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There was a police raid on Floralan Park Drive in Minden Feb. 7. OPP say it was not related to a Feb. 9 assault and robbery on Parkside Street. *Submitted.*

Separate Minden incidents keep OPP busy

By Mike Baker and Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands OPP said on Feb. 12 they'd made an arrest, and seized a firearm, in connection with a Feb. 7 assault and robbery on Floralan Park Drive in Minden.

Last Wednesday night, police said their crime, community street crime, tactics and

rescue units, and emergency response team, executed an arrest warrant for a wanted person at a residence in Minden Hills.

"The individual was located and arrested without incident and a firearm was seized," provincial constable Michael Melnychuk said.

He added the suspect was charged with two

counts of assault, two counts of choking, careless storage of a firearm and possession of a firearm without a licence.

Melnchuk said the person was held for a bail hearing and no further details will be provided "in order to protect the identity of the victim."

Meanwhile, in a separate incident on

Feb. 9, on Parkside Street in the village, an apartment building at the corner of Bobcaygeon Road was surrounded by police vehicles with caution tape around the entrance throughout the day.

Sources stated paramedics treated a man who had been stabbed, before transferring

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If you have information regarding the whereabouts of Michael GUNN, please do not approach and contact police immediately at 1-888-310-1122.

OPP say they are looking for Michael Gunn, 28, of Minden. OPP.

OPP say incidents unrelated

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him to Haliburton hospital, though police have not confirmed those details.

They did say on Feb. 11 that a warrant for arrest had been issued for 28-year-old Michael Gunn of Minden. He is suspected of robbery using firearm, aggravated assault, and possession of a weapon for dangerous purposes in connection with the ongoing investigation in the township.

OPP said that last Friday, shortly after 4:30 a.m., they responded to an assault and residential robbery with a weapon on Parkside Street and the victim was transported to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

They said Gunn "is believed to possess a weapon and is considered a potential threat to public safety. If seen, call 9-1-1 and do not approach."

He is described as 6'1" (185 cm) with a thin build, short brown hair, light-brown partial beard, and blue eyes. He has a tattoo of the Canadian flag with a cross on the right forearm, and a tattoo of a female on the left forearm.

Business and residences in the area were being asked to check dashcam and security camera footage from early Friday morning for any suspicious activity.

Melnychuk indicated this incident had nothing to do with the police raid on Floralan Park Drive.

School in hold and secure

Meanwhile, Archie Stouffer Elementary School was in a hold and secure for much of the morning Feb. 9. Carolynne Bull, communications manager for Trillium Lakelands District School Board, sent an email to media at 10:36 a.m. confirming the school had been partially locked down as a precaution due to the robbery and assault.

In a hold and secure, exterior doors are locked, while students are not permitted to go outside and cannot be signed out, or picked up, by parents or guardians. Regular classroom routines and lessons continued through the hold and secure, which was lifted shortly after noon.

"A hold and secure is initiated when it is desirable to secure the school due to an ongoing situation outside the school and not necessarily related to the school," Bull said.

She noted an email was sent to parents Friday afternoon informing them about the hold and secure and the protocols followed.

Melnychuk said investigators are asking anyone who has information on the incidents and has not yet reported it to police to contact Haliburton Highlands OPP at 705-286-1431, or the OPP provincial communications centre at 1-888-310-1122. Information can also be provided anonymously by contacting Kawartha Haliburton Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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County businesses 'optimistic' for 2024

By Mike Baker

While figures published in the 2024 Ontario Economic Report paint a bleak picture for many businesses this year, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce board chair Mark Bell believes there are several positive takeaways for County entrepreneurs.

The eighth edition of the report was published Feb. 7 by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, compiling data collected from 1,857 businesses provincially and providing a snapshot of Ontario's economic outlook this year.

Of those polled, only 13 per cent said they were confident in the economy – the lowest ever recorded, and down from 16 per cent in 2022 and 29 per cent in 2021. The pessimism is being driven by high cost of living, inflation, housing affordability, and cost of inputs/raw materials, the report notes.

Sectors reporting the least confidence include forestry, fishing, and hunting at three per cent; non-profit at eight per cent; and health care and social assistance at eight per cent.

"On the surface it might look pretty doom and gloom, but when you start getting under the covers, things don't look that bad. Business confidence is quite low... but there's a better story here... and that's the way the economy has adjusted to inflation and high interest rates," Bell said.

The report notes inflation is expected to stabilize at around 2.9 per cent in 2024, significantly down from its peak of 8.1 per cent in June 2022. Ontario's GDP is

forecasted to grow by 0.4 per cent this year, following a 1.1 per cent growth in 2023. This is all good news, Bell said.

The Muskoka-Kawartha region, which includes Haliburton County, reported the lowest unemployment rate in the province, expected at 4.5 per cent in 2024. That represents a 1.9 per cent drop relative to pre-pandemic levels, Bell noted.

"This is likely attributed to the region being home to a tighter labour market, with weaker growth in the working age population relative to other regions in Ontario," Bell said. "We haven't had a lot of working-age people moving in, a lot of that is to do with a lack of housing."

He noted there was growth reported in the construction, health care, social service, recreation, food, and accommodation industries.

Amanda Conn, executive director of the Highlands chamber, said that, as well as housing, there are some other "very real challenges" local businesses need to overcome to encourage further growth.

"The underlying challenge is inflation – everyone's input costs are going up. Some businesses are struggling to turn a profit, some businesses are a little short on working capital, so have had to borrow money and now are paying higher interest rates," Conn said. "We still have a real challenge here finding skilled workers."

Bell noted the top priorities for businesses in Muskoka-Kawartha include reducing and simplifying business taxes; promoting the



Haliburton Highlands chamber of commerce board chair Mark Bell projects a good year ahead for County businesses. *File.*

area for travel and tourism; supporting the development of affordable housing; investing in workforce development; investing in broadband internet services; addressing healthcare system capacity; and supporting business technology adoption.

He said there was optimism surrounding new legislation introduced by all four County townships allowing for secondary units to be built on most residential properties, and for the development potential of land Dysart et al purchased on the outskirts of Haliburton village on County Road 21 last summer.

Conn said there have been several examples over the past year of Highlands businesses thinking outside the box to make their operations more sustainable. Boshkung

Brewing merged with Truss Foodworks last fall to create a new "hospitality hub" in the County, while Minden businesswoman Mary Douglas introduced complimentary mastectomy clinics at Mostly Her women's boutique, and rebranded the old On The Spot convenience store to a café and vendors market.

"We're seeing businesses taking good steps, and in some cases bold steps to try and get ahead of the current economic situation... businesses in Haliburton County have had to endure a lot over the past few years, they've shown they can adapt and I think many now are approaching the future with optimism," Bell said, noting 44 per cent remain confident in their own operations.

MINDEN HILLS NEWS

New landfill cards

Minden Hills residents will soon be getting new waste disposal cards, which will, in part, ensure they don't go over the three bags of garbage per week limit without paying.

Chelsea Cosh, manager of waste facilities, told council Feb. 8 the current card does not allow site attendants to enforce the limit.

"This results in the township not being able to collect the appropriate waste disposal fees for bags of household garbage that are in excess of established allotments," she said.

The new cards will let residents dispose of up to 156 bags of garbage per year at no additional cost. Anything beyond that would be subject to fees.

"Three bags of household garbage per week is extremely generous, especially given the number of effective diversion programs that are available," Cosh said.

She added the new card allows access to any township landfill.

She said residents must get their card from their interim final tax bill and ensure they are not damaged or misplaced. They have to show the card each visit. If the card is

damaged or lost, they have to contact the township for a replacement, for which there is a fee. Council is also making changes to cottage kits.

Free skates honour Dawson

With weather conditions not conducive to building the Dawson Hamilton outdoor memorial rink at the cultural centre in Minden, Candace McGuigan, director of community services, pitched three free skates at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena instead.

The dates are Feb. 19 (family day) from 10 a.m. to noon; March 11 (March break), 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and March 15 (also March break) from noon to 1 p.m.

"Resulting from the unpredictable weather and the outdoor rink not being viable for the 2024 season, staff propose free public skating to honour the memory of Dawson Hamilton. The Dawson Hamilton display will be placed in the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on the ice rink," McGuigan said.

(Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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HIGHLANDS EAST NEWS

Heritage and housing

The owners of a property in Gooderham told council – in seeking a rezoning - they are protecting the town’s heritage and providing much-needed housing

The building is at the corner of Gooderham and Mill streets, across from the cenotaph and kitty corner to the store.

The owners of 1023 Gooderham St. were seeking a rezoning, from highway commercial to general commercial exemption. That would allow for two upper floor apartments while keeping the main floor for commercial space.

Planner Chris Jones said, “if you’ve been by the building, it looks pretty good. the applicant’s done a good job cleaning it up and fixing it up and recently a new septic system was also installed.” He said some further agreements would be required before drafting an amendment bylaw to a future meeting but appeared favourable.

Applicant Scott Crichton spoke at the public planning meeting.

He said when renovating, people would drop in “reminiscing about their old times there and all the memories that they had.” He said it was originally the Barr store, built in 1896, “and was quite a going concern back in the day.”

Crichton said it would have been easier to knock the building down, but “we realized at the time, with all the history there and all the memories, that we would just repair it. We painstakingly did that one wall at a time.” He said it cost extra time and money but they are happy with the end result. He said they’d like to put in the apartments to recoup some of the cost. He noted they had also put in a new well.

Coun. Cam McKenzie said it was a positive development with much-needed housing. Deputy mayor Cec Ryall added, “this is something that should not disappear. The historical value of the site itself is extremely important and we certainly need the apartments upstairs.”

Green burial society

Terry Moore of the Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society spoke at the Feb. 13 Highlands East council meeting.

He had not spoken to council since 2019. At the time, he said Highlands East had already sponsored a U-Links project on green burials and its then environment committee had committed to creating a green burial section at the Deer Lake Cemetery.

However, he said that since then the project has been put on hold pending further discussion of practical issues associated with adding a winter green burial option as recommended by the former committee.

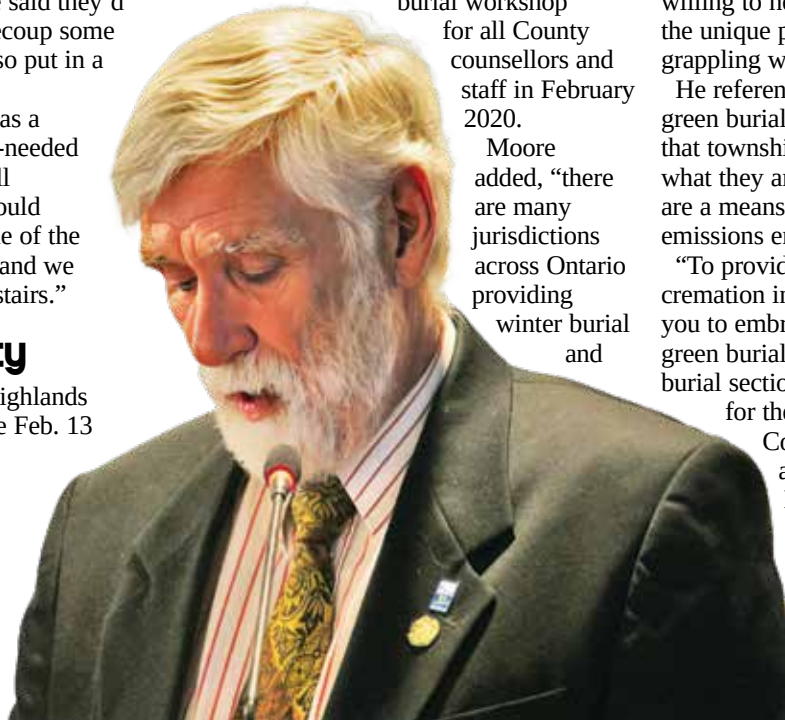
He said the burial society hosted a winter burial workshop for all County counsellors and staff in February 2020. Moore added, “there are many jurisdictions across Ontario providing winter burial and

they have a wealth of information and experience that they’re prepared to share with others contemplating following suit. The society remains ready and willing to help identify and connect township representatives and staff with winter burial practitioners willing to help find practical solutions to the unique problems and barriers you’re grappling with.”

He referenced Algonquin Highlands doing green burials at St. Stephen’s cemetery in that township, providing a detailed look at what they are doing. He noted green burials are a means of combatting greenhouse gas emissions emitted from cremation.

“To provide a real alternative option to cremation in your township, I encourage you to embrace the provision of year-round green burials within the Deer Lake green burial section. This will provide a real choice for the many residents of Haliburton County looking to leave as green a legacy as possible after death,” Moore said. *(Highlands East news compiled by Lisa Gervais).*

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall likes a Gooderham development. *File.*



Legion welcomes accessible washroom

Haliburton Legion president, Mike Waller, and first vice-president Chris Briggs cut a ribbon to officially open the new accessible washroom at branch 129 on Feb. 1. “I’m happy it’s done. It’s amazing,” Waller said. The next project is a lift, with the Legion open to donations. *(Photo by Lisa Gervais).*

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS – 2024 BUDGET

The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills is preparing its 2024 Municipal Draft 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, February 1 and 5, 2024 Special Council Meetings.

- Council will consider the 2024 Draft Budget and Business Plan at several upcoming meetings:
- **Tuesday, March 5, 2024:** Continued Budget Deliberations – follow-up items from previous budget meeting discussions.
 - **Tuesday, March 26, 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. Supported material including the Budget Book will be provided on the agenda package located on the CivicWeb portal site.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Greg Bedard, Director of Finance/Treasurer (705) 286-1260 Ext 504

FAMILY DAY WASTE DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

All waste disposal sites will be open on the Family Day holiday Monday (February 19) and operating on Sunday Hours.

MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

Archie Stouffer Elementary School presents their 1st annual student exhibit with the theme of what Minden means to the artist. The exhibit will be on display in the Gallery - Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm, until March 30. All are welcome, admission by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

Family Day fun at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Monday, February 19 from 12 – 2 pm. Pop by for hands-on activities, check out our latest exhibits, find a treasure at the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Book Sale and grab a delicious bowl of chili or a hot dog donated and served by the Rotary Club of Minden. All are welcome, admission by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

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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:

- February 29 – Regular Council Meeting
- March 14 – Regular Council Meeting
- March 28 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal at <https://mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>. Visit our website for more information.

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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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New money targets rural healthcare

By Mike Baker

A new \$3.1 billion joint federal and provincial investment in Ontario's health care system should be welcome news to everyone in Haliburton County, according to Haliburton Highlands Health Services executives.

On Feb. 9, prime minister Justin Trudeau and premier Doug Ford said the money will help increase access to family doctors, reduce wait times for appointments and emergency response, and allow hospitals to hire more healthcare workers.

It's part of a wider, \$200 billion 10-year commitment, including \$46.2 billion in new money, the federal government made in 2023 to address funding shortfalls across provincial and territorial health systems.

Jennifer Burns-West, vice president of clinical and community programs and chief nursing executive at HHHS, said HHHS will use the extra funding to support frontline care, place resources where patients need it most, and support staffing pressures. It was not disclosed how much the organization would receive.

"Optimizing health and wellbeing in Haliburton County is our primary objective. Every day, our staff, physicians and volunteers go above and beyond to care for the needs of our patients, so this funding will help provide them with the resources they need to continue," Burns-West said.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott's office did not respond to

questions submitted by *The Highlander*, instead forwarding the request to health minister Sylvia Jones. Hannah Jensen, ministry spokesperson, said the province's contribution is being split over three years and will build on initiatives the Ontario government is already working on through its Your Health: A Plan for Connection and Convenient Care initiative.

Jensen noted new primary care teams will be established to allow Ontarians without a family doctor to connect with one. There will also be money to hire more nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, and social workers.

"This will help reduce backlogs for surgeries and wait times in emergency rooms, while improving access to care for patients without a family doctor, especially in rural, remote and underserved areas," a Feb. 9 press release states.

Scott has previously told *The Highlander* she considers Haliburton County to be a remote and underserved area.

Enrollment in health care education programs is also being expanded, with more than 700 spots – including over 70 in northern Ontario, expected in 2024. The agreement will also make it easier for internationally trained doctors and health professionals to practise in Ontario, removing barriers to foreign credential recognition, simplifying licensing processes, and increasing program access for highly educated and skilled professionals.



HHHS staff said new federal and provincial investment in health care will help offset rising costs at the Haliburton hospital. *File.*

Kimberly Moran, Ontario Medical Association CEO, noted approximately 2.3 million people in Ontario don't have a family doctor in 2024, with that number expected to nearly double over the next two years.

"Everyone in Ontario deserves to have access to a family doctor," Moran said.

HHHS 'faces pressure'

Martin Mazza, interim chief financial officer at HHHS, said specific details over funding amounts the local hospital expects to receive will be known later this year. He noted the organization was still in a hole financially.

"All of us in our day-to-day lives see the impact of rising costs... HHHS faces

considerable inflationary pressure with its ongoing budgetary responsibilities," Mazza said.

Hospital president and CEO, Veronica Nelson, told *The Highlander* in a December 2023 interview HHHS had been focusing on its organizational deficit, which was down to around \$1.7 million as of Sept. 30 last year compared to \$4.2 million at the end of the 2022/23 fiscal year in April.

She attributed much of that to a decreased reliance on agency staff. The organization peaked in May, with 160 agency RN and RPN shifts, though that number had dropped to approximately 80 shifts per month by the end of the year.

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Minden a step closer to STR program

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills has taken steps towards moving a short-term rental bylaw forward. Council awarded the contract for monitoring and compliance to Granicus Canada Holdings, and is reassigning one staff member for a year to quarterback the township side of things.

While the bylaw has been spearheaded by County council, the four lower-tier municipalities will now take it on going forward. They are all in the process of signing off on the third-party contractor and figuring out what resources they will need for when the bylaw is finally passed. It is coming back to Minden Hills council Feb. 29.

CAO Cynthia Fletcher told a Feb. 8 regular council meeting, Granicus would use software to scan vacation home rental websites to determine numbers. They can identify addresses, track compliance, revenue and trends, and develop a database for the township.

Further, Fletcher said they can notify operators of registration and permit requirements, provide an online portal, notify noncompliant operators, and staff, of infractions and consequences, and

provide education. They would have a 24/7 hotline where residents can report, prove, and resolve non-emergency STR-related problems.

If the County and its townships also give the green-light to a municipal accommodation tax, Fletcher said Granicus would also head that up.

“Granicus is a major player in the short-term rental sector, helping communities to address STR monitoring and compliance needs. The firm provides services to over 500 cities and counties across North America, including Huntsville, Lake of Bays, Ramara, Orillia, Georgian Bay, Tiny, Collingwood, and Penetanguishene. Staff have no concerns awarding the service contract to Granicus,” Fletcher said.

She noted the cost of the service, for both Granicus (estimated at just over \$60,000 for three years) and the township, would be fully recovered through STR license fees.

Fletcher said they would also need a dedicated staff person for enforcement and inspections. She said this person would be the point of contact with Granicus, help build the Minden Hills program, administer the program, act as the point of communication with operators, and lead the enforcement of

STR bylaws. Fletcher suggested a 12-month secondment of a municipal staff member to focus on the development of the program. They’ll look to a permanent position in future.

Coun. Bob Sisson queried the staff ask, saying the STR program has not even begun. However, Fletcher replied, “if we do not dedicate a resource to this, I have nobody to run this program.” She said other townships with STR programs have staff.

She added, “there is no shortage of work around us, and it’s not the type of program, if we want it to be successful, that people can do off the side of their desks.” She emphasized the person will oversee enforcement of complaints.

Fletcher said the target for starting applications and licensing is August.

She reminded staff and the public the license fee is \$500-a-year. With Minden Hills conservatively estimated to have 297 rentals, that would mean \$148,500 in revenue. For now, township costs for initial set-up are pegged at \$90,588.

Mayor Bob Carter said the program was never meant to be a revenue-generator, but to cover costs. “We wanted to ensure that not one taxpayer dollar was spent on this.”



A County short-term rental. *File.*

Coun. Ivan Ingram said he thinks there will be more than 297 short-term rentals, and Carter agreed.

Coun. Pam Sayne expressed hope the seconded employee might be able to monitor “how short-term rentals generally are affecting our long-term full-time housing.”

Dysart has also signed off on Granicus, while Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East have yet to do so.

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Moffatt: Goodger 'smart, funny and a wee bit saucy'

By Lisa Gervais

Tributes have been pouring in for the late Norma Goodger, who died Feb. 6.

Former Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt served with Norma on the Stanhope Museum committee, which is "heavy-hearted" by the news, she wrote.

Moffatt said Norma's roots were in cottaging, her parents having bought on Kushog in 1952.

"Norma always said her heart was here, she just had to work in the city."

When she retired, she moved to the cottage "and forged a remarkable life in the Haliburton Highlands."

In addition to the Kushog Lake Property Owners Association, Moffatt noted Norma was keenly involved in the Highlands Festival Singers, the Highlands Concert Band, and Minden Pride.

In addition, "she loved ATVing, snowmobiling and tooting around the lake on her pontoon boat."

Moffatt said she served on a number of municipal projects and committees, including the museum.

"Norma volunteered with Stanhope Museum for... well, forever. She was a dedicated contributor who remembered everything, kept immaculate records and, never one to waste words or time, had no problem chiding us when we wandered off in discussion.

"She was our go-to gal for anything that needed organizing, and was a natural fit as our longtime treasurer, always chasing that last dime to make sure it was in the right place."

She served as the coordinator of Heritage Day for several years and was famous for "volun-tolding" friends to help out, Moffatt said.

Moffatt added Norma was instrumental in the growth of the online heritage mapping

project, spending hundreds of hours painstakingly adding information to the database.

"Norma was a steady, reliable presence who was smart, funny, and a wee bit saucy. She wasn't just a committee member, she was family, and we will miss her beyond words."

The lake association said Norma "loved Kushog Lake and devoted many years to the lake association."

cheerleader. Norma was passionate about Minden Pride and all that it represents. She firmly believed that by being highly visible around the County we were helping to spread the positive message of acceptance towards the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

"There was not a farmers market, County fair, open house, Canada Day, Midnight Madness or Santa Claus parade where Norma was not there leading the team and promoting Minden Pride.

"Each year during Pride Week festival, Norma was always the first, hours ahead of time, to set up and ensure everything was organized. She has been the strong and smiling matriarch of our group for so long, it is difficult to imagine continuing on without her."

Glen Carter conducted Norma with the Highlands Concert Band. She played tenor sax. He said she had been with the band for more than 15 years.

"Last Friday (Feb. 2), she was there and she

was looking good and having a really enjoyable time playing," he said. "She was an enthusiastic and conscientious member of the band."

Melissa Stephens and Beth Kipping, on behalf of the Highlands Festival Singers, said Norma joined them in 2008 and had been a faithful member of the tenor section. In addition, just before COVID, she became the group's treasurer.

"From the time Norma joined she was so friendly and personable and made everyone comfortable around her," they said.

"Her involvement in the community was amazing. She truly was an outstanding citizen. No matter how busy she was, Norma always had time for you. She would look at you with her infectious smile and tell you everything was taken care of, and you knew it would be.

"Norma worked and played hard, she had a zest for life, a great sense of humour, and lived each day to its fullest. Norma's dedication to every group and board she belonged to was outstanding.

"We have suffered a great loss with the sudden passing of Norma, but we are honoured to have had her in our lives. She will always remain in our hearts and memories."

Norma Goodger was a committed Highlands volunteer. *File.*

Norma worked and played hard, she had a zest for life, a great sense of humour, and lived each day to its fullest.

Beth Kipping and Melissa Stephens

Indeed, she was a founding member, past president and served on the board for its entirety.

"Norma will be missed by friends and family and as a devoted preserver of the health and beauty of Kushog Lake," the association added.

Minden Pride chair Allan Guinan said Norma's death "is such a profound shock

to all of us at Minden Pride.

"For many years, Norma has been our number one volunteer and our biggest



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STR sky will not fall

Enough with the chicken little.

The sky will not fall if all four townships sign off on the short-term rental bylaw.

With word spreading that a bylaw is imminent, short-term rental operators are coming out of the woodwork making emotional pleas for why they should be able to continue to run unregulated businesses in areas that are not commercially-zoned.

They have had it good for a very long time – and now do not want their nest-eggs disturbed.

One delegate to a Highlands East meeting this week said they'd only made \$6,000 in their first year of renting. Only \$6,000. How could they possibly pay a \$500-a-year licensing fee?

Let me preface my comments by saying I am not anti-short-term rental. I do believe STRs offer needed accommodation in the Highlands. I have stayed in many out-of-town ones. However, I do have an issue with the fact that hundreds, if not thousands of them, are essentially operating illegally with no remuneration to local government.

I believe the townships are within their rights to charge an annual fee. The detractors argue there are bylaws already in place that can be used, such as noise, parking and fireworks. Many of these people are fairly

new to the area so may not understand that some of our townships only have one or two bylaw enforcement officers. They are not just answering STR complaints. These folks are chasing dogs on the run, monitoring trailers and sea cans, trying to find the folks lighting fireworks when they shouldn't and ensuring property standards. Check out a Highlands East bylaw report on an agenda and you can easily see there are not enough people to do all of the jobs required. The reason is County townships don't have the money for the hires. The idea behind the licensing fee is to generate enough money to bolster their ranks.

Further, there has been somewhat of a movement the last few years to better protect our waterways. After all, without healthy lakes, we are nothing. So, how can someone argue against a bylaw that ensures STRs are not over-populated, thus putting a strain on holding tanks and septic – which up phosphorous in lakes and lead to tourism-killing algae blooms?

What is wrong with ensuring these STRs are up to code and safe for renters?

The STR operators now vigorously fighting legislation need to look beyond their personal needs. As said, they have had it good for a long time. They've made substantial income. It is time to pay the piper.

Let's emphasize that the townships are not planning to make money off of the STR bylaw. They simply want

to cover the costs of making sure they are safe and not harming our lakes. They do not want taxpayers subsidizing a STR program.

Is the bylaw perfect? Of course not. But how can the County get a handle on the industry – and make no doubt about it, it is an industry - without dipping their toes in.

Starting in August, we should have a better idea of how many short-term rentals there are in the County. The first year will expose the problems with the bylaw. The County will then refine as needed. The Highlands isn't exactly going rogue here folks. Short-term rental bylaws exist in numerous Ontario and Canada townships.

It's time we all sucked it up for the common good. And if a STR owner out there cannot make it work, is it the worst thing in the world that they might have to sell? After all, we are desperate for housing in the Highlands and STRs are contributing to a desperate shortage.



By Lisa Gervais

MIND BODY MATTERS

Embarrassing little secret

You sneeze - you leak. You want to poo - but can't. Your sex life is suffering.

Adult diapers and pills offer some help but are Band-aids, not cures. Keeping these things secret causes its own pain. So, what do these symptoms have in common? What do professionals have to say about them, and what have yogis been saying for centuries?

These issues have the pelvic floor muscles in common. They are very sensitive to our thoughts and environment. When everything is healthy, these muscles contract and relax freely. However, even healthy muscles can decide not to relax, causing issues. It happens to the best of us but for some it's our normal state.

This tension could be from giving birth, sexual abuse, stress, or posture. Thankfully, there is a growing field of physiotherapists specializing in treating and curing pelvic floor issues. These health professionals are knocking down barriers, crushing the cruelty of being ashamed of your body, and most importantly, giving hope to millions of human beings. The secret is out and it's time to heal.

In the 1940s, the answer to incontinence was kegels. Dr Kegel, a gynaecologist, observed many of the women he treated with incontinence had weak pelvic floor muscles and developed his famous exercise. But somewhere over the decades, the

relaxation part was lost and the focus was on tightening. Our up-and-coming pelvic floor physiotherapists were quick to notice this and raised concern. Kegels are great when done correctly but harmful when not. Tightening an already tight pelvic floor leads to more pain, incontinence, constipation and impotence.

So, what should you do? They say it starts with bringing awareness to your pelvic floor muscles. For many, that requires a trained physiotherapist to do internal assessment to explore the health of these muscles. Muscles are rigid when tense and soft and supple when relaxed. The difference can easily be felt. When too tense, blood and oxygen flow is restricted, leading to pain and discomfort or erectile disfunction.

Muscles that are too weak (or too tight) lack the ability to contract enough to hold stuff in. Practicing kegels correctly by focusing on the change in the muscular state from tension to relaxation can be life changing. They recommend bringing awareness to your breath and the natural up and down movement of your pelvic floor is key. This encourages the flow of blood and oxygen to the cells, allowing them to heal. When healthy, they can relax to let things out and contract to keep things in. They can rise up to perform and relax to experience pleasure.

Yogis have been aware of the connection

between our thoughts and emotions to our muscular state for thousands of years.

They practiced meditation, breath work/pranayama, bandhas/locks and asanas/postures to calm the mind and the nervous system and bring balance and vital energy back to the body.

Mula bandha (the original kegel but with much more meaning) was recorded back in the 9th century. Vitality, pleasure and enlightenment was the goal of practicing yoga. Examining the mind-body connection with wonder and curiosity was the way. Yogis and physiotherapists are talking openly about our private parts and the secrets they hold.

They are teaching us to let go of the embarrassment and embrace awareness and curiosity of all the wondrous things the body has to offer.

If you need help, talk to your doctor, tell him or her what you have read, make an appointment with a pelvic floor physiotherapist, take up yoga, practice breath work, meditation and pelvic floor awareness, know there is hope, and that change is possible.



By Gail Holness

HAVE AN OPINION?

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

LETTERS

Deer belong in the wild

Dear editor,

In response to the letter from Marjorie Nelms regarding Haliburton deer. Obviously, Ms. Nelms has not read any of the pertinent information presented to Dysart council by the Haliburton coalition on feeding deer.

She refers to the fact that there is nothing for the deer to eat in the woods. The reason for this is overpopulation. There are so many deer in Haliburton village that the natural vegetation can no longer sustain them.

I walk my dog in Glebe Park every day, and I have noticed a significant decrease in natural ground cover over the last few years, to the point where it is now non-existent. The deer have literally eaten themselves out of house and home. As a result, they are finding food in local gardens which have also been stripped.

Ms Nelms’ suggestion that we use deer spray is no longer effective. As well as eating all sprayed vegetation, they are also devouring anything that is considered deer resistant. There are too many deer to sustain themselves. They are now prone to chronic wasting disease because of overcrowding.

Yes, they are cute but by feeding them and encouraging them to live in our town, there are no natural predators to keep the population down. Deer belong in the wild. Ms. Nelms, I suggest that you do your homework. Google the Ontario MNR website regarding the feeding of deer.

Janet Bradley
Haliburton

Fund health catchment area

Dear editor,

Thank you to the Highlander for the great coverage of various things that matter to our area.

I had the opportunity to observe a delegation (to Minden Hills council) by the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation.

Similar to the Minden ER, it was evident that ‘catchment areas’ and ‘political boundaries’ are not synonymous.

Apparently, there are approximately 1,000 people from Minden Hills who access the Kinmount & District Health Centre.

I know from experience how exemplary this facility can be.

This volunteer foundation has been highly successful in recruiting a new doctor and hopes to be successful in obtaining another. (I am blessed to have a wonderful family doctor, Dr. Bottum, but we all know that we need many more primary physicians.)

Apparently, financial support to this foundation would need to be via our Haliburton County council (as opposed to the municipal council). I trust that our re-appointed warden and re-appointed deputy warden (along with fellow

councillors) will realize that supporting this foundation is in the best interests of citizens this County council is trusted to represent.

This gem of a facility lies at the boundaries of three counties — and I suggest that all three counties need to show appropriate financial support for their physician recruitment efforts.

We all could benefit when we look beyond artificially-created boundaries. Citizens in Haliburton County (regardless of where they are in the County) should realize that when the chair of HHHS states that he goes to Bancroft instead of Haliburton for medical emergencies etc., we need to be realistic about catchment areas and act accordingly.

Bernie Davis
Minden Hills

Just use it

Dear editor,

I’m still chewing on the choice of words in the Feb. 8 Highlander: “A warm weather snap.” Just, no...

Thousands of temperature records are breaking globally right now. Morocco had the hottest January on record. Serbia just recorded its highest temperature on record for February. Records are breaking in Ivory Coast, Ghana, Congo, across Ontario and Quebec, in France, Spain, Australia, Argentina, Chile.

A recalculation of global temperature increases since pre-industrial times suggests we are now 1.7 deg C above baseline. Earth just finished its first consecutive 12 months of average temperatures hotter than 1.5 deg C, and the hottest year on human record.

Current, reliable, evidence-based data is at our fingertips. Paid for by us. To inform and guide us so we can make helpful and healthy decisions.

For example, Canada’s Food Guide. Researched and updated and easy to follow. This guide is in sync with the Heart and Stroke Society DASH diet recommendations - also evidence-based. And is in sync with Canadian Diabetes Society diet. And is in sync with the Mediterranean diet, which, for the 7th consecutive year, was named the best overall diet by nutritional experts. The slam dunk consensus is we should eat a diet heavily centered around plant-based foods, whole grains, healthy unsaturated fats and seafood while limiting sodium, saturated fats and refined carbohydrates.

We can read all about it on government and public health websites that have no agenda except to provide us a guide for healthful, nutritious food. Because keeping Canadians healthy costs less.

We can also keep informed about climate change on reliable, evidence-based government websites and public health resources. We pay for this information that is available for our own good. Let’s use it.

Nell Thomas
Minden Hills

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Erin Wilson sent in this photo of ‘another beautiful sunrise’ at her house.



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Top: Percussionist Olivier Forest had the young crowd in stitches. Middle: The band performed a workshop before their formal show on Sunday. Above left: Georgie Stewart was thrilled by the workshop performers. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

Board Member Recruitment for 2024/2025

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) delivers high-quality health services to residents, cottagers, and visitors to Haliburton County and the surrounding area. We work closely with local and regional partners to optimize health and wellbeing in Haliburton County by providing access to essential health services, including Primary Care, Hospital (Acute Inpatient and Emergency Care at the Haliburton site), Long-Term Care, End-of-Life Care, Mental Health & Addictions Services, and Community Support Services. For more information about our organization please visit our website at www.hhhs.ca.

HHHS is seeking strategic, experienced, engaged, and talented members of our community to join us in pursuit of this vision by participating as a voluntary member of our Board of Directors or as a Community Representative on one of the Board's Standing Committees.

At a minimum, board members should expect to devote approximately 10 hours of time per month to HHHS business, including attendance at monthly board and committee meetings both in-person and virtually.

Annual board recruitment is based on vacancies and the requirements identified through a Board Skills Matrix that ensures a complementary balance of knowledge, skills and experience. **This year we are seeking individuals with clinical background, legal, and patient and healthcare advocacy backgrounds.**

How to be Considered
Interested applicants are requested to complete an application form and submit it along with a covering letter and resume via email quoting "HHHS Board Recruitment" in the subject line to mhenry@hhhs.ca by **March 1, 2024**. All applications will be acknowledged and held in confidence.

Application forms and additional board information can be found at: www.hhhs.ca/about/board

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The band played on

The Merry Marching Band brought its show on the road to Haliburton Feb. 10-11. The troupe held a workshop Saturday at Haliburton School of Art + Design. They introduced children to their musical instruments: clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, tuba and snare and body percussions. The Quebec-based band then performed at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Sunday. In a funny and eccentric offering, featuring zany clown arts and music from around the world, the band showcased their brass instruments and even a little body percussion. *(Lisa Gervais).*



Love is in the air

Despite rain on a Saturday in February, people still made their way to Cupid’s Carnival at Abbey Gardens Feb. 10. In addition to the usual games, hot food and sweet treats, the former Haliburton Highlands Brewing (which is moving to Carnarvon) was converted into a pop-up market for the day. (Lisa Gervais).

Top: Jenn McGovern and James Keller enjoy some sweet treats. Above left: Young families flocked to the Cupid’s Carnival event at Abbey Gardens. Above right: Vendors fill the former Haliburton Highlands Brewing site. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

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2024 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

TAKE NOTICE that Council will conduct its 2024 budget deliberations during Special Meetings commencing at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates:

- Wednesday, February 21, 2024
- Thursday, February 22, 2024

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

Dated this 7th day of February, 2024.

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Maryssa Danilko of Dance Happens Here Haliburton, is looking forward to salsa night. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Salsa for young and old

By Lisa Gervais

Maryssa Danilko was having dinner with a friend in Bracebridge awhile back as the eatery was having a salsa night.

It consisted of a DJ and one dancer. Danilko, of Dance Happens Here Haliburton (DH3), said it was fine but inspired her to want to do something bigger and better in Haliburton. She pitched the idea to the DH3 committee and they were all in.

Fast forward and DH3, in conjunction with Poquito Loco at Castle Antiques, as well as the Haliburton Highlands Community Cooperative, is going to spice things up with a salsa night Feb. 24.

“I thought, let’s go big, right?” Danilko said of the Saturday night offering.

She contacted Lulu Lounge in Toronto in search of dancers and their house band. She began making more calls “and they were immediately interested. They’d never been to Haliburton County.”

Marta Elena Perez and her six-piece Cuban orchestra will be heading north for the event. So will dancers Dailyn Martinez and Enrico Casertano.

“There’s nothing like a live band,” Danilko adds, standing

in the music room of Castle Antiques.

Danilko said it was fairly easy to put together as the band and dancers are professionals. “These are people who play music and dance for a living.”

She said it ties in nicely with their mandate of putting on community events, in the winter. They always try to incorporate dance and culture.

The cooperative’s Jim Blake added, “we love holding these events in mid-winter – presenting great dance performances with a live band and then getting people up and dancing. It is for the whole family. Kids and youth up to 18 are free. Last year, it was Kolemiejka for Ukraine, this year salsa.”

Danilko said they did have the option of hosting the event at the Legion. And although they “love” that venue, they thought the more intimate setting of the music room would work best for this particular event.

“It’s going to be great, and very fun.”

Tickets are \$20 adult, \$15 students, and under 18 free. They are available at Castle Antiques, Russell Red Records and UpRiver Trading Minden or online at SalsaNightinHaliburton.eventbrite.ca. Doors open at 6 p.m. There’ll be salsa tips at 6:45 p.m. and dancing will begin at 7:30 p.m.



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Love on display at A Valentine's Cabaret

By Mike Baker

Love is in the air in Haliburton as local theatre troupe Ctrl-ART-Del brings its *A Valentine's Cabaret* variety show to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Feb. 16.

The two-hour production will feature eight short plays, starring a host of Highlands-based talent, said Amy Leis, one of the theatre group's leads. It's a fundraiser for a pair of feature productions the Ctrl-ART-Del crew will be bringing to life later this year,

"Valentine's Day is a special time for a lot of people. It's going to be a wild romp of one act plays, improv and music for both the romantics and the cynics," Leis said. "There's a little bit of something for everyone."

The show will open with *She Came in Through the Bathroom Window*, by Tira Palmquist, focusing on a teenager's first crush.

"It's all about understanding how to approach people, and the bravery it takes to admit your feelings for somebody. It's quite a lovely little realistic piece," Leis said.

Michael Saloman's *Rmeo + Julez* is a modern, unique take on the Shakespearean classic, with "one heck of a twist", according to Leis. John and Rita Jackson – familiar names to CanoeFM listeners – will star in *We Interrupt This Program*, written by Arthur Keyser. The short is a comedy about marriage and the end of the world.

Leis said *La Mouche*, by Stephen Bittrich, is, "a very, very high energy play. It's a farce, focusing on the joke of someone finding a fly in their soup." Then there's *F*cking Cupcakes*, a workplace comedy by Judith Leora that Leis likened to the popular TV show *The Office*.

She said *The Barely Wives Club*, by Sarah Segal-Lazer, is one of her favourites.

"It tells the story of Juliet and Eurydice, who are roommates in the underworld and



The cast runs rehearsals for *A Late Summer*, left to right, Ruth Carter as The Women, Veronica Beynon as The Girl, and Brody Bolger as The Boy. *Submitted*.

are forced to rewatch their story, their tragedy for all of eternity," Leis said. "It's definitely one of our darker pieces."

A collection of students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School are coming together for *Slow Songs Make Me Puke*. Written by Lindsay Price, the production focuses on a group of teenage girls who decide to take a stand against high school dances.

"They want to go against what they see as

the absolute tyranny of 'boy must dance with girl at high school dances' when the reality is they're just not getting asked to dance," Leis said.

The cabaret will close with *A Late Summer*, by Liz Amberly.

"It's two scenes happening at the same time, about a couple that reunites on the same beach they said goodbye to each other on about 50 years previously. So, we get to see their past selves and their current selves.

It's a bittersweet, genuinely loving, romantic piece to end the show," Leis said.

Jerelyn Craden, who was to headline the show with her Maybelle Morton character, will no longer be involved, Leis confirmed. There will be several improv and sketch comedy performances in between productions.

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There's a full schedule in Dorset Feb. 16 and 17 as Snowball returns. *File.*

Snowball taking over Dorset

By Mike Baker

While winter is looking a little different in Haliburton County this year, organizers of the annual Dorset Snowball hope the popular event breathes new life into the season.

A full slate of activities has been lined up Feb. 16 and 17 as Algonquin Highlands township prepares to celebrate the Family Day long weekend. Staffer Sandra Rogers, one of the organizers, said this is always a big deal for the community.

“The main focus of Snowball is to provide family-oriented entertainment, to make Dorset a destination and to bring the community together for a day filled with winter activity and fun,” Rogers said. She noted it has been held annually since 1991 and usually attracts around 1,500 people to Dorset.

Friday evening, from 6 to 9 p.m., there will be a skating party at the Dorset Rink, weather permitting. Rogers noted if the ice is in poor condition, there will be a community dance party instead in the parking lot at Centennial Lions Park.

Saturday morning kicks off with public skating at the Dorset Ice Palace from 10 to 11 a.m. (again weather dependent). As usual there will be a parade, starting at the Dorset Garage at 10:30 a.m. and finishing at the Dorset Recreation Centre. This year's theme is ‘Winter Wonderland’, Rogers said. Anyone wanting to participate can register a float by emailing recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca by 4 p.m. Feb. 16. The town crier and local dignitaries will then host an opening ceremony.

One of this year's feature presentations is the ‘Great Canadian Lumber Jack Show’, with three shows Saturday at 11 a.m., 1:30 and 3 p.m. at Centennial Lions Park. Rogers said that will include chainsaw carving, axe throwing, underhand chopping, crosscut sawing and chainsaw and hot saw races.

There will also be face painting, public skating, games, a campfire, and snow maze

for people to enjoy at the park until 4 p.m.

The parking lot at the Dorset Recreation Centre will be a hive of activity, with family games like Connect 4, human foosball, and beat the buzzer available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Emes Family Maple Syrup will also be on hand, offering free taffy to people. Virtual reality dogsled tours, hosted by North Ridge Ranch, will be available at noon and 2 p.m.

A hockey shoot out is happening at the Dorset Ice Palace from 11 a.m. (helmets mandatory), with children's fun and games in front of the Royal LePage building starting at 11:30 a.m. Cardboard toboggan races will be happening behind the fire hall from noon, pre-registration and helmets are required.

Wildlife caller Steve Morrin will be at Centennial Lions Park at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Hailing from Powassan, Morrin has a special relationship with most critters indigenous to northern Ontario, his website states. He will walk the audience through animal noises and sounds, and help identify a host of specialty items and their purpose.

There will also be live music at the park, with Ottawa-based rock band Junkyard Symphony bringing its talents. Performances are scheduled at noon and 2 p.m.

Snowball concludes with Hockey Night in Dorset at 6 p.m., where the public is invited to show their support as the Dorset Hounds take on Lake of Bays for the Dorset Cup.

Carnival entry buttons are \$5, which grants access to all events. Children aged two and under can attend for free. Rogers noted the north entrance of Main Street from Hwy. 35 will be closed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 17. She said people can access Main Street via Hwy. 117 or Harvey Avenue. Limited parking will be available at Robinson's General Store and the Dorset Parkette.

Dorset Heritage Museum will be open for tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with warming stations at Algonquin Highlands Fire Station 60 and Dorset Ice Palace change rooms.

For more information, visit dorsetsnowball.com.

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‘Put up or shut up’ time for Huskies

By Lisa Gervais

Patrick Saini scored his 35th goal of the season Feb. 10 - to narrow a Markham Royals lead to 3-2 late in the game - but it wasn't enough as the Haliburton County Huskies dropped a 4-2 decision to the visitors.

After a scoreless first period this past Saturday at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, Ben-Chaim Lalkin got Markham on the board at 7:10 of the second, his 46th of the year, unassisted.

The blue and white answered back right away as Charlie Fink fired in his 14th of the season, at 8:44, from Ian Phillips to draw it at ones.

However, Hunter Svicki put the Royals up again, 2-1, when he scored at 13:38 of the middle frame.

The away team then padded their lead early in the third, with Ray Hou scoring at 6:11 to make it a 3-1 game.

Saini's marker came at 16:56, from Lucas Stevenson and Ty Petrou. However, Christopher Engelbert sealed the 4-2 deal with an empty netter at 19:24.

Logan Kennedy was between the pipes for the Huskies, turning aside 17 of 20 shots.



Patrick Saini kicks up ice as he pivots in the Markham end. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Huskies 4 Royals 3

On Feb. 9, it was the Huskies that took the game to the Royals in Markham.

Petrou scored his 15th of the season to open the scoring at 4:09 of the first, from Matt Milic.

Then, Fink was on fire. He scored at 17:10, unassisted, and a little over two minutes later, was back on the scoresheet with helpers to Aidan Yarde and Phillips, to give the blue and white a commanding 3-0 lead going into the dressing room.

In the second, the Royals scored the lone goal, at 17:15, off the stick of Lalkin.

Entering the third with a 3-1 lead, the Huskies looked comfortable until the Royals made it a 3-2 game off a Jake Barkley shot at 3:06.

Adam Smeeton scored just 14 seconds later, though, his third of the year from Milic to put the blue and white up 4-2.

Lalkin scored a late one, at 18:17 of the third, but the Huskies hung on for the win. Kennedy turned aside 19 of 22 shots in this one.

Head coach and GM Ryan Ramsay said he thought his squad played well enough to win both of the games against Markham. "Were they our strongest outings of the year? No. But it wasn't bad, right."

He said Kennedy would have liked the game-winning goal back on Saturday, so "that's tough."

Huskies 6 Chargers 0

The Huskies beat the Chargers 6-0 Feb. 13. Fink scored two in this one, with singles to

Yarde, Alex Bradshaw, Phillips and Noah Lodoen. Kennedy got the shutout.

With just six games left on the schedule, it's do or die time for the young Huskies.

"Points are going to be hard to get coming down the road here," Ramsay said. And while four of the remaining games (Mississauga Feb. 13), Caledon, North York and Niagara should be wins, the coach said he never takes anything for granted.

Ramsay said it's simple. "Obviously win. Touch wood, we're pretty healthy. (Brett) Fullerton's served two of four games (suspension). It will be good to get him back." Fullerton got into a fight and landed the four-game suspension.

Ramsay said having a veteran, versus a rooking goalie, in Kennedy, can make a difference down the stretch.

Ramsay said his message is "where do you

guys want to be as a team? I'm the coach but you guys are the team. Do you guys want to finish in ninth and go home or do you want to finish in fourth, third? We know what to do. It's just a matter of going out and doing it consistently. We've teeter tottered with consistency all year, being a younger team but we're more than capable of doing it. We've beaten the best teams in the league. It's just doing it for a matter of 60 minutes, getting everyone to buy in. You got to put up or shut up."

As of Feb. 14, The Huskies are in seventh place in the OJHL's East Conference standings. The top eight teams make the playoffs.

The blue and white are home to Trenton Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. and Lindsay Feb. 19 at 2 p.m.

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Top: Charlie Fink battles for the puck behind the Royals’ net. Above: Ian Phillips carries the puck into the O-zone. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

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U8s compete against Sturgeon

The U8 Smolen Dentistry Highland Storm had a great showing on Saturday, Feb. 10, at home at the S. G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena versus the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. Both teams waited eagerly to get on the ice for the first game of the day. Off the first faceoff, Dean Da Lanca pushed the puck ahead to Kipton Cunningham, who took it down the ice, through four players, and around the goalie to score the first goal of the game. Another play had Ben Gaffney stealing the puck off a Thunder player to go down the ice with Sully Brind. The two made a pass through a few players and shot the puck past the goaltender. But the Thunder weren't going to give up that easily, and fought back hard, trying to score a goal of their own to get into the game. Jack Hunter was in net to stop a shot from the Thunder and direct it behind the cage. Rome Hicks of the Highland Storm grabbed the puck and carried it down the ice. After stickhandling through a few players, he shot the puck and it made it between the legs of the Thunder netminder and into the net. Teammates Frances Gilmour and Arizona Latanville had a strong ice presence, defending and stopping players from getting through as well as making plays to help the Storm dominate play. The other half of the ice had Highland Storm goalie, Sawyer Willis, defending against a strong Thunder offense. The game got off to a slow start, with both teams playing it safe. But soon, the Thunder started picking up the pace and scored the first goal of the game. Highland Storm players Ander Brown, Felix Dart, and Travis Hutchinson came back with a vengeance and set up a play to tie it up. Keaton DeCarlo, Ryerson Jones, Ryker Thibert, and Ryland Thibert all worked hard to stop players from getting shots on



Sawyer Willis in the Storm net during a Feb. 10 tilt with Sturgeon. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

net as well as setting plays up to give the Storm a chance to score a goal, determined to solidify their teamwork to get a win. The Highland Storm team celebrated their hard-earned victory. (Submitted).

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Kipton Cunningham

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Sawyer Willis

Sawyer has had a passion for being a goalie since he first started skating on his own. His ability to stop anything or anyone that comes near him is second to none. Photos by Tim Tofflemire.



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EVENTS**Feb. 15, 5 p.m.**

A screening of the documentary *The Road Taken* at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The feature presents the experiences of Black sleeping-car porters who worked on Canada's railways from the early 1900s to the 1960s. Admission is free. All ages are welcome.

Feb. 17, 1-3 p.m.

Open house at CanoeFM for the new recording studio.

FAMILY DAY - February 19**noon to 2 p.m.**

Family Day open house hosted by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation. Come and browse the Archie Stouffer Elementary School first annual student art exhibition, visit Nature's Place for a new exhibit, participate in nature art and crafts activities, enjoy food from the Rotary Club of Minden, a book sale by the Friends of Haliburton County Public Library and skating. All ages welcome. Admission by donation. No pre-registration required.

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Gooderham's second annual family fun day at the Robert McCausland Community Centre. This free family day celebration will feature games, crafts and bingo for kids of all ages, and hot dogs and refreshments will be available. The event is organized by the Gooderham Community Action Group.

Feb. 20 and 27

Fleming CREW Employment Centre will be at the library to help adults with job searches, writing a resume and cover letter, finding training opportunities and more. Minden Hills branch from noon to 3 p.m. on Feb. 20, and Wilberforce branch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 27.

March 1, 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

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March 5, 1 p.m.

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

March 23, 5 p.m.

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Wild Game Dinner at the Haliburton Legion. Tickets on sale Feb. 15, cost is \$45 per person. For credit card purchased, call Laurie at 705-457-9664, or Linda at 705-457-2064. Tickets can also be bought in-person at HHOA on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. For more information, visit hhoa.on.ca.

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.

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.

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Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall. Scottish country dancing throughout February, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the main hall. Everyone is welcome. Contact Jim at 705-457-6962. 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.

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Saturdays: Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

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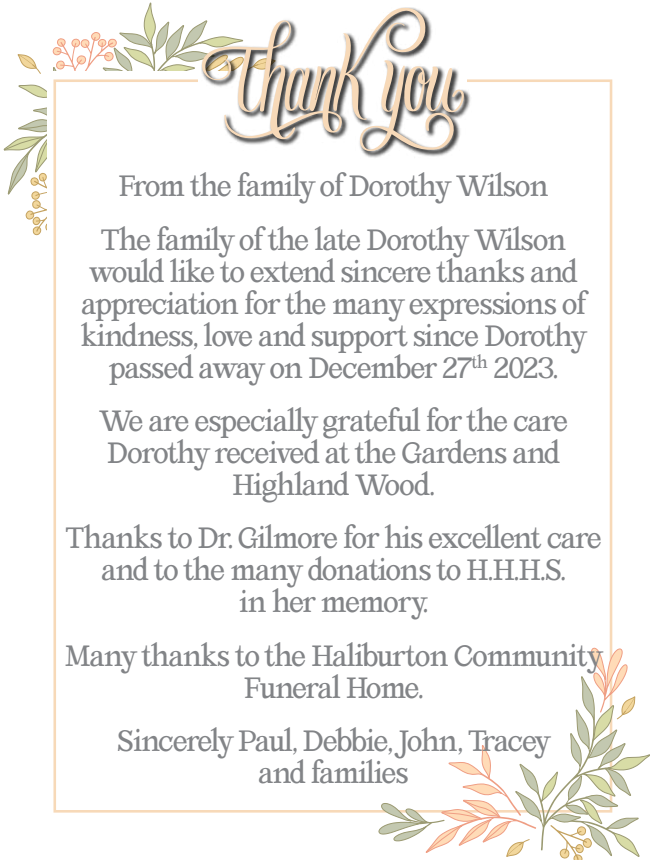
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Thank You

From the family of Dorothy Wilson

The family of the late Dorothy Wilson would like to extend sincere thanks and appreciation for the many expressions of kindness, love and support since Dorothy passed away on December 27th 2023.


We are especially grateful for the care Dorothy received at the Gardens and Highland Wood.

Thanks to Dr. Gilmore for his excellent care and to the many donations to H.H.H.S. in her memory.

Many thanks to the Haliburton Community Funeral Home.

Sincerely Paul, Debbie, John, Tracey and families

OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of
Norma Jean Goodger


Passed away suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital, on Tuesday, February 6th, 2024, in her 75th year.


Predeceased by her parents Jean and Donald Goodger, her brother Brian, her partner of over 25 years Reta Kelly. Survived by Reta's Family, Micheal (Sandy), Christine (Al), Pat (Mike), Karen (deceased)(Oscar), grandchildren Kelly, Katie, Shelagh, Meghan, Sean, John, Stephen, Brad, and great Norma to 10 great grandchildren. Will be lovingly remembered by her dear friend Nina Harris and she will be missed by many.

After Retiring from Kids Can Press, Norma fulfilled her dream of living on Kushog Lake fulltime. She was the past president and founding member of Kushog Lake Property Owners Association, member of Minden Pride, the Stanhope Museum, and Highlands Festival Singers.

A Celebration of Norma's Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial Donations to Minden Pride (cheques only) or the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.






In Loving Memory of
Barry Frederick Preston


Passed away at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 with his family by his side, at the age of 84.

Beloved husband of the late Joann Marjorie (nee Chillman)(2017). Loving father of Bill (Sophia) of London, Dan of Richmond Hill. Loving grandpa of Jessie, Tyler (Kaitlin), Sasha, Susanna, Evan and great grandpa of Zoey, T.J., Ruby. Dear brother of Ron (Judy) and uncle of Steven and Adam. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

A service for Barry will be held at a later date. Spring interment at the Minden Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Food Bank would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.






In Loving Memory of
William (Bill) Robert Dewey

Passed away suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, February 2, 2024, at the age of 83.

Beloved husband of the late Joan Carol Dewey (nee Thomas). Dear father of David Robert Dewey, Steven Bruce Dewey (Rosana), Sean Paul Dewey (Tammy). Loving grandfather of Samantha, Shannon, Riley and great grandfather of Bianca. Brother of the late Doug, Alice and Connie. Bill was owner and director of WRD Cottage Rental Agency for 29 years. Prior to owning WRD, Bill worked internationally in South East Asia.

Friends are invited to join the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 for a Memorial Gathering and Reception to celebrate Bill's Life on Saturday, February 17th, 2024 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm.

Memorial Donations to the Salvation Army or to the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 129 Poppy Fund would be appreciated by the family.



OBITUARIES



Karel (Karl) Jaromir Frantisek Serin
April 5, 1942 – January 27, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Karel Serin. He was a curator, a dreamer and a storyteller.


Over the course of his full life, he managed to collect adventures, experiences and people alike and wove them into rich tapestries that he would eagerly relate to anyone willing to bend an ear. If you were one of the many lucky souls pulled into his orbit, you may have heard his tales a time or three and you could take solace in his joy of telling them, and in knowing you were likely the subject of another.

His expertise knew no bounds, whether it related to the intricacies of building your own fiber glass canoe, the interchangeable technical coat-hanger requirements of maintaining a Mach1 Mustang vs a Toyota Highlander, or downhill skiing strategies best suited to appear as though you're sitting in a chair on your first descents. Karel was a legend to his wide cast of friends. Originally from Czechoslovakia honing the printing skills that facilitated his exit during communist occupation, to a lifetime spent in Oakville and as a fixture of the Ontario Legislature. Perhaps most cherished of all was the 20+ years spent in retirement in the Haliburton Highlands where time on the dock was synonymous with time on the deck at Sir Sam's ski area. For anyone within earshot his educational instruction of 95% water-content in beer helped him single handedly introduce his beloved Kozel brew to the Haliburton Highlands, and perhaps across all of North America.

Karel is survived by his wife Hana, who may now turn the hearing aids back on, his two loving sons Andre (Teresa) and Rene (Kirsten) and grandchildren Sasha, Coco-Rene & Nico, with extended family stretching across the ocean to Praha and Jevicko, CZ.

As a proud Canadian, many of his happiest stories involved family, people and experiences relating to the oasis he worked so hard to create on Moose Lake. It is here he called home and it is here, in his happy place, he enjoyed his last days to the fullest.

The weather will continue to change and history will continue to be woven into the folklore of Karel Serin, but we will miss his telling of it. A celebration of life will be planned by the family in the summer of 2024. In lieu of donations, buy a Kozel beer and tip it up amongst friends for Karel Serin. Wounderbar!



In Loving Memory of
Betty Isabella Martin (nee Davies)
October 29, 1942 – February 11, 2024, age 81


It is with sadness the passing of our dear sister Betty. Beloved wife of the late Ron Martin (1993).

Lovingly remembered by her sisters Dolores Comar (Mike) both deceased. Dorothy Cowan (Mervin) of Minden. Barb Hone of Peterborough, Marlene Armstrong (Ron) of Lindsay. Remembered by her many nieces and nephews.

We would like to thank the staff of Country Estates, Lindsay, for their care and concern for Betty. Also thank you to the staff in the Palliative Care Unit at Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay. Also thanks to Kirsten and Barry and staff of the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home for their compassion and professionalism.

As per Betty's wishes, there will be no service. A Private interment will be held in the spring.

Memorial Donations to Ross Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.





In Loving Memory of
Doreen Rose Douglas (nee Feltmate)
February 6, 1944 - February 9, 2024

Passed away peacefully at Extencicare in Haliburton.

Doreen grew up in Whitehead, Nova Scotia until she married and moved to Ontario.

She is survived by her son John (Kim), grandsons Trevor and Eric, sisters Marge and Beck and pre-deceased by her parents, brother Ron and sister Evelyn. Hobbies included quilting, cross-country skiing with her best friend Pat, baking and gardening.

Thanks to Extencicare and Dr. Bottum for the great care. Private Family Arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Extencicare Proud Pioneers (by cheque only) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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OBITUARIES

Carol Jean Parker

May 12, 1933 – February 10, 2024

Loving wife of Frank Parker (deceased 2015).

Loving mother to Janis (Ron), Carolynne (Graham), Ellen (Dom), Andrew (Cindy) and Chris (Kayla).

Nanny to Kyle, Robyn (Eric), Kelsey (Mathew), Lauren (Grant), Natasha (Dustin), Blair (Tiphannie), Corey (Kristian), Alexandra, Connor and Cameron.

Great-Nanny to Chace, Liam, Riley, Kyla, Haley, Dawn, Galen, Parker and Elliott.

Loving sister of Anne Mairs of Lindsay and lifetime friend of Mike (Helen) Mackin.

Carol was born in Fenelon Township and grew up in Parkdale, Toronto. It was there she met her husband of 60+ years. They raised their family in Scarborough and eventually retired to Bobcaygeon. After Frank passed, Carol moved to Haliburton.

The family would very much like to thank Haliburton Extendicare and her personal support workers for their exemplary care of our mother.

A Celebration of Life will be planned at a later date.



NOTICES

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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Township of Algonquin Highlands
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Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1S0
Email: dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca

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Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer, the Director of Planning has responsibility for a full range of professional land use planning functions as well as supervising planning staff and preparing and monitoring the planning division budget. This responsibility includes policy development, making recommendations regarding the County Official Plan to County Council, and associated committees of Council. Emphasis is on providing professional advice and working collaboratively with our local municipalities regarding land use matters. As part of the Senior Management Team, the Director shall be a collaborative thinker with the ability to adapt to change and interact effective governments and agencies, developers, consultants, and key stakeholder groups in a professional and courteous manner.

Key duties include ensuring compliance with legislation and Council policies; the effective and efficient delivery of development inspection services; implementation and improving long-term community plans and strategies; and providing planning technical advice and guidance to the Chief Administrative Officer and Council.

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

Please submit a detailed resume indicating your skills and experience no later than **March 8th, 2024**, to: Gary Dyke, Chief Administrative Officer gdyke@haliburtoncounty.ca

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

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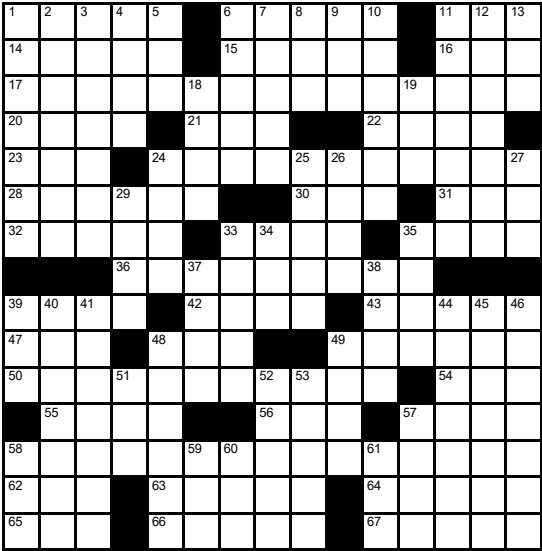
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 - 14 ___ Norman Cosmetics
 - 15 Cause friction, with "against"
 - 16 Word at a French protest rally
 - 17 Vancouver landmark spanning Burrard Inlet
 - 20 "Lago" liquid
 - 21 Head-butting time for bucks
 - 22 Not many
 - 23 Speech fillers
 - 24 Lose one's cool, at last
 - 28 "My old lady"
 - 30 "Deck the Halls" contraction
 - 31 Classical grp. at Roy Thomson Hall
 - 32 To a degree, casually
 - 33 Microsoft browser
 - 35 "Blessed ___ who comes in the name of the Lord"
 - 36 Top banana
 - 39 Den units often seen at garage sales
 - 42 Where soaps are seen
 - 43 Abominable
 - 47 In the manner of
 - 48 "Aha, just ___ thought"
 - 49 Forever partner
 - 50 Sweets with a message
 - 54 Where Windsor and York are: Abbr.
 - 55 Popular gin flavouring
 - 56 Brief "no doubt"
 - 57 Coup d'___
 - 58 Question asked by a project planner ... or by a solver of this puzzle, maybe
 - 62 In a froth, with "up"
 - 63 "___ the Line" (Cash hit)
 - 64 A&W's Bacon & ___
 - 65 Gator tail?
 - 66 Druid duds

- Down
- 1 Mötley Crüe duos?
 - 2 Seven dwarves' refrain
 - 3 Waker-upper
 - 4 Radius counterpart
 - 5 ___ Paul guitar
 - 6 Electric shaver or blender brand
 - 7 "Get ___ here!" ("Seriously?")
 - 8 Actor Vigoda
 - 9 Clawfoot, e.g.
 - 10 Roll-on or stick alternatives
 - 11 Tabs over while typing
 - 12 Utter bunk
 - 13 Opp. of SSW
 - 18 Grey, in Grenoble
 - 19 Uncertainties
 - 24 Dr. Evil's evil woman ___ Fabissinia
 - 25 Prov. royal representative
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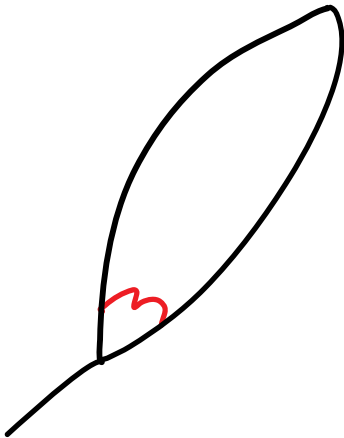
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