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DOG DAYS OF WINTER

Jolene Thomas and her dog Finn took part in the Jolly Jog in Haliburton Nov. 27.
Photo by Sam Gillett.

Iles' legacy to 'live on' in Haliburton

By Mike Baker

Haliburton's Chris Iles lost more than just his dad this past weekend; he lost his best friend too.

Surrounded by family at the Haliburton hospital, Dysart et al fire chief Mike Iles passed away Nov. 26 following a year-long battle with lung cancer. He was 61.

His death has reverberated around the community where he was born and raised. The township has lowered flags to half-mast at municipal facilities, and tributes have been pouring in, honouring a man many believe to have been one of Haliburton's greatest champions.

"It's hard to accept he's gone," Chris told *The Highlander*. "I've already thought lots this week about picking up the phone and calling or texting him when something comes up, or when I need the answer to something, but obviously I can't do that anymore. It hurts, and I'm not sure if it's something I'll ever get used to."

Mike Iles' fingerprints are all over the community. He's a graduate of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and a former part-owner of Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC, where he spent decades as service manager. He volunteered with several local service groups and was an avid hunter and angler, owning a small cabin in Haliburton Forest that he used for weekend and evening expeditions.

Aside from his family – wife, Wendy, and daughter, Tessa – Iles' true love was firefighting. He had grown up around the downtown station where his father, Joe Iles, served as a firefighter for more than 40 years. He joined the ranks as a volunteer in 1993, becoming a captain in 2010. After deciding to retire from Curry Motors, Iles pursued his "dream position" as Dysart's fire chief, officially taking the title July 1, 2016.

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‘He was proud to be a firefighter and loved Haliburton’

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Township CAO Tamara Wilbee said Iles was, “extremely liked and well respected” by peers and co-workers, noting he led many positive changes within the department.

“Mike is known for being a strong, yet fair leader. He was an excellent coach and role model and exuded a sense of calmness in tough situations, which always helped keep others focused on the job at hand,” Wilbee said.

Iles played a key role in leading Dysart through the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, sitting on the township’s emergency municipal control group.

Dan Chumbley served as Iles’ deputy fire chief for several years. He said he couldn’t have asked for a better mentor, with Iles going out of his way to ensure Chumbley was adequately prepared when he took over earlier this year.

“Mike had this ability to instill everyone with confidence, no matter the situation. He was always very positive with the way he ran this department and the encouragement he would give to me and all the other members,” Chumbley said. “Even when he got sick and was in poor health, he did not abandon the fire department. He was always on top of getting back to me if I had questions, and popping in to check on us all, even right up until he went into hospital.”

As good as he was at attacking blazes, Iles also specialized in putting out proverbial fires too. Bob Bullock, general manager at Curry

Motors, worked with him for several years and said he had a knack for problem-solving.

“He was always very sharp when it came to dealing with General Motors and the larger corporation, he approached things in a unique way and wouldn’t give up on something because it was hard, or out of his department,” he said.

Bullock added Iles had a “stern, but courteous way of doing business” and knew how to keep his workers in line. Many of the technicians working at Curry’s today were brought in and trained by Iles, who was a mechanic.

“He had a wealth of knowledge he was always more than happy to share, especially with younger people starting out. It’s been a hard week for many [in the shop] because Mike was held in such high regard and was so respected,” Bullock said.

Chris said his dad was a fighter. He survived a diagnosis of prostate cancer about a decade ago and refused to give up this time, even after doctors told him the cancer had metastasized to several other parts of his body and was inoperable.

Asked what he’ll remember most, Chris said, “he was an amazing father. Growing up, he always had an open-door policy for me and my friends. He was close with a lot of those guys. Then it’s the little moments – the fishing trips in the spring, the long drives to complete training once he became chief and I became a captain. There are so many memories that I’ll hold close for the rest of my life.



Haliburton fire chief Mike Iles passed away Nov. 26 following a year-long battle with lung cancer. Submitted.

“He was just a big softy. He developed such a bond with my son, Joe. They were inseparable,” Iles said. “He was proud to be a firefighter, and he loved Haliburton. This

place just won’t be the same without him.” A small gathering will be held at the Haliburton Fire Hall Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a reception to follow at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre from 3 to 5 p.m.



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Highlanders help in ‘apocalypse’ aftermath

By Sam Gillett

An Algonquin Highlands couple said travelling to Florida to aid in hurricane relief exposed them to the best of humanity amidst tragedy.

When Yvonne and Cary Kreuzwiesner heard Hurricane Ian had ripped through the Florida community where her sister lived in early October, they immediately knew they wanted to help.

“We saw the disaster and we were planning to go anyway,” said Yvonne. “And I just said to Cary, we have to go now. We have to lend a helping hand.”

They said their faith motivated them to go, too, and the couple received a blessing from their West Guilford church community before they left. She said it was a chance to put their faith into action.

“What do we come here (church) for? Just to meet and chat? Or is it real? Are we going to be real to people?” she asked.

She temporarily closed her business, Skin Tech Face and Body Care, and after a 25-hour drive they arrived in Naples, Florida.

While the Kreuzwiesners got there more than a week after the storm had passed, they encountered scenes of devastation as they entered the coastal state.

“It was like the apocalypse,” Yvonne said.

According to NBC News, the late September storm resulted in at least 148 deaths, and left thousands without homes.

Rows of beach houses were entirely demolished, furniture and personal



Yvonne Kreuzwiesner (right) serving food to hurricane victims alongside other volunteers. Submitted.

belongings strewn across the street.

“We met people who were living in their porches,” Yvonne said. “They didn’t want to leave.”

They registered with the Patriot Volunteer Society, which coordinates civilian volunteer efforts in disaster zones around the U.S. and got to work.

Cary spent hours hauling debris from damaged homes, while Yvonne helped sort belongings outside. Yvonne also served food to community members.

It was on one of the food lines she realized she was next to a fellow Halls Lake resident.

“It was not by coincidence at all. It was just for sure. She even said the same thing. I guess my parents and God brought us together.”

Yvonne said the trip was a watershed moment in her life. “I look at materialism completely differently,” she said. Million-dollar homes were lost just as others lost one-bedroom “shacks,” she said.

Yvonne and Cary also mentioned they saw “the best of humanity” exhibited in business owners devoting resources and staff

to cleanup, such as a brewery owner who traveled to Cape Coral and Fort Myers with a trailer of washing machines to wash and dry people’s clothes. Canadians, Europeans and Americans from far-flung states had flown in to help, just like the Kreuzwiesners.

“That’s what we saw - humanity coming together,” Yvonne said.

She said she saw Highlanders “step up” in times of need, such as the Minden floods, and encouraged anyone to assist when emergencies strike, no matter which country they may be in.





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ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

**AH has ‘most to lose’
if OPP bails**

Newly-elected Algonquin Highlands mayor Liz Danielsen brought the rest of council up to speed on the possibility of the Haliburton Highlands OPP becoming a satellite office of the Kawartha Lakes detachment.

As reported in the Nov. 17 issue of *The Highlander*, OPP top brass met with municipal officials from across the County Nov. 2 after the County heard rumours the OPP planned to eliminate the detachment commander position in the Highlands and replace it with a manager role, which would report to the station in Lindsay.

Danielsen pointed towards a similar occurrence in Coboconk several years ago. “They removed the detachment command, everything was promised to be fine, the community was told the facility will remain the same, but now it’s an empty building,” Danielsen said.

The OPP say it has “paused” any structural changes to command until a new police services board is established.

Deputy mayor Jennifer Dailloux said the township should do whatever it can to ensure Haliburton County retains its detachment.

“This is of equal importance to all four townships, no question, but we up here in Algonquin Highlands are furthest away from Kawartha Lakes... we do stand to have the most to lose,” she said. “I’m thinking about the problems we had at the pit on Livingstone Lake Road, and how complicated it was to find that support when people were using the area as a space to set off their firearms. To get the attention of a detachment commander even further away than it is now would make those kinds of situations precarious up here.”

Township ups fees

Council signed off on a minimum three per cent increase on all recreation user fees at its Nov. 17 meeting. Ski rentals, trail permits, camping fees and facility rentals are all up as the township responds to recent inflation. Season ski passes for adults and families are going up 10 per cent.

Parks, recreation and trails manager, Chris



Algonquin Highlands new council met for its first regular meeting Nov. 17. *File.*

Card, said the increases will bring prices closer to neighbouring municipalities in the Highlands, though still don’t come close to covering the costs the township incurs maintaining its services.

Prices are going up at the dump too. Environmental manager Melissa Murray says household garbage more than one cubic yard will cost residents \$35 to drop off; mattresses, box springs, couches and upholstered furniture will cost \$30 to dispose of; bulky waste and sorted construction

materials will cost \$67 per cubic yard; brush under four feet in diameter will cost \$30 per cubic yard; canoes, kayaks and paddleboards can be dumped for \$40.

Costs in the public works department are going up two per cent across the board and will affect burial services and amenities at Stanhope Airport.

For a full list of cost increases, visit algonquinhighlands.civicweb.net/document/403660. (*Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Mike Baker*).

AROUND THE COUNTY NEWS

**No injuries in
Dysart structure fire**

Two residents and their pet escaped uninjured from a structure fire in Haliburton Nov. 27.

Dysart et al interim fire chief Dan Chumbley said they were called to the blaze at 12:36 p.m.

“Nineteen firefighters gave the next three hours to fighting a stubborn fire that started outside the back of the building, climbed the exterior and entered the attic through the soffit,” he said.

Chumbley said the owners were able to recover some personal items once the fire was declared under control.

He added smoke alarms were present in the building and all occupants and pets were out

before the fire department arrived on site. No other details were provided.

Opioid overdose warning

An opioid overdose alert has been issued for the City of Kawartha Lakes, County of Haliburton and Northumberland County after what the HKPR district health unit is calling “a noticeable increase in overdoses over the past 30 days.”

“Hospital data indicated there were three overdoses this past weekend,” said Kate Hall, healthy communities, health promoter with the HKPR. She added, “recent data is showing an increase in youth drug overdoses. We want to remind parents and guardians of the importance of talking to their children about drugs.”

The unit reminds anyone who uses drugs, or those who know someone who does, to follow these safety tips: test a small amount of drug before you use; never use alone. If you are alone, call the National Overdose Response Service (NORS) virtual safe consumption at 1-888-668-NORS (6677), or use a buddy system and call a friend; call 9-1-1 in the event of an overdose; avoid mixing your drugs; keep a naloxone kit on hand. You can get a naloxone kit at most pharmacies and needle exchange sites.

Catalytic converter theft

OPP said that on Nov. 29, they attended Haliburton Chrysler on Hwy. 118 in Haliburton for a report of several motor vehicles that had been damaged.

“Through investigation, it was learned that unknown suspect(s) had stolen catalytic converters from at least 11 motor vehicles,” OPP said. “This had occurred sometime over the previous 24-72 hours. The theft and resulting damage are estimated to be approximately \$125,000.”

The investigation into this theft is ongoing.

Haliburton Highlands OPP is requesting anyone with information about this or any other unlawful activity to call 1-888-310-1122 or 705 286-1431. Should you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a secure web-tip at khcrimestoppers.com, where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward. (*Around the County news compiled by Lisa Gervais*).

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(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Members of the Public will participate electronically, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

December 8 – Regular Council Meeting
January 12 – Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in December.

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Carter proposes roadmap for Minden Hills

By Sam Gillett

A strategic plan is key to tackling the township's short and long-term goals, mayor Bob Carter said at Minden Hills' first regular meeting of council Nov. 24.

"Everybody has the items that are most important to themselves and has an idea of the order things should be done," he told councillors. "To me, that is going to come out in a strategic plan."

He said such a plan would use staff time more efficiently as they balance everyday operations and long-term reports and planning procedures.

"Oftentimes people have wonderful ambitions at the start of any term. And life happens and things just don't get done. I'd like us to have a plan moving forward and to be able to handle all those things," he said.

After the meeting, Carter told *The Highlander* a plan could be constructed in Spring 2023 but did not provide a set timeline. He added council will determine whether such a plan will require outside help, such as consultants.

Carter also laid out a tentative schedule for when key discussions will happen in the council chambers this year and next.

On Dec. 8, the township's auditor will go over the financial statements for 2021.

He said the township's committees will be on the docket Jan. 26.

"Committees are going to be very important to us," Carter said.

That meeting will also host a discussion of the township's procedural bylaw, which dictates how council and committee meetings are run, for example.

"Our procedural bylaw needs an overhaul," Carter said "It may almost have to be totally re-written."

Asset management will also feature in upcoming meetings. That's a provincially-mandated process that outlines the values of municipal infrastructure such as sewage lines and roads based on their replacement value.

Budget discussions will occur Feb. 2, 16 stretching to March 2 and March 9. Carter said the township's goal will be to pass a 2023 budget on March 9. In 2022, council voted to approve its budget April 28.

The budget was central in a subsequent discussion about building maintenance at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Director of community services, Craig Belfry, explained

how rot and twisted logs in the Baily Barn have complicated efforts to fix the building's foundation. While an engineering review is pending, the project is likely to exceed the \$30,000 budgeted for the fix in the 2022 budget.

"I look at it and I don't think I'd spend the \$30,000 on it," said coun. Bob Sisson. "Somewhere you've got to draw the line, right?"

Belfry said the issue, "comes back to strategic planning. What you see as a value to what those structures are. From somebody who has worked in the heritage and cultural field for a long time, I would say there is a value in keeping these buildings up to show the history of Minden."

Carter said the discussion would be best had during budget deliberations.

"With all the priorities we have in the township, these are the type of items that are very valuable to have in the budget process," he said.

"I think that's when we should hold the debate on that. It's like everything here, how much do you spend on the riverwalk, how much do you spend on this... at some point, there's only so much money to spend."

'Growth warrants OPP commander'

Minden Hills has signed on to a letter from the County of Haliburton calling for the OPP to continue to have a detachment commander in the Highlands.

The service has discussed the possibility of replacing the detachment commander with a manager, essentially making it a satellite of the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP.

"With the growth we've seen here in the community, we deserve to have our own detachment commander," said Carter. He said he expects similar conversations to arise on other provincial decisions.

"I had a fear that various levels of government would try to look to cut costs... this is the first example of something we're going to have to fight to get what we need, what we deserve and certainly what we're paying for."

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell agreed. "We completely reject this proposition," she said.



Minden Hills' 2022-2026 council. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

More information on food funding request

Councillors called for an in-person delegation and further details after the Minden Community Food Centre requested a \$10,000 donation to keep up with demand for services.

It submitted a request due to a more than 15 per cent rise in usership in recent months. Nearly 800 households have sought help from the centre.

"As basic costs continue to rise with inflation soaring - housing prices, food, gas - families that were already on a tight budget are struggling even more to make these ends meet," wrote food centre chairperson Don Venio. He added food expenses at the centre have increased more than \$20,000 since last year.

He said the donation would help fight rising costs and ensure the centre can maintain service levels.

"I can't support this request at all," said coun. Bob Sisson. "Where do we come up with 10 grand? That would build a ball

diamond in Irondale."

Coun. Tammy McKelvey said it would be hard to allocate funds to one community group and not others.

"I struggle to take taxpayer money and donate it to any organization," she said.

Schell said she'd support the request, and pointed out council does donate funds to the food centre and other groups such as the YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County. "I believe they do wonderful things. They keep food on the table for people who can't afford it," she said.

While coun. Pam Sayne called for clarity on the request and how council has processed similar requests in the past, Carter said he hasn't seen a similar request for such a level of funding during his time on council.

"It would seem to me we do need more answers," he said. "...I also think if they want to make such an extraordinary request, they should do that through a delegation."

Council will request a delegation on the topic from the food centre, as well as a staff report outlining further details on the funding situation.



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Highlands East roof repairs exceed budget

By Sam Gillett

Roof repairs on two municipal facilities in Highlands East are set to cost \$189,311 more than expected.

Both facilities in Tory Hill meet the criteria for repair under a 2019 facility conditions assessment.

While both roofs were estimated to cost \$80,000 each, council awarded one roof replacement to Irvcon Ltd. at a cost of \$164,820, and another to Amherst Roofing & Sheetmetal Ltd. at a cost of \$184,491.

At a Nov. 22 meeting of council, mayor Dave Burton initially proposed council defer the project until the spring and re-tender it.

“I don’t think the building is going to fall down around us,” he said. “To me the prices are, I’m going to say, extreme.”

He asked public works manager, Abby Armstrong, if the roofs were in bad enough condition or if the projects could be re-tendered.

Armstrong said the roofs at both locations are in disrepair. The roof at one facility is required to be fixed in order to keep up with health and safety standards. Staff noticed leaks at both facilities.

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall agreed, but noted all the quotes were in a similar price range, which he said likely meant the prices weren’t unusual.

“I’m wondering if this is just a sign of the times ... I just don’t want to defer it to the point we close our options to the prices we currently have,” he said.



Two municipal garages will get new roofs in 2023. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Armstrong said the approved companies would hold their costs at the same level until the project began. If not approved, the project would have to be re-tendered in the spring and with higher prices due to material

availability, cost and rising fuel prices.

“The increase in costs for next year, they’re unknown. I know it’s a difficult situation to be bringing forward such an increase in costs,” Armstrong said.

Council voted to approve funding for both roof replacements, with work expected to take place in spring or summer 2023.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NEWS

Don't use 'sledgehammer' on short-term rentals' nail

Cottager Steve D'Eon urged County council to slow down its short-term rental bylaw process when he presented during a Nov. 23 council meeting.

D'Eon said his wife's family has had a cottage in the Highlands since 1939. He said they have two buildings on their property and occasionally rent one to family and friends to help with taxes or things such as roof repairs.

He asked council to gather more intelligence during the summer of 2023 before proceeding.

D'Eon said he is concerned there will be "collateral damage" to the good renters as the County tries to crack down on the bad ones.

"The good actors greatly contribute to the economy of Haliburton County," he said, adding the County consultant's survey indicated people supported short-term rentals, "just not the problem ones."

He suggested the County needs to get a handle on how many short-term rentals there are; how many are rented as businesses versus occasionally to family and friends; as well as which are "party houses" with loud noise, fireworks and overcrowding. He added they need to know how many complaints there have been.

Going through the draft bylaw, he also touched on requirements for electrical inspections and fire extinguishers, that he said were akin to a sledgehammer hitting a nail.

He said the draft bylaw as now proposed is "a massive County-wide dose of aggressive chemotherapy to treat an unknown number of problematic skin lesions. What you should be striving for is a precision surgical tool to remove the problem STRs with a sharp scalpel."

He further suggested enforcing existing bylaws. He said people should have to notify neighbours if they are engaged in STRs, similar to if you want to have a chicken coop in some townships. "You will hear from neighbours of bad actors itching to complain." He said his family operates on a "social license" that would be threatened by a bylaw, but bad actors should lose their social licenses.

Warden Liz Danielsen said, "We do recognize that we have a fine balance to reach before we land on a bylaw, recognizing the value of short-term rentals to our economy. We are still struggling with the bylaw and realize there are still some things that need to be changed."

Retendering single-tier waste management

The County is re-tendering its request for proposals for single-tier waste management services.

It had awarded the contract to Cambium Inc. in October, but director of corporate services, Andrea Robinson, said the company has since informed them they don't have the required insurance in a cyber security clause.

Robinson said they are working with procurement consultants in Peterborough and the plan is to readjust the pertinent clause and then give companies, including Cambium, an opportunity to rebid.

Staff said they'd like to reissue in December and hope to close in January.

Coun. Murray Fearrey recalled some work on the file during his term of 2014-2018 and asked that the terms of reference for that study be circulated.

Video surveillance for public works

Director of public works, Robert Sutton, sought council's approval for video surveillance at public works yards.

He wants two cameras at each of three yards, and said \$25,000 was budgeted in 2022 with a cost estimate of about \$14,000.

"This is a proactive measure. We do not have any recent issues with theft or vandalism but because of the type of equipment we have there ... we feel it's prudent to follow this," Sutton said.

In answering a question by Danielsen, Sutton said staff are aware it's for external parties, not staff surveillance.

Coun. Cec Ryall queried working with Highlands East for cost savings. The yards are in Ingoldsby, Eagle Lake and Highland Grove.



County CAO Mike Rutter at a Nov. 22 County meeting. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Integrity commissioner appointed

The County appointed a new integrity commissioner at the meeting. It has partnered with the lower-tier municipalities the last four years on the initiative. They enter into separate agreements but use the same law firm.

Tony Fleming from Cunningham, Swan, Carty, Little and Bonham has been appointed for four years.

Danielsen said she would be interested in knowing how often the commissioner was used in the 2018-2022 term. Coun. Bob Carter queried about a mid-term review to see if the County is pleased with the arrangement. (County of Haliburton news compiled by Lisa Gervais).



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Let's determine our housing future

To say local residents are divided over the passing of the province's housing bill on Monday would be an understatement.

There are two camps. There are some municipal staff and developers who are delighted the Ontario government is reducing red tape to make it easier to achieve its housing target of 1.5 million more homes. Then there are some councillors and environmentalists who are outraged by the passing.

The swiftness with which the majority Conservatives turned the bill into an act is incredible, despite their assurances of transparency and public input.

Highlanders' feedback didn't even hit Queen's Park before the decision was made.

Last week, Minden Hills council joined municipalities across Ontario in rejecting it, as well as Bill 3, the Strong Mayor, Building Homes Act.

Brought forward by Coun. Pam Sayne, council endorsed a petition declaring the rules pave the way for unsustainable development in the Highlands. Sayne said the bills weren't constructive in creating more or better housing for Minden Hills. Her motion called for the province to instead build the municipal planning workforce, and speed up ministry of transportation planning approvals, for example.

Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter said we live in cottage country, where the environment is our livelihood. If harmed or destroyed, we won't need new housing because no one will want to come to the Highlands, he said.

Also on Nov. 24, Leora Berman of The Land Between sounded the alarm bell at Environment Haliburton's AGM. She said the bill puts wetlands at risk.

In the Highlands, with its fractured bedrock, Berman said the wetlands are our environmental kidneys. They ensure our drinking water and water supply in general is healthy.

The now endorsed regulations change the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System. Berman has interpreted that to mean less consideration for endangered species and the delisting of some provincially-significant wetlands since they won't qualify now. She thinks as a result there will be few if any designations in future.

She is also concerned that the Act takes the onus away from the recognized experts at the Ministry of Natural Resources, and instead puts responsibility on the backs of municipalities that may not have that expertise.

There is no doubt that citizens' rights have been removed, with lessened requirements for developers and councils to notify the public about proposals in their communities.

Further, the premier and minister can usurp local authority, creating biased and closed markets.

On the flip side, Haliburton County director



By Lisa Gervais

of planning Steve Stone told council at its last meeting that Highlands' growth had doubled what was predicted. There is a dearth of shovel-ready land for newcomers.

He is not against Bill 23 per se, and is cognizant of the need to strike a balance between development and the environment.

And that is where the rubber will hit the road. As a community, we have to ask ourselves do we favour development at any cost? I think the answer has been, and will continue to be, a resounding no. But striking that balance won't be easy. We are already seeing that with the division over the Harburn Holdings development on the shores of Grass Lake.

Stone said something that stood out for me - "We should be looking at, is it good for the community? If so, let's find a way of getting it approved."

But 'is it good for the community?' is subjective because some will say a certain development is, and others will say it is not. This is where our current councillors have to talk to their constituents to determine what that development vision looks like for our County. We must determine what development is good for Haliburton County.

CLIMATE CORNER
Consumerism: less is more at Christmas

PROBLEM
The environmental footprint of Christmas is significant. Our planet's cost for this annual celebration that encourages spending and indulgence is difficult to guess. The Stockholm Environment Institute once calculated that Christmas in the UK produced 650 kg of CO2 emissions per person.

Each U.S. citizen averages \$900-\$1,500 on gifts. Canadian holiday shoppers averaged \$1,706 each in 2019. In December 2016, we spent \$417.8 million on toys, games, electronics and hobby supplies, 203.7 per cent more than other months.

Estimates are that one in five gifts ends up in the landfill. Ninety per cent of toys are plastic and not recyclable. According to Zero Waste Canada, the average Canadian family throws out 25 to 45 per cent more garbage over the holidays (545,000 tonnes).

Brits use 365,000 km of wrapping paper each Christmas and one billion Christmas cards (equal to 33 million trees). Canadians use 540,000 tonnes of wrapping. One kilogram of paper generates 3.5 kg of CO2 during production - a significant global carbon footprint for wrap and cards. Wrapping paper embellished with metal and plastic is not recyclable.

A two-metre real tree has a carbon footprint of 3.5 kg. In a landfill, its footprint increases to 16 kg. The same size artificial tree has an estimated carbon footprint of 40 kg. An artificial tree must be used for 12 years to make it greener than a natural tree that is chipped or burnt. Consider, 30 million trees are sold in the U.S. each year. In 2016, Canada exported 1,952,489 fresh cut

Christmas trees and spent \$59.5 million on imported artificial trees from China.

An estimated 54 million platefuls of food are thrown out in the UK each Christmas (seven million tonnes of food). Around 125,000 tonnes of disposable plastic wrapping are used for food (7,000 tonnes for turkeys alone). Canadians spent \$5.1 billion on food and beverages at large retailers in December 2016, 16.92 per cent more than other months.

SOLUTIONS

- The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development creates global policy and programs to promote a sustainable circular economy (reduce, reuse, recycle), shifting away from linear.
- LED lights have replaced conventional incandescent for holiday lighting.
- Every tonne of glass recycled prevents the release of approximately 246 kg of CO2 into the atmosphere.
- The Church of Stop Shopping uses singing and dancing to urge audiences to abandon the unsustainable cycle of consumption.
- Individuals like April Dickinson teach minimal-buying zero-waste lifestyles on Instagram.
- "Living Green Barrie" shows how to wrap gifts with cloth, newspaper or scrap paper.
- Friends of the Earth and Shelter offer self-designed e-cards with donation options.
- Companies such as Re-wrapped use 100 per cent recycled unbleached materials and vegan-friendly vegetable inks. All its products are biodegradable and compostable and can be recycled.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Avoid online shopping. Packaging and transportation leave a massive carbon footprint compared to locally-sourced.
- Choose second hand gifts – local consignment, antique, vintage shops.
- Give seeds or plants.
- Give homemade gift certificates.
- Homemade food, alcohol, Christmas decorations.
- Replace gifts with a cookie or book exchange.
- Avoid buying and cooking too much food. Reduce your "foodprint" and share dishes.
- Find plant-based recipes. Increase vegetable portions.
- Find Christmas leftover recipes. Send extras home with guests.
- See "Sustainable Food Hacks" online.
- Consider locally-sourced meats and vegetables.
- Throw your Christmas tree in the back yard for birds.
- Reusable fabric, cloth bags, scarves, tea towels, pillowcases, newspaper, old magazines, mason jars, decorative boxes replace wrapping.
- See The Nine Best Eco-Friendly Holiday cards of 2022 online.
- Recycle Christmas cards and wrapping. Upcycle into decorations or gift tags.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Glenn Labine took this photo of a barred owl on his property in Gooderham.

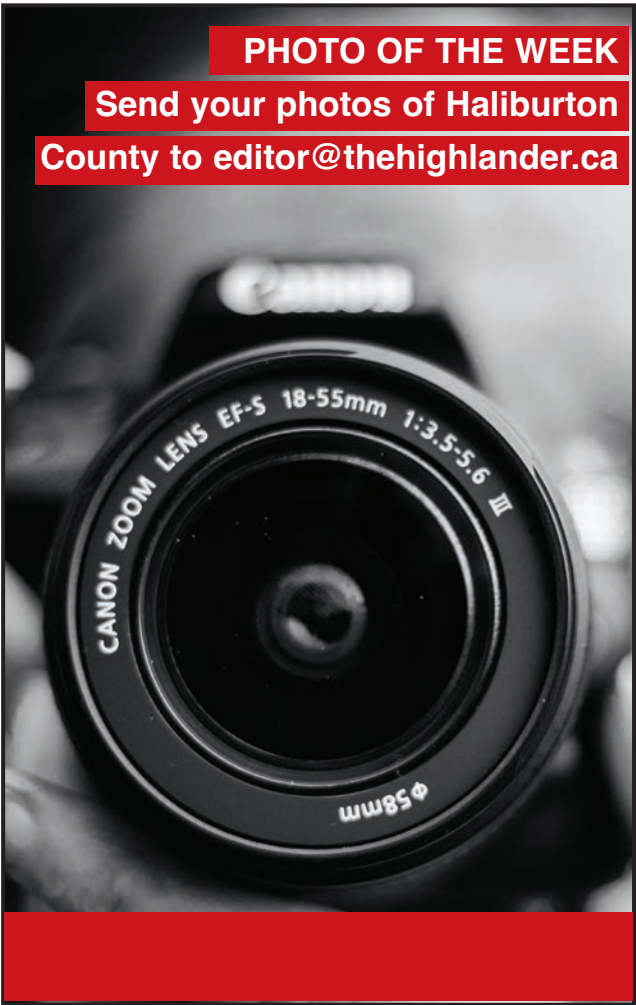


PHOTO OF THE WEEK
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LETTERS

Rug pulled under our feet on Bill 23

Dear editor,

Bill 23 has little to do with needed housing. The bill was proposed before new councils were in because, previously, a similar bill was shut down. Now, this bill is bigger, scarier, and was passed while municipal-cats were away.

Still, between proposal and passing, there's been outcry. Economists say it'll cost municipalities billions; developers say it defiles free enterprise and taints standards; housing experts say it's unnecessary and leads to sprawl that only foreign buyers can afford; and environmentalists say it'll lead to massive wildlife losses equivalent to colonization that resulted in the Dustbowl and Great Depression. Even Millennials and Ys, raised under threat of climate change and the weight of Boomer spending, assert it'll lead to widespread bankruptcy, emissions, and homelessness.

Bill 23 alters 12 pieces of legislation; removing our rights to know about, comment on, and appeal decisions in our communities; allowing the premier to overturn any decisions by our elected officials - on a whim; removing powers of Conservation Authorities, created to keep Ontarians safe from floods, now exposing us to risk; and

it removes fees paid to municipalities by developers, leaving costs to taxpayers. Bill 23 also throws out protections for important wildlife habitats across Ontario. This is only half of the bill.

Meanwhile, even this government's own research shows there's ample room for housing needs, including that surge from immigration, in development-ready lands within the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

Why pass a bill when it damages us, our traditions, and removes the rug from our work and legacies? That's the question. Especially when this government gave \$4 million to Muskoka to protect natural systems that the bill destroys everywhere else indicating those "features and functions are what keeps Muskoka healthy, wealthy, and thriving." What about our communities, drinking water, flood control, hunting heritage, and wildlife?

Find out more: thelandbetween.ca/bill23-stealingourlegacy/

Leora Berman
Haliburton

Short-term rentals and rezoning

Dear editor,

After reading the steps to apply for rezoning

a property from residential to commercial or tourist commercial on the Highlands East website I am confused.

My interpretation is.

1. The property owner has to make an application to be rezoned from residential to tourist commercial or commercial. The municipality can't make a rezoning change without the property owner's approval.

2. The applicant has to have written approval for rezoning from the property owners who reside close by.

3. If other property owners beside the said property object, then the application goes before a council meeting whereby anyone objecting to the rezoning may state their objections and concerns, then it is up council to make the final decision to grant or disallow the rezoning.

The onus is on the property owner to make an application for rezoning. Why would they when they are being allowed to continue to rent and collect substantial incomes, operating illegal businesses in residentially-zoned properties, without any consequences while law-abiding taxpayers suffer the actions and noise of short-term renters waiting for their elected officials to take affirmative action.

Other municipalities have shut down short-term rental property owners for operating illegally. Some don't allow it, period.

Let's not forget mayor Dave Burton publicly stated he would not knowingly buy

a property located by a short-term rental property. His statement should be a big red flag to every property owner in Highlands East and how these short-term rental properties can affect their property values.

Harold Hutchings
Wilberforce

Over the top in a good way

Dear editor,

Last Thursday, we decided it was time to get over the COVID blues and venture out for dinner.

We hadn't been to Rhubarb for a very long time and discovered that they had just started Thursday night specials, that for a reasonable flat fee include some special three course dinners.

My partner is a carnivore and I am a vegan - so I wasn't sure how that would all go.

Well, I think we both had the best meal we have had for years. The atmosphere was great but the food was spectacular in every way.

We need to patronize our restaurants as they have had a difficult time for many years. This was over the top.

Karen Smith
Redstone Cabin in Haliburton

HAVE AN OPINION?

Send your letters to editor@thehighlander.ca (300 words max)



Orchestra makes emotional return

It was a packed house - and stage - at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Nov. 26 for the Highlands Chamber Orchestra's Welcome Back Concert. The ensemble performed tunes from *The Lord of The Rings*, *James Bond* and more. Conductor Dan Manley said it felt special to see the orchestra "family" back together.

The crowd erupted in applause after each arrangement. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

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Rock musical brings the tunes

Rock and roll isn’t a common fixture in the curriculum of most schools. According to Dewey Finn (Darian Willis) it should be. In Camexicanus’ musical *School of Rock*, performed four times since opening Nov. 25, substitute teacher Finn shows a class of kids that rock and roll can teach you a whole lot about teamwork, creativity, and trusting your talents. More than a dozen kids and teens rehearsed for months ahead of the performance which also featured dance routines, painted sets and of course, a whole lot of rock and roll.

Top: The students of Horace Green prep school begin class. Middle: Dewey (Willis) and Ned (Chartrand) relived the old days. Bottom: Katie Lavelle as the no-nonsense Summer Hathaway. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*

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A country-style Christmas at the Pinestone

The Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre hosted the Country Music Association of Ontario's Haliburton Winter Fair Nov. 25 and 26. A Christmas market, caroling, kids activity area and a Santa Claus photo sleigh accompanied live music events both evenings. Songwriters such as Jamie Warren, Kesli Mayne, the Good Brothers and Wendell Ferguson performed.

Top left: Henry and Cooper decorated cookies at the kids' centre. Top right: Vendors such as Wendy Rasmussen of Wicked Bend Creations set up at the Christmas Market. Bottom right: Santa Claus was ready to hear Christmas wishes. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*





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Santa Claus was joined by fire engines, baton-twirling marchers, dancing turtles and even multiple Grinches at Haliburton Village’s Nov. 25 Santa Claus parade. Hosted by the Haliburton and District Lions Club, the parade saw more than 40 floats travel down Highland Street. More than 500 Highlanders lined the streets to watch the festive tradition.

Top: More than 40 floats took part in the parade. Middle: The Skyline Dance Studio crew danced and waved to the crowd. Bottom: Santa Claus atop the Haliburton and District Lions Club’s antique sleigh float. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*

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Lions' donation fills Highlands' cupboards

Haliburton and District Lions Club and other community members braved the cold Nov. 28 to unload more than a dozen boxes and bags of food, books and more at the Haliburton 4Cs food bank. "It means service to our community," said club president Tina Hadley. "That's our motto: we serve." The annual reverse advent calendar food drive invited Lions club members and the community to donate different food products each day in November. This year, the club also collected kids' books, puzzles and colouring books. "The community is important to the Lions," Hadley said. "We know there is a need and we try and fill that need."

Haliburton and District Lions Club and other community members pose with Judy MacDuff (centre right) and their reverse advent calendar donations. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

\$33K raised for Heat Bank

Rhubarb announced Nov. 28 that it had helped raise \$33,000 for the Heat Bank Haliburton County during its annual fundraiser at the restaurant. Every year since 2013, the eatery has donated food and staff time for the charity. Heat Bank spokeswoman Tina Jackson estimated they had donated more than \$150,000 over the years. The latest event, on Nov. 27, featured a sit-down dinner, music from Nick Russell and Carling K. Stephen, and a live auction that saw heavy bidding for items that included Rhubarb for a year, Leafs tickets, Flair airline tickets and a bonfire concert and keg with Nick and Benton.

Nick Russell and Carling K. Stephen provided the music for the Heat Bank Haliburton County fundraiser at Rhubarb Nov. 27. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*





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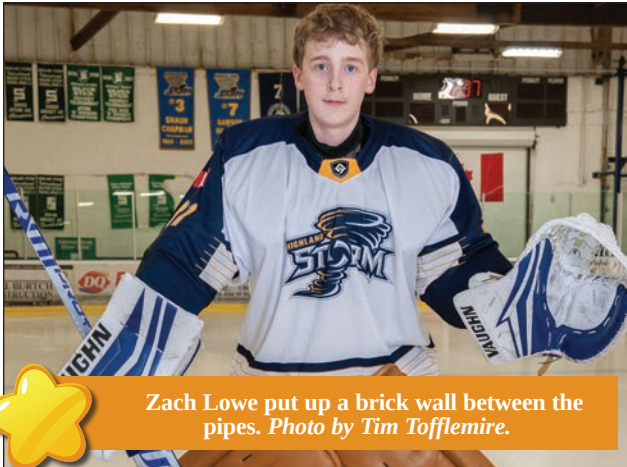
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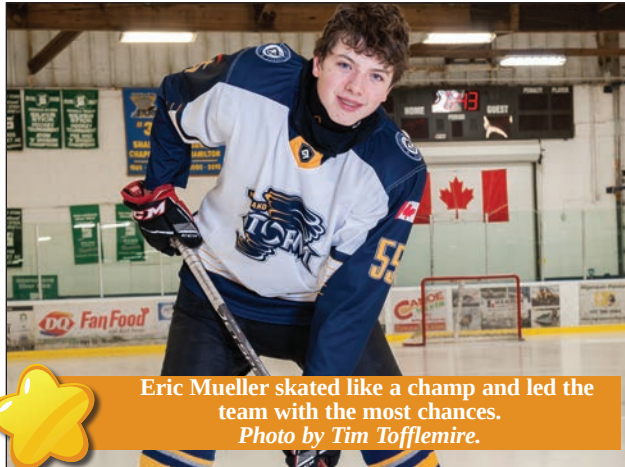
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Zach Lowe put up a brick wall between the pipes. Photo by Tim Tofflemire.



Johnny Lilly scored two goals with another teammate's stick. Photo by Tim Tofflemire.



Eric Mueller skated like a champ and led the team with the most chances. Photo by Tim Tofflemire.



Isaac Borgdorff scored twice and notched an assist. Photo by Sam Gillett.

U15 Storm dominates South Muskoka

The Highland Storm U15LL Peppermill Steak & Pasta House came together as a team and dominated all three periods in a 7-1 win over South Muskoka Nov. 27. The visitors scored first, but that didn't stop the Storm from digging deep and tying the game just 45 seconds later. Isaac Borgdorff scored his first of two goals on the night assisted by Taylor Mulock. This got the entire team fired up and they came out flying for the remainder of the game with multiple assists on each of the team's goals. South Muskoka kept applying pressure

for the remainder of the first period but goaltender Zach Lowe put up the brick wall and made several glove and pad saves much to the delight of the fans. With just over two minutes remaining in the first period, Johnny Lilly accepted a clearing pass from defenseman Ashton Haaijema and turned on the jets, skating past the other team's defense to fire a wrist shot into the top left corner of the net and scoring his first of two goals in the game. The Storm continued to apply pressure early in the second period. Assistant

captain Ethan Thomas scored early, followed by additional goals from captain Adam Davis and Eric Mueller, assisted by Borgdorff and Mulock. This was a great confidence booster for the team for the upcoming Silver Stick tournament in Minden this weekend. Come out and support the team on Saturday morning at 8 a.m., noon and 4 p.m. There will be raffle prizes, a 50/50 draw and a chuck-a-puck contest. (Submitted).

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Spooner an ‘old head’ between Huskies pipes

By Mike Baker

Like most who play the position, Haliburton County Huskies netminder Aidan Spooner had to learn to love being a goalie.

The six-foot, seven-inch native of Maple, ON has been a huge hit with the Dogs since signing in October. Across 13 games, he has eight wins, three shutouts, a goals against average (GAA) of 2.12 and an impressive .930 save percentage. He and rookie teammate, Tyler Hodges, have backstopped the stingy Huskies to second place in the South/East Conference, conceding just 53 goals – the fewest in the league.

Reflecting on his junior hockey career in a recent interview with *The Highlander*, Spooner admitted all his accomplishments, including a season playing for the OHL’s Kingston Frontenacs, could be traced back to a “spur of the moment” decision 13 years ago.

“I started playing organized hockey when I was seven years old. My dad was my first coach... our team didn’t have a goalie, so he threw me in net for our first game and I got a shutout. I kind of just rolled with being a goalie from that point forward,” Spooner said.

The 20-year-old featured for the Vaughan Kings during his formative years, going on to play AAA with the Toronto Marlboros, York Simcoe Express and Barrie Colts. He made a name for himself on the minor circuit and was expected to be a first-round pick in the 2019 OHL U18 priority selection. The Frontenacs drafted Spooner first overall.

He attended camp that summer but didn’t crack the opening night roster. He signed with the Caledon Golden Hawks of the Provincial Junior Hockey League on the understanding he’d be playing major junior the following season. Then COVID-19 hit, shuttering hockey for over a year.

Spooner said he treated the layoff as if it were an extended off-season, working with Frontenacs coaches virtually to improve his game. That paid off when, on Oct. 9, 2021, he made his OHL debut against the Mississauga Steelers.

The young goalie finished the season with 19 appearances, including 10 wins, a 3.59 GAA and .885 save percentage.

He said Anaheim Ducks forward Mason McTavish is the best player he’s faced, but reserved special praise for Frontenacs teammate Shane Wright, who was recently drafted fourth overall by the Seattle Kraken in the 2022 NHL entry draft.

“I had a lot of very skilled teammates in Kingston, but Shane definitely stood out... he was given exceptional status for a reason – he’s an unbelievable hockey player,” Spooner said. “I’m really proud of him and know he’s going to have an incredible career in the NHL.”

Spooner landed in Haliburton early this season after an ill-fated spell south of the border with the Sioux Falls Stampede. Suffering from homesickness, he returned to Ontario after playing one game with the United States Hockey League outfit. It was Huskies’ winger Ty Collins, a former



Huskies netminder Aidan Spooner has faced some of the best up-and-coming talent in the world during his junior hockey career. *File.*

teammate, that helped bring the big-bodied goalie to the Highlands.
“I feel very welcomed here. I get a peaceful vibe in Haliburton County. I’m excited to finish my junior hockey career here,” he said. “We’re one of the top teams and we can see

that in the way teams are always amped up to play us. We just need to make sure we’re taking things day by day, working hard and maintaining our focus. It’s all about putting ourselves in the best position possible to win.”

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Left: Forward Ty Collins mans the point on a Huskies powerplay. Right: Winger Alex Cunningham prepares to receive the puck. *Photos courtesy of OJHL images.*

Huskies impressive through first half of season

By Mike Baker

It's been a half season to remember for the Haliburton County Huskies who, at the midway point of the 2022/23 OJHL campaign, are sitting pretty in second place in the South/East Conference and remain in the top 12 ranked junior hockey teams in the country.

Through 27 games, the Huskies own a record of 19-5-2, plus one tied game. They have the best defensive record in the league, giving up 53 goals - five fewer than the top ranked Toronto Jr. Canadiens - while maintaining a top-five offence.

Team captain Christian Stevens said he's proud of the Huskies' performance through the opening months of the season.

"I think we can be pretty happy with where we're at. We've got one of the deepest teams

in the league and we've put ourselves in a great position... we have one goal this season, and we're really fighting for each other out on the ice," Stevens said. "It's a good time to be a Haliburton County Husky."

In the middle of a five-game road trip, the Huskies saw off the Toronto Patriots Nov. 26, recording a 4-2 win. They followed that with a narrow 2-1 defeat to the Cobourg Cougars Nov. 28.

Things started well in Toronto, with recently-acquired forward Luca Rea scoring his first goal as a Husky at 9:32 of the opening period, assisted by Sam Solarino and Declan Bowmaster. The Patriots tied the game with time ticking down in the first. Defenseman Isaac Sooklal re-established the Dogs' lead in the second after a neat play from Stevens and Patrick Saini. That trio combined again later in the period, with

Saini tickling the twine for the 18th time this season.

The Patriots rallied in the third, making it a one goal game at 11:48 through Julian Bianconi. The fightback was short-lived, though, with Ty Collins adding a fourth for the Huskies at 13:00 of the final frame, set up by Saini and Sooklal.

"It was a tough game - the first period was pretty close, but we started to take over in the second, got a few goals and put them back on their heels," Stevens said. "We got back to playing how we usually play, kept things simple and finished the job in the end."

Stevens reserved special praise for Sooklal, who is having a stellar final season in the OJHL having logged 31 points in 26 games from the blueline.

"I've known Isaac forever, so I've seen the skill he's got since we were young. Things

are finally coming together for him this year and he's stepped up in a big way. He's one of the best defensemen in the league. Hopefully it keeps going [well] for him," Stevens said.

The loss to Cobourg was a tough one, Stevens said. The Huskies outshot their opponents 42 to 23, but still found themselves on the wrong side of a 2-1 result. Solarino scored the Dogs' lone goal in the third period, assisted by Jack Staniland and Boyd Stahlbaum, after Tommy Karmiris and George Krotiris had given the Cougars an early 2-0 lead.

The hometown team is preparing for a double-header this weekend, playing the Lindsay Muskies Dec. 2 and the Mississauga Chargers Dec. 3. They will be back on home ice Dec. 11, when they host the Cougars.

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Transition the theme of this year's Shindig

By Lisa Gervais

With Dame Beatrice retiring, this year's Haliburton Highlands Christmas Shindig is transitioning. Victoria Bingham said she and Amy Brohm will be the "genial cohosts" on a night (Dec. 3) that sees a return to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion after a two-year hiatus. The Shindig was shifted to the Haliburton Legion last year to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions and an online broadcast. "It should be similar to what people remember," Bingham said. "Obviously, Mike Jaycock is not involved (he is an advisor) so there's no Dame Beatrice but it's Amy and I and it will still be fun." Bingham said an organizing committee has been assembled to take over the creation of the Shindig this year. "It's been interesting," she said. "Obviously, there has been changeover at Fuel for Warmth as well. Jennifer Hughey and Sue Waite are the new folks over there who've taken over from Joanne Barnes and Wendy Ogilvie so it's been a transitional year." Bingham said the format will be similar to years past, with "great acts." She added there are new characters. There will be snacks

at intermission and raffle draws of donated prizes. "Everything we raise is for Fuel for Warmth, and supporting the clients that need emergency heating." Meanwhile, Jaycock, who has played the character of the beloved Dame Beatrice in the Shindig, said his alter ego is "having a real heartache. She will miss, so very much, being a part of this lovely show. Working alongside so many talented volunteers and entertainers was so rewarding and such fun. "There's nothing better than the rush you get from the laughter and applause of a live audience. Seeing so many happy faces and raising money for an important cause is the ultimate payoff for the many hours put into preparing the show. "Dame Beatrice is so very delighted the show will go on and wishes the troupe every success, and sends her love to all her wonderful 'chipmunks' in Haliburton County." Bingham said this year's team includes: Jack Brezina, Barb Murphy, Heather Smith, David Mills, Dan Smith, Tammy Rea, April Kovacs, Mark Tomlinson, Sean Pennylegion, Joanne Barnes, Beth Johns, Norris Turner, Betty Mills and Shawn Smandych. Tickets are \$30 and available at UpRiver in Minden and Haliburton.



Dame Beatrice is hanging up the boa, as she retires from the Shindig. *File.*



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Dec. 3, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Dec. 4 and 6

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The fees and charges amendments being proposed are related to the following departments:

- a) Parks, Recreation and Trails
- b) Environmental (Landfill Services)
- c) Public Works - (Cemetery and Airport Services)

For further information please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk.

Please Note: Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, public participation in meetings of Council, remains virtual at this time. Members of the Public are invited to observe the Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link which can be found on the published Council Meeting Agenda on the Township's website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Dated: November 30th, 2022

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Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **COBOCONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 6644 Hwy. #35, Coboconk, Ontario (705) 454-3913 on Tuesday morning, November 29, 2022, at 11 o'clock for a Funeral Service in the Chapel. (Visitation one hour prior). At the family's request, please wear a mask. Interment to follow Lakeview Cemetery, Kirkfield. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation or the Kidney Foundation of Canada would be appreciated by the family.



In Loving Memory of

Christine Kathleen Kenyon

May 5, 1959 - November 17, 2022

(Long time employee of Parkview Transit and Campbell Bus Lines)

Beloved wife of Stephen Frederick Kenyon. Loving mother of Melanie (Jason) O'Brien

Maye, Colin (Michelle Miles) O'Brien, Megan Nash, Stephen Kenyon (deceased), Shaylynn Kenyon. Loving grandmother of Aidan (Emma), Liam, Olivia, Jeffrey, Autumn, Noah, Stephen and Noah. Dear sister of Anne (Graham) Edwards. Lovingly remembered by her family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd. 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Friday, December 9, 2022 from 12:00 pm until the time of the Memorial Service to celebrate Christine's life at 1:00 pm. A reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #441 Kinmount, Ontario.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Community Food Centre (Minden Food Bank) would be appreciated by the family.



OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of

Jean Freeman
(nee Campbell)

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully with her family by her side at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday morning, November 22, 2022. Beloved wife of Ken (2013). Loving mother of Cathie, Elizabeth and David. Much loved Nana to Richard, Jeanette, Nicole (Stefan). Jean was the proud owner of the Bush Boutique at Haliburton Lake for many years where she enjoyed creating arts and crafts with residents and cottagers. An avid quilter and world traveler, Jean was loved by many. The family is grateful for the friendship and care provided by Margaret and Linda over the years in addition to the many friends and neighbours that provided Jean with love and support.

Celebration Of Life

A Celebration of Jean's life will take place in the Spring of 2023. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



In Loving Memory of

Ruth Stamp
(nee McKnight)

(Resident of Lindsay, Ontario)

At Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Tuesday morning, November 22, 2022 in her 97th year. Beloved wife of the late Morris Stamp. Loving mother of Carolyn LaPorte (James - predeceased), Sheryl McGill (Tom) and Bill Stamp (Kendra). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Derrick (Sylvie), Andrea (Dennis), Daniel (Jill), Jessica, Elisa (Shaun), Billie-Joanna (Alfredo), Danielle (Lindsey), Kelda, Mandy (Mike) and by her great grandchildren Alexie, Maxine, Sieanna, Jeremy, Claire, Jaylah, Camryn, Noah, Alexa, Luca, Jaxon, Hudson, Emilie & Luciano. Dear sister of Vera Kernohan and Bradley (Shirley) McKnight. Predeceased by her brothers Gary, Lyle and by her sister Lois. Also lovingly remembered by her sister-in-law Linda Kellet and many nieces and nephews. Ruth worked in the Resort Industry for many years and owned and operated a B&B for the School of Fine Arts. She enjoyed her faith in Jehovah and most of all, spending time with family and friends.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday morning, November 25, 2022, for a Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). At the family's request, please wear a mask. Spring Interment Ingoldsby Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation or the Watch Tower and Bible Tract Society of Canada would be appreciated by the family.



In Loving Memory of

Harry Curry Bishop

(Ontario Land Surveyor/Civil Engineer/ Life Member of the Haliburton Rotary Club)

Curry passed away peacefully at The Gardens in Haliburton on Monday, November 21, 2022 at the age of 91.

Beloved husband of the late Aldyth Donald (nee Sisson) (2016). Father of Deb (Rick), Shirley (Bernie), Greg (Sandra). Grandpa to Andrea, Brett (Lauren), Courtney (Monte), Logan (Nikki), Brianne (Mike), Britney (Bill), Brailey (Cody), Brodie (Dave), Chris (Courtney), Mallory (best friend Kim) and great grandpa to Jackson, Matthew, Emmerson, Kenlee, Remi, RYanne, Taylor, Hudson, Paydon, Macy, Brinley, Gracie, Gibson, Jordyn, Maverick, Ellie, Mason and Kenzie. Brother of Wendy and the late Patricia. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to a Memorial Gathering to celebrate Curry's Life at the Sir Sams Ski Hill, 1054 Liswood Rd., Eagle Lake, Ontario on November 30, 2022 from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. A Private Family Memorial Service will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Thursday, December 1, 2022.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Rotary Club (Good Food Box Program), Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton or to the Haliburton 4C's Food Bank would be appreciated by the family.



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OBITUARY

In Loving Memory of
Julie Anne Petch
(nee Parish)



Passed away peacefully at home in Minden on Thursday, November 24, 2022, at the age of 65.

Beloved wife of Ross. Dear mother of David and his wife Lisa, John and his wife Cassandra. Loving grandma of Mackayla, Hayden, Emmerson, Blake and Addilyn. Dear daughter of Bob and Meryl Parish, sister of Mary-Jane (Don), Lynne (Lorne) and sister-in-law to Susan and Morley (Dianne). Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 1:00 until 3:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

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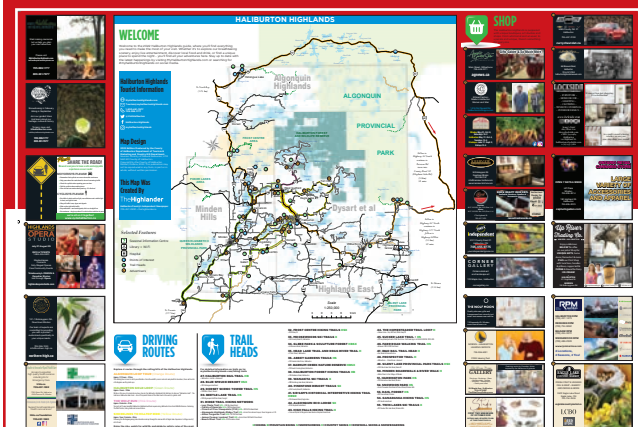
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Choice Words

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- Across**
- 1 Partner of vigour
 - 4 Bing Crosby's record label
 - 9 Used one's scull
 - 14 One ___ million
 - 15 Natural Europe-Asia boundary
 - 16 Tossed-out tyrant, often
 - 17 "Best in Show" org.
 - 18 It's possible the city council head will decline to?
 - 20 Sends from Amazon
 - 22 Liverpool lockup
 - 23 Long-jawed fish
 - 24 CBC panel hosted by Rosemary Barton
 - 26 Boston neighbour, perhaps
 - 28 Gift for a Sunday sermonizer?
 - 30 Lime slice perch
 - 31 Opposite of "alte"
 - 32 Faline's mother in "Bambi"
 - 33 One with a better attitude?
 - 35 2018 Pixar short about a Chinese dumpling
 - 37 Org. for women drivers?
 - 41 Blog feed abbr.
 - 44 Neil Diamond's "___ Said"
 - 47 Fragrance by singer Grande
 - 48 Falsehoods about math divisors?
 - 51 Take a refresher course
 - 53 Pooh-pooh
 - 54 Bird-related prefix
 - 55 "If only ..." utterer
 - 57 Henrik who wrote "A Doll's House"
 - 58 Domingo, Carreras, Pavarotti, plus nine others?
 - 61 Word with Leppard or Jam
 - 63 "A Wrinkle in Time" author Madeline L'___
 - 64 Make ___ of (prove mendacious)
 - 65 Etailer's address
 - 66 Brought down the house?
 - 67 The Y of the band abbreviated CSNY
 - 68 "Gangnam Style" rapper

- Down**
- 1 Train company name meaning "way"
 - 2 Mark of a sloppy calligrapher
 - 3 Manly muscle-flexing
 - 4 Spills one's woes to
 - 5 Pencil rubout
 - 6 Low island
 - 7 Dutch folk dance shoe
 - 8 Comparable to hen's teeth
 - 9 They don't eat quiche, supposedly
 - 10 Acne-treating brand
 - 11 Fake one's way through
 - 12 Online mortgage firm
 - 13 Raison ___
 - 19 Jaw opener in Saskatchewan?
 - 21 Doer or believer's suffix
 - 24 Second qtr. starts, in accounting
 - 25 Digital book file extension
 - 27 Ultra uptight
 - 29 Run over?
 - 34 Hebridean hillside

- 36 Bad hires for a china shop
- 38 Ready to tango, say
- 39 Dad jokes, typically
- 40 "___ That a Shame" (Cheap Trick hit)
- 42 Like Al Capone, in a way
- 43 Thumbs-in-suspenders gait
- 45 Followup to the station wagon
- 46 Spring sighting off Labrador
- 48 Some rebound romances
- 49 "Or another" opener
- 50 Mon, ma, mes, ton, ta, ___
- 51 Star writer?
- 52 "... stirring, not ___ mouse"
- 56 Work-related move, for short
- 59 Lego inventor ___ Kirk Christiansen
- 60 Lucy of "Elementary"
- 62 Levis zipper



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