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Hoppy Easter

Colleen and son Ayson Wayn pose for a photo with the Easter Bunny March 23 at Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC's children's Easter egg hunt. For more photos see page 22. Photo by Mike Baker.



Major developments proposed for Dysart

By Lisa Gervais

Kanata-based Teska Development is hoping its two planned projects for Haliburton – 22 townhouse vacation rentals called Haliburton Pines, and a 30-unit apartment building named Nimigon Lakeview – will get the green light from Dysart et al council in the coming months.

The sign for Haliburton Pines went up

March 18 at CR 21 and Soyers Lake Road – across from the Pinestone. The apartment building would go next to the Tim Hortons.

Teska Development chairman Stephen Tunks discussed both projects with *The Highlander*. They have yet to be presented in full to Dysart, or the County, and the municipalities have yet to sign off on either. However, Tunks said both are in progress.

Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey said, “I am aware that there are projects and the signs are up. They’re all at a pre-consultation stage. Council has not seen the details.”

Fearrey also disclosed that he once co-owned the land at Soyers Lake Road with partners, and “as a willing buyer, he (Tunks) paid the price” to purchase the lot. At the time of the sale, Fearrey said he was not

mayor of Dysart et al.

Tunks said when it comes to Haliburton Pines, “what really is important to the people in town is we’re going to have a vacation rental spot where the anticipation is several million dollars will be spent in the local economy by the people who stay there.”

He added that with the townships soon

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A rendering of Nimigon Lakeview. *Teska Development.*

Housing pitted for Cardiff

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implementing short-term rental bylaws to crack down on party rentals, these are “luxury” townhouses that could be rented out to families for an average of \$3,000-a-week.

As for Nimigon Lakeview, he said “this is a moderately-priced apartment building for families, and it’s designed to be for people who live and work in Haliburton.” Asked what moderately-priced was, he said market value.

Tunks said he hopes to bring Haliburton Pines, at 2843 Soyers Lake Rd., before council before summer. He said they are working on the requisite studies.

The proposal is initially for six, but eventually 22, luxury townhouse investor-owned vacation rentals. There would be three, four, and six-bedroom homes. Tunks said the idea is that investors buy the townhouses strictly to be rented out.

“You can buy one of these but you cannot live there. You must put it back in the (rental) pool. And they’re all rented by the week,” Tunks said. He added an investor could, however, rent their own apartment. He said it is a similar model to townhouses at Mt. Tremblant and other vacation spots.

The complex would be six buildings with a central courtyard featuring an outdoor pool, patio, gazebo, outdoor cooking space, fire pit, dog walk area, horseshoe pits, basketball court, and a children’s play area.

He conceded the sign is up to attract reservation agreements so the developer can get financing. A builder would then do the work.

Nimigon Lakeview

Meanwhile, with Nimigon Lakeview the company is proposing a five-storey building, with two storeys being

underground garages, and three floors to house 30 units. There would be six one-bedroom, six three-bedroom, and 18 two-bedroom units.

The Teska Development website said there would also be a rooftop terrace with hot tubs, showers, BBQ, gazebo, small gym, meeting room, and party room with kitchen. It says there would also be walkways, pet, picnic areas and a fire pit.

It went on to say Nimigon Lakeview is also an investor-owned condominium development with units owned by investors as income properties, and that the project is managed by Teska Rentals Inc.

Plans for Cardiff and Minden

The company is also proposing a residential building in Cardiff. The Highlands, at 2756 Monck Rd., is on the website and will be a three-storey building containing residential units. It has yet to be approved by Highlands East.

Minden Hills Estates, meanwhile, is Teska Development’s plan for the corner of Plantation and Bobcaygeon Roads.

Teska Development says the property is 100 acres. “It is zoned residential and will be serviced by well and septic. The proposed development will consist of 33 estate lots of 2.5 to 3.5 acres... it is about six kilometres from the town of Minden, right in the middle of the beautiful Haliburton vacation area... the property is intended to be an area of vacation homes and permanent homes or hybrid workers.”

It has also not come before, or been approved, by Minden Hills council.

For more information on the proposed projects, go to teskadevelopment.com/home, click under ‘projects’ and then ‘residential’.



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Dylan Dahlke remembered as ‘loving soul’

By Mike Baker

It's been five years since Adeilah Dahlke lost her “protector” – older brother, Dylan – but still, not a day goes by when she doesn't reach for her phone, hoping for a text or one of his impromptu calls.

Dylan was 29 when he was murdered by Robert Anthony Ferguson, a now 63-year-old Highlands East resident, in the early hours of July 6, 2019. Ferguson was found guilty of second-degree murder in June 2023 after the court heard he stabbed Dahlke while he slept and left him to die.

Ferguson was sentenced to life in prison by Justice Clyde Smith in a Lindsay courtroom March 20. He will be eligible for parole in 12 years.

Adeilah said Dylan's death and subsequent five years of court proceedings had taken a considerable toll on her life.

“It's been devastating – how do you move on and try to rebuild your life after something like this,” Adeilah said. “I still play over the phone call from my mom, when she told me Dylan had been killed... it was like my heart broke, and I've been working to fix it ever since.”

The siblings grew up in Haliburton – first in a house along Glamorgan Road and, later, a cottage overlooking Portage Lake. With only 18 months between them, Adeilah said she and Dylan did everything together during their formative years.

“We were best friends – as a kid, he was so funny. He loved playing pranks on people, dressing up in costumes even when it wasn't Halloween. He was never afraid to put himself out there, and he made friends very easily,” she remembers.

Adeilah said the pair used to pretend they were secret agents and would spend hours concocting elaborate storylines that usually involved friends and neighbours. There were often disagreements – Adeilah recalls a time when Dylan, after giving her a piggyback, suddenly let her go as a prank, causing her to fall against a door.

“I remember chasing him around the house with a broom and eventually smacking him – I drew blood, but we decided we were even and wouldn't tell our parents. We always had each other's backs,” Adeilah said.

They attended the old Victoria Street school, with Adeilah spending two years at

Stuart Baker once it was built, with Dylan going to J.D. Hodgson elementary. They were one grade apart at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

“He was one of the cool kids, and I definitely wasn't, so I was always almost honoured when he came up to me in the halls,” she said.

While Adeilah moved from Haliburton after high school, Dylan stuck around. He worked odd jobs but found his niche in the construction industry. He had apprenticeships in roofing and drywalling and assisted with the building of condos on Lake Avenue and Park Street.

While the siblings drifted apart in their later years, Adeilah said they spoke on the phone and texted. She last saw her brother in November 2018, when he visited Waterloo.

“It was such a great visit – we stayed up until 2 a.m. talking about life and really catching up. That was special, because we hadn't had the chance to do that in such a long time,” Adeilah said. “He talked about doing big things – he wanted to go on a trip to the east coast. He set out in April 2019, but only got as far as Tory Hill.”

Adeilah said the hardest part is not knowing why Ferguson killed her brother. The court heard the pair had gotten into a disagreement over cigarettes and alcohol, though Ferguson has never discussed his motive.

She's still learning to cope with the grief, the same for mom, Tobey Champ, who said her entire family has had difficulty moving on.

“There is such a hole in the community – it feels like we all were stabbed in the heart,” Tobey said. “Dylan's fun-loving spirit and helpful nature made an impact in this area. I've been approached by so many people whose lives he touched – he's missed for his kindness and ingenuity.”

Dylan's aunt, Penny Champ, said he “had a smile that lit up every room.” She remembers her nephew as a music enthusiast, who was never afraid to break out into song. Adeilah said she still watches an old video, from when Dylan was about four, of their grandmother singing a lullaby. “Dylan just said, ‘but what about the rock and roll?’ and he started immediately rocking out... he was such a goof,” she said, smiling.

Shortly after Dylan's passing, Adeilah got a commemorative tattoo – an etching of



Above: Dylan Dahlke flanked by mom, Tobey Champ, and sister, Adeilah Dahlke. Right: Dylan Dahlke used to love dressing up as a kid. *Submitted.*

a drawing her brother had done of cherry blossom branches. It's inscribed with Dylan's signature – a pair of Ds facing one another.

“Now, it feels like I have a little piece of him with me every day,” she said.

Ferguson sentenced

In delivering his judgement, Justice Smith rejected Ferguson's claim the killing was carried out “in the heat of passion” after an argument, saying the man's actions involved planning and deliberation. While he expressed remorse to police, Smith said Ferguson made no attempt to assist Dahlke after stabbing him.

“Instead, he simply retired to his bedroom to await other developments,” Smith said.

The judge concluded the incident was rooted in excessive alcohol consumption and use of other intoxicants, with the court hearing Ferguson and Dahlke had been smoking marijuana. A psychological assessment revealed there were no concerns surrounding paranoid/delusional thinking, psychosis, anxiety, depression, mania, or elevated mood states playing any role.

“This suggests there may in fact be good reason to worry about the risk of Ferguson reoffending and about his prospects for



successful rehabilitation,” Smith said.

He landed on 12 years of parole ineligibility, instead of the 15 years sought by the Crown, after acknowledging Ferguson's tough upbringing, lack of any other criminal history, cooperation throughout court proceedings, and time already served in custody.

“Mr. Ferguson's time in custody to date has not been easy,” Smith said. “Twelve years takes you to 75, at that point you will be eligible for parole. I have every reason to believe, if you conduct yourself in an appropriate manner between now and then, you have every reason to be optimistic of obtaining parole – that is entirely up to you.”

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ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

College partnership

Algonquin Highlands council has approved a plan to install a 12x12 gazebo overlooking the new green burial section at St. Stephen's cemetery, partnering with Fleming College on the project.

Mayor Liz Danielsen told a March 21 meeting that she and coun. Lisa Barry met with public works manager Adam Thorn, Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society founders Terry and Shirley Moore and Glenn Diezel, instructor of the timber framing course at Fleming's Haliburton campus, on-site last week to discuss plans.

The township is contributing \$10,000 to the build, which is to be completed by Fleming students, with additional work – including the installation of a roof and foundation – to be done by Diezel's woodworking company. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$18,000, with the green burial society contributing \$8,000.

"We really do support this new partnership – part of our strategic plan suggests we look to partnerships like this... I think it's going to be great," Danielsen said.

There will be three benches installed at the gazebo, with the installation of interpretive signage and landscaping work to be discussed in the summer.

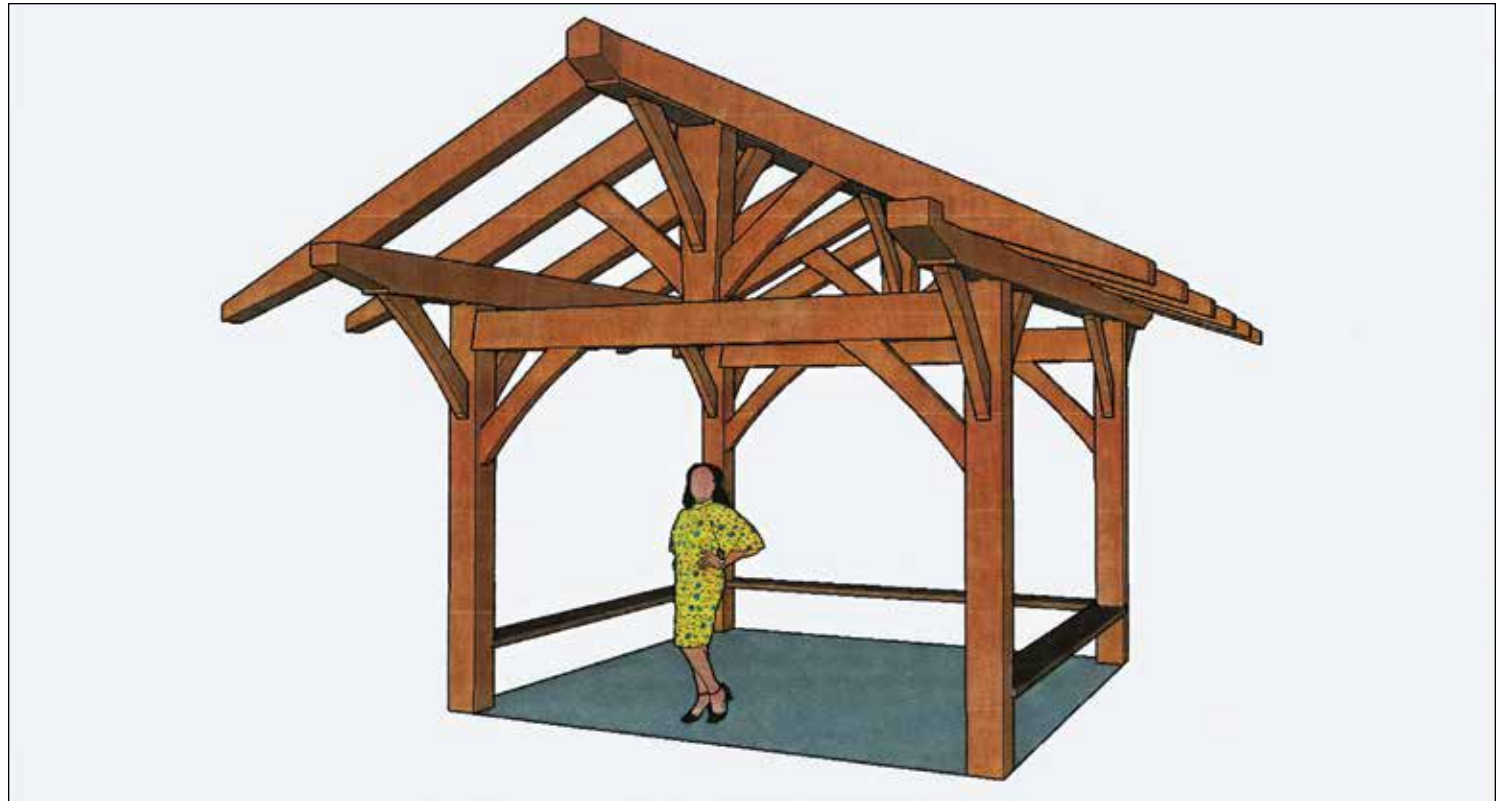
The new green burial section was approved by council in November, with the option becoming available to people in spring 2025. There will be 180 plots across a .31-acre parcel on the north side of the cemetery property.

Date set for rec centre opening

The township has scheduled a grand opening for the Dorset Recreation Centre, with a community celebration to be held July 27.

The event will run in tandem with the reopening of the Dorset Pavillion Park, acquired by the township in February. It's being renamed to Tapscott Lopes Park, in honour of Don Tapscott and Ana Lopes, the cottagers who gifted the land.

Discussing the rec centre project, Thorn said he understands why the community is



A rendering of the planned gazebo at St. Stephen's cemetery. *File courtesy of Algonquin Highlands.*

getting antsy about its reopening, but noted the rebuild has been extensive. The facility has been closed since 2020.

"I wouldn't say there's been any delays in this project yet. The reason it's been extended is the amount of extra work council has approved to put into it, to better support our community," Thorn said. "We're building something special for them, versus just doing a quick reno to get the doors open."

Future direction

Council and staff have a new strategic plan that Danielsen says will be used to guide the future of the township.

A final summary of the document, presented to council earlier in the month, was approved March 21. It was compiled by Steve Lichty, of Polaris Educational Planners Inc., for \$28,300.

The plan outlines the township's vision as, "Algonquin Highlands is a vibrant

community connected to place, committed to sustainability, and invested in tomorrow. A place to visit; a place to call home."

Six strategic priorities have been outlined – growth and development; environmental stewardship; infrastructure needs; service excellence; community engagement; and community well-being.

"We have come up with a good guiding document... but it must be seen as a living document. If we want to make it work, we need to keep an eye on it. If we notice things becoming a greater priority... we can, and should, adjust," Danielsen said.

CAO Angie Bird said staff were already generating short and long-term goals with the new plan in mind, noting it would play a pivotal role in future budget discussions.

Woeful winter

Chris Card, the township's parks, recreation, and trails manager, said the township broke

all kinds of records this winter, for all the wrong reasons.

The warm weather has wreaked havoc across much of the province over the past few months, with usual winter activities such as outdoor skating, skiing and snowmobiling heavily impacted. Card said the township closed its outdoor rinks Feb. 21 and all ski trails Feb. 29.

"This was the story of the winter that wasn't – it was a very challenging season," Card said, noting the township would see a significant budget shortfall in recreation-related activities. "We had budgeted revenues for the season at \$10,400, and we ended up with \$2,300.

"It's definitely the shortest season I've been involved in here," he added.

(Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Mike Baker).

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Admission is by donation.

• The Knitting Village provides free knitting lessons for children ages 11-14. Upcoming classes will be held on April 2, 9 and 16 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Road. All materials are supplied.

• Connection and Response, an exhibit by artist Bruce Cull will be on display from April 4 – June 8 in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. For more info: <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2024-04-04-1000-Connection-and-Response-An-Exhibit-by-Bruce-Cull>.

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From November 1 to April 30, 2024 overnight parking is illegal from midnight to 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Parking in the turning circle of a cul-de-sac is prohibited during all hours. Vehicles parked in areas that interferes with snow removal will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

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All waste disposal sites will be open on Easter Monday, April 1, 2024 and will operate on Sunday hours. All other days, the sites will operate under regular winter hours.

COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- April 11 – Regular Council Meeting
- April 25 – Regular Council Meeting
- May 9 – Regular Council Meeting
- May 30 – Regular Council Meeting

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Best year yet for P4P's Sleeping in Cars

By Mike Baker

Haliburton's Sylvia Claridge always looks forward to spending one night every year outside, braving the elements to sleep in her car.

She was one of 48 people who took up temporary residence in the Head Lake Park parking lot March 22 as Places for People hosted its fifth-annual Sleeping in Cars fundraiser. The event was an overwhelming success, said organizer Nataly Mylan, bringing in over \$31,000 – more than the previous four years combined.

Claridge and her grandsons, Matthias Malette, 16, and Logan Malette, 19, contributed approximately \$1,500. Speaking to her inspiration, Claridge said she's seen the impacts of the County's housing crisis firsthand.

"I've been doing this event since the very beginning, because I'm so passionate about ending homelessness and bringing more affordable housing options to our area," Claridge said. "I know some people who didn't have anywhere to live one summer and so they pitched a tent in our backyard. They lived there for months before they found somewhere. There's just nothing to rent around here, nothing."

Logan, who works full-time at Haliburton Chrysler, said he too spent months last year searching for a place of his own he could afford. While he eventually found somewhere, he said his family's support was the only thing preventing him from being on the streets.

Homelessness is a growing problem in the Highlands. According to Michelle Corley, human services manager of housing at Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation, there are 19 County residents on KLH's recognized by-name homelessness list, with a further 15 to 19 people known to be homeless, but not yet on the list.

Andria Cowan Molyneaux, owner of ACM Designs, was a first-time participant. She and six staff raised \$13,000.

"It's obvious that housing is an issue right across our country, but when we look in our backyard, it's heartbreaking to know there are so many people who can't find a place to live," Cowan Molyneaux said. "Affordability is one component of this issue, but the fact there's zero inventory makes this a whole other ballgame."



Above: ACM Designs had seven representatives sleep in their vehicles. Right: Places for People volunteer Max Ward. Photos by Mike Baker.

She has frequently housed new hires in accommodations above the ACM Designs offices on Dysart Avenue. She also knows of at least one staff member who spent time living from their vehicle.

"That was what inspired me to do this – I decided I wanted to be part of the team trying to find solutions," Cowan Molyneaux said.

Algonquin Highlands deputy mayor Jennifer Dailoux, who has often spoken of wanting to see her township work to bring more affordable housing to the community, was one of the participants, while Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter and coun. Shirley Johannessen, and Dysart et al deputy mayor



Walt McKechnie made appearances.

Mylan said this year's event was the most successful yet.

"We are thrilled – we surpassed even our own lofty goals... this is proof that

affordable housing is on the minds of so many County residents,"

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DYSART ET AL NEWS

County criticized

Dysart et al council is seeking answers from the County over a proposed development looking to bring an A&W restaurant to Haliburton.

At a March 26 meeting, Jason Noseworthy, representing consulting firm Priority Permits, applied for a series of signs his client, A&W Canada, wants to install on a new restaurant slated for 10 Hops Dr. – just off County Road 21. He requested 16 signs – with 15 of them for the building, and one for the corner of Hops Drive and CR21.

“The signs are in line with A&W brand standards across Canada,” Noseworthy said.

Mayor Murray Fearrey had no issue with the signs and posters that are to be installed on the building – but didn’t like the one billed for the highway, with the sign proposed to be set back 10.85 metres from the road.

Fearrey queried whether the applicant had secured an entrance permit, which would provide landowners Sunray Group/Hops Drive Inc. access directly to CR 21.

Noseworthy said the plan was for the restaurant to access Hops Drive only, noting necessary approvals had already been received by the County. Fearrey said he planned to follow up on that.

“I have some concerns – I think the County dropped the ball big time,” Fearrey said.

He added, “there are 1,500 cars going through there every day, it’s a busy area.

“I still have concerns they don’t have an entrance permit. I want to put as much



Dysart council has expressed concern about traffic flow along County Road 21 following development plans along Hops Drive. *File.*

pressure as possible on the County to fix this,” Fearrey said.

Dysart’s previous council conditionally approved the development in October 2020, with the project proceeding through the public planning process in December 2020. Minor adjustments to the site plan agreement were made in August 2022.

Plans include a 10,000 sq. ft. retail building, 1,600 sq. ft. convenience store, 1,600 sq. ft. A&W restaurant with a drive-thru, and three gas pumps.

Rotary in the park

Council approved a request from Haliburton Rotary to host an expanded community event at Head Lake Park this summer.

Steve Roberts and Ursula Devolin, representing the service club, said Rotary wanted to expand on a planned music in the park performance Aug. 6 and host different family-friendly games. There are also plans to run a beef on a bun fundraiser.

Council voiced their support for the proposal, with the event to run from 4 to 8 p.m. with a musical act on stage until 9 p.m.

Devolin said there are plans to bring in a children’s performer, too.

There was no mention of Rotary paying a fee to use the park.

Devolin said the service club wants to partner with other community groups and businesses to set up different games and demonstrations.

“We would be relying on... the community to come in, create a game and operate it,” she said, noting applications could be submitted to Rotary at haliburtonrotary@gmail.com. *(Dysart et al briefs compiled by Mike Baker).*



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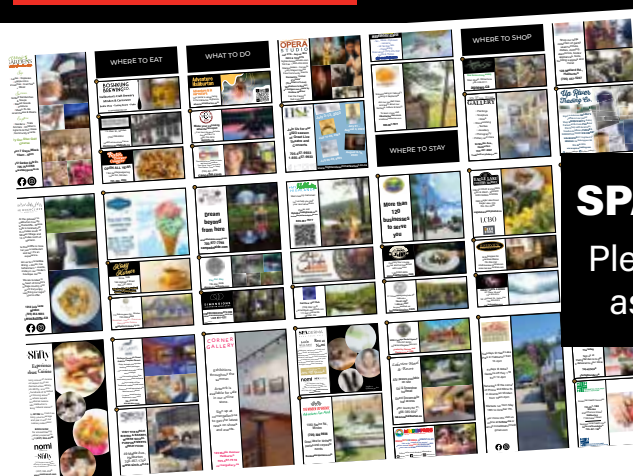
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U-Links presents 26 projects at annual research celebration

By Mike Baker

It's been a busy year for staff at U-Links, partnering with post-secondary students on 26 community-based research projects since last summer.

There was a full house at Haliburton School of Art + Design March 23 as the organization presented its findings at its annual celebration of research event. Some of the key takeaways included an economic breakdown on the benefits of owning an apple tree, the discovery of an ancient fault line beneath Grace Lake, and revelation that a wetland abutting the waterbody in Wilberforce could qualify for provincially significant status.

Keynote speaker Sean Campbell said his firm, Union Cooperative, helped bring 58 new affordable rentals to Waterloo Region in 2022. The \$16.5 million project was funded by contributions from a 200-plus person membership, charitable organizations, and businesses. Tenants are charged below-market rents, collectively saving them approximately \$700,000 per year.

Campbell said the only way to address the Highlands housing crisis is to tackle it head-on.

"Could there be a change to municipal policies to further encourage development? Is there an opportunity for greater collaboration between local agencies? What land is available that could be opened for development, how to finance potential builds," Campbell said.

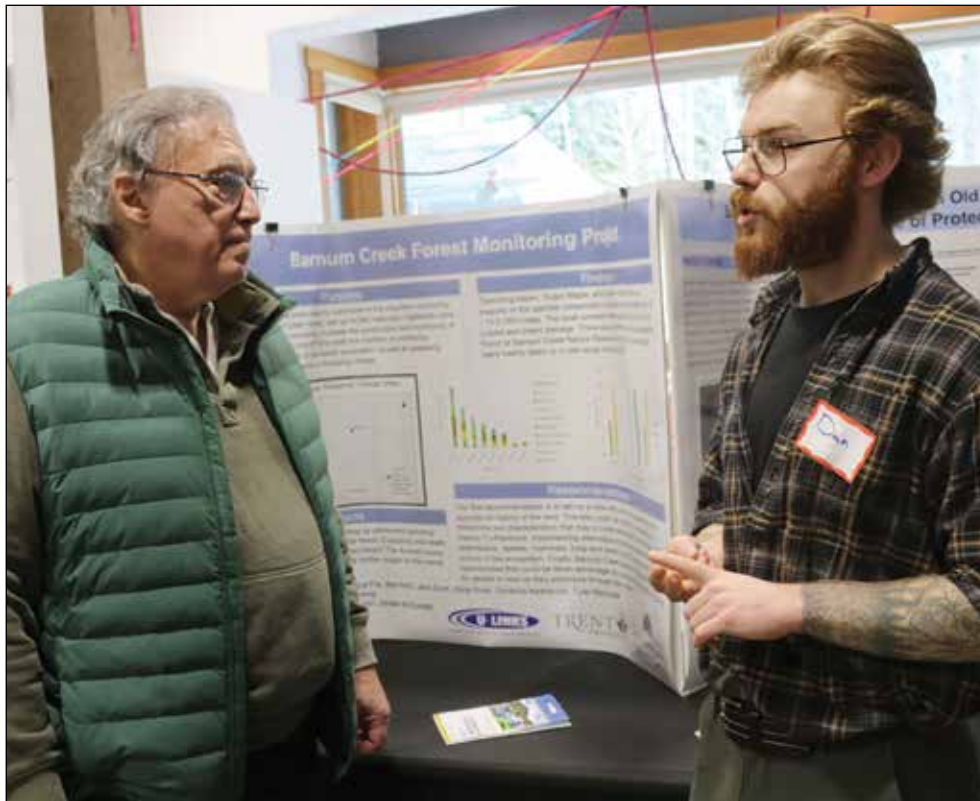
The Ontario government has opened \$1.2 billion in funding to incentivize housing developments. The federal government is getting involved too, announcing last month a \$175 million investment to build 5,200 new housing units in Edmonton.

Student-led projects

Carmen Galea, of Toronto Metropolitan University, presented ATIP Haliburton, launched last year by Luba Cargill, who wanted a database of apple tree locations in the County. Galea said they discovered 170 apple tree locations, with Dysart et al and Highlands East having the most significant sites, with orchards at Abbey Gardens and Killara Station.

Wesley Ford, of Trent University, focused on the economic benefits. He said the County is producing 81,600 apples annually, with about 40 varieties, including atlas, yellow transparent and York imperial. If someone wanted to create a new orchard, it could be quite lucrative, with a five-acre plot fitting 250 trees, producing 100,000 to 120,000 apples per year. Those apples could return \$37,000 annually, while also supplementing local apple sauce and apple juice programs.

The research of Fleming College students Rae Di Vito, Steven Del Ben Belluz and Madison Florence suggest a fault line exists beneath Grace Lake. The students partnered with U-Links after Dave Freeman, who is writing a book about the history of the lake and the Wilberforce community, found a map from the 1990s showing a possible fault line. Di Vito said her geological



Top: Trent University student Dan Vandeloo discusses his benthic monitoring project with County resident Terry Moore. Above: Fleming College student Rae Di Vito discusses her research project with local residents. Photos by Mike Baker.

technician program class conducted seismic, radiometric, electromagnetic and gravity surveys before arriving at their conclusion. Work is continuing.

Trent's applied bio-monitoring class started what student Dan Vandeloo said is a long-term, five-year project analyzing the biological makeup and health of the Smith Forest, Barnum Creek, Big Hawk Lake, Kabakwa Lake, and Halls Lake.

"The purpose is to set up an archive of how these forests look as they [age]. With the lakes, we're assessing aquatic invertebrates

to get a sense of what species are present and what that means for water quality," Vandeloo said.

After studying a small section of wetland fronting Grace Lake, Trent students Ainsley Taggett, Emily Colautti, and Jessica Livingstone said the discovery of low bush cranberries and evidence of moose frequenting the area suggest it could qualify for provincially significant status, though a thorough analysis of the entire wetland, largely on private property, would be required.

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No justice

I'm just going to come right out and say it – Canada's justice system is broken.

I spent part of last Wednesday afternoon in a Lindsay courtroom as Robert Anthony Ferguson, a 63-year-old Highlands East resident, was sentenced to life in prison for the 2019 murder of Dylan Dahlke.

Although, it isn't really a life sentence... Ferguson will be eligible for parole in just 12 years.

Whether I'm outdated in my thinking or not, I'm a firm believer that life in prison should mean exactly that. Looking at the facts of this case, Ferguson brutally murdered Dahlke, who was 29, in cold blood. He stabbed him in the back with a kitchen knife and left him to bleed out, before retreating to his bedroom.

There has been no explanation for the violent outburst. Justice Clyde Smith, who presided over last week's sentencing, referenced an apparent disagreement between the pair over alcohol and cigarettes on the night of the murder. Ferguson has never discussed his motivation, saying only in a statement to the court that Dahlke and his partner, who was Ferguson's tenant, were verbally abusive towards him.

That someone could lose their life over something so trivial is mind boggling – Smith said as much while delivering his

reasoning for the sentence.

I'm not so much criticizing the judge for this decision – it's a systemic problem. He quoted at least three prior cases in his explanation. There was already precedent for such a paltry term of parole ineligibility. Add that to the fact the Crown was only seeking 15 years of ineligibility, and Smith's hands were largely tied.

While it was recognized that Ferguson has had challenges in his past, and has a learning disability, a psychological assessment determined he was free of any serious mental diagnoses that could have explained the outburst. Smith said this suggested there may be good reason to worry about the risk of Ferguson reoffending in the future.

That doesn't sound like someone we want to, one day, be reintegrated back into society.

There was much publicity recently about a New York, U.S. man who had been jailed in 1999 for attempted murder and robbery. Sheldon Johnson was released in May 2023 after serving his sentence. He later appeared on the *Joe Rogan Experience* podcast, where he spoke of wanting to help people rebuild their life following a period of incarceration. He said jail should be more about rehabilitating convicted felons, rather than punishment.

Earlier this month, Johnson was arrested

and charged with second-degree murder after a mutilated corpse was discovered in a freezer of a home in the Bronx. Johnson has professed his innocence, and the charges haven't been proven in court. He remains in police custody.

Not all criminals reoffend, and there is a chance that people turn their lives around while inside. But I don't think people with a history of committing horrific, grotesque crimes – and murder is at the very top of that scale – should be given the opportunity to get out and, potentially, do it again.

While Ferguson has, apparently, shown remorse for his actions, Dahlke's family, including sister Adeilah, say they have not received an apology. Or even an explanation. There's no opportunity for rehabilitation for them, only grief and misery.

Dahlke was just 29 at the time of his death – with his whole life ahead of him. It feels wrong that he won't have the opportunity to live it, while the man responsible for his untimely demise counts down the days until he's free.



By Mike Baker

NATURE'S CALLING

A spring in my step

When we think spring has sprung, Mother Nature decides, nope, we need a little more winter.

Snow was almost gone in many places, and ice was almost out of the lakes. The weather was getting warmer, and geese were flying again. People out tapping maple trees and making the liquid gold we call maple syrup.

For us, it's similar; this time of the year, we also start making maple syrup. I only realized how much work goes into making it once I watched my husband. Checking the temperature of the syrup while boiling, allowing it to hit a specific temperature before pouring it off and running it through a filter – so many steps to make the best syrup.

It is a long process, but very rewarding. Last year, we made our first batch of maple lollipops and maple candy. They were so good. This year, I want to try to make maple butter. Driving down the road, I saw more buckets on more people's trees in their yards. More and more people are making their own maple syrup. If you ever get the chance to watch the process, make sure you do.

With more and more people making their syrup, having vegetable gardens, and canning their harvests, and with the number of people completing their hunting courses on the rise, I looked at why people are doing this.

Things nowadays are expensive; these things can save people money. Did you know the first grocery store opened in Canada in 1919? Many store items were canned foods and perishables temporarily stored with ice blocks. Before grocery stores, people planted and grew their vegetables and fruit; they fished and hunted to provide food for their families. I am happy that my grandparents and parents taught me how to live off the land, and I have taught my daughter the same.

Another sign that spring is upon us for some folks is hunting season. You can now purchase your spring turkey tag and your spring bear tag. You can also apply for the antlerless deer tag draw. So many look forward to this time of year, as there is a long wait between deer season, which ends in December if hunting with a bow, and turkey

season, which starts in April. I have already submitted for the antlerless draw for this year.

Turkey hunting is by far my favourite time of year. When some people think of hunting, they just think people are outdoors shooting and killing animals. That is not the case. Yes, we harvest an animal, but there is more to it than that. Hunting gives you time outdoors to learn things such as patience; it also teaches responsibility, and you learn things about yourself. It's a time to reflect on your thoughts, clarity, and perspective. I have learned patience, appreciation, attention, balance, respect, self-awareness, and more.

With spring in the air, I am excited to be able to get outdoors even more now and can't wait to sit in the bush and learn even more.

I hope everyone gets out to enjoy this spring-like weather.



By Toni Cooper

Correction: In 'Luck of the Irish at the Haliburton Legion in the March 21 *Highlander*, we said Jeff Moulton and Mike Clewlow provided the music, when in fact it was the Highlands Trio. We apologize for the error.



SEND IN YOUR PHOTO OF THE WEEK

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PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Above: Peter Dahl took this photo through his living-room window recently. He told us, “a red squirrel repeatedly approached a barred owl dozing on a branch in spring sunshine. But barred owls eat red squirrels. I’d love to have an explanation for this behaviour. Foolhardy squirrel? Owl not hungry?” Middle: Trevor Comeau sent in this image of an outdoor fire. Above: Morgan Giles took this photo around Minden, saying it is “great to see the birds back after winter.”

LETTERS

Watch out for daybeds

Dear editor,

I see Dysart et al is starting a new round of septic inspections.

I fully support the program to inspect septic and do everything we can to keep our lakes safe and healthy. However, I have concerns with the way the municipality is handling this initiative.

My septic was inspected last summer. I had no concerns as my septic bed and tank had been upgraded and inspected after a new install a few years earlier.

Our Haliburton Lake cottage association had hosted a number of presentations re: the need for this initiative and it was well-supported by our cottagers.

I recall very clearly that someone at one of those meetings asked about how a bedroom was defined and we were told a bedroom was a room with a closet. My septic was new and the permit was for a three-bedroom cottage.

To my dismay, I failed the inspection because I had a daybed on my enclosed porch. My parents bought the cottage in 1962 and we have always had some sort of bed or couch in the living room or the porch. When the new septic was permitted and installed, our day bed was visible to inspectors. Why was I not told to add a fourth bedroom on the septic work order?

After the inspection, Dysart et al demanded I remove the daybed, despite being told I could send a picture. (Bylaw) later told me a picture would not suffice. I would have to have one of their staff come out and inspect at a cost of \$250. A number of my fellow cottagers were also told they had to pay this fee. Pull-out couches, daybeds, futons etc. all counted as beds.

I brought this up with the council at our cottage association meeting last spring. I suggested that Dysart et al be very clear with cottagers about the definition of a bedroom and the consequences if your bedrooms exceeded the permit for your system.

I don’t see anything in this in the new notice of inspection and wanted to inform those being inspected this year.

Joan Millard
Dysart et al

Funding issue

Dear editor,

After reading that Highlands East has passed its 2024 budget, I am left wondering why is the governing body receiving more funding than the fire department?

Our fire department is voluntary (for the most part) and lacks even dated tools like a dispatch radio.

They communicate with phones (text alerts) while driving to the accident/fire scene. (Pretty safe, right?).

This is a silent disaster awaiting a catastrophe. If this continues, it becomes quite obvious that some are not looking out for all.

William Keather
Harcourt

STR bylaw not a level playing field

Dear editor,

I understand the issues that some STRs cause and see this as wanting to control them but how about using the same rules for everyone?

I go by other people’s homes and cottages and see more people out and about than their three-bedroom unit can legally have under the STR bylaw (six people).

How about we do the same thing with names and phone numbers posted on entry to the property?

What about bunkies? Trailers? Boathouses with bedrooms on top?

How about dwelling units on the shoreline road allowance that are not owned? STRs are forced to buy it, so why not the rest?

I understood that we are all equal in Canada, but this bylaw is not equal.

Some property owners allowed the same problems on their property for which STRs are being blamed.

Charles Gerditschke
Moore Lake

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COUNCIL NEWS**Minden Hills
passes budget**

Minden Hills council passed its 2024 budget at a special council meeting March 26.

The tax-supported budget requires a tax levy of \$11,044,037, representing an increase in spending of 7.44 per cent over 2023.

Treasurer Greg Bedard said that factoring in assessment growth that occurred in 2023, this results in an approximate tax rate increase of 5.87 per cent (including a one per cent infrastructure levy).

It equates to an increase of about \$24.67 per \$100,000 of residential assessment. So, if your house is assessed at \$209,000, it would be about a \$51.55 increase, up to \$929 in taxes.

Mayor Bob Carter said, "this is a reasonable increase compared to what's going on all around us."

Some projects of interest to the public - and given the go-ahead this week - include \$1.8 million for roads infrastructure, \$1.4 million for phase one of the Scotch Line transfer station, and \$60,000 to renovate public washrooms in the former fire hall downtown.

Staff will soon proceed with tendering that project, with councillors Ivan Ingram and Tammy McKelvey saying they would like them operating by the May 24 weekend.



The township finalized its budget this week. *File.*

**HE should endorse
STR bylaw April 9**

Highlands East expects to pass its short-term rental bylaw at its next meeting on April 9.

Junior planner Kim Roberts went through the latest draft with the council on March 26.

The main focus was on the requirement for signage for STRs and what to do about structures on shoreline road allowances.

Council directed Roberts to include an exterior signage requirement in the bylaw.

They also asked her to add that operators and applicants who do not own their shoreline road allowance - but have shoreline structures and buildings - must apply to purchase them.

The final draft will be brought to the next regular council meeting, where it is expected to be passed. *(Council news compiled by Lisa Gervais).*

OPP NEWS**Disturbance in Dysart**

Haliburton Highlands OPP have arrested a person, and seized several firearms, after responding to an incident on the weekend.

Police said on March 23, at approximately 10:39 p.m., officers responded to a disturbance in Dysart et al.

"As a result of this investigation, an individual was located and arrested without incident and several firearms were seized. No injuries were reported to police and there were no threats to public safety," OPP said on March 26.

The arrested, unnamed person, was charged with: three counts of possession

of firearm contrary to prohibition order, three counts of careless storage of firearm, three counts of possession of weapon for dangerous purpose and three counts of possession of a firearm obtained by crime.

OPP said the suspect was held for a bail hearing.

"No further details will be provided in

order to protect the identity of the victim. The investigation is ongoing."

OPP are asking anyone with any information, who has not spoken to police, to contact Haliburton Highlands OPP at 705-286-1431 or the OPP Provincial Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122. *(Lisa Gervais).*

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HEALTH BOARD NEWS

Merger update

Work on an application to merge the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) district health unit with Peterborough Public Health (PPH) is ongoing and expected to be submitted to the Ontario government by an April 2 deadline.

Board chair David Marshall addressed the merger at a March 21 HKPR meeting, where the board officially ratified its intent to pursue a partnership with PPH.

Last month, the two health units held a press conference where they revealed they would be seeking provincial approval to voluntarily merge. This comes after an August 2023 Ministry of Health announcement, offering one-time funding to public health agencies deciding to voluntarily merge by Jan. 1, 2025.

A new combined HKPR/PPH health unit would serve approximately 345,000 people, with the merger carrying an expected tab of around \$3.5 million.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, HKPR's medical officer of health, said, if accepted, all merger costs would be covered by the province.

At last week's meeting, the HKPR board adopted a new terms of reference agreement compiled by a steering committee made up of representatives from both boards. Marshall said the next step, once the submission goes in next week, is to wait to hear back from the ministry.

"It's up to the province to approve the plan – that likely won't happen until late summer," he told the board.

Measles warning

Bocking has put the community on high alert after a string of confirmed measles cases were reported in Ontario and Quebec in recent weeks.

She noted the virus is highly contagious and difficult to diagnose, with early symptoms similar to that of a common cold: runny nose, cough, fever and red/itchy eyes. She said in measles cases, patients develop a rash on their face some days later, which spreads to the rest of the body.

Bocking said measles has largely been a non-factor in Canada since 1996 due to the success of school immunization programs. People who have had a first dose of the vaccine are protected about 85 per cent, with two doses or more 95 per cent effective.

With school immunization programs falling by the wayside throughout the pandemic, there has been a resurgence, Bocking said. Ontario has seen nine confirmed cases since Jan. 1, with Quebec reporting 29 cases. The issue is more prevalent in Europe, with the World Health Organization noting there's been a 30-fold increase in measles cases on the continent since last fall.

Bocking said most of the Ontario cases were due to travel, with people exposed overseas and bringing the virus back with them. She noted early detection is key to limiting the spread.

"You'll remember the idea of contact tracing during COVID, identifying everyone exposed to a case... we're doing a similar thing with measles. Because it's so



The HKPR board officially approved its intent to merge with Peterborough Public Health last week. *File.*

infectious, the average case will end up with 800 to 1,000 contacts," Bocking said.

HKPR has established a call centre, which will be notifying the public if they've encountered someone who has tested positive. She said people most at-risk are pregnant women and young children who have not yet been vaccinated.

The last recorded measles outbreak in Canada was in Quebec in 2011, where there were over 700 confirmed cases and 86 hospital admissions.

For more information, visit hkpr.on.ca. (HKPR news compiled by Mike Baker).

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Hal High artists shine

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student artists received accolades at the Art Gallery of Bancroft's under 19 student exhibition March 15. Karen Gervais, department head of arts and visual arts teacher, said Annabelle Borgdorff won best in show for *The Things We Miss*. "The jurors described Annabelle's work as having 'very unusual and insightful conceptual elements. Beautiful use of paint and ink show the artist's proficiency in their chosen medium'," Gervais said. Ceinwyn Mathura's *Inspiration from the Heart* won first place in the painting and mixed media category. Gervais said the jurors described the work as "well conceived with various mixed materials and painted pieces bringing wonderful colour and movement. Juxtaposed elements are creatively thought out, providing dramatic impact and visual interest." Hailie Embury received second-place in the category, as well as the creativity and concept award for her playful acrylic painting *How It Actually Happened*. The exhibition runs until March 30. (Lisa Gervais).

Top: Emma Bush, Alivia Brown and Annabelle Borgdorff at the opening reception. Brown's watercolour painting of The Reid House is featured in the centre of the photograph. Above: Ceinwyn Mathura's work *Inspiration from The Heart*. Submitted.

Saini reflects on ‘best years’ in Haliburton

By Mike Baker

After three years in Haliburton County, outgoing Huskies captain Patrick Saini said he’ll always consider the Highlands his home away from home.

His junior career came to an end March 16 after the Huskies were eliminated from the OJHL playoffs. Emotions ran high in the days that followed as Saini came to terms with the disappointing 4-1 series loss to rival Cobourg Cougars.

Saini said he couldn’t have asked for a better place to ply his trade.

“I didn’t know what to expect when I moved to Haliburton County at 18 – I had never lived away from home, but the fans and wonderful people made it like a second home,” Saini said. “I’ve met so many amazing people – teammates, billets, fans. I’ll always look back on my time there as some of the best years of my life.”

Saini started as a 16-year-old during the 2019/20 season, when the team was in Whitby. He was one of a handful of players who committed to moving north ahead of the 2021/22 season, featuring primarily in a middle six role, with 46 points in 35 games during the regular season, and another seven in the post-season.

He was handed an ‘A’ ahead of the 2022/23 season, forming a key part of the Huskies leadership. Saini exploded for 76 points in 57 games, finishing third in team scoring, as the blue and white enjoyed a run to the second round of the OJHL playoffs,

Being named captain for his final year, Saini broke several team records, including most goals, assists and points in a single season – finishing with 44 goals and 50 assists for 94 points. He had a hand in eight of the Huskies nine goals against the Cougars in the post-season. Saini wraps up his junior career as the franchise’s all-time points leader, with 256 in 218 games.

“It’s cool to put up those types of numbers,



Patrick Saini leaves the Haliburton County Huskies as its record points leader after tallying 256 points in 218 games. *File.*

but it was never my goal to break records. I was just trying to help the team win and do everything I could on the ice,” he said.

As for memories, Saini said he’d always cherish the Huskies first win at rival Wellington Dukes’ home arena earlier this season, when Brett Fullerton sealed the game with a goalie goal.

Saini said he’ll also miss the connection with local fans. “everyone who supported me and my teammates. Seeing the fans in public, the kids giving us high fives on our way to the ice, how excited they were when we did school visits. Seeing the fans go crazy when we did our salutes and celebrations – I’m going to miss it all,” Saini said.

While he said he’s gained about 50

brothers, he singled out Lucas Marshall, Jack Staniland and Lucas Stevenson.

“Us four created a special bond playing together for so many years. We leaned on each other a lot – we’ll be friends forever,” Saini said.

Huskies coach Ryan Ramsay said Saini is “the most dedicated player I’ve ever seen,” and tipped him to reach the very top of the sport.

“I don’t think there’s a ceiling when you have an engine and a head like Patrick Saini. It’s almost like the world’s your oyster. People have bet against him because of his size (5’8”, 180 pounds) but he’s proven them wrong time and time again. If someone is going to doubt him at that next level,

I guarantee after a year or two, he’ll turn heads,” Ramsay said.

“Even if I coach another 25 years in this league, I don’t think I’ll find another guy like Patty... his loyalty, commitment and drive are all next level,” he added.

Saini is taking time to process the end of his Jr. A journey before deciding next steps. Ramsay, and team owner Paul Wilson, believe he’s capable of playing Division 1 NCAA.

“He’s the hardest working, most prepared and most dedicated player we have ever had... I wish him the best and would love to see him get a D1 scholarship,” Wilson said.

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Bingo helping to lift elevator at Hali Legion

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 in Haliburton is working towards becoming fully accessible.

President Mike Waller said they are fundraising for an elevator, and have finally started on the build. They hope to have it finished for the Remembrance Dinner, the Saturday before Remembrance Day, in the fall.

Waller said they want to make the upstairs and downstairs accessible to everyone.

“There is a clubroom downstairs, as well as an accessible washroom that is not available for those who can’t do stairs,” Waller said.

The legion depends on volunteers, who run events, fundraise, and do outreach within the community.

“We rely on donations, and room rentals to keep the lights on and the doors open,” Waller said. “We have several things happening at the legion every week, and there is more that we would like to do here, as well as in the community.”

Darts, cards, and bingo are some of the weekly activities, but there are also information sessions, a walking club, concerts, 50/50 draws, and meat draws, to name a few.

According to Waller and secretary Michelle Anton, the meat draw every Friday can be quite an experience. Anton said, “it can be a lot of fun and provides some folks with something they might not be able to afford otherwise.”

Bingo at the legion happens Wednesday evenings with anywhere from 45 to 125 players, and is busier in summer. Not only does it have weekly jackpots of \$500, but every month there is a \$1,000 jackpot.

Volunteers Adrienne Clark and Andrew Hitchen co-run this event, which for some people in the community is the only time they get out of their house. “For some it provides a purpose, somewhere to go,” said Clark.

There is the obvious socialization and interaction that most people come to the



Above: Mike Waller and Chris Briggs are happy to see things moving on the installation of the new elevator. Right: Mervin Barrand, a volunteer since 2016, manning the bingo machine. *Photos by Kimberly Strong-Knight.*



legion for, but it also builds community, emotional health, and well-being. “One of our goals is to offer as many things as we can for seniors because there isn’t really any other place for seniors here,” Waller said. “Even though we cater to them, we welcome anyone that wants to come to anything we offer.”

Waller said they are grateful to those who donate money and time to the legion.

“We could not operate without either, and always welcome new volunteers.”



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Celebrity clowns spreading cheer

By Mike Baker

Spreading smiles and raising money – that’s the mantra of a new “fun-focused” branch of Minden Rotary.

The local service group launched a celebrity clown initiative last year – combining philanthropy with laughter while encouraging locals to don eccentric costumes and big, bright red noses at community events.

“The idea was to demonstrate to people that Rotary has a good time – but also to increase our presence in the community,” said Rotarian Sally Moore, who came up with the initiative. “The role of a celebrity clown goes beyond just putting on a costume and walking through a crowd – it’s about creating magical moments, bringing smiles to faces, and connecting with people in a way that transcends words.”

The clowns were present at last year’s Canada Day celebrations in Minden, as well as various Minden Pride events, Rotary Fest, and both the Minden and Haliburton Santa Claus parades.

The inaugural class of jesters included former Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin, Minden Rotary president Dave Woodcroft, Moore, and community members Jan Clarke, Gina Deighton, Deanna Garbutt, Bob Baynton-Smith, and Gary Stoner.

Collectively, they raised approximately \$6,000 – with every penny being reinvested into various community programs, Moore said.

Woodcroft noted the bulk of the funds were donated to the Minden Community Food Centre, with some also supporting operations at Abbey Retreat Centre and youth hockey. Money was also earmarked for several youth leadership programs Rotary runs, such as its ‘capital experience’ initiative, which sends a student to Ottawa with MP Jamie Schmale.

Money raised this year will also go to the food bank, while also helping to pay for a new shed Rotary is building at Minden’s community garden.

“We’ll be putting the shed up just after Easter – it’s a good size and gives people



Top: Former Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin, left, and Minden Rotary president Dave Woodcroft, right, with resident Jack Brezina at a Minden Pride event last year. Submitted.

space to store their wheelbarrows, hoses and all the tools they need to tend to their plot. This saves them having to cart them back and forth, or leave them at the garden unattended,” Woodcroft said.

Moore said she’s looking to add to her army of celebrity clowns this year.

“We’re looking for people who are comfortable putting on a costume and getting out into the community and having fun. We

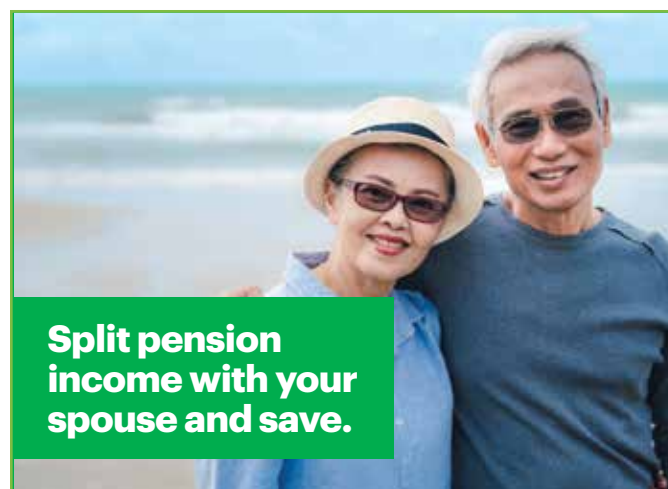
try to be present year-round, so have both summer and winter events,” Moore said. “Being a celebrity clown is a one-of-a-kind adventure that leaves a lasting impact on both the participants and the community at large.”

Woodcroft said the initiative has added a new dimension to Minden Rotary and helped boost the service club’s image in the community. He volunteered as a celebrity

clown at a Minden Pride event last summer, noting it was a memorable experience.

“People just love getting their picture taken with us – there’s lots of smiles and excited faces. I’d recommend it for anyone,” he said.

Anyone interested in becoming a celebrity clown can contact Moore at 705-286-4922 or info@sunnyrockbb.ca.



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Above: Eric Leclerc is a little red faced as he runs the crowd through one of his tricks. Top right: Leclerc brought Katie and Charlie onto the stage to assist with a skit involving a jump rope. Right: A young attendee has fun trying to pull a piece of string from Leclerc’s mouth. *Submitted.*



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Students from Stuart Baker Elementary School have been busy preparing for Easter. Mrs. Gaffney and Ms. Casey, of the junior and senior kindergarten classes, have been getting the paper and colouring pencils out and challenging their charges to depict their Easter on paper. From chicks emerging from eggs, Easter bunnies, and spring images, they share their drawings with *Highlander* readers in time for the holiday weekend. (Lisa Gervais).



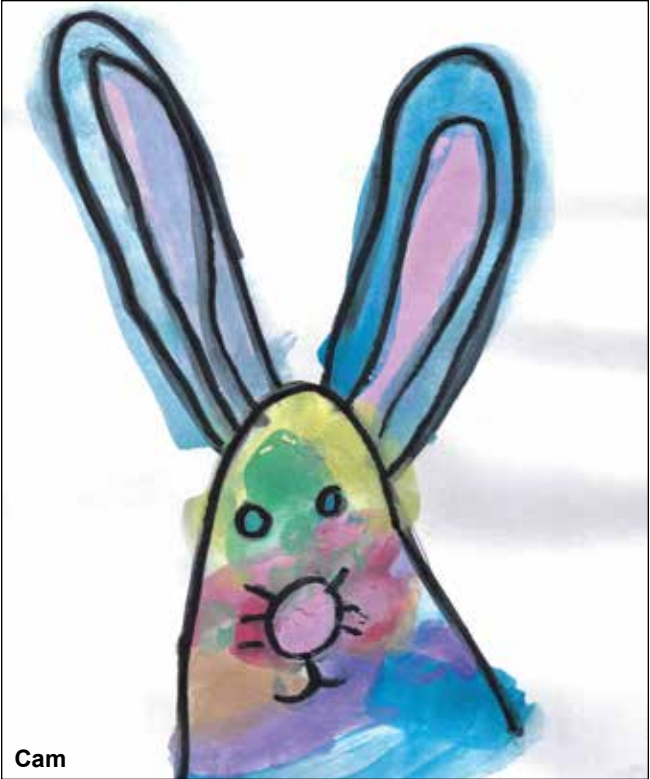
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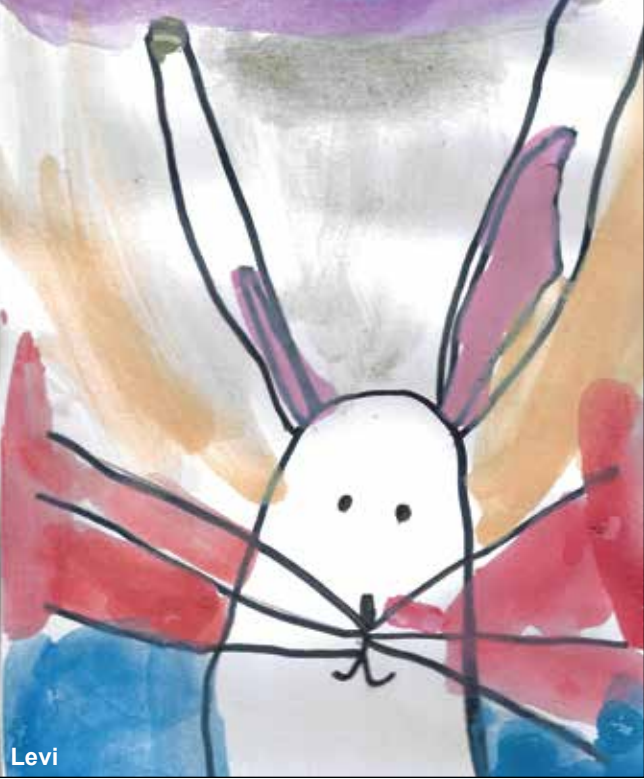
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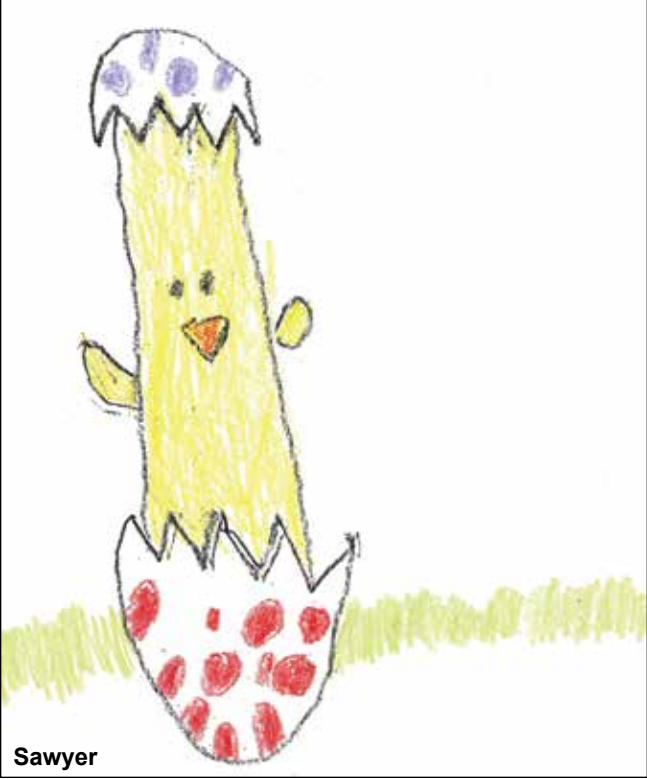
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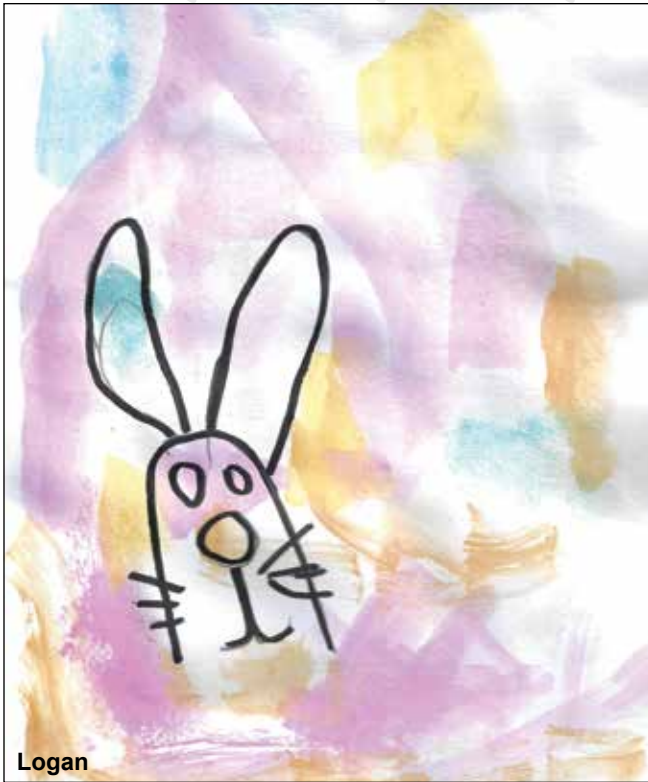
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On the hunt

Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC in Haliburton had a special surprise for local kids March 23, booking the Easter Bunny to assist with a children’s Easter egg hunt. Approximately 150 people braved the chilly weather Saturday morning to attend, taking home complimentary chocolate and gift buckets stuffed with a colouring book, crayons, and small toys.

Above: Three-year-old Madisyn Fisher has fun with Ace, a miniature horse from Fisher Farms. Top right: Margo McGill, two, shows off some of the goodies from her Easter bucket. Right: Siblings Sean and Skylet Bacon had fun collecting small Easter eggs. *Photos by Mike Baker.*



Cultural learning

Eighteen County residents spent a morning learning about Ukrainian traditions March 23, as Ginger Kulas presented her 18th annual Easter egg workshop at the Stanhope Community Firefighters’ Hall. She taught participants about the history of pysanky – the colourful decoration of eggs – and the meaning of symbols and colours used. Eggs were treated with beeswax to create a shiny finish.

Above: Seven-year-old Grace Thomas was the youngest participant at the workshop. Top right: Siblings Kip and Sadie Kelly show off their colourful designs. Left: A group shows off their eggs. *Photos by Mike Baker.*



Taking to the stage

Dancers from Skyline Dance Studio strutted their stuff on stage during their Spring Showcase, which ran for three shows March 22 and 23 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. There were 42 performances at the show, featuring solo, duo, trio and group acts in ballet, jazz, tap, musical theatre, acro, hip hop, pointe, and contemporary dance.

Top left: Claire Lynch, Quinnlyn Hamilton, Jessalynn Thompson and Meghan Walker formed part of a group ballet level four summit performing to *Bad Guy*, by Billie Eilish. Top right: Gracie Pockett was a picture of focus during her pointe solo to Metallica's power ballad *Nothing Else Matters*. Second row left: Keira Buchanan had a blast dancing tap to *Hey Mickey*. Second row right: Hadley Burtch picked up the pace with an enthusiastic hip hop routine to Preston Pablo's *For Keeps*. Middle left: Lexi Dacey and Isabella Valentini showcase their contemporary dance skills to Conan Gray's *Yours*. Above: The level three jazz class performs to Olly Murs' *Troublemaker*. Left: The ballet level two class performs *Dance of the Bluebirds* and *Canaries*. Photos by Mike Baker.

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Hunting for tracks

Half a dozen young Highlanders spent a morning out in the wilderness at Abbey Gardens March 23 for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust’s latest ‘Discovery Days’ event. Outdoor educator Rick Whitteker spent time teaching kids about various animal tracks at the Gathering Place before taking them into the great outdoors to put their newly-learned skills to the test. They found tracks from birds and a coyote. To end the day, the kids got to make their own crafty animal prints to take home.

Top: Rick Whitteker teaching people about how to identify coyote tracks. Middle: Whitteker leads a tour of the forest at Abbey Gardens, with four-year-old Callum McGee sticking close. Above: Friends Lily Neville, seven, and Charlotte Hunter-Price, five, had fun getting outside, learning about animal tracks and finding several maple syrup collection points. Photos by Mike Baker.



Getting wild in Haliburton

There were smiling faces and full bellies all around at the Haliburton legion March 23 as the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) hosted its annual wild game dinner. The event was a sellout, with 200 people piling in to try a series of dishes, including elk, moose, venison, bear sausage, ham, beef meatballs, boar, Arctic char fish, rainbow trout, homemade beans, and duck and wild rice soup. Dan Smith, HHOA president, said it was one of the best fundraisers the organization has ever done, so far raising between \$11,000 and \$12,000. There were 52 items sold in the live and silent auctions, with County resident Lynn White taking home the 50/50 pot of \$775.50. “It was a wonderful evening – everyone seemed to have a lot of fun,” Smith said. He thanked the community and legion volunteers, who set up the space, for their support. (Mike Baker).

Top: Volunteer Steve Thompson plates up some fish for an eager eater. Middle: It was a full house at the Haliburton legion, with the HHOA’s wild game dinner selling out all 200 tickets. Above: Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale attended the event, pictured with HHOA president Dan Smith for the 50/50 draw announcement. Submitted.

U13 LL Up Right Roofing

The Highland Storm U13 LL Up Right Roofing team had a very successful season. The team started off with a tournament in Bancroft, losing in the final game. But their spirits remained high and their focus was on the upcoming Silver Stick tournament in Haliburton.

After the round-robin portion of the tournament, our team was able to advance to the semis after winning the tie-breaker of best goals for or against ratio.

Our team was backstopped by two first-year goaltenders, Corbin Elliot and Matthew Mueller. These two quickly became proficient between the pipes under the guidance of assistant coach, Taylor Consack. Unfortunately, we lost in the semi-finals but came out of the tournament having learned a lot about our team.

Our third tournament of the season, held in Norwood this past January, was one to remember. The tournament format created extra excitement and some anxiety. With the possibility of earning 15 points per game, every period counts and if you could manage a shutout, it gave you the best chance to advance.



We managed two shutouts in the round-robin with fantastic defending from Callum Merrit, Liam Milburn, Patrick Valentini and Lucas Vale. We again found ourselves in a tie-breaker situation and again our goals for and against ratio helped us advance, this time to the final game. We came up short in the final game, but again we learned more about

our team and our capabilities.

By the end of our league's regular season, we were undefeated and had only 12 goals against and 132 goals for. Our forwards, Gibson Pockett, Aiden Innes, Jacob Manning, Lucas Upton, Claire Hamilton, Katie Lavelle and Duncan Evans-Fockler, learned to work together and defend our end very well.

All of our hard work and practice this season came together during the playoffs, where we were crowned champions. It has been a pleasure coaching this team alongside assistant coach Rod Upton, trainer Dan Fockler, Consack and manager Audrina Townsend. *(Submitted).*



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The U18 Storm are off to the OMHA championships this weekend. *Submitted.*

U18 rep team storming to OMHA championships

The Highland Storm U18 Tom Prentice and Sons rep team are on their way to the OMHA championship in Halton Hills Easter weekend.

The series was tied one game to one when the Storm and Orono Leafs clashed at the A.J. LaRue Arena March 21 for the

penultimate game. The previous two games had gone into double overtime, so this promised to be a tough, physical matchup.

The Storm came out with speed and pressured the puck, leading to Aiden Perrott scoring in the first period.

Josh Scheffee scored in the second period,

assisted by Brechin Johnston.

Solid defence and hard work kept the Leafs off the board until the third.

But the Storm put the pedal down and kept the goals coming. Beckham Reynolds fired one in, with two more from Perrott, assisted by Cooper Coles and Alex Hendry. The final

score was 5-1 Storm, to give the team a 2-1 series win.

Team manager Amber-Lee Johnston said “the coaching staff, parents and families are extremely proud of the U18 rep team and wish them all the best at the OMHA tournament.” (*Submitted.*)



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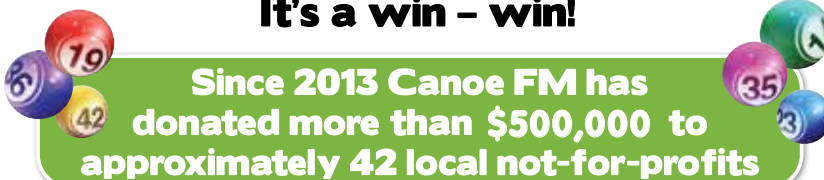


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March 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Wilberforce Maple Syrup Festival and Bazaar at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Free admission. Check out the bazaar and craft tables, and meet the Easter Bunny. All you can eat pancakes and sausages - children \$4, adults \$8.

April 3, 7:30 to 9 p.m. and every Wednesday after: Scottish country dancing at Haliburton United Church/Friendship Hall, \$5 per person. Come one, come all! Join us for a multi-generational, lively, rockin’ good time. It’s old, it’s new, it’s fun and it’s social. Beginners welcome. No partner required. Please wear soft soled indoor shoes. RSVP at haliburtonscottishcountrydance@gmail.com.

April 2, 1 p.m.

Join the Minden & District Horticultural Society at the Minden Community Centre (55 Parkside St.). Guest speaker M.J. Pilgrim will be reviewing horticultural trivia. This will be followed by the monthly society meeting. The Youth Garden Club, for children in Grade 2 and higher, will follow the meeting, running from 4 to 5 p.m.

April 6, 8 a.m. to noon.

Pancake breakfast at Highland Grove Community Centre. Fill up on pancakes, sausages, bacon, toast, eggs, and coffee. Cost is \$12 per adult, \$8 per child, with kids five and under eating free. Proceeds will benefit St. John Vianney and mission churches.

April 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Repair Cafe is back! Bring your broken items to the SIRCH Bistro and Bakery in Haliburton and have our volunteers fix them for you. We accept small appliances, ceramics, toys, furniture, jewelry, textiles, computers, wooden furniture, bicycles and more. Don’t forget to bring the kids along to enjoy the tinker table. Repair Cafe will take place the first Sunday of every month until December. For more information, call 705-457-1742.

April 27, 4 p.m.

Dinner and auction at Galway Hall in Kinmount. Tickets are \$35 per person for a roast beef dinner. There will also be silent and live auctions, and games of chance. Doors open at 4 p.m., dinner served at 6 p.m. All proceeds support beautification projects in Kinmount. For tickets, call 705-928-2635.

July 13

Community yard sale hosted by the North Entrance Masonic Lodge. Taking place at 20 George St. in Haliburton. Rent a spot and sell your stuff, rentals available for \$15. Space is limited. Bring your own table. For more information, contact Rob Parish at 705-935-1921, or email robparish707@yahoo.ca.

Haliburton Highlands Writers and editors Network. Meet on the third Thursday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. Gather and meet members, read stories, general news. For more information contact Kay Millard at 705-286-6635.

Join the Haliburton County Public Library for family story time, weekly from 10:30 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Minden library and Thursdays at the Dysart library. Appropriate for children up to the age of six. Must be accompanied by a caregiver.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

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Haliburton weekly activities

Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.
Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall. Bingo is back, featuring a brand new machine. There’s a \$1,000 jackpot on the first Wednesday of the month.
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, 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.

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First Wednesday of the month: Big Buck Bid Euchre from 11 a.m. \$15 per person.
Saturdays: Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624
Wilberforce

March 29: Open 2 to 9 p.m. Wings and jam session 5 to 8 p.m.
March 30: Open 2 to 6 p.m. House league darts 2 to 6 p.m. Meat draw at 3 p.m.
March 31 - April 1: Closed
April 2: Closed, executive meeting at 7 p.m.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTIFICATION DU PUBLIC

PROPOSED ROGERS
90 METRE GUYED WIRELESS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TOWER INSTALLATION

The proposed installation is composed of a 90m guyed telecommunications tower, including the antennas and lightning rod.

Location: **1671 Claude Brown Rd., Minden Hills**

Objective: To improve wireless coverage to the area west of Minden, and to meet rising demands for wireless services.

Details: An equipment shelter will also be installed at the base of the proposed tower and the site will be surrounded by a security fence with a locked gated access point.

The public is invited to provide written comments by 5pm on **April 27th, 2024** to the contact information shown below. Please include a return address.

Tower Installation Project
Projet d’installation de communication sans fil

C8591 Bob Lake

Rogers Communications Inc.
Eric Belchamber
Network Implementation
337 Autumnfield St., Kanata, ON, K2M 0J6
Tel: (613) 220-5970
Email/Courriel: eric.belchamber@rogers.com

EMPLACEMENT PROPOSÉ PAR ROGERS
POUR L’IMPLANTATION
D’UNE TOUR AUTOPORTANTE DE 60
MÈTRES DE HAUTEUR

Le site de télécommunication proposé sera composé d’une tour de type haubanée d’une élévation hors-tout d’environ 90 mètres incluant les antennes et le parafoudre.

Lieu : **1671 rue Claude Brown, Minden Hills**

Objectif : Améliorer la couverture sans fil de la zone située au ouest de Minden et répondre à la demande croissante de services sans fil.
Détails : Un cabinet d’équipements sera aussi aménagé à la base de la tour et le site sera ceinturé d’une clôture de sécurité et d’une entrée verrouillée.

Les citoyens sont invités à faire part de leurs commentaires, avant 17h00 le **27 avril 2024**, soit à l’adresse indiquée (avec une adresse de retour).



PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTIFICATION DU PUBLIC

PROPOSED ROGERS
90 METRE GUYED WIRELESS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TOWER INSTALLATION

The proposed installation is composed of a 90m guyed telecommunications tower, including the antennas and lightning rod.

Location: **1241 Soyers Lake Rd., Minden Hills**

Objective: To improve wireless coverage to the area east of Carnarvon, and to meet rising demands for wireless services.

Details: An equipment shelter will also be installed at the base of the proposed tower and the site will be surrounded by a security fence with a locked gated access point.

The public is invited to provide written comments by 5pm on **April 27th, 2024** to the contact information shown below. Please include a return address.

Tower Installation Project
Projet d’installation de communication sans fil

C8596 Soyers Lake Rd. & Alexander Rd.

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Eric Belchamber
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Tel: (613) 220-5970
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EMPLACEMENT PROPOSÉ PAR ROGERS
POUR L’IMPLANTATION
D’UNE TOUR HAUBANÉE DE 90 MÈTRES
DE HAUTEUR

Le site de télécommunication proposé sera composé d’une tour de type haubanée d’une élévation hors-tout d’environ 90 mètres incluant les antennes et le parafoudre.

Lieu : **1241 rue Soyers Lake, Minden Hills**

Objectif : Améliorer la couverture sans fil de la zone située à l’est de Carnarvon et répondre à la demande croissante de services sans fil.
Détails : Un cabinet d’équipements sera aussi aménagé à la base de la tour et le site sera ceinturé d’une clôture de sécurité et d’une entrée verrouillée.

Les citoyens sont invités à faire part de leurs commentaires, avant 17h00 le **27 avril 2024**, soit à l’adresse indiquée (avec une adresse de retour).



PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTIFICATION DU PUBLIC

PROPOSED ROGERS
60 METRE SELF-SUPPORT WIRELESS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TOWER INSTALLATION

The proposed installation is composed of a 60m self-support telecommunications tower, including the antennas and lightning rod.

Location: **1516 Ingoldsby Rd., Minden Hills**

Objective: To improve wireless coverage to the area south of Ingoldsby, and to meet rising demands for wireless services.

Details: An equipment shelter will also be installed at the base of the proposed tower and the site will be surrounded by a security fence with a locked gated access point.

The public is invited to provide written comments by 5pm on **April 27th, 2024** to the contact information shown below. Please include a return address.

Tower Installation Project
Projet d’installation de communication sans fil

C8598 Marathon Dr. @ Canning Lake

Rogers Communications Inc.
Eric Belchamber
Network Implementation
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Tel: (613) 220-5970
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EMPLACEMENT PROPOSÉ PAR ROGERS
POUR L’IMPLANTATION
D’UNE TOUR AUTOPORTANTE DE 60
MÈTRES DE HAUTEUR

Le site de télécommunication proposé sera composé d’une tour de type autoportante d’une élévation hors-tout d’environ 60 mètres incluant les antennes et le parafoudre.

Lieu : **1516 rue Ingoldsby, Minden Hills**

Objectif : Améliorer la couverture sans fil de la zone située au sud de Ingoldsby et répondre à la demande croissante de services sans fil.

Détails : Un cabinet d’équipements sera aussi aménagé à la base de la tour et le site sera ceinturé d’une clôture de sécurité et d’une entrée verrouillée.

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 by April 12, 2024



Summer Employment Opportunities

The Municipality of Highlands East is currently recruiting students for summer employment opportunities for the 2024 year.

If you are currently enrolled in secondary school or a post-secondary program and returning to school in the fall of 2024, you are encouraged to apply for an opportunity.

The following positions are available with the municipality:

- (2) Summer Parks & Recreation Attendants (Parks & Property Department – 16 weeks; 35 hours/week)
- (1) Sewage Disposal System Maintenance Program Assistant (Building Department- 16 weeks; 35 hours/week)
- (1) Cemetery Database Student (Parks & Property Department – 16 weeks; 35 hours/week)
- (1) Information Centre Student (Economic Development Department – 16 weeks; 35 hours/week)
- (2) Summer Landfill Attendants (Public Works Department – 16 weeks; 35 hours/week)
- Various Lifeguard Positions (Summer Swim Program – 8 weeks)

Please note, for positions where you may be required to drive in the execution of your duties, a Class G2 or G Driver's Licence is mandatory. You will also be required to provide an acceptable driver's abstract and a criminal reference check.

Most positions listed above are available from the beginning of May through to the end of August for a total of 16 weeks. The Lifeguard positions are for a total of 8 weeks only.

If you are interested in receiving a more detailed job description for one of the positions noted above, please email bmccaw@highlandseast.ca requesting a copy of the specific posting.

If you are interested in applying, applications **clearly marked with the position you are applying for** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m, Monday, April 15th, 2024, via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, in confidence to:

Brittany McCaw, CAO/Treasurer
 Municipality of Highlands East
 P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
 Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0

Fax: 705-448-2532 E-Mail: bmccaw@highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Municipality of Highlands East is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring accommodation are asked to contact the CAO/Treasurer.

Applicant information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to determine qualifications for employment with the Municipality of Highlands East. Questions about this collection should be directed to Brittany McCaw, CAO/Treasurer.



The Corporation of the County of Haliburton is currently recruiting for a Payroll/Benefit Administrator

Reporting to the Deputy Treasurer the newly created Payroll/Benefit Administrator position will coordinate and administer the County's payroll, benefit, and pension programs along with onboarding and leave activities.

For complete responsibilities and requirements of the position please visit our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers

The hourly rate for this non-union position ranges from \$33.74 - \$39.47 per hour with a comprehensive benefit package.

Please submit a detailed resume indicating your skills and experience no later than Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 4:30pm to:

Tanya Rosenberg, Deputy Treasurer
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We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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- 1 Tide rival, or letter string
 - 4 Acquire, as a fortune
 - 9 Model airplane wood
 - 14 Tech exec, briefly
 - 15 Leonardo's Tuscan birthplace
 - 16 States in French?
 - 17 Sellers' "Pink Panther" nemesis
 - 18 Compliment to curtain maker?
 - 20 Brand for "real dogs", in ads
 - 22 Visual hazard of welding
 - 23 Parliament's Upper House: Abbr.
 - 24 Manuscript writer who gets an early start?
 - 28 Davis of "Thelma and Louise"
 - 29 Ont. region from Halton to Durham
 - 30 Coq au ____
 - 31 Mobbish rebellions
 - 35 Certain flag bearer
 - 39 Has a dental tool in hand?
 - 43 ____ ton (pigged out)
 - 44 Sci-fi Vader
 - 45 Charging station lineup, for short
 - 46 American 50-Down
 - 49 Shiny shell lining
 - 51 It leaves a stain, as grape juice or red wine?
 - 57 "What did ____?!" ("Don't blame me!")
 - 58 Neither hot nor cold
 - 59 "____ boy!" (proud dad's cry)
 - 60 Sagging lanes at Bowlerama?
 - 64 "Sorry, am ____ your way?"
 - 65 Began a date
 - 66 More than enough
 - 67 Funny Tina
 - 68 Grenoble river in the French Alps
 - 69 Rye raiser
 - 70 Approx. 160° on a compass
- Down
- 1 Happy as ____
 - 2 Studier of life forms
 - 3 Cousin of "capiche?"
 - 4 Dow Jones stat.

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- 5 Space station for cosmonauts
- 6 Lay ____ (bomb)
- 7 Heat milk to near boiling
- 8 Asian strummed instrument
- 9 Deprived (of), as in grief
- 10 Two ____ time (Ark arrangement)
- 11 Brief loss, as of memory
- 12 Cattle man?
- 13 Bus. group
- 19 Major yawn-inducer
- 21 Vowel's value, in Scrabble
- 25 Crucifix inscription
- 26 Mani-pedi polish target
- 27 Pack (down), as espresso
- 30 By way of, or a Canadian train name
- 32 Aged
- 33 For all the ____ in China
- 34 Cube, but 2D: Abbr.
- 36 Pre-dinner cocktails
- 37 Big hair and bell-bottoms decade
- 38 Successes for Lions and Elks: Abbr.
- 40 Big name in bug spray
- 41 ____ Reader (alternative zine)
- 42 "If ____ a dime for every ..."
- 47 Start an email over
- 48 Vehicle drawn by huskies
- 50 Apr. returns recipient
- 51 Leaves running in the driveway
- 52 Nick of "Cape Fear"
- 53 Earnest wisher's words
- 54 Ecological area
- 55 Treatment for Parkinson's disease
- 56 West once wed to Kim
- 57 "____ Said" (Neil Diamond song)
- 61 44-nation cont.
- 62 "The magic word," in a text
- 63 Firmed up

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