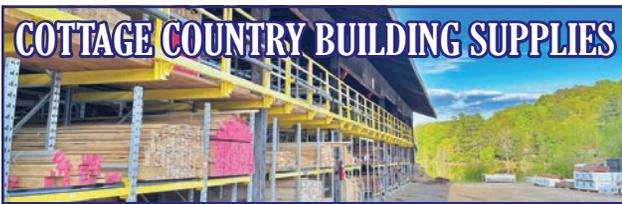


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Victory hugs

Newly-elected Minden Hills ward 1 councillor Ivan Ingram hugs resident Diane Peacock after earning the most votes in his riding. For the full story, see page 5.
Photo by Sam Gillett.

Veteran politicians Danielsen and Burton re-elected

By Lisa Gervais

County warden Liz Danielsen was elected mayor of Algonquin Highlands Oct. 24, while incumbent mayor Dave Burton has retained his seat in Highlands East.

In a close race likely fueled by shoreline preservation bylaw backlash, Danielsen narrowly defeated Mike Lang 1,204 votes to 1,064 to take on council's top job. After having been deputy mayor for three terms, she replaces long-time council head Carol Moffatt, who opted not to run this time around.

Meanwhile, Highlands East returned Burton to the mayor's chair for a fifth term. He beat contender Cheryl Ellis 1,117 votes to 801. It's the second time Burton has staved off Ellis for mayor.

Danielsen told *The Highlander* on election night, "Obviously it was a tight race. I expected it would be close. I didn't know that it would be quite that close."

She added, "I really truly am grateful and so happy to be able to carry on. I'm so grateful to the people that helped me, and the people who supported me and voted for me."

Danielsen said she is looking forward to working with the new council.

The only other new face is that of Sabrina Richards, who topped the polls in ward 2 with 930 votes. Also re-elected was Lisa Barry (798). Julia Shortreed returns in ward 1 and Jennifer Daillox in ward 3.

"I think it'll be a good, dynamic group. It's always good to have a new voice and some new energy," the mayor-elect said.

Danielsen added returning to the County table with Burton is important for continuity as Moffatt, Dysart et al mayor Andrea Roberts and deputy mayor Pat Kennedy and Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin

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New Highlands East councillor wants to bring people together

By Lisa Gervais

Newly-elected Highlands East ward 2 coun. Angela Lewis said she'll give herself time to settle into her new job but wants to strike a ward committee to improve communication between constituents and council.

Lewis defeated Janice Dahms 449 votes to 198.

"It's been a journey so far and I'm excited to continue it," Lewis said Oct. 25. She said she spent election night at home with friends. She sipped coffee and nervously waited. "When it comes to the end, it's kind of like, for me, I just want to get this over with now," she said of the wait.

Lewis added she was in touch with some Dysart et al candidates on the night and once Highlands East reported its unofficial results, her phone blew up.

Lewis thinks voters resonated with her "old school" campaign. That included spreading her message via word of mouth; strategic use of signage; and talking with contractors, since "they know everybody here."

She anticipates it will be a bit of a learning curve from the time she joins council Nov. 15.

"I'm going to put my best foot forward and do exactly what I said I was going to do," she added.

Lewis said a ward 2 committee is needed. "Because our towns are pretty spread apart, from Paudash to Highland Grove. I would like to do a meeting, probably once a month,



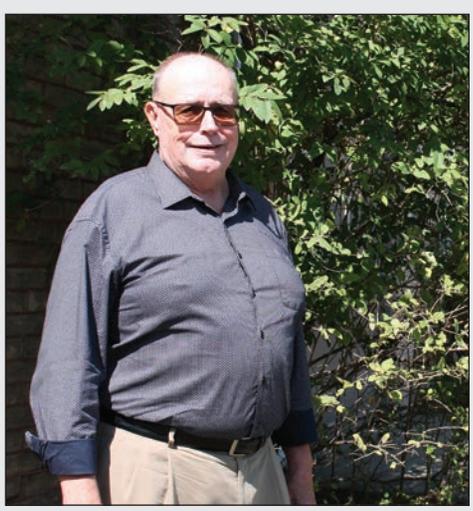
Angela Lewis is looking forward to joining Highlands East council. *File.*

one in Cardiff and one in Highland Grove. Just so that everybody can be heard."

She said in talking to some former councillors, she's heard, "there's a disconnect and we need to bring that together."



Left: Liz Danielsen has become mayor of Algonquin Highlands. *File.*



Right: Dave Burton returns as mayor of Highlands East. *File.*

Continuity on County council

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have all left municipal government. Joining the County will be Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter (acclaimed), deputy mayor Lisa Schell (acclaimed), Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey (acclaimed) and deputy mayor Walt McKechnie (acclaimed). Cec Ryall will join the County table as well. Algonquin Highlands has yet to select its deputy mayor.

Burton said on election night, he hadn't scrutinized the numbers behind his 300-vote victory but "a win is a win is a win."

If anything, he said he was disappointed with the lack of voter turnout. He said having three members of council acclaimed (Cam McKenzie, Ryall and Ruth Strong) took some of the interest out of the election.

Nonetheless, he said it was gratifying to get the voters' mandate once again. "I've very humbled, actually."

The new blood on this council comes in the form of Angela Lewis, elected to ward 2. She beat Janice Dahms 449 votes to 198. Burton said he is looking forward to working with Lewis and the rest of council.



Fearrey 'not surprised' by low turnout

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al council will have three fresh faces when it reconvenes for a new term next month.

The Oct. 24 municipal election saw Carm Sawyer and Pat Casey elected to council, where they will be joined by fellow newcomer Barry Boice, who was acclaimed after running unopposed in ward 5. Casey received 321 votes to serve as ward one representative, beating out Rob McCaig (263 votes), Pamela Brohm (121 votes) and Tom Bailey (18 votes). Sawyer ran out a comfortable winner in ward 4, receiving 568 votes. He defeated Ron Evans (302 votes), Brian Atkins (275 votes) and Hayden Hughes (23 votes).

In the only other race in Dysart, Nancy Wood-Roberts (504 votes) defeated Dan Roberts (334 votes) and Jennifer Korpela (269 votes) in ward 2. Wood-Roberts served as the ward 1 representative this term.

Fellow incumbent Tammy Donaldson will return as ward 3 representative after being acclaimed, with Walt McKechnie, who previously served in ward 5, replacing Pat Kennedy as deputy mayor. Murray Fearrey is returning as mayor after four years away from municipal politics, replacing the outgoing Andrea Roberts.

All members will be officially sworn in to their new positions Nov. 15.

Voter turnout was down significantly this election cycle, with just 31.5 per cent of all eligible voters casting a ballot. Township clerk Mallory Bishop indicated this number was likely driven by the high number of acclamations.

"The turnout was based on the people who could vote. There are currently 14,128 voters in Dysart et al when there is a race at large. Our mayor, deputy mayor, [Trillium Lakelands District] school board trustee and two ward councillors were acclaimed. This brought our eligible voters down to 9,588 residents."

Of those eligible, only 3,017 cast a vote.

'Time to get to work'

Speaking to *The Highlander*, Fearrey said while he was disappointed by the low turnout, he wasn't surprised.

"When there's not a race for mayor or deputy mayor, that takes some general interest out of it for most people," he said.



Murray Fearrey will be sworn in as Dysart et al's next mayor on Nov. 15 after running unopposed in the municipal election. File.

"I'm optimistic about the future. There's some good experience here, and some new people who will bring new ideas... I think we're going to make some good decisions, not ones that satisfy everybody, but the right ones for the municipality."

Fearrey said housing and health care would be his chief priorities once council resumes.

Casey was at McKeck's Tap and Grill with friends, family and some of his soon-to-be council colleagues when results were released late Monday. He thanked the community for supporting him, noting it was "time to get to work" on solving some of Dysart's most pressing issues.

"It's good to win... Now I feel like I can

assert myself [and offer solutions] instead of just talking about doing something. Now I can make a difference," he said. "I'm going to take stock of what my role is, what we have in Dysart, get our things in order and then start jumping on the housing issue, and raking through the shoreline bylaw to see if it's something we need in Dysart."

Wood-Roberts said she was "elated" to receive the support of ward 2 residents, stating she too wants to focus on bringing more housing to Dysart, while also suggesting the municipality should invest money into helping struggling families with childcare needs.

"There's not enough daycare options in

Dysart," she said.

Sawyer said he plans to be the community's voice on council next term. "I don't think as much what my personal goal is, it's more what everybody else wants me to do. I'm looking forward to learning the ropes, and then we can ask the people what's the most important issue to them... There's lots of issues in our community, and lots of directions we can go.

"We've got a good group of guys and ladies here now, and I think over the next four years we will get a lot accomplished," he concluded.



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Sabrina Richards joins Algonquin Highlands council while Lisa Barry returns. *File.*

One new and one familiar face for AH ward 2

By Lisa Gervais

Sabrina Richards topped all four ward 2 candidates in Algonquin Highlands Oct. 24 to claim a spot at the council table.

She received 930 votes, topping Lisa Barry (798), who was also elected, Napier Simpson (561) and Amber Meirik (454).

The owner of Big Hawk Lake Marina was surprised at the number. She thought she'd get around 600 votes. "That was quite surprising for me. The ward really did want change, but not too much change."

Looking at a tight mayor's race, in addition to her outnumbering incumbent Barry, Richards said, "I think it shows a big divide and I think we need to now take note of that and make sure that the decisions going forward are more collective of the community without having that division ..."

Asked if she was referring to the County's shoreline preservation bylaw, Richards said that was a big part of it but thinks it's more than that.

"There was particularly a lot of anger on many other topics. The landfill was a huge

one [AH closed the Hawk Lake landfill]. Both for the Maple Lake residents that are angry about the increased traffic and lineups and for the Halls and Hawk Lake people that are put out and not really having a dump to use at all because they just take it home with them."

Richards maintained her major issue is housing. "It really affects us here because our businesses are really exhausted. Owning a marina, I know it's hard to find workers. All the other businesses are suffering. Our township is suffering in getting employees because there's nowhere to house the workers if you get them."

"We're a beautiful place to live. People want to be here but if you don't have anywhere to put them, you just can't get them. And I think it's a complete ward issue, a complete township issue and a complete County issue. It's going to take a lot of work and I really hope that we can move forward on doing something there because it's going to take our entire term to probably accomplish it."

Barry back

Being elected to a fourth term post-COVID feels like a fresh start for Barry. "I'm very grateful. It's been a challenging few years with COVID. It feels like a fresh start. Like when you go back to school. It feels like a fresh book," she said Oct. 25.

Barry added, "we have great things that are happening and I think there's enough of a continuation on council to see some things through. I also feel like there's a big shift with Carol (Moffatt) now retiring, I think it's a good shift. Liz (Danielsen) brings a lot to the table, her experience on County and ... I'm excited. I really don't know Sabrina but it's nice to have a new voice to bring a new perspective to the table."

Barry said she is also eager to return to committee work "because we virtually haven't had real committee work happening for 2.5 years."

She is hoping to be reappointed to the environment and stewardship committee. She said pre-COVID they had started with

a plastic reduction strategy and a waste diversion initiative. And while the County now has a climate change coordinator, she still feels there is work to be done by Algonquin Highlands and other townships.

She added with the County moving ahead with short-term rental regulations, there will be a lot of work for the lower-tier municipalities.

One thing she would like to see happen this term is Algonquin Highlands recognized as a dark sky preserve. Dark sky preserves are protected areas that make a special commitment to protect and preserve the night, reducing or eliminating light pollution in all forms.

She is further expecting council may revisit its decision to close the Hawk Lake landfill.

"A lot of impact. People are getting sick of driving. It's a complicated issue but I'm open to discussing possibly different alternatives to what we initially agreed upon," Barry said.

Barry added she is looking forward to in-person meetings again, and community events, as she feels there is currently "a lot of discontentment in the world."

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The Minden Santa Claus parade is taking place on Saturday, November 19, starting at 11 am in the Arena parking lot. The parade follows Parkside Street, continues south on Bobcaygeon Road, finishing at the Township municipal parking lot off of St. Germain Street. Floats are still needed for the parade! Contact Tanya at 705-286-1260 x 551 or tbudgen@mindenhills.ca if you would like to participate.

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New Minden Hills council 'can't wait to get going'

By Sam Gillett

Minden Hills voted in a council mixed with municipal experience and fresh perspectives.

After more than two hours of anticipation, staff put the township's unofficial election results up on a television screen in the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena lobby in front of a silent crowd of candidates and acclaimed members of council.

"This is always a very interesting time, you really don't know how things are going to turn out," said acclaimed mayor Bob Carter, who previously served as a ward 2 councillor.

"I think everybody campaigned very rigorously, and the people have spoken, so off we go."

Unsuccessful candidates and those elected shared handshakes and congratulations before most travelled to the Minden Legion for a celebration.

Tammy McKelvey, newly-elected councillor at large, said she was "relieved" and "happy," to have been chosen.

She said she has a long list of objectives she's excited to tackle and wants to "work with council and do great things." McKelvey worked in various roles in municipal government, most recently as treasurer for Algonquin Highlands in 2019. She received more votes, 1,843, than her opponent, Trevor Chaulk, who received 1,032.

Re-elected ward 2 councillor Pam Sayne said she can "rest her running shoes" after going up against Stephen Hertel, garnering 529 votes over Hertel's 263.



Re-elected ward 2 councillor Pam Sayne chats with mayor-elect Bob Carter and outgoing mayor Brent Devolin. Photo by Sam Gillett.

It's her third term in office. "There's always learning, there are always issues. You really have to be ready and on for it," she said.

She said the result tells her, "she should keep working hard."

Ivan Ingram, elected with 1,238 votes in ward 1, said he was "pretty happy, and excited" with the results. "I can't wait to get going."

Ingram served as parks manager, arena attendant, water and sewage worker and environmental property operations manager in Minden Hills until 2019.

Ingram and Shirley Johannessen, who received 736 votes, will both serve as ward 1 councillors. Johannessen narrowly surpassed Mike Grozelle, who received 707 votes. Richard Bradley garnered 521.

"I was very excited, a bit overwhelmed, but extremely humbled that the people of Minden Hills have put their faith in me," Johannessen said in an email. "I am looking forward to being a part of the Minden Hills team. I am willing to listen and learn and be approachable to receive questions and if I don't know the answer I will seek it

out. I know I have a lot to learn but I am so willing. I am ready."

Lisa Schell, acclaimed deputy mayor, said, "everybody ran great campaigns." She added she's excited about the mix of experiences on council.

Out of 12,019 eligible voters, 2,976 people - 24.76 per cent - voted via internet polls, telephone or paper ballot.

The new council will be officially sworn in at a Nov. 24 meeting.



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Wildlife ‘buffet’ increasing the chance of deer-car collisions

By Sam Gillett

The Ontario Provincial Police estimate there are about 12,000 deer and wildlife collisions each year in the province.

An Oct. 24 press release estimates approximately 400 people are injured in these collisions each year. Those statistics may hit close to home for many Highlanders who encounter wildlife on their daily drives.

Dozens of deer, for instance, regularly graze in Haliburton village. Some are hit by passing cars. Monika Melichar of the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary said six fawns have come through the healing centre this year.

Melichar said areas such as Hwy. 118 near Sunnyside Street, or across from the high school, are especially dangerous, due to the deer's habit of crossing roads to find water.

“They’re crossing roads more often than normally would be the case for them,” Melichar said. “A normal deer in a normal situation might cross the road once or twice a day at the most. Whereas in Haliburton, they’re crossing them all the time.”

She said deer acclimatized to urban environments are more likely to be hit since they become more comfortable around cars and people.

She said the combination of safety, a lack of coyotes or other predators, and human-provided food make Haliburton village a prime location for deer currently bulking up for the winter months.

“They’re not naturally browsing because there's an abundance of food in Haliburton. It's like there's a buffet of restaurants from one house to the other.”

Dysart et al municipal law enforcement officer Robert Mascia said he’s not received complaints about in-town deer activity, and the animals aren’t on the town’s radar as far as he knows.

Melichar said as well as encouraging deer to cross busy roads, much of what residents put out is not healthy for deer. She describes apples and corn as “candy” to deer: providing sugar but not much protein. Deers’ stomachs change depending on the season. In the winter, their diet switches to rely on more fibrous plants, while they feast on lush plants and grasses in the summer. Feeding deer food they aren’t used to eating can have disastrous health consequences.

An abundance of unhealthy food can also lead to hoof and antler abnormalities. It can also increase the likelihood of disease. Deer congregating in areas such as Haliburton village are more likely to spread disease among themselves due to close proximity or nose-to-nose contact.

She said a solution for those who want to feed deer in a more sustainable way could be to partner with a landowner farther from busy roads, and ensure feed is made up of grains and high-protein ingredients, with minimal corn.

While limiting the feeding of deer is likely to decrease their numbers in Haliburton or other urban areas, all of the County’s roads carry the risk of critter crossings.

The OPP provided the following tips for



Deer on Mountain Street in Haliburton village. Photos by Sam Gillett.

drivers to avoid hitting deer and wildlife:

- Pay extra attention in areas where wildlife signs are posted. These areas have a high frequency of animal crossings.
- Monitor your speed. By obeying the posted speed limit, you increase your reaction time and decrease your vehicles braking distance - helping you avoid a possible collision.
- Be careful at the ends of fence lines. Animals may be following the fence line and looking to cross the roadway at their first opportunity.
- Be alert at all times. Scan your surroundings constantly and look ahead as you drive. It is common for animals to wait alongside the roadway or in the ditch, prior to crossing.
- Use your high beams when possible and

look for the glowing eyes of animals.

- Never swerve suddenly. This can cause you to lose control of your vehicle or head into oncoming traffic.
 - Brake firmly but maintain control of your vehicle if you see an animal standing in or crossing the roadway.
 - Deer rarely travel alone. If you see one, there is a good chance there are more.
- Melichar adds that animals such as deer are most active at dawn and dusk.
- If the worst does happen, motorists who hit large animals such as deer should report the collision to the OPP Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary cannot tend to adult deer, but can take in fawns or other animals that are hit.
- Melichar said animals that are hit will often recover on their own. “If they can walk away on all fours, they’re likely fine,” she said.

Public getting say in County's future

By Lisa Gervais

The County of Haliburton is continuing to work on an economic development strategy, launching a survey Oct. 11.

The County hired Strexer Harrop Consulting Group (SHCG), based in Bridgenorth, in June to develop a five-year strategy for the municipality. Director of economic development and tourism, Scott Ovell, brought the idea to council last January, securing just under \$50,000 for the plan from Safe Restart Funds.

"An economic development strategy will create a road map for economic transformation and growth, with the goal of yielding long-term prosperity for the County," Ovell said.

He added it will include steps that will require the participation of the business community, institutions and citizens.

"While the County has had tremendous success developing and marketing tourism, the challenging realities of today's economy call for new directions, ideas and approaches to enhance economic growth, attract investment and ensure the opportunity continues to be a significant part of the County's quality of life," Ovell said in unveiling the survey on the County's website and various online platforms, including wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca.

SHCG put together the survey to help the municipality "actively monitor changes taking place within our community, and ensure we work hard to support the local

economy," Ovell said.

He added responses will help develop ongoing COVID-19 recovery efforts to support the business community and, "provide vital information we can use to create initiatives and programs to support businesses and our local economy."

In addition to background information, the survey asks questions such as: in the past three years, has your opinion about doing business in our community changed; how would you describe the current economy in Haliburton County; what should Haliburton County focus on to grow jobs and the economy; and what is Haliburton County's biggest economic challenge for the next five years?

Ovell said SHCG has a strong background working with small rural townships, such as City of Kawartha Lakes, and with organizations within Haliburton County, such as the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

He said the first phase of the project will include a look at current realities, an economic profile of the County as well as a situational analysis using strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and results (SOAR). There will be the public survey and talks with stakeholders followed by a report to council early in the new year for their feedback.

After getting input from council, the project will move into the second phase where the strategy will begin to be developed based on the feedback and information collected



Director of economic development and tourism, Scott Ovell, in downtown Minden.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

during phase one.

In his initial pitch Jan. 12, 2021, Ovell said he'd been hired to develop a more diverse and resilient economy, while still recognizing the importance tourism plays in the Highlands' continued growth.

He said while there is an overarching tourism plan, the implementation of the Destination Management Plan was impacted by COVID-19, and there currently isn't a

strategy for the broader economy.

Ovell said in an interview it's about creating a vision with council and the community and identifying how to achieve that collaborative vision with a five-year departmental budget and business plan.

The survey can be found at wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca under the economic development strategy project page.

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Low voter turnout a concern



By Lisa Gervais

It was hard to get excited about the 2022 municipal election in Haliburton County.

After all, the mayors and deputy mayors of the most populated centres – Dysart et al and Minden Hills – had already been acclaimed. mayor-elect Murray Fearrey and deputy-mayor-elect Walt McKechnie were in months ago, as were Bob Carter, mayor, and Lisa Schell, deputy mayor of Minden Hills.

Granted there were still some races in Dysart, for ward 1 with four candidates; ward 2 with three contenders; and ward 4 with four wannabes. However, with the top two jobs already spoken for, voter turnout was low, at 31.47 per cent.

Minden Hills also featured races for councillor-at-large, ward 1 and ward 2 but without a mayor and deputy mayor on the ballot it was a bit ho-hum there as well, at 24.76 per cent.

And while there were mayoral races in Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East, turnout in Algonquin Highlands was 28.9 per cent and Highlands East 21.26 per cent.

We know that competitive races usually result in higher voter turnout. In the County this time around, one half of all candidates were acclaimed. That is 12 of 24. That isn't good.

And, sometimes incumbents get back in on name recognition alone, not necessarily performance. Studies estimate incumbency

increases a candidate's winning percentage by 30 per cent in municipal races, compared to about 10 per cent in federal races.

But low voter turnout isn't just a Haliburton County story. Other townships, including the City of Toronto, have seen record low voter turnouts.

Some have speculated it is voter fatigue following a federal, provincial and now municipal election in 13 months during COVID.

Incidentally, the provincial election in June recorded its worst-ever turnout, while last year's federal election saw its lowest turnout in a decade.

The sociologists will likely have a field day with this, but it does speak to the state of democracy in our country and across the world.

Closer to home, could the municipalities themselves have done more to attract candidates and voters?

The answer is yes.

Municipalities in general don't do a good job of promoting the nomination period and explaining what the election is about and what people's options are.

It is commendable that a candidate information session was put on by the townships, featuring Fred Dean, a municipal coach and former municipal solicitor, back in April. To my knowledge, nothing like that

had been done before locally.

The session provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of municipal council members and explained how public office will impact would-be councillors' lives.

Researching this week's editorial, I came across a CBC interview with Dave Meslin from Grey Highlands. He launched the non-partisan Grey Highlands Municipal League earlier this year with support from a dozen volunteers across the municipality.

They organized election information sessions at cafes and libraries. They mailed out postcards in the style of job ads to recruit council candidates. And when the nomination period closed, they sent out a candidate 'menu' to residents.

They had 23 candidates this year for seven positions. They had never had more than 15 in the past. There were three for mayor, three for deputy mayor and 17 for council.

Those worried about the future of democracy in the Highlands might take a look at what Grey Highlands Municipal League is doing for our 2026 election.

A long night in Minden Hills



By Sam Gillett

The last hockey players had long since trundled smelly gear out of the Minden arena and the Zamboni engine had cooled. It was about 10 p.m. Oct. 24, and on a normal night, the arena's lights would be flicking off by now.

This wasn't a normal night. A gaggle of locals stuck around. They stood, they paced, they joked, they laughed. They were waiting for election results.

It was a reassuring sight to see after observing council, and Minden Hills politics in general, from behind a computer screen since I began work at *The Highlander*.

I saw candidates who had campaigned for the same seat on council smiling and sharing memories, overheard longtime municipal politicians sharing insights with hopefuls and a whole bunch of tongue-in-cheek instructions to "hurry up and wait" for the results, which were to be posted on the lobby's television screen.

Results from other municipalities filtered in first through the glow of cell phones. Talk shifted to results in the south: Hamilton, Toronto, the City of Kawartha Lakes.

It seemed to me – and perhaps others too – that Minden Hills was the very last to know its future leaders (at least, those who weren't acclaimed).

More than two hours after most candidates arrived, at about 10:25, the township's election officials plugged in a USB stick and the results flashed onto the screen.

It was quiet.

And then handshakes, smiles and more than a few more jokes. Winners congratulated those who weren't elected. Those who weren't elected congratulated those who were. Loved ones smiled and hugged.

And then they filtered out of the arena into the cool October evening, most heading over to the Minden Hills Legion.

Not just the winners, mind you.

Many of those who weren't successful came too.

They shared tables and hoisted beverages with those who will be sworn into office. Outgoing mayor Brent Devolin was there. So was Coun. Jean Neville.

They celebrated together.

I expected a fair bit of apprehension, but

also a bit of tension that night. This was an important election after all, the stakes are high. Inflation is too. It's a difficult time for many local residents. Minden Hills has a range of contentious issues both in the rearview mirror and on the road ahead. Many don't like where the road seems to be leading.

The Highlander looks forward to asking these councillors – new and old – the hard questions, challenging their assumptions and ensuring residents' voices reach council over the next four years.

We'll do that. But we recognize that small-town politics is special and even refreshing. It isn't always a debate in council chambers or flashy campaign slogans. Sometimes it's winners and losers shaking hands in the community arena. Sometimes it's councillors new and old sharing a table and good conversation long after the last vote is cast.

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LETTERS

Enjoying the Huskies

Dear editor,

I'm pleased with your ongoing support of the Haliburton County Huskies Jr. A hockey club.

With the opening last year of our new sports complex, including the state-of-the-art S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, we were further acknowledged by becoming the home of the Huskies franchise.

Their initial season featured fast, exciting and competitive hockey. We've been availed of quite a treat.

In conversation with the team's owner, his enthusiasm is infectious.

I never realized the costs involved in the operation of a junior A team, but I soon learned that a break-even situation would be a good result. Indeed, at least financially, this is not for the faint of heart.

To renovate the former Scouts and Guides Hall into the type of dressing room required for today's athletes was a significant investment. As was the purchase and installation of the railing behind the seats in the ice area. Additionally, there is billeting, chartered motor coaches and so forth.

In watching the Huskies, we're reminded of the folks who made the Haliburton County Sports Hall of Fame in Haliburton a reality. So nice to have a location where we can relish in the achievements of the builders and our world-class athletes.

Let's not forget that those so honoured began their careers in small town publicly-funded fields of play such as arenas and member-funded curling clubs.

Of note is the rating system of amateur Jr. A hockey teams. In the Huskies category, there are 132 teams in nine leagues across Canada. Currently, our team is second in Ontario and fifth in the country. We also have the smallest population base from which to draw.

I encourage everyone to enjoy Minden's new facility and support the Haliburton County Huskies in their sophomore season.

Dwight Thomas
Minden

Feeding the planet

Dear editor,

The column by Dr. Nell Thomas in the Oct. 20 issue touches on a very important topic - probably the most important issue facing humanity.

I use the term 'touches on', rather than 'grapples with', or 'explores', because Dr. Thomas seems determined to avoid any hint of the cause behind the looming issue of mass starvation. The problem, of course, is too many people - far too many people, trying to survive on our planet, with its limited resources.

Most people instinctively know this is true; certainly Dr. Thomas does, but in today's politically correct climate, life can become very unpleasant for anyone mentioning the problem publicly.

The world's population will hit eight billion

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Steve Burgio captured some loon photos on Drag Lake recently.

in a couple of weeks. Fifty years ago, it was around six billion. The rate of growth continues, but it seems that no one is capable of stating the obvious - control and reduce the number of people, or there will be mass starvation. Of course, Canada's determination to turn farmland into housing makes things much worse, but perhaps that's a column for another day.

John Bateman
Minden

Bird's eye view of healthcare

Dear editor,

Having just been released from the ICU of Belleville Quinte Hospital and seen the operation of our health care system, I have an obligation to share with Ontarians the good, the bad and the ugly.

On the plus side, I received the excellence of care I may have expected from any major hospital in Toronto. Despite recent reports of healthcare facing cutbacks and lack of resources, my care was excellent.

Of the 50 nurses, PSWs, respiratory therapists and physiotherapists who treated me, there was not one who did not bring exceptional skill, knowledge, diligence and

cheerfulness to the job. The ways in which the caregivers multitasked and performed teamwork on 12 hour shifts back-to-back overwhelmed me.

Having said that, hospitals are struggling to meet demands, having to close emergency rooms and transfer patients to alternative ICUs. COVID had a serious impact on employee illness and burn-out, resulting in many retirements from the system, but the problem of under-funding began two decades ago with the closure of 21 hospitals and the firing of 10,000 registered nurses by the Mike Harris government. Persistent under-resourcing has robbed resilience, family doctors are in short supply, and our aging population has put enormous pressure on beds and personnel.

There are no quick fixes to a hole in caregiver education, training and development, nor the failure to promote the vocation of family doctors to take the strain off emergency departments. The attack of the current provincial government on the Charter Rights of healthcare workers by limiting wage increases to one per cent per year in Bill 124 and the continuing attempt to limit public sector wages to two per cent or 1.5 per cent for those earning less than \$49,000 is an assault on workers we have praised as being "heroes" during COVID. Ontarians need to be aware these measures are eroding our precious Canadian healthcare system. They

need to speak up, and governments need to be accountable.

Valerie Hunnius
Bancroft

The Wigamog

Dear editor,

I was surprised by the recent letter stating concern about the taxpayers paying to take down the Wigamog.

My thoughts about that is concern that someone could be hurt or worse on this derelict building and then who would be on the hook? Obviously, the Aurora Group has missed their deadline again after years of letting the place rot. Does that mean the Aurora Group would be responsible or the township that assumed responsibility as is their responsibility when the owner passed the deadline for demolition?

Furthermore, if Dysart did the demolition and put a lien on the property surely they would own the property at the end of the day or Aurora would have to pay for the demolition. Should the property revert to Dysart, think about the opportunity that would present for building homes on that site at a time that we are desperate for housing.

Marilynne Lesperance
Minden

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Flu back in action after COVID hiatus

By Sam Gillett

Influenza is making a comeback after a quiet two years, according to the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "As COVID restrictions lifted, it gave an opportunity for influenza to surge a bit earlier than expected," said chief medical officer of health, Dr. Natalie Bocking at an Oct. 5 media briefing.

"It could be just this year as we get back to living as a society without those broader health measures in place," Bocking added.

The health unit confirmed its first case of influenza for the 2022/23 flu season Oct. 14.

Flu season typically runs from late fall to early spring. "Residents are encouraged to get a flu shot as soon as they become eligible, and the vaccine is available," states an HKPR media release.

Bocking said this year it's especially important to get the flu shot.

"Preventing the flu will not only protect individual health and the health of families and communities, but it will also stop further strain on our health care system, which is already stretched due to COVID-19," she said.

The same measures that have been proven to limit COVID-19 spread work with the flu: washing your hands, wearing a mask and avoiding large groups. If you're experiencing any flu or COVID-19 symptoms, Bocking urged Highlanders to avoid visiting at-risk people such as those living in care homes. There are multiple pharmacies in



The HKPR district health unit recommends masking as a way to prevent flu and COVID-19 spread. *freepik.com*.

Haliburton County offering the flu vaccine. The health unit recommends calling ahead to ensure availability.

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MINDEN HILLS Cultural Centre



HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer with Lorraine Semple, Iona Fevreau and volunteer coordinator Brigitte Gebauer. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Volunteers needed for HHHS programs

By Mike Baker

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is searching for volunteers willing to offer their time, kindness and compassion to support several community-based programs operating across its facilities.

Over the summer, HHHS relaunched many of its in-person volunteer programs at Highland Wood and Hyland Crest senior homes following two years of shutdown during the pandemic. Brigitte Gebauer, HHHS volunteer coordinator, said start-up has been successful, and the organization needs to find more people willing to lend a hand.

"We're really trying to repopulate our volunteer base. Volunteers add so much to residents' lives... whether it's just going in and spending time with folks, helping with different activities, and providing some form of entertainment," Gebauer said. "Even if it's just playing cards, or leading workshops on something you're passionate about. We're really keen to explore different opportunities."

Most popular among initiatives currently running are the coffee and colouring program, walking club and social active senior program.

HHHS is also looking for additional support in its hospice department. Staff recently launched a hospice day program and caregiver support program, which have been popular.

"We're looking for volunteers who can help in a more informal way. They don't need to be hospice trained, but just assisting staff who are leading those programs," Gebauer said.

"Our adult day program that supports seniors who are still living in the community could use a few new faces, too," Gebauer said.

Presently, HHHS has a volunteer pool of around 250 people, though many of those are seasonal residents who, with borders having reopened, will soon be flocking south to escape the cold. Others have been hesitant to get involved again given COVID is still prevalent in the community.

One area Gebauer said she needs immediate assistance is the door-to-door transportation service. The program matches clients with volunteers, who will drive them to medical appointments. While not free, the service is operated at a low cost.

The program has between 10 and 15 active drivers, but with an increase in demand recently Gebauer said she would like to double that number.

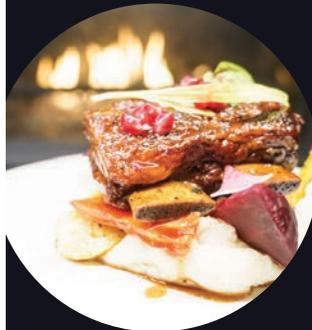
"The majority of our drivers are making regular trips to Lindsay, Peterborough and Bracebridge. We're looking for folks who would be willing to make trips like that, sometimes even down to Toronto," Gebauer said. "We also need people who are willing to do local drives, because that frees up some of our other volunteers who are willing to do the longer trips."

Potential volunteers would need to go through a screening process before they're approved and must be vaccinated against COVID. Masking protocols remain in place across all HHHS facilities.

"We find our volunteers build real connections with the clients they serve. They like to know that they're making a difference," Gebauer said. "Without our volunteers, we wouldn't be able to operate these programs – many of which people, mostly seniors, rely on to get to appointments, but also for emotional support too."

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can contact Gebauer at 705-457-1392 ext. 2927 or volunteering@hhhs.ca.

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TLDSB director of learning Wes Hahn established the Feed All Four fund in 2020. *File.*

New schools fund helps families out

By Mike Baker

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has put out a call to the community to help support local families struggling to make ends meet.

Established in 2020 at a time when people were experiencing job loss and food and financial insecurity, the Feed All Four fund is a confidential accessible way for the school board to offer resources to families in need. The brainchild of director of learning Wes Hahn, money raised goes towards purchasing gift cards for essential items such as food, gas, clothing and toiletries.

Since its launch, the fund has distributed over \$70,000 to 168 families across TLDSB's coverage area.

"We're really proud of that... When you look at our equity journey and what we're trying to do as a school board, this has been a wonderful addition. This fund is another way for our school board to take part in actively supporting families experiencing difficulties at different times of the year," Hahn said.

Hahn said principals have been one of the main driving forces behind the fund during its formative years. They identify families who may need assistance, make contact and then organize pick up or drop off of gift cards and other supports. They also consider any requests that come in from the community.

Outside of regular, everyday supplies, Hahn said the board has also helped finance new

hearing aids and glasses for some students.

"Some of the testimonials we've heard have been touching. I've had principals call me and they're almost in tears with the experience they've had," Hahn said. "This is making a big difference in people's lives."

With inflation driving up the costs of most products and services in recent months, the board is preparing for an influx of requests. While the fund has been largely supported in-house by TLDSB staff and select community partners, Hahn said the board is now looking for assistance from the community to meet demand.

During a recent board meeting Alexia Evans-Turnbull, a Grade 11 student from Huntsville High School and a member of TLDSB's G7 Student Senate, said she'd like to see students getting involved, bringing up the idea of hosting a clothing drive board-wide.

Hahn said staff already had a few fundraisers organized for the fall, with a buy-in jersey day held earlier in October.

"TLDSB will continue to grow the fund as needed... we ask anyone in the community who has the means to do so to support us. We've already had people call up and ask to donate," Hahn said. "We will continue to promote the availability of the fund and raise awareness in our school and communities.... We're here to support [our families]."

For more information or to contribute, contact feedallfourfund@tlds.on.ca.

Nature expert tips for your 'piece of heaven'

By Sam Gillett

"Keep it natural and they will come," naturalist Terry Sprague told a crowd of nearly 40 who joined Environment Haliburton! to hear from the acclaimed nature columnist and educator Sept. 20.

He's written more than 2,000 columns about the outdoors for the *Picton Gazette* and regularly trains landowners on how they can naturalize their properties.

Property naturalization means letting the natural plants and animals that visit your property direct how it's maintained.

Sprague's talk focused on how Highlanders can make their properties safe havens for wildlife without attracting nuisance animals and pests.

He said Haliburton County's unique geography - plenty of lakes and forests - means it's "essential you protect these natural features and the watercourses that they touch."

He said the main reasons to attract wildlife are to "complete the picture" of the environment. Trees, shrubs and lakes should be accompanied by their oldest inhabitants, Sprague said.

"You do have to be cautious though when attracting wildlife to the backyard," he added.

He said deer, for instance, should not be fed. If people feed animals such as deer, they'll congregate in these residential settings, which can lead to disease, or predator dangers.

"Eventually, if you don't do it the right way you may have an overabundance in what you'd try to attract in the first place."

To make a property attractive to animals, Sprague said it must meet four basic needs: containing food; water; places where wildlife can raise their young and hide; and space. "With few exceptions, all species of wildlife require a certain amount of real estate, that can vary depending on the species," Sprague said.

He added these needs can be subtracted to deter pest animals, plant shrubs by the water, for instance, and geese are less likely to frequent your grass to avoid feeding in an area with hiding places for predators.

Often, making habitats for critters such as bees, butterflies or squirrels is easy. It can mean leaving dead trees on the forest floor, which can turn into homes for insects, or piling up brush on your property to provide a



Naturalization means letting nature direct the care and maintenance of a property. *File.*

home for bigger animals.

"I get a lot of enjoyment watching birds in these brush piles in the wintertime," Sprague said.

Planting native trees, shrubs and other plants might also bring you more winged visitors, Sprague said, along with being more apt to grow and thrive in the Highlands environment.

For shoreline-loving trees, he suggested Silver Maple, Green Ash, Red Maple, Sugar Maple, White Cedar, Eastern Hemlock or Hackberry. Native shrubs include Red Osier Dogwood, Grey Dogwood, Elderberry, Serviceberry, Nannyberry, Chokecherry, Pussy Willow, Winterberry and Highbush Cranberry. Groundcover options include Fragrant Sumac, Virginia Creeper,

Wintergreen, Bittersweet and Bearberry. Wildflowers include Turtlehead, Swamp Milkweed, Cardinal Flower and Touch-me-not.

Sprague said naturalization isn't hard, but requires research. "It's a case of caring for your little piece of heaven responsibly," he said.



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Ripples of historic explosion reach Highlands

By Sam Gillett

The Halifax explosion of 1917 remains one of the largest non-nuclear explosions in world history. More than 1,700 lives were lost and communities wiped off the map.

The story of what happened after the blast, however, is not often told.

Haliburton's Radio Playhouse will do just that through a radio production of the critically-acclaimed play *Shatter*, written by Trina Davies, this November and December.

"We really are thrilled that she worked so closely to allow this to happen for our little community radio station, to have a calibre of play like this one to be able to be performed," said Rita Jackson of Radio Playhouse, a CanoeFM show that stages plays on air.

Davies and Jackson both took part in re-orienting the play for radio.

"This was the very first time that one of her plays has been made into a radio production. So, it was an interesting kind of process that we worked through," Jackson said. Originally produced by Ships Company Theatre in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia, in 2005, *Shatter* tells the story of Anna MacLean, a teenager whose life is upended by the blast. MacLean, her friend and her mother experience the aftershocks of a community processing tragedy.

"I was aware of the facts of the situation, and fact that the explosion occurred, and it was so dramatic," said co-producer John Jackson, "But I had no idea of what it actually meant, in terms of the devastating impacts on the mental and physical lives of the people affected by it."

Rita added that much of the play lingers on tension and suspicion that arose as the community attempted to find out how such a tragedy occurred.

"The play is focused on, not just the blast itself, it's how it changed the culture and the society of Halifax."



Actors perform the play at CanoeFM's recording studio Oct. 15. Submitted.

The audience will hear about these larger cultural shifts, however, through a teen's eyes.

"I think that many people who will be listening to this will be able to identify and very, very easily identify with any of them on different levels," Jackson said.

Shatter was named the Alberta Theatre Projects 24-Hour Playwriting Competition winner in 2003, and shortlisted for the Prism International Residency Prize, 13th Street Repertory Theatre New Works of Merit, and International Dramatic Literature Prize,

Media Arts, Literature and Sound. The Radio Playhouse performance is produced by arrangement with Kensington Literary Representation.

Act 1 of the play will be aired Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m., and act 2 Wednesday, Dec. 7, the day of the explosion, at 6 p.m.

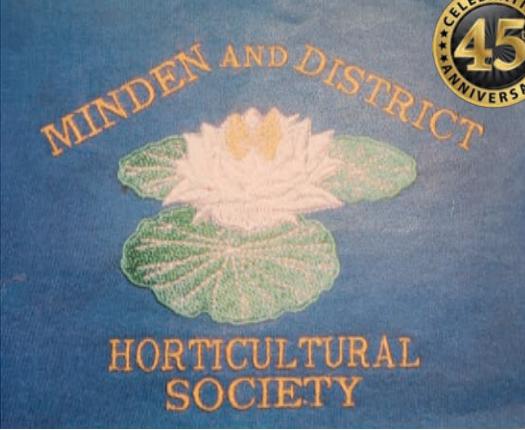


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Lindsay Hobbs said she's eager to help develop a writers community. *Submitted.*

HCPL seeks to 'build writing community' with literary circles

By Sam Gillett

Lindsay Hobbs of the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) hopes the newly-started writing circles for teens and adults will offer a "judgement free zone" for wordsmiths to hone their crafts and find community with others.

"It's so beneficial to have people to bounce ideas off of or talk about aspects of craft," Hobbs said. As well as working at the HCPL, Hobbs is a writer and editor.

"I spend a lot of my time immersed in the theory of writing craft and the practice of writing."

She said the adult session will be tailored towards what attendees want to chat about.

Each night will have a discussion on an element of writing, such as revealing characters' personalities through showing rather than telling, or talking about plot points on a "hero's journey" or other common literary story structures.

"The whole driving force behind this is to help build a writing community," Hobbs said.

The teen sessions will be similar, but might include discussions on diverse types of writing, such as video games, fan fiction and more.

"It's exploring the nuts and bolts of writing craft they might not be learning in their English classes in school," Hobbs said.

For writers who may feel discussing their own writing is daunting, Hobbs said, "feel free to come and sit quietly - there's no expectation to participate or compare work."

Eventually, she hopes to encourage writers to share their work with other group members for constructive feedback.

The writing circles will be hosted on the last Thursday of each month, with the teens meeting at the Dysart branch from 4-5 p.m. and adults in Minden from 6-7 p.m.

It's free to attend and registration is not required.



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Christopher Strype, left, and Frances Fudge-Schormans playing shuffleboard. *Submitted.*

Tournament funds Red Wolves fun

By Sam Gillett

The Haliburton Red Wolves are hitting the lanes once more for their biggest fundraiser of the year.

After a two-year pandemic-induced hiatus, the Special Olympics sports group is hosting its eleventh 'Bowl-a-thon' at Fastlane Bowling in Minden Oct. 29.

It's usually a fun and spooky time, said Red Wolves board member Tracey Pratt.

"You can come and wear your Halloween costume, or you can just come as yourself. Just come and have fun," she said.

Teams of bowlers raise money before hitting the lanes, although anyone is welcome to attend the event and join a team.

Pratt said the funds raised have a "huge" impact on the lives of Red Wolves athletes, many of whom have found a tight-knit community in the group.

"We subsidize pretty much all the sports that we have," Pratt said. "We don't charge registration fees, or anything for any of our sports." She added funds will provide transportation for the athletes, uniforms, and

other tournament fees.

"Hopefully, the athletes don't pay anything."

This summer, Red Wolves athletes had a chance to try their hands at golf and shuffleboard.

"They loved it and we have some great volunteers that give a lot of their time and their expertise to teach them and take them to tournaments out of town," said Pratt.

She said the group always welcomes new athletes who may want to see if Special Olympic sport competitions are for them. There's no pressure to participate, and attendees can just observe before deciding whether to take part.

There's also always a need for volunteers, Pratt said. "We're always happy if somebody wants to join us."

Curling with longtime Minden Curling Club member Dave Mackey begins this month.

Haliburton County Red Wolves' 'Bowl-a-thon' begins at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

To register a team of five contact, Rick West at 705-457-8855 or gowest131313@yahoo.ca. To donate via e-transfer: tracey@skycor.ca



The Throwdown Collective: Zhenya Cerneacov, Mairead Filgate and Brodie Stevenson. Inset: Maddie Friel dances to *Famous Blue Raincoat*, by Leonard Cohen. Photos by Sam Gillett.

Dancers reconnect as project comes full circle

By Sam Gillett

A multi-year outdoor dance experiment concluded with performances and a roundtable discussion Oct. 22 at the Haliburton School of Art + Design's main hall.

In 2021, seven dancers arrived at the Haliburton Sculpture Forest to dance without a schedule, incorporating the outdoor environment and works of art into their practise.

The project, titled 'Re-emergence, Re-engagement and Re-connection,' was hosted by Dance Happens Here Haliburton. Upside Brown Production Services was hired to film the project, and debuted a short film

about the dancers' experiences during the event.

"The whole idea was they had been spending most of this time alone, and not having community dance," said sculpture forest curator and DH3 chairperson Jim Blake. He said the organization wanted to provide space for artists to re-emerge and re-engage with prior work after two long years of COVID shutdowns.

"This is our opportunity for re-connection," he added, introducing the Oct. 22 event. "For them to re-connect with the community."

The Throwdown Collective, a contemporary dance company that previously performed in Haliburton during two residencies at the sculpture forest, invited other dancers to join

them in the forest.

"For me, it was really about reflection. Re-engaging with my work, my ideas, and coming back to ideas we had started a few years before the pandemic," said Mairead Filgate, of The Throwdown Collective, during the panel discussion.

She said the experience showed her how important community is in dance.

"What we do needs people, and we need to share that," she said.

After the video's premiere, the seven dancers performed.

The Throwdown Collective (Zhenya Cerneacov, Filgate and Brodie Stevenson) performed *Liminal*, the trio swaying into abstracted movements in the personas of

backup dancers. Brian Solomon took to the stage for Thunderbird's Transformation while Phylcia Browne-Charles explored a routine based on Pablo Neruda's *Forms* poem.

Noriko Yamamoto did *The Crane* while Maddie Friel performed to Leonard Cohen's *Famous Blue Raincoat*.

The artists all mentioned how the project emphasized community and the importance of dance's communal nature.

"We're totally wired to be in community," said Solomon. "It's a part of our evolution... there's a ritual in dance that's incredible, about immersing yourself and joking and primarily exchanging ideas. That's massive, that's always been the role of the artist in society, arts and philosophy."

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Kelly O'Reilly, her family and some friends came together Oct. 22 to raise money for Highlands East volunteer firefighters and have some fun along the way. The event raised \$4,608 through donations, a bake sale, a silent auction, a 50/50 draw and more. The money will be donated to Highlands East station 4. O'Reilly experienced a house fire and her sons are both first responders, so O'Reilly said she values having a volunteer crew nearby. "A lot of people think the likelihood of having a fire is small, but they don't just do fires," she said. "When you have a car accident, when you get hurt ... it's the fire department that comes through." She thanked volunteers, firefighters, auction donors and all the event's attendees for making it possible.

Left: The volunteer crew sold baked goods, painted faces, collected 50/50 draw cash and played country tunes. Right: Gary Mount gives Mary Roberts some fire safety literature. Photos by Sam Gillett.

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Storm surge grounds Ennismore Eagles

The U11 Highland Storm dominated the Ennismore Eagles C team 11-1 during an Oct. 22 tilt at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

The Storm came out and dominated the first period, with Grayson Park burying an unassisted goal within the first minute.

Shortly after, Chase Kerr added another goal, assisted by Park. With five minutes left in the first, Kelson Bagshaw's unassisted goal gave the Storm a 3-0 lead going into the second period.

Ennismore wasn't going down without a fight, however, scoring early in the second. Bagshaw retaliated with another goal assisted by Austin Cunningham.

Park followed with another goal with another assist by the Storm's Cunningham.

Ennismore ended up in the penalty box, which saw the Storm's Jaxon Hurd score a powerplay goal assisted by Nash Wilson. Bagshaw and Park added two more unassisted goals to finish the second.

The Storm wouldn't let up, with Park scoring seven seconds into the third period, assisted by Kerr. With seven minutes left, the Storm's backup goalie got his chance between the pipes, relieving Kolby Hogg.

Park and Bagshaw then sealed the deal with two more goals assisted by Cunningham, Wilson and Hurd.

The Storm's defence held strong, finishing the game at 11-1 and lifting the team into third place as the season gets underway. (Submitted).



Chase Kerr slides by an Ennismore Eagle. Photo by Sam Gillett.

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Oct 20
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Oct 21
U18 Rep Tom Prentice & Sons vs Newcastle 6-1 W
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Oct 22
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Goals: Haiden Bird

U11 LL Car Quest vs Parry Sound 7-5 W
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U11 Rep Curry Chevrolet vs Ennismore 11-1 W
Goals: Grayson Park (5), Kelson Bagshaw (4), Jaxon Hurd, Chase Kerr

U13 Rep Walkers Heating & Cooling vs Durham 12-0 W
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U13 LL Cheryl Smith RE/MAX vs Huntsville 7-2 W

Goals: Hunter Hamilton (5), Cruize Neave (2)

Oct 23
U15 LL Sharp Electric vs South Muskoka 10-0 W
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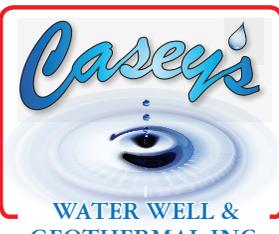
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Chase Kerr stopped the opposing team from many of their attacks. His quick feet and ability to see the play developing created many two-on-ones.

Huskies close in on first in South/East conference

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Huskies extended their unbeaten run to a franchise-record nine games over the weekend, dismantling the Oakville Blades in a one-sided affair Oct. 21 before handing table-topping OJHL powerhouse Toronto Jr. Canadiens their second loss of the season on Sunday.

The Dogs pounced on a blunt Blades outfit on Friday, recording a 5-1 victory. Traveling to Toronto two days later, the hometown team executed head coach Ryan Ramsay's plan to perfection, stifling the Canadiens in a 3-0 road win.

"It was literally an 'everyone' effort this weekend. We played our game to a tee... we were good on Friday against Oakville, but the game against Toronto was just another level. It was a real playoff atmosphere style of game. Everyone in the lineup was hustling, blocking shots. I think we put the rest of the league on notice and showed what we're made of," Ramsay said.

Keen to keep their undefeated streak alive, the Huskies made a fast start against the Blades – the last placed team in the North/West Conference. Captain Christian Stevens opened the scoring 13 minutes in, assisted by Will Gourgouvelis and Ty Collins. Patrick Saini, the team's leading scorer, got in on the action 30 seconds later, ripping one past Blades netminder Claudio Ardellini to give the Dogs a two-goal advantage. Collins added a third late on in the opening frame after nice work by Lucas Stevenson and Myles Perry.

Perry got in on the scoring action himself 85 seconds into the second period, assisted by Chase Strychaluk – acquired by the Huskies in a trade with the North York Rangers Oct. 20.

Matthew Wang potted a consolation goal for the Blades midway through the second. While the Huskies continued to create good openings, Ardellini made several key stops to keep the score respectable. Stevenson then added a late empty netter, marking his first goal of the season.

"It was good for Stevenson to get the monkey off his back. A lot of credit on that play to Leo Serlin – he could have got the empty net goal himself but made the selfless play to set up a teammate who needed a bit of a boost," Ramsay said.

Making a statement

The Huskies came away with the bragging rights Sunday following the first meeting between two of the OJHL's top ranked sides.

It was a nery opening, with both teams playing patient hockey as they worked



themselves into the game. Then, the pair of Perry and Strychaluk took centre stage. The two combined 14 minutes into the first to set up Stevenson for his second goal in as many games, with Perry tickling the twine himself early in the third, assisted by Strychaluk. The duo turned provider again later in the period, this time setting up Collins for a powerplay marker with just seven minutes left on the clock.

The Canadiens loaded up to try and get themselves back into the game, but goaltender Aidan Spooner stood tall, coming away with a 19-save shutout.

While Ramsay has been impressed by his young side's play during the opening month of the season, he felt they took a huge step forward with a win against a game Canadiens squad.

"You play to your full potential when you have confidence, and that's what we saw on Sunday. It shows the depth we have. Our first line, which usually does most of our scoring, was pretty quiet, but we still got the job done," Ramsay said.

The Huskies are back in action again Oct. 28 when they travel to Pickering to take on the Panthers, the reigning OJHL champions. The team will be back on home ice Oct. 29 when they welcome the Canadiens to S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Puck drop is set for 4 p.m.



Top: Forward Ty Collins has been a huge hit since joining the Huskies during the off-season, putting up 31 points in 16 games on the team's top line. Bottom: Second year forward Lucas Stevenson notched his first goal of the season during a 5-1 win over the Oakville Blades Oct. 21. Photos courtesy of OJHL images.



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Left: Rookie Leo Serlin is enjoying a fine debut campaign in Haliburton. Right: Chase Strychaluk has posted four points in two games after joining the Dogs from the North York Rangers Oct. 20. Photos courtesy of OJHL images.

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Highlands embraces Halloween spirit

By Sam Gillett

Entertainment venues and community groups across the Highlands are about to get spooky this weekend.

Two Halloweens held during COVID-19 meant limited public gatherings and mostly outdoors celebrations.

This year, there's a range of family fun and more adult-oriented gatherings hosted indoors and outside.

For the whole family

The Haliburton Wolf Centre is hosting 'howl-o-ween.' Guests will get a chance to tour the facility, look for candy and take a walk through the forest, ending the night with a wolf howl.

On Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Turtle Guardians are hosting a 'Turtley Spooktacular Halloween Party' with turtles and snakes to meet, a costume party and more.

The Eagleview Events centre at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride will host a family-friendly Halloween party Oct. 29 from 5-8 p.m. with a costume walk-through, trick or treating and more.

"We're excited because we haven't done anything so much Halloween-related before," said event coordinator Kayla Gardiner.

The Wild Life in Eagle Lake is hosting a family Halloween day from noon-4 p.m. Oct 29, with trick or treating, candy apples, Halloween games, pony rides, and more.

Minden Hills is set to resume its long-

standing Halloween party at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Oct. 28 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be dancing, games, prizes and costumes are encouraged.

For the thrill-seekers

Abbey Gardens will host a haunted trail walk. Each walk is approximately 20 minutes with jump-scares, haunted scenes and scary characters. "There is no age limit, but participants must be prepared that once they enter the trail, there's no turning back," said Abbey Gardens.

For adult Highlanders

Minden Pride will host a costume-mandatory Halloween Bash at "ommmh..." in Minden from 5-10 p.m. Oct 29.

Sir Sam's is throwing its first adult-oriented Halloween bash from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Oct. 29. There will be a professional DJ, appetizers, a costume contest and more.

On Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m., doors open for the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre's 'Witches Ball.'

"Our team has crafted cocktails and is putting together some 'creepy canapes'," said general manager Miles Harding.

He said he's especially excited to host the Paul Morgan Band and hopes to continue booking acts this fall and winter.

The Rockcliffe Moore Falls is inviting singers to test their skills at its 'sKaraoke Halloween Party' with the karaoke machine turning on at 8 p.m. Oct. 29 and



Teens donned Peppa Pig costumes at Minden Hills' 2021 Halloween celebration. *File.*

Abbey Gardens is hosting a 'Spooktacular Halloween Party' the same night from 8-11 p.m. featuring live music from 'The Ya Babys.'

Don't forget to keep an eye out for the HHSS Interact Club at your door on

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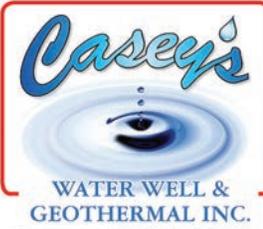
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In accordance to George's wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

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



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Grant will be missed by his many nieces, nephews and friends, leaving behind lots of good times, laughs and memories.

Grant lived all his life in Irondale but enjoyed trips to both East and West coasts, Nashville and Graceland. He loved playing cards, hunting in his earlier years, ATVing and playing horseshoes.

Special thanks to Grant's dear friend Wendy and all the caring staff at the Haliburton Hospital.

At Grant's request, there will be no service. Cremation has taken place.

Donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

"Chow Chow" Grant. You will always be around us is spirit.



In Loving Memory of
Andrew Delville



Dearly loved son of Janis and the late Doug Delville, big brother to James, adored uncle to Chiara.

Andrew left us much too soon on October 11.

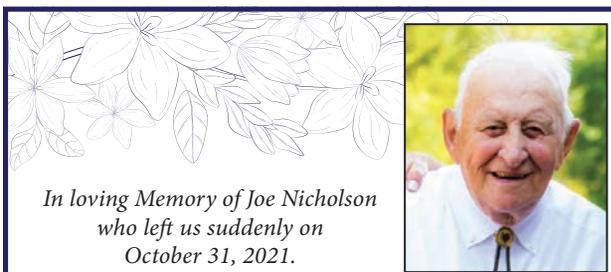
Friends will be received at Turner & Porter, Peel Chapel, on Oct. 29 at 1:30. Celebration of Life at 3:00.

In lieu of flowers, donations welcome at the Scott Mission and Grant AME Church, Toronto.

Please be aware of traffic delays near funeral home.

Not my will, but Thine.....

IN MEMORIAM



*In loving Memory of Joe Nicholson
who left us suddenly on
October 31, 2021.*

Thinking of you.

A year has gone by in a blink of an eye.

I miss our talks and sitting quietly together, remembering.

A lot of firsts have gone by without you.

This first anniversary of loosing you Joe is the hardest of all.

I have had lots of love, help and support from all the children, grandchildren, family and friends.

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Mary.

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Reporting to the Chief Building Official, this position is responsible for exercising powers and performing duties under the Building Code Act, Ontario Building Code and other applicable law and related regulations. Responsible for reviewing plans, issuing permits, and performing site inspections. Provide customer service to the general public & contractors to answer zoning, building and septic permit application inquiries. Assist with the completion of applications including over the counter review.

The municipality is seeking an individual with a minimum of one (1) years' experience in a related trade with a minimum of one (1) years' experience working in a municipal environment. Applicants shall possess: 1) House, 2) General Legal/Process and 3) On-Site Sewage plus the following or be willing to obtain these within a reasonable time: 4) Small Buildings and 5) Plumbing All Buildings qualifications obtained through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The Municipality is willing to mentor and qualify the successful applicant upon hire. Formal academic training in an architectural or construction-based program or equivalent would be an asset.

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications clearly marked "**Application - Building Inspector**" may be submitted on or before 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 31st, 2022 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer
Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0
Fax: 705-448-2532 E-Mail: shunter@highlandseast.ca

A copy of the detailed job description is available upon request or on our website at www.highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Municipality of Highlands East is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring accommodation are asked to contact the CAO/Treasurer.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for candidate selection purposes only. Questions about this collection should be directed to Shannon Hunter, C.A.O.



Haliburton County Council
is seeking members of the public for
Citizen Appointments to County Advisory Committees and Boards

The County of Haliburton benefits from the involvement of local residents who help County Council make decisions about the Library programs and services provided to our citizens. Applicants for this position must be:

- At least 18 years old
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You can find the detailed posting along with application instructions on our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers

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Interested individuals are invited to email a detailed resume and cover letter in confidence to:

Laura Casey, Manager of Payroll and HR
hr@dysartetal.ca

No Later Than 12:00 pm Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022

We thank all those who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Accommodations for applicants with disabilities will be provided upon request. The Municipality of Dysart et al is an equal opportunity employer. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.

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by Barbara Olson

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- 1 ___-1701 ("Star Trek" vehicle)
- 4 Wheelchair accessibility aids
- 9 To the rear, to the rear admiral
- 14 Sharer's word
- 15 Henry Ford's son
- 16 Synagogue platforms
- 17 T.T.C. subway stop
- 18 California setting of "Three's Company"
- 20 Common cow names
- 22 McDonald's Quarter ___
- 23 Saint celebrated on June 24
- 26 Britney Spears song title word
- 27 Pub. with an esteemed crossword
- 28 B.C.'s St. James and St. John
- 29 Farming student's deg.
- 30 Whole whack
- 32 T.O. fair dubbed "the Ex"
- 34 Roving reporter, perhaps
- 39 Harrison of "My Fair Lady"
- 40 Doozy of a tale
- 41 Pressurized fuel, for short
- 43 Spanish letter after "ka"
- 45 Who "saw that it was good"
- 46 It ties up the score?
- 47 Film billed as "the most terrifying motion picture ever created", 1936
- 52 Mistake maker
- 53 Eclair-shaped
- 54 Wand-wielding girl on "Sesame Street"
- 57 Org. with a yellow-bordered magazine
- 58 "Take ___ at my girlfriend" (Supertramp lyric)
- 59 Elba, but not the island
- 60 New Year fête in Hanoi
- 61 Restaurant reading material
- 62 Noble titles, or a trendy eatery name
- 63 Man-mouse middle

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Down

- 1 Bridge repair, maybe?
- 2 Go wild for a change
- 3 Pal's place, for a couch surfer
- 4 What a flashing clock needs
- 5 Sprinkling, in recipes
- 6 Pioneering ISP
- 7 Resident in 57% of Canadian homes
- 8 Attempt to swat
- 9 "Ish"
- 10 Affleck & Lopez, in fan mags
- 11 In the thick of
- 12 Diamond surfaces
- 13 Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
- 19 A swabby's might hit the deck
- 21 Entrances
- 24 Min. of Natural Resources concern
- 25 Via
- 30 ___ Anne (Man. town on the Seine)
- 31 Kosher bagel topping
- 32 3-in-1 cleanser
- 33 N in old radio lingo
- 35 Words before "loud and clear"
- 36 "Et voilà!"
- 37 Snatch and clutch closely
- 38 Put in peril
- 42 ___ rap ('90s hiphop)
- 43 Atwood book "The ___ Woman"
- 44 Capital of Portugal
- 45 "Mr. Hockey" Howe
- 46 CM halved
- 48 Massive engagement rings, slangily
- 49 Parliamentary pro
- 50 Exxon's partner company
- 51 Cavernous chasm
- 52 Woman's address with an apostrophe
- 55 Mute girl in "The Piano"
- 56 "I'm c-cold"

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