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Ethan Smith looks for water bugs at the Haliburton, Muskoka and Kawartha Children's Water Festival Oct. 5 at Kinark Outdoor Centre. See more coverage on page 12. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Dysart buys 90-acre parcel for development

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al has completed a \$1.725 million purchase of a 90-acre property fronting County Road 21, with mayor, Murray Fearrey, labelling the parcel "prime, developable land."

The municipality closed with the listed owner, Ontario Vantage Consulting Inc., in May, with the deal being complete in late July. One of the stipulations outlined is that the previous owner will retain a 3.25-acre lot on the southwest corner of the property, which is to be surveyed on the township's dime.

The previous mortgage, valued at \$1.45 million, was held by Harburn Holdings – a company owned by local businessman Paul Wilson. The property is located across from Haliburton Veterinary Clinic.

Speaking to *The Highlander*, Fearrey said the purchase – the most financially significant in Dysart's recent history – was big news for the community.

"We're looking at it for residential and recreation opportunities. It's right on the sewer line. It's all diggable, there's no bedrock in there, so it's got a lot of potential," Fearrey said. "The size of it, it's almost as many acres as Haliburton village. It's a big area, and it touches our industrial park property [to the north]. This is a big win for Dysart. It's the only way the town could grow. With the hill on one side and the lake on the other, there's just not this kind of land around, so this is very exciting for us."

Fearrey said the township will be looking to sell the land to developers.

"We've got people showing an interest, but we want to do this in a fashion that we have an overall plan. We need to know we're putting the right things in place there. We want to get a good mix of housing," the mayor said.

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Dysart coun. Pat Casey said he sees huge potential in a new 90-acre parcel of land the township has purchased fronting County Road 21. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Housing, recreation targeted

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“It will not be our intent to lose one cent on the value of that property. We won’t be giving a whole lot away, because we need to recoup that money for other things.”

With A.J. LaRue Arena and the Haliburton Curling Club building, in the mayor’s words, nearing the end of their lives, he believes this new property could be an ideal home for replacements. He wasn’t keen on opening the parcel up for extensive commercial development, however.

“We don’t want to remove [the draw] of the downtown. I think there would be more recreational opportunities we’d be looking at there. We know our arena is coming to the end of its life, the curling club, too,” Fearrey said. “There’s a lot of possibilities here that I may not see in my term but can be planned for the future.”

Coun. Pat Casey said the site could be an ideal location for a swimming pool down the line. While he’s excited about the “many possibilities” this land presents, he noted council will take their time and ensure they’re making the best decision for the long-term.

The first priority, Casey said, will be proceeding with various studies of the site in the coming months. Once those reports arrive back at town hall, proposals will be brought to council for consideration.

“Buying the land is one thing, but it’s another to get all

the infrastructure we need here. That’s not going to be an overnight process,” he said. “This is just one step of making sure we’re setting this community up for the future. Whether it’s this council, or another council five or 10 years down the line, you have to be forward thinking and find ways to help this place handle the growth [we’ve already seen] and are expecting to see.”

Council’s next focus, Casey noted, will be the township’s sewage treatment plant, which he says will likely need to be upgraded.

“We can buy all this land, we can get development going here, but if you don’t have the necessary sewage capacity then it puts everything in a vacuum,” Casey said. “We don’t want to be limited with what we can do here.”

Fearrey said the land, once developed, would go a long way to addressing the community’s housing crisis, saying he wants to see all types of housing built there. During a recent County council meeting, it was estimated Dysart’s population is to grow almost 60 per cent over the next 30 years, from 7,300 people to 11,600. By developing this land, Fearrey believes the township would be able to support that growth.

“This was something we had to do, we had to look for if we’re going to grow how [the province] wants us to. Our next move, once we’ve surveyed the land and got a handle for what’s needed, is to find a developer who will pay a price for a good property and do the right thing on it,” Fearrey said.



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Watershed report: lake health at risk

By Mike Baker

Environmental scientist Dr. Peter Sale believes a recently-released state of the Muskoka watershed report, outlining a decrease in water quality in hundreds of lakes, could have widespread implications on lake health in Haliburton County.

The Muskoka Watershed Council released the report in September, providing a scientific assessment of the watershed's overall health. Typically produced every five years, the document looks at local water and land conditions and provides the basis of the council's priorities for future watershed management.

While the bulk of the watershed's 2,000-plus lakes are located within the District of Muskoka, there are some that stretch into Algonquin Highlands. Sale said since the County is so close to Muskoka, some of the things being seen there are likely happening here.

"Our environment is changing, but it's changing slowly enough that most people probably don't notice it. This makes it a very difficult problem to deal with as we're not having catastrophes, emergencies, we're having slow degradation," Sale told *The Highlander*.

"Because Haliburton County is directly east of us, it's very likely the kinds of patterns we're seeing here are repeated," Sale added. "Some are driven by development, which may be more intense here, but many are being driven by things like road management and climate change... this is valuable information for people in Haliburton, because it will help direct you towards things that should be looked at [in your] watershed."

A look at some trends

One of the most significant changes, Sale said, is the decline of calcium concentration in lake waters. Just over a quarter, or 28 per cent, of 187 lakes dipped below a threshold of two milligrams per litre – which is problematic for keystone species like zooplankton.

"We're getting to the point where many organisms that live in the lakes can't build their skeletons because they don't get enough calcium. The environment is becoming hostile to species that are supposed to be there," Sale said.



Dr. Peter Sale says declining water quality in the Muskoka watershed has serious implications for lakes in Haliburton County. *Submitted.*

If the trend continues, species like zooplankton could see their population levels massively deplete, causing ripple effects up the food chain. "They feed fish, which then feed water birds... the functioning of a lake can be hugely disrupted if any of those links is not performing effectively," Sale noted.

The Muskoka watershed has also seen an increase in blue green algae blooms, with five cases reported in 2022.

Another major negative, he notes, is 70 per cent of monitored lakes are saltier now than they used to be. In about a quarter of those, the concentration is high enough that it's impacting the survival of dozens of natural species.

"We are importing tons of salt every year and spreading it on our roads. When it washes off the roads, it runs through the soils in our forests and into our lakes," he said. "There's a simple solution – we just need to find a way of taking care of our winter roads without dumping salt on them."

Climate change is having an impact. Sale said changes in rainfall patterns have amounted to a month more of rainy days annually compared to 100 years ago. There is also evidence storms are becoming more intense - double the systems yielded more

than 51 millimetres of rain between 2019 than from 1970 to 1999.

Lakes in Muskoka are also experiencing about 20 fewer days of ice cover than in the mid-1970s.

"That has consequences for people who like to ice fish, snowmobile, for the construction industry, and winter tourism. It also has significant consequences for the environment because those lakes are open now 20 more days per year for evaporation, and for the water to warm," Sale said. "As a result, our lakes are different kinds of systems to what they were before. That's likely to continue as climate change intensifies."

Time to act

Sale said watersheds across the province stand at a crucial turning point – while they may be healthy now, existing management systems seem incapable of halting or reversing the negative trends outlined in the report.

The solution, he believes, is an integrated watershed management system where all communities work together to identify and deal with pressing issues as they arise.

"There needs to be some significant changes to the way we manage the

environment... we are working directly with municipalities, trying to bring them to the table and get them organized as a consortium to introduce a new type of adaptive management process based on monitoring the environment and responding to the changes while they're still small enough that it won't be hugely expensive and arduous," Sale said.

"It's a completely different way of looking at things, but it's something we need to do across the board in Ontario," he added.

"The current system where one government agency is responsible for keeping the roads clean but doesn't have any responsibility over what happens along the edges of a road... was developed at a time when the world was a simpler place, the environment was not changing very rapidly, and our development was low scale. We're in a totally different world now," Sale said.

"These problems are not going to go away by themselves. They're only going to get worse if we don't deal with them... We've always been able to say our environment is in pretty good shape – it still is, but it's getting worse every year," he added. "Now is the time to change the way we do things before it's too late."

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Library CEO closes book on Highlands

By Lisa Gervais

Chris Stephenson had planned to stay on as CEO of Haliburton County Public Library for the next three to five years, until retirement. Unfortunately, his back had other plans.

Stephenson said with his retired parents living in nearby Muskoka, the prospect of leaving the job and moving was difficult.

However, doctors have told him a back issue isn't going to go away overnight, and, without a family doctor in the Highlands, he had to consider alternatives.

"I slipped a disc 13 years ago, and symptoms have come back recently. I spend too much time sitting, maybe, I don't know. I have a single foot drop, which means partial paralysis in my right foot, so I'm not walking well, and I've inherited arthritis that is making the healing process a little more challenging," he shared with *The Highlander* during a chat Oct. 6.

Stephenson added, "I hit a wall during the day where I just can't sit and I can't stand." He said it had been two months since he'd taken himself to the ER. He will see a doctor when he arrives in Saint John, New Brunswick later this month but says the plan will likely entail reducing stress, acupuncture, a therapy pool and physiotherapy.

"These are things that have eluded me," he said.

Stephenson met his partner, Amanda, when the two were attending library school in Vancouver. Amanda works remotely, and is already in Saint John. The librarian said another challenge has been finding affordable housing in the Highlands. He has been renting.

"We wanted to buy a house. Whenever we looked at our budget, it kept sending us to the east coast and we thought 'well, we love the ocean. So, let's try the other ocean'." He added Saint John boasts people from all over Canada and has a lot of history. He said it also has milder winters.

Stephenson has been the library CEO for



Chris Stephenson is moving to Saint John, New Brunswick. *File.*

two years. The vacancy is posted and he said, "there's already interest trickling in."

He believes he is leaving the service in good shape. It's one of the reasons he wrestled with his decision, wanting to keep the momentum going. However, he felt it was best to step down as opposed to going on leave for an extended period of time, which would have led to uncertainty. "It's no fun when you're a small team of 20 and

there's no leader."

He, his staff, and board completed a strategic plan; launched the Dorset depot lockers; reopened the Stanhope branch, made key staffing changes; rebranded with a new website; and got a courier and programming van.

Stephenson said he will end his time in the Highlands on a high note; attending the gala fundraiser Oct. 22 at the Minden branch,

featuring Maureen Jennings of Murdoch Mysteries fame.

"That'll be a really nice departure. I just really enjoyed my time here. People really do care about the library. This is a very creative, artistic community and I knew that if I, and we, put energy in, we would get that back tenfold every time, regardless of what demographic we were serving."

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October 12 – Regular Council Meeting
October 26 – Regular Council Meeting

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HCDC unveils new business hub The Link

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County Development Corporation welcomed around 50 guests to the grand opening of The Link Oct. 4, with board chair, Pat Kennedy, saying the new space is “going to be a really valuable part of the Highlands community.”

Announced earlier this year, the facility, located beside Haliburton Timber Mart on County Road 21, will house all HCDC operations, including its business incubator, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the Arts Council, services from the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC), and provide office space for County of Haliburton economic development staff.

It also features space for networking events and will be used to host a series of workshops, Kennedy said. There are five private offices available to rent, with eight new ‘hot desks’ that will provide working space for emerging businesses that require high-speed internet. Organizations will also be able to rent the upstairs conference room.

The Link initiative was thought up a couple of years ago during the COVID-19 pandemic and was first proposed as an expansion to the incubator, previously located beside Dysart town hall. HCDC has nurtured 10 start-ups and assisted more than 15 other developing businesses and entrepreneurs at the site since its launch in 2010.

“We needed to decide what we were going to do with it – were we going to close it? We decided no, we need to expand it, because there’s a real need for this type of service in the community,” Kennedy said, noting the expansion was approved last fall.

Executive director, Patti Tallman, said The Link will be a place for new and existing entrepreneurs to find the resources they need to start, sustain, relocate, and grow their business.

Having so many like-minded entities

operating within the space is a major win for the community, Kennedy said.

“I think we all know when talent comes together, great things can happen. The focus is to make businesses, organizations, and our communities more nimble, effective, profitable, to create new wealth, new jobs, and contribute to our economic development,” he said.

Amy McFadden, representing the Federal Economic Development Agency for southern Ontario, said HCDC is one of the province’s biggest success stories for supporting local business, lauding the organization’s expansion with The Link.

“Over the last three years alone, HCDC has assisted with more than 140 SMEs [small and medium-sized enterprises] and entrepreneurs, and moved out over \$15 million in capital financing, which has impacted over 890 jobs,” McFadden said. “This impact, on top of the delivery of the regional relief and recovery fund, which supported another 50 local businesses and provided almost \$1.76 million in liquidity relief at a time when businesses needed support... due to the pandemic, is huge.

“The Link will greatly promote and support the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region, providing access to the services and support entrepreneurs and SMEs need to grow and expand,” she added.

Tallman thanked those who had helped bring The Link to life – Haliburton Timber Mart for providing the space, North of Seven Custom Carpentry for leading the redevelopment, and ACM Designs for their interior work.

“This is really exciting for all of us at HCDC... it’s a new era,” Tallman said.

Small business week

Next week is small business week in Haliburton County, with six events organized



Patti Tallman, HCDC executive director, and Pat Kennedy, board chair, cut the ribbon to officially unveil The Link. Photo by Mike Baker.

to help local entrepreneurs network, learn, and grow their business.

The Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands will kick things off Oct. 17 with a panel discussion focusing on the art of managing your business, at The Link at 1 p.m. Later in the day, at 4 p.m., the County’s economic development department and HCDC is hosting a networking kick-off at Boshkung Social.

The County is hosting its second-annual business summit at Sir Sam’s Oct. 18, with Scott Ovell, director of economic development, saying the event will centre on the idea that strong communities build stronger businesses.

“At the heart of this theme lies the recognition that communities play a pivotal role in shaping the success and resilience of businesses. We firmly believe that when businesses and communities unite, they

have the power to drive lasting prosperity and foster sustainable growth,” Ovell said. “Haliburton Highlands has demonstrated exactly this for so many years.”

The summit will feature five keynote speakers, kicking off at 10 a.m.

The City of Kawartha Lakes is hosting a lunch and learn session at The Link Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. focusing on digital transformation for non-profits. ACM Designs is hosting a networking event at the space at 5 p.m.

The week will conclude with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce business and community achievement awards gala, being held Oct. 20 at Eagle View Event Centre. Chamber representative Kirstley Dams said there are more than 100 people and businesses vying for 12 premiere awards.

For more information, or to register for these events, visit thelinkhaliburton.ca/ events.



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HHSS teacher planning European adventure

By Mike Baker

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher Darla Searle is planning to take up to 42 students on a “once in a lifetime” trip to Europe over the Easter break in 2025.

This will mark the second school excursion Searle has led following a successful trip to Costa Rica in April.

She said students will enjoy 10 days traveling across England, France, Switzerland, and Germany, checking out historical sites such as Buckingham Palace, the Eiffel Tower, Neuschwanstein Castle, and Dachau concentration camp.

An information session providing more details, including a full itinerary of events and a breakdown of the cost, is being held at the high school Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

“This is a truly incredible opportunity for anyone interested in travel, learning about different cultures, and seeing some of the most iconic sites in Europe,” Searle said. “Traveling broadens the mind, and just having that exposure to different parts of the world does wonders for your perspective.

“This is a great chance to experience so many bucket list things on a single trip, and to do so with friends, and fellow classmates... it’ll be something these kids will remember and hold close for the rest of their lives,” Searle added.

The trip is being planned through EF Educational Tours. Students will miss four days of school, Searle said, and will fly from Toronto into one of the world’s busiest

airports – Heathrow in London. Students will spend a couple of days in the UK capital, taking in a Shakespearean walking tour and visiting popular sites such as Covent Garden and Piccadilly Circus.

They will then travel to Paris via rail, passing through the underwater Channel Tunnel. While in France, students will embark on a guided tour of the nation’s capital, where they will see the Eiffel Tower and visit the Louvre, before embarking on an in-depth expedition of Versailles – the principal residence of French kings from the time of Louis XIV to Louis XVI.

From there, it’ll be on to Switzerland and a walking tour of Lucerne, featuring a cable car ride down Mount Pilatus. The fourth stop is the German capital, Munich, where students will visit the Olympic Stadium, Neuschwanstein Castle, and the Dachau concentration camp.

Anyone who will be a student at HHSS for the 2024/25 school year is eligible for the trip, meaning Grade 8 students from J.D. Hodgson, Archie Stouffer, and Wilberforce Elementary are invited to attend next week’s information session.

Searle said she’s invited a student that participated in the Costa Rica trip to attend the session and share her experiences.

“She’s going to talk about what the trip meant to her and how life changing it was to see different cultures and how people live in other parts of the world,” Searle said. “It’s trips like this that make you realize how



Teacher Darla Searle is taking a group of students on a tour of England, France, Switzerland, and Germany in 2025. Photo by Mike Baker.

young Canada. We’ll be going to places that were established hundreds, even thousands of years ago. The history in Europe is fascinating.”

To secure a spot, students will need to lay down a \$200 deposit and commit to monthly payments. Searle wouldn’t commit to a full price, saying that will be provided at the meeting.

There will be fundraising opportunities in the months leading up to help cover some of the cost, she said, with a dinner theatre organized in December.

“We want to ensure people who might not be able to afford the full cost still have an opportunity to go,” Searle said.

To register for the information session, visit rsvp.eftours.ca/et2mr5m.

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ER group keeps pressure on

By Lisa Gervais

The Save Minden Ontario Emergency Room group was back at Queen's Park Oct. 5, continuing to pressure the provincial government to reverse a June 1 closure of the town's ER.

Members converged on the steps of the Ontario Legislature, and were joined by NDP and Liberal members of provincial parliament for a press conference.

They also delivered another 10,000-plus signatures, with Kanata-Carleton MPP Karen McCrimmon presenting them during Question Period and calling on health minister Sylvia Jones to recant the decision.

Spokesman Patrick Porzuczek said initiatives had reached a critical milestone with the more than 10,000 signatures from concerned Ontario residents demanding the full restoration of ER services. He reiterated the closure of the ER, with only six weeks' notice, remained a "glaring issue that demands answers."

"This marks a pivotal moment for us, demonstrating the significance of our movement. Through our efforts, our community has uncovered countless stories of unnecessary hardship and negative outcomes following the Minden ER closure," Porzuczek said.

"The Conservative government has turned their back on us, but we refuse to allow the community to suffer in silence, and vow to continue to do what it takes to get services fully restored."

Both the NDP and Liberals have vowed to reopen the Minden ER if elected.

NDP leader Marit Stiles told the press conference the new signatures were "just a sign of how much this issue matters to so many people."

Porzuczek said his group believes Minden is ground zero for the crisis of rural ER closures in the province. He added despite various announcements for hospital funding, ERs in rural communities, such as Chesley, Clinton and Carleton Place, are coping with random and frequent temporary ER closures and, or permanent reduction of operating hours.

Well over 20 ERs in Ontario have been closed frequently throughout the summer. And Haliburton, the nearest hospital to



The Save Minden Ontario Emergency Room group was joined by opposition MPPs at a press conference in Toronto Oct. 5. *Submitted.*

Minden, recently shut down the acute care facility due to COVID.

"These facts underscore the urgency of reopening the Minden ER and addressing the staffing shortages that are responsible for temporary closures across Ontario," Porzuczek said.

On Sept. 25, Minden residents joined 10,000 to 12,000 people who rallied on the grounds of Queen's Park to send the message they are not going away, including the Haliburton Highlands Long-Term Care Coalition, which is fighting privatization of health care services in Ontario.

The Save group reiterated the community is "disheartened" by what it has perceived to be lack of accountability by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services executive and board, MPP Laurie Scott, Jones and premier Doug Ford.

"With over 10,000 names on a petition, there comes 10,000 people waiting for a resolution and for us, this is just the beginning. We call on the ministry of health and premier Ford to start making concessions to reopen the Minden ER or face continued pressure and scrutiny about this ill-advised closure. We won't stop until Ontario's failing healthcare is back to thriving in public hands where it belongs," Porzuczek said.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services interim president and CEO Veronica Nelson declined to comment on stories the Save group has gathered, saying, "this is not something HHHS can comment on directly, however, [we] would like to emphasize our priority is to provide safe and high-quality care to our community."

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Hard to keep professionals



By Lisa Gervais

I'm sorry to see Haliburton County Public Library CEO Chris Stephenson leaving. While Chris was very open during a chat last week about the medical reasons behind his decision (back-related), it's the other 'back' story that worries me.

Chris talked about how he moved here two years ago. He was lucky to find a rental because he had contacts at the County of Haliburton, his new employer.

However, his dream of home ownership eluded him. The lack of local housing stock and the astronomical prices were not his friend.

When he and partner, Amanda, crunched house buying numbers, they could not find anything in the Highlands that matched their algorithm. Instead, they were directed to property on the east coast. In this case, Saint John, New Brunswick.

Add the fact Chris has been unable to find a primary care provider. With that bad back and related medical issues, he had to go to the ER when things starting causing problems again. And, most of the specialist medical care he needs cannot be found here, or if it can, there are long waiting lists.

Chris had planned to stay another three to five years, and retire. However, our double whammy – the lack of affordable housing and insufficient medical care – is sending him elsewhere. It's a story we've heard before and a story we will hear again.

Many candidates for job vacancies in the Highlands are telling prospective employers they would love to take the job, but can't because there isn't anywhere to live and no one to take care of them if they get sick or injured. Others take the job but commute from towns an hour or more away. That has proven unsustainable.

None of this is new to County politicians, realtors, health care providers, or any of us, really.

There have been some improvements.

We are starting to see the County and its four lower-tier municipalities working towards fulfilling the mandate of the More Homes Built Faster Act. Official plans are being changed. The County of Haliburton yesterday (Oct. 11) received a report from its director of planning, Steve Stone, aimed at additional residences. Once the County is done, Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills can follow suit.

We've seen Places 4 People selling bonds to help them bring more affordable housing to the Highlands. Paul Wilson continues to work towards overcoming hurdles to bring 88 units to Haliburton. There are other planned builds in Dysart, including a newly purchased parcel of land on County Road 21; and at the corner of Maple Avenue and Victoria Street. Fleming College said it is nearer to breaking ground on student

housing. That should free up rental units.

Is all of this happening quickly enough? No.

Minden Hills coun. Shirley Johannessen wants developable land now seemingly abandoned to be looked at in her township. At the last meeting, she asked about the former Beaver Theatre. The most recent owner said he was going to convert to condos but has disappeared. The property already has servicing and would be ideal for a housing retrofit. Councils have to chase these owners down. They have to force their hands. Develop or sell.

And while the Minden ER may have been replaced by now a full-time urgent care clinic, that is not helping the hundreds, if not thousands, of Highlanders who do not have a primary care provider. People like Chris, who can't get the support he needs to deal with a chronic condition. We have fewer doctors but more residents.

Sure, a CT scanner and CT mammography might help attract new physicians. However, it isn't like we have a shiny new toy that no one else has. In fact, we had the dubious honour of being the last health services in Ontario to get the diagnostic tools.

More must be done on all levels if we ever hope to retain good talent in the Highlands.

HCDC a shining light of success



By Mike Baker

It's been a big week for the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC). The organization unveiled its new digs – The Link, located on County Road 21 beside Haliburton Timber Mart – last Wednesday, welcoming around 50 of the community's most prominent business leaders for tours of the facility.

The project, months in the making, is significant in that it provides a recognizable face for business services to the community. As well as housing all HCDC staff and operations, including the business incubator – previously located beside Dysart town hall – The Link brings the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands, and services from the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) together under one roof.

The space also features room for networking events that will be used to host a series of workshops and other gatherings soon. There are five private offices available to rent, with eight new 'hot desks' providing working space for emerging businesses and entrepreneurs.

Outlining her vision for the new space, Patti Tallman, HCDC executive director, said she hopes it will become a bustling hive of activity for the local business community. Having so many supports and services available in a single location will be a major benefit to many people starting out on their business journey, Tallman said. She noted the concept has been well received in other communities, such as Belleville and Kawartha Lakes.

There was more big news to come. Admittedly, when board chair Pat Kennedy stepped up to the podium, saying he had a major announcement, I was skeptical. Usually these sort of things fall flat, but when Kennedy said HCDC had become the first community funds development corporation in Ontario, and only the second in Canada, to surpass \$100 million in support for local business, the gasps and applause from the audience were merited.

Since its inception in 1985, HCDC has assisted 2,324 businesses across the Highlands, a phenomenal number.

Of the 60 or so similar organizations provincewide, HCDC stands above them all - a beacon of success. The organization is what its staff and volunteers say it is: one of the biggest and best CFDCs in the country. That they've been able to make such a contribution despite operating in one of the smallest communities, by population, makes the milestone that much more impressive.

Over the years, the organization has earned over \$19.8 million in interest, enabling it to

support an array of community initiatives outside its usual scope of investment. Non-profits such as SIRCH Community Services, Wetlands and Waterways EcoWatch, and many others have benefitted from money filtered down from HCDC. The organization has been instrumental in the launch of the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame, supporting operations at Glebe Park, and the recent inclusion of athletes Taly Williams and Lesley Tashlin on Haliburton's mural wall of sports heroes. It has helped with the start-up of Skyline Dance Studio, Project SHE, and is supporting efforts to bring a new performing arts centre to the Highlands.

In short, as well as ensuring its bank balance is topped up, HCDC is spreading its wealth across Haliburton County. That commitment to bettering the community it operates in deserves recognition.

Congratulations to all those involved with HCDC on a job well done. Keep doing what you're doing.

Have an opinion? Send your letters to editor@thehighlander.ca (300 words max)

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Tammie Bird took this photo while out for a recent walk.

LETTERS

Is STR bylaw really going to devastate market?

Dear editor,

I read with some interest the two-page article in the October *Home in the Highlands* supplement last week.

While I agree with much of what Mr. Lowes has to say, I disagree with his assertion that the (short-term rental) bylaw will “devastate” tourism in the Highlands.

Short-term rentals are, as Mr. Lowes says, the new reality for tourism, both here and in larger urban areas. They provide a relatively inexpensive alternative for people who want the cottage experience but don’t wish the expense and responsibility of full ownership.

The vast majority of renters are responsible folks out to enjoy our beautiful area. Alas, the rental landscape has changed. In addition to owners renting to defray the ever-increasing cost of their beloved cottage, there would seem to be an increase in investors who see a cottage as a potential profit-making operation.

Don’t get me wrong, there’s nothing wrong with profit. However, when the properties are rented indiscriminately with minimal oversight, there are bound to be problems.

Consider, a large group of people are planning a bachelor party, a college reunion etc. there is the potential (which some of us have witnessed firsthand) for things to get out of hand. This can rapidly escalate to

potentially dangerous actions affecting both the renters and the neighbours.

So, while I appreciate that this bylaw will be difficult to administer, the long-term gains far outweigh the initial growing pains.

As to the cost, with average weekly rentals of \$2,500-\$5,000, depending on the size of the facility and amenities, is an extra \$50-100 (my estimate) really going to devastate the market? I think not.

If this bylaw acts as a deterrent to those who would ruin our precious lake environment, then perfect, let’s do it.

Peter Markle
Spruce Lake

Not the feeding but the consequences

Dear editor,

Karl Korpela, Dysart’s chief of the bylaw department, believes a fine of “\$150 is a fairly significant fine for something that’s not a major offence.” (*The Highlander*, Oct 5).

Mr. Korpela, and others on council, just don’t seem to get it. People feeding deer are directly responsible for accidents and injuries costing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages and medical expenses.

The deer have consumed additional hundreds of thousands of dollars of the beautiful flowers, shrubs, trees and gardens, giving our town and neighbourhoods an

overall anemic look.

People can no longer plant vegetable gardens or enjoy their passion for gardening in their retirement years.

Local businesses are losing customers who no longer purchase what now amounts to “additional deer feed.”

The fine should be \$500, and can easily be justified to be \$1,000 or more. Deer feeders have cost me personally about \$3,000 the last three years, and have deprived me of having beautiful gardens and hedges around my home.

Mayor Fearrey and Mr. Korpela, deer feeding is a major offence. The current situation demands urgent and effective action.

John Skinner
Haliburton

‘Strong doesn’t spring to mind’

Dear editor,

Let’s understand Toni Cooper’s editorial opinion about her “excellent experience.”

She mentions “getting outdoors and seeing nature.” Wonderful, and most of us can relate.

Then, she says that she entices bears with bait, and when they take the bait — bang - she shoots the bear. Or as she states repeatedly, she “harvests” the bear as if it

were a pumpkin.

How much fun is that? It’s hard to contain one’s enthusiasm. She even relates “harvesting” to being a strong woman. Let’s see, first you hide in the trees, then you fool the bear with bait, then shoot and kill the unsuspecting animal just for sport, and that makes you strong?

I can think of many words to describe such actions, but “strong” certainly doesn’t spring to mind.

Bob Killey
Clear Lake

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Send your photos of Haliburton County to editor@thehighlander.ca

HCDC recognized as tops in their field

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County Development Corporation is celebrating a significant milestone this year, becoming the first community investment enterprise in Ontario, and second in Canada, to surpass \$100 million in support for local businesses.

Since its inception in 1985, the organization has assisted 2,324 businesses across the Highlands, to the tune of \$102 million.

“We’ve always bragged that we’re (one of) the biggest CFDC’s (community futures development corporation) in Canada, and this proves it,” said Pat Kennedy, board chair, at HCDC’s annual general meeting, Oct. 4. “This is huge news for our community... and we will continue to support local economic development initiatives, the growth of new and existing businesses, and the creation of sustainable jobs in Haliburton County.

“I’ve always stated that we deal with our businesses with our heart, as well as looking at the profit and loss statements. I think that’s worked well for us over the years,” Kennedy added.

Through its loan offerings, HCDC provides financing options up to \$300,000 for business start-ups, upgrades, and expansion. Staff also provide advice and counselling to local entrepreneurs at no cost.

During the previous fiscal year, between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023, HCDC received 68 loan applications – approving 49, for a total annual investment of just over \$5 million.

“We had some growth in 2023, approving 15 more loans than in the previous year,” said Sara Joanu, HCDC loans officer. “With the 49 loan applications that were approved, 533 jobs were either created or maintained within our community.”

Of the businesses to receive support last year, 49 per cent were in the service sector, including restaurants, landscaping companies, hair salons, accounting firms, and auto repair shops. Around 14 per cent were in the tourism field, 9.8 per cent in construction, 9.6 per cent in manufacturing, 9.2 per cent in retail, 5.2 per cent in forestry operations, and 2.9 per cent non-profits.

“Of the applications presented throughout the year, 36.4 per cent were looking to start a business, 21 per cent wanted to expand their business, and 42 per cent was for maintenance, which could be anything along the lines of working capital, accounts payable, or equipment upgrades,” Joanu said.

Year ending, HCDC had 144 loans outstanding totalling just over \$13.8 million, Joanu added, with around \$6.5 million cash in the bank. The organization’s total investment portfolio is valued at almost \$22 million.

Over the past 39 years, HCDC has earned over \$19.8 million in interest, with the average loan size to businesses approximately \$44,000.

Under its community economic development umbrella, HCDC leveraged \$410,000 supporting 19 community partners



HCDC board chair Pat Kennedy, and staffers Patti Tallman, Sara Joanu, Corey Abbs, Heather Reid, and Kat Schouten. Photo by Mike Baker.

and initiatives, including Wetlands and Waterways EcoWatch, the Haliburton School of Art + Design with its student residence project, the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame, operations at Glebe Park, SIRCH Community Services through its strategic planning process, Skyline Dance Arts, Project SHE, and the Haliburton Highlands Art Centre Foundation.

The organization also supported Algonquin Highlands with its cultural plan update, and Dysart et al through the renaming of Sam Slick Park, which is yet to be announced.

Through its local initiatives program, \$241,000 was dished out supporting

endeavours like The DropZone pop-up kids’ arcade in West Guilford, and Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary.

Executive director, Patti Tallman, said it had been a good year for HCDC.

“The achievements are a testament to the dedication of the staff and board of directors. Having provided over \$75,000 in CED funding to not-for-profits, and over \$5 million in loans to businesses, we feel that’s instrumental to achieving our goals in community economic development and creating a community where people want to live.”

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Top: William Morrison checks out one of the 39 stations. Middle left: Water heroes, Josie Wilcox and Kenzie Dunn. Middle right: The Haliburton fire crew led students through their paces. Above: Renley, from Muskoka Falls Public School, holds a catfish at the 'it's a trout's life' station. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

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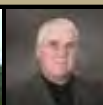
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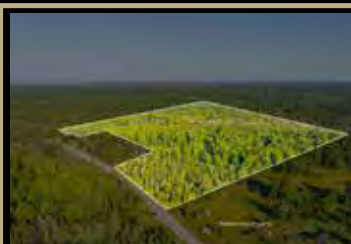
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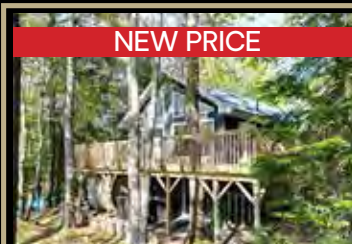
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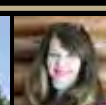
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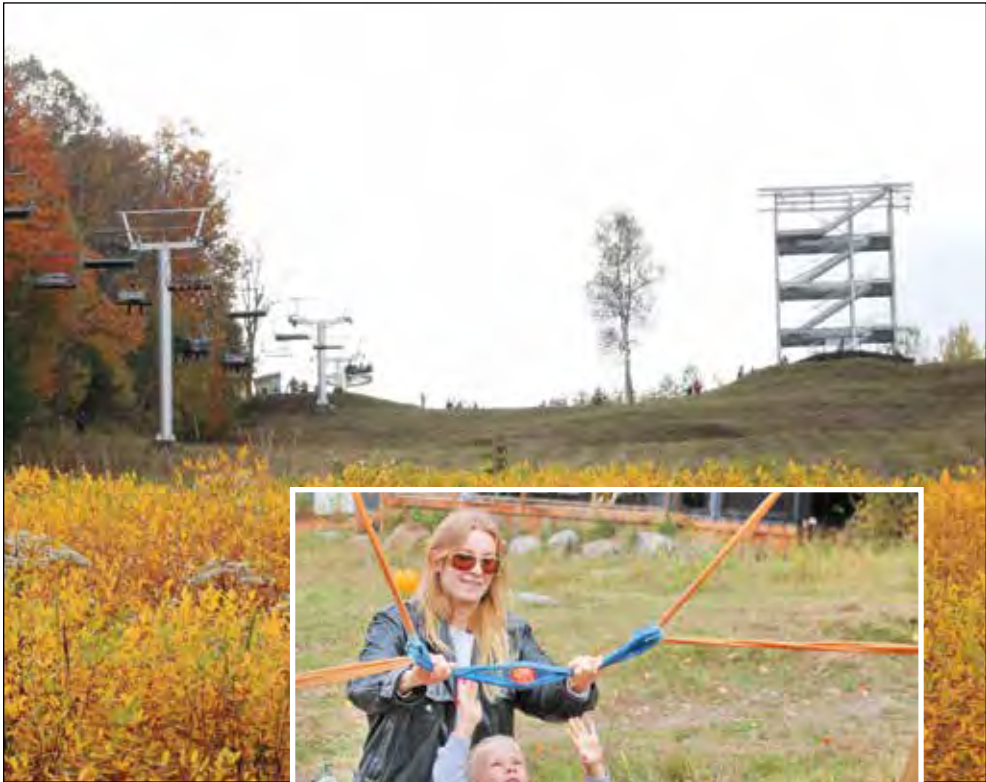
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Sir Sam's Ski/Ride celebrated colour season in style Oct. 7-8. The Eagle Lake venue welcomed locals and visitors to the top of the hill overlooking Eagle and Moose lakes. There were scenic chairlift rides. Others opted for a hike up and down the hill. There were vendors, a ski swap in partnership with Delancey Sports, a pumpkin patch, pumpkin slingshot, a kids' corner with games, music and bubbles, Pockets the Clown, and live music. The new tower is also complete at the top of the hill.

Top left: The Drover family has a ride on a chair lift. Top right: The new tower at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride. Right: Emma Lavery helps Hayes Lavery launch an apple at a pumpkin target. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*



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Huskies split pair of weekend games

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Huskies opened last weekend with a 3-1 Friday night win on the road over the Pickering Panthers. But they were on the return end of a 3-1 loss Saturday afternoon, at the hands of the Wellington Dukes.

The Oct. 7 loss puts the Huskies at five wins, four losses, and two ties.

On Oct. 6, forward Charlie Fink netted two goals against the Panthers.

After a scoreless first, he put the Huskies up 1-0 at the 4:18 mark of the second period with his first of the season, assisted by Ty Petrou.

Pickering answered just over two minutes later, as former Husky, Nicholas Athanasakos, scored his eighth of the season.

Huskies' captain, Patrick Saini, then put the blue and white up 2-1 with his eighth, from Hunter Martell and Petrou.

Fink sealed the deal with his second, at 19:37 of the second, from Lucas Stevenson.

It was a scoreless third as Husky goalie, Logan Kennedy, turned aside 26 of the 27 shots he faced in this game.

Wellington had the jump on the Huskies the entire game Oct. 7.

After a scoreless opening frame, the Dukes got on the board first as Panavioti Efraimidis broke the goose egg at 12:09.

Fink answered back with his third of the weekend, at 17:35, from Petrou and Saini.

But the Dukes got the late killer, at 18:53 of the second, off the stick of Ben Vreugdenhil. An empty-netter, at 18:28 of the third period, made it a 3-1 Dukes game.

It's a big week for the squad, with away games Oct. 12 and Oct. 13. The Huskies are back at home Oct. 14 against the Trenton Golden Hawks. Puck drop is 4 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

Bowmaster signs

The OJHL has announced Huskies' forward Declan Bowmaster has confirmed his commitment to join the NCAA Division I



Lucas Stevenson battles two Dukes. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Merrimack College Warriors, in Andover, Mass. Beginning the 2025-26 season.

A 17-year-old, Bowmaster first joined the blue and white as an affiliate player from the Oshawa Generals U18 team in the 2021-22 season. He was a third-round pick of the Peterborough Petes in the Ontario Hockey League's 2022 U18 draft. During 2022-23, he scored six goals and seven assists in 41 games. Bowmaster has four goals and an

assist in nine games this season.

"We are really excited for Declan," the OJHL site quoted Huskies' head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay as saying. "I have seen him grow as a player since joining our team as an AP in 2021. He has a high level of skill and great hockey IQ."

"Haliburton is the best place to become a better hockey player," Bowmaster told the OJHL. "The coaches care about developing

you as a player with video, skills skates and power skating. The community is always involved and they care so much about the team, it's a great organization to be a part of."

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Top: Patrick Saini heads up ice. Above: Lucas Stevenson presses in the Wellington end.
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EVENTS

Oct. 14, 10:30 a.m.
Bring your whole family out to the Dysart library to learn Indian dancing with local volunteer, Yasmin. All ages are welcome.

Oct. 15, 4 p.m.
Ctrl-ART-Del is hosting a scene study at the Haliburton Legion, featuring scenes from some of the best Canadian plays of the last decade, all performed by young local actors. Following the presentation, the acting troupe will be announcing its 2024 season of shows. Admittance is by donation, with all proceeds supporting the upcoming season. For more information, visit ctrlartdel.ca.

Oct. 18, 1 p.m.
Visit the Minden Hills library for a free legal workshop focusing on the Ontario Human Rights Code. Registration required. Call 705-457-2241 or visit haliburtonlibrary.ca to sign up.

Oct. 19, 1:30 p.m.
The Haliburton County Historical Society invites you to an afternoon with Roxanne Casey, manager of CanoeFM, celebrating 20 years of broadcasting in the Highlands. Event taking place at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Light refreshments will be served.

Oct. 19, 6:30 p.m.
Aging Together as a Community invites you to continue conversations and shared vision to expand the current options of what aging could look like in Haliburton County. Event taking place via Zoom. For more information, email agingtogetherhc@gmail.com, or calle Bonnie Roe at 705-457-6579.

Oct. 21, 10 a.m.
1 Million March 4 Children is hosting a walk in Haliburton to advocate for the elimination of the sexual orientation and gender identity curriculum, pronouns, gender ideology, and mixed bathrooms in schools. Attendees to meet at Head Lake Park, before marching along the boardwalk to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and back.

Oct. 22, 1 p.m.
Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library is hosting its 15th annual gala and silent auction at the Minden Hills library branch. Guest speaker is Maureen Jennings, award-winning author of the Murdoch Mystery books. Advance tickets are \$25. Contact Pat Brezina at 705-286-1958, or Sue Sisson at 705-286-2000.

Oct. 28, 10:30 a.m.
Bring your whole family out to the Dysart library to learn Indian dancing with local volunteer, Yasmin. All ages are welcome.

Oct. 28, 2 p.m.
Sign up for a free gardening workshop at the Minden Hills library. We'll learn about soil testing and nutrient requirements to improve your garden for next year. Call 705-457-2241 or visit haliburtonlibrary.ca to sign up.

Oct. 28, 2 to 6 p.m.
The Haliburton County Red Wolves is hosting its annual Bowl-a-thon fundraiser at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden. All proceeds support Special Olympics programming in the Highlands. Sign up as a team, collect pledges, and enjoy a fun day of bowling while supporting a worthy cause. Fancy dress encouraged. Prizes available. For more information, contact Rick West at 705-457-8855 or email haliburton@specialolympicsontario.ca.

Nov. 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Pop-up Christmas sale in the lower level of the Glecoff Family Store building. Featuring select products by Cedar Mountain. All proceeds going to Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre. For more information, call 705-457-4673.

Nov. 7, 7 p.m.
Minden and District Horticultural Society invites you to listen and watch guest speaker Lorraine Turcotte demonstrate making outdoor Christmas pots. AGM to be held immediately after. Event taking place at the Minden Community Centre (55 Parkside St.).

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. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall & bingo, doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. \$1,000 jackpot - first Wednesday of the month.
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.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Cobocok
Second Monday of the month: General meeting - 7:30 p.m.
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.

For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce
Oct. 12: HHHS Social from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open from 2 to 6 p.m.
Oct. 13: Seniors' 55+ lunch at noon. Open 2 to 9 p.m. Fish and chips from 5 to 8 p.m.
Oct. 14: Paul Adams Crib Tournament, registration at 10:30 a.m., play begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch available. Open 2 to 6 p.m. Meat draw at 3 p.m.
Oct. 15: L.A. Breakfast 9 to 11 a.m. Closed after breakfast.
Oct. 16 & 17: Closed
Oct. 18: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts at 2 p.m.

Karaoke will be back Oct. 28, with Halloween costumes encouraged. Prizes for top three best dressed.

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.
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Dear father of Jason, Jeremy, Jocelyn, Christopher, Ashley and grandfather of many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear brother of Lenné (Terry), Shane (Brenda), Kelly (Roger) and predeceased by David and Erin. Fondly remembered by his 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 Thursday, October 12, 2023 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service to Celebrate Conway's Life at 1:00 pm. Interment to follow at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



In Loving Memory of
Kathryn Lewis

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, Kathryn Lewis (nee Yallop) who passed peacefully on October 6th, 2023 at the age of 88.

She is survived by her children Ann Marie Lewis, Randy Lewis (Suzanne), Heather Sherman-Johnston (Gord), Sandra Johnston (Roger), her honorary son, Rick Watson (Rose), as well as her brothers, Dave (Jan), Brian (Sharon), Bill, Ed (Sue), and sister-in-law Sharon Yallop. Kathryn also leaves behind the cherished legacy of her dear grandchildren, Leigha Johnston (Paul), Chris Johnston (Stephanie), Matthew Johnston (Alishia), Leanne Lewis, Dain Lewis, Shauna Dempsey (Michael), Crystall Sherman, Stephanie McCord (Matt), and Amanda Graham (Jeremy)... plus the added blessing of 19 great grandchildren. Predeceased by her parents, Charles and Lucina Yallop (nee O'Halloran), her husband Gordon Lewis, her sister Mary Jane Burk, and brothers Bob, John and Michael Yallop.

Kathryn's life was celebrated while she was still alive, at her request, which took place in Wilberforce, ON surrounded by family and friends, offering everyone the opportunity to celebrate a life that touched so many.

She will be truly missed.

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Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends & family are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday morning, October 11, 2023 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 12 o'clock. Interment to follow later Gooderham Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to The Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.



In Loving Memory of
Murray Austin

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Friday evening, October 6, 2023 in his 93rd year. Beloved husband and best friend of Betty Austin (nee Walker) for over 67 years. Loving father of Elizabeth (Terry Cowen) and Katherine (Paul Watson). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Jessica and Nikole (Andy). Predeceased by his brother Bill and his sister Delores. Also lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews and his sister-in-law Alice Jones. Murray & Betty owned and operated Roberts-Austin Fuels for many years along with Steve and Andrea Roberts. Murray enjoyed fishing and hunting and most of all visiting with family, friends sharing his many amazing stories. He was a volunteer Fireman for many years with Dysart et al.

Visitation & Celebration of Life

Friends and family are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday morning, October 13, 2023 from 10 o'clock until time of Murray's Celebration of Life in the Chapel at 12 (Noon). At the family's request, please wear a mask. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - CT Scanner would be appreciated by the family.



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HELP WANTED



HALIBURTON COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Haliburton County Public Library
Requires
CEO/County Librarian**

The selected applicant will be responsible for the success of the library through implementation of the mission, vision, values and strategic priorities as identified by the Library Board; developing, resourcing, and evaluating operational plans; managing and leading library staff, and representing the library in the broader community. Minimum qualifications; Master of Library and Information Studies from and ALA accredited institution. Five years' related experience in a library environment, including a minimum of three years of supervisory experience.

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Please forward your resume to lbacik-zanetti@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than 4:30pm on October 19, 2023.

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

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(Mr. Santa Claus Parade)

Saturday, October 14

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2 - 4 pm
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HELP NEEDED



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Finding Peace

by Barbara Olson
© ClassiCanadian Crosswords

- Across**
- 1 Vessel with a head, perhaps
 - 8 Hwy. meeting place
 - 11 Banks with a green armchair in their ads
 - 14 Swiftly, at the symphony
 - 15 Sharer's word
 - 16 Bit of evil laughter
 - 17 Just as good
 - 18 Flashy sock-sporting P.M.
 - 20 Spanish uncle
 - 21 RSVP enclosures
 - 23 Preside over a bingo game
 - 24 Up until
 - 26 Traveller's going concern, for short?
 - 27 High regard
 - 29 Scrum mob with mics
 - 31 Palindromic Dutch town
 - 33 Wise Men or Stooges
 - 34 Superficial in nature
 - 37 Ron Howard flick flop of 1999
 - 38 Prefix with -metric or -morphic
 - 41 Having a thicker winter blanket?
 - 43 "Fa ___!" (definitely, in "Superbad")
 - 44 Take a turn?
 - 46 "Devourer of our human kind" in "Beowulf"
 - 48 Battle buddy
 - 49 "Tre" doubled
 - 50 Repair, as faulty software
 - 54 "That's not it, gimme a sec"
 - 56 Amniotic pouch
 - 59 Harker played by Winona in "Dracula"
 - 60 Contact nos.
 - 61 Country singer K. T. ___
 - 63 With 66-Across, no longer a worry
 - 64 Vises named for their shape
 - 66 With 63-Across, phrase visually depicted five times in this puzzle
 - 68 Calder Cup sports org.
 - 69 Feel under the weather
 - 70 Daphne du Maurier heroine
 - 71 Fly-___ (airshow crowd pleasers)
 - 72 Prefix meaning "new"
 - 73 Like sloppily washed windows

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- Down**
- 1 Minor hockey level with a fowl name
 - 2 Plaza Hotel resident of kid-lit
 - 3 Jake's "Blues Brothers" brother
 - 4 ___ Speedwagon
 - 5 Off. team leaders
 - 6 Starry bears
 - 7 Dost travel
 - 8 Quickly takes down
 - 9 No designer dog
 - 10 Battle event that causes shaking hands?
 - 11 "___ Prayer"
 - 12 Handle
 - 13 Mu ___ chicken
 - 19 "The Divine Comedy" poet
 - 22 Alpine flower in "The Sound of Music"
 - 25 Hi-___ (stereos)
 - 27 Say "Okay, THIS time I do"
 - 28 New, to Nero
 - 30 Tonsil check utterances
 - 32 Deliver the final blow

- 35 Z's feeling in "Antz"
- 36 Folktales, e.g.
- 38 "This ___ outrage!"
- 39 Inconsistent, as a rash
- 40 "Texas tea" producers
- 42 Like much of a Canadian flag
- 45 Spiral-horned African antelope
- 47 Moon landing spacecraft, briefly
- 51 Canadian tennis player Andreescu
- 52 Perform a key role?
- 53 Irish bay of song
- 55 "What a piece of work ___!": "Hamlet"
- 57 "Zut" follower, jokingly
- 58 Catlike musk source
- 61 Norwegian city once called Christiana
- 62 Omaha's state: Abbr.
- 64 Semi seat section
- 65 Crows' place in a nursery rhyme
- 67 "Riddle-me-___" (kid's rhyme)

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