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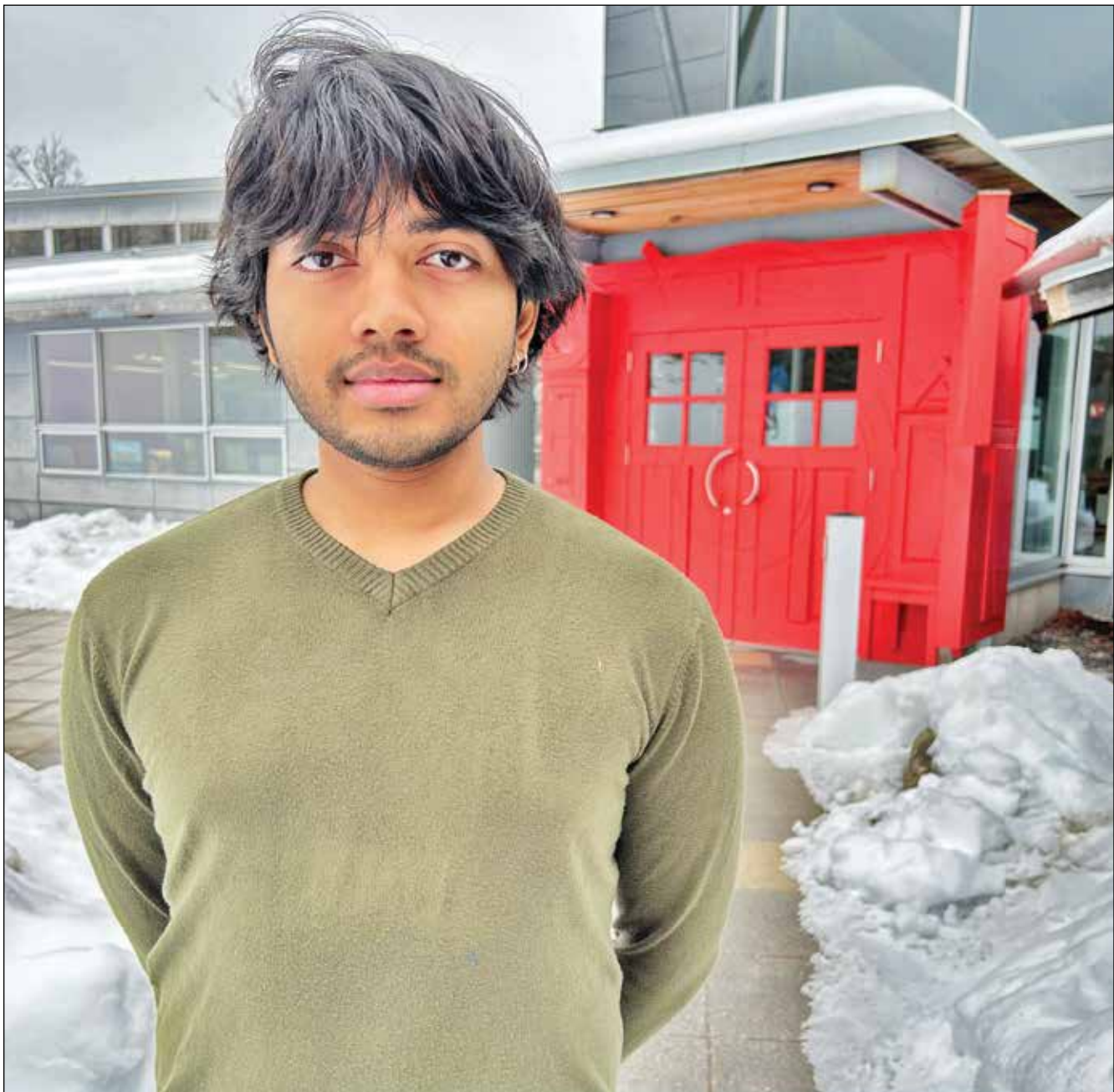
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Mishal Venu, an international student in the visual and creative arts diploma program at Haliburton School of Art + Design, said federal government caps on foreign students is concerning. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

## HSAD housing now in limbo

By Mike Baker

A planned 47-unit student residence for the Haliburton School of Art + Design (HSAD) could be in jeopardy, Fleming College president Maureen Adamson confirmed this week.

Post-secondary institutions nationwide have been left reeling after immigration minister Marc Miller announced Jan. 22 the federal government will cap the number of international student permits it issues over the next two years.

Miller said his department will approve approximately 360,000 new undergraduate permits in 2024 – a 35 per cent reduction from last year. He noted each province and territory will be allotted a set number of permits, with some provinces to see drops as high as 50 per cent. The number of permits issued in 2025 will be assessed at the end of this year.

Adamson said it would be a big hit for Fleming, with the institution having around 3,500 international students in classes for the 2023/24 school year. That accounts for half of the student body, Adamson said. She did not disclose the split of domestic to international students in Haliburton. The school also has campuses in Lindsay, Peterborough and Cobourg.

“This announcement has an immense and adverse human and economic impact for Fleming College... [it] poses a threat not only to the educational experiences of all students, but also to the vitality of our regional economy,” Adamson said. “The economic impact... will be a staggering loss to our communities, including Haliburton.”

Adamson would not confirm whether the \$16 million residence would proceed. As of Jan. 31, there were still workers on-site.

She said Fleming is developing a mitigation strategy that will look at all the college’s operations and commitments, before deciding “the best steps [we] can take to build a viable and robust future.” The process will wrap up next month.

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Work on a 47-unit student residence at Haliburton School of Art + Design continued Jan. 31, despite concerns over the future of the project. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

## Federal cap on foreign students

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“This new reality includes the elimination of Fleming’s existing key revenue streams that enable us to invest in developments like this residence,” she said. “It’s too early to say more – no final decisions have been made.”

### Why the need for a cap?

Miller said changes target institutional “bad actors” such as small private colleges, which he claims have taken advantage of international students by operating under-resourced campuses and renege on supports promised to students paying exorbitant tuitions – often three or four times that of a domestic student.

The minister also believes a reduction in foreign students may have a positive impact on Canada’s housing crisis.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale believes something needed to be done to “fix our broken immigration system.” He said it’s no secret Canadian colleges and universities have used international students to address budgetary shortfalls, particularly over the past few years.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada data shows 621,565 study permits were issued in 2021, ballooning to more than 800,000 in 2022. Numbers for 2023 have not yet been disclosed.

The Ontario government has been criticized for its lack of investment in post-secondary education in recent years. Adamson said provincial funding for domestic enrollment was first frozen in 2017, then slashed by 10 per cent in 2019 with no increase since. Quoting a report published by Ontario’s blue-ribbon panel, Adamson said Ontario provides \$6,891 for each domestic student, while the Canadian average is \$15,615.

MPP Laurie Scott didn’t address those concerns when questioned by *The Highlander*. She said the province is implementing measures to address challenges.

“These include enhancing oversight to ensure program quality, aligning education with labour market needs, and mandating housing guarantees for international students,” Scott said. “We’ll also pause new public college-private partnerships, strengthen oversight of existing partnerships, and improve regulation of career colleges to ensure educational standards are maintained.”

Mishal Venu is an international student in the visual and creative arts diploma program (VCAD) at HSAD. He arrived in Canada from Bahrain in September 2023.

Asked how he would have responded had these new limits come down before he moved, Venu said, “it would be a pretty disheartening situation. I feel for any student impacted by this. You set your heart on going away to study, to maybe build a better life. Some people are looking to escape from countries where you’re not acknowledged, where you don’t get good pay. A lot of those people will be stuck now, not able to come here.”

Dysart mayor Murray Fearrey is remaining hopeful Fleming will build the residence. The township donated almost four acres for the build and invested six figures into developing a new clubhouse for the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association, whose previous facility sat on land Fleming wanted to build on.

However, Fearrey said there was no contract or signed agreement that stipulated Fleming had to follow through.

“I am worried in case this doesn’t happen. The township has been very cooperative with the college. I’d be really disappointed for the community if it doesn’t go ahead,” Fearrey said.



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# Floodplain mapping presented to public

By Lisa Gervais

Fraser Rogers looks at a large computer monitor, giving a bird's eye view of his Anson Street property in Minden. It is overlaid with lines that indicate what he already knew.

He is in a Gull River floodplain. However, thanks to a County-led floodplain mapping project, he can see that the floodplain is actually a little more extensive than when mapping was last done in the 1980s. It gives him more ammunition as he continues to ready his property for future potential flooding, after enduring a number of them in the past.

"First of all, it will rule out that we're not going to do... which we had no plans to do... any more additions on our existing home," he said at a Jan. 29 public information centre at the Minden Hills Community Centre.

Rogers said Minden is known for flooding. He says when he was born in 1951, he was brought to the family home, as a newborn, in a canoe. The waters rose again, in 2013, when he was working on an addition. However, he said the sump pumps and sandbags did their job. They have also purchased a generator. They also do not have a full basement, just a crawl space. He said as long as Mother Nature and Parks Canada do not send a gush down the river, he is as prepared as he can be for flooding.

Nonetheless, "it's nice to see that this is fairly updated. They said they were 2018 aerial photos," Fraser said.

Mayor Bob Carter, looking at the downtown Minden maps, said "as you can see, there's huge differences compared to what exists today... it goes both ways. There's some land that was flood land that really isn't, but I think there's more that's going the other way.



Above: Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter looks at the digital mapping. Right: A resident looks at the floodplain mapping. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

"That means there's a lot of potential building sites that are really now not available. People who had ideas, 'why don't we develop there?' this is unfortunately going to be the answer."

He said the overall project is good and was needed to help in updating plans at the County and in his township.

Cory Harris of Ganaraska Conservation Authority, which spearheaded the work that began prior to COVID, said there was a lot of interest in Monday's open house. He said they were able to explain the context for the study, that it was not just for Minden but "it's producing mapping for the first time for a pretty large area of Ontario.

Harris said flooding is going to occur



whether or not it's mapped but it's better to have an understanding of what areas are going to flood, and to what extent.

"When these models are completed you can look at depths, you can look at velocities, you can assess risk levels and you've just

got a lot of good information to make decisions about whether you buy certain property, or don't, of if you have a legacy development in a floodplain you can also make informed decisions about how to manage risk in the current situation."

## Money for Abbey Gardens, Dorset Lions park

MPP Laurie Scott, Raymond Cho, minister for seniors and accessibility, and County warden Liz Daniels, announced new funding for two projects at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference. Abbey Gardens Community Trust is

receiving \$60,000 and the Dorset Lions Park in Algonquin Highlands \$26,050 to help make their communities more accessible. "I would like to thank the Dorset Lions and Abbey Gardens Trust for applying to our Inclusive Community Grants Program," said

Scott. "Our government appreciates working with our community partners to help by promoting physical and mental health and well-being, while reducing social isolation and enhancing quality of community life throughout the region."

Danielsen added, "I'm so pleased with the Inclusive Community Grants awarded to Algonquin Highlands and Abbey Gardens in Haliburton County. These projects offer much greater independence for seniors and folks with disabilities." (Lisa Gervais).

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# Company hired to assist with STR bylaw

By Lisa Gervais

County council has found a contractor to oversee the short-term rental bylaw that looks to be near finalization at the upper-tier, before going to Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills for expected adoption.

While the company was not named at a Jan. 24 meeting, it is believed to be Granicus, the same company that handles the file for Niagara-on-the-Lake, Georgian Bay Township, Kawartha Lakes and Lake of Bays.

They were the sole bidder after council put out an RFP Nov. 9, and were chosen by a committee Dec. 19.

Director of planning, Steve Stone, said the company will register all active STRs and drive bylaw compliance. They would also collect the municipal accommodation tax, if adopted by councils.

Stone said they “can provide a full suite of surveillance software modules, including address identification, license compliance monitoring, permitting and registration, 24-hour hotline service and STR activity monitoring.”

When all the townships have signed off on the hire, Stone said they will let Granicus know they are the selected bidder.

The contract would be for three years, with the townships splitting the cost; Dysart just over \$130,000, with Highlands East, Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills just over \$60,000 a year. It’s estimated Dysart has 515 STRs, with HE at 253, AH at 287 and MH at 297.

Stone noted implementation will take 22-24 weeks, which puts council’s wish of a spring start in jeopardy. They hope it can be ready to go for the May 24 weekend.

Warden Liz Danielsen said she was disappointed in the timeline “as I’m sure a



County CAO Gary Dyke said there will be an update on the STR file in February. *File.*

number of those who have been concerned about short-term rentals are in the time that it takes to get this going live.” She asked if there was any way to move it along in time for the May 24 weekend.

Acknowledging it is about six months of lead time, director of economic development, Scott Ovell, said one benefit is it gives the townships time to communicate what they are doing.

CAO Gary Dyke said he is meeting with the other CAOs and relevant staff Feb. 12, and will provide a verbal report Feb. 14. Dyke said, “I think whatever we can do to accelerate the program, we will do that.”

Dyke added, “in fairness to the people that

are being impacted by these bylaws, once the documentation has been passed and adopted by the municipalities, it’s also inherent upon us to develop an implementation program.”

He said there would be education on the application and inspection processes, for example. “Everything related to it would be part of a document or communication piece that would go to the users. So, it’s not like we’re going to pass it and cross our fingers, but work with the lower-tiers, work with the users of the bylaw...”

Elizabeth Oakley, who spoke to Highlands East council in opposition to the passing of the bylaw, said they have a petition that is nearing 700 signatures.

She said they are “requesting a pause to the County’s STR legislation. Things are in flux with some councillors beginning to see how discriminatory, unfair and costly it will be for STR hosts. There have been numerous emails and phone calls made to members of all the municipalities as well as County Council,” she said.

Oakley added, “this issue will have a negative impact on tourism in our region, which goes against what the elected officials say they’re trying to attract.”

However, as recently as the Jan, 10 meeting, all councillors expressed interest in going forward.

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The Dysart library branch. *File.*

# County budget starts at 7.81 per cent hike

By Lisa Gervais

The County began its budget deliberations Jan. 24, with taxpayers looking at a possible 7.81 per cent hike for 2024 if the document were to go ahead as is. It would mean an extra \$18.41 per \$100,000 of assessment, on top of what they pay to their townships and the school board.

CAO Gary Dyke said inflation is having a major impact, 23 per cent of the total requested levy increase. For example, he said the cost of maintaining vehicles, materials for public works and insurance premiums are all going up substantially. So is the cost of road construction, a five per cent increase to the health unit, more money to the City of Kawartha Lakes for shared programs, and the library is seeking an additional \$45,000.

Despite the 7.81 per cent, Dyke said “in comparison to other counties within the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, the County’s tax rate continues to be the second lowest (of 12).” There is also 1.54 per cent of assessment growth.

Of the estimated \$32 million in expenses, 44 per cent goes to wages and benefits. Staff

are asking for a half-a-million increase for wages and benefits.

Dyke, worried about an infrastructure funding gap, has suggested introducing a specific one per cent tax levy. To go with that, in 2025, he said staff will look to develop a capital project prioritization model.

The library budget garnered a lot of attention at the meeting. They are asking for just over \$1.32 million. The primary driver is an increase in monthly programming and operating hours, along with the reintroduction of the Dorset branch in Algonquin Highlands.

Coun. Murray Fearrey questioned the library budget. He said Dysart and Minden, the two largest towns, have one each; with Algonquin Highlands soon to have two (Stanhope and Dorset) and Highlands East four (Cardiff, Gooderham, Highland Grove and Wilberforce).

He said he knows libraries are important, but \$1.3 million, on top of what the municipalities pay for looking after the library buildings, concerns him. He asked if staff could research how the County compares to other municipalities.

“I’m not questioning that there’s anything wrong. I’m just questioning how we stack up with others. And are we looking for any reduction in the number...”

Coun. Bob Carter said he’s also a library user, but the increase is substantial. “Is there a way to reduce the amount of staffing that is in the buildings at any one point in time?” he asked.

Factoring in all costs, he said the County is probably spending \$2 million on libraries, at \$100 a citizen, “and there are other things that we need to be spending money on.”

Warden Liz Danielsen, who sits on the library board, said, “libraries have an extraordinary capacity for other community services. And I think we have to remember it’s not just a matter of books... there’s so many more things that the library service does.”

Dyke said he’d identified staffing gaps, needing an engineering technician, administrative assistant, payroll and benefit administrator, and a business solutions and GIS supervisor. He is also recommending two paramedic supervisors.

“Front line supervision is the industry

standard and it has been identified that the County is the only Eastern service without these positions,” Dyke said. “With the continued increased call volume, these positions will assist with the increased workload of the chief and deputy chief and allow for enhanced focus on long-term strategic planning and goals.” He said the impact on 2024 is \$240,309.

Carter wondered if they could hire one this year and one next. But coun. Walt McKechnie said his number one priority is healthcare. He supported the hiring and any money that can go towards recruiting doctors and nurses.

Dyke said, “County staff have reviewed and re-prioritized spending and refocused these efforts in the area of sustainable long-term fiscal planning and management. This renewed focus will, in some cases, alter previous areas of spending to mitigate the identified fiscal and economic impacts while being mindful of the need to recognize the impact of tax rate increases on County residents and businesses.”

## COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NEWS

### Burton returns as deputy warden

Highlands East mayor, Dave Burton, has been returned as deputy warden for 2024.

Burton beat out contender, Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter, in anonymous voting at County council’s Jan. 24 meeting.

Prior to the vote, Burton said, “I do feel we have a lot to finish up from things that we have been doing in the past five years. And I’m really looking forward to getting some of that, I’ll say, put to bed. I’m very willing

with all the projects we have on the go to help in any which way and I’d like us just to move forward together as a team. “

Carter said with the short-term rental file close to finalization, he believes transportation, housing and health care portfolios need attention, as well as keeping finances “as controlled as possible.”

### Stone retiring, McKay gone

Director of planning Steve Stone is retiring, effective Feb. 2.

Warden Liz Danielsen thanked him, Jan. 24, for shepherding council on some “hard work and heavy lifting” on the controversial shoreline preservation and short-term rental bylaws.

“You’ve handled them with grace and style and you’ve given us lots of good information and direction and for that we would really truly like to thank you,” the warden said.

Stone said he had been “truly blessed” to work with a great council and staff over the past two-and-a-half years. “We did accomplish a lot and you were very patient

with me.”

It was also formally mentioned at the meeting that climate change coordinator Korey McKay had left the township for a job with Northumberland County. She will not be replaced, with the work falling on the planning department. McKay was with the County for just over four years.

(County of Haliburton news compiled by Lisa Gervais).



# Large animal vet coming one day a week

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Farmers Association (HCFA) says it has connected with a new veterinarian willing to come to the County on some Fridays.

HCFA secretary, Jean Schlicklin Tyler, said, “when there are a number of people willing to have a vet, they may come for ongoing vaccines and medical check ups for farm animals. This builds a relationship between the vet and the caregivers for future critical care, with the hope of participation in the Veterinary Assistant Program (VAP) for the County.”

Schlicklin Tyler added, “this is a win, win, win for everyone involved, if we work together.”

The HCFA held its annual general meeting Jan. 18 at Castle Antiques. Schlicklin Tyler said they continue to “flourish in a climate of challenge.”

She said a lack of access to a large animal vet in the County is the most significant problem facing farmers, other than a perceived lack of support by Dysart council on the Haliburton farmers market.

“The townspeople continue to see the benefit of farmers, so we keep working with the different provincial ministries and provincial organizations working on issues in agriculture. Our County is not alone in this crisis. The reduced number of graduating vets for large animal care, the change of regulations to access medical resources, the



The HCFA held its AGM Jan. 18. Submitted.

lack of vet technicians in the communities, emergency care of any kind, and the loss of local abattoirs to process meat has become a crisis across the province.”

At the meeting, Minna Schleifenbaum was reconfirmed for a second year as president, along with an active board of 11 executives and directors. Godfrey Tyler, as the Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO) representative, presented information for the Northern Producer Animal Health Network (NPAHN). He introduced Jordan Miller, of BFO, as the two organizations are working on the vet crisis from a provincial perspective,

Schlicklin Tyler said.

“There are hopeful signs reported - money for a vet incentive for any clinic applying with a new vet. The VAP is being reviewed by the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. People are being urged to contact their MPP and other organizations involved in this crisis to bring solutions from the grassroots of our community,” she added.

Schlicklin Tyler said communications are locally growing “with a dynamic leadership and the membership of HCFA.” She said with community efforts, there has been a

table at the farmers markets in the summer, co-hosted by BFO and HCFA, that gives free material and information about the local food providers and other groups involved in production.

There is ongoing work for more clinics and educational tours with the support of the County tourism office to learn more about food production. There is also a plan for a two-day environmental farm workshop that interested people can sign up for now, to be hosted in April.

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# McKechnie: no market agenda

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al deputy mayor Walt McKechnie said he and the rest of the township's council are supportive of the Haliburton County Farmers Market Association's efforts to maintain a weekly merchant market in town, noting three options have been offered for the coming season.

As reported in last week's *Highlander*, council has told market officials the event can return to Head Lake Park in the spring, following a one-year hiatus, providing they reimburse the township \$5 for each vendor in attendance, for every market day.

HCFMA is considering the proposal, with no decision made as of press time, according to president, Kevin Fisher.

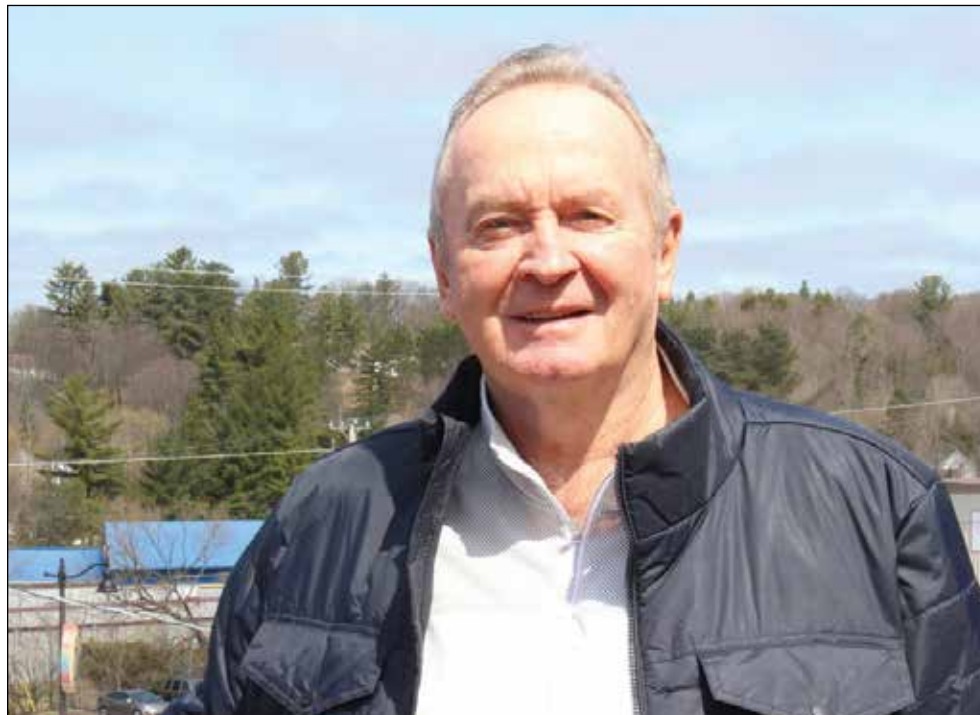
McKechnie said council has also offered for the market to be located at Rotary Beach Park or the Head Lake boardwalk at no cost.

Brian Nash, a member of the HCFMA board, told *The Highlander* recently he doesn't believe there's sufficient interest from vendors to return to Rotary Beach, which hosted the market last year. Attendance dropped approximately 30 per cent following the move, Nash said.

He noted the boardwalk wouldn't be a good location as merchants would have difficulty setting up stalls and transporting their goods down the narrow stretch.

McKechnie felt the fees outlined by council for HCFMA to use Head Lake Park are fair and protect Dysart taxpayers.

"One of council's mandates is to look after the assets of the municipality in an efficient, cost-effective manner... the area in Head Lake Park used for the farmers market is a problem area where damage can occur, especially when it's raining or when vendors drive off the paved paths. This results in



Walt McKechnie said Dysart council has been flexible when discussing the Haliburton farmers market. *File.*

large ruts along the paths and damage to the grass area, requiring extra groundskeeping," McKechnie said.

"Council has put considerable tax dollars into the park in the past few years - \$600,000 for a new playground, \$400,000 for the welcome centre - extra costs created by one organization should not be taken on by taxpayers... I don't think \$5 [for each vendor, each event] is too much to ask" he added.

The deputy mayor says there's no agenda against HCFMA and that fees will be considered for every event being held at

Head Lake Park moving forward.

"It's an asset that is used by various groups throughout the year. Each brings something different; each gives something back to the community in some way," McKechnie said. "As part of the Head Lake Park Master Plan, council will review all users of the park, including vendors and their relationship to the parent organization.

"We're fortunate to have such an asset in this community. Council will continue to preserve the park for all to enjoy," McKechnie added.

## Dysart settles on 6.48 per cent tax hike

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al council has landed on a 6.48 per cent tax increase for local ratepayers in 2024, though has had to draw \$700,000 from reserves to bring the rate down.

A first draft of the budget, presented Dec. 9, featured a hefty 14.85 per cent increase on the tax levy. Council has brought that number down by cutting about \$150,000 from the budget and drawing \$450,000 from its working fund reserves and \$250,000 from the capital roads reserve fund.

Treasurer Barb Swannell noted the township's working fund reserve balance of just over \$1.5 million exceeded the municipality's target, so could handle the drop, while the \$250,000 taken from capital roads reserves will need to be repaid next year.

"We're not robbing a reserve that isn't over what it's anticipated that we should have. We have extra money in the working funds... this will allow our roads budget to stay the same, which is important, so we don't fall back even more on our roads projects," said mayor Murray Fearrey.

The budget was formally adopted Jan. 12. Swannell noted it represents a \$20.49 increase for residential homeowners per \$100,000 of their property's assessed value - determined by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). Commercial rates are set to climb \$30.38 per \$100,000, with industrial rates going up \$35.21 per \$100,000.

Swannell said for the average Dysart home assessed at \$300,000 the tax increase will be \$61.47 in 2024.

Fearrey said he was satisfied with the increase given how much the municipality's costs have gone up over the past year. It was offset by approximately 1.7 per cent growth in 2023, a phenomenal number the mayor said.

Total expenditures for the township this year are pegged at approximately \$24.2 million. The tax levy will fund 49.4 per cent, or about \$12 million, with non-tax contributions such as loans, reserves, interest earned on investments and revenues from municipal fees and fines kicking in \$9.4 million. Federal and provincial grants for the year top out at around \$2.8 million. The most significant spend is in

transportation services, at \$10.7 million. Public works manager, Rob Camelon, said there are several major projects up for completion this year, including the \$1.2 million replacement of the Koshlong Lake Road bridge, and the \$1.35 million replacement of the Redstone Brook bridge. Another \$2.3 million is earmarked for road rehabilitation projects, with just over \$1 million for four key pieces of equipment. Council agreed to defer an approximate \$500,000 spend on a new backhoe loader.

Environmental services make up 17 per cent of the budget, at \$4.1 million, with protective services - fire, EMS and the OPP - coming in at \$3.9 million (16 per cent). The recreation and culture budget is pegged at \$2.6 million, with general government costs just north of \$2 million. Planning and development is projected at \$754,000, health services at \$194,000, and social and family services \$25,000.

"Nobody wanted to put [taxes] up this much the way times are, but the cost of everything is through the roof. We can't hold the line and also maintain roads and keep up with the services we're providing," Fearrey said.

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# Leave libraries alone

Imagine the Haliburton County Public Library seeking \$1.3 million to run eight libraries in the County this year?

That's a bit much according to some County councillors, who voiced their concerns at a budget meeting Jan. 24.

The two most outspoken were the mayors of the biggest townships in the Highlands – Dysart mayor Murray Fearrey and Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter.

Pardon my sarcasm, but these mayors are involved in arena projects. Carter was on the Minden Hills council that spent nearly \$14 million of taxpayers' money on the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and community centre. While Carter voted against [as did councillors Pam Sayne and Jennifer Hughey], the council ultimately approved the spend.

And Fearrey is talking about a new arena and curling club on land Dysart et al recently purchased on County Road 21. While no price tag has been mentioned, we're talking millions.

Those projects could fund libraries for the next 20 years.

And this at a time when registration for minor hockey is down. Sure, there are the Huskies, figure skating, public skating and shinny, however none of our arenas –

including the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena Wilberforce - is booked out 100 per cent of the time. Not even close.

Our libraries, on the hand, are heavily used and \$1.3 million is a bargain for a service that offers books, audible books, free newspapers and magazines, movies, music, passes to Algonquin Provincial Park, a loan of athletic equipment, radon testing, and a myriad of programming for children right through to adults.

Fearrey said something about the fact Dysart and Minden Hills only have one library each, when they are the biggest towns in the County.

He questioned whether the library board had ever considered the number of branches – since there is one in Algonquin Highlands, and it's hoped a second will return to Dorset.

Highlands East has four. Imagine! There are libraries in Wilberforce, Gooderham, Cardiff and Highland Grove. In many ways, these small libraries are more important than the bigger town libraries because they provide a service, and a place to go, where there isn't always a great deal else going on.

Perhaps most importantly, libraries are financially accessible to all. You might not be able to pony up the hockey registration

fees, but you can take your kids to the library for free programming.

For many, it's a place to connect to WiFi when the service is not good at home. Some kids do their homework there. Others download movies to watch at home.

Looking at the money, the County has been known to squander it. How about all of the consultants hired to look into public transportation, with not even a school bus running between our towns for the general public?

While some might complain it costs a lot to maintain eight library buildings, how about five main township offices, and all of the other infrastructure required to have five governments in an area of 20,000 people?

If council is looking to keep a better eye on costs, might we suggest not attacking the library budget but checking off a few of the ideas on that services delivery review to see if some efficiencies may be finally gained.

By Lisa Gervais

## LETTERS

### Support market

*Dear editor,*

As a faithful farmers market attendee over the years, and in view of the recent controversy regarding Dysart council's plans to impose fees to the Haliburton County Farmers' Market in a return to Head Lake Park, I find charging any fee out of touch with reality.

A prime example comes from the results of a survey, conducted by HCFM and other farmers markets in Ontario, which states that the majority do not pay any fees to their local municipality. In one case (Newmarket Farmers Market), Newmarket provides the town square for free and sponsors their farmers market to the tune of \$3,000 each year. I think Newmarket gets it.

Any proposed fee would add to the cost of approximately 40 vendors who already pay HCFM a seasonal participation rate of \$425. Whether it's an annual fee of \$4,200 or \$5 a vendor, per occasion, both the need and the intent are extremely questionable.

The mayor has been quoted as saying that council will consider implementing fees for other events on a case-by-case basis. One is led to question just what the deciding factors will be, and will this be a transparent and fair process or will it be at the whim of the mayor and council?

The significant decrease in traffic at Rotary Park Beach last year resulted in most Tuesday markets being noticeably empty, compared to previous years in Head Lake Park. Vendor sales were off by as much as 30 per cent and, according to the BIA, this had a corresponding impact on many retail businesses and restaurants in Haliburton village.

These are compelling facts and solid reasons for council to forego any proposed

fee for a return to Head Lake Park. The farmers market, in most people's opinion, is not only a great opportunity to showcase our homegrown products but, in addition, it is an integral part of boosting the local economy and attracting visitors to the Highlands.

The farmers market should be given our full support, without strings attached.

*Dave Allen  
Haliburton*

### Support our farmers

*Dear editor,*

Haliburton County farmers bear a heavy enough burden trying to find fallow fields not studded with rocks in order to grow crops, and grazing meadows for their livestock not riddled with gopher holes that can lead to badly injured livestock.

Haliburton farmers should get a medal for triumphing in the face of all the strikes against them before they're even in the starting blocks. To take away an important source of income gained from selling their products directly to the consumer, rather than going through a re-seller, gives them a greater chance of more profit.

I have attended the farmers markets since inception and I'm happy to be supporting our County farmers and letting them know how much I admire them and their chosen challenging lifestyle. Their meat, their crops and produce are far superior to anything picked up at the local chain grocery stores, where the meat has been affected by the fear hormones and the weight enhancing drugs on top of disease immunizations necessary for large-scale farming, and are generated when animals have been transported hundreds or thousands of kilometres in a crowded vehicle and then led into the line-up for the

slaughterhouse, where they can hear the fear and crying of the other animals and feel their terror.

Small local farmers are more likely to transport their animals themselves down to the slaughterhouse in Omemee. While the end result is the same, just like our lives, it's the journey that counts. And we get to eat great local meat and support the local economy at the same time. So, make the farmers markets enticing for the farmers to go through all they must do to set up their stands in a farmers market worthy of the name. I look forward to Haliburton farmers market redux in 2024.

*Anne-Marie Borthwick  
Haliburton*

## Farmers market decisions short-sighted

*Dear editor,*

How ironic. Haliburton County has just hired its new tourism manager, Angelica Ingram, to boost the County's tourism offerings.

At the same time, first term Dysart coun. Pat Casey and mayor Murray Fearrey are doing their best to torpedo the Haliburton farmers market with outlandish fee proposals, unsubstantiated accusations of damage to Head Lake Park, and accusations the market does not give back to the community, as reported by *The Highlander*.

How short-sighted. People may come to Haliburton County for its lakes and landscapes but everyone comes into town looking to experience what a small town like Haliburton has to offer. In the summer months, the market is a fantastic event, drawing people to town and into local restaurants and businesses, and hooking up



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with the Rails End Gallery artists when it’s located at Head Park.  
Only the most churlish would have a problem with a busy street and parking area created by the excitement of the market. Picking fights with one of the town’s best local attractions (and not other events) is surely not the way for Casey and Fearrey to bolster Haliburton’s economic growth and reputation.

Valerie Dugale  
Haliburton County

Sick care is sick

Dear editor,  
I read with great interest the article “County health in crisis due to staffing” by Lisa Gervais in the Jan. 18 Highlander.  
It’s unfortunate that the Minden clinic had to close due to no staff, but with more people moving to the area the problem will only worsen.  
Why does someone with a cut finger need medical care?  
Since all the sickness is burning out the staff, shouldn’t we do something now.  
It’s hard to attract medical staff as a lot don’t wish to be in a rural area.  
Foreign doctors need to be told that they have to practice in a rural area for two years before they can practice in an urban one.  
Why do agency nurses get \$100-an-hour and the staff nurses only \$40?  
I say raise the staff nurses to \$50-an-hour and cut the agency ones to \$50, a \$40-an-hour saving.  
Is this another way to get everyone into the city?  
What’s making the people sick?  
Isn’t most of our food from South America where they use chemicals we’ve banned.  
And isn’t it time to start getting the chemicals out of our food as fast as possible.

Winston E. Ralph  
Bancroft

Managing complexities of health care

Dear editor,  
Dentists, vets, plumbers, teachers, chefs all have a hierarchy of team support. This allows the highest trained and skilled people to work to their capacity with efficiency.  
In many U.S. hospitals, hospitalists have assistants that gather patient histories, collect data, consolidate findings and communicate with patients, families, health care providers. In doctors’ offices, scribes enter patient data to electronic records, complete orders for blood work, x-rays, and prepare specialist referral letters.  
In Canada, funding for physician assistants and scribes could reduce the tasks that currently drain physicians’ critical time and mental resources, leading to burnout and early retirement.  
Hello ‘Baby Boomers’. We are at the tip of the ‘Gray Tsunami’ iceberg, and we already lack frontline resources. The system risks being flattened by an unprecedented

volume of senior patients with complex medical requirements. Let’s prioritize reliable home care, end of life planning, ensuring palliative and hospice care is established into gradations of seniors’ supported living, planning for increasing needs.  
Luring doctors and nurses with higher wages to private clinics drains publicly funded resources we have invested in. Let’s stop.  
Rural medicine is hard. It has always required a special kind of physician to embrace the challenges. This is not new. What is new is technology: large volumes of data, the complexity of medical knowledge, the speed of transmission of the volumes of data, the ever-increasing availability of tests and treatments, the investment into technology, endlessly costing more to build, train, maintain, then replace the systems, deal with the redundancy, bugs and security risks that interfere with humans’ ability to do their jobs. This growth rate is not sustainable.  
There is a different work ethic and approach to lifestyle in the Gen Z population. Justifiably so. Changes in society and in how medicine is practiced make it impossible to continue as it was.

Dr. Nell Thomas  
Minden Hills

Pause STR bylaw

Dear editor,  
The municipalities of Haliburton County are proposing to license short term rentals (STRs) and permit STRs to operate in all zones.  
Before such a proposal is approved, they should require public consultation and obtain expert legal and planning opinions.  
Currently, STRs are not defined or listed as a permitted use in the Dysart zoning bylaw. Bed and Breakfasts, hotels, lodges, resorts etc. are clearly defined and permitted but STRs are not. Why are our elected officials licensing a use that is not even permitted?  
A consultant’s report by J.L. Richards for the County of Haliburton, at a cost of \$55,235.55 plus taxes, recommends that pursuant to registration and licensing, all lower-tier municipalities amend their zoning bylaws to define short-term rental.  
An amendment to permit STRs in all zones does not appear to be a minor amendment and should require public consultation, as stated in the Official Plan and Planning Act.  
Some local officials and planners are stating STRs are a single-family residential use and cannot be controlled through planning or zoning. Many areas consider STRs a commercial use and are controlled through zoning. There are legal cases that state STRs are distinct commercial entities, and “single family use” cannot be interpreted to include one’s operation of a hotel-like business.  
Council appears to be more concerned with complaints about the risk of requiring signage on STRs but are not considering the risk of transient guests in residential neighbourhoods.  
Write to your mayor, councillor and director of planning, and ask in their professional opinion, are STRs currently a permitted use in residential zones, or is an amendment

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



LeeAnn Cruz of the Haliburton Highlands Trekkers sent this photo from a recent visit to Barnum Creek Nature Reserve.

required. Zoning amendments require public consultation.  
Hopefully councillors are not being provided with the same information that an Oro-Medonte councillor believed to be true. See orilliamatters.com, “Sanctioned Oro-Medonte Councillor”.  
Follow the discussion by watching the recording of the Jan. 23 Dysart council meeting on YouTube. STRs are discussed at the 1:14 - 1:32 minute mark.  
Christine & Jim Legge  
Dysart  
Clear the curbs  
Dear editor,  
I am very confused on why the curbs in Haliburton need to be as bad as they are. Minden does not appear to have this problem.  
The municipality plows the middle of the sidewalk, which is helpful, but you need to

get over the mound of snow on the curbs before you get to the middle of the sidewalk.  
I do not know if it is the municipality or the businesses that need to do a better job of clearing the curbs of snow, but you are putting all the elderly and/or disabled people at high risk for injury.  
Linda Heeps  
Haliburton  
Bravo  
Dear editor,  
To Don and Ana, DCPF and Algonquin Highlands mayor and council.  
Thank you for your generosity, community building and foresight in donating and securing the Dorset Pavilion park as a public asset. Great work and the community thanks all of you.  
Dave Mullins  
Algonquin Highlands



# Concert to give church fundraiser a lift

By Mike Baker

Music aficionados looking for something to do this weekend will be “blown away” by the variety on show at the ‘Lift Your Spirits’ benefit concert, supporting fundraising efforts at Highland Hills United Church.

County-based musician Drew Allen is partnering with the Minden congregation for the event – taking place at the church Feb. 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. and raising money for the installation of an elevator at the church.

“Having a lift would make a huge difference to this congregation. It makes the entire space accessible,” Allen said.

The project is pegged at \$80,000, with the church group having raised approximately \$20,000 thus far. Allen said he doesn’t have a set monetary goal for his concert, noting tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. The church can hold about 120 people at capacity, he said, with about 40 tickets sold as of press time.

Allen said he was approached last summer, with an eye on hosting something in the fall. Together, he and the church’s reverend, Max Ward, decided to hold off until the new year, when there’s typically not a lot going on.

“We wanted to maximize [the number of attendees], while also giving families something to do,” Allen said. “It’s something affordable that people can come out and enjoy.”

A musician since childhood, Allen has

spent much of his working life performing on stage, teaching, and selling instruments – mainly pianos. He said this concert would incorporate a variety of styles, showcasing the range in his voice.

“I’ll be doing some of my classical music, like Chopin, Beethoven and Bach. I’ll have some popular music, mainly Billy Joel and Elton John. Then I’ll have some classic American song book, stuff from George Gershwin, Rodgers and Hart, and Burt Bacharach. There will be some Broadway stuff mixed in too,” Allen said.

He will be joined on stage by two members of the Highland Hills United congregation – David Moore and Sheelagh McClelland, who will each assist on two songs.

“David has got an amazing voice, a much better bass voice than I have. Sheila is a wonderful soprano... it’ll be nice to have some company up there,” Allen said.

“There will be two 45-minute sets, five or six different styles of music, and you’ll get to hear from a few different people. It’ll be a great event and it’s for a fantastic cause,” he added.

Tickets can be purchased online at [eventbrite.ca](https://eventbrite.ca) (search ‘Lift Your Spirits’) or by calling the church office at 705-286-1470.

Highlands musician Drew Allen is excited for this weekend’s ‘Lift Your Spirits’ benefit concert. *Submitted.*



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# Stata film debuting at Santa Barbara fest

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County's movie man is going international after a documentary detailing the life of Keith Stata and the formation and growth of Highlands Cinemas was picked up by the Santa Barbara International Film Festival.

Director Matt Finlin told *The Highlander* last week his one-hour, 15-minute film *The Movie Man* will have its worldwide premiere Feb. 12 in California, with a second screening Feb. 15. It will be the first time the flick is available for public viewing, following a private screening at the Kinmount theatre last September.

It's the culmination of five years of work for Finlin, who was inspired to tell Stata's story after remembering how he, as an 11-year-old boy, visited Highlands Cinemas and was enamoured with what he saw. The experience laid the foundation for a career in the movie industry, with Finlin now a partner in Toronto-based Door Knocker Media.

"It's almost overwhelming seeing everything come together and now having *The Movie Man* featured at a prestigious film festival. You make these things and put them out into the world in the hope that someone is going to recognize and appreciate them – we were one of more than 2,000 submissions for this festival, but made the cut," Finlin said. "It's a testament of Keith and this wonderful place he's built."

Finlin said he applied to dozens of festivals and was invited to appear at several, though admitted he was holding off for "a big fish." Now, he's excited that people who likely have no idea where Kinmount is will get to learn all about the community and one of its greatest champions.

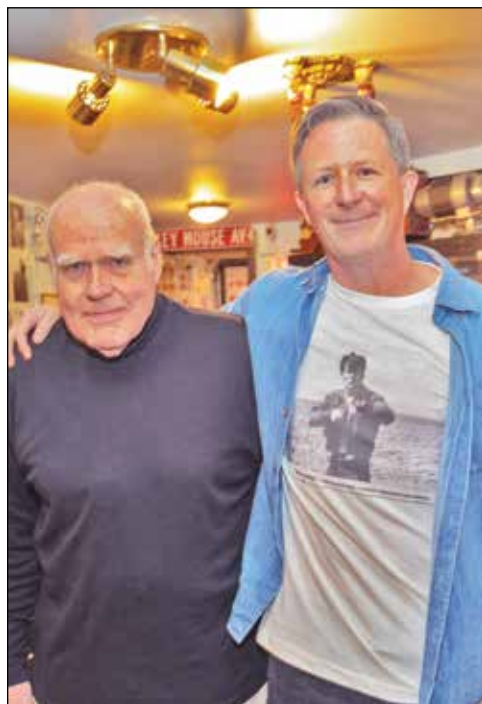
He'll be attending the festival alongside musician Kevin Drew, of Broken Social Scene fame. Drew provided all the music for *The Movie Man*. Stata said he isn't planning to attend, noting he still works 60-hour weeks at the cinema getting ready for the new season.

"I do know someone who will be there, though. A kid who used to work for me years ago now has a really cool job in Silicon Valley in California. He lives in Santa Barbara, so is going to go to the screening and check it out," Stata said.

The movie chronicles Stata's life after founding Highlands Cinemas in 1979. What started out as a 59-seat single theatre has expanded to five screens that can accommodate 550 people. It's jam packed with unique stories detailing how Stata secured the thousands of pieces of memorabilia displayed throughout the 4,000 sq. ft. site.

Sharing some of the stories, Stata recalls how word of his cinema has spread over the years.

He spoke to a local who, while travelling to France, struck up conversation with a fellow passenger. After telling how she lived in the small town of Kinmount, the other lady smiled and said "oh, there's a cool theatre there, no?" Then there was the County resident who, while travelling through India,



Keith Stata and Matt Finlin together at Highlands Cinemas in Kinmount. Submitted.

stopped at a bar in Mumbai only to find a piece about Highlands Cinemas on the TV.

"I remember getting a call a few years ago from Detroit Edison power company (now DTE Energy) who wanted me to go down there and take a projection booth out of one of their towers. I asked where they got my name, they said someone in Sweden. I don't even know anyone in Sweden," Stata said.

Referencing some of his favourite collectibles and memorabilia, Stata told how he secured a first-edition Lumiere projector several years ago.

"I was bidding on a unit on eBay and got a call from someone in California who saw that I was bidding. He said he had a projector there, it was in a warehouse under an overpass that collapsed during an earthquake. He insisted the projector was good and sent some photos... what had happened was, the Lumiere brothers showed their first motion picture in Paris in 1886 – people from the U.S. had travelled to see this and wanted the brothers to make them some projectors, which they did in 1897. This was one of those machines," Stata said, noting he still has the original.

Finlin said he shared the documentary with famed Hollywood actor Martin Sheen late last year, who enjoyed it so much he's planning a trip to Kinmount this summer.

"He watched the film... and said the academy museum in Los Angeles has got nothing on Keith's theatre, so that's high praise. He said Keith was 'eloquently vulgar'," Finlin said with a laugh.

He's hoping *The Movie Man* is picked up by a distributor for a full cinematic release this year. It's already been confirmed the documentary will be aired at Highlands Cinemas through the summer.

"It's been a fun ride. I've had the time of my life building this place. I'm sure people will enjoy the movie and hopefully get a laugh out of it at my expense," Stata said.

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Hitting the slopes at Sir Sam's. *File.*

# Sir Sam's Ski/Ride says hello to winter – finally

By Lisa Gervais

Despite winter taking awhile to arrive in the Highlands, Sir Sam's Ski/Ride opened on the same weekend it did last year (Dec. 9) and conditions will now sustain it until spring, owner Doug Wilkinson said.

"Things are looking awesome," Wilkinson said this week, after all runs opened to the public the weekend of Jan. 20-21.

The Eagle Lake ski hill also hosted its first competition, a Snowboard Ontario cross track race, this past weekend. "So that was fantastic," Wilkinson said.

He conceded that in recent years, "Mother Nature is a bit more of a challenge for us. We don't get as many snowmaking days in a row that we would have had in the past. We need cold weather for a good chunk of time. Now, it's the fluctuations that are a bit of a pain."

Even with this week's milder conditions, Wilkinson said, "we're fine. Our base is deep now, so any little warm-ups now and for the rest of the year are fine. That won't be an issue. It's just getting us started."

He said they are fortunate they are a bit further north, and being one of the first hills to traditionally open in Ontario. He said the challenge was that their clients from further south had green yards and rain until the new year and weren't thinking about skiing and snowboarding.

"At least Haliburton County had a little bit of snow on people's front yards. This year, there was nothing in Peterborough and Lindsay and places where we pull from."

He said they'd coined a marketing phrase, 'when it's raining down there, it's snowing up here', but we're still working to try and get everybody to believe that."

Wilkinson said the state of the economy is also having an

impact on a lot of seasonal businesses, and with sports such as hockey, skiing and snowboarding, not inexpensive, it is a challenge.

"You know that weighs on people as well. So that always impacts whether people are coming up to ski or whether they're going to continue to play hockey or do other sports."

Wilkinson said he is planning to approach Haliburton County schools about offering reduced rates for students for the remainder of the winter, so those who might not ordinarily ski or snowboard can try the sport. "Very specifically trying to target to do some good in the community," he said.

## Other offerings

Wilkinson said staff are out and about pitching Sir Sam's as a wedding venue.

He said the tower at the top of the hill is expected to be ready for this spring, just in time for nuptials.

"Right now, we're actually right in the middle of wedding booking season," he said, with staff going to wedding shows.

"We're going to do a number of bookings for weddings for the upcoming season. It's actually looking pretty good. We're pretty happy with the response."

He added that having the tower open will also boost numbers of people visiting the facility to look at the fall colours.

Wilkinson said they have lots of events coming up for Family Day in March as well as the March break. And, every Saturday he said they are doing apres ski from 3.30 p.m. with live music.

## HCSA selects charity

For the second year in a row, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) has selected Haliburton Highlands Health Services as its charity of the year. The HCSA will donate \$1 per hour of trail grooming time on the Rail Trail to the hospital's diabetes network. Money raised will go towards the purchase of a doppler, a device that measures blood flow helping those with diabetes receive improved care. This is the fourth winter the HCSA has supported a local charity. Earlier recipients were the Kelly

Shires Breast Cancer Foundation and the Minden Food Bank. Snowmobilers and others will see a mobile billboard in tow behind a trail groomer this winter on the Rail Trail, HCSA's busiest route. The HCSA is a volunteer- owned and managed not-for-profit maintaining 370 kilometers of trails linking communities. They say they deliver up to \$14.7 million in economic activity per season. The HCSA is a partner in the 183 member Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. (Lisa Gervais).



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# ‘Inspiring creativity and empowering change’

By Lisa Gervais

During her keynote address to the Aging Together as Community conference in Haliburton County Jan. 27, Dr. Pat Armstrong talked about putting life into years, versus putting years into life.

More than 150 people attended the conference at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, learning about an Indigenous perspective on elder care, projects at Hyland Crest, and Rotaract’s intergenerational perspectives, to name a few, under the theme of inspiring creativity, empowering change.

Armstrong is a long-term care research professor at York University. She headed up a research study of LTC in Norway, Sweden, the U.K., U.S. Germany and Canada.

She referenced a German LTC home, whose manager said, “our purpose is to put life into years, not simply years into life... and we would add this includes opportunities for joy for those living in, working in and visiting LTC homes.”

Armstrong said LTC homes in Canada, and particularly Ontario, do not do a good job of either. She referenced the Canadian military finding terrible conditions during COVID. She said many Canadians think LTC is “the last and worst resort.”

However, she said family members in Sweden and Germany do not feel guilty when they put loved ones into LTC, while a significant number of Swedish seniors would prefer going into nursing homes, even if offered significant home care.

In Ontario, she said people say there are pros to LTC homes, such as their loved ones having company, being safe, such as getting medications, having access to activities, such as bingo, and care for meals and laundry.

But to bring joy, she said homes must be properly staffed. She said staffing levels in Sweden are more than twice Canada. She said staff have the time to chat and get to know residents; get them to walk versus putting them in wheelchairs. She said family do not have to fill gaps for survival. The only thing families have to do is socialize. Staff



Above: Dr. Pat Armstrong was the keynote speaker. Right: Chief Randy Chipps listens to the keynote address. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

continuity is key, she said, so residents know the workers. In Ontario, there are a lot of part-time, and casual staff “without proper training.”

The researcher added when there are scandals, the result is more regulations, leading to “robotic care.”

She said in a Norwegian LTC, staff had coffee during shift changes to talk about issues and strategies, supporting each other and providing better care. She noted how one home integrated music into everyday life. When someone was admitted, staff copied their music and printed out words. They had a resident choir. “There was a sense of belonging and joy for residents and staff.” She said some do art exhibits, and a home in Toronto was planning to do drive-in wheelchair movies.

Other examples were bringing joy to eating. She said one LTC home chef in the U.K. noticed residents were not eating much

because they were overwhelmed with the amount of food, so he made appetizer sized portions handed out on trays.

Laundry was also important to residents, Armstrong said. She noted there are crisis when clothes are lost, shrunk, or a resident is found wearing another’s clothes. In Sweden, she said rooms have small washers and dryers in them.

She added so many homes are fearful of risk, they deny residents joy – such as walking versus a wheelchair, eating ice cream and even drinking small amounts of alcohol.

“We have to balance the risk against what is being lost and denied.”

She added residents want to be where the action is, not put out to pasture. In Norway, she said they visited a complex that housed a nursing home, swimming pool, theatre, restaurant, spa, and child care centre, a “hub of activity.”



Bonnie Roe, of the steering committee, said the conference was, “a very full day, filled with inspiration, creative ways of supporting our aging population and opportunities for conversation with people throughout the County.

“We need their voices, and voices from all ages, to be the catalyst for change to improve the aging experience for all.”

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# Hill leaves lasting legacy at museum

By Mike Baker

The County's chief history buff Steve Hill has retired from his role as curator at Haliburton Highlands Museum after 39 years on the job.

The 65-year-old walked through the museum's doors for the final time as an employee Jan. 27, calling time on his career after four decades of preserving and promoting Highlands history.

Hill has played a pivotal role in shaping the museum into what it is today. He arrived in Haliburton in November 1984, becoming assistant curator. Ross Carver headed up the museum at that time, which was in its infancy after opening in 1967. Hill worked alongside Carver and Doug McNichol, though he admits the museum was a much different place back then.

"When I started here the mindset was that this place was for the tourists from the city. Something to keep them happy while they're here, to give them something to do," Hill said. "It was more an amusement for people to pass the time than seen as anything truly significant."

With a growing collection of local artifacts, Hill pushed to do research on some of the more interesting items. Slowly, the trio built the museum's inventory and started putting together rotating displays for the public.

"We made things more academic, brought a bit more seriousness to the place," Hill said.

McNichol and Carver left in the late 80s, with Tom Ballantine brought in to steady the ship. Hill was promoted to curator in 1987.

He was around when community members like Glen Hodgson, a former MPP for the area, Ian Douglas and Henry Pristol donated pieces of different buildings, which would become the 1870s-themed log cabin farmstead that still sits on the museum's grounds today. People started to trust Hill and Ballantine, with the museum's collection growing quickly through the 90s.



Steve Hill is fond of a display on the museum's second floor paying homage to the Haliburton Orange Lodge. Photo by Mike Baker.

Asked for his favourite item or display at the museum, Hill said he has two – an old 1800s Degeher and Weiler printing press that was used to publish the old *Minden Echo*, now the *Haliburton County Echo*, and an exhibit honouring the now defunct Haliburton Orange Lodge.

"I consider that press almost like the Rosetta Stone of Haliburton because it was the sole survivor of a fire at the *Minden Echo* building in 1942. That press kept the paper going through some difficult years at the end of the Second World War," Hill said.

Referencing the Orange Lodge, he added, "they disbanded between 1999 and 2001... they donated all their memorabilia to the museum. Lodge members did a lot for the town. They were the first organization to host bingo in Haliburton. They played a big role in building [A.J. LaRue] arena in 1965."

Hill has made a lot of findings over the years, even solving some local mysteries.

While it was accepted for years that the mills located in the downtown, roughly between Rexall and Mega Munch on Highland Street, were likely destroyed by fire in the late 1800s, Hill found proof while reading old editions of the *Lindsay Post* online in 2020.

He also found reference to a fire that destroyed an old steamboat that used to bring people to Haliburton before the railway arrived in 1878.

In 2008 he and Ballantine compiled some of the museum's most interesting photos – including 24 stills donated by the family of Daniel Gorrie, an early settler and merchant – and published *Haliburton: A History in Pictures* to mark the facility's 40th anniversary.

Ballantine retired in 2012 and was replaced by Kate Butler. Having worked with Hill for the past 11 years, Butler said he's been a great asset to the museum.

"Throughout Steve's time at the museum,

his deep interest in preserving the items and stories that tell the history of the community has, I think, been obvious to anyone who has met him," Butler said. "There can be no doubt Steve's many years of dedication to local history will leave a lasting legacy."

Hill said his retirement is bittersweet. Recently turning 65, and dealing with some health problems, he feels it's time to step away. He plans to stay in Haliburton.

"I'll miss the people the most, their stories, the cool things they'd bring in to show me," Hill said. "I hope the museum continues to thrive. Times have changed, people have changed. When I started here you saw a lot more kids coming through... people were proud of their history. There was a great interest in museums. But as time has moved on, people have moved away from that. Museums are struggling right now."

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# Huskies win in double OT, drop to rivals

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Huskies won a Jan. 27 thriller at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena – scoring late in double overtime to oust the pesky St. Michaels Buzzers 3-2.

The blue and white would then go on to drop a close 5-4 decision to rival Wellington Dukes on the road Jan. 28.

The weekend started with team captain Patrick Saini notching his 30th goal of the season at the 5:48 mark of the first period against St. Mike’s, with helpers from Ian Phillips and Jack Staniland.

The Huskies held the lead until 12:04 of the second, when the Buzzers got on the board with a marker from Jonathan Morello. However, it took the locals just 49 seconds to reply, as Matt Milic fired in his fourth of the season, from Charlie Fink and Antonio Cerqua, to put the Huskies back up 2-1.

In the third, former Husky Marco Iozzo exacted revenge with a game-tying goal at 2:40.

The teams had to play until 19:32 of the second overtime period before Ty Petrou bulged the twine, with assists from Saini and Staniland to seal the deal for the home squad.

Petrou said it all happened very fast. “There was a bit of a turnover at the blueline and they had two guys caught down low and the puck just kind of ended up on my stick and I buried it, so it was good.”

Summing up the game, he added, “it was a little closer than we liked. But, I thought it was a good battle. All the boys didn’t back down, didn’t give up so it was good. We bounced back and kept the lead and then fought through it in overtime.”

The late Saturday night finish and then a quick turnaround to get the bus to Wellington showed Jan. 28 as the Dukes got off to an early 3-0 on their home barn.. Connor Hunt scored at 1:40, followed by Cory Jewitt at 7:05 on the powerplay and Panayioti Efraimidis at 15:09 on yet another powerplay, as the Huskies got off to a sluggish start.

They awakened at 16:53 of the first frame,



Above: Forward Charlie Fink behind the Buzzers net Jan. 27. Right: Forward Gavin McGahey-Smith cruises through the zone. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

when Saini scored his 31st, from Matt Milic and Hunter Martell. With the clock ticking down on the period, Aidan Yarde potted his third from Phillips and Martell on a powerplay to make it a 3-2 game for Wellington.

The blue and white came out hot in the second. Saini scored number 32 after just 29 seconds, from Petrou. It was 3-3.

However, the Dukes righted their ship, with Sacha Trudel putting them up again, 4-3, at 12:21.

In the third, Phillips scored his ninth, from Cerqua, to make it a 4-4 game. But Wellington answered back with a Caleb MacDonald marker to steal the 5-4 victory.

Petrou said, “Obviously that Wellington game the day after was a quick turnaround for us. It was an early morning. We had to be here (the arena) at 8:30 a.m. It was an early

road trip for us. I’m sure a lot of the guys had bus legs and were a little tired.” However, he said it’s about preparing the evening before, eat, drink, rest and mentally prepare.

Prior to hitting the ice for practice Jan. 30, the forward added sticking to their game plan is key. “When we do that, there’s not a lot of teams that can keep up with us. It’s pretty to watch when we stick to our game plan and play the way we can.”

The Huskies played Jan. 31 on the road against the Georgetown Raiders. The result was not known as of press time. Feb. 4, they travel to play the Buffalo Jr. Sabres. They are on the road again Feb. 9 versus the Markham Royals. The Huskies are next at home, Feb. 10, this time hosting Markham. Puck drop is set for 4 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.



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Top: The Storm celebrate their first goal, by Patrick Saini, this past Saturday afternoon.  
Above: A young fan gets a fist bump from a Husky following the first period.  
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Goalie Nathan Lowe prepares for a shot on net. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

# Storm drop 4-3 nailbiter

The U11 LL Carquest Highland Storm team faced off against South Muskoka White at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Saturday, Jan. 27.

The Storm opened the scoring within the first 10 seconds of the game with an unassisted goal from Reed Brown.

South Muskoka scored twice, 46 seconds apart, to take a 2 -1 lead after the first period.

In the second period, the Storm poured on the pressure and had most of the play in South Muskoka's end. This was led by great defensive play by Jaxon Demerchant, Nathan Hill, Nolan Frybort, Blair Fisher, and Bobby Walker.

The Storm tied the game with a beautiful goal by Brown, which was assisted by Harper Hamilton and Raelyn Adlam.

Storm goalie, Nathan Lowe, made some key saves to keep the game tied 2-2 after the second period.

South Muskoka scored twice, at the eight and seven minute marks of the third period, to take a 4-2 lead.

The South Muskoka goalie was impressive in the third, keeping Storm off the scoreboard until Brown completed the hat trick with 2:03 left in the third.

The Storm kept the pressure on, holding the puck in South Muskoka's end for the remainder of the game. The locals also went on the powerplay with 1:51 left, however were shut out by great goaltending and lost 4-3 in a nailbiter but never gave up and showed great perseverance. (Submitted).

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### Nathan Hill

Nathan is our steady defenseman and is quarterback of the team. He never quits and holds his line from anyone that comes his way. Photos by Tim Tofflemire.



EVENTS

**Feb. 2, all day**  
Stop by your local library for free PA day activities. Stanhope branch will have a drop-in Groundhog Day craft from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Minden Hills branch will be watching Monsters Inc. starting at 1 p.m. Wilberforce branch will be making beeswax candles (registration required, visit haliburtonlibrary.ca) at 11 a.m.

**Feb. 2, 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.

**Feb. 3, noon.**  
Minden & District Horticultural Society invites you to its annual potluck event at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Minden (7 Bobcaygeon Rd.). Please bring your own mug, plate and utensils. Lunch will be followed by a presentation from guest speaker Marilyn Bodoogh, 'Hearts and Flowers'.

**Feb. 3, 2 to 4 p.m.**  
Beat the February blahs with Lift Your Spirits! an afternoon of music with Drew Allen at Highland Hills United Church in Minden (21 Newcastle St.). Drew is a talented local pianist, singer and guitarist who will be performing uplifting tunes for all ages, from Billy Joel to Gershwin, Bach to Disney. Come early to browse the bake sale. Tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. Family tickets available for \$50. This is a fundraiser for the church's elevator fund. Tickets available at the church by calling 705-286-1470, or buy online at eventbrite.ca (search Lift Your Spirits and enter Minden as the location).

**Feb. 7, 1:30 p.m.**  
Nutrition for seniors with Nicki Dollo, a dietician with Haliburton Highlands Secondary School,

who will teach people how to deal with the high cost of food, and how to cook for one person. This free event takes place at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton.

**Feb. 10, 10 a.m. to noon**  
Winter Signatures - 'Wildlife Tracks and Signs' presented by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. Join Rich Whitteker, outdoor guide, educator and nature writer, for an engaging snowshoe hike. Release your inner detective and explore the tracks and signs of winter wildlife movement, feeding and survival on this fun and educational hike on the trails of Barnum Creek. Pre-registration required at haliburtonlandtrust.ca, or calling 705-457-3700.

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**Feb. 10, 11 a.m.**  
Razzamataz Kids' Shows presents 'The Merry Marching Band Workshop' at the Haliburton School of Art and Design. A second show will be held Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets and more details at razzamataz.ca.

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**Tuesdays:** League darts 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m.  
**Wednesdays:** Bid euchre 1 p.m., main hall. Bingo is returning March 6. The jackpot on the first week of the month is \$1,000, with every other week at \$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, 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.  
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**Tuesdays:** Soup and sandwich lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.  
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**Feb. 1:** Open 2 to 6 p.m.  
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Notice of Special Council Meetings – 2024 Budget

The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills is preparing its 2024 Municipal Budget. These meetings will be held in the Minden Hills Council Chambers located on 7 Milne Street, Minden, On. Meetings to commence at 9:00 AM. Any change in location, date, or time will be advertised.

Council commenced its overview of the Draft Budget and Business Plan at the January 18, 2024 Special Meeting.

Council will consider the 2024 Draft Budget and Business Plan at several upcoming meetings

- **Thursday, February 1, 2024:** Operating and Capital Budget review for the Fire Department; Public Works Department; and Water/Wastewater.  
  
The Adoption of the Water and Sewer rates will be considered at the February 1, 2024 meeting; however, the bylaws are to be passed at the following February 8, 2024 Regular Council meeting.
- **Monday, February 5, 2024:** Operating and Capital Budget review for the Community Services Department; Planning and Building Departments, and Administration Department.
- **Tuesday, March 5, 2024:** Potential date to Adopt and finalize the 2024 Budget.

Please note that dates are subject to change and are dependent on deliberation discussion and direction of Council.

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It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Mary Elizabeth Johnson (nee Purkis ) on January 23, 2024 in Haliburton Ontario. Mary was the loving wife to Mike, mother to Taylor, Travers, Bryant and Marrin. Nana to 11 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and mother-in-law to Susan, Isabelle, and Laura.

Mary was a dedicated teacher and educator who loved working with children with learning challenges. Travel was a true passion for Mary, exploring many countries and cultures with a desire to learn and embrace everything new.

She was always eager to get involved in the community and help others whether it was organizing the Ontario Seniors Games, President of the Canadian Federation of University Women, the Haliburton Curling Club and many others.

Mary loved her home on Redstone Lake relaxing on the dock, protecting her flowers and tomatoes from hungry deer, playing bridge, and teaching her grandchildren to have the best manners.

**Celebration of Life**

A Celebration of Mary's life will take place in May. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services 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*  
**June Tripp (nee Dummitt)**

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home, on Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

Beloved wife of the late Murry R. Tripp. Dear mother of Cathy Colliver, Cindy Persaud, Bill Tripp, Steve Tripp (Linda), and Stan Tripp (Glenda). Loving grandma of Sara, Nikki, Amber, Stacie, Kerri, Travis, Matthew, Zach, Ashlee, Mike, and Victoria, and great grandma to Daimon, Logan, Faith, Hailey, Dylan, Isaac, and Daxton. Dear sister of Shirley, Faye and Lew. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, February 2, 2024 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate June's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Spring Interment at Evergreen Cemetery.

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

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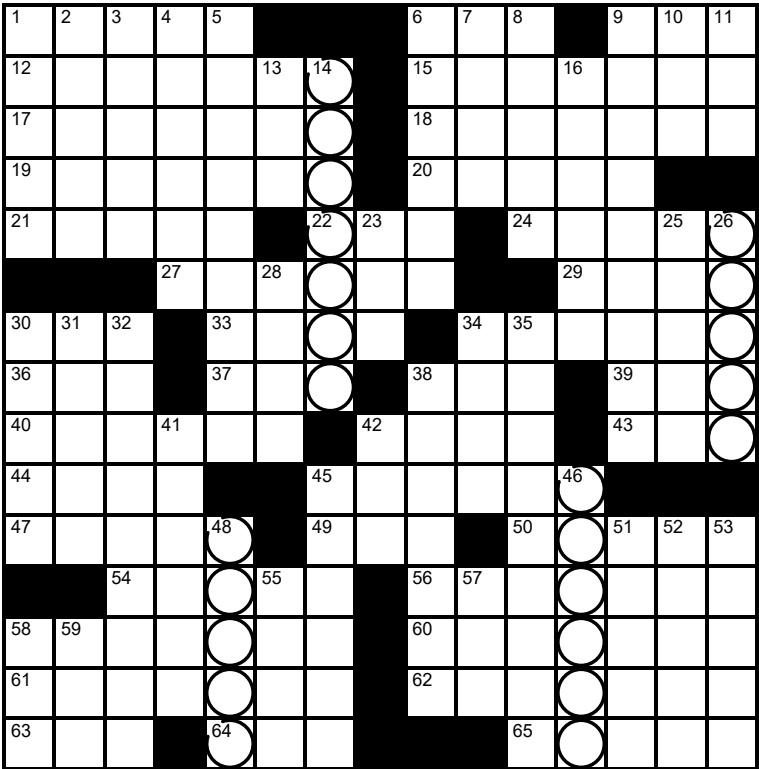
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- Across
- 1 "Don't make \_\_\_!"("Silence!")
  - 6 Ate
  - 9 Secular wedding hires: Abbr.
  - 12 One assigning blame
  - 15 Person taken to safety
  - 17 Composer Vivaldi
  - 18 Type of cell division
  - 19 First group of episodes
  - 20 \_\_\_ Ste. Marie ("The Soo")
  - 21 Motel-no-tell meeting, maybe
  - 22 "\_\_\_ didn't!"
  - 24 1972 Olympic swimming phenom
  - 27 Disney dad of Ariel
  - 29 "Well! That's a \_\_\_ subject" (quippy remark)
  - 30 Home of Inuvik: Abbr.
  - 33 "Lemme \_\_\_!" (fightin' words)
  - 34 "Want me to?", formally
  - 36 "Say \_\_\_" (doctor's order)
  - 37 Blue Jays, on a scoreboard
  - 38 School transcript fig.
  - 39 \_\_\_+0231 for ç
  - 40 Canadian folk/jazz singer Jill \_\_\_
  - 42 Two before août
  - 43 Opposite of ABC
  - 44 Olive genus
  - 45 Fashion leader
  - 47 Vocal percussionist of hip-hop
  - 49 Pay cycle info.: Abbr.
  - 50 Some have air brakes
  - 54 Not these
  - 56 Most cushiony
  - 58 Test of reading the fine print?
  - 60 Of the real world
  - 61 Anti-apartheid revolutionary
  - 62 Bug repelled by citronella, slangily
  - 63 Signs off on, for short
  - 64 "Oedipus \_\_\_"
  - 65 Mythical poetry muse



- Down
- 1 Pull \_\_\_ one (trick)
  - 2 One yearning
  - 3 Journal jotting
  - 4 Self-absorbed type
  - 5 Make a breakthrough, in a way
  - 6 Surrounds on all sides
  - 7 Shoe brand named for "fly" in Latin
  - 8 Bit of survey output
  - 9 "Look, calm down"
  - 10 Potato farming prov.
  - 11 French possessive pronoun
  - 13 Laugh, in Longueuil
  - 14 Helpful tip
  - 16 Piña \_\_\_
  - 23 Pah-pah lead-in
  - 25 Dancer Gene
  - 26 Sunflower brand founded in Alberta
  - 28 "Use \_\_\_ lose ..."
  - 30 Canadian coffee brand in a green bag
  - 31 Swallower of Jonah
  - 32 Bullies with an if/then choice, say
  - 34 Biased reporting
  - 35 Safe way to talk and drive
  - 38 Hit-and-miss answers
  - 41 Came clean?
  - 42 Hobbit creator's initials
  - 45 As high as high can go
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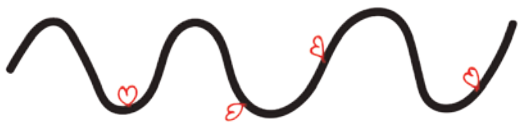
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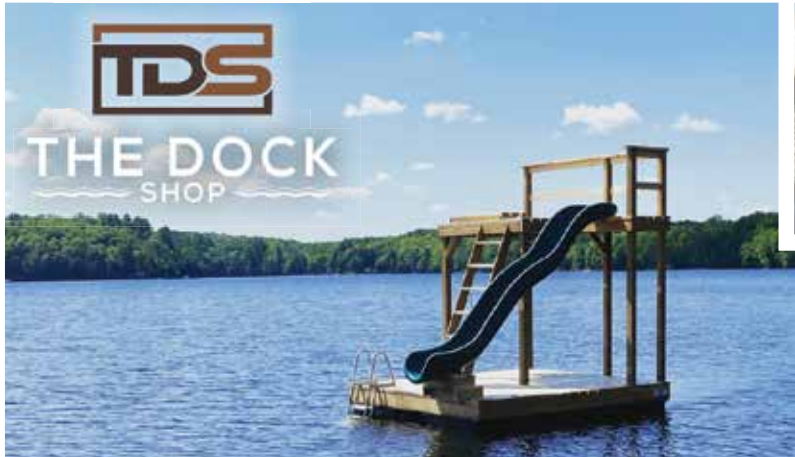
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