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Shooting on Crown land raises concerns

HIGHLANDER INVESTIGATES

By Sam Gillett

A privately-conducted firearms safety study claims the Livingstone Lake Crown land area isn't a safe place for firearm use.

The assessment was completed in 2020 by Mike Buss, who worked at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for 30 years, was a certified Ontario Hunter Education instructor and examiner and helped develop the provincial Hunter Safety Training Manual.

Allegedly dangerous use of uninhabited land, such as multiple Crown land areas

in the County, has sparked concern among cottagers who insist the province needs to reassess whether some areas of Crown land are too close to neighbouring properties.

"In my opinion allowing or promoting shooting of firearms at this site presents a potentially dangerous situation, increases the anxiety of adjacent landowners and cottagers and would continue to foster a poor image of otherwise responsible firearms owners," wrote Buss, in a portion of the report shared with *The Highlander*.

Buss provided his unofficial review of the spot after multiple Livingstone Lake residents raised concerns about firearms activities at the pit.

Wayne Parker of the Livingstone Lake Association (LLA) said he's heard numerous complaints from residents who live at the end of the road.

Asking to remain unnamed due to safety concerns, one resident said she confronted someone shooting at a target nearby the

"I said that I found it very scary to walk around when shots were so close and he said that it was Crown land and he had a right to shoot there," she wrote in a 2021 letter to the LLA. The firearms user left the area, but the resident said she found the interaction disconcerting.

Buss said in his report,"I belonged to

a registered shooting club for more than 12 years and I can tell you the Provincial Firearm Office would most definitely not certify this location for the discharge of any type of firearm. I too have shot in abandoned gravel pits on Crown land, however, the berms were three to five meters high and there were no roads or dwellings downrange for many kilometers."

He added that the many uncontrolled walking paths across the pit, along with public ATV access, means there is little control over downrange shooting conditions.

Buss insists the issue is not about

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Signage unlikely to deter firearms use

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disallowing firearms use on Crown land. It's about discerning what slices of Crown land may not be suitable for target practice or hunting.

There are thousands of acres of Crown land far from residential areas.

More than 87 per cent of Ontario consists of Crown land, including numerous areas in the Highlands, primarily in Algonquin Highlands, Minden Hills and Highlands East.

The area commonly used for target practice at Livingstone Lake is boarded by a ribbon of forest approximately 40-metres thick. On two sides are cottage roads.

According to Constable Mike Melnychuck of the Haliburton Highlands OPP, police have responded to four complaints about firearms use on Crown land in the past year.

Parker agrees with Buss' assessment of the area's suitability for target practice. He points to Section 6 of the RCMP Canadian Firearms Safety Training Manual, which states that firearms users should consider, "is anything else in the line of fire, either in front or beside or behind the target?... Could anything else come suddenly into the line of fire?"

The manual goes on to caution firearms users to "make sure you are welcome and permitted before you shoot anywhere. Do this whether the land belongs to the Crown, to a local club, or a private citizen."

Parker and Buss both use firearms on Crown land often, but in areas far from residences, with high backstops and no foot or vehicle traffic behind the target.

Other firearms users in the County attend clubs such as the Haliburton County Marksmen Club.

In a letter signed by club officer Brendan Berube, the club said many join to sight rifles in preparation for hunting seasons, or compete in competitive or non-competitive events at their designated range.

"It's a great venue to meet and share a mutual interest in sport shooting with other firearms enthusiasts. Many new friendships are forged in our community," Berube wrote.

Widespread issues

Livingstone Lake is not the only Crown land area that residents say is being used for unsafe target practice

In a letter presented to County council in June 2021, Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt outlined reports from Scotch Line, Boshkung Lake and, as previously reported in *The Highlander*, Koshlong Lake.

Residents from Koshlong Lake and Camp Wanakita describe firearms use in the area as disruptive and alarming.

Similar to the Livingstone Lake Crown land reserve, it's located less than 100 metres from nearby cottages. Cottagers



A view from the road adjacent to a Crown land pit on Livingstone Lake *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

report gunshots disrupt parties, birthdays and lake outings, scaring boaters and kids attending the lake's camp.

Since first bringing concerns to County council in 2021, the Koshlong Lake Association said there's been no action taken by the OPP or MNRF to address the frequent shooting near residences. The MNRF and OPP confirmed staff and officers had attended the area in response to complaints of litter and the transportation of firearms over the road, which is private property.

On several websites, such as the online forum Reddit, multiple posts pose questions about the suitability of Crown land areas and how to mitigate complaints from "panicked hikers." One unverified user claims to have been stopped by a nearby landowner who asked them to refrain from shooting on the land.

"The only effective method to prevent shooting in the pit is to expressly prohibit it," wrote Parker in a year-end LLA report. "... We also don't believe that educational signage cautioning shooters to be mindful of their location will be helpful. In fact, the opposite can occur as it is a signal that shooting is sanctioned which can ... increase activity."

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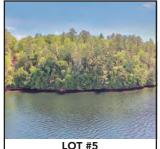
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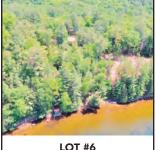


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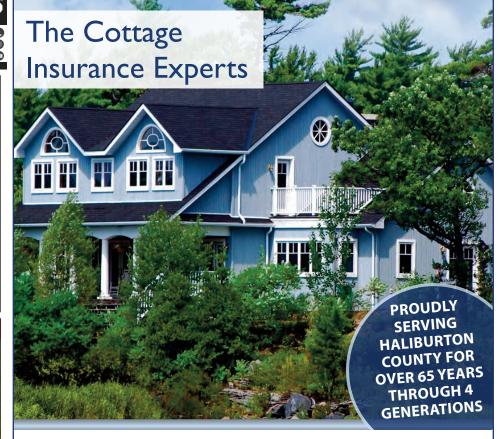


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Gardens of Haliburton all set to grow

By Mike Baker

One of the owners of the Gardens of Haliburton retirement residence has said "we're going to have [our second phase] built in a year" after the project was given the green light by Dysart council on May 24.

Bill Mardinae, who owns the facility alongside his brother Phil, said he was excited to move ahead with phase two, which will include the construction of a new four-story building containing 34 units.

The new structure will be located immediately beside the existing building, which was completed in 2021.

"Phase one was for 66 suites and they have all been leased, so we're proposing to add another 34 suites to bring the total count to 100," Mardinae told council. "We're not putting in any new services, no new roads... We're going to have this built in a year."

Specific timelines relating to a possible start and end date were not provided. Town planner Kris Orsan said the application,

which required approval of an amendment to a previous site plan, met municipal standards and regulations. He recommended that council approve the project, pending a few minor adjustments.

He asked that Mardinae consider planting some trees on the north side of the property to create a barrier between a neighbouring property, and asked that parking lines for spaces to the east of the property be repainted, as they "are difficult to follow." Orsan also recommended that an existing temporary rope divider installed around an outdoor patio be upgraded to fencing so as to create a greater barrier between the patio and parking lot.

Mardinae felt these issues were minor, and while he agreed to plant the trees and take care of the lines on the road, he felt installing a fence around the patio was unnecessary.

Deputy mayor Pat Kennedy agreed, saying he'd be happy to approve the application as is.

"I think this is just a fabulous project, and



A second phase of the Gardens of Haliburton retirement residence has been approved by Dysart council, adding 34 units to the facility. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

I really look forward to phase two getting shovels into the ground... Bill has been a good developer so far, the building looks nice and is well looked after... I think we can waive all of these points to get the project underway," Kennedy said.

Coun. Walt McKechnie made a motion to approve phase two, seconded by Coun. Larry Clarke and it was passed unanimously by the rest of council.

Dysart's Pat Kennedy not up for re-election

By Sam Gillett

Dysart et al's deputy mayor Patrick Kennedy will not seek a second term in office in 2022. He said the decision comes with "mixed emotions."

Kennedy served as deputy mayor and a member of Haliburton County council since 2018.

"It has been a distinct honour and a true privilege to serve the people of Dysart and Haliburton County," Kennedy said in a May 19 letter to *The Highlander*.

He said the choice was also a "family decision" that will allow he and his partner, Cheryl Kennedy, time to invest in other areas of their lives.

"It is also a chance for Cheryl and I, who has been my rock throughout this journey and who has been by my side, to spend more time with our four

grandchildren and do some travelling while my health allows it," he said.

Kennedy was diagnosed with cancer in 2021.

"I have been blessed with a health team who have worked hard to provide me with the best care and ongoing treatments. Support from family and friends as well as from the community has been incredible," he said.

Kennedy grew up in the Highlands and previously served as chief of paramedic services for Haliburton County until retiring in 2014.

"I want to thank Mayor Andrea [Roberts], my fellow councillors, and staff at both Dysart and County levels, for their patience and support these past four years," he said.



Patrick Kennedy, bottom left, has served as Dysart's deputy mayor and on County council since 2018. File.





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Parks Canada crews installed a temporary dam May 17. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Stop-gap dam installed on Esson Lake

By Sam Gillett

Two weeks after the erosion of a soil embankment on Esson Lake in Highlands East, Parks Canada crews have installed a temporary dam to shore up the breach.

In an update to landowners, Parks Canada said it is currently removing materials used to block a culvert dividing two sides of the lake. The dam was installed May 17.

The report estimated the lake would stay at mid-summer averages for the remainder of the spring and summer.

Currently, water levels at the lake are at a 2.5-metre average, far below historic lows for this time of year.

Below the breach, dozens of mature trees have toppled and parts of the soil hillside have eroded. On the lake, docks are sitting well out of the water.

Previously, Parks Canada estimated it will implement a long-term repair this winter when water levels decrease. "Residents and users of the lake are asked to avoid the aqua dam area in the interest of public safety," said Parks Canada spokesperson Karen Feeley in a media release.

"Parks Canada would like to thank property owners for their patience and understanding during this time."

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County continues short-term rentals review

By Lisa Gervais

More than 1,500 people responded to a County of Haliburton survey on shortterm rentals, consultants J.L. Richards and Associates Ltd. told County council May

They said the first of two surveys

- focused on gathering community perspectives and their interactions with short-term rentals - was "well received." The survey ran from April 3-25.

Report authors Gursimran Saini and Tori Ruck said they would use the information to guide a second round of consultation with County-identified stakeholders.

"The second round will focus more on the different ways on how to address the issues associated with short-term rentals," they said.

In their report, they said the County has to balance advancements in the tourism industry, via websites such as Airbnb and VRBO, with the need to create a regulatory framework "to manage these new age vacation rentals."

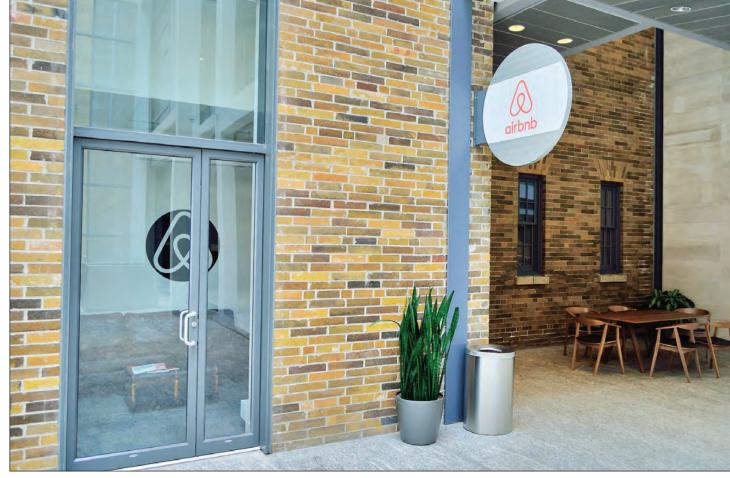
They also said it is largely a municipal responsibility. Currently, short-term rentals are not addressed in the County's official

In the report, the consultants reviewed what's been written about short-term rentals and looked at what nine other Canadian municipalities are doing.

Speaking to the literature review, they concluded, "generally, the research indicates that full-time, entire homes and multi listings are the underlying cause of various issues associated with STRs such as constriction of long-term rental markets and competition to traditional hospitality industry.

"Further, Combs, Kerrigan and Wachsmuth (2019) conclude that STRs are growing faster, concentrating faster, and removing housing from the longterm market faster in rural areas and CAs (Census Agglomerations) than in CMAs (Census Metropolitan Areas). This finding is important in context of the efforts to manage STR in Haliburton County, indicating foresight and a well-rounded approach is necessary in all relevant policy decisions.'

They looked at Blue Mountains; Whistler;



The County is continuing to work on its short-term rental file for companies such as Airbnb. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Huntsville; Niagara-on-the-Lake; Lake of Bays; Prince Edward County; Vancouver; Kingston and Brampton for comparators.

Closer to Haliburton County, Blue Mountains regulates short-term rentals. They have a licensing application fee of \$55; and two-year licensing for approximately \$2,300 plus inspection fees. They have rules about density, occupancy, parking, landscaping, amenity space, health and safety. They also have a demerit point systems for various infractions by operators and guests, with licenses revoked if too many points are issued, and fines of up to \$2,500.

Huntsville regulates the industry with an application fee of \$55 and licencing fees of \$500 to \$750 with annual renewal fees. They also regulate occupancy, parking, and apply a municipal accommodation tax of

four per cent.

Lake of Bays regulates via licensing, with three categories of fees, occupancy, parking and other considerations, such as setbacks.

"The best practices ... have been adopted by various municipalities based on the local context ... all municipalities contain general provisions in their relevant bylaws that require conformity of the units with other applicable regulations such as waste management bylaws, building code, fire code and noise bylaw," the report stated.

"Additionally, there is a requirement of site plan, floor plan, parking management plan and emergency exit plan, together with site inspections to get [an] STR license in many municipalities. A responsible person who can respond to concern or complaints within a pre-determined amount of time is also a noted requirement in STR

legislations."

However, the planners also noted that the municipality of Collingwood, for example, does not permit short-term rentals, except in the form of bed and breakfast establishments.

Ultimately, they said it would be up to County councillors which direction the portfolio goes.

Referring to the first survey, they said, "there are several conflicting opinions regarding this topic, and we understand it can be a controversial one. This report is merely a summary of the comments received and is not indicative of the County's or consultants' position on the topic."

See more in next week's *Highlander* about what was decided at the meeting.



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County wraps up first climate change survey

By Sam Gillett

There are only a few days left to contribute to the County's first of two community climate change surveys.

The online questionnaire, closing May 30, polls Highlanders on which areas the County should prioritize as it develops a Community Climate Action Plan

"Your input will help to determine what issues related to climate change are important to our community, and this will set the stage for developing a plan that focuses on local priorities and creates local benefits," states the survey introduction.

Some local environmental groups such as the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) are urging Highlanders to take part.

"A healthy environment is a healthy economy," said HHLT board member Sheila Ziman. She said the Land Trust's work on the Highlands Corridor directly relates to the climate concerns.

"We need to look at the big picture and protect large corridors for wildlife and habitat," she said. Wetlands absorb greenhouse gases like methane and carbon dioxide.

A second survey will be available later this summer, which will focus on how Highlanders would like to see the County lower greenhouse gas emissions.

The survey can be found at haliburtonclimate.ethelo.net/page/welcome.



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Highlander elections

New Blue seeks social conservative return

By Sam Gillett

Ben Prentice said his decision to run for the New Blue Party of Ontario "boils down to principles."

He said the Ford government's fiscal record points to a shift away from traditional conservative values of keeping a balanced ledger.

"Even before COVID came in there was higher record of spending, but for a conservative government it's always been about less oversight," he said.

Prentice lives in Millbrook, and owns an HVAC company specializing in industrial piping and installation, which operates across Ontario and Quebec. He was the riding president for the new party, before jumping at the chance to run in its first provincial election.

The New Blues favour lower taxes and condemned Ford's approach to the COVID-19 pandemic. They said lockdowns and mask mandates disproportionally impacted small businesses.

The party, formed in 2020, said its mission is to "get our province working again by empowering individuals, strengthening our democracy, defending taxpayers, promoting small businesses, and standing up for faith and families."

Prentice said he is concerned about aspects of Ontario's school curriculum, which the party said shouldn't contain information on diverse gender identities, critical race theory or in-depth sexual health topics.

He's chatted with people who feel schools

shouldn't teach certain health or social history topics.

"I want to raise my family as I want to raise them and have less government oversight," he said.

On healthcare, Prentice said, "a lot of the blanket regulations really detracted from what people need." He said money injected into the healthcare system throughout the pandemic should be accounted for, and he suspects rehiring unvaccinated staff would help with staff shortages. He said the pandemic has underscored "the real need for people in these positions to be well taken care of."

Prentice said he's not concerned over the chance new conservative parties such as the Ontario Party and New Blues might split the vote, or decrease Progressive Conservative power in Queen's Park.

"I think governments we have now are extremely left," Prentice said. He said the current Ontario majority isn't pursuing conservative policies, so alternative, "principled" parties are filling the gap.

Candidates bow out

Two candidates won't be on the ballot June 2. Grant Dewar of the None of the Above Party of Ontario and Fred Fischer of Consensus Ontario are out of the race.

Dewar said he decided not to run because he was concerned about splitting the vote. According to party leader Brad Harness, Fischer did not acquire enough endorsement signatures to run for election.



Ben Prentice lives in Millbrook with his family. Submitted.

HKPR issues caution to residents without power

With power still out in some sections of Haliburton County due to the severe weekend storm, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is urging area residents to take every precaution when it comes to water and food safety.

For residences still without power, the health unit advises to keep fridge and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain the temperature inside. Without power, refrigerators can keep food cold for only 12 to 24 hours if they are kept shut. They recommend that dairy and meat

products be thrown out to prevent illness, as should any other food items that are discoloured or smell bad.

Freezers can typically keep food frozen for one to two days. After this time, it is important to check over any food. Any items that have been at room temperature for more than two hours should be thrown out. Partially thawed frozen food can be safely refrozen, although its quality may be affected.

HKPR recommends adding bags of ice to fridges/freezers to keep food inside cool.

For people who rely on a well and water treatment systems for their drinking water, the health unit advises that, once power is restored to the pump, run the water for approximately five minutes before using to flush out the water line to ensure it's safe. It is also advisable to get your well water tested after an outage to ensure it is safe for drinking.

Some on-site septic systems use pumps that run on electricity. If you're still using water in your home, remember that septic and pump tanks will continue to fill with wastewater. If the tanks get too full, the effluent could back up into the home. The health unit advises limiting water use until power is restored.

If using a portable generator, ensure it is only used outdoors in a well-ventilated area away from windows and fresh air intakes. You should not connect a generator to your electrical panel unless it has previously been installed by a qualified electrician. (Mike Baker).



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The Highlander Whose way of life?

The Highlander's series on Crown land is a project I've been working on for more than a year, since first reporting on firearm use near cottages on Koshlong Lake.

This series digs deeper than that original June 2021 article, and I was motivated by the response it got.

"Get over it and go back to your condo in the city," read one Facebook comment.

"Anyone with half a brain would say no safer place to target shoot than a sandpit," someone else posted.

If I used Facebook comments to guide my reporting, I'd have switched careers already. But I wanted to know: did I miss something? Was it really just "millionaire cottagers" who were complaining? Were they the only ones worried?

They're not.

The three primary sources for this series are concerned too. They've lived in Haliburton County for decades. They own guns. Wayne Parker and Mike Buss are experienced marksmen who often shoot on Crown land. Neither they nor Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt, also featured in the series, are against firearms,

or concerned about far-off gunshots interrupting martini hour.

It's precisely because of their experience sourcing safe shooting areas, riding ATVs or hunting around the County that they're urging the province to review whether all general use Crown land areas should still be designated as such.

All three suspect most of the allegedly inappropriate firearm use is from people who hail from outside of the County. The complaints aren't about a local hunter sighting in a rifle for deer season: it's hours of shooting on summer afternoons, skeetshooting, traversing private property and destroying trees with explosives.

I couldn't find people who shoot in these specific areas to talk to, but they're not the focus of the story: safe shooting in these areas and other general use Crown land spots is completely legal. The conversation is about something bigger.

It's about how Haliburton County and Ontario will handle the increased burden of use on our natural areas and in our communities, whether it's short-term rentals, shorelines, or the capacity of our parking lots.

The Highlands, like many rural areas in Ontario, is experiencing growing pains.

I understand how some could perceive the



complaints over firearms in particular, or ATVs, as newcomers' naivety or "millionaires" trying to ruin a way of life, but from what I've seen, it's the large influx of people using Haliburton County as an outdoor playground that's sparking these conversations.

The ones raising questions don't seem to be advocating for an end to rural traditions such as hunting, enjoying a day out on a boat, or camping on public lands.

They're long-time community members concerned about how uncontrolled shooting ranges next to homes, over-crowded lakes and the toilet paper, beer cans and human waste left behind on public lands threaten the long-term health of our County.

LETTERS

Asking questions

Dear editor,

Is it only me who thinks that Pfizer will make a lot more money by selling the same vaccine for three years rather than inventing a new one to fight the Omicron variants?

Is it only me who thinks that the wild fluctuations in the cost of gas are not based on supply and demand economics (which do not radically change overnight) but instead on oil companies playing with our minds into accepting inflated prices - just because they can?

Is it only me who thinks that Doug Ford will morph back into the bull in the china shop by slashing social and environmental programs and doling out billions for extravagant construction programs after winning the election?

Is it only me who thinks that hyperinflation on everything is caused by high transportation costs (based on exaggerated gas prices) and a desire by businesses to make up for COVID losses?

Is it only me who thinks that the world was a lot better when people knew how to get along instead of trying to invent new realities, living in silos and game the systems?

Or do I have company?

Dennis Choptiany Koshlong Lake

ATV riders' destruction

Dear editor,

With climate change marching relentlessly on and picking up speed, to continue to allow any fuel-powered motorized vehicles for sport is a travesty.

ATVs are useful for farmers, foresters and others involved in work requiring travelling long distances over sometimes perilous terrain and carrying the equipment required to get the job done. I have no objection to them being used as tools of a trade. That is the only reason to own an ATV. All carbonfuelled vehicles, including snowsleds, ought to be legislated as for necessary work use only and banned as "toys."

The huge boats that are used seasonally could be listed under that heading. Not only do they burn carbon fuel, but their huge wake destroys shorelines and native habitat.

Making it necessary to walk, ski or hike to a destination would be a win on three counts:

- 1. Land and wildlife habitat would be preserved.
- 2. Costs of restoration of land destroyed would be saved.
- 3. Medical health costs in the future will be lower when people are out hiking through forests rather than riding through

Anne-Marie Borthwick Haliburton

Missed opportunity

Dear editor,

A canvasser for the Ontario PCs came to our door last week.

My wife answered and she was tired, so she just sent the canvasser away. Missed opportunity. If I had answered, it would have gone more like this:

Why do you support the Tories? Do you own an executive two-storey in the GTA and a lakefront cottage? Do you vacation in Europe? Do you donate to charities so you can pretend you care about people who struggle to make it through the day? Do you have a large stock portfolio? If you answer "yes" to all these questions, then the Tories could be the party for you. If not, then by voting PC you are only hurting yourself.

Sure, the Tories talk a great line about being "friends of the working class" (until they oppose raising the minimum wage and try to bust unions), and "caring for the environment" (except for supporting green energy projects and lobbying against any kind of carbon pricing), and "supporting families" (so long as subsidized day care is not on the table), and "lowering taxes" (for

But, heck, support the PCs, because some day you'll win the lottery and then you'll be

Dave Hare Haliburton

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Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Dysart's strategic plan

Dear editor,

I read with interest and amusement the strategic planning article stating council wanted to capture the "essence of Dysart."

Strategycorp interviewed staff? Wouldn't you interview residents? Have a town hall meeting now restrictions are gone? In fact, the whole plan is around staff and training they will receive. Staff are not the essence of Dysart, the people are. Let me be clear, the role of council and staff is simple and needs no administrator. Maintain existing infrastructure and plan for replacement. Plan for land use and settle disputes in an orderly manner. Staff will be polite and efficient while doing their assigned work. That's all. That is the strategic plan. If council and staff do that Dysart will attract all the business and resident imaginations it wants automatically. Why? Because that is what we all want!

What is really telling is the statement "councillors 'chimed' in" - chimed in? Chimed in is code for meaningless comments. The council is there to have a strategic plan and tell staff what it is. Period. Chimed in tells you staff and Strategycorp were telling council what the plan is.

The City of Kawartha Lakes is now completely under the thrall of the CAO when the last remaining vestiges of power were handed over during COVID. After 22 years, the city is saddled with debt. The cost of staff wages, benefits and consulting now consumes 80 per cent of taxes collected leaving 20 per cent and provincial loans for everything else. No wonder everyone calls it the Kawartha Mistake.

Steve Clarke Minden Hills

Parking fairness

Dear editor,

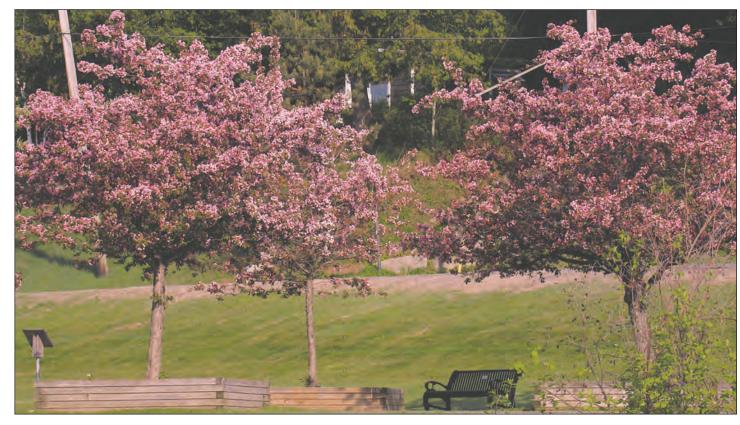
As Joni Mitchell so aptly sang: "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

Speaking of parking, I was recently amazed to learn that Dysart Council has allowed Mega Munch to set up their food truck bordering the sidewalk on Highland Street in front of what used to be the backyard of the well-known Consky house (founders of the Molou Theatre).

This not only is unsuitable for the village's main street, it is also located directly across from the LCBO, which will undoubtedly create a parking nightmare. Surely there must be a more appropriate location such as the Beer Store plaza or Industrial Park Road where there is ample parking.

Why would council not take the parking situation into serious consideration in this case, when it has done just the opposite for the new bricks and mortar restaurant on Highland Street – Hook, Line & Sinker (formerly Baked & Battered) by charging a hefty fee for their customers to park across the road in the free municipal parking lot? Ensuring the beautification and

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Ashlee Gross, a Grade 11 student that has a cottage in Haliburton, sent this photo she took during the Victoria Day long weekend.

accessibility of Haliburton village is essential for long-term growth and, hopefully, Dysart's new council-elect will make this a priority come October.

Dave Allen Haliburton

Shoreline bylaw concerns

Dear editor,

At its April 27 meeting, while deferring voting on the proposed shoreline preservation bylaw until after the October municipal election, Haliburton County Council decided to hire bylaw enforcement staff and to send the most recent draft for legal review (the next step in the legislative process).

The current draft bylaw is not good legislation; it's merely "less bad" than previous versions. It now only restricts owners' property rights on the first 20 metres of their properties, rather than the original 30 metres. The original complex and expensive permit application process has been somewhat improved, although the requirements remain onerous and potentially expensive, given the need to post bonds to do work.

But the bylaw still does nothing to encourage property owners to re-naturalize properties where large portions of the natural shoreline have been removed (often decades ago). The Lake Health Report (May, 2019) analysis showed that one-third of Haliburton Lakes have less than 70 per cent natural or regenerative shorelines, where the benchmark for healthy lakes is 75 per cent.

Nor does it address the major known big risks to lake health in our area – improperly functioning septic systems and the use of fertilizers.

And the marginal benefit from the notyet-approved additional staffing will add over \$500,000 annually to the Haliburton taxpayers' bill.

Haliburton Waterfront Owners (HWO) have been providing constructive input on this issue to Haliburton County Council for quite some time. As waterfront owners, no one values the quality of our lakes more than we do; and, as taxpayers, no one resents unnecessary expenditures more than we do.

We invite you to visit our website at haliburtonwaterfrontowners.ca to learn more about this issue, our concerns and recommendations, and how you can join us.

Dave Love Haliburton Lake

Editor's note: While some members of County council discussed deferring a decision on the County's shoreline preservation bylaw until after the October municipal election an official decision has not been made.

Get what we deserve

Dear editor,

For a community with more than its share of rugged individualists, it's confounding why our region repeatedly elects PCs to the provincial legislature with huge majorities.

I share reporter Mike Baker's chagrin that MPP-forever Laurie Scott ducked last week's candidates debate. Not that it should surprise us. PC election handlers have stuck all of their candidates in the same soundproof box that Doug Ford is in. It's all about making sure they can't say something stupid that might endanger their poll standings.

Sometimes, a local MPP can rise to great heights of influence when his party is in

power, as Haliburton's own Chris Hodgson did many years back. However, the opposite can just as easily happen. If ever there were a prescription for being ignored by Queen's Park, we are now it. Ford takes our riding for granted to the extent that he had the audacity to return Scott to the back benches last year, after she swiftly proved herself too lacking in talent even for his notably feckless Cabinet.

If miracles really do happen, one day we may see a truly competitive election in our riding - one that compels the Tories to find a candidate with strong credentials and party influence.

Until then, we can look forward to Tory governments tossing us a few internet transmission towers, some hospital beds and the odd road repair. We get what we deserve.

K. Makin Haliburton

Welcome but lighting concerns

Dear editor,

I read with interest your article on the new Chrysler dealership coming to Haliburton. As the owner of two Chrysler products, I welcome the idea of a dealership in the area and am looking forward to seeing them open soon.

As a nearby resident that moved to the area to enjoy nature, the local wildlife, and the clear night skies, I sincerely hope that the lighting changes they mentioned will take into consideration the effect of light pollution on the surrounding area and the impact on their neighbours.

Shaun Overton Haliburton

Highlander business

New software helped Heat-Line grow

By Mike Baker

Highlands-based company Heat-Line Freeze Protection Systems has been highlighted in a new federal study as a shining example of how investing in digital technology can help to grow a business if used efficiently.

The Business Development Bank of Canada says while 91 per cent of small and medium-sized enterprises in Canada spent money on new technology in 2021, only a fraction of those are using their new tech effectively.

Founded in 1988 by Lorne and Robin Heise, Heat-Line specializes in developing and manufacturing advanced heating cable, heat trace wire and water pipe freeze protection solutions for the residential and commercial markets. The business is located on Green Lake Road, adjacent to Stanhope airport.

After years of flirting with the idea of bringing their business into the 21st century from a backend standpoint, Heat Line recently took the plunge by spending on new enterprise resource planning software (ERP). Operations manager Matthew Roberts said the software, supplied by NetSuite has completely revolutionized how the company manages its financials, supply chain, operations, reporting and manufacturing activities.

"It really was a whole new world once we got things up and running," Roberts said. "We went from having a dozen different people having to manually take information down and transport them from one place to another, to having a software that dealt with all of that... Something that before would have taken

us 10, 15 minutes we could do now in a few seconds."

But it wasn't an easy transition. Roberts estimates he spent between 600 to 700 hours digging up data for NetSuite for the system build, while the company's production manager Richard Mee put in another 200 hours.

The system eventually went online in July 2020, just a couple of months into the pandemic. The time, and money, spent developing the software paid almost immediate dividends, Roberts said. It put the company in a position to be able to handle the "incredible" growth it saw later that year.

"Without that new software there's no way we would have got through the pandemic expansion. In the two years since we launched it, our business has pretty much doubled in size with a similar level of frontline staff," Roberts said

After seeing how successful the NetSuite system has been for them behind-the-scenes, Roberts said the company has this year rolled out a new e-commerce website that allows customers to purchase materials, look at previous orders and track their deliveries in real time.

"That's been a big hit, and has been a huge help for us too. Before, half of our production manager's job was fielding calls from customers looking for an update on their order. Now, they can check all of that out for themselves," Roberts said.

He added, "We couldn't live without NetSuite now... It's almost become the heart of our company."



Matthew Roberts, operations manager at Heat-Line Freeze Protection Systems, said he spent around 700 hours helping the company transition to a new software-based business model in 2019. *Submitted*.

Mega Munch takes bite into Haliburton village

By Sam Gillett

One of Haliburton's popular outdoor eateries has found a new home.

Mega Munch food truck, now located across from the Haliburton LCBO, plans to fire up the grill and open their window in the coming weeks.

The popular food truck served hearty breakfast and lunch fare at its Hwy. 118 location for years before facing possible closure in October 2022 when they lost access to their longtime home.

"We were a little nervous we might have to leave town, said Wendy Vargas, who operates the business with her husband Adrian Vargas and their two sons Alex and Matthew.

They said they're grateful to Adam Perecko and Chris O'Mara, owners of SolidState Computer Solutions and Prettypaws Pet Boutique, for providing space for the truck on their property.

Perecko said he and O'Mara value local business and were pleased to help the Vargas family find a new spot.

"Everybody wins," Perecko said. Mega Munch will soon have outdoor seating, and a stone pathway down to the river behind the truck will be a great place for picnics, Adrian said.

The food truck will now be open yearround. A winter menu will feature soups and hearty sandwiches.

Wendy said the people who frequent the truck are the best part of the job.

"Overall it's a very positive experience. Everyone is happy with our service and our food. That's what makes it rewarding," Wendy said.

While inflation and supply chain issues mean Mega Munch has had to re-configure its pricing, Adrian said it prices its food "for local people."

Many of those locals helped the family set up its new location, making time to help fill and dig the gravel base for the truck, install water lines and septic and more.

Other Mega Munch regulars have been honking their support or, most often, asking when they'll be able to grab a bite to eat.

"A lot of people are very kind in this town," Adrian said.

Mega Munch is aiming to open in June. Visit their Facebook page for more information.



Mega Munch owners Adrian and Wendy Vargas with Adam Perecko and Chris O'Mara, who provide the food truck space on their property. *Photo by Sam Gillett*.

Highlander arts



Meet the von Trapps

The stage is set for The Highland Summer Festival's production of *The Sound of Music*, premiering July 4. The cast, mostly made up of Highlanders, has been rehearsing for over a month. On May 21, the von Trapp kids (Tommy Griffith, Ella Gooley, Duncan Evans-Fockler, Brooke Gooley, Evelyn Mardus, Penelope Irvine and River Christiano) practiced "The Lonely Goatherd" scene and song with Maria (Ali Powell). (*Sam Gillett*).

Left: River Christiano helps cast members learn the script's finer elements during rehearsal. Right: Ali Powell (Maria) and the von Trapp children during the song *The Lonely Goatherd. Photos by Sam Gillett.*







The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club continues to be active online and welcomes photography enthusiasts of all experience levels. Members are looking forward to in-person meetings and outings in the spring. Visitors are welcome to attend one of their monthly meetings to see what it's all about. For meeting schedules and to view all competition images visit highlandscameraclub.ca . You can also follow the club on Facebook. The top three images in the latest pictorial category were: first, 'Is it walk time yet?' by Wendy Evenden; second 'paddler' by Gordon Sheehan and third 'blueberries' by Julie Jones. (*Lisa Gervais*).







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Highlander people



Peter Miller, from Gooderham, has just completed a reservist stint in Alberta. Photo by Cpl. Jonathan King, Maple Resolve Public Affairs.

Gooderham reservist kept vehicles running

By Lisa Gervais

Gooderham's Peter Miller has just returned from Wainwright, Alberta where he worked as a vehicle technician during a Canadian Army training exercise.

A master corporal, the 57-year-old took part in Exercise Maple Resolve from May 10-22.

Miller said his shift started at 8 a.m. every day and he repaired vehicles used by the

army to train soldiers.

"For the most part, when it was busy, it was a 12-hour-long day," he said. "We removed engines and major components, anything that takes longer than two hours to repair."

As a reservist with 32 Service Battalion in Toronto, Miller said he is still learning new things every day, despite his 30 years of experience as a civilian mechanic, and his

22-year career in the military.

"There are many things here that we don't see as civilians, like armoured vehicles, so there's still a lot for me to learn," he said. "But you can bring your skills and knowledge here from civilian life. It's a great experience."

Exercise Maple Resolve is the Canadian Army's largest and most complex exercise. It tests the skills of army leaders and

soldiers through a force-on-force exercise. It's planned and coordinated by the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre in Wainwright.

This year, the majority of participating soldiers were from 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group based in Petawawa. About 2,800 soldiers, including participants from the United States and the United Kingdom, took part.



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An MNRF helicopter is stocked with fish to release into County lakes. Photo by Elian Grigore.

HHOA stocking effort makes 35,000 splashes

By Sam Gillett

Thirty-five thousand new fish are swimming through Haliburton lakes this spring thanks to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA).

The association raised 15,000 Lake Trout and 20,000 Rainbow Trout this year at its Gelert Road hatchery.

For 12 days, HHOA volunteers shipped out tanks of fish to 18 lakes around the County. Some were dropped by helicopter, others by boat.

"Stocking thousands of fish in multiple lakes is a very big job that involves a lot of moving parts and a lot of people power," HHOA President Dan Smith said in a media release. "Timing is critical. Water temperatures have to be just right. It's a lot of coordination and hard work but it's well worth the effort to help maintain good fishing in our lakes."

Hatchery manager departs

Hatchery manager Randy Charter is stepping down after seven years. Charter was the volunteer responsible for coordinating stocking efforts and completing other tasks around the hatchery.

"Randy has been a wonderful member and friend to the HHOA. His contributions have been outstanding. He will truly be missed and we wish him the best going forward," Smith said.

Charter said the HHOA is a "wonderful organization with so many great people, with various life skills and experiences coming together to achieve a common goal.

I want to thank all our volunteers over the years for coming on board, working hard and helping to build an awesome team," said Charter.

HHOA reports Walleye rise

The HHOA counted 2,100 Walleye at their Drag River monitoring site, exceeding 2021's count of 1,334.

Volunteers observed the Walleye spawns nightly until April 29, counting young Walleye who hatched from eggs laid on the river's rocky bottom.

"We think our efforts are going to have an impact," said Tim Bahr, HHOA board member.

He said the next step is coordinating with Trent Severn Waterways staff to ensure the river gets adequate flow, to help the Walleye flourish.

"What we need to do is work really hard to make sure that water flow is maintained at the level it's supposed to," he said.

He encouraged anglers and fishery supporters to play the association's 50/50 draw to help raise money for their Walleye preservation efforts.

"We're going to keep at it," Bahr said.

First 50/50 win reeled in

Kimberly MacDonald won the HHOA's first 50/50 draw for 2022, totalling \$2,270. Half the proceeds from the 50/50 draw fund HHOA's walleye spawning rehabilitation efforts, stocking local lakes and other activities. Tickets can be purchased at bigcatch5050.ca.



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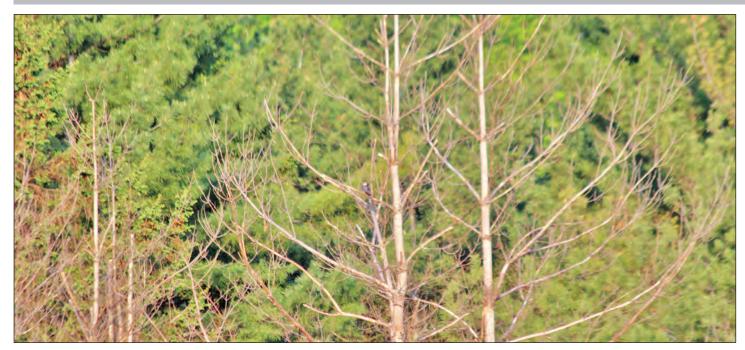
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Highlander environment





Top: Can you spot the Merlin? Bottom: Ed Poropat, centre, led the May 21 Don Smith Memorial Bird Walk. Photos by Sam Gillett.

Looking for winged celebrities

By Sam Gillett

Celebrities are flocking back to the Haliburton Highlands.

They're floating by docks, flitting gracefully from feeder to branch. They're indulging in juicy worms and gossip or singing songs more renowned than anything on the top 40 lists.

The birds of Haliburton County are back for the summer.

They're the reason a group of intrepid fans arrived at 6:30 a.m. May 21 for the Don Smith Memorial Bird Walk, hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

As birder Ed Poropat welcomed the group to the Haliburton County Rail Trail, the birds had already begun singing.

"It's been getting quite busy ... we're right in the peak of migration right now," said Poropat. "We should have lots to see on our way," he added.

With that, the group set off in the hazy late spring morning. On the path? Hushed tones and the crunch of gravel. In the trees? Thousands of conversations, tasty pine cone breakfasts and happy trills.

It was the first memorial walk, which board member Sheila Ziman said would hopefully be a yearly tradition to pay homage to Smith's memory. Smith was a bird enthusiast, who led a Spring Warbler walk once a year for the Haliburton Field Naturalists.

"He was always keen. He was the one I learned from ... he was so animated and happy to do it for us," said Ziman.

Smith, who passed away in 2021, was a small mammal researcher, passionate about birds and creatures of all kinds.

Every few metres the group would pause and look up, glimpsing a member of the flying famous. A stork cut a dark shadow 300 metres out across Gelert Road. From behind pine needles a Bandit Warbler coyly observed awestruck fans.

A Scarlet Tanager dashed across the trail. "Hopefully we'll get a good look at one of those up close," Poropat said.

In a grove of evergreens, a Warbler performed its signature tune: "teacher, teacher." Poropat explained how these tiny birds craft small nests under leaves expertly

blending into their environments.

As is the case with all stars, there are copy-cats eager to emulate the greats. The Grey Catbird, calling down on the group from afar, mimics a range of birds, warbling along in a jumbled script that, for some reason, contains a "meow."

For each bird the group hushed, lifting binoculars or squinting up at the treetops. They caught flashes of an orange belly or a grey beak turned to the sun. Poropat quickly identified each, listing its unique features. Often, he'd withdraw a book containing detailed drawings of each species. No bird too small, too common, all rendered expertly down to each gleaming talon and shiny beak.

Some were just passing through, catching a bite to eat. Others, like so many ground-dwellers this time of year, will call the Highlands home again after spending the winter down south.

As the sun rose higher, the group rambled further and the woodland gossip continued. The Highlands' winged and famous are back



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Sunny sales and fundraisers

Left: Gail Gotter and Joanne Barton pose at the Wilberforce Community Sale, May 21. Right: People scan for good finds at the Gooderham Street Sale May 21. *Photos by Sam Gillett*.



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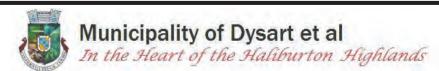
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Top: David Wrightman strums for the crowd at the Gooderham Street Sale May 21. Middle: The Kinmount Farmers' Market kicked off its 2022 season May 21. Bottom: The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library turned the page on their 2022 book sales, happening each week at the Minden branch. Pictured is Sue Redi (left) and Sybil Roodenburg. *Photos by Sam Gillett*.



FORM 6 SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on June 15, 2022, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office,135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Submitted tenders will be opened virtually by Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting using the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqdeGoqTouHtHU04iVBto0WudCOBPuF8VI
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Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 46 24 011 000 04700 0000; PIN 39252-0027 (LT); PT LT 5 CON 7 DYSART AS IN DY3763; DESCRIPTION MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE AS IN DY3763; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-04

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$24,000 Minimum tender amount: \$5.997.24

2. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 35300 0000; Irish Line Rd.; PIN 39141-0342 (LT); PT LT 8 CON 3 GUILFORD AS IN H127005; UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY, HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE; File No. 20-20

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$82,000

Minimum tender amount: \$7,149.23

3. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 76415 0000; Eagle Lake Rd.; PIN 39142-0259 (LT); PT LT 11 CON 4 GUILFORD PT 1 19R4394; S/T GU626; UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY, HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE; File No. 20-21

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$28,500 Minimum tender amount: \$5,809.93

4. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 80800 0000; PIN 39142-0202 (LT); PT LT 14 CON 4 GUILFORD AS IN H181845 DESCRIPTION MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE AS IN H181845; S/T INTEREST IN H181845.; DYSART ET AL: File No. 20-22

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$28,000 Minimum tender amount: \$5,929.72

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale contact:

Rachael Velkovski Tax Collector The Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al 135 Maple Avenue, P.O. Box 389 Haliburton ON KOM 150 705-457-1740 Ext. 639 www.dysartetal.ca

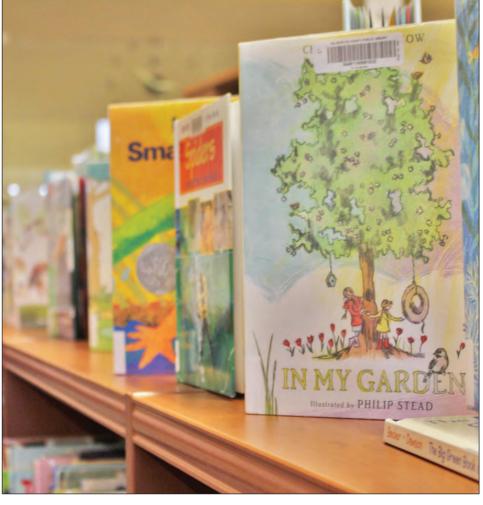
Highlander events



Lions and pups trot for dog guides

The Haliburton and District Lions Club hosted a Pet-Valu-sponsored Walk for Dog Guides May 21. Lions staffed a yard sale and bake sale before inviting community members to stroll with their dogs through Haliburton's downtown. All proceeds from the sale and walker pledges went towards supplying a dog guide for a person who is visually impaired in the Highlands. (*Sam Gillett*).

James Lawr strolls with his furry friend May 21. Photo by Sam Gillett.



'Classic' fundraiser to fund kids' curiosity

The Haliburton and District Lions Club are set to host a new "Classic Fundraiser" at the Haliburton Legion June 4 from 7-10 p.m.

There will be four musical performers, a cash bar, silent auction and plenty of snacks. Money raised through ticket sales, up to \$2,500, will be donated to the Haliburton County Public Library's early childhood education program.

It's also a chance to get out and have some fun, said Lion Gail Stelter.

"It's time for people to get out and enjoy life after two years of COVID, although we know COVID hasn't gone away," she said.

"We wanted to do something fun and easy, not too expensive for people to do. We wanted to do something that would allow people to sing and laugh and dance and have a good time."

Tickets are \$15.00 each or \$25 for two. They're available by calling Stelter at 705-455-2772 or from any Haliburton Lion.

Proceeds will go to the Haliburton County Public Library's early childhood education programs. (*Sam Gillett*).





Highlander community



The Highland Yard will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with a special event at Abbey Gardens in September. The race will be taking place virtually this summer. *File*.

Highland Yard to celebrate 50 years pounding the streets

By Mike Baker

Registration for this year's Highland Yard will open next week, and event organizers say they have something special planned to celebrate the event's 50th anniversary.

A fundraiser in support of local non-profit Places for People, the Highland Yard traditionally encourages participants to raise pledges ahead of gathering for a large, in-person race across the Highlands. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the event has had to switch gears a little bit, transitioning to a more personal event.

That will continue again in 2022, with participants having the option to complete a 2k, 5k or 10k run/walk in their own time. Registration opens June 1, with people having two months to complete their circuit.

While long time organizer Jack Russel said he would have loved to stage an in-person event again after a three year absence, he said the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and provincial restrictions earlier this year when planning forced his team's hand.

"We just weren't sure how things were going to unfold. It takes a lot of time to get the planning into action for this event. We've been there before (planning an in-person event that had to be cancelled) so we decided to play it safe and do another virtual run," Russel said.

Now that things have calmed and people have, for the most part, returned to normal day-to-day life, Russel said he's been able to plan an after party of sorts in recognition of Highland Yard's 50th birthday.

"We've been trying for the past three

years to celebrate... The first running of the Highland Yard was 1971, so while this will be our 52nd event, we're calling it the '50th year of running'. We just want to squeeze in an opportunity to celebrate and mark the occasion," Russel said.

A celebration will be held at Abbey Gardens Sept. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Following back-to-back record-breaking years, where Highland Yard has raised more than \$30,000, Russel said he's keeping his fingers crossed for another mammoth total in 2022. In the 10 years that Places for People has run the event, Russel estimated they have raised more than \$150,000.

"So, what do we do with that money? Right now, Places for People is evolving and changing the way it operates. It's moving from managing single dwelling units to larger scale multi-unit buildings... Places for People is stepping up to provide a much-needed service to the community," Russel said.

The organization currently owns and manages seven units across Haliburton County. In recent years, management has been working closely with Dysart township on a large-scale development on Wallings Road (now affronting Halbiem Crescent), while further community projects are in the works.

Following 11 successful years at the helm of the local event, Russel will be passing along stewardship of Highland Yard to Rotaract Haliburton Highlands. All proceeds raised from future events will still benefit Places for People.

For more information on Highland Yard, or to register visit highlandyard.ca.



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What's on

Barrel of support for Highlands East fires

By Sam Gillett

An upcoming Highland Grove and Wilberforce fire associations fundraiser is selling rain barrels to fund community initiatives.

The proceeds will go to people who have lost homes due to fire, and fund community events and education campaigns.

"By fundraising and hosting community events it not only helps promote emergency preparedness, it also brings the community together in a friendly social atmosphere, which I am sure we can all agree everyone needs after the past two years," said Highland Grove fire captain Tom Burroughs.

Each barrel, used to trap rainwater,

comes with a leaf and mosquito filter basket, spigot and an overflow adapter and hose.

Rain barrels are available for purchase online and at a May 28 truckload sale at the Highland Grove Community Centre between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the stations will host a fundraising BBQ and provide refreshments.

Burroughs added the station will be recruiting volunteer firefighters. "It is a fun and rewarding way to give back to the community and help people when they are at their greatest need," he said. Barrels can be pre-purchased at rainbarrel.ca/ highlandgrovefireassociation/.



Wilberforce and Highland Grove fire associations have teamed up for a barrel fundraiser. File.

WHAT'S ON

May 28 - 2-3 p.m.

"Why Green Burial?: Your Ecological Legacy After Death" Terry Moore presents at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Library. Free. No registration required.

May 28 - 10 a.m.

Master Gardeners fundraising plant sale. 10 a.m. until sold out. Head Lake Rotary Park, Haliburton Village. More native plants than ever before. They'll have a good selection of hardy perennials, daylilies from Henry Spitz, vegetable seedlings and more. New this year is a book re-sale table, heritage apple information, pollinator table, healthy

waterfront display and the MG advice table.

May 28 - 10 a.m.

There is also a plant sale in Minden at the Village Green on Bobcaygeon Road organized by the Minden and District Horticultural Society which also starts at 10 a.m. on the same day. Both sales sell out within hours so come early.

May 29 - 11 a.m.

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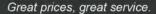
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She will be forever missed by her parents Jane Wilson (Ed) & Neil Hamill (Charmaine). Lovingly remembered by her siblings Steven Hamill (Melinda), Brittany Wang (Nik), Eden Hamill-Birungi (Ivan) and Taylor Hamill (Priscilla). Dearly missed by her in-laws, Jim & Marilyn Frost, Eric Frost, Joel Frost (Michelle), by her many nieces & nephews, aunts, uncles, those who called her Momma Lisa, extended family and countless friends.

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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Saturday, May 28, 2022 from 11:00 am until the time of the Memorial Service to celebrate Bob's Life at 12:00 o'clock noon. Reception to follow in Monk-Cray Family Centre at the Funeral Home. Interment at St. Stephens' Cemetery, Boshkung. Cremation has taken place.

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The candidate requires a degree or diploma in Human Resources, with 2-3 years of relevant experience, Healthcare experience would be an asset. Above average skills in MS Office, HRIS programs and employment legislation knowledge is beneficial. Promotes a respectful and kind approach to others.

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Eric Recalla, HHHS Foundation Chair • erecalla@hhhs.ca

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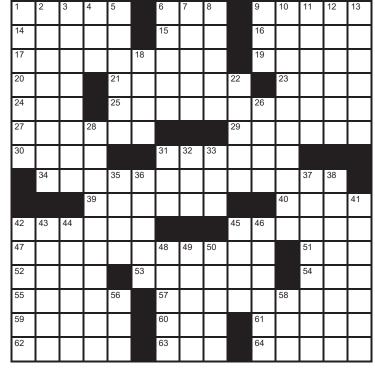


You Do the Math

Across

- 1 Design particulars
- **6** "... not an animal, I ___ human being!" (Merrick line)
- **9** Schindler played by Liam
- 14 B.C. Lions quarterback William
- 15 Prefix with giving or taking
- **16** "So what, see if ___!"
- **17** Dissuade + fellow
- **19** Alfalfa's girl on "The Little Rascals"
- **20** Dating shorthand for "So, are we a couple?"
- 21 Vowel-heavy Virgil title
- 23 Wind up on a fishing boat?
- **24** Landing guesstimate
- **25** Winter bug + smelter stuff + aroma
- 27 Turned the hounds (on)
- 29 Londoner's "land sakes!"
- **30** Four: Pref.
- **31** Seance visitor
- **34** Jockey's strap + auto + country
- **39** Ancient German native
- 40 Protestant denom.
- **42** Pointe-___ (Montreal suburb)
- **45** Clued in about
- **47** Pog or platter + sharer's word + matures
- **51** Med. role for Richard Gere, 2000
- **52** Oblong tomato variety
- **53** Something to sneeze at?
- **54** Tuba sound with "oom"
- **55** ___ fours
- **57** Pigeon patter + a pop + supped
- **59** Country legend Haggard
- **60** Big socks?
- **61** Manually-turned drill
- 62 Does in, knight-style
- **63** Semi-automatic rifle inits.
- **64** Witherspoon of "Big Little Lies"

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Down

- **1** Most heartrending
- 2 ___-à-porter + stadium level
- **3** Theatre intermission
- 4 Cadet's "Charlie, delta, echo"
- **5** Fire bullets from above
- **6** "May I see ___?" (diner's request)
- 7 III-fated actor Sal
- 8 Showing signs of waking
- 9 Suffix with andr- or astr-
- **10** Wound reminder + urban
- 11 Abdul-Jabbar with a noted
- skyhook

 12 Dickinson of "Dragons' Den"
- **13** Lots to sell?
- **18** Neuter, as a stallion
- 22 Actress Winger
- **26** Pencil skirt feature
- 28 Dernier ___ + nervous twitch + partner in war
- 31 Covered one's butt, in a way
- 32 In favour of

- 33 Road trip refuge35 Fictional sleuth Wolfe
- **36** Prepare to play, as songs
- **37** Where to find a leaning column?
- **38** Petty complaint + fees
- **41** "I rest my case," on the playground
- 42 Some D: drive inserts
- **43** Big name in little trains
- 44 Capital of Eritrea
- **45** React to "Lassie Come Home,"
- 46 Looms, on a doomsayer's sign
- **48** Neat drink's lack, in bar lingo
- **49** "Old man take ___ at my life" (Young lyric)
- **50** Shiny lip application
- **56** Guitar great ___ Paul
- **58** Street of Ste.-Foy

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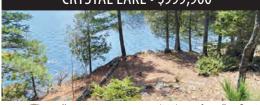


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