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MPP Laurie Scott says work on a new bill has been a big priority of hers this year. *File.*

Scott ‘passionate’ about new private member’s bill

By Mike Baker

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott has tabled a new private member’s bill at Queen’s Park seeking to prevent convicted sex offenders from legally changing their names in Ontario.

The local politician brought the legislation forward Oct. 19 as a joint endeavour with Thornhill MPP Laura Smith. It will be brought back for second reading Nov. 14. If passed, it will stop convicted offenders under Christopher’s Law from securing new identities at any time in the future.

“We need to eliminate the opportunity for sexual offenders to sever the tie between their criminal past and their current identity,” Scott said. “To sexually assault another human being is a violating deed, not only physically, but psychologically and emotionally. Sexual assault can have profound implications beyond the initial attack. The effects can linger for years.

“We want to close this loophole, like other provinces have, so that sexual offenders are not given the chance to hide their criminal past. These victims deserve to know their attacker will not be able to escape the accountability,” Scott added.

The bill was initially introduced by former Scarborough Centre MPP Christina Mitas in 2021, but a decision on its implementation was delayed until after the 2022 provincial election. Mitas was not re-elected, so Scott and Smith picked up where she left off.

The local MPP said she has spent 12 months consulting with fellow politicians, government agencies and other stakeholders

to reshape the bill. She said it’s something MPPs across all parties have expressed interest in supporting.

She noted that, today, there are no obstacles for offenders seeking to change their name, noting some choose to do so before leaving jail.

“This makes it easier for them to conduct further harm against unsuspecting communities – we want to prevent this possibility,” Scott said.

She noted recent reports released by Statistics Canada suggest a visible upward trend in the number of sexual assaults, especially against children, in recent years. People with a prior sexual offence conviction are more likely to re-offend, Scott noted, pegging the recidivism rate at around 35 per cent.

“These are people that are charged with sexual abuse against children. These are people who have violated another human being in a way that has altered the life of the victim forever,” Scott said. “We will always stand up for victims and survivors to make sure that an offender’s rights are not held above their own.”

Following second reading, the bill will go to review by committee where public hearings may be held and amendments considered. A report will then be submitted to the house and brought back for third reading. Should it be approved, it will be sent to the lieutenant governor for signing, where it will become law.

Scott said she hopes to see the bill formally adopted in the new year.



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Attempted save ‘what you should do’

By Lisa Gervais

Mike Waller admits to being “conflicted” about the Commissioner’s Citation for Lifesaving he received at an OPP Central Region awards ceremony Oct. 26.

Waller, who is the president of the Haliburton Legion, shares that the woman he tried to save May 12, 2022 did not make it. She took her own life. Although she was from out-of-County, he feels for her family as well as the people for whom she was staying with when the tragic incident occurred.

However, OPP felt his knowledge, and use of First Aid, attempting to save a life in Dysart et al was deserving of being honoured. Waller and another local, Doug Austin, were recognized during the awards ceremony in Orillia.

Waller recalls that when the ice went out on Loon Lake that day, the water was rough and cold.

“I was sitting in my sunroom and I noticed a person out on the lake, which was strange because of the weather.”

He said the person was standing up in a paddleboat and, it appeared, was trying to fill it with water.

His wife, Cheryl came in and asked, “what’s that person doing out on the lake? and I said ‘I think she’s trying to commit suicide’.”

Cheryl said, “you have to go out and help her and I said ‘I’m not going out.’”

However, he went down to the shoreline and got into his boat with a blanket that Cheryl had given him. She worked at Whitby Mental Health Centre for 41 years (now called Ontario Shores for Mental Health Sciences), which is why Mike had an idea of what might be going on.

“I went out, got to her, was talking to her for quite a bit. I was able to talk her into my boat. I tied a rope to the paddle boat to pull it with us.”

They began boating towards where the woman was staying. He said the woman stood up once and he told her to sit down because he didn’t want the boat to tip in the two-foot waves. She sat back down.

“Then all of a sudden, she stood up and said ‘I want to die’ and she dove in the water.” Waller untied the paddle boat and went over to try to throw her the rope a few times but she wouldn’t grab it.

Waller went to Austin’s dock, and asked him to get in the boat because he needed help.

By the time they got back out in the water, the woman was facedown. They pulled her into the boat and Waller started CPR. Meanwhile, Austin’s wife called 911.



They went to Austin’s dock with the woman and continued CPR while waiting for EMS. However, the woman passed away.

Austin said when Waller called out to him, “you don’t give it a second thought.” However, “it was a sad, sad, day.”

Waller said he takes some solace in the fact the body was recovered, and not lost on the lake. In that way, there would have been some closure for the family and friends. He added it puts a spotlight on mental health issues.

The fact he went from an initial instinct of not going out, to doing what he did, “that’s what you should do, right?” Waller says.

“But I do feel conflicted because it wasn’t a Hollywood ending.”

Waller added being honoured for what they did hasn’t phased him much. “I’d have been more satisfied if she had survived. That’s where it’s sad. I’ll always think about it now when I’m out there.”

Above: Mike Waller holds the pins he received during an OPP awards ceremony Oct. 26, with citations in the background. Photo by Lisa Gervais. Right: Doug Austin, left, and Mike Waller after receiving their awards. Submitted.



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Angler: ministry stance on fishing ‘wrong’

By Mike Baker

Eels Lake cottager Sandy Kilgour is calling on the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to re-evaluate proposed changes to winter ice fishing regulations in the region.

As reported by *The Highlander* last November, the ministry is looking to implement new legislation that would outlaw ice fishing of brook trout and lake trout on all lakes in Fisheries Management Zone (FMZ) 15, which encompasses Haliburton County, considered to have low natural populations.

In its plan, the MNRF says the zone is experiencing high pressure from a wide range of users, including commercial tourist operators, resident and non-resident anglers, and Indigenous subsistence fishers. Natural Coldwater fish populations have been in decline in the area for years, leading to the ministry proposing new, condensed seasons.

While the plan appears to support the regeneration of fish populations in lakes, it could have the opposite effect on Eels Lake, Kilgour contends. The plan proposes the elimination of all existing winter fish sanctuaries, with the exception of Lake Joseph in Muskoka.

“Eels Lake has been a designated winter fish sanctuary for many, many years – after the exploitation and overharvesting of lake trout, primarily through ice fishing in the 80s and 90s,” he said. “That means there’s no winter fishing for any species at all, it’s closed.”

The new plan introduces a 30-day window for ice fishing on any lake, beginning Jan. 1, 2025.

The Eels Lake Cottagers Association, where Kilgour is a director, launched a petition in

June calling on the ministry to maintain Eels Lake’s winter sanctuary designation. To date, it has been signed by 635 people.

The ELCA is worried about the implications of opening Eels Lake up for ice fishing again. He notes a lake trout rehabilitation program, in operation since 2011, has led to a re-emergence of the species in recent years.

Garnet Nelson, a resident of Eels Lake since 1968 and avid angler, agrees.

“The program is going really well – there are some natural lake trout coming to the lake, spawning here and thriving here,” Nelson said.

Kilgour said he recently discussed the issue with two resident anglers who have fished on Eels Lake for decades.

“They said it takes about 10 years before lake trout begin to spawn themselves and become mature. We’re at that point now, where we’re seeing some positive results,” Kilgour said. “The anglers said of about 200 catches in 2022, 70 of them were natural lake trout that reproduced here. That’s in part because of the winter sanctuary designation.”

The ministry states the 30-day window would allow anglers to fish for attractive species such as walleye, which they contend has a presence in Eels Lake. Nelson doesn’t agree.

“I can assure you there’s no walleye here – they’ve all died out. If we could get the ministry to do a new krill census here, they’d find that out,” Nelson said. He notes the last census was completed 13 years ago. “The data they’re using today and posting online is the same [as back in 2010]. There’s no way those numbers are true or accurate, it’s impossible.”

Kilgour said if ice fishing is permitted on

the lake following the implementation of the new plan without modification, it could result in the devastation of the natural lake trout population that has built up over the past decade.

“We’ll be right back at square one,” he said. “The ministry is saying fishermen will have to put any trout caught back into the water, but even if you come across a responsible angler who would do that... the survival rate of a trout after it’s been pulled from the water is about 50 per cent.”

Another permanent resident of Eels Lake stated to Kilgour over the summer, he remembered looking out at the lake years ago, when there would be 30 or 40 fishing huts out there in the winter.

“I just don’t want to see us get back to that,” Kilgour said. “I want to know what the downside is to allowing Eels Lake to maintain its designation, to continue the lake trout rehabilitation program and really giving it a chance to succeed.”

Nelson added, “Nobody likes fishing more than me and my family, but we realize the sanctuary is in place for a reason. We’re trying to look after the lake as best we can. The stance the ministry is taking is wrong.”

The Highlander was unable to secure an interview with ministry officials, while questions submitted went unanswered.

Ministry spokesperson Sarah Figueiredo said the plan had not yet been finalized.

“MNRF is reviewing and considering the many comments received on the draft plan. Once all comments are considered and feedback is obtained from the FMZ 15 advisory council, it will be posted on the environmental registry of Ontario, along with a summary of the types of comments received and any updates made to the plan,”



Eels Lake resident Sandy Kilgour. Submitted.

Figueiredo wrote in an email. “The implementation of the proposed regulation changes for FMZ 15 requires approval of the draft fisheries management plan. The plan will be implemented following approval,” she added. It was noted the earliest any changes would come into effect is Jan. 1, 2025.

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County to look into waste incinerator

By Lisa Gervais

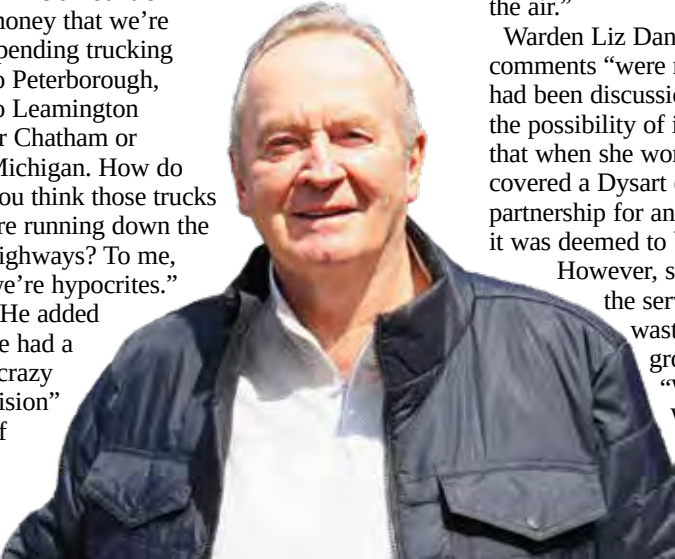
County council wants staff from all four municipalities to look into the possibility of a garbage incinerator for the Highlands.

Coun. Walt McKechnie raised the issue, as he has in the past, during a discussion about expanding the Countywide FoodCycler program, aimed at reducing the amount of organic waste going into landfills.

He said Dysart et al council had a report Oct. 24 on its landfills, “and we have a lot of concerns.

“The amount of money that we’re spending trucking to Peterborough, to Leamington or Chatham or Michigan. How do you think those trucks are running down the highways? To me, we’re hypocrites.”

He added he had a “crazy vision” of



Haliburton County having a central incinerator “which we all feed and generate some energy.” He said he checks the incinerators in Durham Region and Dysart’s director of public works has told him there is nothing bad going in the air. “All over the world, they’re doing it.

“I just can’t get my head around how we’re just kicking a bad can down the road. Our landfill sites are costing us a lot of money and I think they’re doing a lot of harm to the environment, too, not just with the issues we have at the landfill sites but what’s going in the air.”

Warden Liz Danielsen said McKechnie’s comments “were not out of order” and there had been discussions for a long time about the possibility of incineration. She recalled that when she worked as a reporter, she covered a Dysart et al discussion about a partnership for an incinerator but at the time it was deemed to be unaffordable.

However, she said it was something the service delivery review’s waste management working group could look into.

“What’s the feasibility? What would it cost us all if we were to partner on an incinerator?”

Coun. Lisa Schell recalled a study done

12-15 years ago determined the County did not generate enough garbage for an incinerator. “So, we’d actually have garbage trucked into the County.” Since, she said there had probably been new techniques and smaller incinerators “so, it’s definitely something that maybe we should consider.” She noted they also have a greater population than 10 years ago.

McKechnie agreed, saying the cost of operating landfill sites is just going up. “I’d love us all to be, whether it’s the next council, it’s not going to happen overnight in my part of the world, that Haliburton County took the initiative in rural Ontario to generate a proper incinerator and make sure it’s not [putting] anything into the air...”

Coun. Cec Ryall said the service delivery review is dynamic, and issues surrounding aging landfills are not going to go away. “It’s going to get worse and if technology, as we believe, is going to assist in the possibility of coming up with a solution, then we certainly should be investigating it. And if the solution isn’t on the table today, where is it in terms of time?”

Danielsen suggested a motion that the waste management working group look into the possibility of incineration. Coun. Bob Carter moved the motion, suggesting if economies of scale are required, they could talk to the City of Kawartha Lakes. He added

incineration could also entail using the heat from the process to heat buildings or produce power. “I think the technology has changed from 12-15 years ago and I think it’s a viable alternative.”

Foodcycler program expanded

During the debate, council gave budget pre-approval to climate change coordinator Korey McKay to expand the Foodcycler program.

She was seeking \$83,000 for 2024 expansion. She said staff plan to leverage the funds in a grant application to Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Even without a grant, she said they’d like to offer an additional 500 units at the same price as 2023. While she will provide a more fulsome report to a future council meeting, McKay said, “early results indicate the program was extremely successful.” She added comments from users had been “overwhelmingly positive.”

She said it is reducing greenhouse gas emissions from landfills and estimated savings of \$166,500 to \$222,000 in landfill costs every year.

County coun. Walt McKechnie has wanted an incinerator for some time now. *File.*



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Family health team five doctors short

By Lisa Gervais

County of Haliburton physician recruitment coordinator Wendy Welch said her goal is to hire two to three family doctors in 2024.

However, she acknowledged that would still leave the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team (HHFHT) – which is not accepting new patients – short-staffed.

“For the family medical centre, we are now five physicians short. We have eight on staff and we have openings for five,” Welch said. She was responding to a question from coun. Bob Carter.

He asked her for her goal, noting it did not include the need for emergency room staff, which he said is “obviously a big deal here.”

Carter estimated 50 per cent of the population has a family doctor “and we’re growing” so estimated six to 10 doctors are needed at the HHFHT.

Reporting to council on her work over the past few months, Welch said having two rental properties is helping. There is one on Anson Street in Minden, with a lease in place until June. She said two physicians are staying there, providing relief to the Urgent Care Clinic in Minden. The County also has a rental on Deer Point Lane, Haliburton, for another year. Welch said they have reservations there.

“We’ve had some doctors that are coming back because they’ve enjoyed the stay, the experience of being in town,” Welch said. She added she had feedback from a doctor staying in Minden that ‘you guys make this easy. You make us want to come here.’ “I really think these properties make a big difference.”

That being said, Welch said recruitment is highly competitive. For example, she attended an event for McMaster University with 40 student residents and 38 communities vying for doctors. In addition, “the physicians seem more interested in locum opportunities rather than settling

anywhere full-time, unfortunately.”

Welch said their marketing is grabbing attention, in particular posters depicting kayaks parked on a beach as staff parking. She said residents vacationing in the Highlands thought the accompanying billboards were “great”.

She and Haliburton Highlands Health Services acting CEO Veronica Nelson were attending a University of Ottawa recruitment event last week and Welch will be heading to others in the fall and winter.

She told council she has had some success getting temporary staff for inpatient services at the hospital, ER and HHFHT.

She is working with HHHS to try to recruit a medical director for Highland Wood long-term care home.

Welch said one “exciting” development is Queen’s University now has a teaching site at Lakeridge Hospital in Oshawa, “and there is a potential of Haliburton County being exposed to more learners through this program.”

She said she had also run ads in the British Medical Journal. She noted the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) had loosened requirements for doctors from Australia, the UK, the U.S. and Ireland.

She said 22 physicians reached out to her. “Three are very strong leads.”

However, she said it takes about seven weeks to go through the process with the CPSO to get confirmation that the candidates are eligible.”

Welch said she is also looking into the federal government’s Labor Market Impact Assessment (LMIA), a document an employer in Canada may need to get before hiring a foreign worker.

Going forward, Welch said her plan is to attend more recruitment events; identify and create a streamline process or checklist when dealing with international clients; more overseas marketing and engaging directly with med students.



The canoe signs being used for recruitment. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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County CAO Mike Rutter is finishing up. *File.*

Change at the helm at County

By Lisa Gervais

The County of Haliburton has a new CAO. After more than eight years at the helm, Mike Rutter is retiring and his replacement, Gary Dyke, has been announced.

Rutter told *The Highlander* this week, “it has been a privilege. I grew up here watching local politics. I’ve always been fascinated by local politics. My mother worked in the business and so I saw that. And I have loved being the CAO here. I really, really have.”

Rutter said early in his career, he realized the job was not about him, but taking councils as far and as fast as they wanted to go. “I feel like I have met their expectations, or at least I hope I have in that regard.”

He said he had no regrets, although there were projects he would have liked to have seen progress further and faster. He cites public transportation and the service delivery review as examples.

However, he said there are exciting things in the works.

“The work is never done, so there’s never a perfect time to step away.”

He hinted at a partnership to redevelop the Wee Care property in Haliburton that may have some housing and daycare benefits. However, he said there were still some closed session items scheduled for the Nov. 8 meeting. He expects the news to go public at the next meeting or the one after that.

He is also keen about communal servicing

giving a boost to housing, particularly in rural areas.

Rutter said he does not find it frustrating working with councillors. Rather, he finds it an interesting challenge to get to know politicians and what makes them tick.

As for the future, Rutter said he has had interesting conversations about board work.

“It’s no secret we need to do more in the housing area. I love some of the more social issues things... and so maybe I can help make a difference coming at it from a different perspective rather than from this seat. The nice thing about this job is we are involved in so many different things. You see the challenges in workforce development and health care, in housing and there’s all kinds of volunteer opportunities.”

He said he’s also had talks about interim CAO work. With 32 years experience, he said he could help with transitions.

For now, he may do some volunteer work with his daughter and spend some time with family.

County warden Liz Danielsen said the County had been “extremely fortunate” to have Rutter manage its affairs for the past 8.5 years.

“Born and bred in Haliburton, Mike has truly always had our best interests at heart. “He has guided us through a number of contentious issues and challenges over the past two terms, including, but not limited to, the shoreline preservation bylaw, the

draft short-term rental bylaw as well as the ongoing service delivery review,” Danielsen said.

She added, “aside from his outstanding work ethic and attention to detail, Mike has been a pleasure to work with, and will be missed by all. We wish Mike well in his retirement and what will likely be his future endeavours once he has had a well-deserved sabbatical from municipal affairs.

New CAO

Danielsen also announced Dyke as Rutter’s successor.

She said he has more than 30 years experience in the municipal field, holding senior roles with a focus on operations, strategic planning, and legislative services.

Dyke has served on the board of directors for the Ontario Municipal Administrators’ Association (OMAA) for 10 years, as president from 2017-2018; the AMO board of directors as secretary-treasurer 2020 – 2022; the International City Managers Association (ICMA) ethics committee; and as a municipal advisor to the World Council on City Data.

“We are fortunate to have Gary join our team as the new CAO. His demonstrated commitment to community services, municipal efficiencies, organizational skills, and proven successes as a leader will serve our community well,” the warden said.



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Take a moment to remember

Every year when I get a new calendar, one of the first things I do is go to Nov. 11 and use my red pen to designate it as a working day. No matter what.

There are few events more important, in my mind, to cover than the annual Remembrance Day services. I've done one every year since 2013 – first out in Bonnyville, Alberta; then a handful in Orangeville; and, for the past two years, the offerings here in Haliburton County. This year, I'll be attending the service in Minden.

I always look forward to it. The services, especially here in Haliburton, are a spectacle. There's typically 50 or so people who march from the Legion on Mountain Street down to the Cenotaph on Highland Street. Both roads are closed to traffic, and hundreds line the streets to pay their respects.

In many ways, I feel these services are more important than ever. We're now more than 100 years removed from the end of the First World War. It's been 78 years since the Allied forces declared victory in the Second World War. The number of people still alive, who can remember what times were like then, the impacts and long-term consequences of war, are dwindling.

In short, we rely on Remembrance Day services as the primary source to keep the memory of those who sacrificed so much in the name of peace and freedom alive. We owe everything we have and hold dear today

to those who served.

I'm feeling it a bit this year, as this is the first time I haven't been able to sit down and speak with a Second World War veteran. The handful of stories I've put together over the past decade are some of the most memorable and treasured pieces I've ever done.

In 2015, I had the pleasure of attending a ceremony honouring William McGregor, an at-the-time 92-year-old WWII veteran who served as a medic on the beaches of Normandy during the D-Day landings. He was surprised when, at the service, he was presented with the Knight in the Legion of Honour – the highest national order of France – for his efforts during the war.

I remember sitting down with him afterwards as he recounted some of the memories he'd done his best to suppress in the years since. Knowing what these people went through – many of them still kids at the time – always sends a shiver down my spine.

In 2017 I met Sir Fred Heber, a member of the 12th Field Royal Canadian Artillery Regiment. He was there on D-Day, storming Juno Beach with his brothers in arms. He was stoic as he recalled seeing countless friends cut down by German gunners, while he continued to push forward. He spent more than a year fighting in mainland Europe and was actually in German territory when the war was won Sept. 2, 1945.

In 2021, I met with Harold Rowden at

the Haliburton Legion. Serving with the 3rd Division of the 13th Field Regiment, Rowden was a dispatch rider tasked with collecting messages from one checkpoint and delivering them to another. He survived the horror of Juno Beach and later was commended for saving a commanding officer's life, after his unit had been shelled near Courseulles-sur-Mer in France. He was eventually discharged after being severely injured in the Battle for Caen.

Last year, I shared Cec Bailey's story. A truck driver, charged with delivering weapons and ammunition to the front lines, Bailey also participated in the D-Day landings. Like every other veteran I've interviewed, Bailey didn't enjoy talking about the war, and wouldn't accept any credit for his efforts.

"I'm no hero, I just did what I had to do. What was right," Bailey said.

Please, this Saturday, take a moment to remember. Without people like Cec, Harold, Fred, and William, we wouldn't have the lives we have today.



By Mike Baker

MIND BODY MATTERS

Own your life

"I was a victim then but I do not live as a victim now." - Osage Nation Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear

One of the most magical moments I had at the beginning of my practice happened one night when I was in the posture spinal twist.

The house was quiet, my breath was calm, my mind was still and I heard a little voice of wisdom say "let it go."

I immediately knew what it meant. I had been a victim as a child and that moment in time changed the course of my life. It's as if everything that happened after that moment was informed by what had happened to me. It was constantly on my mind. I replayed the events over and over again in my head trying to understand it, to make sense of it. Thirty years after it happened, I was still consumed by what happened and that person was still destroying my life.

"Let it go." Those words did not mean to play down what had happened. They were said to free me from what had happened. Life as a victim is like being put in prison. Locked in the moment of the crime and the

key thrown away. Everyday of your life is spent replaying, reflecting and repeating what happened.

Thoughts of "why me?" dominated my mind and robbed me of the beauty and endless possibilities that now surrounded me. I was blinded by the past. Stuck in the past and unable to flourish and be happy in the present moment and there was only one person to blame - me.

"Let it go," like forgiveness, is not about the other person. It is about cutting through the chains that bind you to what happened. It's about taking your power back and owning your life now. Choosing to not be ruled by those ever-persistent thoughts that infected your days and disrupted your sleep. Instead owning what is happening right now - right in this moment. Stomping out those thoughts by not giving them the privilege to enter your mind. My mind would once again belong to me and what had happened would take its place in the past - where it belonged.

"Let it go," like forgiveness, is like being showered by rain and nourishing your soul. Allowing your soul to take its place as your

guide and lead you to happiness. Our minds are fascinating and precious. Our thoughts are powerful and must be observed with great respect. What you allow yourself to think about is what guides your every move, your every experience, but ultimately what you think about rests solely in your hands.

We can choose to be guided by our fears and our nightmares or we can be guided by our hopes and dreams.

In yoga, we learn to witness our thoughts. We become aware of what we are thinking and most importantly, the stories we tell ourselves when those thoughts arise. This simple yet powerful act of witnessing our thoughts and stories is what empowers us. We can now choose to "Let it go." Let go of the thought. Let go of the stories you tell yourself about those thoughts, and ultimately take back your life one thought at a time. I am no longer a victim. I own my life.



By Gail Holness



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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Greg Pichnej took this photo of bubbles on the water.

LETTERS

Inclusion, respect and diversity

Dear editor,

We already live in a world that sexualizes children, it's just in a heteronormative way.

Anyone who has asked a four-year-old if another four-year-old is their boyfriend or girlfriend is sexualizing children. Anyone who has ever claimed that a baby is "flirting" with them has sexualized children. Using sexualization as an argument against Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) curriculum is simply a polite and insidious way of saying that it's non-heterosexual sexualization that we have a problem with. That's homophobia and perpetuates the proliferation of hate.

Consent and autonomy are the foundations of SOGI education. All humans have a sexual orientation and a gender identity and SOGI strives to promote inclusion, respect, and diversity. I very much want my children learning about bodily autonomy and consent. I wish this curriculum had been around when I needed it as a young person.

SOGI education has been proven to reduce gender-based violence, reduce sexually transmitted diseases, delay sexual activity, introduce what healthy relationships look like, and encourage students to set boundaries by empowering them to say "no" and empowering others to hear "no". Experts in pedophilia and sexual predators have found young people who are more educated about sex and sexuality are less vulnerable to becoming victims.

Furthermore, all parents have the right

to pull their children from any aspect of education they don't agree with (although in this case I have no idea why you would want to do that). What we don't have the right to do is tell other parents what they should believe or what is correct for their children. Wanting the removal of ideas that challenge us, seriously undermines both freedom of expression and democracy, and frankly makes our children more vulnerable than they already are.

Bessie Sullivan
Haliburton County

Progress and tax dollars?

Dear editor,

Welcome to Wonderland Road - recently resurfaced with chip and tar.

There was little wrong with the old paved surface with the exception of a few minor potholes.

During this new and wonderful resurfacing process, the residents of Wonderland Road experienced six weeks of clouds of acrid (and probably harmful) grey dust that settled on everything - with no reprieve. Our back deck is about 200 feet from the road - the patio table and chairs had to be washed every day before use and we couldn't open our windows.

This new road surface has given us many attributes that we didn't have before: i.e. continuing dust in dry weather; stone chips from oncoming vehicles; shredded bicycle tires; dogs with sore feet; painful walking in thin soled shoes; and the best of all - a

brand new set of pot holes, bigger and more numerous than before. Ah, progress and tax dollars - makes one wonder, doesn't it?

Jack Sinclair
Wonderland Road

Not happy with roads

Dear editor,

I thought once Minden Hills elected a new mayor and members of council, serious attention to roads in need of repairs would have been a priority, however this did not come to fruition.

Sedgwick Road west is a disgrace and in fact received repairs from a Minden Hills resident at his own expense. This should never happen on a municipally-owned road.

The next disaster is Milburn Road and should be considered travelled at one's own risk. There was some type of road surface treatment done on the road just off County Road 503. This treatment should be completely removed and resurfaced with granite as should the rest of the road. There is no excuse for the extensive pot holes and ongoing disrepair.

According to provincial regulations under the Highway Traffic Act, a municipality is responsible for a minimum safety standard as outlined in the guidelines and regulations thereof of on any municipally owned and maintained road. Perhaps provincial inspections are required. Although I do not live in Minden Hills, I use Milburn Road regularly as do several non-residents reducing time and travel instead of going

around by Haliburton and Kinmount.

There are people who live in Irondale who are Minden Hills ratepayers and also use the Milburn Road regularly.

I have had several discussions with road department staff in the past to no avail so perhaps my letter will provide insight as to how important public safety should be valued. I have heard all the excuses and it is now time for action by mayor and council.

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham

The big picture

Dear editor,

Years ago, I saw a Peter O'Toole movie in which his character's catch phrase was "you've got to see the big picture."

Not sure of the movie's title but the phrase stuck with me.

There seems to be some concern about feeding deer. We cut down the deep, dark forest, killed off the predators, and created the ideal deer habitat; and the deer took advantage. We have fundamentally changed their habitat to the point that feeding them, or not, doesn't make any real difference. They are not on our property, we are on theirs.

And now there is a shortage of housing because we are planning to increase our population again... oh, there's that elephant in the room nudging me again. or in my case, I guess it's Sven, the Sasquatch. You've got to see the big picture.

Kal Saari
Minden



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Legion honours vets

The Haliburton Legion held a Remembrance Day dinner Nov. 4, welcoming 116 people to pay tribute to local military men and women. Legion president, Mike Waller, noted this was the first time holding the event in four years. There were 32 veterans in attendance, whose tickets were paid for by the chapter's poppy fund. Attendees were treated to music from Bill Candy, and a three-course meal. "It's important that we come together and remember those who have served, the sacrifices they made, at this special time of the year," Waller said.

Top left: Mona Lam-Deslipp and her father, Henry Lam – a retired naval officer. Top right: Corina Hall salutes during the singing of 'O Canada'. Above left: Veteran Roger Yearwood stands, paying his respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Above right: The Haliburton Legion executive, from left to right: Ken Wilson, 2nd vice president; Chris Briggs, 1st vice president and secretary; Mike Waller, president; Hall; and master of ceremonies, Brian Hamblin.

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Drumming out PTSD

By Lisa Gervais

Gayle Crosmaz says she had an “extremely violent” childhood that left her with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

She eventually went through five years of cognitive behavioural training, and says she earned ‘the courage to come back award’ from PTSD from the Canadian Mental Health Association.

A recent transplant to the Highlands, Crosmaz is offering therapeutic drumming for veterans experiencing PTSD at the Haliburton Legion.

“I understand and honour the veterans from across time,” Crosmaz says. “These people didn’t volunteer, most of the time, to go to war. Sometimes they were forced, or conned or coerced into it, so the blame is certainly not on them. They’re innocent bystanders in a manner of speaking.”

But from her own trauma, she says, “I understand the pain, I understand the suffering, I understand the war and the energies of the soldiers.”

She has offered two circles to date but without a lot of registrations. She added she would like to continue but more veterans need to register. She is also happy for them to bring their partners.

“It’s a group therapy circle,” she explains. “We don’t just drum. We share. Each drum vibration and intention we set will trigger an emotion. Then we share; did anybody feel anything? Do you feel comfortable talking about it?”

Crosmaz said former members of the military are often in a mode of fight or flight.

“Their bodies don’t remember how to feel joy... it doesn’t remember how to feel peace because it’s always in survival mode. With the drumming and the sharing, I had two participants say, ‘this isn’t going to work’ and within the hour, they were both grinning from ear to ear and felt peace for the first time in a long time. And it might have only been a microsecond of peace, but once the body starts to remember, we build on that. Just get a microsecond of peace and then the body remembers what that feels like and wants more of that.”

Crosmaz said the key is often finding the right drum, and beat, that resonates with the person’s vibration. This goes hand-in-hand with the setting of healing intentions.

In some cases, the veterans will work with other veterans, drumming for each other.

Haliburton Legion president Mike Waller took part in one of the sessions. He said he was leery at first, but by the end found the experience “amazing”

“There’s different therapeutic drum beats she uses with the



Gayle Crosmaz is working with the Haliburton Legion on a PTSD drumming circle for war veterans. *Submitted.*

rhythm of your body, your heartbeat. It was amazing to feel the vibration. I’ve done drum circle at the Rails End and that’s amazing too, but this was amazing because it was a different feeling. The way it made your body feel, made my body feel, the way it took you. It’s like a meditation, where you let your mind float too. Where it takes you is kind of really interesting. It was really good.”

Crosmaz offers her therapeutic drumming in seven countries. She’s already booking up from February to mid-May of next year.

The Haliburton Legion sessions are free and held on Sundays. People interested in registering should contact the Haliburton Legion.

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Feeding the spirit of an iconic turtle

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

Haliburton lost an icon this spring when Grace, the oldest known snapping turtle in the area, passed away. The Turtle Guardians, a grassroots charity founded by Leora Berman, celebrated the life of Grace, and fed her spirit, Oct. 27.

Berman explained they believe the reason Grace “was re-located because her hibernation space was filled in, so she would have been lost and did not hibernate successfully.” She went on to say the turtle wouldn’t know where to hibernate in new surroundings and could have froze to death, or succumbed to a number of other reasons, but did not survive the winter.

Grade 4-8 students from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, who all knew the story of Grace, joined volunteers and the public to commemorate Haliburton’s oldest female snapping turtle on record. Her estimated minimum age was 125, but according to Berman she could have been much older. The people who gathered also had a chance to learn what the turtle means

to many indigenous cultures. Anishinaabe artist, Autumn Smith, spoke of the significance of the turtle in her culture. Smith was given her traditional name, Mishiikeh Kwe, by her grandmother. It means Turtle Woman. She spoke of stories she had heard from her grandmother, aunts, and others about how the turtle is part of the creation story for some indigenous peoples. The legend describes a flood, and a large snapping turtle which gives his shell for the land to grow until it is safe to live on again. Tom Sinclair, of the Turtle clan, and husband of Smith, spoke of what it means to be part of Turtle clan. “Every turtle that exists is a representative of every one of my relatives back through time to the first Anishinaabe people.” Many people saw Grace around the high school football field. Berman said, “People who used to teach at the high school and are now retired remember seeing Grace as kids.” She said turtles are very loyal to their home territories, “So many people would see Grace walking these grounds.” Grace was given her name by Berman.



Mishiikeh Kwe (Autumn Smith) speaks to students. Photo by Kimberly Strong-Knight.

“She only had one eye and was deformed from birth,” Berman explained, “And the fact she lived so long in this area with so much development was a miracle, so I called her Grace.” Berman said that she would like to lay

Grace to rest in her home territory. “We are hoping to work with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board and build a memorial garden, which will also be an indigenous teaching garden as well, where Grace will rest.”



Interact fights hunger

High school students from the Haliburton Interact Club held a successful ‘We Scare Hunger’ event Oct. 31, collecting non-perishable food to donate to the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank and Minden Community Food Centre. There were collection boxes set up at HHSS, students went door-to-door and business-to-business in Haliburton village for a unique spin on trick or treating, while others collected items at Head Lake Park. Interact club member Hazel Jones said, “we know there are many people in the area who are struggling... we were very impressed with the amount of donations considering the factors today making it harder for some families to donate.” The club filled more than a dozen bags and boxes with food, which were donated to the food banks last week.

Students gathered in Head Lake Park, trying to fill a school bus with food donations. Submitted.

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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Recognized for 'extraordinary' work

Nichole Fielder, mental health counsellor at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS), was lauded as a “tremendous” difference maker in the school community after receiving a Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) director’s recognition award last month.

Fielder has worked at HHSS for five years and was nominated for the award by principal, Jenn Mills.

“Extraordinary is a great way to describe Nichole,” said TLDSB director of education, Wes Hahn, reading Mills’ nomination. “Her leadership and support around mental health and wellbeing makes a tremendous difference in students and staff lives every day. Her presence is felt by all.”

Fielder has led various initiatives over the years, working with students on a ‘Wellness Warriors’ campaign designed to create positive change at HHSS, while spearheading a ‘Grow as you Grow’ initiative enlisting students, staff, and community partners to facilitate presentations based on topics and concerns facing Haliburton County.

The counsellor said, prior to joining HHSS, she worked with adults looking to overcome addiction and is using the experiences from that earlier role to help troubled youth.

“I wanted to start cutting the chain a little sooner, to help people address things sooner and allow them to hold the skills and confidence to cope with adversity,” Fielder said.

Referring to the overall school community, Fielder added, “I am blessed to be with these kids every single day. I’m thankful they choose me to be their person to listen to. Because of that, I’ll continue to show up every day and continue to be that loving and caring adult they deserve.”

County residents Bernie Nicholls and Amanda McKenzie were also singled out for recognition awards due to their work with TLDSB’s ‘Feed All Four’ initiative. Established in 2020, the fund is a confidential and accessible way for schools to offer resources to families who may be struggling financially. Gift cards are offered to help pay for essential items such as food, gas, clothing, and toiletries.

After learning about the program this year, Nicholls donated funds from his foundation’s annual golf fundraiser.

“Bernie and Amanda are champions and advocates for supporting student success and wellbeing,” Hahn said.

Improving results

Hahn noted results from annual EQAO testing suggests TLDSB is making significant progress in math and literacy instruction.

Each year the province releases results updating student progress in reading, writing and numeracy. Elementary testing is done on students in Grades 3 and 6, with math assessments carried out on high school students in Grade 9. The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, a requirement for graduation, is also completed in Grade 9.

Board-wide, 75 per cent of Grade 3 students

were reading at Level 3 or 4 in 2022/23 – two per cent higher than the provincial average, and a five per cent increase from the previous year. There was a significant change in Grade 3 writing, with 68 per cent at Level 3 or 4 last year, up from 57 per cent. The provincial average for writing is 65 per cent.

There were also gains in math, with 65 per cent of Grade 3 students testing at the necessary level. That’s up from 56 per cent in 2021/22, and five per cent higher than this year’s provincial average.

For Grade 6 reading, 83 per cent of students are reading at Level 3 or 4, up from 78 per cent last year. This is just below the provincial average of 84 per cent. Local students are testing below the provincial average in writing, with 80 per cent at the necessary level compared to 84 per cent Ontario-wide, though the local number was up five per cent from 2021/22. There was a seven per cent growth in math, with 47 per cent at Level 3 or 4 – below the provincial average of 50 per cent.

“We know we have work to do in math,” said superintendent Jay MacJanet, noting the board would be using instructional coaches to assist teachers in the classroom.

At the secondary level, 50 per cent of Grade 9 students are at Level 3 or 4, up from 45 per cent last year. That number is below the provincial average of 54 per cent. Superintendent Kim Williams said there had been singular improvements of between 9 and 14 per cent at three of the board’s seven high schools.

Eighty-four per cent of students passed the



HHSS mental health counsellor Nichole Fielder, centre, received a director’s recognition award at a TLDSB board meeting Oct. 24. Submitted.

OSSLT board-wide last year, just below the provincial average of 85 per cent.

Superintendent Jennifer Johnston noted the board had also seen substantial improvements at all ages for special education students.

“While our results have gone up significantly in all areas, and we are happy with that, I caution that this is not a one-year plan. We’ve only been [working] on this for a short period of time. The kind of change [we want] takes five to seven years... we are making the right changes in the system to breed results,” Hahn said. (School board news compiled by Mike Baker).

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Wayne Lavery, CEO of Patient News, pictured at the Patient News head office in Haliburton. Photo by Mike Baker.

Patient News ‘thriving’ in Haliburton County

By Mike Baker

While he might have recently sold his business’ long-time home along County Road 21, Patient News co-founder and CEO, Wayne Lavery, said he’s never been more invested in Haliburton County.

Launched originally as a publishing company in 1993, Patient News has grown substantially in the decades since, boasting almost 4,000 clients in the dental industry, distributing millions of newsletters to practises across the continent bi-weekly, and “changing the game” with revolutionary new software that Lavery says tracks data dentists can use to streamline, and improve, their business.

Reflecting on his 30 years in business in the Highlands, Lavery said it’s been quite the ride.

“Patient News is a little bit different than most businesses in Haliburton, being that we’re located in the community but we do almost all of our business outside the County. We have clients across North America, employees working remotely in the GTA, in the Philippines, Romania, and India,” Lavery said. “It’s a long way from the single skew print company we started out with.”

In fact, printing, at least locally, isn’t part of the company’s ethos at all anymore. Lavery said he was forced into the difficult decision of shutting down the printing press, which was located inside Patient News’ home hub, in March 2020. When COVID hit, not only was Lavery forced to close his office – 75 per cent of his clients were also shuttered. That made for a “a tough few months,” Lavery admitted.

The company pivoted, focusing more on its digital software, which Lavery said paid off in a big way. Last year, the company got back on track, posting pre-pandemic levels of profit. This year is shaping up to be a record breaking one, Lavery said.

Asked for his recipe for success, Lavery chuckles – crediting what he calls the world’s most valuable resource.

“It’s the people. Our service differentiates

us – I hear it all the time,” Lavery said. “We represent Ben Winters, who has the largest social media presence in the world among dentists, with 20 million followers. When I talk to Ben, he never says ‘I love the website you built for me’, he’s going to say ‘I love working with your company. I love my account manager, my sales executive’. It’s the relationships people gravitate to.”

The company currently employees 34 people full-time, with another 15 or so part-time, and contract workers.

Lavery has fully embraced the work from home lifestyle, which is why people may have noticed a lesser presence at the Patient News Building located beside Haliburton Timber Mart.

Lavery said he sold the 16,000 sq. ft. building last year, but rents about 5,500 sq. ft. of floor space for those who like working in an office environment. The rest of the building houses the Haliburton County Development Corporation and a selection of other partners under ‘The Link’ umbrella.

That shouldn’t be seen as a sign that Lavery is looking to get out of the printing and digital management business – far from it. He believes Patient News will continue to grow long into the future, and serve as a beacon for how businesses can maintain a local feel even after going global.

“The digital side is going to fuel our growth – print will still be a strong division for us, but we’re adapting our technologies every day on behalf of our clients. There’s lots of room for growth. Dentistry as a whole is a growing area,” Lavery said.

“Patient News is thriving in Haliburton – we’re very fortunate to call this community home, and with the advancements in internet, I can only see more businesses setting up here. Haliburton draws people in and makes them stick around. I think there’s such potential here now to foster and develop a vibrant business community, full of all different kinds of business,” he added.

For more information, visit patientnews.com.

Full-time creativity at the Cabin Art Studio

By Lisa Gervais

Todd Byers spent years working for the automotive industry in Alliston, Ontario.

Meanwhile, his wife, Franca, worked as a legal secretary before switching to home-schooling the couple's son and daughter.

While both passionate about art, the two prioritized making a living and raising their children, squeezing in art where they could. Until now.

Todd and Franca sold their farm in Cookstown a couple of years ago. They were planning to retire to Nicaragua, when COVID hit. Plan B saw them find some land in Tory Hill, where they are building a log home and have now opened the Cabin Art Studio.

Todd offers custom illustrations, caricatures and cartoons, while Franca specializes in handmade greeting cards.

"It's a nice arts community up here in the Haliburton area," says Todd as he and Franca show their art on a table at their home.

Todd studied illustration at Sheridan College, then he and Franca got married and had kids, and it was more lucrative for him to work in the automotive industry, although he concedes, "doing repetitive shift work on an assembly line is soul crushing for an artist."

"I always loved art and did it freelance on the side. I taught in Mexico with another company, Comix35 Media." He instructed in cartooning, character design and comic book page layout and will be offering upcoming workshops locally and a week-long intensive

course in Quebec this spring.

Todd draws and paints in both digital and traditional media.

Franca, meanwhile, did art all through school and studied graphic design in college. But without a lot of jobs at the time, she ended up working at a law firm, married Todd and they had their children. While homeschooling, a friend introduced her to card-making and as she had always been into arts and crafts, it took.

"I started making birthday cards or Christmas cards for family members. I enjoy creating different cards and having something handmade is always more special."

Todd adds, "we were always artsy kids and then we just ended up doing life."

They are now coming full circle, being able to make art a priority. They are also finding Haliburton County to be an inspiring location. "Very much so," says Todd. "I'm a big fan of, especially, the surrounding lakes and the Birch trees. I like the texture and look of Birch trees and often incorporate them into my paintings."

As for the studio, Todd said he is doing special orders and commissions for illustrations and caricatures. He also looks forward to teaching a cartooning and character design course in the spring of 2024, "for kids to get out, and keep it affordable, for families up here whose kids are interested in the Sheridan Animation and Illustration programs." He said he helps students from about age 12 and up with their portfolios.



Franca and Todd Byers at their Cabin Art Studio in Tory Hill. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Todd said many of us stop drawing when we are five years old. "I actually really prefer kids' drawings over adults because they've broken all the rules because they haven't learned any. They're very engaging pieces of art."

From drawing at home after night shift, to being able to do his own art, accept

commissions and teach, Todd said it's shaping up to be a nice lifestyle change. And with no legal secretary work or home-schooling to be done, the craft table is now permanently set up in Franca's world.

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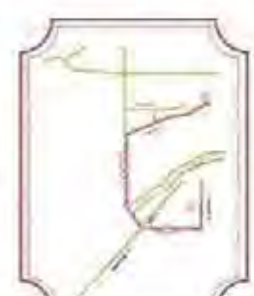



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The Haliburton International Film Festival kept movie-goers entertained the weekend of Nov. 3-5 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. In calling it a wrap, organizers thanked everyone for being part of a “heart-warming, heart-breaking, heart-resonating weekend. Such rich stories everywhere when we sit still and pay attention.” They also thanked sponsors, patrons and volunteers.

Above: Tammy Rea introduces *The Old Oak*. Left: Rea and Kate Campbell at HIFF Oct. 5. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*





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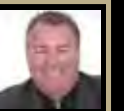

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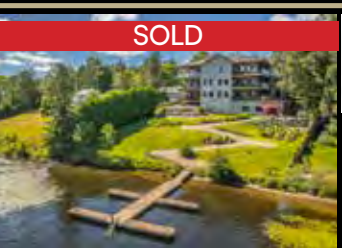


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Taking Shindig in whole new direction

By Mike Baker

The Highlands Christmas Shindig is returning for its 10th anniversary show later this month.

Taking place at the Haliburton Legion Nov. 24, the annual fundraiser will have a different look this year. Drew Allen has come on board as lead organizer, pivoting from the variety show format that has been in place since the Shindig's inception to something, he says, will allow for greater audience participation.

Ten-piece blues band Adverse Conditions will be the feature act, performing a variety of hits from popular acts like Abba, Shania Twain, Ray Charles, and Aretha Franklin. There will be several other musical guests appearing throughout the night.

"I was a part of the show last year when there were 10 acts on the stage. Most people did one or two songs, and it was great, but there was very little audience participation. We want it to be completely different this year," Allen said. "Because we're dealing with one act, the audience is going to be very much encouraged to get up, dance, and be part of the show."

Amy Brohm and Victoria Bingham will be back as hosts, recreating their popular Marple Syrup and Patsy Pine characters.

The change in venue – from the Northern Lights Performing Arts Centre to the Legion – was done to keep costs down and ensure as much money as possible can be directed towards Fuel for Warmth, the Shindig's

primary beneficiary. The event has raised in the ballpark of \$30,000 annually since its inception in 2014.

After founder, Mike Jaycock, moved out of the County and several other long-term committee members decided to pursue other things, Allen said the Shindig was in real danger this year. That's why he decided to step into more of an organizational role.

"The committee was going to disband, people were saying they didn't think the Shindig was going to happen this year," Allen said. "I thought to myself, I'd hate to see this really successful thing, that helps so many people, die... so I stepped in. Now we have a refreshed committee of 12 or 13 people, and we're really excited about this new direction."

Tickets go on sale this Friday, Nov. 10 and can be purchased at Up River Trading in Haliburton and Minden. The show will begin at 8:30 p.m. – giving people lots of time to get in the door after attending the Haliburton Santa Claus Parade, which is happening the same night. Allen expects there to be between 150 and 200 people in attendance.

"We're really hoping for a sellout. Last year's Shindig, ticket sales weren't as strong as was hoped. Now that things are back to normal after COVID, we expect this will be a popular event," he said.

The show will also be livestreamed online, with the Shindig partnering with local videographer Tammy Rea. Allen said he hopes this will assist with fundraising efforts,



Patsy Pine (Amy Brohm) and Marple Syrup (Victoria Bingham) will host this year's Highlands Christmas Shindig. Photo by Mike Baker.

as people will be able to donate from the comfort of their living room.

He's set a fundraising target of between \$35,000 and \$40,000.

"I didn't understand the importance of Shindig until last year, when I was able to speak to some of the people in attendance, and people from Fuel for Warmth. I didn't realize how many families in Haliburton need help buying things like propane, fuel oil, or firewood," Allen said. "Fuel for Warmth helps close to 1,000 families every year, so this is a really good cause."

Brohm, who works with the Haliburton County Paramedic Service, added, "So many people in this community are struggling in silence. People don't know how, or where to ask for help, so they'll go without. We've referred a lot of people to places like Fuel for Warmth just from responding to calls and seeing they're living in a home without any heating. People would be shocked if they really knew how many people in this community were struggling."

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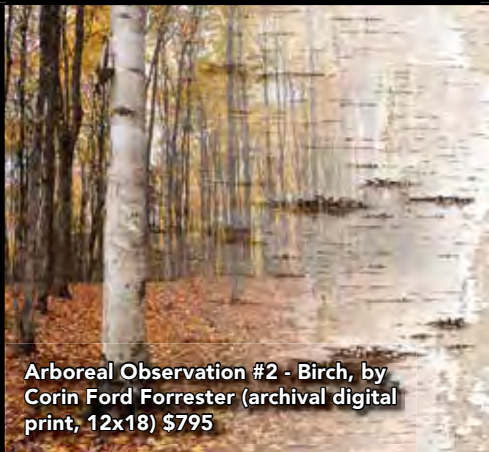
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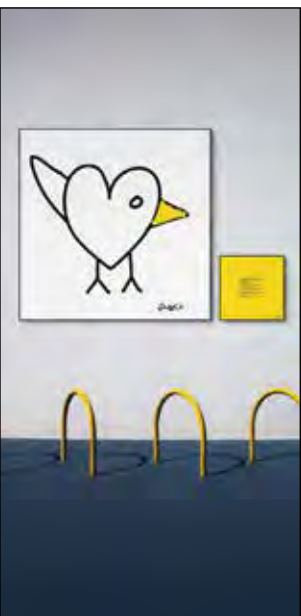
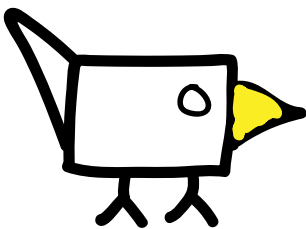
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The purpose of the meeting will be to proceed into Closed Session for the purpose of receiving team building training in accordance with Sec. 239 3.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2023.

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NOTICE - SPECIAL MEETING 2024 BUDGET PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on **Thursday, November 23, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss projects and priorities for the 2024 Budget.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands. Members of the Public may also observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found on the meeting Agenda at <https://algonquinhighlands.civicweb.net/portal/>

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Hawks maintain unbeaten streak en route to COSSA

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School junior boys volleyball team won the Kawartha Championships at home Nov. 7. They beat Kenner three sets to nil to take the cup. It ended a perfect season for the team. Coach Justin Collins said, “after a season last year with zero wins, this year we had 11 wins in the regular season, zero losses and one tie. A dramatic change.” They also won their semi-final and final matches Tuesday to remain undefeated. The top two teams advance to the COSSA championships and Haliburton will now host the tournament Nov. 16.

Top: Graham Backus, Josh Scheffee, Owen Whittaker, Caleb Manning, Chase Winder, Carlito Barbosa, Hudson Horsley, Atticus Jorritsma, Isaac Borgdorff, Deegan Davison, Fynn Gooley, Benjamin McMahon. Above left: Whittaker spikes the ball. Above right: Borgdorff blocks a volleyball. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*



Red Hawks earn gold

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks junior girls’ basketball team clinched the Kawartha A Championship Nov. 6, defeating the visiting Kenner Rams 26-15. A packed house cheered the girls on through a back-and-forth game, which was close until the final quarter. With the score 13-12 after three, offensive heroics from Maddy Walker, Jordanna Jennings and Jordyn Hurd led the Red Hawks to victory. The team has qualified for the COSSA regional championships, Nov. 15 in either Bancroft or Belleville (depending on results this week).

Top: The Red Hawks Kawartha A championship winning team: back, left to right, coach Mike Rieger, Hazel Jones, Freyja Neumann-Rowe, Haydn Aggett, Rosie Lafleur, coach Renato D’Ambrosio. Front, left to right, Tory Byrnes, Maddy Walker, Jordanna Jennings, and Jordyn Hurd. Above left: Jordana Jennings breezes past a Rams defender. Above right: Maddy Walker holds off a Rams defender. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

Huskies rebound with big win over St. Mike's

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Huskies put together one of their most complete performances of the year Nov. 4, dominating the visiting St. Michael's Buzzers in a 5-2 win that coach, Ryan Ramsay, hopes will kickstart his team's season.

A pair of goals from Nicholas Lamont and further tallies from captain Patrick Saini, Charlie Fink, and a returning Ian Phillips was enough to give the hometown squad a decisive, come-from-behind victory in front of 527 fans at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. "We played really well... the boys stuck to the game plan and showed what we can do when we're on it. A big part of that, I think, is having Ian Phillips back. He's a first line guy that we've been missing for some time," Ramsay said.

Phillips missed 10 games after spraining his ankle during the OJHL Governor's Showcase in Buffalo at the beginning of October. The Huskies won only three games during his absence, losing six and earning one tie.

The 20-year-old winger rejoined usual linemates Saini and Ty Petrou on the Huskies top line on Saturday. That trio showed signs of what the Huskies have been missing in recent weeks, pinning the Buzzers deep into their own zone and controlling play. They each had good opportunities turned away by Buzzers netminder Jacob Gorinsky in the early goings.

Lucas Stevenson went close to giving the home side the lead midway through the period, beating a Buzzers defenceman in a race for the puck and stretching his stick to try and poke one past Gorinsky, but the effort was well saved. Minutes later, Lamont, flanked by two Buzzers defencemen, skated into the zone and made a smart reverse pass across the Buzzers goal, but there was nobody there to tap it home.

After a Huskies player whiffed on the puck on the blueline, David Green capitalized on the misplay, skating in and going eye-to-eye with home netminder Brett Fullerton. While the goalie made an impressive stop, the

Huskies failed to clear and Green made no mistake, beating him seconds later to give the Buzzers a one-goal lead at 14:41.

Lucas Vacca saw his shot from the point tipped onto the outside of the post during a Huskies powerplay late in the period, while Aidan Yarde could only find Gorinsky's glove on a wrist in close seconds later. Shots at the end of the first were 22-6 in favour of the Huskies.

The home side continued to squeeze the visitors in the second frame but were hit with another sucker punch 12 minutes in; David Elmy, one of the league's best sharpshooters, scoring his 18th goal of the season.

That sparked an immediate response – Saini made it a one-goal game at 13:15, assisted by Phillips and Petrou, with Lamont tying things a minute later, finishing off a nice move from Vacca and Fink.

Fink found the go-ahead goal with time ticking down, tickling the twine at 19:12 for his sixth goal in nine games as a Husky, assisted by Lamont and Izayah Luddington.

Lamont made a three-point night late in the third, tallying an empty-netter at 18:50, assisted by Saini and Petrou, with Phillips adding another at 19:54, assisted by Saini, to put some gloss on the final score.

Ramsay hopes this is the start of a Huskies resurgence, with the team currently languishing in 10th place in the East Conference. He's preparing to welcome back a handful of players in the coming days – Raine Nadeau has missed the last couple of games with a concussion, Ethan Wright and Isaac Lamond have been nursing shoulder injuries, and Noah Lodoen is recovering from a high ankle sprain. Adam Smeeton is also back after finishing a three-game suspension.

"I don't think our team, the quality we have, justifies their position right now. We have a good team. Now that we're healthy again, we're working on getting everyone on the same page and playing the kind of hockey fans are used to seeing," Ramsay said.



Huskies captain Patrick Saini carries the puck into the Buzzers zone. Photo by Mike Baker.

Huskies 2-1 Stouffville

The Huskies recorded their second straight win on home ice Nov. 7, besting the Stouffville Spirit 2-1.

The home side fell behind early in the first, giving up a short-handed goal to Odaro Ewere at 7:53. They got to work in the second frame - Yarde bagging his first goal of the season, assisted by Antonio Cerqua and Smeeton 2:53 in. Petrou secured the

result with a smart finish on the powerplay at 7:07, assisted by Saini and Stevenson.

Fullerton was in fine form, shutting the door on a Spirit side that largely dominated the second and third periods. He made 35 saves to earn his second win of the season.

The blue and white will be back in action Saturday when they welcome the Markham Royals to S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Puck drop is 4 p.m.

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Top: Lucas Marshall and Alex Bradshaw go hard on the forecheck. Above: Lucas Stevenson chases down the puck. Photos by Mike Baker.



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The Storm celebrate their first goal of the night. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Spectacular comeback victory

In a nail-biting hockey showdown that kept fans on the edge of their seats Nov. 3, the U18 Rep Tom Prentice & Sons displayed remarkable resilience and determination, ultimately securing a thrilling 3-2 victory over Newcastle.

The first period set the tone for the evening with the Storm taking an early lead, electrifying the crowd as they surged ahead by a goal. However, the visiting team was not to be underestimated.

In the second period, they roared back with a vengeance, quickly turning the tide in their favour. Two well-executed goals left the Storm trailing 2-1 going into the third period.

As the game entered the crucial third period, the home team

faced an uphill battle but they refused to be defeated. The turning point came when Cooper Coles, a seasoned forward, scored the second goal of the evening, tying the game at 2-2.

The tension in the arena was high as the clock ticked down, but the home team refused to settle for a tie. With 22 seconds remaining, Coles delivered the game-winning goal.

In the end, it was a spectacular comeback victory that showcased the team’s unyielding spirit and resilience. The players and fans celebrated this hard-fought win, recognizing that it was a testament to the team’s determination and collective effort. *(Submitted).*

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Nov. 3

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Cooper Coles

Cooper's scoring capabilities were on full display during the 3-2 win. He proved to be a powerful offensive force, consistently finding the back of the net when it mattered most.



Ethan Dobson

Goaltender Ethan showcased a stellar performance. He displayed unwavering composure under pressure, making a series of remarkable saves that kept the opposing team at bay.



Brechin Johnston

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EVENTS

Nov. 9, 5 p.m.
Special screening of the documentary ‘Unwanted Soldiers’ at the Minden Hills branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. Produced by filmmaker Jari Osborne, the movie will look at her father’s involvement in the Second World War as a Chinese Canadian veteran, uncovering a legacy of discrimination and racism against British Columbia’s Chinese Canadian community. Admission is free, but donations welcome. All proceeds will go to the Minden legion.

Nov. 9, 2 p.m.
Cribbage and euchre at St. George’s Anglican Church, located at 617 Mountain Street in Haliburton. This event will be held weekly. For more information, contact lynnhiggsthompson@haliburtonanglican.ca.

Nov. 11, 2-4 p.m.
Oakview Coliving is hosting an afternoon of poetry and music. Light refreshments provided. Admission is free with donations to the Poppy Fund of Haliburton and Minden legions. Space is limited. Call or email to reserve a seat. oakview.coliving@gmail.com or 647-965-2564.

Nov. 11, 4 to 6:30 p.m.
Hunter’s Supper at Highland Grove Community Centre, located at 5373 Loop Rd. Hot turkey dinner will be served. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children. All proceeds will support the Highland Grove Historical Society.

Nov. 12, 2 p.m.
Razzamataz Kids’ Shows presents ‘The Dragon King’ at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. A puppet workshop to follow at 3:15 p.m. Tickets and details at razzamataz.ca.

Nov. 13, 7 p.m.
Environment Haliburton! is hosting a virtual enviro-cafe, featuring Dr. Franz Hartman who will speak about how solutions to the housing crisis can also be solutions to preserving valuable wetlands and farmland. A question and answer period will follow. Register at environmenthaliburton.org.

Nov. 15, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
SIRCH Bistro is running ‘Lunch is On Us’, providing hot and nutritious meals to the community every Wednesday. The meal will consist of a homemade soup, a hot feature item, and tea or coffee. It’s free for dine-in guests only, with donations accepted. Takeout is available at regular price.

Nov. 17, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Poinsettia luncheon at St. Paul’s Anglican Church, located at 19 Invergordon Ave. in Minden. Soup, sandwiches, dessert and tea and coffee. Baked goods will also be available for purchase. Lunch is by donation.

Nov. 17, 1 p.m.
The Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Haliburton County Public Library are hosting a PA Day movie screening of *101 Dalmations* in the Welch Room at MHCC. This family-friendly event is free to attend. No registration required. Snacks will be provided, but you’re welcome to bring your own.

Nov. 17, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
The Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Haliburton County Public Library welcome you to join in a series of PA Day movies during the school year. There will be a free, family-friendly movie screening in the Welch Room at the cultural centre. No registration required. Snacks will be provided. Movies will be decided via vote at the Minden library, or online at haliburtonlibrary.ca.

Have a non-profit event you want advertised?
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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton weekly activities
Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m.
Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall, and bingo, doors open at 5 p.m, with games starting at 7 p.m. Weekly jackpot of \$500.
Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw starting at 4:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each available in the Clubroom.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Coboconk
Second Monday of the month: General meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays: Soup and sandwich lunch, Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.
First Wednesday of the month: Big Buck Bid Euchre from 11 a.m. \$15 per person.
Saturdays: Music & Meat Roll - Music starts 2 p.m. Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

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Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden
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Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce
Nov. 9: HHHS social from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open from 2 to 6 p.m.
Nov. 10: Seniors’ 55+ lunch at noon. Open from 2 to 9 p.m. Wings and social jam from 5 to 8 p.m.
Nov. 11: Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph at 11 a.m. Lunch to follow by donation at the branch. Meat draw at 3 p.m.
Nov. 12: L.A. breakfast 9 to 11 a.m. Closed after.
Nov. 13: Closed
Nov. 14: Closed, executive meeting at 7 p.m.
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Rogers will host a Public Information & Comment Session via Zoom from 6pm-7pm on December 12th, 2023. Please register for the virtual public meeting by 3pm on December 11th by contacting Eric Belchamber.
Rogers invites you to provide by mail or email your comments, and/or request to be informed of the Municipality’s position on the proposed antenna system before 5pm December 24th, 2023.
Rogers attests that the installation will respect good engineering practices including structural adequacy and attests that the general public will be protected in compliance with Health Canada’s Safety Code 6.
Innovation, Science & Economic Development Canada (ISED) is the sole approving authority for the siting of telecommunications facilities. The Municipality of Highlands East only provides a statement of siting concurrence/non-concurrence at the request of the proponent.
All concerns or comments are to be directed to the Eric Belchamber, and not the local municipality.

Contact information:
Proposed Wireless Communications Installation
Reference: C8597 – 1587 Alsop Rd.

Eric Belchamber
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OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of
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(Resident of Minden Hills)

Peacefully at her residence on Thursday evening, November 2, 2023 in her 84th year. Beloved wife of the late Bruce Conboy. Loving mother of Cheryl (Larry Parsons) and Frank (Diana) all of Minden. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Elizabeth, Allan and by her great-grandchildren Jordan & Aleksandar. Dear sister of Cam (Pam). Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces, nephews and friends. Brenda worked in the Automotive Industry and was a Crossing Guard for many years. She enjoyed the Haliburton Highlands and most of all time spent with her family.

A Remembrance Gathering

Friends and family are invited to call at **THE COMMUNITY ROOM** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday afternoon, November 13, 2023 to visit with the family from 1-3 p.m. Please bring your stories and memories of Brenda. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636 Minden would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



In Loving Memory of
Leonard "Len" Foster
(Resident of Minden)

On October 29, 2023, at age 82, after a 7 year battle against Lewy Body Dementia, Len gently slipped away from this earthly life into a new eternal life where his brain is again whole and he is capable of feeling joy, love, and happiness. Devoted and loving husband of Susan Foster. Cherished father of Robin (Keith), Susan (Jim), Steven, and Keith (Kathy). Len will be greatly missed by his brother David. He is predeceased by his first wife Pearl, partner Mary, and brothers Brian and Alan.

Len was the first Fire Chief of Cardiff Fire Department and was the founder and past president of the Minden Amateur Radio Club.

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date in the Spring. As an expression of sympathy, donations to The Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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At Rest
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Donnie will be sadly missed by his wife Darlene (nee Sawyer) of 53 years. Survived by his daughter Michelle, by his son Jeff and by his grandsons

Quintin and Logan. He is also survived by his mother Myrtle. Predeceased by his father Archie, by his sister Margaret Prentice and by his brother Francis "Porky". He will be missed by his brother-in-law Tom, sister-in-laws Dianne and Sheila and by their extended families.

Don worked many years as custodian and maintenance person for the Minden OPP and also supplied many customers with their winter wood. He was a quiet hard working man who loved to travel.

As per Donnie's wishes, cremation has taken place and no services will be held.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



In Loving Memory of
Cecil Morrison
(Retired Public School Teacher)

Passed away at Lakeridge Health Oshawa on Monday October 30th, 2023 at the age of 90 years.


Beloved husband of Betty Morrison. Loving father of Bryan (Barb), Les (the late Barb), Don (Shona) and Ian (Kim). He will be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Aldyth, Perry and Sandra.

Visitation was held at **NORTHCUTT ELLIOTT FUNERAL HOME**, 53 Division St. N. Bowmanville on Tuesday November 7th from 12 – 1 pm, Memorial Service followed in the Chapel at 1 pm. Memorial Donations may be made to The Cancer Society. Interment will take place at St. Peter's Church Cemetery, Maple Lake at a later date.

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by Barbara Olson
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- Across**
- 1 Walk-on by Hitchcock, notably
 - 6 Klutzy Kramer
 - 11 Mexican Mrs.
 - 14 Speechify
 - 15 Welcome warmly at the door
 - 16 In the, in Italy
 - 17 Irritants in a Mediterranean capital?
 - 19 "I see what you did there!"
 - 20 Anchor-to-reporter delay
 - 21 Change, as a teen boy's voice
 - 23 Legal wrapup?
 - 24 Vocal complaint in an oil-rich Middle East capital?
 - 27 Tijuana title with a tilde
 - 30 "I'll pass"
 - 31 Opposite of infra
 - 32 Pull or push follower
 - 34 T.O. gallery, Canada's largest
 - 36 The Grateful Dead bassist Phil
 - 37 Jet in a Himalayan capital?
 - 41 Enjoy a Lay-Z-Boy
 - 42 Uncertain alter reply?
 - 43 "Scram!"
 - 44 "Oklahoma!" aunt
 - 46 Plus-___ (guest's guest)
 - 48 Heartthrobs
 - 52 Foe in an Arab Spring capital?
 - 55 "___ heard!"
 - 56 Quick to criticize
 - 57 Sent away with a tap
 - 60 Yank
 - 61 Wet forecast in the former Persia's capital?
 - 64 Beijing 2022 entrant: Abbr.
 - 65 She played "Wawa" on "SNL"
 - 66 Poet who wrote "No Man Is an Island"
 - 67 What comes after Q
 - 68 One with many subjects
 - 69 Eager to get going, now!

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- Down**
- 1 Dracula and Chocula, e.g., in French
 - 2 Poorly-paid worker's words after "I need"
 - 3 Show named in part for a NYC ad biz area
 - 4 French 101 verb with a "hat"
 - 5 One of the "yeux"
 - 6 Toy pistol that goes "bang"
 - 7 Ursa, to Manuel
 - 8 Have a cross-country adventure, maybe
 - 9 "I don't ___ bit"
 - 10 Beginnings
 - 11 Flip one's lid?
 - 12 Prepare for an audition
 - 13 "Black Velvet" singer Myles
 - 18 Lodge on a river
 - 22 Try to copy
 - 25 Fish in a tight situation?
 - 26 "Mon petit ___"(Dijon "dear")
 - 28 Surpass other frogs, in a way
 - 29 Tach stat
 - 33 Apt acronym for the winter blues
 - 35 Fuel efficiency meas., in the U.S.
 - 37 Caffeine-rich tropical fruits
 - 38 Like most graveyard shifts
 - 39 Day break time?
 - 40 Ad ___
 - 41 Claim on "healthier" cigarettes
 - 45 Pro led by Nick Nurse
 - 47 TV chef Lagasse
 - 49 Off-kilter
 - 50 Wheel alignments
 - 51 Crosby known as "The Kid"
 - 53 With an ___ the future
 - 54 Singing Sumac
 - 58 "... ___ partridge in ..."
 - 59 Wood's wood alternative
 - 62 Call for attention
 - 63 Pitching stat

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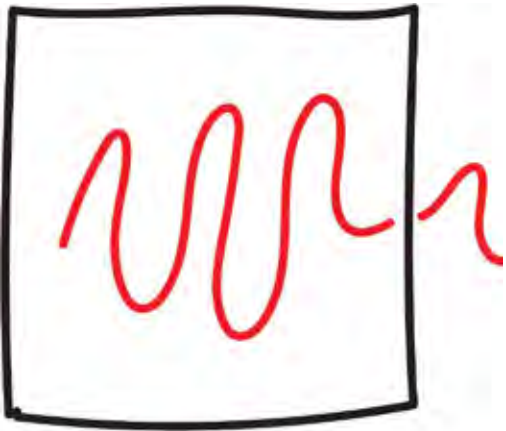
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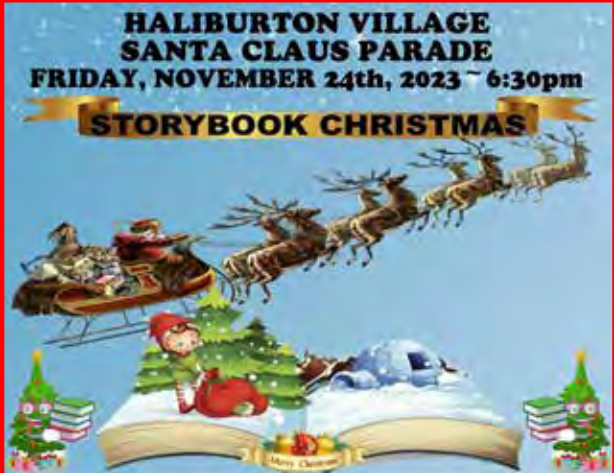
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Sometimes I get so still
I notice the world's aliveness—
like it's dancing to a tune
too big for me to hear.

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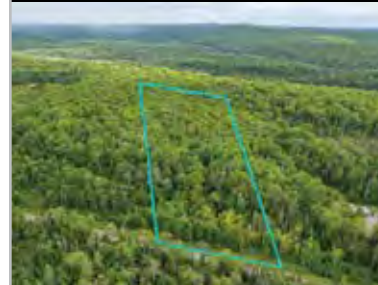
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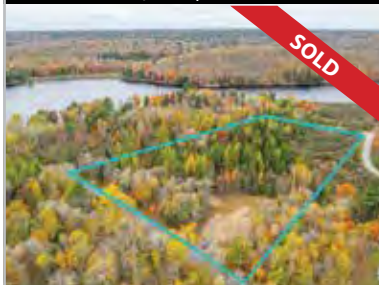
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