only the here and now, but also the future. This should be a motivation to exercise your franchise.

We are a country of diversity, with an eligible voter population that varies widely in age, background and ethnicity. The more people that vote, the more this diversity will have a voice. Our democracy functions best when its citizens are participants, not merely observers. If you don't vote, many would say that you don't have a strong platform to stand on in offering constructive criticism after an election and moving forward.

It is very important to be an informed voter, not merely a rote voter. Now that the election has been officially declared, the parties' platforms will be more prolific and accessible. Now is the time to take a look at them and ask questions of the candidates.

People who vote will tell you that when they vote they somehow feel they have done something good for themselves, their community and in the case of the upcoming provincial election, their province and riding.

If you are 18 years or older, we'll see you at the polls.

Greg Roe

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Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Condescending drivelt from councillors

Dear editor,

Haliburton County councillors’ Devolin and Moffatt’s position on single issue candidates concerning the municipal election and the shoreline bylaw is condescending drivelt.

These statements and thinking are an affront to the democratic process and insulting to potential candidates, their supporters and groups interested in supporting their positions.

To assume their interest in getting involved because of a singular issue is that they lack the critical thinking skills required to hold an elected position on council is simply demeaning.

Moffatt claims those who oppose what the County is attempting to pass is the lack of understanding of the issue(s). If that is the case, perhaps there is a flaw in the system.

Council has spent in excess of five years and \$250,000 looking at this and gotten nowhere.

Their job should have been to state what they were attempting to do, listen to input from taxpayers, businesses and associations, then articulate their case.

If what Moffatt says is true then perhaps at least part of the process was poorly done. The majority of taxpayers understand exactly what is happening. The mechanics of changing our political system in Haliburton have been discussed, the bureaucratic entanglement of trying to accomplish various processes is troubling.

What has not been discussed is the democratic failure of how representation on council works or does not work. Because you run for mayor should not be an automatic pass to County council. They should be elected positions. The fact our warden, elected by no one (not her issue I understand), has been in charge of County business for four years now is telling.

When we as taxpayers have lost the democratic ability to head to the polls to cast judgement on someone’s name from a hat to fill such an important position as warden is simply odd. We need a change. My hope is that this issue has been the impetus to get people involved in municipal politics, not criticize and dismiss them for holding a position that does not support the existing County council.

Murray Adam
Algonquin Highlands

Response from Friends of Grass Lake

Dear editor,

Last week’s Highlander coverage of the proposed Harburn Holdings condo project on Grass Lake warrants a response on behalf of the Friends of Grass Lake (FGL), a volunteer citizens’ group opposing the rezoning requested and the massive development planned.

The proposed donation of part of the property to Places for People has been

presented as an attractive element of the deal. Although more affordable housing is certainly needed, opposition to the project has nothing to do with whether it involves high-end condos or affordable housing, but on the fact that Harburn Holdings has failed to provide essential information to determine how much developable land there might be. Talk of donating land for multi-unit housing before all the facts are known undermines the planning process. Significant damage to the environment will result from such a large development on a sensitive wetland and a small shallow lake already overcapacity. Wetland preservation is included in township policy and provincial directive and must be respected.

Property owner Paul Wilson’s comments he “made a pretty nice piece of property out of something that was not very desirable” were disturbing. Many of us don’t agree and point to the highly flammable invasive Phragmites grass that has moved in and trees removed. It’s not too late to restore this degraded landscape and stop the nutrient overloading of the lake by non-native geese. It is understandable that the property owners would want to maximize the return on their investment, but let’s not pretend this project is being done as a community service.

The challenge for council is to evaluate the trade-offs between short-term housing considerations, including the fact that more appropriate sites are available for development, and the reality of permanent environmental damage. Given the vital role of clean lakes, thriving wetlands and a healthy diversity of animal and plant life to the success of the Haliburton area, the choice should be clear.

Catherine Swift
Friends of Grass Lake

Grass Lake development

Dear editor,

I am concerned about the development of the Grass Lake wetlands into a housing complex.

I am a member of the local community and have resided in the County for 10 years. My ancestors are from this area.

Although I am in need of affordable, secure housing due to a household breakdown which has put me into a temporary housing situation, I would not compromise my needs and our environment for housing.

I will not negate the importance of the preservation of the Grass Lake wetlands that are integral to the health and balance of our water supply for both ourselves and the environment of the flora and fauna of Grass Lake.

The wetlands provide a natural filtration and habitat of the lake and area. There are more areas within the County that would be conducive to development of this nature that will not jeopardize habitats that are vital to the health of our lakes.

Mary Jane McLeod
Haliburton

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Larry Murphy sent in this photograph of an eagle.



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Top: Yuki Renel said she's received support from customers as she assumed management of Rising Thymes. Bottom: Santiago Renel holds artichokes between his parents Yuki and Sebastian. Photos by Sam Gillett.

Rising Thymes continuing Minden local food 'tradition'

By Sam Gillett

Rising Thymes has replaced Organic Times on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. Owner Yuki Renel said she's keen to "keep the traditions" of the wholefoods shop, while adding new local food and snack options too. Rising Thymes' shoppers can expect to find local olives, dozens of bulk food bins, kombucha, fresh sprouts, fairtrade coffee, organic soy sauce and more. Renel hosted a grand opening May 7. She worked for previous owner Deborah Lyons in 2020. Lyons now operates the Organic Times Emporium in Haliburton, but has helped Renel with the transition as

she expands the store's food offerings. Also operating Rising Sun Gardens, an organic farm, Renel said she brings a deep appreciation for local produce to the store. "I couldn't find the vegetables I used to eat in Japan, so I started to grow my own," she said. "I truly believe vegetables from the soil have the best nutritional value and taste." Whether sweet potatoes from Kinmount or artichokes from her own garden, Renel said it's important to know where and how food is grown. Her partner Sebastian Renel, who has been helping around the store, said much of their produce "comes from local people, from

their heart." She hopes to bring in more local producers too, perhaps adding fridge space. "I was hoping to put my vegetables in a store, but it was not easy," she said. "I didn't expect to be the one to provide the space to others." Renel said she's gotten support from customers, many of whom have been longtime regulars. Alongside organic food, the store has become a destination for gluten-free and lactose-free products. Sebastian said, "we've made some very nice connections through this. It's great, you get the feedback from the community."



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Kelly Outram, of K.O. Martial Arts, is partnering with CMHA Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge on its new H.O.P.E. Learning Centre initiative. *File.*

Mental health program 'empowering'

By Mike Baker

A new program designed to connect people with lived experience of mental health issues, with others that are actively suffering, has been a big hit in Haliburton County.

The Canadian Mental Health Association Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge launched the H.O.P.E. Learning Centre in April, offering a wide variety of recreation and educational courses to local residents that promote recovery, empowerment, possibility and connection.

Shellie Preston has been working on the initiative since the beginning of the year. Based on the organization's recovery colleges model, Preston said she sees a lot of potential in the venture and called on people from across the Highlands dealing with mental health concerns to reach out, share their experience and get involved.

"This whole thing is about collaboration and communication ... We bring people

with lived experience together with mental health professionals and those looking for help to build programs and an overall curriculum that caters to everyone's needs," Preston said. "Everybody gets their say."

Around 45 people across the region signed up for H.O.P.E. Learning Centre's initial intake last month.

"We ran a program on experiencing the power of music, we helped build facilitation skills. We had one, which was quite popular, on challenging isolation and loneliness, another on conquering negative thoughts, being more assertive and self-expression," Preston said. "They were quite thought-provoking."

Looking ahead to the summer semester, Preston said there will be courses focusing on art therapy, peer discussion, photography, and sports.

CMHA has struck a partnership with area resident Kelly Outram to run a movement and meditation class outdoors at

Rotary Park, something Preston said she's particularly excited about.

"Being outside, in a positive environment like that can do so much for someone's mental health. We've partnered with Kelly, and we're looking to collaborate with others from Haliburton County to build on our options and offerings to our community," she said. "Our hope is to have something for everyone. So, if you're feeling like you've lost connection and are wanting to be involved in something with likeminded people, who are non-judgmental, in an environment where you're supported and valued, this is for you. We want to empower people and build them up as much as possible."

Worth noting too, all programs run through H.O.P.E. Learning Centre are free. Participants need only register, which Preston said can be done over the phone or online. There are options for both virtual and in-person participation.

Jack Veitch, community engagement and education manager with the local CMHA branch, said this new venture is a long-term commitment.

"For years we've been involved in peer-support delivery and helping people with lived experience share their voice. Now, this is sort of like an evolution. We're ensuring these people have the opportunity to help others on their same journey of recovery," Veitch said.

Preston added, the real goal is to have this program running full circle. Start off by getting these courses up and running, have people sign up, join in, learn and then, eventually, be kind of like that next generation who can share their knowledge and lived experiences with other people. Almost like an ongoing, never-ending cycle."

To learn more, visit cmhahkpr.ca/h-o-p-e-learning-centre, or email [hopelc@cmhahkpr.ca](mailto:hoppelc@cmhahkpr.ca).



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Green Party's Regina the 'musician politician'

By Lisa Gervais

A familiar face in Haliburton County is running for the Green Party of Ontario in the June 2 provincial election.

Tom Regina has lived in the Highlands for more than 30 years. Many would know him from teaching music and being the head of arts at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. He's also a founding member of two community choirs, a local music festival for students, and the Highlands Summer Festival.

"I guess I'm the musician politician," Regina said during a recent interview.

Now retired, Regina said he was always interested in politics, especially at election time. And he was a Liberal Party supporter for more than 40 years. However, he said he felt abandoned by the party when the federal Liberals dropped electoral reform, an issue near and dear to his heart.

"I looked around and I thought 'where do I really exist?' and I can see that the Green Party policies are built on environmentalism and equity and respect in a way that I don't see in all of the other parties so that really made me feel like 'yeah, that's something that I want to do a bit more'."

With time on his hands, he contemplated volunteering, thinking he could put up some election signs or go door-knocking with a candidate. Then the local Greens formed a constituency association. He joined the executive and they started looking for

candidates. He said the small group started looking at each other as potential runners.

Regina said he saw the appeal of running a local candidate. Opting for university students with some link to the area, as has been done in the past, he found lacked "gravitas." So, he said, "fine, put my name in, let's go and see what happens."

He said he has some goals.

"If I'm going to put my name down and put signs up and knock on doors, I'm going to look at the possibility that I could be the MPP so it's not fair to not think that for the electorate," he said.

Regina added he'd like to see the association grow in size, attract more young people, increase donors and get a higher percentage of the popular vote than any other Green candidate in the riding before - "that would be enormous."

As for the Green Party of Ontario platform that focuses on jobs, people and planet, he said, "without an environment, and without taking care of the planet, there's nothing else. There's no business, there's no food, there's nothing for us on a burnt planet. It is very much at the heart of all the planning and all the policies."

But it isn't the only thing. Going door-to-door, he said, "people are really concerned about affordability, housing, what's happening with health care, and about being able to feel secure. Those things have to be dealt with. If you're going to be in



Green Party candidate Tom Regina. Submitted.

government and you're going to govern you have to deal with a lot of different things. You can't be a single policy party and get anywhere."

He added that for him, government

through consensus is key.

"You need to walk away from a decision in which everyone might not get exactly what they wanted but can live with. We don't have enough of that."

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NDP focusing on core values: Doyle

By Lisa Gervais

Barbara Doyle hopes to build on the NDP success of the 2018 provincial election, when the party captured 26.5 per cent of the vote, finishing second locally to the Progressive Conservatives.

“I’m in it to win it,” Doyle said. “I absolutely would like to unseat our incumbent Laurie Scott.”

The director of the Old Gaol Museum in Lindsay added she thinks it’s time for a change in the riding, which has been historically Conservative “with no real measurable changes in improvement and services other than basic normal budgetary issues that go across the board.”

Doyle said the area is changing and growing “and we need to grow with it but we also need to take care of the people who are already here and have been living here for years and not being taken care of in the way they should be.”

She said her goal is to reflect voter viewpoints about the changes and the need for core stability around issues such as housing, health care, educations and day-to-day affordability. She panned the Progressive Conservative budget, saying there is not a lot of support in those sectors.

She keys on housing and the high cost of living as major local issues.

The Highlander asked about the province’s role in housing, offering an example of how the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is holding up an

affordable housing development along Hwy. 35 in Minden.

“It’s interesting to me that large developers can get MTOs’ push-through really quickly ... why are we giving preference to big dollar developers rather than for supportive housing that property would provide for?”

She said Bill Switzer was generous in donating the land to Places for People and now it’s just sitting awaiting MTO approval when “we need shovels in the ground right now and infrastructure right now. We have 1,700 new units needed in Haliburton County with housing waitlists of seven to 10 years. That is unacceptable.”

She said the provincial government has to work with municipalities to create supportive housing but has to take the profit out. She added there needs to be action on housing affordability, such as help to make larger down payments for first-time home buyers, rent assistance and rent controls.

Asked by The Highlander about the province funding an expansion of the privately-owned Extendicare Haliburton, Doyle - who co-founded the Kawartha Lakes Health Care Coalition - said although more long-term care beds are needed, “I definitely don’t support for-profit long-term care beds. We have to take the profit out of health care. We have to make sure that nobody is, at the end of the year, worried more about their dividend share than our loves ones.”



Barbara Doyle is running for the NDP. Submitted.

The NDP are proposing to phase-out private long-term care facilities within eight years, and provide more and better paid full-time staff. They also want to provide proper supports so more people can age at home. That means more full-time PSWs with a \$5 an hour wage increase. They’re looking at caregiver credits, and relieving burdens on municipalities so they don’t tax people out of houses.

Other NDP platform items include an immediate 20 per cent increase for ODSP

and OW clients, gradually increasing minimum wage to \$20-an-hour, regulating gas prices, reducing Hydro costs, better public transportation and expanding universal health care.

“We’ve learned that when people are supported in their communities, when they are secure in their housing, in their ability to put food on the table, that they have good jobs, the whole community does better. We want to bring our focus back to those core values.”

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What's on

Time to register for Ontario Senior Games

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County's district 11 is looking forward to hosting Ontario Senior Games Association (OSGA) 55+ events this summer.

Spokesperson Mary Johnson said the games are open to men and women who are 55-plus years of age as of Dec. 31, 2022.

Men's and ladies' walking will kick things off on Wednesday, June 1, starting at 9 a.m. from the Haliburton docks.

The locals will host golf for men and women at Blairhampton Golf Course on Wednesday, June 8. The rain date is Tuesday, June 14. It features a shotgun start from 9 a.m.

Next up will be men's and ladies' doubles and mixed doubles tennis. This will be held at the Stanhope courts starting at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14. The rain date is June 16.

The ever-popular pickleball is set to be

played via men's and ladies' doubles and mixed doubles at the Stanhope courts, also an 8:30 a.m. start, on Wednesday, June 15. The rain date is June 20.

The deadline to register is May 18.

Johnson said the games are about being active and getting involved in the community.

"Do you have the time to have fun in a competitive, non-threatening setting? Are you seeking opportunities to socialize and meet new friends? Do you feel young and energetic?" she said of the OSGA mission.

People can qualify to go on to regional games and Ontario 55+ games. There are 36 districts across the province, with 9,000-plus participants and 500-plus volunteers.

The games were incorporated in 1997 and there are traditionally 18-plus summer events and 10-plus winter events. District 11 comprises Muskoka and Haliburton.

Inquiries: Mary Johnson at 705-754-1884.



Mary Johnson of Haliburton, left, received an Ontario Senior Games Award (OSGA) from Angie Richard of the OSGA. Submitted.

WHAT'S ON

May 12

Seniors for Climate Action Now presents 'ring of fire threatens the breathing land' on Zoom at 7-8:30 p.m. to register: seniorsforclimateactionnow.org or environmenthaliburton.org.

May 14

CHA 2022 Lake Stewards meeting at the Haliburton Legion from 9 a.m. to noon followed by lunch, networking and table visits.

May 14 - 10 a.m. to noon

Land Trust Discovery Days – Wild Leeks and Spring Wildflowers at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve, 1118 Gould's Crossing Rd. Pre-registration required at haliburtonlandtrust.ca. Admission by donation. Join avid naturalists HHLT board member Sheila Ziman and HHLT chair Shelley Hunt to wander trails at the reserve in search of spring wildflowers and wild leeks. Learn about these delicate early spring ephemerals and how to sustainably harvest wild leeks. Wild leeks may not be harvested at the reserve. This event is partially funded by TD Friends of the Environment Fund.

May 15 - 11 a.m.

Sunday Rambles, meet at Cemetery Rd, in old hamlet of Gelert. For more info: call/text 705-457-4767 pamela.marsales@gmail.com

May 17 - 7:30 p.m.

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Any interested parties may contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk, 705-489-2379 ext. 333 or email dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca for more information, or to receive a copy of the proposed By-law.

The By-law may be reviewed or copied at the Township's Administration Office at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

The proposed By-law will also be available on the Municipal website at <https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/residents/cemeteries.php>

The By-law is subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Telephone: Bereavement Authority of Ontario, 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356

Dated this 11th day of May, 2022.

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Loving mother of Sharon Stoughton-Craig (Ken),
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(Laura). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren,
great grandchildren and her great great grandchildren.
Dear sister of Myrtle Johns. Predeceased by her
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Clem, George and Lance. Also lovingly remembered
by her many nieces and nephews. Myria was an avid
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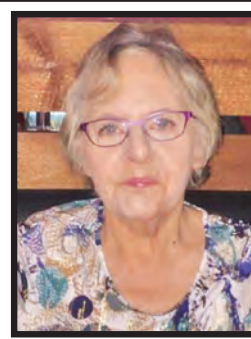
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Ella. Predeceased by 12 siblings including his twin sister Elva. Fondly
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She will be remembered and missed by her siblings
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Gwen is predeceased by her husband Bill, parents Jake
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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Group Mentality

by Barbara Olson

© ClassiCanadian Crosswords

- Across**
- 1 Rhyme scheme of limericks
 - 6 Mark Harmon mil. series
 - 10 Gillette's Trac II follow-up
 - 14 Needing a crossword hint, say
 - 15 Radius neighbour
 - 16 It takes a pounding to the head
 - 17 Auditioning whales to play Moby Dick?
 - 19 Guitar legend Hendrix
 - 20 Not Lib., P.C., N.D.P. or Green: Abbr.
 - 21 Letters for a bounced cheque
 - 22 "The Planets" composer Gustav
 - 23 Philosophical fishes?
 - 28 Brampton-born PGA player David
 - 29 Olive in a strip
 - 30 Yahoo! rival
 - 31 No-thru road feature
 - 35 Kitchen addition?
 - 36 Long line of lions?
 - 38 Words of understanding
 - 40 Dumbstruck, with "for words"
 - 41 "We are ___ amused"
 - 42 Bookjacket blurb
 - 43 Lennon's tribute song to Ono
 - 47 Christie mystery about Egyptian river crows?
 - 52 Go on ___ trip (venture by car)
 - 53 Skinniest battery size
 - 54 Periods after afts.
 - 55 Skill in answering "Does this make me look fat?", maybe
 - 56 Wolves known for telling whoppers?
 - 60 Pouty-lipped screen star Sommer
 - 61 Long (for)
 - 62 A language of New Zealand
 - 63 Parliamentary mtg.
 - 64 Astrological Type A's
 - 65 Spidey ___ (leeriness)

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- Down**
- 1 Like a viper
 - 2 Without delay
 - 3 Statue whose belly might be rubbed
 - 4 Covertly let in on an email
 - 5 Alias indicator
 - 6 Wackadoodle
 - 7 Know-it-all on "Cheers"
 - 8 Booked-up spot in the Bible
 - 9 Succumb to gravity
 - 10 Montreal suburb, or pear variety
 - 11 Follow too closely, as a car
 - 12 Drum sound after a good joke
 - 13 Somewhat
 - 18 NBC's "live from New York" show
 - 22 Stat. day, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 24 ___ du Canada (high award, in French)
 - 25 R.E.M.'s "The ___ Love"
 - 26 Relating to sound
 - 27 Water/elec. util.
 - 32 Storied oil well firefighter Red
 - 33 Sci-fi robot Artoo-___
 - 34 U.S. clean air grp.
 - 35 Yellowhead town near Edmonton
 - 36 '70s fad gifts that could be "trained"
 - 37 ___ speak (now)
 - 38 Ones locked into cell plans?
 - 39 Brew that'll make you pucker
 - 42 Dream destination, maybe?
 - 44 Lowly gofer
 - 45 Lifts skirts or lowers pants
 - 46 She's the talk of the Loch
 - 48 Fruit in some crumbly squares
 - 49 Salsa scooper
 - 50 Attempts to make a scene?
 - 51 Vietnamese coin
 - 56 Chum
 - 57 Handy cribbage card
 - 58 Certain radio bands
 - 59 Ka ___ (South Point, on Hawaii)

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