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Four happy faces flash a thumbs up as they take a ski lift to the top of the hill during March break at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride.
Photo by Mike Baker.



Market set to return to Head Lake Park

By Mike Baker

The months-long saga between Dysart et al council and the Haliburton County Farmers Market Association (HCFMA) - over the long-term future of the Haliburton market - has been resolved, with the popular weekly event returning to Head Lake Park.

Angel Taylor, who sits on the HCFMA

board, said market officials notified the township March 8 that it would accept the terms outlined by council to bring the event back to its spiritual home.

The market ran out of Head Lake Park for 11 years before it was moved to Rotary Beach Park last season. Response was largely negative, with attendance down

approximately 30 per cent across the season and many vendors reporting losses.

The board reached out to council in late 2023, asking for clarity on the market's location for the upcoming year. They were told the event could return, but not for free.

After much back and forth, HCFMA has agreed to pay the township \$5 per vendor,

per market day, for a seasonal cost of approximately \$4,200. That's based on the market having 40 vendors for 21 markets.

Taylor said the board has committed to covering those costs, rather than downloading them to vendors.

"We could not delay finalizing the location

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The Haliburton farmers market is returning to Head Lake Park. Pictured is Ron Lofthouse of Lofthouse Beeswax Company. File.

Applications open to growers

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any longer," Taylor told *The Highlander*. "We have begun working on plans to raise funds to cover the additional charge to our vendors and to make the market an attractive and vibrant destination this coming summer."

She said the first market will take place May 14, running every Tuesday through the summer. There is a change in time, with the market to run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., instead of its usual noon to 4 p.m. slot. Taylor said the board hopes this will help with traffic concerns, as raised by some members of council.

After closing applications to potential vendors in early March, Taylor said they've recovered about three quarters of the merchants who participated in last year's market. The

board is still hoping to attract more agricultural vendors, with applications remaining open for local growers.

"We welcome our vendors back and thank them for their patience and understanding through this process. We aim to make this our best season yet," she said.

Deputy mayor Walt McKechnie said he's glad a deal could be struck to bring the market back to the downtown.

"This is what the community wanted, so from that perspective I'm thrilled. We're very excited to partner with HCFMA and to see the market back in Head Lake Park. It's a wonderful event that creates a great buzz in the community and showcases a lot of local products," McKechnie said.

Anyone interested in becoming an agricultural vendor can email incrediblehcfma@gmail.com.

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‘We’re going to need a lot of rain’ – CEWF

By Lisa Gervais

The Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) says water levels in area reservoir lakes are near normal right now, but will be changing over the next couple of weeks – much earlier than usual.

Chair Ted Spence said, “CEWF is attentive to the noteworthy combination of a very low snowpack, subnormal winter precipitation, and unseasonable temperatures.”

CEWF said recent surveys have shown the snowpack in the watersheds is less than 60 per cent of normal in northern areas, and ranging down to near zero per cent further south.

Additionally, total precipitation has been below normal each month since September 2023, and in February was just 35 per cent of normal in the Haliburton area of the reservoir system. Since the Haliburton Highlands is the headwaters of the reservoir system, this combination of factors is impactful to the entire system, CEWF said last week.

“The TSW recognized this developing situation early and has been adding logs to reservoir dams. By the end of February, almost all reservoir dams have had logs added to store water and reduce the risk of very low spring water levels,” Spence said.

As a result of the early logging operations, CEWF predicts most lakes will see a slow rise, however flow-through lakes will see lower levels, and river flows will be reduced.

“As lake levels rise, changes in ice conditions may include breaking up and away from the shore and creating a risk of shoreline ice damage, particularly under high winds,” Spence said. “CEWF advises property owners to be attentive to changing conditions via local news, municipal

channels or its website at cewf.ca.”

While logging operations this early is unusual, CEWF said, “the TSW has been proactive on behalf of the reservoir lakes. TSW staff continually monitor weather forecasts, lake levels and flows in their daily evaluation of options. Their future actions, as well as the vulnerability of the spring season, will depend on melt and rainfall events over the next two months.

“We’re going to need a lot of rain,” Spence added. He said despite the weekend rain event, we did not get as much precipitation as predicted.

In the TSW’s water level management update of March 8 for Haliburton and northern areas, it said the Haliburton and Northern Peterborough County reservoirs are above average due to earlier than typical snowmelt. It said the low amounts of snowpack remain in the most northern watersheds of the system.

“Lake levels are monitored daily and assessed in relation to estimated runoff amounts, however they are susceptible to changes in response to the future precipitation amounts.”

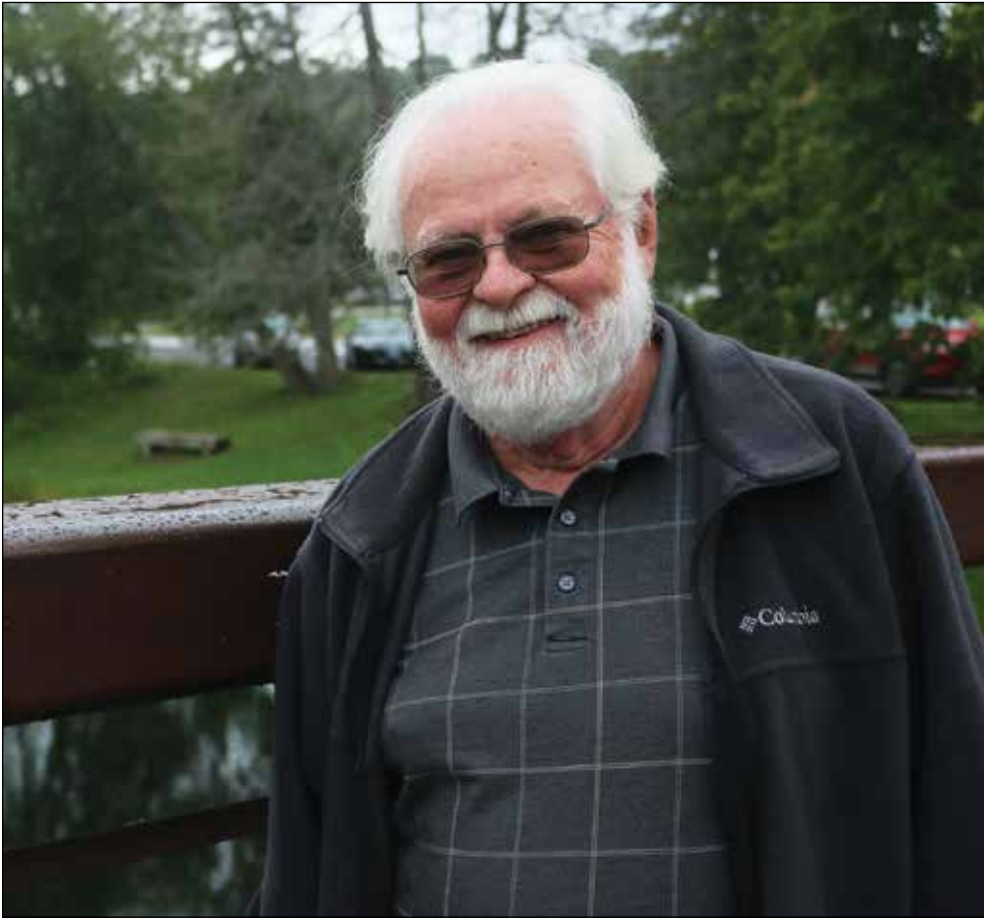
The TSW added flows on the Gull and Burnt River were expected to rise as a result of this past Saturday’s rain and saturated soil conditions.

Fire season

Meanwhile, Dysart et al fire chief Dan Chumbley said “definitely things are drying up... or seem to be drying up a lot faster.”

He said he’d already had people calling him and commenting on how dry the bush is.

“We usually have snow on the ground. It looks like the ice is going to be out by the



Ted Spence, chair of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF). *File.*

end of March, when it’s usually the end of April.”

He said it’s too early for MNRF daily notices, and for the township fire chiefs to discuss fire bans but “it’s not too early to be worrying about it. We are conscious of it and

thinking about it.”

Meanwhile, the four townships are working on a new burn bylaw before the official MNRF burn season.

It will mean not having any daytime burning permits available.

OPP NEWS

OPP charge two drivers travelling in wrong lane

Haliburton Highlands OPP have charged two drivers, they say had been travelling in the wrong lane, in two separate incidents, in the last week.

On March 1, shortly before 10 p.m. police

stopped a passenger vehicle that had been driving in the oncoming lane towards a police cruiser on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.

As a result of the investigation, they said Tabbitha Watts, 35, of Peterborough was charged with: operation while impaired-alcohol and operation while impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on April 3.

On March 5, shortly before 7 p.m., OPP say they stopped a passenger vehicle driving in the oncoming lane on County Road 21 in Dysart et al.

An investigation was commenced and as a result, Robert Krzeczkowski, 60, of St.

Catharines was charged with: operation while impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on April 3.

(OPP news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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Septic inspection rates going up in Dysart

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al is proposing changes to its septic maintenance inspection program ahead of the upcoming testing season.

Bri Quinn, program supervisor, told council Feb. 27 the changes clarify requirements for pump-outs, outline new components such as lake health assessments, and look at the implications of the recently-approved short-term rental bylaw.

The township is also looking to increase its fees this year, with an approximate 12 per cent bump to \$220 per inspection attempt.

A public meeting has been scheduled for March 26 to further discuss the changes.

“We’ve been working closely on a strategy to make sure we’re moving in the right direction with this program, ensuring we’re evolving as the industry needs us to evolve,” Quinn said.

The program has been running since 2017, with Dysart managing it completely in-house since 2022. Each year, staff focus on one geographic region and connect with homeowners to set up inspections. Last year, the department tested over 1,000 systems in ‘Area 4’, which encompassed homes within 30-metres of lakes in and around Haliburton village, including Grass, Head, Drag and Kashagawigamog.

Quinn said the township received feedback from those in the industry last year, who found it difficult to keep up with the number of follow-up work orders. As a result, they’re scaling back this season – spreading inspections in ‘Area 5’ over two years.

This year, staff will focus on properties around Grace, Farquhar, Barnum, Benoir and Elephant lakes. In 2025, inspections will largely be done within Harcourt Park, including Fishtail, Long, Allen, East, Little Straggle, Charlie George, and Kennaway lakes. It will amount to roughly 500 inspections each year, Quinn said, which, along with software and equipment enhancements, is the reason for the fee hike.

“Even with this increase, staff have effectively been able to keep the fee under that which was being invoiced by WSP Canada in 2021,” Quinn said, noting the company billed the township \$228 per inspection.

Property owners requesting an inspection after Sept. 1 will face an additional \$100 fee. Property owners are billed the full rate should they miss a scheduled inspection.

Referencing the other changes, Quinn said for systems that require a pump out, the township has clarified the tank must be pumped entirely, leaving little to no contents



Seasonal septic inspectors Kailynn Sikma and Jess Hannah carrying out a routine inspection in 2022. Submitted.

behind. The township is also asking that haulers provide brief comment on tank/ component conditions that may be more visible following a pump out.

Through the lake health assessment, staff will provide property owners with an overall score on their shoreline conditions, while offering tips on how to improve their score and help maintain healthy lakes. Quinn noted

this is informational only and will not feature any enforcement measures.

Once the STR bylaw comes into effect, inspections of those properties will be completed during the township’s scheduled inspection program dates, Quinn said.

She anticipates inspections beginning in May.

DYSART ET AL NEWS

Community events

A new event is coming to the downtown this summer, after Dysart et al council approved the Haliburton County Public Library to host ‘Touch-a-Truck’ in the lower library parking lot in July.

Recreation coordinator Andrea Mueller said there are four dates proposed – July 4, 5, 11 or 12. The library will close off the parking lot and invite organizations such as the Dysart Fire Department, Haliburton

County EMS, and the township’s public works department to set up trucks for the public to visit.

“These events are quite popular and are educational for kids,” Mueller said, noting drivers will be available to talk about their job.

In other news, the upper library parking lot will stage the Haliburton Time Travellers classic car club this summer. While the group has traditionally set up at Head Lake Park, they asked to change location to a

more solid setting, with Mueller noting the event was usually cancelled on wet days.

The car show comes to Haliburton every other Thursday during the summer.

Fee increase

Dysart is upping its fees for its memorial bench and tree programs.

Traditionally, residents have been able to purchase a cast iron black coated bench for \$1,000 and have it placed in the community. Mueller said the township’s cost to acquire

the benches has increased significantly in recent years, proposing fees to the public be upped to \$1,850.

Trees have been offered for \$750 in the past but will now be considered on a case-by-case basis, due to varying costs year-to-year, Mueller said. The township usually plants red maple, red oak, sugar maple, or willow trees for residents who want to commemorate a deceased loved one. (Dysart et al news compiled by Mike Baker).

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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:
- March 26 – Special Council Meeting (2024 Final Budget and Business Plans)
 - March 28 – Regular Council Meeting and 2024 Budget (Ratifying 2024 Final Budget and Business Plans)
 - April 11 – Regular Council Meeting
 - April 25 – Regular Council Meeting
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Big changes coming for Scotch Line users

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills council has approved \$1.4 million to continue work on a proposed Scotch Line transfer station – to be built east of the existing landfill.

Manager of waste facilities, Chelsea Cosh, provided council with a comprehensive overview of design details at a special council meeting March 5.

Her ask was that council approve the design concept, include the \$1.4 million in the 2024 capital budget, and allow her to continue moving the project forward.

She said the township already had an amended Environmental Compliance Approval. The lot has been cleared for the expansion area. The consulting services for the detailed design and construction are also complete.

Cosh reminded council staff were just looking for money for phase one of what could ultimately be a \$5.5 million project. She said phase one essentially allows current operations to be moved to the new transfer station

“The new transfer station will be essential in managing the growing population in the township,” Cosh said, adding that with growth comes more traffic and demand on the site.

“Additionally, where the current site operations are positioned at the landfill is where future landfiling will need to take place. Ensuring operations are moved to the new transfer station area will prepare the township in advance to be able to start landfiling in the northwest portion of the site, where operations sit currently.”

Cosh added they’ve been told the existing site has about 11.5 years of life remaining.

As for design details, the waste facilities manager said the new configuration will ensure “optimal efficiency” for users and the township. “The intent of the design is to meet the current and future needs of the township and maintain adequate levels of service to Minden Hills residents.

“In light of the growing population and increasing waste generation quantities over time, the transfer station design will have the ability to expand for future needs and requirements. This operational flexibility will enable future expansions of the site with minimal impact to the existing operations.”

Scales will be installed, for accurate and



Manager of waste facilities, Chelsea Cosh, at the site of the new Scotch Line Transfer Station. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

consistent measurements for chargeable items. She said they can accommodate more waste diversion and add bins on long summer weekends, for example.

Next steps are finalizing and approving the design, presenting the drawings to council, and tendering for construction and contract administration. As for timelines, Cosh suggested the transfer station coming online in spring 2025. Minden Hills will spread the spend over two years and look to borrow the money as well as use reserves. Meanwhile, budget talks are continuing at the township.

PHASE ONE

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Jayson Schwarz, left, and Debbie Sherwin, right, present a cheque for \$820.61 to Minden Community Food Centre volunteer, Gary Stoner. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Save Minden ER donates funds to food centre

By Mike Baker

Ten months from admitting defeat in their fight to save the Minden ER, cottager Jayson Schwarz and full-time resident Debbie Sherwin have turned their attention to another local cause.

The pair met with Gary Stoner, a volunteer with the Minden Community Food Centre, March 9, donating \$820.61 to the facility. The money was the balance remaining in a TD Canada Trust fund established by the pair and fellow local resident Patrick Porzuczek last summer while they searched for ways to keep the hospital's emergency department open.

"This is the money we were going to use to hire a litigator and try to take this to court," Schwarz said, noting at its peak the trust contained more than \$60,000. "We've returned most of it, and while we have tried to give back this last bit of money, people said they didn't want it. We decided to donate it to another cause – and there's no greater cause than the food bank with everything that's going on right now."

Schwarz said the group was advised last summer that no judge would grant an injunction or judicial review – two "final hail marys" that could have kept the ER open. Instead of wasting all that money, they stood down and began issuing refunds.

Ross Nasserri LLP, the Toronto-based firm retained, were paid \$6,780 for their services, with the fees covered by several community members.

Sherwin said as of last week all donors had been issued cheques, returning their money. The trust fund was closed March 9.

Schwarz said the group didn't have to think too hard before deciding on donating the leftover money to the food bank.

"Because of the way things have been over the past couple of years – major inflation, carbon taxes going up, which impacts fuel prices and causes everything to go up – it's very, very difficult for people to survive and make ends meet," Schwarz said.

Stoner noted the donation comes at an opportune time, with demand at an all-time high.

"Our numbers are increasing again. In the last little while we've had lineups when we're open, I've never seen that before," Stoner said. "Cash donations are always most appreciated because it then allows us to purchase food that's most needed."

Jean Munroe, manager of the food centre, said an average of 261 people and 109 families have been using the facility monthly so far in 2024. That's up from an average of 255 individuals and 90 families per month in 2023, and 230 individuals and 78 families per month in 2022.

"This year is starting off as we expected, with a jump in the monthly number of people [we're serving]. The housing industry has hit a standstill and many individuals are getting laid off, families are finding food unaffordable along with rent and other expenses," Munroe said. "This will be a continued trend for 2024. We do not expect a slow down or change in numbers, other than moving up, this year."

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County sets tax levy at just over a seven per cent increase

By Lisa Gervais

Ratepayers will see a 7.17 per cent increase on the County portion of their tax bill this year after councillors finalized the budget at a March 13 meeting.

CAO Gary Dyke and director of corporate services Andrea Robinson said it was a decrease on the second draft, which was 7.62 per cent.

They said a finance liaison committee of councillors Bob Carter and Murray Fearrey and warden Liz Danielsen met with them Feb. 16 to look for more efficiencies.

The committee suggested removing the hiring of one EMS supervisor, to save \$120,124. They also recommended scrapping the FoodCycler program to slash \$83,000. The three also pitched reducing the overall give to the Haliburton County Public Library by \$115,000.

Robinson said the \$318,154.65 cut means a 2024 levy of \$23,261,957.69 – which results in a rate increase of 6.17 per cent. The other one percent comes from the creation of a \$220,000 dedicated capital reserve levy.

“The 2024 budget and new dedicated capital levy will be a total cost to the ratepayer of \$16.91 per \$100,000 of residential assessment,” Robinson said. That is in addition to their municipal and school board taxes.

At the outset of last Tuesday’s meeting, library CAO Andrea Brown presented a third draft of their budget – with \$34,260 in cuts, asking for \$1,314,801, down from \$1,349,061. The cuts included to the book budget, removing some library board per diem fees, dropping non-local newspaper subscriptions, reducing insurance costs, and reduction in Dorset branch mileage. She also pitched using reserves for air filter replacements, iPad replacements and

other tech items, and pause a transfer for an asset management plan. She noted the service is doing a library staffing model review to be presented to the board in June.

During a lengthy debate, Coun. Lisa Schell said the library board had a \$200,000 reserve and she thought this was the “rainy day” for them to use some of that. Dyke pointed out they could not tell the library board how to spend its money.

As a result, a motion was moved to agree to the \$115,000 library budget reduction as suggested by Carter, Fearrey and Danielsen. It passed 6-2 (Cec Ryall and Jennifer Dailloux voted against).

Coun. Walt McKechnie said, “we’re not here to try to get rid of libraries. We’re here representing municipalities and the County of Haliburton. We’re just concerned about \$1.2 million budgeted for payroll. We’re not

downgrading all the good things you do, but somehow this has got to be brought down a little bit. We have a lot of

other issues going on in our community.”

With the EMS decision, the County is hiring one EMS supervisor, but are deferring the hiring of a second. Asked by Dailloux about the impact, chief Tim Waite said with just one, it means “there will be several days without a supervisor at all for any time during the day. It does add additional on-call time for myself and management.” He said once a week every three weeks he works full-time and is also on call. He said those weeks are 24/7 for seven days. He added they will have to be “creative” with staffing that one person.

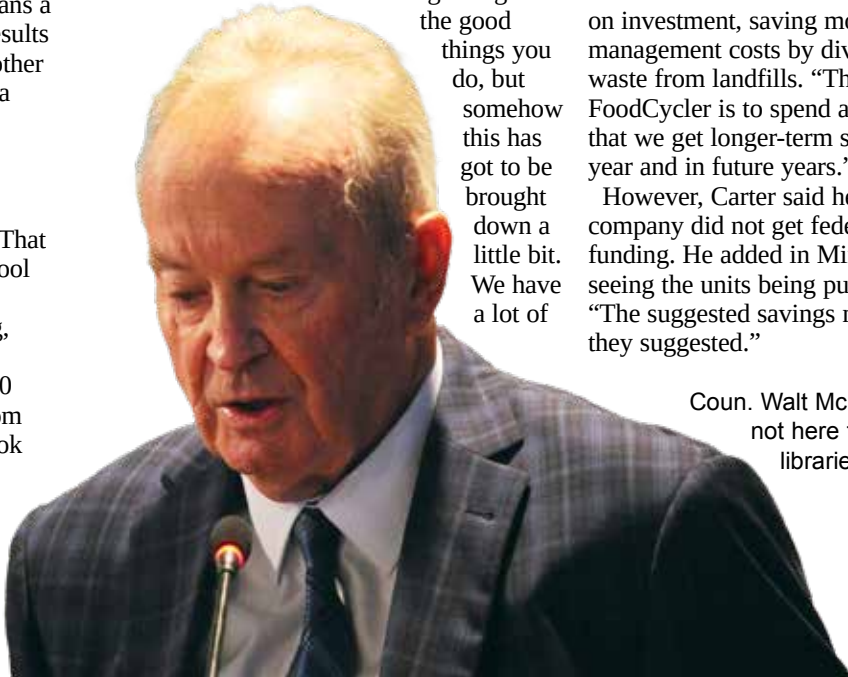
Fearrey said he thought they would get the second position in the next budget year.

Carter added, “it sucks that we have to cut things out of the budget but there were not many other places to cut, unfortunately.”

As for scrapping the FoodCycler program, Dailloux said one rationale was return on investment, saving money in waste management costs by diverting food waste from landfills. “The idea behind the FoodCycler is to spend a little bit upfront so that we get longer-term savings both in this year and in future years.”

However, Carter said he understood the company did not get federal government funding. He added in Minden Hills, they are seeing the units being put in electronic waste. “The suggested savings may not be what they suggested.”

Coun. Walt McKechnie said “we’re not here trying to get rid of libraries.” *File.*



Central Food Network driving up food success

Central Food Network (CFN) says its food van project “has revolutionized food distribution locally.”

The project, funded through a grant from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada’s Local Food Infrastructure Fund and donations from the Rotary Club of Haliburton, 100.9 CanoeFM radio bingo proceeds, and private donors, has exceeded all expectations, executive director Tina Jackson said.

The amount required for the van was funded faster than anticipated, she added, highlighting the support and dedication of the community.

“Since rolling onto Central Food Network’s lot seven months ago, the cargo van has been a game-changer, transporting an astounding 105,619 lbs of food with an estimated value of \$371,779. Additionally, it has facilitated over 40 deliveries to other local food banks, diversifying the food available for all members of the

community,” Jackson said.

“This cargo van is not only empowering us to reach more individuals in need but also enables us to better collaborate with neighboring food banks, maximizing the impact of our collective efforts at a time when its most needed,” said Tina Jackson, Executive Director of Central Food Network.”

The grant from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada’s Local Food Infrastructure Fund provided essential support, while the contributions from local organizations and individuals demonstrated the community’s united effort to address food access issues, Jackson said.

Aaron Hill of Rotary Club of Haliburton said, “Food security in our communities is very important to us, and we’re proud to have played a part in this important initiative. The success of the food cargo van project underscores the impact that

can be achieved when organizations and individuals come together to support their community.”

The majority of the food being transported is surplus food within the food bank network, highlighting the impact of food banks, food distributors and food producers in Ontario working together to ensure no food goes to waste, Jackson said.

“Central Food Network remains committed to its mission of eliminating food insecurity in the Haliburton Highlands. The cargo van represents a significant step forward in achieving this goal by improving food distribution and ensuring that no one in the community goes hungry.”

For more information about CFN and its initiatives, visit centralfoodnetwork.org or contact Tina Jackson at 705-448-9711. (Lisa Gervais).

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Go Huskies Go

Growing up outside of Sudbury, I spent a fair bit of time at the Sudbury Arena watching the Ontario Hockey League Sudbury Wolves.

One of the highlights then – and still today – is when the Wolves score and a taxidermy wolf descends from the rafters. It is, naturally, accompanied by a wolf howl. The tradition dates back well over 50 years.

Back then, there was also a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II at one end of the old hockey barn. In the glory days before netting, the then-monarch took a lot of pucks to the face. She was pretty disfigured by the time they took her down.

Attending the Haliburton County Huskies playoff game March 12, I was delighted to see the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame has been duplicated on the wall behind the stands at the arena. It pays tribute to 17 athletes – including hockey builders A.J. LaRue and Lenny Salvatori and players Bernie Nicholls, Cody Hodgson, 'Joe' Iles, Glen Dart, and Marla MacNaull. The hall's first home is upstairs at the A.J. LaRue Arena.

In between periods, I noted the township

of Minden Hills has done a good job of decorating the arena and community centre. There are fine display cases in the lobby, featuring championship trophies, photos and memorabilia, all paying tribute to our Highlands sporting glory.

Inside the rink itself, there are banners marking the various team championships over the years. The Huskies logo is painted at centre ice. There is the requisite Canadian flag underneath the score clock. There were plenty of 'Go Huskies Go' posters in the stands.

The atmosphere is always good as a Huskies game here attracts about 500, and even more, in the playoffs. Had it been a better game – the blue and white lost 4-2 – the stands would have been a tad bit more raucous.

Susan was in the lobby flogging Huskies merch. Jess Jackson was running around the arena – as usual – making sure everything was in order. Owner Paul Wilson always presses the flesh. The bar staff and fine folks from Mulligan's were busy upstairs. The kids, as usual, were running around and

having a blast.

There was really only one thing missing – or maybe two or three.

I wondered about the prospect of getting a stuffed Husky – maybe not

a taxidermy one – but a replica, stringing it up on a wire, and running it across the roof every time the Huskies score – along with a blood-curdling dog howl.

Over the years, in Sudbury, there's also been a large inflatable wolf head that the players have skated through.

I also pondered the prospect of a portrait of King Charles II at one end of the arena. With the netting, we would be assured the monarch's face would remain intact throughout the course of his reign.

Meanwhile, we are down two games to one in this first-round series with a pivotal match in Cobourg March 14. So, Go Huskies Go!

**By Lisa Gervais**

GUEST COLUMN

Money in my pocket

By Judy Paul, Environment Haliburton!

On Jan. 15, my husband and I received \$200 from the federal government.

The same amount will be deposited in our account in April, July and October. Did you notice a credit on your account on that day? You could be forgiven if you didn't know why you received that money. The wording in my credit union statement was 'pre authorized credit.' That could be a number of things, right?

Formerly known as the 'Climate Action Incentive Payment', this deposit is now called the 'Canada Carbon Rebate' (CCR). Apparently, people have complained online that they do not receive a carbon rebate. If they filed their taxes, however, they would receive a rebate. The CCR is deposited every three months to every household in Canada.

To the dismay of the federal environment minister, banks are not labelling the credit accurately and the federal government is losing an opportunity to demonstrate its commitment to easing the transition away from fossil fuels. Many Canadians don't realize they are getting money back to compensate for the carbon tax paid on

gasoline, heating oil, propane and consumer items.

In Haliburton County, because we are a rural community, we get a slightly higher amount than those who live in areas with public transportation options. In our household, the carbon tax is doing what it was intended to do, which is to help us reduce our use of fossil fuels and electrify. We now receive more money from the rebate than we pay in carbon taxes. How is that possible? Within the last year and a half, we installed a heat pump in our house and bought an electric car from a local dealership. Propane remains our back-up heat source but the amount we use has decreased dramatically.

Contrary to misinformation sources, heat pumps work in cold temperatures. Ours is rated to -25 Celsius. By our calculations, it's a financial win and a win for the climate. Heat pumps and electric cars, however, are not simple and inexpensive purchases. With a combination of savings, rebates, and a loan, we were able to accomplish these goals.

While we appreciated the federal rebates, an additional rebate from the provincial government, like those offered in British

Columbia and Quebec, would have helped. It is challenging for many households and likely impossible for many, to electrify due to the significant upfront costs. Government assistance, like the grants available to switch from oil to a heat pump, are therefore key to enabling the majority of Canadians to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels.

Some politicians want to eliminate carbon pricing and other taxes. Taxes are an investment in the well-being of citizens and the planet. The carbon tax/rebate system is a way to address both the cost-of-living crisis and the climate crisis. We need more programs that put us on the path to greater economic security and planetary health. To facilitate this shift, governments could insist that the minimum wage be a living wage, ensure there is affordable daycare, housing and dental care, and implement a guaranteed livable basic income.

These initiatives will do more to contribute to the flourishing of citizens, communities, and our natural world than cutting taxes. Perhaps when people understand they are actually receiving rebates, we might hear "rebates are great", instead of 'axe the tax.'

Correction: In 'McFaddens and hungry kids the winners' (*The Highlander*, March 7), we said a fundraiser organized by Vince Duchene and Troy Austen raised \$1,100 for Trillium Lakelands District School Boards' Feed All Four Foundation program. It actually raised \$8,100. We apologize for the error.

HAVE AN OPINION?

Send your letters to editor@thehighlander.ca
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PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Left: Fred Pyziak sent this photo, captioned ‘some Blue Jays steal bases, others steal peanuts.’ Right: ‘Cabin in the Woods’ by W.J. Meharg, West Lake, Dysart et al.

LETTERS

Good politicians are good people

Dear editor,

Mr. Poilievre, and what has become the Regressive Conservative Party, are in favour of cutting Canada’s aid to Ukraine.

Does anyone remember how this world stood by while Hitler invaded and devastated Poland?

Russia and Canada are in dispute over land claims now. Do we remember why the Dew Line was built?

As Putin and Trump, Poilievre, too, seems to have a great thirst for undisputed power. This is scary, particularly as our planet burns.

Politicians of every stripe should not be only interested in their own job and personal party power – good politicians are good people, who work as a team across party lines to find solutions for all, to save our planet and all its inhabitants.

Do we remember that this is how Canada got Universal Health Care (CCF/NDP Tommy Douglas working with the Liberal government of the day?) And, most recently, (again thanks to the NDP and Liberals) achieving Canada’s Dental Plan and newly-introduced PharmaCare Bill.

Using fear, misinformation and anger to create and fuel division does not belong in politics, does not protect democracy, and will not serve to protect our planet or fix what is broken in our country, or in our world.

Working together, finding common ground and building just solutions – is what governing is about – it is what we want for our families, our communities, our planet.

The value of learning from history is to help prevent us from repeating mistakes and committing atrocities. It is also a very valuable roadmap for continuing to build on accomplishments toward achieving an equitable society and healthier planet.

Fred Phipps
Haliburton

All we hear are...crickets

Dear editor,

I support the concerted attempts by Christine and Jim Legge to question Dysart council on why STRs are allowed to operate businesses in residential zones.

Subsequent to their Jan. 23 presentation to Dysart council, Mayor Murray Fearrey agreed to look into this question of legality of STRs in residential zones.

Based on a subsequent letter submitted by Christine and Jim Legge to *The Highlander*, published March 7, they are still waiting for a response, along with other concerned residents.

It is not only extremely disappointing, but discouraging and frustrating when council does not respond to constituent concerns and follow up with a public consultation about the legality of STRs in residential zones.

Unfortunately, all we can hear are... crickets

Jaan and Patty Luubert
Dysart

Editor’s note: Dysart et al planner Jeff Iles has since responded to the Luuberts.



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AROUND THE COUNTY NEWS

HSAD offers public courses all-year long

HSAD's 2024 course calendar is out. Copies can be picked up at the Haliburton campus and an online version is also available. Registration opened March 1.

The college said this year's calendar brings some big changes to programming and continuing education at HSAD. Some continuing ed programs have already begun, with classes running throughout the winter months. Wednesday evening courses run over a six-week period for those unable to take classes during the day. Saturday workshops focus on new techniques taught in one day.

Full summer programming begins in June and runs until August. The summer months also feature HSAD's Wednesday evening art talks and Thursday evening entertainment in the Great Hall.

There are new courses in video game design, improv comedy and jazz band. Book lovers can sign up for one of three courses celebrating the written word beginning in September. Young artists can spend time in HSAD's studios learning glassblowing, blacksmithing and jewellery making in programs geared to teenagers.

New bus line struggles

After taking over the former TOK Coachlines Haliburton to Toronto bus Feb. 2, Entertainment Tour Travel Inc. has suspended service, blaming low ridership.

An announcement on the company website says, "thanks to all the customers who try to keep the bus service. We try our best but not enough rides at the moment, we will do a reassessment of the bus route."

It went on to say the route – which goes from Haliburton to Lindsay to Bowmanville, Oshawa and Toronto Yorkdale Mall - will be temporarily cancelled until May 1.

In announcing the new service, company spokesman Mark Williams said, "I think it's going to be great. I really do believe it's going to be awesome."

YWCA announces annual bursaries

The YWCA Peterborough Haliburton education awards committee is now accepting applications for its 2024 Hazel Education Bursary.

Applications are due April 18. They are intended to help women who have experienced gender-based violence reach



The Haliburton to Toronto bus run is temporarily suspended. Photo by *entertainmentcoach.ca*.

their goals through education or training.

The YWCA board offers two bursaries of \$1,500 and two bursaries of \$2,500 to women who: have experienced barriers related to the impact of violence and abuse; have a dream to strengthen their economic security; are a resident of Peterborough City/County or Haliburton County and seek to further their formal or informal education, or develop skills.

Women from rural areas will be given special consideration for this award, in honour of Hazel's request.

To learn more or to apply, go to ywcapeterborough.org or contact Emily Jensen at 705-743-3526 ext. 120 or by email at ejensen@ywcapeterborough.org. (Around the County news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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A student discusses his work at a previous U-Links Celebration of Research event. *File.*

U-Links celebration studies ‘key’ issues

By Mike Baker

Benthic assessments of local waterways, wetlands analysis, localized seismic activity monitoring, and a study of native apple trees in Haliburton County are all on the agenda as U-Links gets ready to host its annual celebration of research.

This year’s event is happening March 23 at Haliburton School of Art + Design and features 21 projects led by student researchers over the past year, said Frank Figuli, U-Links’ program coordinator.

“This is an opportunity for project hosts and the community at large to hear presentations, ask questions about the outcomes of the research and to network with other community members,” Figuli said.

For years, U-Links has taken topics pitched by County residents and matched them with students from Fleming College, Trent University, and, new this year, Metropolitan Toronto University (MTU), to help identify issues, and find solutions, to various

environmental, social, economic, and cultural concerns in the Highlands.

The celebration provides a platform for students to present their findings and is also a great way for the community to learn more about various important topics, Figuli said.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, U-Links has facilitated over 300 research initiatives in the years since inception.

There will be four projects showcased this year, with students discussing their findings during short, 10-minute presentations. Carmen Galea, a student at MTU, has been working alongside Luba Cargill, founder of ATIP Haliburton, to identify native apple tree locations across the County. Cargill recently told *The Highlander* more than 170 locations have been identified, including 10 orchards.

“The long-term ambition... is to revitalize the heritage apple industry for Haliburton County, addressing things like opportunities for tourism, but also increasing the food security factor and finding ways to keep

food production more localized,” Figuli said, noting Galea had spent roughly four months on the project.

Trent University students Ainsley Tagett, Emily Colautti, and Jess Livingstone led a four-month investigation of wetlands north of Grace Lake last year. Figuli said the idea was to grade the wetland to determine its eligibility for provincially significant status.

Students from Fleming College’s geological technician program carried out seismic activity monitoring on Grace Lake after finding evidence that a fault line runs under the body of water and will be presenting their findings at the event.

There will also be a presentation showcasing results of a benthic macroinvertebrate assessment on Kawagama Lake, led by Trent University student Trinity Torejós.

Figuli said benthic assessments were also completed on Koshlong, Haliburton and Gull lake systems, with an aquatic invasive

species inventory completed for Kennis Lake.

Sean Campbell, executive director of Union Cooperative in Kitchener-Waterloo, will serve as the event’s keynote speaker, discussing ways to bring innovative housing projects online in small communities. Figuli said this is an important topic, with U-Links recently partnering with local residents Fay Martin, Fay Wilkinson, and Dave Wilfong, and grad students from Trent, to look into housing alternatives for Haliburton County. He expects results of that project will be available in the fall.

“I’m excited for this year’s celebration – I think we’re going to get a good turnout... there will be lots of great updates and information shared. If you want to learn about what’s going on in Haliburton County, this is a great thing to come out for,” Figuli said.

The celebration runs from 12:30 to 3 p.m. For more information, visit ulinks.ca.



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Recreation Committee

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To view the Terms of Reference for the Environment and Stewardship and Recreation Committees please visit the Township's website at <https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/municipal-services/committees/>

Any person having an interest in being appointed to the Environment and Stewardship Committee or the Recreation Committee is invited to submit an expression of interest no later than March 27, 2024, to the attention of:

Dawn Newhook, Clerk/Deputy CAO

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Mary and Shannon Hulme have brought The Porch Doctor to Haliburton County.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

New business hopes to transform Highlands outdoor spaces

By Lisa Gervais

Shannon Hulme got his first taste of construction in Haliburton County when he worked on the MNRF headquarters in Algonquin Highlands.

He started in the trade in 2000, beginning as a labourer, then a licensed carpenter, site supervisor, and clerk of works, or contract administration. He looked after three courthouse projects, 17 or 18 OPP forensics units, and four MNRF projects, including the one in the County in 2015.

Born and raised in southwestern Ontario, he met his American-born wife, Mary, when the two were doing a spartan race on a mountain in Quebec. She moved to Canada seven years ago from downtown Chicago.

They started a business called The Porch Doctor in 2017. And, two years ago in July, the couple and their children moved permanently to the Highlands.

They said their focus is on transforming outdoor spaces, primarily using premium waterproof deck coatings and custom aluminum railings. They specialize in a product called Flexstone. Shannon said it's used on decks and flat roofs, porches, patios, balconies, sun decks, garage floors, pool decks, industrial floors, and wooden decks.

He noted it's a seamless system with a 20-year warranty. As for the railings, Shannon said they come in four colours and have a 25-year warranty. They are also going to offer supply-only of PVC decking, fencing and railings. Next year, they will stock it.

Since finding Flexstone, Shannon, who's become a certified installer, estimates they've done about 1,000 porches and balconies, and six multi-story apartment buildings. "Not just anybody can install."

The couple think the Highlands – with its

lakes and cottages – is a good home for what they are offering.

Shannon takes care of the construction, while Mary – who has a university degree in graphic design – does the sales and marketing. She is also on the board of Abbey Gardens.

They want to be part of the community. Mary said she joined the board two years ago because she wants to help make a difference. Shannon does some maintenance work onsite there. Their daughter works at the Hub.

The plan is to make their property on Hwy. 118, just down the road from Abbey Gardens, into a bit of a showroom. Shannon is in the process of building a deck. "Everybody driving by is going to see a built deck with what we're offering." He's already built a 30 by 50-ft shop. The two plan to be at this year's home show.

"Basically, we don't have competition," Shannon said. "We want to work with everybody. We're trying to fit in. We're a niche product."

Mary added they would be an addition for a builder manufacturing a house. "It's more of kind of finishing, but also fixing issues as well, for example if there's a crack in a pool deck. So, it's a solution and also an addition."

As for their goals, Shannon said, "becoming a recognized brand up here that people trust and rely on, and providing new spaces for people to enjoy, and partnering with the local businesses to just provide something new."

Mary added, "just integrate into the community, helping people boost their curb appeal... it could help sell a property, or just for them to enjoy themselves."

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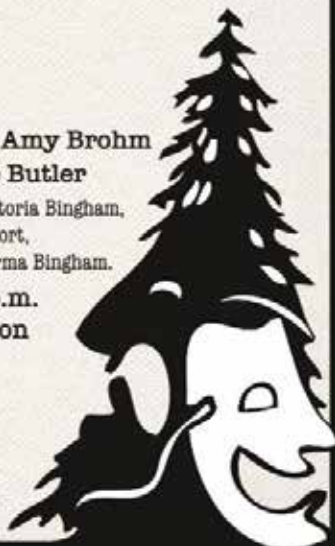
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Halco Electronics pulling the plug

By Lisa Gervais

On a weekday afternoon, customers pop into The Source – Halco Electronics to wish owner Don van Nood and long-time employee, Ryan Urquhart, well as the two prepare to close the long-established Haliburton store this month.

They officially end their lease at 160 Highland St. March 31 but will likely start winding down the week before.

They are selling stock as well as business furnishings.

Van Nood has owned the shop since opening the May 24, 1999 weekend. This year would have been 25 years.

Bell announced Jan. 18 it was winding down operations at The Source, transitioning 165 stores to Best Buy Express, with the remainder closing.

Van Nood said it didn't make economic sense to continue – and he could not find a buyer – so decided it was finally time to retire.

"The economic climate was not conducive to continuing, and The Source closing their shops at the

same time made it uneconomical to continue. That was part of it."

After a quarter of a century as a Highland Street mainstay, the proprietor said it was the end of an era. "As far as the world of electronics goes, we've worked with Radio Shack, then Circuit City, then The Source by Circuit City, and then Bell, and right now we're working with Best Buy. It's been a long run."

He added they will miss their long-time customers, of whom many have become friends. There are also some aspects of the business they won't miss, such as a 2018 robbery. Van Nood joked he won't miss the downtown traffic and gridlock coming to, and going home from, work. He is looking forward to spending more time with two young grandchildren.

Urquhart has been with the business for 25 years, joining as a high school co-op student. Van Nood said he is like a son.

"It's emotional... it's going to be a change for sure," Urquhart commented.



Owner Don van Nood and long-time employee Ryan Urquhart. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Stop, collaborate and listen at The Space

The Space in Haliburton is offering drop-in workshops, as well as open studio time.

Owner Scott Walling has already begun his 'stop, collaborate and listen' sessions, which are being held Tuesdays until April 2.

Coming up, on March 19, is 'thrifted frame treasures.' Walling describes it as "bring new life to your thrifted art treasures. Whether it's just a frame that needs some

love, you want to re-mat an artwork, or it's a whole new makeover, I'm here to help."

The next offering is on March 26. It is 'needle-felted gnomes.' Walling is urging people to "craft an adorable felt gnome to add a touch of whimsy to your home or as a present for a loved one."

On April 2, it's all about 'working digitally' with an opportunity to learn

what is possible working in Photoshop, Lightroom and Illustrator. People can register for the workshops, with starting times of 1, 3 and 6 p.m. on offer

Walling said, "if you want a space to create with some materials, feedback/critique or just someone to work and talk art with, whether you're a seasoned artist or just discovering your own creative side,

The Space welcomes everyone to join in, let your imagination run wild."

Open studios run Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Stop in and create. Collaborate on some work, try your hand at something new and see what hidden talents you have," Walling said. Follow them on @thespace_hali (Lisa Gervais).



NOTICE

ADOPTION OF 2024 BUDGET

NOTICE is provided that the Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-law to adopt the 2024 Municipal Budget at its Regular Meeting scheduled for **Thursday March 21, 2024.**

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands commencing at 9:00 AM. 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 13th day of March 2024.

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Highlands Opera Studio is excited for the 2024 performing season. *Submitted.*

County-written classic returning at the opera

By Mike Baker

Highlands Opera Studio (HOS) has released its 2024 season lineup with *Mishaboos's Realm*, a traditional Indigenous story created specifically for the local group, one of two featured operas – making its first appearance in Haliburton County in seven years.

HOS co-artistic director, Valerie Kuinka, said there's lots for classical music enthusiasts to sink their teeth into this year. Celebrating their 18th season in the Highlands, HOS has 17 performances lined up for July and August.

Mishaboos's Realm, written by Cree First Nation composer Andrew Balfour, will run for two nights Aug. 15 and 17 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

"It was conceived as a sesquicentennial project... with the intention of building a reconciliatory work combining a sort of cultural interaction between western opera and traditional Indigenous storytelling," Kuinka said. "It tells the story of creation, colonization and hope for the future."

Given the continued findings of residential school burial grounds in recent years, coupled with what Kuinka says is a complete lack of societal attention to murdered and missing Indigenous women, she feels it's important to bring this production back.

"There are lots of very serious issues we deal with, and we've had more talks about how to appropriately portray them in a short, but powerful work. It's all about educating people and bringing these things to the front of people's mind," Kuinka said.

The Barber of Seville is the other feature presentation, with

four performances Aug. 22 to 25, also at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

"It's a hilarious opera... from Bugs Bunny cartoons to movie soundtracks, *The Barber of Seville*, by Rossini, is one of the most popular and recognizable Italian comic operas," she said. "Join us for the hilarious antics as Figaro helps Almaviva outwit the doddering and conniving Bartolo for the hand of the beautiful Rosina. Fun for all ages."

There are four concerts scheduled, featuring local HOS acts – 'Opera to Broadway' Aug. 1 at St. George's Anglican Church; 'Pop Goes the Opera' Aug. 7 at St. George's Anglican Church; 'Celebrations' Aug. 10 at Abbey Gardens Performance Tent; and 'Homecoming' Aug. 19 at St. George's Anglican Church.

Kuinka is also excited to bring back four community pay-what-you-can events – giving everyone the chance to catch HOS in action. 'Why Choose Opera' is pencilled in for July 29 at Abbey Gardens Performance Tent; 'Music on the Water' Aug. 3, a beach opera on a lake to be decided in Haliburton County; 'Casual Song Soiree' Aug. 12 at St. George's Anglican Church; and a surprise pop-up performance Aug. 16 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

"I'm excited every year to bring this art form to Haliburton County. It's a challenging time in the world... it seems today, there's not much room for the arts. But music is fun. Bringing light and beauty into the world is our main purpose," Kuinka said.

Tickets at highlandsoperastudio.com, or by calling 1-855-455-5533 and using the code 'Highlander24'.



That's a rap-tor

Oohs and aahs could be heard from all corners of the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre March 12 as the facility hosted a Predator Prowl educational workshop. The event was a big hit, with more than 30 people attending the afternoon session, which featured a tour of the wolf centre and presentation from Royal Canadian Falconry. Another Predator Prowl is scheduled for March 16.

Top: Amy MacAlpine of Royal Canadian Falconry introduces guests to Skye, an eight-year-old Gyrfalcon. Middle: Seven-year-old Olive shows off a falcon feather following the workshop. Above: A crowd of people piled into the theatre room at the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre to learn more about flying feathered predators from Amy MacAlpine of Royal Canadian Falconry. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

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March break at Sir Sam's

Sir Sam's Ski/Ride was a flurry of activity March 12 as hundreds of skiers and snowboarders took to the slopes for some March Break fun. While the weather was warm, the snow held up throughout the day.

With the kids off for March Break, families took the opportunity to have some fun in the snow while it's still around. *Photos by Mike Baker.*



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Symposium to feature top apple experts

By Mike Baker

If County resident Luba Cargill has her way, Haliburton will soon be competing with New York City over the nickname ‘The Big Apple’.

Having launched ATIP Haliburton last year – an organization committed to finding and promoting the existence of apple trees in the Highlands – Cargill has organized a two-day symposium May 16 and 17, which she says will bring some of the continent’s top apple identifiers and researchers to the community.

It all comes after a game-changing discovery late last year, which Cargill said proves the existence of native Haliburton apples.

“The provincial government has established a line showing where apples grow in Ontario, and Haliburton County is north of that line. Apples shouldn’t grow here, but we know now that they do,” Cargill said, referencing an 1890 edition of *The Canadian Horticulturalist*, which discusses the Haliburton apple.

After a County-based reader mailed two apple samples to the publication, accompanied with a letter, the now defunct magazine published a response, saying, “this is no doubt a purely local apple.” It was described as medium in size and a pale-yellow colour, save for the side exposed to the sun, which turns carmine red marked with splashes and streaks of a deeper hue.

Cargill credited this discovery to Steve Hill, recently retired curator of the Haliburton

Highlands Museum.

“It’s such an important find, because it proves to us that apples have grown in Haliburton County for well over a century,” Cargill said.

Since launching ATIP Haliburton, Cargill said she’s identified 177 apple tree locations, including 10 orchards, the smallest featuring about 10 trees and the biggest more than 200.

When putting plans together for the symposium, Cargill said her primary goal was to provide information to people that own apple trees on how to properly care for and cultivate them. Then, following the Haliburton apple discovery, she decided she wanted to get into the history of apples in the County.

She was discussing a potential itinerary with friends, who said Cargill should reach out to renowned apple hunter and orchardist, Tom Brown. Based in North Carolina, Brown spends much of his time searching for lost heirloom apple varieties across North America.

He is one of five keynote speakers at the symposium, joining Helen Humphries, author of *The Ghost Orchard*; Brian Husband, a University of Guelph professor and lead of the Ontario Heritage and Feral Apple Project; Pauline Plooard, of Haliburton County Master Gardeners, who will discuss her group’s heritage apple project; and Carmen Galea, ATIP Haliburton coordinator, who will provide a historical context and preliminary inventory of apple trees in the County.



Luba Cargill hopes to make her upcoming ‘All About Apple Trees’ symposium an annual event. *Submitted.*

There will be other speakers throughout the two-day event, including Aisha Malik of Harvest Haliburton, Gena Robertson of SIRCH Community Services, and Scott Ovell, the County’s director of economic development and tourism, who will address the benefits of apple trees for food security, climate, business, and tourism.

“We don’t have many large events in May. This will be very educational, people will

learn a lot about apples... then enjoy a drive around the County for our self-directed apple blossom tour,” Cargill said. “I’d really like to see this become a big, annual, recurring event.”

The symposium will be held in Haliburton village May 16 and 17, location to be determined. For more information, visit appletreeshaliburton.ca.

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Toothless Huskies down in first round

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Huskies find themselves in a hole, down two games to one, in their OJHL first round playoff series against the Cobourg Cougars.

Boasting home ice advantage, the blue and white enjoyed a perfect start to the post-season March 9, downing the Cougars 3-2 in overtime in front of 625 fans at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in the series' opening match, before dropping game two 6-1 in Cobourg March 11, and game three 4-2 on Tuesday evening in Minden.

The atmosphere was electric inside a sold-out arena on Saturday afternoon as the Huskies kickstarted their post-season with a win. Patrick Saini got the home side off to the perfect start 9:59 into the opening frame, burying one past Cougars netminder Ryan Piros to send the home fans into a frenzy. The captain's tally was assisted by fellow 20-year-old forward, Charlie Fink.

Alex Bradshaw doubled the lead at 16:57, assisted by Saini and Ethan Wright, as the Huskies took control. They looked comfortable through to the end of the second, with goaltender Brett Fullerton in peak form, turning away 23 shots across the two periods.

The Cougars came roaring back in the third, Michael De Sousa finding an answer for Fullerton at 1:54, assisted by Riley Pitt and Matt Mueller to make it a one-goal game. They peppered the Huskies goal throughout the period, outshooting the home side 16-3, but struggled to find another way past Fullerton.

With the clock ticking down, defenceman Tyson Rismond took a tripping penalty at 18:04, with Saini handed a second tripping minor at 19:24. The Cougars' Jack Falkner made them pay, beating the buzzer to tie the game at 19:59 on a six-on-three powerplay, with Piros on the bench.

The Huskies weren't to be denied though, Saini helping himself to the game-winner 5:45 into the extra frame, assisted by Fink and Noah Lodoen.

Cougars 6 Huskies 1

It was a much different story on the road in Cobourg on Monday evening, with the Cougars dominating much of the game.

Trevor Hoskin, the OJHL's regular season points leader, notched his first of the series 12:03 into the first, assisted by Falkner and Pitt. Jordan Fuller extended the lead three minutes later on assists from Andy Reist and Parker Petruniak. Jonathan Kapageridis made it a three-goal game 2:18 into the second, assisted by Michael De Sousa and Lucas Stanojevic.

The Huskies showed some fight – Lucas Marshall making it a game at 6:43, assisted by Saini and Lodoen. After the Cougars' Jesse English was sent to the box for boarding at 14:35, the Huskies powerplay went to work, but couldn't find a way past Piros. Stanojevic stuck a dagger in Haliburton hearts at 15:58, scoring shorthanded to give Cobourg a 4-1 lead at the end of the second.

While the Huskies outshot their opponents in the third, it was to no avail – Hoskin added a fifth for the Cougars two minutes into the final frame, chasing Fullerton from the Huskies net, with all-star rookie Logan Kennedy brought in. He made three saves on four shots – giving up the game's final goal to Logan Kelly on the powerplay at the 12-minute mark.

The Huskies ran up multiple penalties as the game drew to a close – Lucas Vacca earning a two minute minor for roughing and game misconduct for unsportsmanlike conduct, Milic two-minutes for cross checking, Lucas Stevenson two-minutes for slashing, Aidan Yarde two-minutes for roughing and a game misconduct for unsportsmanlike conduct, and Fink ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Cougars 4 Huskies 2

The Huskies were chasing their tail for much of Tuesday's match-up in Minden. While the home side started well, they found themselves a goal behind after just



Lucas Stevenson questions a referee call. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

five minutes, with Matt Mueller firing past Fullerton after being teed up by Kapageridis and Jack Lowry.

Fuller extended Cobourg's lead 3:38 into the second, assisted by Hoskin. Saini made it a one-goal game at 16:01, scoring on the powerplay from Milic and Ty Petrou after Owen McKinnon's two-minute slashing minor.

It was a tense opening to the third, with the Huskies digging in to kill off a two-minute Rismond boarding penalty. They had a powerplay opportunity of their own a few minutes in, after Kelly was sent to the box for tripping, but couldn't find a way past the

impressive Piros.

Andy Reist scored his first of the series at 8:01 on the powerplay after Antonio Cerqua was punished for tripping. Mueller made sure of the result at 13:26, assisted by Hoskin and Fuller, who had a three-point night. Saini added a late consolation for the Huskies at 19:07, giving him his sixth point of the series.

The Huskies are back in action tonight on the road in Cobourg, with Game 5 back in Haliburton March 16. Game 6, if needed, is in Cobourg March 17, with Game 7 in Haliburton March 19.

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Top: Patrick Saini prepares for a faceoff. Middle: Huskies players and coaching staff watch intently from the bench. Above: Saini makes a power move towards the Cougars net.
Photos by Lisa Gervais.

Playoff schedule

- **Game 4:** March 14, 7 p.m. Cobourg
- **Game 5:** March 16, 4 p.m. Minden
- **Game 6:** March 17, 5:30 p.m. Cobourg
- **Game 7:** March 19, 7 p.m., Minden



Jerry and Dale Walker are arranging a bus to Cobourg for the game on Thursday evening, leaving Haliburton at 3:30 from Haliburton Home Hardware and 3:50 from Minden Home Hardware. The cost is \$40 cash only per person. If you are interested in reserving a seat, call Dale Walker at 705-457-3134. There are 50 seats available on a first come basis and tickets can be purchased at Saturday’s game.

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in Everett Bjelis, Miller Brown, and James Hamilton.

Going into MPSL playoffs, we were confident it was our bracket to lose, but unfortunately came up short in the semifinals.

Overall, a tremendous developmental season filled with lots of fun and great memories. It was a very tight knit group, always supportive of each other on and off the ice; working together to bring everyone's skill set forward as a team.

A special thank you to Rachel Smith for all of her hard work in managing our team.

All the parents and bench staff - of Stefan Bjelis, Chris Bishop, and Ryan Emmerson - are very proud of this group in all of their accomplishments this season. It was a pleasure coaching this great group of players. (Submitted).

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we played as a team to have everyone get a point.

All the other players showed so much improvement throughout the year. The team came together after the Christmas break and only lost one game.

Myself and all the other coaches; Jeff, Mike, and Jamie are so proud of our boys and girls.

Lastly, I need to speak of our AP U9 players. Nolan and Cohen Carpenter and Jackson Little. They supported all year from the stands and at practice until they were able to play. The three boys were a vital part of our success once they joined us as well. (Submitted by coach Kevin).

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Open Sky Jiu Jitsu owner and instructor, Veroncia Abrenica, with some of her students at the Norland studio. Submitted.

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Special guest professor Andrew Buckley, a first-degree Jiu Jitsu black belt, came to support the event as students of Open Sky leveled up their skills in the art of Jiu Jitsu, owner and instructor Veronica Abrenica said.

The results of this grading are as follows:

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- Grey White Belt 1st degree: Audrey and Teagan Legassie, Braxton Parro, Rhea Skinner.
- Grey White Belt 2nd degree: Tally Diesberger.
- Grey White Belt 4th degree: Ava Joseph-Hill. (Lisa Gervais).



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March 20, 7:30 p.m.

The Lake Kashagawigamog Association (LKO) presents 'Love your Lake', a new seminar series held over Zoom. Sgt. Dave Moffatt, a provincial marine and ATV coordinator with the OPP, will discuss boat safety and provide updates on rule changes for 2024. To register, visit lko.ca.

March 21, 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Aging Together as Community town hall meeting at the Haliburton Legion. Join this local group as it shares the results of its ATAC community survey and creates a plan for next steps. Light refreshments provided. RSVP by March 18, contact agingtogetherhc@gmail.com.

March 22, 6:30 p.m.

Skyline Dance Studio presents its Skyline Showcase at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Includes solo, duet, trio, all levels of competitive tap, jazz, and ballet. There will be two further shows March 23, at 2 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets on sale now. For more information, visit skylinedancestudio.ca.

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In Loving Memory of
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Peacefully at Extendicare Haliburton on Friday March 8, 2024, Don passed away in his 87th year. Son of the late Alllen & Effie Grozelle. Best friend and husband to the late Deborah Grozelle (nee Brown). Loving father to Melissa (Mike), Cam (Bonnie), Donald Jr. (Kendi), Sean (Joan), Dean (Kim), Kerry (Mary), and Candace. Fondly remembered by his many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear brother of Roger & Keith (Diana) and sister Mabel. Predeceased by his son Kelly and by his brothers Bruce, Ranald, John and by his sister Linda. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Don lived a peaceful and quiet life at his home in the Highlands.

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer Society or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13525 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.



In Loving Memory of
Peter Baumgartner
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Monday morning, March 11, 2024 in his 98th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Pauline Baumgartner (nee Schmidt). Loving father of Gary (Elsbeth). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Nicole (Jarod) and Gregory (Christine) and by his great grandchildren Rhett, Scottie, Pierce and Lennon. Predeceased by his brother Rudolf (Elfriede). Also remembered by his daughter-in-law Linda Baumgartner, by his nieces Sabine, Lisa, nephew Stephen and his many friends. Peter & Pauline owned and operated Locarno Resort in Haliburton for many years before retiring.

Celebration Of Life

A Celebration of Peter's life will take place at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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Self-motivated applicants must be able to work outdoors with minimal supervision. A valid Ontario Class 'DZ' licence is required along with an acceptable abstract. A Criminal Reference Check will be required. Pursuant to CUPE Local #2142 the rate of pay is \$24.51 per hour based on a 40-hour work week.

A detailed job description is on our website at www.dysartetal.ca

Interested individuals are invited to email a detailed resume and cover letter to:
Sonja Marx, HR Manager
hr@dysartetal.ca

No Later Than 12:00 pm Wednesday, March 20th, 2024.

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



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

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Interested individuals are invited to email a detailed resume and cover letter to:

Sonja Marx, HR Manager
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Closing date is 12:00pm on March 20th, 2024

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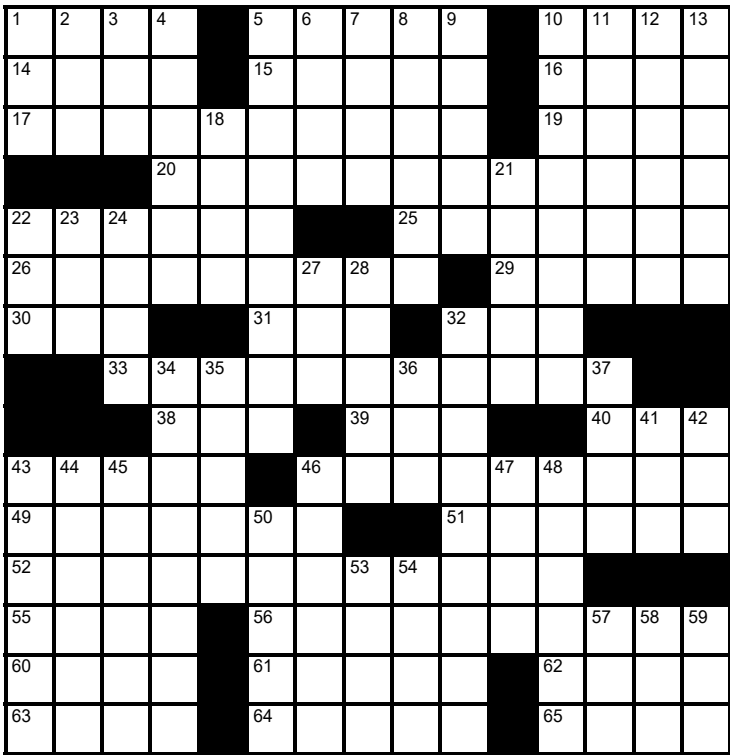
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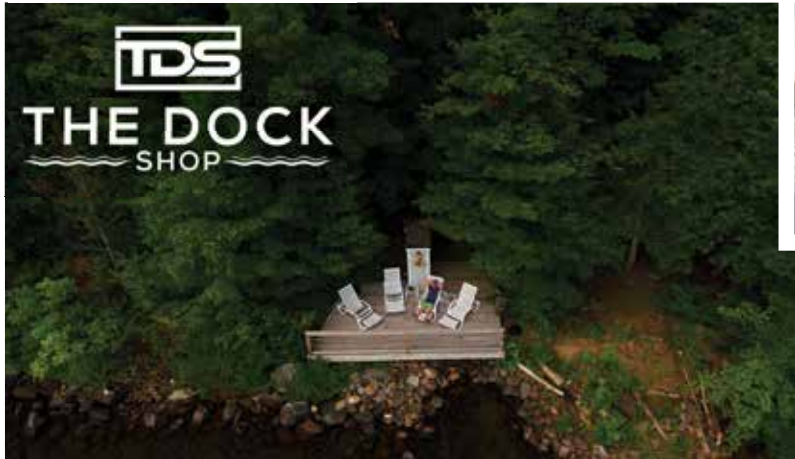
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- Across**
- 1 "Monkey on Your Back" singer ___ Nova
 - 5 "Warm," in a searching game
 - 10 Tepid assessment
 - 14 "In ___ of flowers ..."
 - 15 Rock guitarist Eddie Van ___
 - 16 "It's either him ___"
 - 17 Abandoned
 - 19 "We ___ what we sow"
 - 20 Advice to a kidnapper?
 - 22 Nursery rhyme sheep keeper
 - 25 Linus, to Lucy
 - 26 Advice to a debt payer who's short on funds?
 - 29 Fancy feed for many
 - 30 "___ heard" ("They told me")
 - 31 Prefix with natal or Nazi
 - 32 1942 movie "gal"
 - 33 Advice to a court plaintiff?
 - 38 Watch display letters
 - 39 90° from SSW
 - 40 Slalom turn
 - 43 Canada's Walk of Fame singer McLauchlan
 - 46 Advice to André the Giant?
 - 49 Former
 - 51 Its eyes are peeled?
 - 52 Advice to a worker in a no-tip restaurant?
 - 55 Flat-footed?
 - 56 Spends uselessly, as time
 - 60 Do hard labour
 - 61 "Chapeaux" holders
 - 62 Room in a "casa"
 - 63 Parisian airport
 - 64 Uncages
 - 65 Harper or Chrétien, for short
- Down**
- 1 100%
 - 2 Emulate Pinocchio
 - 3 Rockers ___ Leppard
 - 4 Electrical socket
 - 5 Rendered less classy
 - 6 Actor Bert on the Yellow Brick Road
 - 7 Screen stars Lena or Ken
 - 8 Here at the request of
 - 9 Planet of the Ewoks
 - 10 Predict, as future events
 - 11 She wanted R-E-S-P-E-C-T
 - 12 Mind's eye sights
 - 13 Present the news
 - 18 Network on the telly, with "the"
 - 21 Like lite food
 - 22 Groups of corp. directors
 - 23 Three love letter hugs
 - 24 Professor in a Nabakov novel
 - 27 Sun. address



- 28 Egypt's Mubarak
- 32 Slope grade
- 34 In a tickled pink way
- 35 TV content blocker
- 36 It's sealed with a lick: Abbr.
- 37 Pound of poetry
- 41 Real estate rep, e.g.: Abbr.
- 42 Pres. Washington
- 43 In order that
- 44 Royal Canadian Navy emblem
- 45 Draw back in horror
- 46 Lusty lounge lizard
- 47 Captains' journals
- 48 Feeling unpressured
- 50 Work week cal. headings
- 53 Sexologist Shere ___
- 54 Sailor's safe side
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