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Santa Claus waves to families during the Minden Santa Claus parade Nov. 19. See more photos on page 18. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Danielsen returned as County warden for fifth year

By Lisa Gervais

It came down to drawing names from a box to determine the warden of Haliburton County for 2022-23.

Councillors Liz Danielsen and Dave Burton were in the running.

Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, was nominated by coun. Lisa

Schell, seconded by coun. Bob Carter. Burton had the backing of coun. Cec Ryall, who nominated him, and coun. Murray Fearrey, who seconded.

In a private vote, the two contenders were tied four votes apiece. Their names were then placed in the box and Danielsen won the luck of the draw. In the past, the mayor

of the municipality with the highest weighted assessment broke the tie.

It's Danielsen's fifth consecutive year as warden. She was robbed by the last warden, Fearrey, while CAO Mike Rutter placed the chains of office around her neck.

Danielsen said, "that was an interesting process for us all. I'd like to thank you all.

I just want to tell everybody, and assure everybody, that I will work with you all - openly, keep everyone informed - negotiate and try to reach the best solution for all of us.

"I just promise you that I will do my level best for the County of Haliburton because it means so much to me and I definitely

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‘Need for continuity’ during time of transition

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want to get it right.”

She also congratulated Burton for running and complimented his speech.

During her pitch, Danielsen focused on the need for continuity during a period of transition. There are four returning and four new County councillors. Back are Danielsen, Burton, Schell and Ryall. New are Fearrey, Walt McKechnie, Bob Carter and Jennifer Dailloux.

Danielsen said, “I fully understand that there is likely some concern from one or two of you about the longevity of my holding this position. But it is long past the time when we take turns but rather choose the most appropriate person for the role.”

She said the outgoing council and staff had done a lot of hard work responding to the will of residents and she wanted to see that work continue with a smooth council transition. She discussed struggles during the pandemic, staff shortages, and “a lot of anger and frustration over the last term,” but said County council had still managed to meet almost all of its objectives, and keep moving forward to address the needs of changing times.

She said with finally having a full staff complement, “I’m concerned that too much change in direction at this point, after so much hard work has been done, could have an adverse effect.”

The County is changing quickly, Danielsen added, “and we need someone to roll up their



The new Haliburton County council, Walt McKechnie, Murray Fearrey, Bob Carter, Lisa Schell, Jennifer Dailloux, Dave Burton, Cec Ryall and Liz Danielsen (seated). Photo by Lisa Gervais.

sleeves and continue that work.” She said residents and the Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus had all expressed a desire for her to return for at least another year.

She touched on the continuing service

delivery review, community safety and well-being plan, creation of an OPP detachment board, affordable and attainable housing, the shoreline preservation bylaw and health care sector challenges.

“I have full knowledge of ongoing issues and I’ve been very engaged and involved in all council discussions ... I pay attention. I do my homework. I participate in all group decision-making.”



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Energy poverty on the rise in Haliburton County

By Lisa Gervais

Fuel for Warmth executive director Jennifer Hughey said they recently had an association reach out to them on behalf of a client family, “in a very emergency situation.” The family is living in a trailer and heating with the use of a gas generator.

Hughey said \$60 worth of gas got the family only eight hours of heat. At that rate, it would cost \$180 per day to warm the trailer for 24 hours.

“That situation is becoming way more prevalent than it has. It’s really disheartening,” Hughey said.

Meanwhile, Tina Jackson, of Heat Bank Haliburton County, provided an example of increases in the cost of heating oil. She said it was estimated that a two-person household spent just over \$2,500 last winter but this year they are looking at just under \$6,000.

“I am very concerned with how people are going to manage with the increased cost of fuel,” she said.

Heat Bank Haliburton County has launched an online auction and is holding its major fundraiser for the year at Rhubarb Nov. 27. Meanwhile, Fuel for Warmth is preparing for its biggest money-maker of the year, the Christmas Shindig, Dec. 3 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

According to the Heat Bank website, almost half of County households spend 10 per cent or more of their income on home energy, which equates to 47 per cent living in energy poverty. The median energy cost for households is \$3,895 a year.

Both Hughey and Jackson said their non-profits - which provide wood and grants for oil, propane and electricity - started getting calls in mid-September about this year’s heating season. Hughey said those calls traditionally don’t come until late October, or early November.

“We’re predicting that the increase this year is going to be at least 30 per cent higher year over year,” she said. She attributed that to the lasting effects of pandemic, and people losing jobs. For example, she said the hospitality industry took a hit during COVID, forcing layoffs.

She said some of the calls have been proactive, people wanting to make sure they were prepared for winter. Jackson echoed that. She said when people got their letters from propane companies, offering a fixed



Tina Jackson of Heat Bank Haliburton County (left) and Jennifer Hughey of Fuel for Warmth. *File.*

rate, many reached out to the Heat Bank, worried they could not manage costs and to find out what assistance was available.

Hughey said in October, she was sometimes getting calls from two families a day.

“With persistent inflation, it’s really not just the cost of oil, or propane, or firewood. We’re seeing higher food costs, higher gas costs. Generally, every single thing has gone up in price,” Hughey said.

Jackson noted incomes are not keeping pace, whether it’s wages, Ontario Works, or the Ontario Disability Support Program. “I’m very concerned with how people are going to manage with the increased cost of fuel.” Since companies can no longer cut electricity for payments in arrears, she is fearful of people doing things such as leaving the oven on as a heating source. “People will be forced into making those decisions,” she said.

Both non-profits are doing what they can. They are working with fuel companies, on things such as standard rates for the charity donating funds, and getting clients to enrol in budget billing amounts to spread costs over

the year.

Last year, the Heat Bank increased its grants to \$500, from \$400, but Jackson acknowledges that doesn’t go as far as it used to, especially with heating oil. She said companies are waiving interest charges. She said Budget Propane just donated \$6,000.

But the same cost of living challenges affecting clients are impacting donors, both noted.

Hughey said, “fundraising has been extremely difficult this year. These increases in costs don’t just affect individuals who are experiencing financial hardship. They affect everyone, including small businesses that are approached on a regular basis for donations of any kind.”

Jackson said it’s early days, but she doesn’t think they’ve raised as much this year compared to last. “I’m getting a little bit worried. I think we are probably seeing the beginning of people already struggling to cover their own essential needs,” she said.

Jackson is urging people to check out their online auction at app.galabid.com/

heatbank22. The Rhubarb event is sold out.

However, both said it is getting to the point where it may be too much to do it on the back of sponsors and fundraisers.

“The money through donations can only go so far,” Hughey said. She noted there are provincial funds and grants but they tend to be one off, not something they can bank on year-to-year. “It’s really a community initiative.”

Jackson said people should educate themselves about energy poverty, at energypoverty.ca.

“And I think we need to turn to our provincial leaders. We need a plan. This shouldn’t be falling to community agencies, community non-profits, to try to fill in the safety net for people who are going to otherwise go without fuel.”

Hughey is encouraging people to get their tickets for the Shindig, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets (\$30) can be purchased in both Minden and Haliburton at UpRiver Trading, or by calling 705-457-1354.

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Dysart considers Giant Hogweed removal

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al council is considering whether it wants to pay to remove an infestation of “dangerous” Giant Hogweed plants bordering private property along Fishtail Lake Road.

Dr. Adam Gorgolewski, a research coordinator with Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, has identified five patches of the invasive plant in the northern part of the community, most of which he says lies on land owned by the township.

Presenting to council Nov. 22, he asked if the municipality would partner with Haliburton Forest and an adjacent landowner to remove the perennial using herbicides. He said Haliburton Forest is prepared to stump up \$5,000, the neighbouring landowner \$200, and he asked the municipality to cover the remainder, expected to be between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

“Giant Hogweed poses a significant risk to human health because it produces a sap that reacts with light to cause second-degree burns when in contact with human skin,” Gorgolewski wrote in his report. “In extreme cases, where either sap or smoke from the burned plants comes into contact with the eyes, blindness can occur.”

Mayor Murray Fearrey said the township had previously paid to remove the plant from the site in 2017, carrying out follow-up work for the next two years. He wondered if it was worth doing again, since the plants had clearly grown back. Gorgolewski said Haliburton Forest staff would monitor the site after removal, which he proposed for July 2023, and would remove any additional plants after the eradication at its own expense.

Fearrey said council would debate whether to fund the treatment during budget deliberations, set to begin Dec. 9.

Fun on the horizon

The annual Jolly Jog fun run will take place at the Haliburton Highlands Museum inside Glebe Park Nov. 27, beginning at 10 a.m. The event has been hosted by the township since 2013, and previously operated under



Participants in a past Jolly Jog. *File.*

the ‘Ugly Sweater Run’ banner.

“We have some families that have been taking part since that first event. It’s become a bit of a tradition,” Dysart’s recreation coordinator, Andrea Mueller, told council. “We have some new names on the list this year. People can start at the museum and then go within Glebe Park, around Halbiem Crescent, or to the Haliburton Welcome Centre and back. Put on whatever festive gear you have and just have a good time.”

Mueller also got the go ahead to launch a new month-long event in the near year – 28 Days of Fun. Running through February, the event will replace the old Frost Fest extravaganza, which typically happened

over the Family Day long weekend. Mueller told council the new offering would feature a selection of activities that locals could participate in to win prizes.

Cell tower proposals

Rogers is pressing forward with plans to erect three new cell towers on Kennisis Lake, Little Kennisis Lake and Percy Lake. The projects are all part of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network’s (EORN) cell gap project, which is aiming to bring all rural households online by 2025.

Virtual public open houses have been scheduled to give neighbouring property

owners a chance to provide feedback on the project. The first, for the Little Kennisis Lake tower, was held Nov. 23, with a meeting for the Kennisis Lake tower taking place today (Nov. 24) from 6 to 8 p.m. If you wish to register, email sogilvie@forbesbrosLtd.ca. A third open house, for the Percy Lake tower, has been scheduled for Dec. 20 from 5 to 6 p.m. To register, email j_mckay@rogers.com.

Jeff Iles, Dysart’s director of planning and land information, said he was working on bringing a new cell tower policy to council in the coming months. He noted all applications require council’s approval before they can go ahead.

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County seeks climate action plan feedback

By Sam Gillett

While it may seem like a green oasis, Haliburton County and the rest of Canada has played an outsized role in greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to a warming world and increasing severe weather events.

"We are a small community and our overall impact on climate change in the global context might seem small," said climate change coordinator Korey McKay. "But historically Canada is a very high emitting country, per capita. So, per person, we have a pretty high greenhouse gas impact and footprint."

Now Haliburton County is calling for residents' input as it assembles a draft Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) to reduce local emissions.

A survey on the County's Wade In website, open until Nov. 30, is aimed at determining where the County should focus its greenhouse gas mitigation efforts.

"Residents can create their own ideal plan that's focused both on reducing greenhouse gas emissions locally, as well as building resilience to more extreme and variable weather," McKay said.

The multi-part survey focuses on how everyday life in the Highlands could be made more environmentally friendly.

For example, the plan could include recommendations to limit car emissions through ride-share or public

transportation, incentives for clean-energy heating solutions or increasing the County's alternative energy capability.

"By completing the survey, it really does help to form that final plan that will go forward to County council and the local councils as well."

McKay said she and other County staff have attempted to get a range of perspectives from around the County through meetings with a CCAP committee and other stakeholders. In the spring, more than 400 people completed a survey focusing on the plan's goals and emission reduction targets.

"These community engagements are really designed so that we can hopefully hear from a wide variety of the community as well," McKay said.

The survey is designed for anyone to complete, with no prior knowledge of climate change needed. McKay included multiple bite-sized explanations of each idea, such as how new forms of energy, building practices and more would work and the science behind them.

"Hopefully, by reading through the engagement, that can also inform [residents] what climate action could look like locally and how climate change is impacting us," McKay said.

Anyone who completes the survey by Nov. 30 is entered to win a FoodCycler composting machine.

Visit wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca/climate-change to complete the survey.



Haliburton County will experience warmer summers, shorter winters and more extreme weather as a result of climate change, according to the County's Korey McKay. Photo by Sam Gillett.

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HE votes against ‘Band-Aid’ trail bridge

By Sam Gillett

Snowmobilers are unlikely to be able to traverse the IB&O rail trail this season after Highlands East councillors voted against funding a temporary bridge that would allow access until a permanent structure is erected.

The stop-gap fix was estimated to cost \$100,000 and would have allowed access over the creek near Farr Road until the permanent bridge is built.

Planmac Engineering Inc. estimated a new bridge would cost about \$233,000. The previous bridge was deemed unsafe for use.

“This is a difficult decision and one where council is going to have to determine if you wish to proceed in this manner,” said CAO Shannon Hunter at a Nov. 22 meeting of council.

Hunter said the engineers said some of the materials used to construct a “Band-Aid fix” bridge could cheapen the cost of the final build, but Planmac did not provide assurances.

“If some geotechnical work was completed, possibly some shallow concrete base that the temporary bridge girders rest on, it could be used to support the permanent bridge. The granular fill required would also be salvaged,” states a staff report.

Coun. Cam McKenzie said he realized the bridge’s importance to snowmobiling, but said the cost was too great for a

temporary fix.

“In good conscience, I can’t support the expenditure of \$100,000 for a ten-week or maybe 12-week snowmobile season,” he said. He pointed out a ten-week snowmobile season would mean the temporary bridge would cost about \$10,000 a month, but added that he would support the funding of a new permanent bridge.

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall said he agreed with McKenzie. “I really think that it would be important for us to spend whatever it takes to put a thing across,” he said, referring to the final bridge. But he added that other current closures on the trail due to landowner complaints add complications to the trail’s long-term usability.

“You can only go so far on [the rail trail] and it’s a dead end. I can’t see spending \$233,000 to go to a cul-de-sac,” he said.

Mayor Dave Burton said he acknowledged the decision would “sting” in the community.

“It’s hard for me to spend that kind of money for what could be a short season as well,” he said.

Council voted to include the IB&O bridge and trail in a Highlands East trails master plan.

The township will also seek funding from user groups and grants as the plan is created.



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Danielsen says plan to give mayors more power 'frightening'

By Mike Baker

Algonquin Highlands mayor Liz Danielsen has said she is not in favour of new proposed provincial legislation that she says would grant "extraordinary powers" to some municipal leaders in Ontario.

Bill 3, the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act 2022, was passed by a majority vote at the Ontario Legislature in September and came into effect Nov. 15. It grants unprecedented power to mayors in Ottawa and Toronto, giving them the authority to hire and fire top level municipal staff, singlehandedly set budget priorities and approve them, and even veto a prior decision made by council.

"To me, it simply destroys the democratic process," Danielsen said. "It seems strange a mayor would be so opposed to this, but I just think it is a very frightening step to make... the bill gives extraordinary powers to one elected official."

Addressing the rest of Algonquin Highlands council at its first regular meeting Nov. 17, Danielsen called on her colleagues to support writing a letter "in strong opposition" to Bill 3 and sending it to Queen's Park.

Premier Doug Ford said the new legislation would help top brass in Ontario's two major cities fast-track "much needed" housing developments. In a separate bill, the More Homes, Built Faster Act (Bill 23), introduced last month, Ford has called for the creation of 285,000 new homes in Toronto by 2031, and a further 161,000 new units in Ottawa.

Danielsen believes Bill 3 sets a dangerous precedent.

"It's starting in Toronto and Ottawa, but then I'm sure it's going to go to places like Kingston, London and Belleville next," she said.

Deputy mayor Jennifer Dailloux said she likes the "checks and balances" system in place everywhere else in Ontario, and would be loath to revert to government structure like the one that exists in some places south of the border.



Liz Danielsen has spoken against Ontario's proposed Bill 3 legislation. *File.*

'Problems' with Bill 23

Planner Sean O'Callaghan told council there are several potentially problematic changes that will impact the township should Bill 23 be approved.

Aiming to bring 1.5 million new homes to Ontario by 2031, the proposed legislation would eliminate the need for public meetings on any draft plan application for a new subdivision, while developments of up to 10 residential units will be exempt from municipal site plan control. It would also block any third-party appeals looking to

quash potential development. As well, previously required documents such as architectural details and landscape design aesthetics will be removed from the scope of site plan control.

O'Callaghan said a new program that would allow for wetland areas to be developed providing a "net positive impact is demonstrated" is also being considered.

"I definitely take exception to reducing protection on wetlands. It seems the province is moving in a direction that gives no consideration to the environment," Danielsen said.



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What's the energy poverty plan?

I had not heard the term 'energy poverty' until quite recently. The Heat Bank Haliburton County has calculated that the Highlands poverty rate is 18 per cent, meaning 1.5 out of every six households are considered low income. Data suggests that up to 47 per cent of people residing in the County are living in energy poverty. Energy poverty is defined as a household spending 10 per cent or more of their income on home energy costs. They have further crunched the numbers to say the median home energy price is \$3,895. In addition, 8.5 per cent of homes need major repairs, so heat, and money, is likely blowing out of doors and windows. Let's add to that an estimate that energy costs are going up 30 per cent this year. What does that look like? It looks like a person living in a trailer needs \$180 a day of gasoline for the generator they use to heat their home. It looks like \$600 would get you about 190 litres of heating oil, which is not quite a quarter of a tank. It looks like someone paying \$6,000 this winter for their heating oil, compared to about \$2,500 last year. It looks like someone making a dangerous choice of leaving their oven on

to heat their home since companies can no longer cut off your electricity for payments in arrears. It looks frightening. So, the Heat Bank Haliburton County goes cap in hand to fuel providers of oil and propane, as well as those who supply wood. It passes the hat to local businesses. And, it puts its hand out for online auctions and a sit-down dinner and auction at Rhubarb to try to generate enough money to help clients. Similarly, Fuel for Warmth is talking to the fuel suppliers, and local businesses to get whatever help it can. It's encouraging people to spend their \$30 on a ticket for the Shindig and make other donations. The problem is the donors are feeling the pinch as much as the recipients. They are still recovering from the pandemic and are facing the same inflationary pressures. Where they might have been able to give \$1,000 in the past, this year they may only be able to donate \$300. It is a perfect storm. We have more people than ever before needing the help of these non-profits. There is less money to go around. At what point do our many non-profits max out when it comes to asking

donors to give to our community, time and again? We would say we are on that knife's edge right now. I've been at Shindigs where MPP Laurie Scott and MP Jamie Schmale have been in attendance. They've taken some good-natured pokes from the likes of Dame Beatrice. However, in reality, they should be stepping up. Two non-profits and a community of 18,000 people should not be taxed with having to bridge the gap between staying warm or not. It is high time the province and federal governments addressed energy poverty, not just in Haliburton County, but across the province and country. With climate change and predicted weather extremes, it is past time for the upper levels of government to wrap us all in a blanket of warmth. While we applaud the federal government this week announcing grants to replace with oil with heat pumps, what is lacking is an overall long-term strategy.



By Lisa Gervais

CLIMATE CORNER

Environmental cost of fashion

PROBLEM
The fashion industry produces 10 per cent of global carbon emissions. Making one pair of jeans produces as much greenhouse gas as driving a car more than 80 miles. Emissions from textile manufacturing are projected to skyrocket 60 per cent by 2030 (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change). Most fashion today is made of synthetic, fossil fuel-derived fibres (polyester). Making plastic fibres into textiles requires significant petroleum and releases volatile toxins. Discarded non-biodegradable fabrics can sit in landfills for up to 200 years; 85 per cent of all textiles go to dumps each year. 'Fast Fashion' refers to mass-produced clothing that replicates high-end fashion. Intentionally made to quickly wear out, it uses cheap, exploited labour for high volume and low cost. A 2018 U.S. Department of Labor report found evidence of forced and child labour in clothing production in many developing countries. More than 97 per cent of clothing sold in the U.S. is made in other countries. Developing nations rarely follow environmental regulations. The fashion industry is the second-largest consumer of water (2,700 litres are used to produce one cotton shirt). The textiles and fashion industry has reduced local groundwater and drinking water by seven per cent globally, mostly affecting water-stressed manufacturing countries, such as India and China. Textile dyeing is the world's second-largest polluter of water; leftover water from the dyeing process is often dumped into ditches, streams or rivers.

Washing synthetic clothes releases 500,000 tons of non-biodegradable microfibres into the ocean each year, the equivalent of 50 billion plastic bottles. Chemicals used to tan leather (mineral salts, formaldehyde, coal-tar derivatives) are not biodegradable and contaminate water sources. **SOLUTIONS**
The World Resources Institute urges companies to invest in business models that reuse clothes and maximise their useful life. The UN created the Alliance for Sustainable Fashion to reduce damage caused by fast fashion. Online second-hand companies offer lower priced donated clothes, or options to rent, lease or swap clothes: Rent the Runway, Gwynnie Bee (U.S.), Girl Meets Dress (UK), Mud Jeans (Denmark). Adidas offers personalised gear to cut down on returns, increase customer satisfaction and reduce inventory. Sustainable fabrics from wild silk, organic cotton, linen, hemp and lyocell last longer and are biodegradable. Cotton fibre disintegrates 76 per cent in wastewater within 243 days (polyester six per cent). By-products of cotton (stems and seeds) are used by other industries. American grown cotton now has strict regulations. Technology has helped cotton growers decrease soil loss (37 per cent), water use (79 per cent), energy use (54 per cent), greenhouse gases (40 per cent) and land use (49 per cent). Ralph Lauren announced it will use 100 per cent sustainably-sourced materials by 2025. French president, Emmanuel Macron,

made a pact with 150 brands to make the fashion industry more sustainable. The Changing Markets Foundation in London calls on The Microfibre Consortium to be more open with consumers, urging accountability. The Plastic Soup Foundation, a non-profit marine conservation organization, hopes to reduce synthetic fibre pollution by 80 per cent by pressuring clothing manufacturers. The Fashion Revolution unites people and brands for a safer, cleaner, and fairer fashion industry. Fibershed is a non-profit that urges garments be grown, dyed, manufactured within 150 miles of home. **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- Participate in the #WhoMadeMyClothes campaign.
- Write letters to brand or policy makers.
- Complete the Cotton Incorporated Lifestyle Monitor™ Survey.
- Extend the lifetime of your clothes: donate, trade, sell, rent.
- Join children's and baby clothes swaps.
- Buy locally made (e.g. Haliburton Clothing Co.).
- Use local thrift shops.
- Online used clothing retailers (thredUP, The RealReal, Swap.com, Poshmark).
- Find brands with buy-back programs for lightly used clothing (e.g. Eileen Fisher).



By Dr. Nell Thomas

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A group shot of all winners at the 2022 Business and Community Achievement awards.
Photo by Tim Tofflemire.

Chamber awards return with a splash

By Mike Baker

“It doesn’t matter who takes home the awards this evening, you are all winners tonight,” said Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce executive director Bob Gaudette as he kicked off the organization’s 2022 Business and Community Achievement awards, at the Bonnie View Inn Nov. 19.

Returning for the first time since 2019, the event is held to recognize entrepreneurs and businesses from across Haliburton County that have gone above and beyond while serving the community.

Gaudette said he was happy to share an evening with some of the community’s biggest and brightest business minds. He paid homage to all those in attendance who have stepped up in recent years to reduce the impacts of the pandemic in the Highlands.

“The work you all do matters. Don’t let that bounce off you, like a reflex. Just sit with it for a minute,” Gaudette said. “The work you do makes a difference. That’s what we are here to celebrate tonight.”

There were 13 awards, including: Highlander of the Year; Best New Business; Tourism and Hospitality; Young Professional; Innovation and Creativity; Not-for-Profit; Customer Service Business; Customer Service Employee; Industry and Trades; Business Achievement; Entrepreneur; the Warden’s Award; and Employer of the Year.

Robin Carmount, a police officer with the Haliburton Highlands OPP, took home the Highlander of the Year award, beating out Andria Cowan Molyneaux, Rick Lowes, Lindsay Mellor, Marina Thomazo, Shay Hutchings and David Zilstra. Carmount was nominated for the award by former Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt in recognition of his volunteer efforts with local youth.

Carmount founded the Haliburton County Youth Sailing Association in 2019, offering kids across the community the chance to get out on the water and learn how to sail. The program runs at no cost to participants. He has also launched, and still runs today, after-school youth programs at Archie Stouffer Elementary School and Wilberforce Elementary School.

“They say it takes a village [and for programs like this] it really does,” Carmount

said. “I want to thank all of my volunteers... without them, I wouldn’t have been able to do this and make it stick, so thank you.”

Nick Folco, owner of Haliburton’s The Noble Barber, took home two awards – for best new business and best young professional. Folco launched his barber shop in 2020, shortly after relocating to the Highlands. He could not attend due to a prior engagement, with the awards being accepted by his wife, Kirstley Dams.

“This was a pipe dream for Nick for a really long time... he knew one day he wanted to own his own shop, and that he wanted it to be in Haliburton,” Dams said. “This means the world to him, so thank you very much.”

Non-profit Point in Time also took home a pair of awards, the annual warden’s and splitting best not-for-profit with CanoeFM for its work through the Youth Wellness Hub.

Executive director, Marg Cox, said it has been a big few years for Point in Time, which has established a new transportation program providing rides for youth in and out of town, a fund designed to help better connect youth to high-speed internet, and a drop-in program in Haliburton that focuses on improving mental health and wellbeing.

“The community has really gotten behind us with our endeavours, particularly at the Youth Hub, so this award [is for you too].”

2022 award winners:

Highlander of the Year - **Robin Carmount**
New Business - **The Noble Barber**
Tourism & Hospitality - **Abbey Gardens Community Trust**
Young Professional - **Nick Folco, The Noble Barber**
Innovation & Creativity - **Haliburton Forest Biochar**
Not-for-Profit - **TIE - Youth Wellness Hub - CKHA Canoe FM**
Customer Service Business - **Lakeview Motel & Resort**
Customer Service Employee - **Rebel Grooms, Timber Mart**
Industry & Trades - **Minden Auto Care**
Business Achievement - **Linda Baumgartner**
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Orchestra ‘family’ faces the music once more

By Sam Gillett

The Highlands Chamber Orchestra is marking its 10th anniversary with a live performance after more than two years off stage.

The orchestra’s ‘Welcome Back Performance’ will feature compositions from *James Bond*, *The Lord of the Rings*, *Superman* and other beloved musical universes.

More than 40 violinists, trombonists, trumpeters and more will perform at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Nov. 26.

“It’s been a long time in the making,” said conductor Dan Manley.

He said the music was chosen both to suit the orchestra’s strengths and challenge certain sections and instruments.

It was “a pretty emotional moment,” Manley said, when the orchestra reunited for practices last year after COVID-19 restrictions halted group gatherings. “We considered potentially putting on a show last spring, but there were just too many unknowns.”

The ensemble was formed in 2012 after a trial run performing with the Highlands Wind Symphony.

“We thought ‘hey, this seems so much fun and so promising’,” said Manley, who was playing tuba at the time. After Glen Carter stepped down as conductor, Manley picked up the baton.

“I thought I’d love to do this. And 10 years



Until the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, the Highlands Chamber Orchestra played regular concerts in Haliburton County. *File.*

later, here we are.”

Throughout the years, practices and performances tightened the group’s bond.

“There’s quite a family that’s made... seeing each other every Friday and putting on these concerts. It’s very rewarding.”

Now, the orchestra is able to share its music with the Highlands. Manley said that’s one of the highlights of being part of it.

“It’s that musical rush that you experience in an orchestra,” he said. “It’s so different than playing in a small group.”

The Highlands Chamber Orchestra plays at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 26 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

Tickets are available at Russell Red Records in Haliburton, or by calling 705-286-0413.

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Interested individuals are encouraged to apply by submitting a copy of their resume and a cover letter to:

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Falling into winter

Corner Gallery in Haliburton village kicked off its new ‘Fall into Christmas’ exhibit Nov. 19, featuring the work of five Canadian artists showcasing a range of styles and inspirations. Gallery manager, Pamela Brohm, said the display, running until Dec. 31, is a good opportunity for local art enthusiasts to check out works from several renowned and up-and-coming painters, including Barbara Hart, Harvey Walker, Gord Jones, Byron Hodgins and Sarah Carlson. “It’s a terrific spread, with a lot of variety,” Brohm said. Hart runs the Art by Hart Studio in Dysart, using oils and watercolours to create abstract, still life and portrait pieces; Walker owns Boathouse Studio in Carnarvon and uses oil-based paints to create natural landscapes, often featuring animals; Jones is a Highlands-based watercolour painter who takes inspiration from our natural surroundings when coming up with his pieces; Hodgins is a contemporary painter of plein air landscapes, based in Ottawa; Carlson, who works out of Burlington, is a multidisciplinary artist whose works include paintings, murals and sculptures. Corner Gallery is open Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mike Baker).

Top: Artists Barbara Hart, Harvey Walker and Sarah Carlson (back, from left) pose for a photo with local musician Nick Russell at the opening of Corner Gallery’s new festive show. Bottom left: Harvey Walker shows off his *Island Time* landscape, featuring oil on canvas. Bottom right: Sarah Carlson discusses her abstract piece *Burning Bright*, an oil and acrylic produced on panel. Photos by Mike Baker.

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CanoeFM rocking with volunteer spirit

By Sam Gillett

Radio waves aren't the only things moving around CanoeFM's Mountain Street headquarters. On any given day, the office buzzes with volunteers broadcasting music and talk shows, inserting ads into radio logs and taking listener calls. That's not to mention the fundraising teams that run the yearly Radiothon or Radio Bingo, which have raised thousands of dollars for dozens of Haliburton County community groups as well as paying for station projects.

"I wonder, how we do it all?" said station manager Roxanne Casey at the station's Nov. 16 annual general meeting. "It's truly amazing to listen to all the [volunteer] committees and everything that goes on here."

Casey, chairperson Paul Vorvis and various other board and committee members updated the CanoeFM community on the station's latest activities, financial outlook and future projects.

"It's been a fantastic year for CanoeFM," Vorvis said.

He mentioned that three hosts, Rita and John Jackson and Patrick Monaghan, were given national community radio awards from the National Campus Radio Association.

The station also launched a new recording studio with the capability to broadcast Highlands talent across Canada.

Hardware and software allowing hosts to broadcast from anywhere are also being tested, while there are plans to install a repeater in Minden Hills to enhance radio broadcast quality.

"If this works, consideration is going to be given to other areas in the County," Vorvis said.

Treasurer Roger Dart said fears that the pandemic would spark financial concerns have been unfounded. "At this point in time, CanoeFM, simply put, is in a sound financial position," he said.



CanoeFM host Penny Randall Mowbray was applauded for her work shining the spotlight on local artists in 2021 and 2022. *File.*

That's in part thanks to successful fundraisers such as Radio Bingo, which raised \$282,401 in 2022, down slightly from \$309,120 in 2021. Half of that, \$141,200, was given back to the community.

The weekly game has become a beloved tradition for many in the Highlands and beyond, reported team leads Pat Barry and Bev Bourne. The presenters now start the broadcast early to ensure they have enough time to read "shout-outs" from players and teams.

CanoeFM directors also applauded the work of the Radiothon committee, comprised of Louise Ewing, Nicki Hagarty and Janice

Andrews. Despite a Rogers phone outage during the event this summer, the team raised \$40,000 and continued an online auction of donated prizes.

In a written report, Casey insisted community radio remains an "essential service" to the Highlands.

CanoeFM, she wrote, is "relevant, local, and live and our listeners invite us in as they want to hear what we have to say to them. Please don't forget that what you do is important... You have a very big role to play in people's lives."

She told the AGM that NCRA polls show a 4.4 million increase in community and

campus radio listeners since 2017.

"Community radio is alive, well and thriving," she said.

Volunteer changes

The station recognized multiple long-serving volunteers who are stepping down from their roles. That includes the Radiothon team's Ewing and volunteer Nancy Norris as well as eight-year CanoeFM veteran Roger Dart. Board member Stephanie Kendrick also announced her departure.

New members joining the board for two-year terms include Don Gage, Tim Hagarty and Amanda Virtanen.

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Ingram Wessell 'loved talking with people'

By Lisa Gervais

The circle of life continues for Minden Hills' Wessell family.

On the day patriarch, Ingram Wessell, passed away, his granddaughter, Courtney, gave birth to Kayce. That Nov. 14 arrival was the third great-grandchild for Ingram in a month.

"He loved the grandkids," his son, Harold, told *The Highlander* Nov. 21. "He cared a lot for his family. He loved all his family."

Ingram Wessell was a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, farmer, horseman, truck aficionado, businessman and politician over the span of his 92 years, before being felled by dementia and Parkinson's Disease.

Anyone entering and exiting Minden Hills does so by passing the iconic red Wessell barn with its Belgian horses.

Harold, whom people say looks and talks like his dad and shares similar personality traits, worked with Ingram for more than 40 years.

"He was a hard-working man and accomplished a lot in his lifetime. He never backed down from a challenge. Everything he went and put his mind to, he did it."

should get handed anything. If you wanted something, you got out and worked for it." He said Ingram's parents didn't have a lot of money. "His dad was the same. His dad worked. His two brothers were the same."

Commenting on that iconic barn, Harold said his dad, "absolutely loved that barn. He just had it painted five years ago. He'd sit in his chair and every time he went in the house he'd ask, 'what do you think of my barn? Doesn't my barn look good?'" He also loved his horses, his son said. He added he would share his horse knowledge with his grandchildren. He gave his last horse to grandson, Cody.

He was also a man of God. Harold recalls being sent to Sunday school and going to church. He said his dad would pick up his grandkids and take them to worship.

Three ministers from three churches he attended over the years officiated at his Nov. 18 celebration of life.

"Every time the churches wanted to do something, he stood up and did it. He put additions on. He'd send the equipment for free and give them the material. He really stood behind the churches."

Harold said the selflessness was just a part of his dad's DNA. "If he met you for the first

time, and you were down and out, he'd help you out. As long as you were willing to work, but if you were lazy and just looking for a hand-out, he had no use for that at all."

Harold said even when his dad's health was failing, he would pick him

up in the truck and take him trucking with him. In addition, "he just loved the business. He loved meeting people and talking with people. Most of the guys at the gravel pit here talk about him sitting in his chair at the scale house, talking away to them, and giving them advice."

Harold "sees him everywhere" and has



Ingram Wessell in a photo taken when he was on council. *Submitted.*

vowed he won't sell his dad's beloved international dump truck that he had painted John Deere green.

Political career

Ingram Wessell served as councillor of Lutterworth Township and reeve of Laxton, Digby and Longford Township.

Minden Hills coun. Pam Sayne once ran against him and said, despite that, she used to call him up and buy gravel for her driveway, "and tell him I'm helping him buy more campaign signs."

She shared a story about when she and Wessell ran against Barb Reid. She was driving down the road and noticed someone had amalgamated her sign with his.

"I thought the sign was pretty funny. He was a good local farmer, and I was a newbie, and our thinking and our lifestyle was totally

different, but we really had a respect and a bond. We were good neighbours. I called him and he said, 'come on up, we're (he and wife Isabel) just having lunch, can I make you a sandwich?' and I said 'sure' and showed him the picture and we all had a good laugh and enjoyed a good lunch together. And that's the kind of way we ran our campaigns then. We were friends."

She added he was always helpful and, as a councillor, prioritized roads and tight budgets.

"The last time I saw him, at the beginning of the 2022 election campaign, I visited with him and Isabel. I was looking to say hello and seeing if I could get their support. Ingram's eyes were bright, and he was with it. He knew who I was and it just felt so heartfelt."

Sayne added, "he was a character. He'll be really missed."

His thing was, nobody handed him anything ... so he didn't think anybody else should get handed anything. If you wanted something, you got out and worked for it... his dad was the same. His dad worked. His two brothers were the same.

Harold Wessell

Growing up, Harold said his dad taught he and siblings - Sherry, Tim and Mike - how to work from a young age.

"I remember going to school. I had to get up at five o'clock in the morning and milk a cow." He said they had large gardens that needed to be tended.

"His thing was, nobody handed him anything ... so he didn't think anybody else

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Ponders on ice – again – for 2023 event

By Lisa Gervais

Unable to secure a venue, organizers of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships have cancelled the event for 2023.

Owner John Teljeur publicly announced the news on the championship's Facebook page Nov. 16.

They were last held at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in the winter of 2020, but have been iced due to COVID the previous two years.

Teljeur told teams and volunteers via Facebook that, "our months of trying to engage venue management to discuss the 2023 event have failed and we no longer have time to put together a successful event."

However, he vowed, "this is not the end. We are committed to running an event in 2024 and will have information regarding this in the next couple of months."

In the meantime, Teljeur said they'd be reaching out to teams that have paid deposits to discuss options. They had rolled over about 80 teams from a planned event last January that they had to cancel because of COVID.

Teljeur bought the championships in 2016 to move the event from Hunstville to Haliburton.

However, he said it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep them in the Highlands without a suitable venue. He's been looking at other options but cannot find a good fit.

"I need a host venue that is capable of holding 500 to 600 players at any one time for the stuff indoors. Plus, I need the convenience of having a water feature (a pond or lake) somewhere close by so the players don't have to drive to get there," he told *The Highlander* in a Nov 17 interview.

He said some players want more private accommodation, but the majority like being under one roof so they can socialize on the weekends. "The majority want to drop their keys on Friday and not pick them up until Sunday morning, so the challenge is we need rooms but also the means of having the pond. There's a fine line of where all the things that you need converge in one spot."

Teljeur said the Pinestone "is, ultimately, the greatest location for that, but you have to have a partner that is interested in getting involved."

The Highlander asked owners of the Pinestone to comment, but did not receive a response as of press time.

Teljeur said while he brought the event to Head Lake in 2013, it was not ideal as they had to bus players to and from the Pinestone, which was expensive. The players, also, were not keen on that arrangement.

Teljeur said his back is somewhat up against the wall.

"It comes down to a clear choice. If Pinestone is not going to be involved going forward, it's either one of two things for us. One is to cease operations altogether, which would be a shame, or to move it to another community, which is contrary to what I



The last Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships were held in 2020. *File.*

wanted to do."

He said since making the announcement, his phone and email have been "blowing up" but there is nothing he can do about it.

He added it's unfortunate since they had an uptick in interest, including potential teams from Scandinavian countries.

He added he loves the way the players have embraced the event, making it an annual get-together, many playing in costume. He said it is a lot of work but when organizers and volunteers see the players enjoying

themselves so much, it's worth it. And that's why he is not giving up just yet.

"If something is worthwhile doing, you keep pushing until there's just no other way to do it. I told the players and some of the volunteers I have been able to reach in the last 24 hours, we're not quitting on this thing. I still believe that this thing can work but we need to have community engagement, especially from our accommodators and the venue."

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Storm make finals in silver stick tourney

On Nov. 19 and 20, the U13 Cheryl Smith RE/MAX local league team took part in the 20th annual silver stick international tournament hosted in Haliburton.

Saturday was an action-packed day with the Storm playing three games.

Our first game was against the Apsley Flames and the Storm dominated the play, bringing home a 5-3 win.

Next, we played Huntsville with a 5-1 win and our last game was a 6-0 victory over Sturgeon.

Three wins took us to the 'A' semi-final game on Sunday morning, where we went head-to-head against the Storm's U13 LL Minden Pharmasave team. Again, we pulled out a successful win with a 5-3 score in a great hometown match-up.

We are so proud of this team for making it all the way to the 'A' championship game against the Millbrook Stars. Unfortunately, Millbrook's size got the best of us and we lost in a hard-fought battle 5-3, taking home the title of 'A' finalists.

This entire squad should be commended for coming together as a team the entire

weekend. It's a strong group of players who cheer each other on both on and off the ice.

With a total of only nine players, our goaltender, Colten Simms, played exceptional the entire weekend, keeping the puck out of the net.

Our offensive line saw Tyler Hughes dominate each and every game and light up the scoreboard with a total of eight goals and three assists.

Jacob Sutton skates fast and hard every time he hits the ice with five goals and three assists.

Captain Lyla Degeer showed her size doesn't matter in the final game versus Millbrook, going in against kids twice her size and coming out with the puck, adding three goals and three assists for the weekend.

Cruise Neave works hard to control the play and is very skilled at assisting defensively when in need. He added two goals and three assists.

Katie LeValle is showing improvement every time she hits the ice, adding four assists.

Landyn Simms gets himself positioned

perfectly in front of the opponent's net and brought in two goals and two assists.

Our defensive team had three players rotating through, with Levi Rowe proving his abilities in back checking consistently throughout every game and bringing in five assists.

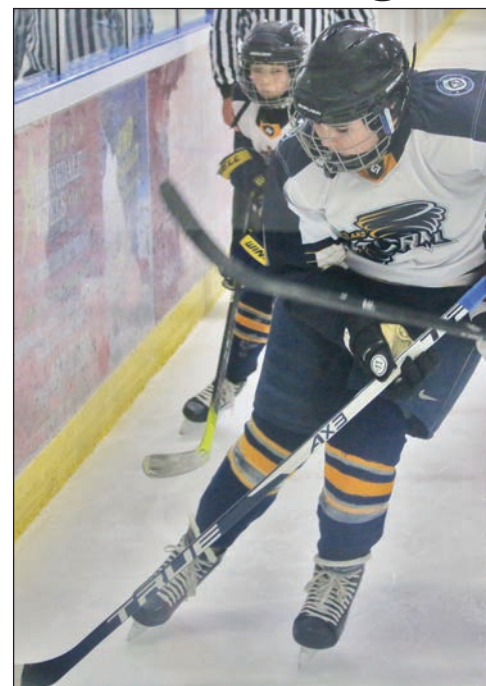
Lucas Vale brings to our team size and grit as well as adding to the scoreboard with two goals and two assists.

Hunter Hamilton stands his line well keeping the puck in the offensive zone and taking scoring opportunities when he can, bringing home two goals and five assists.

Head coach Mike Hamilton, trainer Marcus Rowe and assistant coach Cory Simms do an amazing job keeping this team focused and competitive all while having fun.

A huge thank you to all teams for attending this past weekend and all the parents and fans for coming out and cheering us on.

Craig and Tammy Smith always do an amazing job organizing these silver stick tournaments and we are forever thankful. (Submitted).



Lucas Vale battles for the puck along the boards. Photo by Mike Baker.

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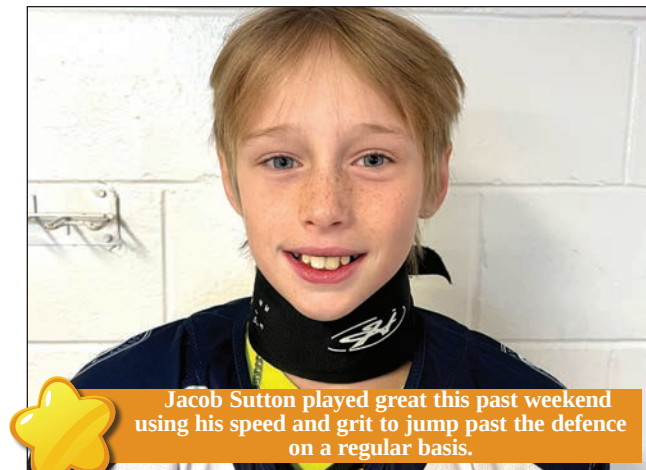
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Tyler Hughes played his best hockey of the season this past weekend.



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Colten Simms made some huge saves when called upon this past weekend, giving us a chance to take the lead early in all five of our games.

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Huskies beat Lindsay, Cobourg in OJHL action

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Huskies returned to winning ways this past weekend, edging out two of their closest rivals to regain second place in the OJHL South/East Conference.

After a comfortable 5-1 road win over the Lindsay Muskies in the ‘Battle of Hwy. 35’ Nov. 18, the Dogs followed up with “a complete 60-minute performance” against the Cobourg Cougars at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden Nov. 19, coming away with a 5-3 victory.

“Things are really clicking for us right now. Everyone on the team is buying into their role and sacrificing for one another, which I think is being reflected in our results,” said coach Ryan Ramsay. “We just wear teams down with the high-intensity, physical game that we play.”

Saturday’s tilt, played in front of 489 hometown fans, was the latest chapter in the Dogs’ developing feud with the Cougars – the team that eliminated them from last season’s playoffs.

It was Cobourg that raced out to an early lead, with captain George Krotiris beating Huskies netminder Aidan Spooner on his team’s first real attack 4:42 into the opening period. Nathan Duplessis tied things later in the period, firing home his second goal of the season after being set up by Isaac Sooklal and Lucas Marshall.

The lead didn’t last long. Andy Reist gave the Cougars a 2-1 advantage just seconds after Duplessis’ strike, and repeated the trick early in the second, scoring on a 2-on-1 breakaway, having been fed by Krotiris. Duplessis bagged his second at 7:03 of the middle frame to bring the Huskies back within a goal.

The Dogs stepped things up in the third, putting up three straight powerplay markers. Forward Sam Solarino tied the game at 2:08, assisted by Alex Cunningham and Ty Collins, before Boyd Stahlbaum

went to work. The winger scored at 2:57, assisted by Collins and Sooklal, and again at 10:35 assisted by Collins and Patrick Saini. The Dogs killed a pair of penalties late on, with the PK going 6-0 on the night, to bring home the win.

“Our special teams have been doing well. We changed up our penalty kill a couple weeks ago to adopt a more aggressive style. Under the old system, we were letting teams have too much time to make a play and it was really hurting us... since we switched, we’ve given up one powerplay goal in five games,” Ramsay said.

Demolition job in Lindsay

Tyler Hodges backstopped the Dogs to their big win in Lindsay, making 29 saves to keep a game Muskies outfit at bay, particularly in the opening period.

Cunningham opened the scoring two minutes into the game, assisted by Leo Serlin and Nicholas Dowling, but the Muskies soon hit back through Liam Filip.

Returning to his old stomping ground for the first time since being traded to the Huskies last month, Stahlbaum gave the visiting side a deserved lead early in the second. Collins, captain Christian Stevens and Solarino added markers of their own en route to a convincing 5-1 win.

There has been some shuffling of the roster this week. After acquiring forward Luca Rea from the Milton Menace Nov. 18, the Huskies shipped defenseman Owen Davies to the Caledon Admirals and forward Chase Strychaluk to the Powassan Voodoos of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League.

Ramsay said this opens a spot for him to add another 20-year-old to the Huskies roster.

“There are five or six guys on our radar. We’ll see what we can do before the [Jan. 10, 2023] trade deadline,” he said.



Top: Nathan Duplessis, who put up two goals on the night, grapples with a Cobourg Cougars defenseman in the Huskies 5-3 win Nov. 19. Bottom: Huskies teammates celebrate the team’s second goal. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

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Highlands 'perfect' landing spot for Stahlbaum

By Mike Baker

After spending last season and the early stages of this one as a big fish in a small Muskies pond in Lindsay, 20-year-old forward Boyd Stahlbaum took a chance on himself when pursuing a potential trade to the Haliburton County Huskies last month.

Kicking the season off with 27 points in 17 games with the Muskies, Stahlbaum was a hot commodity across the OJHL. After being encouraged by his coach in Lindsay, Brendan O'Grady, to chase a championship in his junior hockey swansong, Stahlbaum said the decision to move north was an easy one.

The Huskies officially acquired him Oct. 27, sending Myles Perry to the Milton Menace to open a max-age roster spot.

"I was born in Lindsay and have lived most of my life in Peterborough, so I'm familiar with Haliburton County. That appealed to me. I wanted to still be close to family and friends," Stahlbaum said. "After I talked to Ryan (Huskies coach Ryan Ramsay) and figured out how I would fit in, I was sold. I see this as the perfect opportunity to come into a team that's already doing well and try to help, while also elevating my game."

Stahlbaum admits it was a strange position to be in. He loved his time as a Muskie and appreciated his old coach for taking a chance on him when nobody else would.

That's been a pattern through the young forward's short career. He grew up playing AA in Peterborough. He tried out for the AAA team three straight years but was cut.

Undeterred, he attended training camp again where, as a 15-year-old, he finally broke into the Peterborough Pete's AAA team. He played two seasons of AAA before making his OJHL debut with the Stouffville Spirit in early 2020.

When the pandemic hit, Stahlbaum figured he'd have to hang his skates up for a few weeks while things blew over. It was 18 months before he laced them up again for a game.

"It had a big impact, not being able to play for that long. I think I would be a much better player at this point if I hadn't lost over a year of hockey," Stahlbaum said.

He's making up for lost time. A key cog within the Huskies' forward corps, Stahlbaum said he's all-in on fighting to bring a championship to Haliburton County in the spring. He's hoping his performance catches the eye of schools south of the border, noting it's his dream to earn a division 1 NCAA scholarship.

Ramsay has been impressed with Stahlbaum's early work in the Highlands, where he's put up 11 points in eight games.

The left-shot sniper said it's been an easy transition getting up to speed with Huskies hockey.

"I couldn't have asked for a better introduction. The guys in the locker room were very welcoming, the coaching staff have done a good job preparing me, and the fans have been great," Stahlbaum said. "I love it here so far... this is the perfect place for me."



Forward Boyd Stahlbaum has been a revelation since joining the Huskies last month, putting up 11 points in eight games. Photo by Mike Baker.

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Top left: Crowds of people eagerly lined Bobcaygeon Road to watch the parade. Top right: Dancers from Haliburton’s Skyline Dance Studio performed. Bottom: Volunteers with local non-profit Walkabout Farms were excited to attend. *Photos by Mike Baker.*



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- Nov. 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) are hosting a 'Merry Little Christmas Book Sale' at the Dysart branch. All proceeds benefit HCPL, including funding for book club sets, e-books and e-readers, children's computers.
- Tuesdays & Thursdays**
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- Dec. 8**
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The Municipality of Highlands East is Seeking Members for
Committee of Adjustment and Land Division Committee

The Municipality of Highlands East is currently seeking:

One (1) member to represent the Municipality at the Haliburton County Land Division Committee

Five (5) members to sit on the Municipality's Committee of Adjustment

Haliburton County Land Division Committee:
The Land Division Committee meets monthly to consider applications for consent. Consents can include the creation of new lots, boundary adjustments, and easements or rights of way. The Committee also considers applications for validation of title and the cancellation of consents.

The Committee is comprised of four appointments with one representative from each local municipality.

Highlands East Committee of Adjustment:
The Committee of Adjustment meets monthly on an as-needed basis to review applications for minor variance under Section 45 of the Planning Act. A minor variance grants minor relief from the Municipality's Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the Municipality's Official Plan.

The Committee is comprised of five appointments who are residents of the Municipality of Highlands East.

Term:
Both Committees are appointed to a four-year term coinciding with the term of Council. Members will be appointed for the 2023-2026 term of Council.

Qualifications and Duties:
A list of qualifications and duties is available upon request or on our website at www.highlandseast.ca located under the 'Careers' section.

Both committees require members who are knowledgeable about the local area, interested in land use planning, and able to contribute in an unbiased and constructive manner. Experience reviewing and understanding planning policy documents, bylaws, surveys, site plans and building plans is an asset.

Submission of Application:
Interested individuals are encouraged to submit **applications clearly marked "Application- Haliburton County Land Division Committee or Application- Highlands East Committee of Adjustment"** on or before 4:00 p.m., December 2nd, 2022 via mail, in person, fax or email in confidence to:

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SOLUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 24

1	P	2	R	3	O	4	P	5	S	6	T	7	U	8	D	9	M	10	S	11	D	12	O	13	S
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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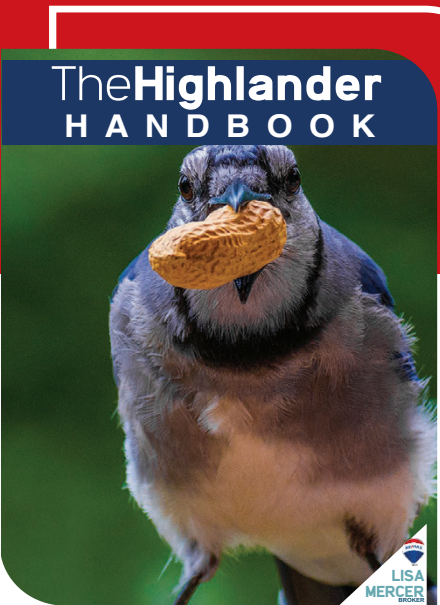
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- Across
- 1 Cessna nose attachment

5 Cheek bling

9 Early PC platform

14 Literary "scarlet letter"

15 C-grade

16 Throw for ____

17 "Believe ____ not, ..."

18 Northbound driver's errant eastward turn?

20 "Fry" in English, "jump" in French

22 Cannot, despite trying

23 Tumble taken in April?

26 "The ____ Baltimore" (play set in a lobby)

29 "You rang?"

30 ____ long way (be very helpful)

31 Was seeing someone with more class

33 Jewellery piece with a 25-Down

35 Black piecrust ingredients

36 Cow with the sharper-sounding moo?

39 Steak shaped like South America

41 Keep things to oneself, maybe?

42 Had one's sights on

45 ____-Magnon

46 "Don't know yet," on a TV guide

49 "Nowhere With You" singer Plaskett

50 Is in the theatre business?

53 Do gigs alone for a change

55 Imperative on a Wonderland cake

56 Chandelier that's hard to lift?

60 Canadian folk legend Rogers

61 Ichiban noodles, e.g.

62 Craven film viewer's feeling

63 Spanish half dozen

64 Retainers of prosecuting lawyers

65 Where crafty people click?

66 Keep the motor running

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- Down
- 1 Overly delicate

2 Package more securely, in a way

3 Febreze targets

4 ____ Québécois ("péquiste" group)

5 U-turn from NNE

6 The "T" of Ont.'s GTA

7 "The good ol'" country to the south

8 Kiefer Sutherland's dad

9 Lime-rich soil

10 Moved like a mamba

11 One seeking brownie points

12 La-la lead-in

13 Cargo ship destination: Abbr.

19 Type of lizard "monster"

21 Anticipating a hitch?

24 Black lipstick style

25 Part of a 33-Across with hands

27 Your, in Italy

28 Discs sold in sleeves

32 Waterskiing line

33 Cab savant?

34 Letters before royalty

36 Event when local fans come out

37 Caps ____ (angry typist's key)

38 Sticks in a lifeboat

39 ____ Mahal

40 About-the-author bit

43 Missing mess mate, maybe

44 "L'chaim!", in English

46 Sporting a lot of ink, with "up"

47 How many vote during a pandemic

48 Sort of, after "in"

51 Noted thesaurus creator

52 Yogurt-based drink of India

54 Wds. in a thesaurus

56 Time sheet figs.

57 Water in Lac Saint-Jean

58 Is afflicted with

59 Frustrated reply to "I can't"



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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