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Investments planned at County landfills

By Mike Baker

Major changes are coming to several landfills across Haliburton County as all four lower-tier municipalities prepare to make sizable investments to reconfigure their largest sites and change the way they process materials.

Algonquin Highlands is the furthest along, having committed around \$1.5 million

to improve operations at the Maple Lake landfill. The township's environmental manager, Melissa Murray, said a new operations centre, located beside the existing landfill site, will come online this summer.

She said there will be new drop-off areas for garbage, recyclable materials, construction and demolition waste, brush,

batteries and mattresses.

"We were constantly having to shift where our collection areas were before, because they were right on the landfill mound. It was very time consuming and expensive for the municipality, and confusing for residents," Murray said, noting the project has been in the works since 2019.

Another key feature will be the installation of a weigh scale – the first in the County. Murray said this will allow the township to get a more accurate reading on the amount of waste collected. She expects it will be operational by late summer.

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Highlander scoops eight competition awards

By Lisa Gervais

Stacked up against 15 other entries, The Highlander was named the best paper for its circulation size at the Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) awards April 14.

In the general excellence category for papers with a circulation of 6,500 to 12,499. The Highlander placed first for general excellence.

"This really is the best newspaper package in the group," the judges wrote. "An interesting front page, solid reporting, and excellent coverage of community news. The Highlander has a great sports section and a good grasp of the local arts scene. So many people photographs – it's as if you meet the whole community in the pages of this paper," the judges added.

They also commented that the newspaper has a solid and varied advertiser base and a good classified section.

The paper was also recognized for its 2022 municipal election coverage, which featured podcasts as well as stories and editorials, naming it first for Online Special Initiative.

"Outstanding work in using online and print to cover the civic election," the judges said. "The use of podcast was able to reach a younger demographic and liked that the material was used to print opinion pieces. The production of the two ensured a comprehensive coverage for the election.'

The other two first place finishes were for arts and entertainment, and sports and recreation, written by former Highlander reporter Sam Gillett. Gillett's 'Left for Dead revived, Minden man's punk history remembered' was called "a great read! Multisourced and well told."

He also won for a story he wrote after taking part in the 8 Hours of Hurtin' event in Haliburton Forest. "Always nice to have a reporter put themselves in the elements for a story," the judges commented.

The paper was also awarded two second place honours.

Editor Lisa Gervais was runner-up for reporter of the year. The judges remarked on her "wide variety of stories, showing a strong knowledge of the different topics and styles of story. Good to see photos. They complete the package in many cases."

And Mike Baker was runner-up for a health and wellness feature on a Lyme disease survivor.

"If you are looking for a story that will grab your interest, stir emotions, is filled with information and several good quotes, and you keep wondering what is next, then read this story," the judges said.

And, finally, Gillett received a third place for best news story, 'Couple seeks answers after dogs killed'. "A tragic story of a dog owner finding his dog and puppy killed by shotgun blasts heard by the owner while out for a walk with them in a forest copped third place. Gillett wrote this heart-wrenching news story with the OPP looking for the canine murderer," the judges said.

Tania Moher also garnered a third-place



The Highlander has been judged best community newspaper in Ontario for its circulation size for the sixth time in seven years. Photo by Mike Baker.

finish for local retail layout for what the judges called a nice ad with great use of white space.

Publisher Heather Kennedy said, "this is

just a testament to how amazing our product and team is. We have all demonstrated such commitment to a fantastic product and it



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County landfills to finally get weigh scales

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"We were seeing a huge disparity in the amount of materials we recorded coming into the site and the amount of materials being hauled away," she said. "Because we charge materials by the cubic yard and pay by the metric ton, the numbers never added up."

She couldn't provide an estimated cost savings, but noted the transition would allow for several operational efficiencies, while also improving customer service.

Murray noted the landfill at Maple Lake has a remaining lifespan of 46 years.

Investment elsewhere

John Watson said Dysart et al was planning an approximate \$1 million redevelopment of the Haliburton landfill, located on Industrial

Dysart council signed off on a \$300,000 project, to be completed this year, to cap the landfill and renaturalize the space, which was deemed at-capacity in 2019. The facility was redesignated as a transfer station in January 2020.

A second phase is planned to reconfigure the site and install a weigh scale. Watson said this may necessitate moving the entrance. He's been working with a consultant on conceptual designs and hopes to bring a plan to council later this spring, with a view to starting work late this year or early next.

He noted any changes would first need to be ratified by the Ministry of Environment.

A huge increase in the amount of construction and demolition (C&D) waste, up 38 per cent over the past year, has meant Watson has had to change his thinking for the site. He's proposing a larger drop-off and storage area for all C&D waste and said there could be a case for routing all C&D materials to the Haliburton site in future. Currently, the township accepts C&D waste at its Harcourt and West Guilford locations.

"Once the weigh scale is installed there, there will be some big questions asked, because having use of a scale will definitely benefit us when it comes to hauling out C&D waste," Watson said.

Mike Timmins, director of public works at Minden Hills, said there have been tentative discussions between staff and council about enhancements at the Scotch Line landfill. The installation of a scale is a major one,



John Watson, Dysart's environmental coordinator, said big changes are in the pipeline for the Haliburton landfill. Photo by Mike Baker.

while Timmins said he also wants to see some separation between work areas and publicly accessible space.

"We're looking at the future and how we can improve and make the best use of the landfill that's available. We're trying to be as prudent as we can because we realize the value of these landfills. Once they're full, that's it," Timmins said.

He said staff are working to come up with a schedule and system that addresses the needs of the community during the peak summer months, without being "overkill" and a cost burden during winter.

Timmins said he doubts there will be much movement on any work this year, with council pushing the project off during 2023budget deliberations. An RFP put out last August, looking for bids to construct a new transfer station, garnered one response, with

WSP saying it would complete the project for cost-savings. A report is due back at County \$8 million.

In Highlands East, council set money aside in its 2023 budget to clear a four-acre area at the Tory Hill landfill to be used for future expansion. Deputy CAO Brittany McCaw said there is no timeline in place for that

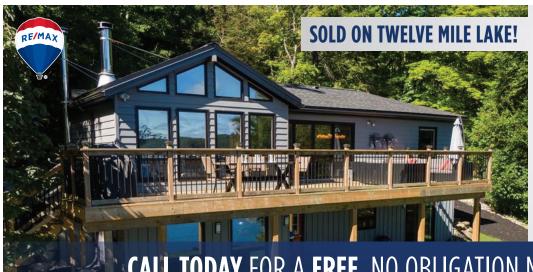
Looking to the future

Watson said there has been greater collaboration between the four townships over waste services in recent years and expressed his excitement over the single-tier waste management plan process the County initiated in March. That could see the uppertier government establish a single program encompassing all four municipalities, which Watson said would bring efficiencies and

council later this year.

Addressing the idea of incineration, Watson said it would be far too expensive to bring a system to the Highlands and that the four municipalities combined don't generate enough waste to make it worthwhile to ship to the new incinerator plant in Durham Region. He said that could be a possibility long-term if the County partnered with neighbouring municipalities.

"We have watersheds to manage our lakes and ecosystems, but what if we think about something like a 'wasteshed'. Where the County partners with areas like Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough County – that would allow us to be more creative with our waste strategies, and would make us more appealing to service providers," he said.



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Annual walleye count 'to improve the fishery'

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) is conducting nightly walleye counts along the Drag River this month, with the species' spawning season in

Organization president Dan Smith said it was "vital" to get a sense of how one of the County's top spawning ground is performing after local anglers reported a marked decrease in fish population in recent years.

The HHOA resurrected the walleye count in 2021, following a six-year hiatus. The program was initially launched in 2000 and managed by local volunteers.

"The walleye in the Kashagawigamog system need our help," Smith said. "The counts are down significantly since the early 2000s... back in the day, people would say there were so many fish in the river here that you could step in the water and almost walk across them. We're not seeing those numbers anymore.'

Walleye were first introduced into the Kash chain of lakes in the 1950s, Smith said. HHOA, working in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), stocked walleye in the Drag River from 2010 to 2015. Stocking was stopped after 2015 and the fishery is now totally dependent on natural reproduction.

Smith noted Drag River is the main walleye spawning site for the entire chain, with the primary spot by the Emmerson Dam. To monitor the progress, Smith said volunteers have been gathering along the bridge on Maple Avenue in Haliburton every night since April 10. They will continue meeting through April, manually counting the number of fish observed swimming down river. In 2021, volunteers counted 1,334 fish,



HHOA president Dan Smith said volunteers will be conducting nightly walleye counts on the Drag River for the next couple of weeks. Photo by Mike Baker

while last year that number grew to 2,100. Smith said it would be nice to see that number grow to around 3,000 this year.

"That would show that we're seeing some

Smith said the effort takes place at night as it's easier for volunteers to make accurate

"When we shine our lights at the water, their eyes glow gold right back at us... it's much more effective than trying to get out and do it during the day," he said.

The most important factor for a strong spawning season is ensuring consistent flow rates of the river, with no dam closures. Smith said this must be maintained during the spawn and for at least two weeks postspawn to ensure the greatest success for egg incubation, hatching, and survival.

Eggs will latch onto rocks below the water line, but if levels drop and they end up above water they won't hatch, Smith said.

Looking long-term, Smith said he'd like to see the MNRF complete a comprehensive

study of the Kash chain of lakes to properly assess natural fish reproduction levels.

"We're not equipped to do that kind of work... for now, our goal is simply to improve the fishery in Haliburton County, and we can do that through initiatives like the walleye count," Smith said.

For more information, visit hhoa.on.ca. To assist with the count, Smith said volunteers typically gather in the parking lot by the bridge on Maple Avenue at approximately 9 p.m. each night.

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CULTURAL CENTRE EVENT

Cross Cut, an exhibit by Rob Niezen, will be on display at the Agnes Jamieso Gallery May 4 – July 1. The exhibit features 24 linocuts illustrating traditional Ontario folk songs reimagined in a contemporary context. The opening reception with the artist will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 1-3 pm. The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission by donation. For more information please look at the events calendar https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2023-05-04-1000-Cross-Cut-Exhibit-by-Rob-Niezen.

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The following Tender opportunities are available:

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Keep informed of current projects available to bid on by visiting our website at https://mindenhills.ca/bid-opportunities for a list of available tender opportunities.

DAYTIME BURNING & FIREWORKS REMINDER

Reminder that you will need a burn permit for daytime burning, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM from April 1st to October 31st, and fireworks permit for the ignition of fireworks. A burn permit is issued for the season. Visit our website at mindenhills.ca for current fees. Contact the Fire Department for fireworks permit prior to the ignition of fireworks at 705-286-1202.

IMPORTANT LANDFILL CARD INFORMATION

Don't recycle your current Landfill Card, blue in colour, valid from May 1, 2021-April 30, 2023, it has been extended to the end of December 2023

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

2023 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS Take Notice there will be a Special Meeting of Council held Thursday, April 20 2023, at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to continue the 2023 Budget Deliberations

(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

> April 13 - Regular Council Meeting April 27 - Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList. aspx or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/ MeetingTypeList.aspx. Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

NOTICE: PUBLIC MEETING - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWNSHIP'S FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW -

SCHEDULE A - CLASSES OF PERMITS & FEES - BUILDING Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023, during its Regular Council Meeting regarding Proposed changes to Schedule A of the Township's Fees and Charges By-law.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

MINDEN HILL NEWS

Council denies land swap request

Minden Hills council closed the book on a two-and-a-half-year file April 13 involving a potential land swap along Taylor Road.

The proposed deal dates back to November 2020, when the owners of Twin Lakes Resort submitted a letter to the township's previous council offering to gift Minden Hills a portion of Taylor Road, which it owns, if the municipality relinquished its rights to maintain another section of the road that crosses the business' private property along the edge of Twelve Mile Lake.

At the time of the request, that section of Taylor Road was closed due to work Parks Canada was completing at a nearby dam. The road has since been reopened.

Planner Darryl Tighe said township staff were under the impression this request had been denied following a January 2021 delegation, but a thorough investigation of municipal files failed to bring up any record of a decision.

CAO Trisha McKibbin said there was a changeover of staff around that time and that a required follow-up report had likely been missed.

Coun. Pam Sayne said residents along Taylor Road who regularly use the portion of the road Twin Lakes Resort was looking to assume were "very upset" at the possibility of losing the thoroughfare.

Mayor Bob Carter indicated he wasn't in

favour of granting the request.

"The road is well used by the people who live there. It runs alongside the water near the dam — people fish and do various other things there," he said. "I see no reason for us to do this."

Council voted unanimously to decline the request.

Residents encouraged to pay the toll

The Minden Community Food Centre will host its annual road toll fundraiser at two spots in the downtown May 20.

Council approved toll locations at 61 Bobcaygeon Rd. and on Water Street adjacent to the Loggers Bridge near Canadien Tire.

Food bank executive director, Jean Munroe, said the organization has been running the event in town for several years.

Budget process dragging on

Following a fourth day of budget deliberations April 6, Minden Hills saw the latest draft of its 2023 budget include a 6.38 per cent total increase to the municipal tax levy.

Estimated operating costs for the year are pegged at \$10,339,451, up from \$9,719,485 in 2022. Finance director, Greg Bedard, noted the township was anticipating



Minden Hills will meet to discuss a fifth draft of the township's 2023 budget on April 20. File.

growth of 0.97 per cent in 2023, bringing the proposed tax rate increase for local ratepayers to 5.41 per cent.

Much of the discussion focused on capital budget spending. Carter said he was concerned to see the municipality taking on around \$983,000 of new long-term debt to pay for self-contained breathing apparatus for the fire department, culvert repairs at Brady Lake, and work at the Scotch Line landfill. He instead proposed the money be taken from municipal reserves.

"I hate to have excess reserves when that money can be used to invest in our community," he said. "It seems weird having money in savings and then going out and borrowing when we don't have to."

With Bedard noting the projects were to be funded over 10 years at a rate of 4.5 per cent, the move saved the township around \$440,000 in interest payments.

Budget deliberations will continue April 20. (Minden Hills briefs compiled by Mike Baker).

Plummer: health partnership to reduce confusion

By Mike Baker

After a comprehensive, three-year review of all possible options, Haliburton Highlands Health Services announced April 12 it will become a partner with the Kawartha Lakes Ontario Health Team.

Introduced by the provincial government in February 2019, the OHT model was designed to improve the coordination of care and services for patients and their families across multiple health and wellness settings within their communities.

Teams can consist of municipalities, hospitals, primary care and community support providers, long-term care providers,

public health, mental health and addiction agencies, and other service providers who all share resources and patient records.

Carolyn Plummer, HHHS president and CEO, said it made most sense to partner with Kawartha Lakes OHT considering how closely the organization works with many of its associate agencies.

"We know many people in Haliburton County already access services provided by members of KL-OHT and HHHS already has strong relationships with those providers," Plummer said. "This means we can work more closely together to deliver better coordinated care to [our] patients.

Plummer told *The Highlander* the decision was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with negotiations with various OHTs put on hold.

She said there would be several benefits from the partnership, including improved communication between hospital staff and other agencies, and more referral options for patients.

"The Kawartha Lakes OHT aims to reduce confusion, support more efficient navigation between care settings and help keep people healthier for longer," Plummer said.

"Patients should have a more connected."

"Patients should have a more connected care experience as they move between

different providers."

She stressed there will be no changes to frontline care, with residents encouraged to contact their regular health providers if they have an issue, or report to the emergency department in Haliburton or Minden if in a crisis.

On its website, the Kawartha Lakes OHT states its primary mission is on enhancing coordinated care and services for seniors 65 years and older who live alone or have a poor support network, are frail with complex medical needs or are cognitively unwell, or have been hospitalized within the past year.

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Consultant suggests tax hikes for HE

By Lisa Gervais

Highlands East received an asset management plan from consultants April 11, revealing the current replacement cost of all infrastructure totaled \$101 million.

The township hired consultants PSD Citywide to prepare the plan, as legislated by the province, and Israr Ahmad and Sarah Craig presented it to council last week.

They looked at roads, bridges and culverts, water and wastewater distribution and treatment, vehicles, facilities, land improvements, and equipment.

The consultants said the plan provides important data on Highlands East's assets, including replacement costs, condition and age information, short and long-term needs, current performance, where they are falling short on funding and how to close that gap.

Breaking down the \$101 million, roads make up 38 per cent of assets, or more than \$38 million, followed by buildings, at 31 per cent, or more than \$31 million. Next were the water network (seven per cent), vehicles, sanitary network, bridges and culverts, each six per cent, machinery and equipment four per cent and land improvements, two per

The consultants found that 58 per cent of the municipality's infrastructure was in fair or better condition, with the remaining 42 per cent in poor or worse condition.

It was estimated that \$16.1 million worth of roads were in poor shape, with \$3.1 million very good, \$7.8 million good and \$10.4

million fair.

Bridges and culverts had \$1.4 million rated as very poor and \$300,000 as poor – with the remainder (nearly \$4 million) very good, good and fair, as examples.

The consultants further said that, on average, \$3.78 million is needed each year to remain current with capital replacement needs. However, "based on a historical analysis of available capital funding from sustainable sources, the municipality allocates \$2.33 million annually - both for capital projects and to reserves. This creates an annual capital deficit of \$1.45 million."

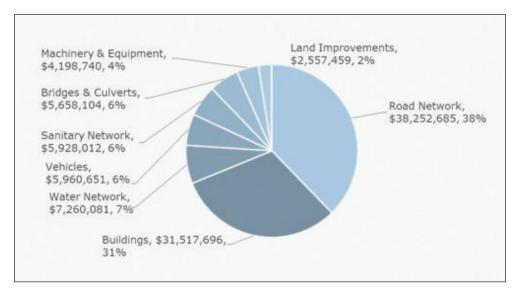
It suggested to close those deficits over time as, "short phase-in periods to meet these funding targets may place too high a burden on taxpayers too quickly, whereas a phase-in period beyond 20 years may see a continued deterioration of infrastructure, leading to larger backlogs."

The consultants suggested increasing taxes by 1.7 per cent per year over 10 years; increasing water rates by 3.3 per cent per year over 15 years; and increasing sanitary rates by 2.2 per cent per year over five years.

Ahmad said the township will have to continue to work on its asset management plan into 2024-25.

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall asked if Highlands East's growth had been incorporated into the work thus far, and Ahmad said it had not, but would be.

Ryall commented when it comes to asset management planning, "once you stop, you



Highlands East now has an asset management plan. File.

will fall behind. So this asset management plan has to be maintained every year ... it has to be improved based on intelligence and usage each year."

Gooderham bridge works

Highlands East said on April 17 that an extensive rehabilitation of the Gooderham bridge, on County Road 507, just south of County Road 503 in Gooderham, has begun and is expected to be completed by late summer or early fall.

During construction, they said travel across the bridge will be reduced to a single lane of

alternating traffic controlled by temporary traffic signals and drivers should be prepared for some traffic delays.

There will be a planned one-day full closure of the bridge to complete work that requires the entire bridge deck to be raised. The township said it's working with the contractor to schedule the closure to minimize the impact.

A minimum of two weeks advance notice will be provided. In addition, the closure will have advance warning signage, a signed local detour, notification on the 511 system, and the County's website, as well as media and social media announcements.

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HHHS IS LOOKING FOR **NEW DIRECTORS**

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Corporation has openings for new directors – local residents and cottage owners who want to help build on the outstanding health services currently provided in the county. HHHS operates facilities in Minden and Haliburton providing hospital (emergency services, acute care, and palliative), long-term care, and community

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Minden Hills has placed sandbags at the Anson Street boat launch. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Mindenites keeping eye on Gull

By Lisa Gervais

Chris Kranyak stands on the front step of her Anson Street, Minden, home having a cigarette and warily watching the Gull River across the street.

Orange sand bags line the boat launch a stone's throw away.

Kranyak has only lived in the house for two-and-a-half years, and not experienced a Gull River breach, but her sister, who lived in the home for 30 years, has.

"When they put the sandbags down the other day, our first thought was, of course, they're expecting floods, but they put out on the Minden Hills website that it was just a precaution," Kranyak said on April 18.

"But we watch the water go up and down every day," she added. "I don't think it will flood. We went through those torrential rains on the Sunday two weeks ago. It didn't end up being anything.'

Nevertheless she is keeping an eye on the large culvert out front as well as water levels in the backyard. After all, it's that time of year. Minden Hills and other County residents are watching the Gull and Burnt River for rising waters and other Highlanders are keeping an eye on lakes as the Trent Severn Waterway manages dams for spring run-off.

Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter said the township has another week or two to worry about potential flooding, but as of April 18 conditions were stable.

The MNRF gave notice April 14 of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds and other conditions. The water conditions statement – flood outlook bulletin remains in effect until April 21 at 4 p.m.

Carter, who has spoken with Parks Canada and the MNRF a number of times over the last week or two, said he's been told there's

still a lot of snow in the northern areas. As a result, he said the melt has been significant but the good news is, "we didn't have all of the rain that was forecast.

"So, as long as our rain levels remain somewhat normal, or slightly above normal, we'll be fine." However, if there is another big rainstorm like the recent one, the mayor said, "that would be problematic. So, we have another week or two to worry about it."

Township staff confirmed they have placed sandbags across the boat launch on Anson Street as a precaution. The boat launch is closed until further notice.

In its statement, the MNRF advised of hazardous conditions near water, localized flooding on access roads, and told people to prepare accordingly.

"MNRF is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate," they

Notice of Fee By-Law

Amendments

Dysart et al Council, at their April 25, 2023 meeting,

Further information on these fee changes will be

will be considering changes to By-Law 2023-39, being a by-law to impose fees and charges. This amendment will reflect 2023 increases to Waste Management fees.

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Awards for all of us

It's not often we toot our own horn. Generally, we just go about doing our business, whether it's writing stories or selling ads.

We work hard and try to be a good community newspaper. We never really know how we stack up against the competition until things such as the Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) awards come around.

On Friday, we learned we had won four categories, were runners up for two others, and also garnered a couple of third places.

Being named the best paper in our circulation size – again – is always a good indicator that we remain on the right track. Looking at the judges' breakdown for the general excellence awards, we very easily beat 15 other papers, some from much larger

"It's as if you meet the whole community in the pages of this paper," the judges said.

Since day one, when owners Bram Lebo and Simon Payn brought this independent paper to the Highlands, that's been our mission. We print our mission statement in

every edition, on the top of page 8, to remind us why we are here. It is, "to tell the story of Haliburton County each week. To be a source of information and inspiration through stories and ideas. To report on issues, people and events important to the community. To reflect and promote pride in the culture, people and landscape of the Highlands. To encourage Highlanders to believe in themselves, in our community, and in their power to make our place in the world better every day.'

It's that mission statement that steered us to amp up our municipal election coverage in 2022 with both podcasts and print stories. It won us a first place for online special

Sam Gillett, who left us in 2022 to try some new things, took a couple of firsts. One was for arts and entertainment, a genre he excelled at. The other was for a first-person account of taking part in 8 Hours of Hurtin' in the Forest.

I was pleased to be named runner-up for reporter of the year. The judges noted a strong knowledge of the different topics and styles of story submitted and were happy

to see my photos complete the package.

Mike Baker was awarded a second for an excellent piece he wrote on a woman who had nearly died from Lyme Disease but is now on the road



By Lisa Gervais

to recovery. The judges found his story both well-researched and written. They also felt it was relevant to the community.

Gillett was recognized for a heartwrenching tale about a dog and its puppy being shot. And our head of production, Tania Moher, won a third for an ad the judges found to have a clever use of white space.

It's nice to know that we stand out from the crowd. We don't do it for the awards, mind you. We do it for our community, for our readers and our advertisers. It might sound trite, but we really couldn't do it without you. So, these awards are for all of us.

Communication is key

For readers who are wondering why The Highlander hasn't reported on a pair of serious incidents that took place at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School this month, there is a simple explanation.

A complete and utter lack of communication on the part of Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

I was a little embarrassed when, on April 4. I received a couple of phone calls from local residents looking for information about an apparent hold and secure that took place at the high school earlier that day. I had nothing.

I reached out to the board's communications department that evening asking for any details that I could pass on to the community. Almost 24 hours later, I received a response confirming an incident had occurred, but that no further information would be released.

I reached out again to ask why. By this point, all sorts of rumours were swirling around town. I'd heard a student had been caught with a gun in their locker, a student was seen running through the halls waving around a replica weapon, someone had been caught with a large knife in their backpack, and that a student had been attacked.

TLDSB insist parents were notified of the incident, but *The Highlander* has heard from several who still claim to have no knowledge

of what happened that day.

After being pressed again for details this week, the board said they were remaining tight-lipped at the behest of the responding OPP officers.

"We have been instructed not to include detail as it often encourages copy-cat behaviour," was the direct quote.

This raised alarm bells and got me thinking something really serious had happened. And in such an event, I didn't think it was right the community was being left in the dark. So, I reached out to the OPP on Monday to ask if this was true. Within hours, a press release had been posted to the force's public portal addressing the situation. It didn't anwer my questions, but it was something.

In its release, the OPP claims it did not locate any weapons at the school. There were no injuries reported. The investigation is still ongoing.

That it took two weeks for this information to see the light of day is disappointing. I feel a lot of misinformation, and stress, could have been prevented if all of this came out, say, the day of, or at the latest, the day after the event.

There was another incident this week that I learned about through second-hand sources. A parent posted a notice to Facebook on Monday, stating the science wing had to be

evacuated after a small quantity of a toxic substance, described as "possibly arsenic", was spilled during a class.

A student was sent to hospital, while the



By Mike Baker

Peterborough Fire Department's hazardous materials management unit were brought in to investigate.

Again, I reached out to TLDSB for details. Again, the silence was deafening. I didn't receive a response until a full day later.

We don't expect to be the first call, certainly not in the event of an emergency, but a heads up so that we can, at the very least, calm worried parents or family members, or nip dangerous rumours in the bud, would be appreciated. In fact, I'd say the board has a responsibility to do so.

Communication is key in these kinds of situations, and I feel our public school board, and the OPP, owes it to the community to make sure it does a better job of keeping people in the loop moving forward.

HAVE AN OPINION?

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

LETTERS

Why is Russian war on Ukraine being allowed to continue?

Dear editor,

Russia has been in the Ukraine for over a year now causing a lot of destruction and chaos.

Four questions I ask are: When will they leave? Why are they in the Ukraine? Why doesn't the United Nations (UN) or someone put them out? Does the UN know something we aren't being told?

If Putin is the reason, why isn't he replaced with someone more moderate?

Why should other countries have to send in much-needed items and take in folks that have lost everything?

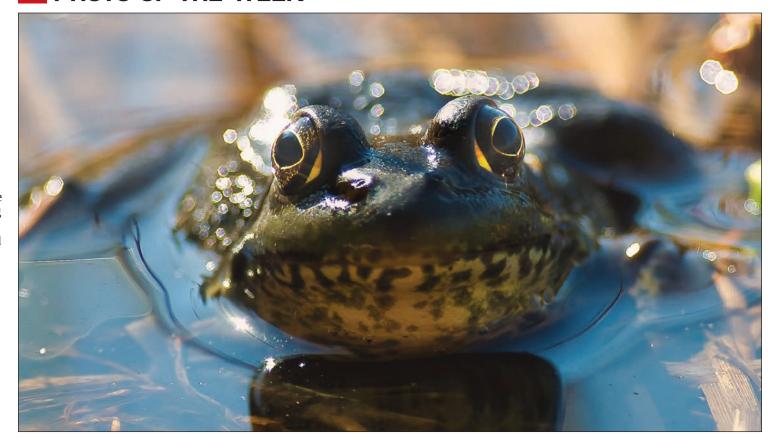
Don't we all have enough of problems to contend with?

If the U.S. went into another country, they would be put out immediately.

I'm afraid the west will be compelled to pay for all the damage in the Ukraine and Turkey also.

Winston E. Ralph Bancroft

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Mike Young sent this photo with the comment, "you know it is spring when the frogs are back."

CLIMATE CORNER

Building for climate change

Nearly 40 per cent of planet-warming carbon dioxide emissions comes from the construction industry, new buildings, and their operation. Seventy per cent of the industry's emissions are caused by just six materials.

After water, concrete is the second most used material on the planet - 30 billion tonnes each vear. Concrete has a carbon footprint of up to 300kg C02 per cubic metre. Cement is a key ingredient in concrete, and with 3.5 billion tonnes produced annually, it made up eight per cent of all humanmanufactured carbon emissions in 2021.

The construction industry consumes more than 50 per cent of global steel used. Requiring significant energy for its production, steel is a carbon megaproducer, responsible for a quarter of emissions in construction.

Coal, oil and natural gas for heating, lighting and cooking produced 10 gigatons in emissions to operate buildings in 2019 (the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction).

By 2050, nearly seven in 10 people will live in cities, which already account for twothirds of global energy consumption and more than 70 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions (World Bank).

Affordable housing is a worldwide problem, heightened with growing numbers of climate refugees - estimates of one billion by 2050 - due to rising oceans, scarce freshwater and arable land, extreme temperatures, weather events and human conflicts. Technologies are sought for rapid and economical construction for both temporary shelters and permanent homes.

Carbonaide, a Finnish start-up, manufactures concrete that absorbs more carbon than it emits. They inject C02 into powdered blast furnace slag. Each tonne of concrete they make absorbs 60kg of C02.

CarbonCure, a Canadian start-up, injects C02 directly into the concrete, adding strength, reducing the need for cement. Each cubic metre of concrete saves up to 20kg of

"Applied Bioplastics" (Austin, Texas) collaborated with a Bangladeshi scientist to form a plant-based plastic building block made from jute (called Jutin) used to construct shelters for refugees.

Cote D'ivoire is making building bricks out of plastic waste from city dumps, melted and molded for building.

Large-scale 3D printing is used for rapid and economical builds. A 3D printed house in Shanghai was built in less than 24 hours from construction waste. The technology uses "additive manufacturing," building objects one layer at a time. Clay, concrete or plastic print material is extruded from robotic machines as a fluid and then hardens. Examples: Tecla, in Massa Lombarda, Italy; Trillium Pavillion designed by students and printed by Loci Robotics at the University of Tennessee Research Park; BioHome3D, the first 100 per cent bio-based 3D printed home funded by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Polyblocks are fabricated in Germany from reusable materials (desert sand, waste sands from industries) and have a binder made from recycled plastic, eliminating cement. Polyblocks produce 58 per cent less C02, are lighter and stronger than concrete, require no water to manufacture, and no skill to use.

The Baltimore Wood Project uses wood salvaged from building deconstruction and urban tree care operators to upscale wood waste and take it out of the landfill.

Two Swedish companies are producing the first fossil-free "green" steel. The steel is produced using HYBRIT (Hydrogen Breakthrough



Ironmaking Technology), hydrogen replacing fossil fuels to manufacture iron pellets and in the carbon purification process.

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Next week: WHAT YOU CAN DO

The Highlander welcomes all contributions, however we wish to remind readers of the following: Letters to the editor policy

- Letters should be exclusive to The Highlander. We do not publish letters also addressed to other media outlets, open letters, letters to third parties, or co'd letters.
- · Letters must be signed with first and last name and home town. We also need an address and phone number for verification. The address and phone number won't be published. We do not run anonymous letters.
- · Letters must be a maximum of 300 words. If submitted at greater length, they will be returned for editing.
- The Highlander may still edit for length and clarity. The Highlander has the right not to publish letters.

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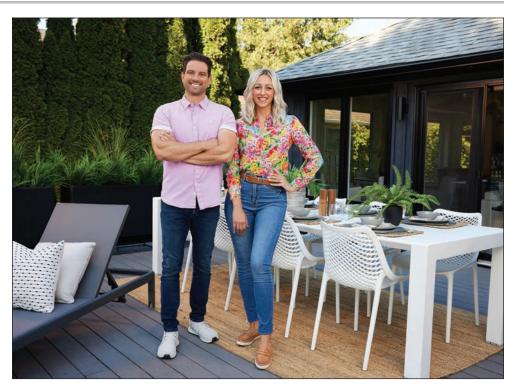
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Debra Salmoni and Scott McGillivray transformed three Highlands properties during the latest season of *Scott's Vacation House Rules*. *Photo submitted*.

HGTV designer 'loves' coming to the County

By Mike Baker

Toronto-based designer Debra Salmoni said Haliburton County has long been one of her favourite destinations while filming material for HGTV's hit show *Scott's Vacation House Pules*

Season four premieres April 23, with the first two episodes featuring properties in Coboconk and Algonquin Highlands. While filming last year, Salmoni said her return to the Highlands was something of a homecoming.

"I have such an emotional connection to Haliburton – my mother's side of the family had a cottage on Eagle Lake, so I've been heading up there ever since I was in utero," she told *The Highlander*. "I spent a lot of time in the County while I was growing up... I remember trips we'd take down into Minden, we'd go out to the dump just to see all the bears. Some amazing memories, for sure."

Salmoni has offered her expertise on the hour-long show since its debut in 2020. Hosted by contractor Scott McGillivray, it provides a road map to renovation and rental success for homeowners, she said. The episodes often see the team transform a rundown property into something more befitting its natural surroundings.

In a previous interview with the paper, McGillivray said he tries to strike a delicate balance with every one of his redesigns.

"We don't go and do anything that's going to destroy the environment. We're not interested in helicopter pads," he said. "We're not a show that goes in and says, 'let's tear this down and build something that's a 100,000 sq. ft. mega mansion'. Our show is way more grassroots than that.

"We're here to support the local community, be balanced with what we do, be respectful about it, and find affordable ways for people to have a slice of that dream too," he added. Episode one features a cliffside cabin in

Episode one features a cliffside cabin in Coboconk, owned by a long-time friend of McGillivray's.

"It was quite a long renovation, it ended up taking us closer to six months to complete. We were fighting some of the elements throughout that project, but that's what I love about the show. We're not putting this high gloss vision of perfection out there, it's all real-life stuff," Salmoni said. "Scott encounters some major challenges with his renovations, and we like to show how we deal with those head on."

The second episode captures a waterfront property overlooking Halls Lake in Algonquin Highlands. The owners are cottagers from the city, who wanted to spruce up the place so they can rent it out and help cover some of the costs associated with running it.

"I think their situation is very relatable for a lot of millennials," Salmoni said.

The bungalow has been transformed on the inside to incorporate more of a "techie" theme, with local contractors assisting with the rebuild. The episode will air April 30.

A third episode featuring a Highlands property will be released in the fall.

Aside from the lakes and natural beauty, Salmoni said a key attraction to filming in the County is the people.

"We have never had a bad experience up there. When we pull up to a property, the neighbours are always so gracious. A lot of times we don't have running water, or space for parking, so we've had neighbours let us use their washroom, park in their driveway, offer to feed us," Salmoni said. "This is a very welcoming community."

Scott's Vacation House Rules premieres April 23 at 10 p.m. on HGTV Canada, and is available to stream on StackTV.

Highlander arts 11

The Music Room 'hub for performances'

By Mike Baker

A new entertainment venue is coming to downtown Haliburton next month.

Partners Anna Lowes, Mark Christiano and Craig Titus have been working through winter to turn their dream of establishing a new musical space in the village into reality. The trio are launching The Music Room, a 150-seat event space inside Castle Antiques on Highland Street, in early May.

"We've been talking about this for quite a while now. It's always been in the back of my mind to bring something new to the downtown scene... after working closely with Anna the past few months, the door opened," Christiano told The Highlander.

For the past six months, Castle has hosted regular shows on Friday nights – providing an opportunity for local musicians to perform in front of a live crowd. The events, first dubbed 'Friday Night at the Castle' and later 'Tacos and Tunes', have been wildly successful, Lowes said.

"We ran shows almost every week through winter and it was great – people have had a lot of fun. Now we want to ramp things up," Lowes said. "Friday nights was kind of the stepping stone, but after seeing how well everything was going, we knew the longterm goal was to have a permanent music venue and do larger concerts here.

"The goal of Castle has always been to be a destination and offer as much variety and things for people to do as possible. I think this is just another way of doing that," she

Renovations are ongoing, with a new stage and sound system being fitted in the antiques side of the store. Christiano said

he's planning to incorporate many of the shop's vintage musical items in his design for the space, showcasing classic jukeboxes, phonographs, and instruments.

"It's going to be a really cool vibe," he said. A first concert has been pencilled in for May 6, with Canadian country singer Marshall Dane bringing his talents to the Highlands. Tickets are \$32 and can be bought at Castle and The Hair Lounge in Haliburton.

Titus said there are six further concerts confirmed for the summer, with Christiano adding he hopes to put on at least one show per week. This is in addition to the Friday night offerings, which Christiano says will continue, noting they provide opportunities and experience for up-and-coming local

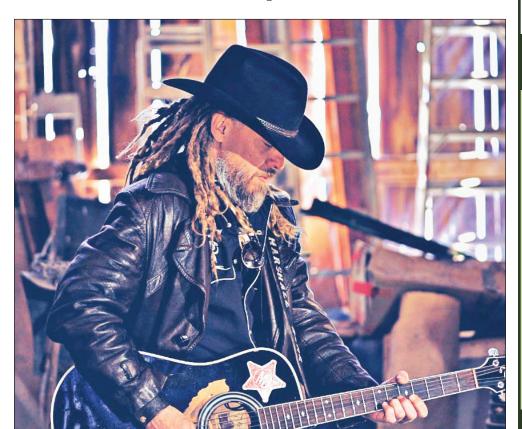
The space can also be booked for workshops, seminars, and corporate events,

Lowes feels this new space has the potential to benefit all businesses in the downtown.

"I'm hopeful this will kickstart more of a lively evening atmosphere – bring more people into Haliburton during times when it's usually starting to quiet down," she said. "We're not limiting ourselves to one night a week – this will really be driven by public demand. If people want to see more, then we'll do more.

"I think this is going to be really popular, and I'm just excited to see where we can take this," she added.

For more information about The Music Room and upcoming shows, follow them on Facebook and Instagram @ themusicroomhaliburton. To enquire about tickets, email themusicroomhaliburton@



Canadian country singer Marshall Dane will help launch Haliburton's newest venue, The Music Room, May 6. Submitted.



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Behind the big red doors

The Haliburton School of Art + Design held its spring open house April 15, welcoming around 100 prospective students to the campus. The big red doors were open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, offering attendees a glimpse into the 224 programs offered by Fleming College, including 55 new courses and workshops debuting this summer and fall. There were demonstrations hosted by ceramics, glass blowing and metalworking students, with a host of other artists on-site showcasing their works. The college is hosting its end-of-semester student show and sale April 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Left: Inayah Patel, shows off a piece of her final thesis 'The Willow Project'. Right: Haliburton School of Art + Design staffers Rose Pearson, Erin Lynch, Gail Woodard, and Jennifer Bain welcomed guests. Inset: Erica Olavario showed off her 'Ugnayan' photography series. *Photos by Mike Baker*.





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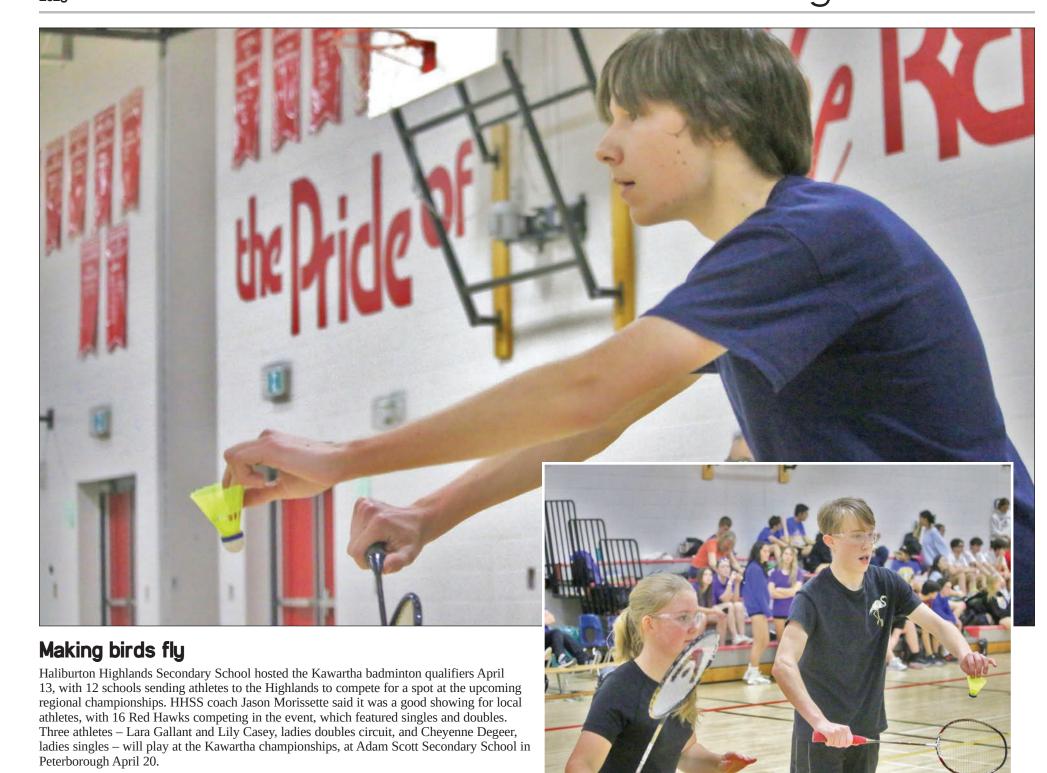






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Top: Parker Petryszyn prepares to serve in mixed doubles action. Inset: Sadie Evans Fockler and Evan Backus start a rally. Photos by Mike Baker.

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Tennis is just one of the OSGA 55+ events. File.

County seniors gearing up for 55-plus games

By Lisa Gervais

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

Spokesperson Mary Johnson said April 20 (today) is the last day for planners to receive mailed registrations prior to the games kicking off May 4 and running until June 20.

Johnson added the games are open to men and women who are 55-plus years of age as of Dec. 31, 2023.

The event features cards, including euchre, bid euchre, contract and duplicate bridge as well as cribbage, and sports such as golf, pickleball, shuffleboard, tennis and walking.

Johnson said the games are about being active and getting involved in the community, not necessarily competition.

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

However, people can qualify to go on to regional games and Ontario 55+ games. There are 36 districts across the province, with more than 9,000 participants and over 500 volunteers. The games were incorporated in 1997 and there are traditionally 18-plus summer and 10-plus winter events. District 11 comprises Muskoka and Haliburton.

This year's schedule sees bid euchre first up, May 4 at 1 p.m., at the Cardiff Community Centre and then May 8 at 1 p.m. at the Minden Curling Club. The finals will be in Gravenhurst June 9.

Euchre will follow May 15 at 1 p.m. at the Minden Curling Club and June 1 in Cardiff. The finals are June 2 in Gravenhurst.

Cribbage is scheduled for May 18 at 1 p.m. at the Kinmount Legion. The cribbage finals will be played in Kinmount June 15.

Duplicate (9 a.m.) and contract (1 p.m.) bridge will be played June 5 at the Stanhope Community Centre.

Shuffleboarders will hit the courts in Minden June 6 at 9 a.m. The finals are in Gravenhurst June 8.

Golf will again return to the Blairhampton Golf Course, on June 7, with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Walking then takes centre stage. It is slated for June 8 beginning at 9 a.m. from the docks in Haliburton. Tennis will be next up, at the Haliburton courts, June 13, with an 8:30 a.m. start.

And, finally, the ever-popular pickleball is slated for June 20 at the Haliburton courts.

For more information, contact Mary Johnson at 705-754-1884.





Pamela Marsales said FoRT's Spokes and Species event at the Haliburton Legion April 26 is a chance for people to mingle and learn. Photo by Mike Baker.

FoRT event focusing on cycling, environment

By Mike Baker

The Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) is inviting County residents to attend an evening of socializing and education through the third iteration of its 'Spokes and Species' series.

Taking place in the clubroom at the Haliburton Legion April 26, the event will feature two guest speakers broaching subjects around cycling and the environment. Organizer Pamela Marsales said it will be a fun-filled evening jam-packed with information.

"We imagine there are lots of people out in the hinterlands in Haliburton County, cottagers and new residents who are interested in cycling, nature, rail trails or all of the above. This is a great opportunity for them to come out, meet new people and have a social evening," she said.

Cara Steele, an ecologist at Abbey Gardens, will speak about the ecological restoration that has been ongoing at the site, touching on livable green spaces and habitat biodiversity.

The main presenter is Brendan Matheson, a coordinator with Tourism Simcoe County (TSC). Marsales said he'll be talking about a new cycling tourism strategy he's working on for TSC, with the key feature being a 160-kilometre rail trail loop connecting Barrie, Midland and Orillia with Georgian Bay, Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching. "That would be of interest to many people

at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation, with

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here... the concept of cycling tourism is something that's yet to be fully imagined and realized in Haliburton County," Marsales said. "We're excited to think about the possibilities. Brendan has helped create a loop trail that has become a real destination and economic driver for Simcoe County."

Marsales said while the County has its own 35-kilometre rail trail, it's often overlooked in favour of what she called better systems elsewhere.

She's eager to see work continue on a proposed Toronto Algonquin Greenway (TAG) initiative that would connect the Highlands to Algonquin Park and the GTA. The 200-kilometre route would incorporate five separate existing trail systems and promote hiking, cycling and paddling.

"All the groundwork has been laid for this TAG concept to be developed as a sustainable, multi-community tourism product, but there's still work to be done," Marsales said, noting the project was put on hold in 2020 due to the pandemic. "I think that would really help to direct a lot of people to Haliburton County."

The 'Spokes and Species' event will start proceeds supporting FoRT. Attendees are asked to enter the Legion through the side

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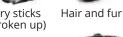












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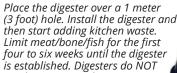


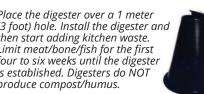




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The Small Glories are headed to Haliburton. Photo by Stefanie Atkinson.

Troubadours to share music and stories with Highlanders

By Lisa Gervais

Canadian roots powerhouse duo, The Small Glories, are headed to Haliburton County Saturday night, as the folk society presents Cara Luft and J.D. Edwards for the first time ever in the Highlands.

Hailing from Winnipeg, Luft told The Highlander this week, she and Edwards are musical partners only. "It's like singing with a sibling, our voices work really well together. And we're troubadours. We love to go from town to town and tell stories from other places we've been and share things with new audiences. It's not just about the music for us. It's about the whole thing.'

Like most musicians, the Small Glories did not tour for a couple of years due to the pandemic. However, they've had make up dates from cancelled shows that have recently seen them primarily in the United

In talking to their agent, Luft said, "we haven't played Ontario very much. Because of the pandemic, the last time we were in Ontario was in 2019, so let's look at spring of 2023." The Haliburton County Folk Society, meanwhile, was looking to book in a spring show.

"So, our agent put the call out as we had a small timeframe that we could come to the province. And the Halliburton County Folk Society was one of the organizations and one of the communities that really wanted us to

Luft added despite having played in larger towns and cities and in front of big crowds, they love playing for people, "no matter where they are, and no matter the audience size. We just want people to come who want to be there. It's great to play for a full house but even when it's not a full house, the people who are there, they get a unique experience.

The Small Glories said fans can expect a lot of original material, but also some traditionals and covers.

'We're really big believers in when you find a great song, regardless of who wrote it, it needs to be shared. So, we do a lot of interpretation that way. But we really love to engage with the audience. We love telling stories. We get people laughing, sometimes we get them crying, sometimes they get up and dance. So, it's definitely really special.

"Every concert is unique and different and always very special. So, I think people will expect great music, a great respite and relief from whatever woes they may be experiencing, and just a really great time with community."

The show is at 7:30 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion with opener Albert Saxby. Ticket information can be found at haliburtonfolk.

EVENTS

April 22, 10 a.m.

Environment Haliburton! enviro-cafe de-mystifying the heat pump with Gord Jones at the Haliburton United Church. Visit environmenthaliburton.org.

April 22, 2 to 3 p.m.Join Mary-Ellen at the Dysart library to learn about the history and health benefits of tea with

April 22, 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Gooderham Community Action Group in celebrating Earth Day with a community cleanup around Robert McCausland Community Centre and the village. Earth-friendly displays promoting bee keeping, work composting, fossils, geocaching and children's activities. Hot dogs and refreshments for sale starting at noon. The clean-up will take place during the morning, with displays beginning after lunch.

April 23, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Dragon boat paddlers wanted. Join the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers' for an open house at the Haliburton Legion. All are welcome.

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library host author and historian Guy Scott at the Minden Hills library for a history of one room schools in Haliburton County. Donations will benefit the HCPL. Contact Jim Mitchell at 705-286-3485.

April 26, 7:30 p.m.

The Lake Kashagawigamog Organization is hosting a Zoom seminar focusing on all things septic, covering care, maintenance and inspections of residential septic systems. Speaker is Rob Davis. Contact Tanya Smith at plants101@ me.com.

April 27, 7 p.m.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is hosting a seminar on the Western Chorus Frog at the Minden Cultural Centre. Join field naturalist Ed Poropat as he takes you on a journey through the life cycle of these tiny amphibians, with some insights on why they seem to be disappearing from our landscape. To pre-register visit haliburtonlandtrust.ca. Donations accepted.

April 29, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

It's parachute time at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. Children will get to shake their wiggles out as they listen to music and work the 'chute. For children aged two to five. A caregiver must be in attendance.

April 29, 7 p.m.Minden Bible Church is hosting a film screening of *The Jesus Revolution*. Tickets are \$5 at the door for adults and \$2 for ages 12 and under. Proceeds from the refreshment table will go to support the Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre in Haliburton.

April 30, 2 p.m.

Razzamataz Kids' Shows presents Mary Jane Mosquito by Carousel Players at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. For advanced tickets, visit razzamataz.ca.

Minden and District Horticultural Society invites you to come and learn all about lavender. Guest speaker is Kara Carr of Rocky Meadows Lavender. Event taking place at the Minden Community Centre.

May 6, 13 and 20.

The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands is inviting families with children to join local artists for a hands-on collaborative project - Community Cardboard Village Workshops. The event will see people construct cardboard buildings of local landmarks to recreate our villages, featuring scenery, roads, vehicles, and villagers. The events are free. Register ahead of time at haliburtonarts.

May 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Places for People is hosting its 'Biggest Book Sale Ever' fundraiser at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery. There will be over 3,000 titles available covering topics such as gardening, martial arts, spirituality, alternative energy, permaculture and more. By making a \$100 donation, you get an exclusive first-pick of 10 books between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. To pre-register, email info@placesforpeople.ca.

May 10, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

With persistent poverty, rising inequality and the changing nature of work, a livable basic income guarantee can address economic insecurity and contribute to a dignified life for all. Attend a seminar at Haliburton United Church to deepen your understanding of basic income, discuss the benefits and challenges of this approach and learn about the growing movement. To register, contact joanegrant99@bell.net.

May 13, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Haliburton Lions' Mother's Day Food Drive at Haliburton and Wilberforce Foodland locations. All donations will support the 4Cs Food Bank in Haliburton and the Wilberforce Food Bank.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton weekly activities

Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room.

Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall & bingo, doors open at 6 p.m.

Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.

Saturdays: 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each available in the Clubroom.

Clubroom hours: Mon 3-6 p.m., Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call the Legion at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion. com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden

Monday - Thursday: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' Tuesday.

Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.

Saturday all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11:30 a.m.

Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541

Weekly activities:

Karaoke every second Friday.

Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Tuesday: Euchre 1-3 p.m.

Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m.

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Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624

April 21: Pool at 2 p.m. Wing night and jam session from 5 to 8 p.m.

April 22: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Meat draw at 3 p.m.

April 23 to 25: Closed

April 26: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts at 2 p.m.

April 27: Open 2 to 6 p.m. HHHS social recreation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Coboconk

Tuesdays: Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m. First Wednesday of the month: Big Buck Bid Euchre from 10 a.m. \$15 per person. Saturdays: Music & Meat Roll - Music starts 2 p.m. Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

Lunch & Music - April 28

BBQ chicken or liver and onions, \$13 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127.

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- Have interest or experience in land use planning

You can find the detailed posting along with application instructions on our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers

If you require assistance with the application process please contact Sarah Hume, Human Resources Manager at 705-286-1333 x 224 or at shume@haliburtoncountv.ca

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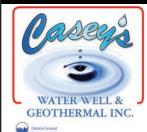


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of which the applicant was an executive and shareholder.

The application may be considered by the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs. Any person who has an interest in the application and who wishes to make submissions, for or against the application, to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs should notify, in writing, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A IA2

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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of Alfred Hayden

April 10, 2023

It is with deep sadness we wish to share the passing of Alfred Hayden Monday, April 10th, 2023 in his 81st year at the Haliburton Hospital.

He is survived by his devoted family, loved and cherished by his wife of 57 years Joanne, and their four children Katherine Hayden (Rob), Karen (Volker-Renckstorf-Hayden), Denise (Jason Glecoff), Brian (Laura Hayden). Grandchildren, Danielle, Toren, Ylvi, Kajsa, Cassidy, Colin, Gillian, and Addison. Loved and missed by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Howard and Louis, and brother Howard, and sisters Shirley and Evelyn.

Alfred was born in Rossland, BC. In 1942 and graduated from UBC Vancouver in Metallurgical Engineering in 1966. It was there he met his future wife Joanne.

His career took him and his family across Canada to Northern Saskatchewan, a small mining community of Eldorado Nuclear in Uranium City where their children were born. Then a moved to Toronto in 1975, and eventually his own consulting company. He traveled extensively throughout the world. From Europe to the jungles of South America.

He was an avid curler, golfer, fisherman boater, and snowmobiler. He loved watching his children play sports and cheered them on.

He loved Haliburton and was looking forward to retirement in the house he spent years renovating. He was a kind compassionate man with a quick wit and a dry sense of humor. He will be forever missed.

Thank you to the Palliative Care unit at Haliburton Hospital for the wonderful care he received. His family is truly grateful.

Celebration Of Life

A Celebration of Alfred's life will take place at a later date. 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**

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In Loving Memory of

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It is with the heaviest of hearts we announce the peaceful passing of Marjorie Winnifred Hazel Spinks (Hinton) in her 101 year on April 12, 2023.

Loving husband

wife William f predeceased Henry Spinks.

Win is the loving mother of Stephen Spinks (predeceased) Susan Nauss (predeceased son-in-law Graham Nauss), Russell Spinks (Kathy Spinks) and her "other daughter" Cathy Casserley and her family. Loving Grandma of Louanna Nauss (Rob Henery), Devon Nauss, Robyn Spinks and Kelly Spinks (Howard Davie). Great Grandma "GGma" to Jonathon Bryant, Emma Henery, Kalea, Jeydon Nauss and Jaxon Nauss.

Win is the last of her 6 siblings to pass on from the Hinton family. This most wonderful, positive, fun and outgoing spirited lady will be dearly and forever missed by all her family, friends and all that knew her. She was always up for company, helping out, a good chat, gardening, baking her most wonderful pies, loved dancing, arts and crafts, and a generally great love of travelling Ontario discovering new things with her friends and family.

Our family would like to take this time to extend our warmest and most grateful appreciation to the wonderful staff and care givers at the Highland Woods Nursing Home whom have taken the best of care of our Win over the last 6 years she was with them, and making her comfortable during her final days. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Our hearts go out to all that will be missing her! She will be very sadly missed! Dance away Win (grandma, GGma), until we see you again. Resting at the Bernardo Funeral home at 855 Albion Road, viewing from 4 to 8pm Friday April 21, 2023. Funeral Service for close Family and friends at the Caledon East Public Cemetery. At Airport Road in Caledon at 11am Saturday April 22, 2023.

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In Loving Memory of Gloria Mary Moore

Gloria Mary Moore (nee Fattori)

It is with sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Gloria Mary Moore in her 93rd year. Gloria passed away peacefully in her home, on her own terms, smiling on Tuesday,

April 11th, 2023 with her family by her side.

Born May 14, 1930 to Lena and Frank Fattori, Gloria grew up in Milliken with her sister Irene (Johnston). After graduating from the Shaw Business School, she met and married the love of her life Ray (d) in 1950. The two shared a love and wonderful life together for 56 years until Ray's passing in 2006. A brilliant business woman, Gloria was the Matriarch of the Westside Group of businesses. She loved playing games, bridge, euchre, poker, and watching the Blue Jays. Gloria was well travelled, but cherished being at home with family.

Family is everything, and Gloria's pride was heard whenever she talked about her 8 children, Glenn (Debbie), Raylene (Terry Clarke), Colleen (Blake O'Byrne), Keith (Haley), Daryl (Kelly), Brian (Colleen), Rawn (Trevor Graham) and Scott (Michelle). She was loved and admired by her 21 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and many nephews and nieces.

Gloria will be missed, but fond memories will forever be in our hearts. We celebrate her passing, where the Lord will welcome her to sit with her beloved husband Ray. The family wish to thank Dr. Nell Thomas, health care professional Olivia, the workers at G.A.I.N. in Minden, and Kirsten and Barry at Monk's for all you have done in assisting us during these days.

Cremation has taken place, and per her wishes there will be no services. Donations to the Diabetes Canada would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box

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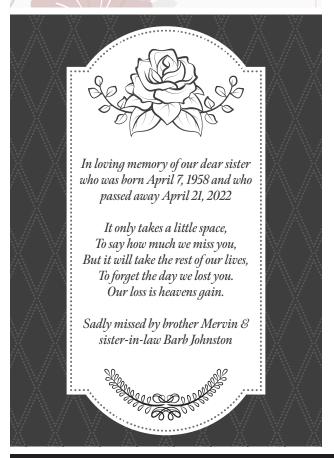
IN MEMORIAMS

In loving memory of my sister Lynda Marie Johnston <mark>who</mark> passed away April 21, 2022

No one spread more love in one lifetime. You had a heart of gold.

Those we love, don't go away, they walk beside us everyday, unseen, unheard but always near, so loved so missed, so very dear.

> Love and miss you, Shirley



In loving memory of a dear daughter Lynda Marie Johnston who passed away April 21, 2022



It broke my breart to lose you, But you didn't go alone, For part of me went with you, The day God called you home.

> Forever loved & Sadly missed I miss you my angel Mom

In loving memory of a dear sister and Aunt Lynda Marie Johnston who passed away April 21, 2022

> Our thoughts are with you everyday, We who loved you dearly, Are thinking of you everyday.

Love & Missed by Carolyn & Jason

God Love & Bless Preston Ashley & family Ruby & Whitney

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The Highlander is looking for an energetic person to join our team for the summer.

This is a part-time position with evening and weekend work. We are looking for someone who loves to take photos and write about community events. We're hoping they'll unearth some good human interest stories along the way.

A drivers license and car is a must as well as a sense of

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Resume may be left at the bar, emailed to rclbranch636@hotmail.com or mailed to RCL Branch 636, PO Box 238 Minden ON K0M 2K0.

THANK YOU



The Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association would like to thank those who attended our recent Wild Game Dinner and Auction. It was a very successful night.

Special mention to individuals and businesses who donated auction items and to those who donated wild game.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who brought the event together and to Greg and Gail for donating their time and talent with the photo booth.

A special mention to Legion Branch #129 who have been the home to all of these dinners.

The winner of the 50/50 was Steve Carnochan of Haliburton.

HELP WANTED

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Haliburton Highlands Golf Course is looking to fill a few open positions. We are looking for versatile team members who like to do a little bit of everything!

We are looking for the following:

Golf Shop Attendants (FT or PT) **Starter / Marshals Turf & Grounds Maintenance**

If interested please forward a resume or contact us at golf@haliburtongolf.com

HELP WANTED



Employment Opportunity Municipality of Dysart et al

Two Seasonal Septic Inspectors

The Municipality of Dysart et al is looking for two Septic Inspectors. The successful applicants will be personable and a team player. Primary duties include, but are not limited to, preparing and completing Property inspections including paperwork, educating homeowners on septic maintenance and be proficient in Word and Excel. Previous work experience or relevant education is an asset.

Applicants must be physically fit and able to work independently in all types of site and weather conditions. Must have a valid drivers license and comfortable using smart phone technology. The rate of pay is \$25.00 per hour based on a 40-hour work week. The position is for a maximum of 16 weeks starting May to September 2023.

See the detailed job description on our website www.dysartetal.ca/careers

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

Laura Casey, HR Manager hr@dysartetal.ca No Later Than 4:30 pm Friday April 28th, 2023.

** We thank all who apply; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.**

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Township of Algonquin Highlands Parks, Recreation and Trails Department

We are currently accepting resumes for the following seasonal positions:

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For the complete job descriptions, please visit our website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Please submit your resume and cover letter to:

Dawn Mugford-Guay, Human Resources Coordinator

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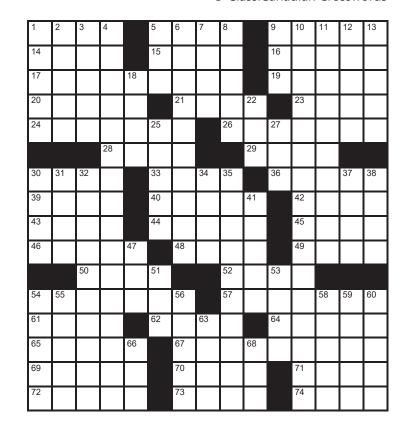
- 1 Have ___ in (offers one's views)
- 5 Target for a snake
- 9 Office cal. headings
- 14 Cola opener?
- 15 Seize the Daytona
- 16 The Little Mermaid, by name
- 17 No longer on sick leave, say
- _ Sound, Ont. (Bobby Orr's
- 20 Lack faith
- 21 Treats a muscle ache, maybe
- 23 Halliwell of the Spice Girls
- 24 Worry over, casually
- 26 Gloat about a win
- down (make more intelligible)
- 29 12-point type size
- 30 Singer Del Rey
- 33 ___-mell (haphazardly)
- 36 Rose locale for Pierre Trudeau
- **39** Go from ___ (advance slightly)
- **40** Novel that's no page-turner?
- 42 Women's Open org.
- 43 Disco brothers' surname
- 44 Suffix with mono- or dia-
- 45 First to throw, in curling
- 46 Her estate is "The Promised Land"
- 48 "Petits" veggies
- 49 Occurring each Apr., say
- **50** Abel parent?
- **52** ___ tzu (dog breed)
- **54** Nonsensical
- 57 Stepmom of William and Harry
- 61 Paul of "12 Years a Slave"
- 62 Fall right to sleep, with "out"
- 64 "I am just ___ boy..." ("The Boxer" lyric)
- **65** "Maid of Athens, ___ part... ": Byron
- **67** When some take cheap shots?
- **69** Bubbly chocolate bars
- 70 It's blown in the winds
- 71 Prefix meaning "bone"
- 72 Struggles to say 66-Down, maybe

TEAM

Cottage Country

73 Labour Day mo.

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74 Ramona, for one

Down

- 1 Specialized schs.
- 2 "Down in the valley, the valley ___"
- **3** Hasn't got ___ (is baffled)
- **4** Singing style of Fred Flintstone?
- 5 Clunky TV tube
- 6 Jazzy Beatles hit?
- 7 Cartel HQ'd in Vienna
- 8 Bull that uses its sticking power?
- 9 Guide in many Tolkien books
- 10 With "The," Gord Downie's group in their rap phase?
- 11 One who bugs others?
- 12 Canadian country singer Clark
- 13 Arrive at a heli-ski resort
- 18 Query to Brutus
- **22** "Tell me the tidings," in teen-talk
- 25 Urge to act
- 27 "Family Circus" cartoonist Keane
- **30** Mar-a- ("Sea-to-Lake" resort)

- **31** Didn't leave ___ (stiffed the waiter)
- 32 Super simple questions
- 34 Maple leaf for the Maple Leafs,
- **35** Asian genre performed by a certain stand-up comic?
- 37 Yves' "even"
- 38 Gaga or Godiva
- 41 One-named singer of "Tik Tok"
- 47 Milliner's creation
- 51 B'way hit, to fans, with "Les"
- 53 Non-committal reply to "Will you?"
- 54 As good as it gets
- 55 "Is it too risky for me to try?"
- **56** Some B.C. salmon
- 58 Like pocket change
- **59** Complete creeps
- 60 Word on a stop sign in Québec
- 63 Section of town, slangily
- 66 One before "tee"
- 68 King's "___ Sematary"

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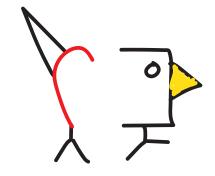


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Can we be good?



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