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INSIDE: HOME AND COTTAGE SHOW PULLOUT

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Taze Wilson, 10, flies down a ramp at the new Haliburton Junction Skate Park this week. The park opened May 25. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

Provincial candidates square off at the Pinestone

By Mark Arike

Many familiar issues were raised at Monday's all-candidates debate at the Pinestone Resort.

They ranged from job creation to youth mental health to high hydro rates

Six provincial candidates touted their parties' platforms and several criticized current and former governments for

failing Ontarians. After opening speeches, moderator Jim Blake presented questions from event organizers, the local CARP chapter and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

CARP asked what the candidates would do to help seniors facing a variety of challenges, including a lack of long-term care and transportation services.

Libertarian Gene Balfour said his party

doesn't believe it should have to solve all of society's problems. However, it will eliminate government-granted monopolies.

"We're going to eliminate the regulations that enforce monopolies so that non-government enterprises can come into the marketplace and provide services the government cannot provide today," said Balfour.

Brooklynne Cramp-Waldinsperger said the

Liberals have opened 10,000 long-term care beds and are committed to making another 30,000 available in the next 10 years. She also said that more than 4,400 medications are covered by the OHIP+ program for seniors 65 and older.

"We understand that seniors have put so much into their communities, and they deserve to retire with pride and dignity," she said.

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Seniors and business issues discussed at forum

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Chuck MacMillan of the Consensus Ontario party said high electricity costs and property tax are “unfair.” He’s seen many seniors having to return to work to get by.

“We would work together with the seniors—not just about long-term beds—but also putting money back in their pockets so they can have a decent living,” said MacMillan, who would love it if seniors didn’t have to pay any taxes.

NDP candidate Zac Miller said his party will cut hydro rates by 30 per cent and eliminate time-of-use billing. Other strategies include building 65,000 affordable housing units, implementing rent controls, and universal dental and

pharma care.

None of the Above party candidate Thomas Rhyno said he wants constituents to tell him what to do.

“We want to send information packages to you guys, so you can tell us where the care needs to be and where the money needs to go,” he said, adding “it’s going to be super easy for you guys.”

Incumbent MPP Laurie Scott said the Conservatives will “put more money in your pockets” by reducing hydro 12 per cent, income taxes, and gas by 10 cents a litre. More long-term care beds are needed, stressed Scott.

The chamber asked how candidates plan to strengthen businesses and foster job creation.

Miller answered first, saying his party plans to buy 33 per cent of their goods and services from small businesses. He said universal dental care would be an incentive to employees. They also plan to invest in agricultural businesses.

Rhyno said there will be a lot of “mess-ups” to clean up from past governments.

“I’m going to work hard to do it and you’re going to help me do it, too,” he said.

Scott agreed that business owners are facing too much red tape. She supports decreasing hydro rates and business tax.

Balfour, a former professional recruiter for IT jobs, said it’s important to have fewer government regulations, reduce taxation and extraneous costs.

Cramp-Waldinsperger said the Liberals will invest \$500 million into small businesses and cut the tax rate from 4.5 to 3.5 per cent.

MacMillan’s party wants to establish a job creation grant for businesses to create 200,000 jobs and promote shopping locally.

The Green party’s candidate, Lynn Therien, did not attend.



Thomas Rhyno, None of the Above Party candidate, said he wants to put the power in the people’s hands. Photo by Mark Arike.

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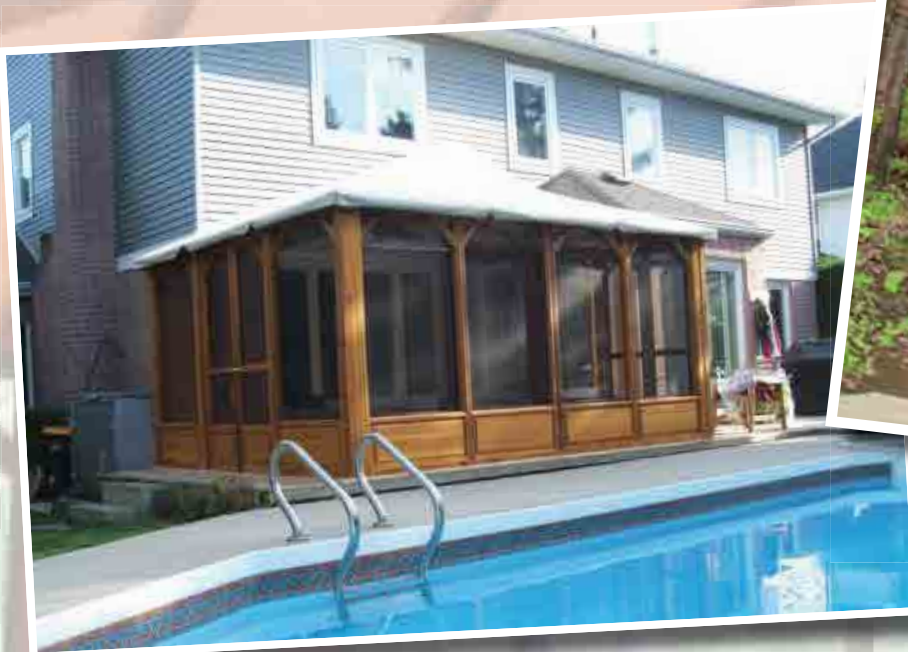
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Store employee Ryan Urquhart sweeps up broken glass on Wednesday morning. Photo by Mark Arike.

Smash and grab at The Source

By Mark Arike

Police are investigating a burglary that occurred at The Source in Haliburton during the wee hours of Wednesday. Store owner Don van Nood estimates that more than \$10,000 in items and cash were stolen. "It's disturbing," said van Nood in an interview.

The suspect, or suspects, smashed the glass of the front door around 3:38 a.m., he said. They stole cell phones, memory cards, the cash register and less than \$1,000 in cash. They also took several Rotary car draw tickets and proceeds. van Nood was alerted to the break-in by the alarm company. Soon thereafter,

police arrived on scene to gather evidence. Cameras in the store captured photos. This hasn't ever happened in the store's 19-year history, he said. van Nood urged the public to remain vigilant. He would like to see more cameras installed in the village and suggested it could be a project of the municipality and the BIA. As of Wednesday, he wasn't sure if insurance would cover the losses. He still had to compile a full list of the stolen items, contact police and the insurance company. The Highlander contacted OPP Const. Dianna Dauphinee for information, but she was unavailable for comment.



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New hall but still no fire chief in Minden Hills

By Lisa Gervais

Minden's new fire hall is a paving job away from completion, but the search for a new fire chief continues.

The Township of Minden Hills is re-advertising the position, temporarily being filled by interim fire chief Mike Bekking after longtime head Doug Schell finished up last Oct. 6.

Mayor Brent Devolin told *The Highlander* in an interview, "we cast the net and had some good candidates and got down to one. We did our due diligence but it didn't shake out to our satisfaction so it's time to cast the

net again."

Despite that, Devolin said they are fortunate that Bekking is remaining on-board until the township can find a full-time replacement.

"We're in the enviable position that our training officer and interim fire chief comes from decades of experience with the Markham Fire Department. He went through, from a volunteer to the size of the force it is today, and, obviously he's hanging around.

"So, we want to get this right."

Devolin added that the township expects to get a call any day now saying that the

asphalt company is coming to pave the parking lot at the recently completed building on Highway 35. At that time, the project will be considered complete and staff and equipment moved in.

The mayor said it makes sense for the hall to be done before bringing in a new hire, so "they're not trying to come into a new job, and a new circumstance and finish up a large capital project.

"So, there were a bunch of reasons why we decided to recast the net again."

Devolin expects they'll have a grand opening date for the new hall in the very near future.

Schell left the township for a job with Haliburton Highlands Health Services in the fall, after being with the municipality for 28 years. He was part of the team that designed the new hall that has been built by Greystone Construction Ltd. of Huntsville.

Ground was broken in July on the hall. It was marred by a roof truss collapse in November that sent two workers to hospital. The near \$2-million project will replace the existing fire hall on Prince Street in downtown Minden which opened in the 1970s and sustained flood damage four years ago.

Redstone Lake cottage ravaged by weekend fire

By Mark Arike

A fire destroyed a cottage and two sheds on Redstone Lake's Hunter Island last Saturday evening.

No one was hurt but the damage is pegged at \$200,000.

Neighbours discovered the blaze after smelling smoke, according to Dysart fire Chief Mike Iles.

They phoned 911 around 8 p.m. and 14 Dysart firefighters showed up in less than half an hour.

They accessed the remote property by boat and discovered the buildings fully engulfed in

flames.

They fought the fire until midnight, said Iles.

Although it isn't deemed suspicious, the cause will likely remain a mystery.

"I can't see anything that tells me 100 per cent what's caused the fire, so I assume it's going to stay undetermined," he told *The Highlander*. Iles took photos at the property and spent much of Sunday investigating the cause.

Iles wasn't sure if the property owners have insurance.

He also didn't know where the owners live full-time.

No one was home at the time of the incident.



This Hunter Island cottage and sheds were on fire when firefighters arrived. Submitted.

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Haliburton youth hub finds a home

By Lisa Harrison

The site of Haliburton’s new youth hub was announced at last week’s hospital board meeting. Stephanie MacLaren of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), a local student and representatives from Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents (PinT) made a presentation. HHHS and PinT will serve as co-leads, with recently-announced provincial government funding flowing through PinT.

PinT executive-director Marg Cox, in a phone interview after the meeting, said that while the amount of provincial government funding has not yet been announced (they asked for close to \$1 million), the PinT board has agreed to proceed with the purchase of the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church on Dysart Ave. as the hub location. The closing date is July 31. The mortgage has been approved by the Haliburton County Development Corporation, which Cox called “a great community partner” and renovations will be required for accessibility.

Haliburton was recently chosen as one of 10 new sites for Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario (YWHO).

YWHO is billed as a “one-stop shop” model that brings together services such as mental health, addictions, primary care, housing, education, employment and more, based in part on feedback from youth and their families.



The Lighthouse Pentecostal Church is the new home of Haliburton’s youth hub.
Photo by Lisa Harrison.

Mary Sisson, a youth justice worker with PinT, told the board the number of students diagnosed with anxiety has risen substantially and there is a growing need for local mental health support services.

“The Youth Wellness Hub is one of the best things we could have happen to us,” the student, Joey, added.

Hub operating hours will depend on the funding amount, said MacLaren. Students from outlying communities will be given transportation home. In addition to community support services, local groups such as Abbey Gardens, Sticks and Stones Productions and the Fleming College campus have all expressed an interest in supporting the hub.

In the follow-up phone interview, MacLaren and Cox said several students toured the church and gave it the thumbs up

in part because it’s located in what they call the “entertainment district, which includes the arena and the new skateboard park, said Cox. They’re already planning new décor.

“I think it’s really a tremendous opportunity for them to inhabit a space of leadership in the community in a way that they perhaps haven’t been able to before, and to see how much esteem and value the community holds for its youth, I think will be huge [for them],” said MacLaren.

The provincial funding will primarily go toward infrastructure, said Cox. Programming will be provided “in a large part” by partner organizations relocating their services or some of their staffing to the hub program.

More information on YWHO is available at youthhubs.ca.

Staff shortage at Haliburton Hospital

By Lisa Harrison

Despite ongoing physician recruitment efforts, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is still facing staffing challenges, especially in the Haliburton hospital emergency department (ED).

In fact, HHHS currently has fewer available physicians than at the same time last year, according to Carolyn Plummer, HHHS chief executive officer. Plummer told the HHHS board at its May 24 meeting that this has increased the pressure to ensure all shifts are covered over the summer months.

The staffing problem was made worse by a new policy from the College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPSO), Plummer reported. Many rural hospitals, including HHHS, have traditionally recruited new graduate physicians who have completed residency programs in rural EDs and are practicing rural family medicine. Now, the CPSO is imposing significant changes that delay these physicians’ availability for ED service by as much as a year. The changes also increase the burden on experienced physicians by requiring supervision of the new graduate for that period and formal backup for the first three months.


Although recruitment efforts have not fully met HHHS needs, they have had some success, according to Plummer.



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It's a landslide ... but then what?

With all due respect to the NDP, Liberal, Consensus and Libertarian candidates – oh, and the late filing Lynn Therien of the Greens and Tom Rhyno of the None Of The Above Party – you're not going to beat PC incumbent Laurie Scott.

Not to knock any of you, but really, university students and fringe parties do not make for much of a contest, especially for Scott, who's akin to royalty in these parts. She's the daughter of the late Bill Scott, a federal MP for an astounding 28 years, who was born and raised just up the road in Kinmount.

She's well-liked in the county. She's a frequent visitor, whether it's attending the funeral of a prominent Haliburtonian, or cutting the ribbon to open up something.

The only blight on her tenure was that decision to give up her seat so John Tory could run for a spot in the Ontario Legislature in 2009. That scheme went horribly awry for Scott and the Progressive Conservative party when Rick Johnson, now one of Ontario's newest Justices of

the Peace, delivered Tory, Scott et al a humbling byelection defeat.

But, next time up – in 2011 – Scott handily put Johnson back in his place. All up, she's been in office around 13 years and counting.

So, come June 7, we'll be hanging out at Scott's election headquarters – likely the Lindsay Golf and Country Club, again – to announce her victory.

But what we'll really be interested in is how her party does on the night. Will Doug Ford defeat Kathleen Wynne as expected? Will the NDP's Andrea Horwath pull off a shocking Bob Rae-esque miracle and deliver the NDP a minority government? Will the Liberals somehow incomprehensibly hold office, perhaps in cahoots with the NDP?

If we emerge June 7 with a PC government, to go along with our PC member of parliament, that is arguably a good thing for us. While Scott has done some good work – on portfolios such as human sex trafficking and doggedly

fighting the high cost of Hydro – she's done it from the Opposition benches for a very long time now. She must be chomping at the bit to form government.

The other big question then becomes what would leader Doug Ford do with her? She is a veteran politician who arguably deserves to be a cabinet minister. But, she also supported Christine Elliott in the PC leadership race. And, although she is the consummate team player – putting out a press release to say she was on board with Ford Nation – we all know – and he knows – he wasn't her choice.

So, the only thing we can predict is a Scott win. As to what colour our province will be when we wake up June 8 – blue, orange, red, we'll have to wait and see. If it does go Tory blue, what role will our Haliburton County royalty have in it? Stay tuned.



By Lisa Gervais

Make your vote count

As we move towards the provincial election, there are some basic ideas and principles we need to get straight in our heads. I'm not going to outright endorse someone here because frankly you shouldn't just vote for someone just because someone says so. My reasons are my reasons, not yours. You need to decide for yourselves but rest assured you need to put some effort into it. We all do.

First off, you need to vote. Yes, you've heard over and over again the sacrifices people have made to give you that right (in actual fact it's a privilege) but I heard it said recently this way which best sums it up: not voting isn't a protest, it's a surrender.

Beyond that you need to know that politics is a long-term thing. It isn't solved in a year or two or by some blanket policy miracle. You can't base your vote on a hollow quip or slogan. Whether you like politics or not, it affects your life every day. The policies that are set control how you live, so it's only logical that you make your feelings known.

And know this: politics is also about nuance. You won't find one party or one person you agree with completely and you have to accept that. But from within that,

you have to sort the piles into important and less important issues. What can you live with and what can you not? Who really represents your best interests?

This is the part that baffles me the most about some voters, how they will continually vote against their own best interests, most times based on a ridiculous partisan stand. What we all need to realize is that no party has complete dominion over all the best ideas. No party alone is the absolute answer. Blindly supporting those who think that they alone have the magic potion for what ails us is what's put us here in the first place. You can't find solutions by hard-lining yourself with your tribe. You don't have to look very far to see plenty of examples of that.

When deciding how to vote ask yourselves these questions. What do they mean when they say 'we' or 'us'? Despite the rhetoric, a candidate can't logically represent 'all' the people. They will have a power base. They will have a core group. Do they represent the average worker or the average business owner? This is a key distinction you need to make. His or her core policies will affect you in a big way and you need to figure out who best does that for you.

Party or person?

It's tricky in our legislative system. You need to find a balance. If I'm in doubt, I'm more likely to side with a strong individual. Would I rather have a career backbencher or someone who makes waves and tries to get their ideas heard? A strong person will demand attention and I want that person representing me whether they're new or experienced.

As for experience itself, I think it only matters if it comes coupled with noticeable results. I don't care if you've put in a lot of time at the job, I want to see what you've accomplished while you were there.

It's not an easy choice but your vote matters. Do your homework and make sure it accurately and honestly reflects who you are and what you believe in while at the same time acknowledging the need for building a community. Make it about addition, not division.



By Charlie Teljeur



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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: Will you be voting in the provincial election?



Emily Buffett

Toronto
Yes, because I don't want Doug Ford to win – and you can quote me on that.



Emily Stonehouse

Haliburton
Yes, because it is important for youth to have a voice. And rather than just complain, we need to follow through with our actions.



Irene Heaven

Horseshoe Lake
Yes, because as a citizen of this province and country I need to vote.



Neel Shah

Haliburton
Probably, because we have a right and a responsibility to as citizens.



Serena Sgandurra

Stouffville
No, because I haven't been keeping up with politics and I don't want to make an inaccurate decision.

Photos and interviews by Felix Wong

Few candidates have questioned status quo

Dear editor,

Bravo Jack Brezina for your “Let’s, at least, start the discussion” column. This is not the first time you have written about merging four municipalities into one. I recall that a retired senior county executive also wrote a short but blunt letter to the editor urging that a merger take place. I personally have written urging a merger. Among the declared candidates in the municipal election, I am not aware of any candidate who has even whispered about a merger.

For a merger to happen, you would need a motion passed in each municipal council. Then, you will require a vote at County Council. Such a vote would trigger the weighted voting formula at the county level. Dysart has three votes. Minden Hills has two votes. Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East have one vote each. The votes for each municipality are cast by the mayor.

The letter from the provincial Ombudsman to the county dismissing the appeal of the OPP billing formula is a beautifully constructed slap down and shows the weakness of the current arrangement. Three of the existing local governments have spent considerable sums of money expanding their premises. There is no doubt that the staff needed improved facilities and that the needs were known for

many years. If a merger had taken place, could some of these renovation dollars not have been saved? In this computer-driven world, why do we have five tax collection entities? Would we not be better placed for solving our waste problems with one entity? In the few municipal elections I have witnessed since I arrived in Haliburton County, I have seen few candidates who have had the temerity to question the status quo. Perhaps some of our younger voters will step forward as candidates and infuse the debate by questioning the path all of the local governments are on.

Peter McLuskey
Eagle Lake

A defender of Israel

Dear editor,

It is heartening to see free speech in full force in *The Highlander* by your publication of a letter by Minden Hill’s Douglas Smith. His final solution “Palestinian” approach, as outrageous as it seems, makes one hoping your publication of other-side-of-the-coin opinions will be soon seen here.

My contribution to debate? Israel is the most valiant and successful bulwark standing up for the defence of world civilization.

Charles Lutz
Haliburton

Letters

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



The spring gardening season is well underway for many Haliburton County residents. Our own Heather Deveau planted this beautiful, and artistic, garden this past weekend. *Photo submitted.*

Do grass, it's the new trend

Are you a follower of trends? One of those folks who loves to get in with the crowd, do what the cool kids are doing. I am, or I was.

Whatever it was, I'd be there. As a kid, it was skateboarding. My mum bought me one and I did it, morning, noon and night. I wasn't very good, though; the skinned knees and elbows soon became tiresome and by the time I'd mastered a toe flip, my peers had ditched skateboarding and moved on to the next trend, stealing alcohol from their parents' liquor cabinets and being sick in the field behind the local municipal hall. Yep, it took me that long to learn to skateboard.

I was more successful at the drinking trend and could be relied upon to be sick almost every time, especially if someone offered me a cigarette too.

Fashion was also big in my teens and whatever the trend I could be relied upon to follow it. It seemed to me that trends were specifically designed to upset my dad because no matter what stylish creation I sported, be it baggy pants

with cuffs on the ankles, purple dyed streaks in my hair, an earring or shoulder padded suit jacket he'd call me a 'pillcock' and grumpily tell me I looked ridiculous. Of course, at the time, I swore he was wrong and went about my 'trendy' life strutting like a peacock. Albeit, looking back at some of the photos of my youth, perhaps my dad did have his finger on the pulse, not of teen trends but simply on what his son should not have been wearing.

But they were trends, right, and I followed them, to the letter, no matter what. And that, my friends is where I now realize I've been going wrong. For so long I've been a follower but no more. This time I'm ahead of the game, at the forefront, a trend setter and you'll soon all be following me. You see, as spring has sprung, our backyard has burst into life and that patch of dirt in the middle of it that we call a veggie garden has begun to erupt in weeds. Now, for the longest time I've followed the grow your own, the be sustainable, the 'from garden to table' gardening trend that so many slavishly follow around here. And, every year, it

The Outsider



By Will Jones

kills me.
The tilling is a pain. The planting, amidst swarms of black flies is brutal. The weeding, oh the weeding, how I hate it. And for what? A handful of pockmarked tomatoes, a row of stunted carrots. No lettuce or peas because the critters eat them ... you get my drift?
And so this year, I'm starting my own trend and pioneering a new movement. It's called 'bring grass back' and it entails a quick rake over the dirt and the tossing of a sack of grass seeds, all over what was my veggie garden. How's that for a great idea? No planting rows, no weeding, no failed crop disappointment, perfect.
Then, with all the time I've saved, I'm gonna' concentrate on trying to master one of my childhood trends. No, not the skateboarding, I think that would still be beyond me. I was going for the drinking, without being sick. And I might get my ear pierced again, too.

Provincial election

In the lead-up to the provincial government election on June 7, The Highlander posed a series of questions to candidates in our riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. Their answers follow. Two candidates filed after our deadline for this edition, the Ontario Green Party's Lynn Therien and None Of The Above Party's Thomas Rhyno, so their answers are not included.



Gene Balfour



Chuck MacMillan



Zac Miller



Laurie Scott



Brooklynn Cramp-Waldinsperger

Q What are you going to do about the high cost of living in Haliburton county, including Hydro costs?

A: Zac Miller, NDP

We will bring Hydro back into public control to guarantee private profits are not added on bills. A NDP government will eliminate time-of-use billing and keep the eight per cent HST off bills and ask for the removal of the federal five per cent HST. New Democrats will equalize rural delivery rates to urban rates as we should not be paying more based on where we choose to live. These measures will lower bills by 30 per cent. We are committed to building 65,000 affordable housing units and implementing predictable and effective rent controls to protect renters from drastic rent increases every year.

A: Chuck MacMillan, Consensus Ontario

Our party will implement a single average flat rate. This will start to lower the cost. We also want to make enough electricity and be able to store it closer to the users. This would reduce costs of sending across the province. We also hear [about] the high cost of senior executives so we will be capping their salaries and compensation no higher than the premier of Ontario. Reassessing property tax so it

is fair and lower means paying less tax [which] will help taxpayers save some extra money. Helping the municipality in transfer grants to offset municipal projects.

A: Gene Balfour, Ontario Libertarian

The average Canadian remits 45 per cent of annual earnings to taxes imposed by all levels of government, plus additional payments ("Revenue Tools") for a variety of certificates, fines, licenses and permits. These impose unacceptable drains on the purchasing power of our citizens who deserve to keep 80 per cent of their after-tax earnings. Libertarians will repeal many of the 380,000+ regulations that the Ontario government enforces at extremely high costs to taxpayers, and influence federal and municipal governments to do likewise. We will enable government enterprises and non-government enterprises to compete and co-exist in the electricity markets to reduce costs and increase choices.

A: Laurie Scott, PC

The Ontario PCs believe that Ontarians should not have to

work day and night to be able to afford to heat their homes, pay their rent or mortgage and put food on the table for their families. For this reason, we will address the high cost of living by reducing the cost of hydro for families by 12 per cent, removing the provincial income tax on minimum wage earners, and a tax reduction for middle-class earners. Our plan is to respect the taxpayers and put money back into your pockets.

A: Brooklynn Cramp-Waldinsperger, Liberal

Our government has completely eliminated dirty coal-fired energy generation from our province. This was the equivalent of taking seven million cars off the road. The economic success of Haliburton County depends on having a healthy environment. Our Fair Hydro Plan is saving every Ontario household an average of 25 per cent on their electricity bills. Rural customers are receiving a greater discount of between 40-50 per cent, which will help lower the cost of living in our beautiful Haliburton County.

Q How can you help us get public transportation?

A: Zac Miller, NDP

A NDP government strongly believes in working with municipalities. What this means is that we are going to reverse the downloaded services from Conservatives and Liberals, such as transit and social housing, that cities are burdened to pay for with little funds. We will restore funding for the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, increasing funding to \$550 million. New Democrats will split transit operating costs 50-50 with municipalities. These extra funds and reduced burdens will allow Haliburton County to create long-term plans and invest in reliable public transit with affordable fares.

A: Chuck MacMillan, Consensus Ontario

We would work with the municipality and strike an advisory committee including a number of residents to sit on the committee. We would have to survey if there is enough numbers to help cover some costs. If there is enough numbers with connecting towns, then we would work with all towns, and the municipality and the federal

government to share costs so we could keep the cost down. We recognize the importance of public transit and with services moving to other parts of the riding or Toronto, we need to be able to offer transportation especially to the ones who don't drive.

A: Gene Balfour, Ontario Libertarian

"Old habits die hard" and "Necessity is the mother of invention" are two sayings that come to mind. Innisfil, Ontario also sought a solution for its public transit needs and the solution "came completely out of left field."

A partnership with UBER currently saves the town over \$8 million a year compared to using an equivalent door-to-door bus service. It is infinitely more flexible in meeting demand in a timely way than traditional methods, and capital costs are negligible. See cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/innisfil-uber-public-transit-1.4577331 As a Libertarian MPP, I would facilitate exploring cost effective and superior non government options as in this example.

A: Laurie Scott, PC

Many people in our communities struggle to find means of transportation whether it be for going to the grocery store, or a trip to visit their doctor. Particularly, for seniors and those on a fixed-income who are trying to access health care services outside of their area. We have been supportive of transportation studies that have taken place in Haliburton County and looked at working models in other rural areas of the province. Ontario PCs will work with municipalities to help them address this issue to find a solution that works for Haliburton County.

A: Brooklynn Cramp-Waldinsperger, Liberal

Through the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund the township of Dysart et al received \$52,429 in support of local transit initiatives. Through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, communities in our riding are slated to receive \$2.9 million in funding. If elected as MPP, I will advocate for more funding for public transit because I know more access is needed.

Provincial election

Q What would you do to create more affordable housing, including for students, and long-term care beds for seniors?

A: Zac Miller, NDP

The NDP will build 65,000 new affordable housing units over 10 years and implement rent controls to protect renters. We will also build 30,000 supportive housing units over that same timeframe. We will overhaul inclusionary zoning to require that every new development has a minimum number of affordable units to meet our target. As for long-term care, we will invest in 40,000 long-term care beds and implement a minimum standard of care of four hours for each resident. These investments will be to expand the not-for-profit and municipal sector, where funding goes to patients instead of profits.

A: Chuck MacMillan, Consensus Ontario

The province's low-income housing investments need to be maintained and the allocated money needs to be spent, making sure the municipalities and builders keep building these affordable housing projects. As far as students, building campuses and including the students who are going through a trade to help with the construction. This would help lower costs. Rent is an option and hopefully homeowners can offer space for rent at an affordable rate. Increase funding to open more long-term beds for seniors. We would separate from the Ministry of Health and call it The Ministry of Seniors and Long-Term Care.

A: Brooklynne Cramp-Waldinsperger, Liberal

We know that young people worry they may not become

homeowners. Our Ontario Liberal's Fair Housing Plan has led to the construction of over 100 new units and 400 repaired units in our riding, as well as protecting tenants to ensure rent increases don't exceed the rate of inflation. Since 2003, our riding has received over \$12 million from the province to create over 150 new affordable housing units, and repair over 400. I am a strong supporter of rent control as it allows tenants to remain protected in affordable units. I would advocate for more funding for our riding so that we can continue offering affordable housing, and controlled rent for more constituents

A: Gene Balfour, Ontario Libertarian

For more affordable housing, Libertarians would replace the Land Transfer Tax with a \$275 administration fee. We would also repeal valueless building regulations that add to the costs of homebuilding for both students and families.

For long-term beds for seniors, Libertarians would allow non-government enterprises to operate long-term care facilities to fill the gap in the government's ability to do so. There is no reason that governments must be the only provider of medical services under the monopoly OHIP model that has resorted to services rationing and waiting lists to compensate for the cost constraints of public budgets.

A: Laurie Scott, PC

There is no doubt that Ontario has a housing crisis, and we

need all three levels of government to continue to work together to make life more affordable for the families in our community. The Ontario PCs will also continue to support rent control. Our party will make life more affordable for our communities. We also will work to increase the supply of homes across the province to meet the high demands and create affordable housing options for families in our communities.



The Liberal candidate answers a question at Monday's debate. Photo by Mark Arike.

Q What will you do about the shortage of doctors and walk-in clinics and where do you stand on paid dental care?

A: Zac Miller, NDP

New Democrats will increase funding for Community Health Centres by five per cent, with an annual increase of \$30 million, tied with inflation. These added funds provided to centres can be used to hire more doctors. We are committed to building 35 new health centres around the province and add 70 new dental suites to allow rural residents access to a dentist. The NDP will implement universal dental care regardless of age, income, or employment. The dental plan would cover preventive care procedures such as cleanings, exams, X-rays, and fillings, etc. Nobody should have to cope with oral pain because they cannot afford to see a dentist.

A: Chuck MacMillan, Consensus Ontario

First of all, we believe everyone should have a doctor. We

would increase the number of doctors in training including foreign-trained doctors. The doctor trainees will get a salary and receive free tuition for their training period and be required to work upon graduation where they are needed in Ontario on that salary until their tuition is repaid. Then, those doctors are free to relocate. We believe in both universal dental and eye care. This could prevent worse medical conditions down the road.

A: Gene Balfour, Ontario Libertarian

Doctor shortages come from the rationing of licensed doctors to contain public costs. Libertarians will balance the supply and demand equation by enabling MDs to work for non-government enterprises that compete and coexist with government licensed doctors, but are not constrained by limited government budgets.

Canada prides itself as the most multicultural society in the world, yet Ontario refuses to allow immigrant medical professionals to practice here. Why the double standard when the need is so high and the government is the sole bottleneck that restricts supply?

Universal dental care is unaffordable under current government debts and runaway, uncontrolled spending.

A: Laurie Scott, PC

Too many people have faced difficulty while accessing health care services in Ontario. No one should have to forego purchasing their prescription drugs in order to pay their rent or their hydro bill. Ontario PCs will build 15,000 more long-term care beds over five years and 30,000 in 10 years across the province. We will decrease the long-wait times for health care services and provide free dental care services to low-income seniors across the province. We are committed to working with our doctors and nurses to ensure Ontarians can more easily access health care services.

A: Brooklynne Cramp-Waldinsperger, Liberal

Since 2003, the number of physicians has grown by over 6,000. As our MPP, I would table a Rural Physician Incentive Program which would provide funding to recent graduates who set up practice in rural communities. The goal of this program is to improve patient access to physician services in rural areas throughout our riding and Ontario. This would, at the same time, ease the financial burden of new graduates; benefiting both our communities and our doctors. As MPP, I would continue to advocate for affordable dental care for our constituents.

The NDP candidate addresses the crowd at Monday's forum. Photo by Mark Arike.



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The Incorporated Militia of Upper Canada will be doing a war of 1812 Re-enactment at the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village on Saturday, June 16th from 10 am – 4 pm. The militia camp will be open all day. Learn about camp life, time-period dance, the uniform and pack and women's role. Drills and musket firing will be held at 11:00am, 1:00pm, and 3:00pm. The museum is located at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at 176 Bobcaygeon Road in the town of Minden.
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Scott says county ignored for 15 years

By Dan Bajoruk

Laurie Scott has represented Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock for the Progressive Conservative party since 2003 and feels the Liberal party has ignored rural Ontario communities, such as Haliburton county, for the past 15 years.

"People want change but let's make it the right change," says Scott.

Hydro rates have skyrocketed 300 to 400 per cent, depending on where you live, says Scott. Her party's proposing bringing down the cost by 12 per cent. Scott says she's watched people in the riding struggle to heat their homes and keep a roof over their heads, claiming she's heard stories of people having to burn their furniture to keep their homes warm and says that's simply unacceptable.

Scott says she's seen the government implement more taxes and impose more legislation putting small businesses in difficult positions, but people aren't better off than a decade ago. She says more businesses had to close over the winter, lay off staff and owners put in longer hours to pay bills and keep operations afloat. Scott is proposing giving businesses an 8.7 per cent tax break and cutting the corporate tax rate from 11.5 to 10.5 per cent.

Scott says Haliburton County has a great chamber of commerce but they need a break to help their members thrive. Scott's PCs are proposing that the Municipal

Partnership Fund be restored to allow local councils more spending freedom, rather than more red tape going through provincial funding bodies for approval on projects. Her party's also proposing \$100 million for the development of better cell delivery.

Scott is well aware of transportation issues in this riding but feels the community is working well on addressing this problematic issue through various proposals and she does keep the Ministry of Transportation keenly aware of what is underway in Haliburton County.

More affordable housing is another issue Scott says needs to be addressed. She feels the Liberals have ignored the county. Rental accommodation is practically non-existent and there's a 0.8 vacancy rate in Lindsay, she noted. Scott is proposing reducing the gasoline tax by 10 cents per litre and that anyone earning under \$30,000 won't pay taxes.

Health care is very close to Scott, a former nurse. She says the Liberals haven't invested in long-term care beds or home care despite knowing the population is aging in communities such as ours.

The PCs are proposing adding an additional 5,000 beds in five years to ease long wait lists in hospitals as 30-40 per cent of patients languish in hospitals waiting for a long-term care bed or home care to be arranged, Scott said. The incumbent is hoping a hub format is instituted so local hospitals can better co-ordinate with longer term facilities to ease with discharge planning.



PC candidate Laurie Scott. Submitted photo.

Price of Fort Irwin bridge repairs jump \$90k

By Mark Arike

It's going to cost \$90,000 more than originally anticipated to repair the Oblong Lake Narrows Bridge in Fort Irwin this summer.

Dysart recently received two bids for the extensive rehabilitation work.

All Services Inc. in Courtice had the low bid of about \$734,000.

The other bid, from Carlington Construction in Waterdown, was for \$774,000.

In March, the municipality secured a \$650,000 grant from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) for the project.

At the time, the full cost was estimated at \$739,000. However, the low bid plus \$95,500 in tax brings it closer to \$830,000.

Rob Camelon, public works director, attributes the cost overrun to the remote location of the bridge.

In a letter, David Bonsall of D.M. Wells Associates said the estimate was based on preliminary design work completed in January 2013.

"The more significant price increases are related to site conditions (traffic control, temporary traffic signals and environmental considerations) [as] well as a few bridge items (wood in structure, galvanized railings and waterproofing)," said Bonsall.

Council went with his recommendation to hire the low bidder.

"We have worked with All Services Inc. on several projects over the last few years and have no concerns with their ability to complete the work on this contract," said Bonsall.

No decision has been made regarding the financial shortfall, said Camelon.

The municipality might utilize a combination of funds from both the development reserve and operating budget.

The municipality already committed 10 per cent of the overall cost.

The entire deck on the 50-year-old bridge will be replaced and a new guide rail installed.

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The Fort Irwin Bridge. File photo



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Fleming College graduates all smiles for 2018

By Felix Wong

It was all smiles, hugs, cheers and handshakes at the 2018 Fleming College convocation held on May 25 at the Haliburton School of Art and Design (HSAD). There were 135 graduates this year from a variety of programs: artist blacksmith, ceramics, digital image design, drawing and painting, fibre arts, glassblowing, jewellery, moving image design, photo arts, sustainable building design and construction, integrated design, visual and creative arts and expressive arts.

To kick off the ceremony, dean/principal Sandra Dupret, art director Kim Lee Kho, valedictorian Amy Black, president Tony Tilly, vice president Tom Weegar, arts certificate coordinator Jennifer Bain and vice chair of the board of governors George Gillespie, made speeches.

In his address, Tilly said the school year was “difficult” for students and campuses across the province due to last fall’s strike “but we come here today in a mood of celebration.

“We have a strong campus community here dedicated to arts, to our programs and to each other. On behalf of the college, I salute the members of your community,” said Tilly. “Ladies and gentlemen, today is the day to celebrate that Haliburton campus community and most of all, to celebrate the accomplishments and the aspirations of our graduating class. On behalf of Fleming College, we congratulate you.”

Valedictorian Amy Black, a graduate of the Integrated Design program, also had some rousing

words for graduates, friends and family.

“We all come from different backgrounds, experiences, stories and somehow we were all meant to be here at this moment together supporting each other ... we all have past stories; and now, we all have futures thanks to HSAD,” she said.

“We made it. The clay is off our clothes, our pencils are down and our laptops are

closed. Today we rest and congratulate ourselves for concluding this adventure.”

After the speeches, awards were given to honourees at the top of their programs, diplomas were handed out and Dupret made closing remarks. Finally, the graduates posed for a group photo outside the school in front of proud friends, faculty, and family members.



Bottom: Graduates listen to the president’s opening remarks at the 2018 Fleming College convocation on May 25. Top: The graduates pose for a photo-op after the conclusion of the 2018 Fleming College convocation on May 25. Photos by Felix Wong

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Highlander business

Cottage Care Rentals hires

Cottage Care Rentals Inc. has announced it's hired two new staff.

In a press release, owners Don Critchley and Cheryl McCombe said Amanda Manary and Stephanie Field have joined their team.

Cottage Care Rentals is a Haliburton-based cottage rental agency that services an area from Georgian Bay to Renfrew County and Kawartha Lakes to Algonquin Park, but with the majority of their cottages in Haliburton County.

Manary started May 22 as a full-time guest services and operations specialist.

"Amanda brings a wealth of local and industry knowledge to our company; our cottage owners and vacationing guests. She is a perfect fit for our business, allowing for continued growth and positive impact on the economic sustainability of our community," McCombe said.

Field does social media and marketing.

"Stephanie's primary role is to connect the thousands of guests who stay at the cottages we represent, to our community in a meaningful and lasting way. We want our guests to experience everything the Haliburton Highlands has to offer, not only when they are here on vacation but all year long, enticing them to come back," McCombe said. (Lisa Gervais)

Suiting up to learn about aging

By Felix Wong

Have you ever wondered what it was like to feel 20 years older? 30 years older? 35? Participants in Blum's Aging in Place presentation held on May 25 got a brief glimpse of the future via Blum's Age Explorer suit. The two-hour session held at ACM Designs was the fourth in a five-session series educating professionals on universal design.

After an hour-long PowerPoint presentation by Blum Dynamic Space Specialist Lucy Traetto, in which she detailed many of the physical effects of aging, ACM Designs employee Katie Golec was invited to try on Blum's Age Explorer suit.

The orange jumpsuit and accompanying visor, which together completely engulf one's body, simulate physical limitations that occur as one ages, including a decrease in muscle strength, limited movement and a decrease in both sight and hearing. For example, the orange-tinted visor limits peripheral vision and simulates a yellowing of the lens, while the comically large Ray-Ban-esque glasses mimic decreasing eyesight. The black gloves also simulate arthritis and decreased sensitivity in fingertips.

Golec had difficulty picking up coins from the ground due to the extra weight in the suit's legs and arms and also had some trouble differentiating between colours due to the coloured tint of the



Katie Golec, right, attempts to pick out different coloured paper clips during Blum's Aging in Place presentation at ACM Designs on May 25. Photo by Felix Wong.

visor. The pressure and weight of the suit made her feel at times as though she were underwater.

The suit looks uncomfortable, although Traetto tells *The Highlander* it's not all that bad. "It's not comfortable, as it is meant to simulate loss of muscle mass and joint restriction, but it's not uncomfortable. It's a rude awakening, let's put it that way."

Developed in collaboration with the Meyer-Henschel Institute in Germany and various geriatric doctors over the course of the last four years, the suit is designed to help predict the future needs and

requirements of kitchen users. Blum has exclusive rights to the suit and "none of [our] competitors have anything like this," said Traetto.

The suit was designed not just for the physically challenged and the elderly but to help make it easier for people of all ages to work in the kitchen. They are not on sale and Blum has no plans to sell them in the future, only to spread awareness of them through presentations such as the one at ACM designs and for research purposes.

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A night of classics

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Fashion Fallies preparing for return to the catwalk

By Emily Stonehouse
and Erin Lynch

Fashion Fallies - the wearable art and performance event that wowed crowds last year - is promising to return on Nov. 9.

“We’ve already heard that some people have begun creating pieces,” says Amy Brohm, Fashion Fallies planning committee member. “People are really excited about this event and we have a number of new

things planned for 2018.”

The event, which is put on by the Arts Council of Haliburton Highlands, has recently released their call for entry. Any and all mediums are welcome, including paper, wire, plastic, recycled materials, yarn, leaves etc. Accessories, jewellery, single pieces or complete ensembles are all welcome. Last year, some memorable pieces included dresses made out of bubble wrap and old movie film, fantastic head

pieces that sported antlers and entire outfits made of book pages.

An information session and slide show will be held Wednesday, June 6, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Common Room of the Haliburton County Public Library for anyone interested in finding out more about the event and how they can submit a piece.

In addition, The Fashion Fallies committee in conjunction with Visible Voices studio is hosting a workshop called Head Over Heels

for Fashion Fallies. This \$10 workshop or pay-what-you-can is happening Saturday, June 16, 1-4 p.m. at Visible Voices Studio on Industrial Drive. Head Over Heels will provide an opportunity to make fun and whimsical headpieces and get people inspired about creating for Fashion Fallies. All materials will be provided.

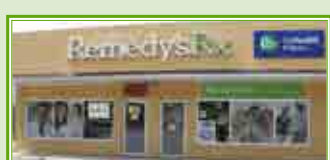
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This Weekend! HALIBURTON Home & COTTAGE SHOW

There's always something new at the show

By Lisa Harrison

The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show, billed as “the best home show in Central Ontario,” will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year with special features that include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and prizes for attendees.

The show will take place June 1-3 at the Haliburton Curling Club (HCC) and A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. This year it will feature close to 150 vendors, some of whom have been with the show for 40 years and 25 of whom are appearing for the first time.

“We are proud that we have more vendors, more diversity of vendors and have both inside and outside vendors [which] makes us the best home show in Central Ontario,” said Rick Ashall, show manager, in an interview

The show features displays covering a wide range of interests such as construction and renovation, real estate, cottage rentals, furniture, home decor, landscaping, alternative energy sources, hot tubs, saunas, decks and docks. Over the years, visitors have also found arts and crafts, clothing and gifts, and experiences from local tourism specialists. Many vendors offer special show pricing.

This year the show organizers are taking advantage of the expanded outdoor space at the arena. Visitors can explore more than 3,500 square feet of displays of boats, ATVs

and tractors, plus an “ultimate dock and barbecue display,” according to Ashall.

“The newest display is from Bell-Camp Modular who will present repurposed shipping containers which they turn into beautiful modular living [spaces].”

Sponsored by the HCC, the show will be staffed by 120 HCC volunteers. Local community radio station Canoe FM will broadcast live from the event.

The show does very well for attendance, especially for a smaller community, said Ashall.

“Our attendance ranges from about 2,800 to 3,500 attendees, a very significant number when you consider the size of our community. Last year we had about 3,200 attend the show.

“I would say that whether young or old, permanent residents, cottagers, or tourists, all will find something to enjoy at the show. The show has evolved over the years as have the participating vendors ... Every effort is made to make it fun, affordable, convenient, with free parking, kids attend free, lunch is available at the curling club.”

Show dates and times are June 1 from 4-9 p.m., June 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The ribbon-cutting by Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey, who opened the original show, will take place on June 2 at 11:30 a.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults. Children are admitted free. The HCC and arena are located at 730 Mountain St. in Haliburton.



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Halihammock makes its debut

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburtonians Kevin and Christine Shea were “tired” of having Muskoka chairs on their deck ... so, they invented the Halihammock.

It will be unveiled to the public at this year’s home and cottage show.

“We have a booth,” Kevin told *The Highlander*. “My wife Christine and I designed the chair and have been working with local carpenters to finesse the final design. Our wood shop is at Abbey Gardens and we have been manufacturing there since February.”

Kevin said they’re donating \$10 from the sale of each chair this weekend to Abbey Gardens.

The chair is a bit of a cross between a chair and a hammock.

They’re made from Highlands white pine with a face and mildew resistant canvas sling in the iconic Haliburton dinner jacket pattern.

As Kevin explains, “the unique design contours to your body and the exceptionally long arms will rest your weary legs and keep your feet off the ground where those blood sucking mosquitos and black flies like to hang out.” (Lisa Gervais)

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The mandate of the “GreenON” fund is to reduce greenhouse gases by offering incentive programs to encourage homeowners to increase the energy efficiency of their homes.

“This is very good news for anyone considering an upgrade to their windows at this time,” says Wayne. The plan is very simple. The fund provides \$500.00 per window opening up to a maximum of \$5000.00. Earlier programs only offered \$80.00 per opening.

Homeowners need to meet only a few conditions to be eligible for the rebate, according to Wayne.

The replacement windows must be included on the Energy Star Most Efficient 2018 List. These high-performance windows feature very low heat transfer and are rated for Zone 3, which covers all of Canada.

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The windows must be installed by a contractor registered in the program who holds a Window Wise Certification and is a member of the Siding and Window Dealers Association of Canada, which sets training, quality, financial and ethical standards and audits for its members.

“That’s basically it,” says Wayne. “Very simple. The contractor submits the required paperwork to the government on behalf of the homeowner.”

“The high performance windows will cost a little more, however, the cost is usually more than offset by the rebates. It’s our experience at Nortech that people are paying thousands of dollars less for the higher efficiency windows than they would have paid for regular dual-pane windows without the program.”

An added bonus is that participants will continue to save more on energy costs year after year as well, says Wayne.

“It seems to me to be a win-win situation. Its better for the environment, and it’s better for the pocketbook.”

Wayne does have a word of caution.

“The program is slated to be around for 2018 and 2019. However, the funds are limited, so when they run out, it will be over.”

Nortech is already experiencing considerable interest in the program.

“People are signing up even in the middle of winter,” says Wayne. “I think it’s going to be a very busy year. My advice would be that if you’re thinking of taking advantage of the program, it’s probably best to do it sooner rather than later.”

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All decked out for a sizzlin' summer

By Lisa Harrison

What's not to love about a special spot just outside your home or cottage where you can barbecue, dine, host a party, enjoy a hot tub or just kick back and watch the day go by?

Decks have become an increasingly popular extension of our main living areas for these pleasures and more. Whether it's a simple square or rectangle in lumber or an elaborately curved structure with several "rooms" in multicoloured composite materials, a deck can maximize our ability to relax and enjoy our great outdoors.

A simple deck makes a good do-it-yourself (DIY) project. Different designs, plans, tips and how-to videos are available online, and home building centres can provide advice and plans or work with you through their in-house planning departments to create your own plan.

However, about 70 per cent of the decks constructed in the Highlands are done by professional contractors, according to staff at Haliburton Timber Mart (HTM). This is partly because, depending on the size and height of the deck, the tubes used to create concrete footings (or piers) must be sunk four feet deep and you're likely to hit solid Highlands rock long before that.

Another reason to hire a contractor is the expertise and equipment required to design and create curves and waves in composite



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may require electrical work, and fire pits, which may require a gas line connection.

Whether your deck is a DIY or professional project, you'll need a building

permit and your plan will need to conform to the relevant bylaws in your municipality. For DIY projects, you can get help from your building centre planning department. You can also learn more about building permits and bylaws from your municipal building department.

When it comes to choosing materials, wood products are still popular, according to HTM staff, but they require maintenance with paint or stain. Composite materials are becoming increasingly popular due to their longer life span and lower maintenance requirements, such as an occasional power wash.

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Flipping happens in the Highlands

By Lisa Harrison

The practice of flipping homes – renovating outdated homes for quick resale and profit – is dominating TV design shows these days.

While it's not as common in the Highlands as in southern Ontario, flipping is happening here, according to realtor Terry Carr.

"Most flips in our area tend to be residential as opposed to waterfront, and the more popular areas are within the vicinity of Minden and Haliburton as purchasers are drawn to the attraction of being close to town," said Carr, a sales representative with Re/Max North Country Realty Inc. in Minden.

The residential market has grown in the past few years and as demand grows, so does the success of flips, said Carr, but she cautioned that flipping is a tricky business that requires planning and smart decisions.

For example, it's important not to 'over-improve' on the wrong lot or in the wrong location.

"The successful flipper is one that can do a lot of the renovations themselves.

If you are waiting for different trades and are not able to coordinate the work to get done in a timely fashion, it costs money and reduces the profit.

It is important to be able to get the property back on the market in a timely fashion."

One key to a successful flip is doing quality work, said Carr.

Potential buyers are smart and can quickly spot where corners have been cut.

"If you can take pride in the work you have accomplished, so will the buyer, and it will pay off in profits.

Renovation shows on TV have certainly made flipping 'sexy' and a half-hour show makes the process seem simpler.

Of course, in that half-hour show the sale is always quick.

In the Highlands, that is not always the

case, and [the] carrying charges while the property is being marketed eat into the profits, so make sure that [doing this] is part of the plan."

Even though flips tend to happen more with residential properties, waterfront properties can make a great flip, said Carr.

Changing a seasonal cottage into a year-round cottage, upgrading heating systems and landscaping, and updating flooring and colours to today's tastes can make a big difference.

"With more people than ever before wanting affordable cottages, this can be a great venture to enter."

Stock on the market is low here and houses are selling quickly if they are priced correctly, so flippers need to know the market so they can recognize a smart purchase when it appears

and be ready to move fast, said Carr.

"Of course, kitchens and baths are the big renos, as always, and the exterior curb appeal – updating siding, doors and windows to give a home a cleaner, more updated look – is a big winner.

Turning unfinished basements into cozy additional living spaces is another popular way to increase value as it also adds usable square footage."

In a recent episode of HGTV's Buyers Bootcamp, host and real estate expert Scott McGillivray said the rule of thumb for a flip profit margin is 10% of the total investment.

Carr said this figure is realistic here and could even be higher with the right renos.

"I know of one instance recently where a property was purchased for \$140,000, completely renovated, and it sold quickly for \$329,000 – a rare occurrence, but this flip was a smart choice," said Carr.

"Be prepared to put in the sweat equity, do quality work, and pick the right property and this can be a profitable and even fun business.

We certainly need more quality housing in the area ... more people are moving here every day."

The successful flipper is one that can do a lot of the renovations themselves.

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Brian Nash, of Haliburton Solar and Wind, talks to people during a past Home and Cottage Show. *File photo.*

Big benefits come in small houses

By Lisa Harrison

Houses labelled tiny or small for their low square footage are becoming increasingly popular based on their greater affordability and reduced negative effects on the environment.

Both rural and urban property owners in the Highlands have shown great interest in these little habitats, according to Angie Horner-Xerri, passive house planner with Quantum Passivhaus Design & Build. In fact, public demand is so high that Quantum's "Passive Small House" model homes will soon be displayed at select Home Hardware locations and at Quantum's sales and design office in Minden.

Passive house design involves highly efficient use of sun and heat recovery to

achieve up to 90 per cent savings in heating and cooling compared to standard building practices. By combining passive house and small home designs, homeowners take a large step in further reducing their costs and environmental impact.

"TV design shows perhaps have normalized the idea of minimalist or small living in a way that allows people to see the advantages, possibilities, and how it can be done well," said Horner-Xerri via email on May 18.

"In general, all people that want to build a small house are doing it to 'right-size' their house to their needs. The reasons can vary quite a bit depending on the person or family. All the reasons being equally important, the three categories of rationale I see are finance, lifestyle and environmental footprint."

For example, homeowners may want to pay down their mortgage quickly, or they're empty-nesters and downsizing. They may want a lifestyle with less "stuff" or to own a second home. Living and operating with less reduces their environmental impact.

Before going small there are numerous aspects of small house living to consider. Municipal regulations may restrict homeowners to a minimum square footage, so it's best to check with your building department before selecting your design and location. Visit small houses, talk with small house owners or read about them, and consult with small space designers to learn about what's possible.

If you're downsizing, Horner-Xerri recommends trying to live within your desired square footage now, perhaps by adjusting your surroundings and belongings.

Study your current traffic flow within your home and decide how you could use your smaller space most efficiently. Consider whether you need to incorporate accessibility or other special features now or in the future. Think about landscaping or a privacy fence to create additional living space outdoors. If this won't be your forever home, look ahead to the eventual resale value of the house.

Small house designers have resolved many unique requirements. For example, Quantum's designs include a 600-square-foot, wheelchair-accessible home that can be heated and cooled for \$75 per year. Model homes can often be tailored to individual needs, and there's always the custom option. Going small doesn't mean you can't dream big.

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Creating a greener home

By Lisa Harrison

As energy costs escalate and warnings about carbon-based climate change increase, homeowners are looking for ways to reduce home operation expenses and the carbon footprint those operations generate.

Whether it's something as simple as installing a water-efficient shower head or as involved as constructing a new energy and resource-efficient house, there are a multitude of ways to create a greener home.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has developed its Healthy Housing program to help Canadians add more sustainable features to their home-building or renovation projects. The program is based on five principles: a healthy indoor environment, energy efficiency and renewable energy production, efficient use of all resources, the environmental impact of a residence throughout its life span, and affordability through reduced operating costs and increased ability to accommodate future changes.

The CMHC recommends homeowners begin by viewing their house as a system. The major components are the building envelope (roof, walls, windows, doors and foundation), the mechanical systems (these provide, remove or regulate heat, air and moisture) and the occupants (number of people and how the house is operated and lived in). A change to

one component can affect the entire system. Knowing this can help homeowners build or renovate to avoid costly mistakes while achieving their green objectives.

Building a new structure gives homeowners the opportunity to decide just how green they want to go from the start, and to set the stage for future phases if needed. There are several increasingly popular approaches available. These include passive house (efficient use of sun and heat recovery to reduce heating and cooling energy by up to 90 per cent), net-zero (similar to passive house plus alternative energy source) and off-grid (use of alternative energy source with no connection to the traditional power grid). Suppliers of passive house designs and alternative energy systems can help homeowners choose the approach that best fits their goals and budget.

For those who are renovating, options include retrofitting the interior and/or exterior of the building envelope and simply switching to greener versions of features such as appliances and plumbing fixtures. For more involved renovations, CMHC recommends a plan with 11 steps. These include conducting a site inspection with a qualified professional such as a contractor, building inspector or residential energy service provider to plan for green features and identify any pre-existing problems that need to be addressed before the renovation begins.

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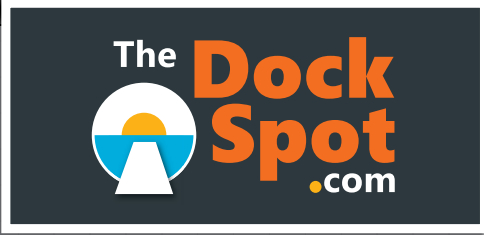
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The cleanup crew. *Submitted photo.*

MACA cottagers clean roads

On Sunday, May 20, a group of Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA) members got together for their annual road cleanup and barbecue. "The weather was great but the bugs were nasty," said MACA membership director Phyllis McCulloch. But, she said everyone covered up, got their bug spray on and with their garbage bags, headed out on the roads around Long, Miskwabi, Negaunee and Wenona Lakes. At 1 p.m., she said everyone headed back to the "Giza" cottage for a welcome barbecue and to share their "garbage finds."

"Along with paper coffee cups, plastic grocery bags, lots of beer cans and cigarette butts, it seems some people have

no idea that they are not the only one. Do they think when they toss something out their car window or drop it as they walk along the road that no one will notice this. Wrong. We noticed and we are not impressed. How does a coffee maker end up along the roadside, how do coffee mugs end up in another location along another road?

Please, take your garbage along with you and put it in with your garbage collection when you get home, take it to the dump in Haliburton just don't leave it on Haliburton roads."

McCulloch said everyone can do their part to keep the Haliburton area beautiful by taking a moment and not leaving their garbage behind. *Submitted.*

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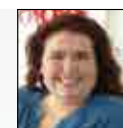
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To know Marran was to have sunshine every day of the year. She was a beautiful mother to her children and spent as much time as she could with her grandchildren. Marran will forever be remembered for her nurturing ways, her love of travel and books, and her creativity. She had an eagerness for unique experiences like riding her motorcycle, scuba diving, and speeding around the track in a Formula One-style race car. But above all, she was known to be fiercely loyal to those she loved. Marran was fortunate to see much of the world, volunteering to teach English in Cambodia and visiting friends all over the globe—but she was always happiest at home, surrounded by her family.

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There will be no funeral service, but the family will hold a small gathering at their cottage to remember a most magnificent wife, mother and friend.



In Loving Memory of

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A Celebration of Bea's Life will be held at the Gooderham United Church, 10744 County Road 503, Gooderham on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 1:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association or to the Canadian Cancer Society 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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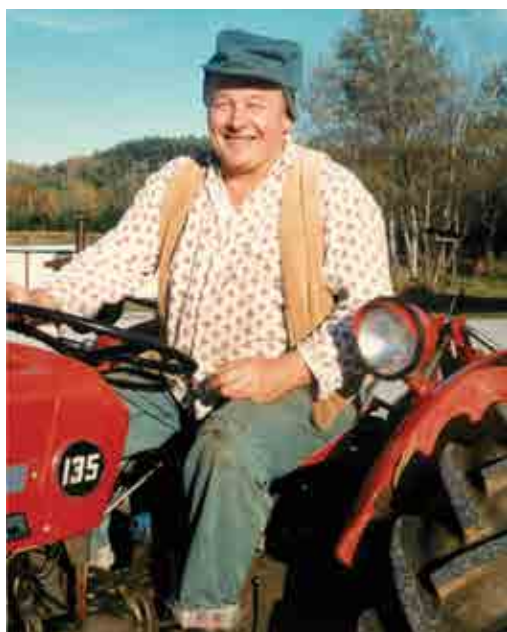
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- Best approaches for communicating with the community
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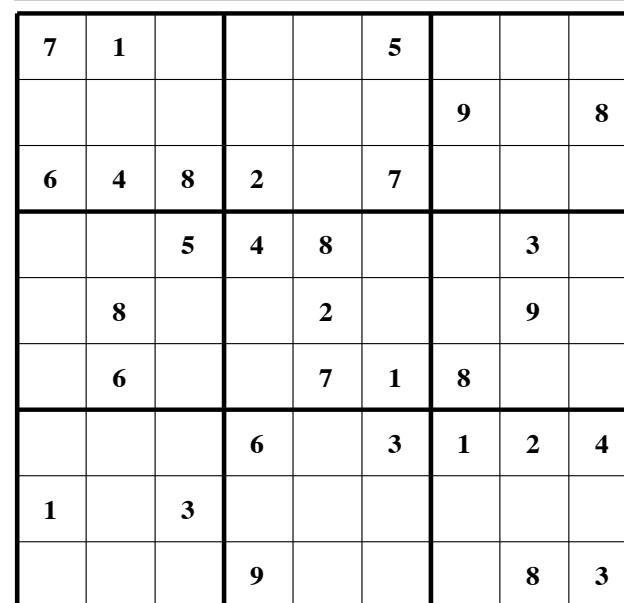
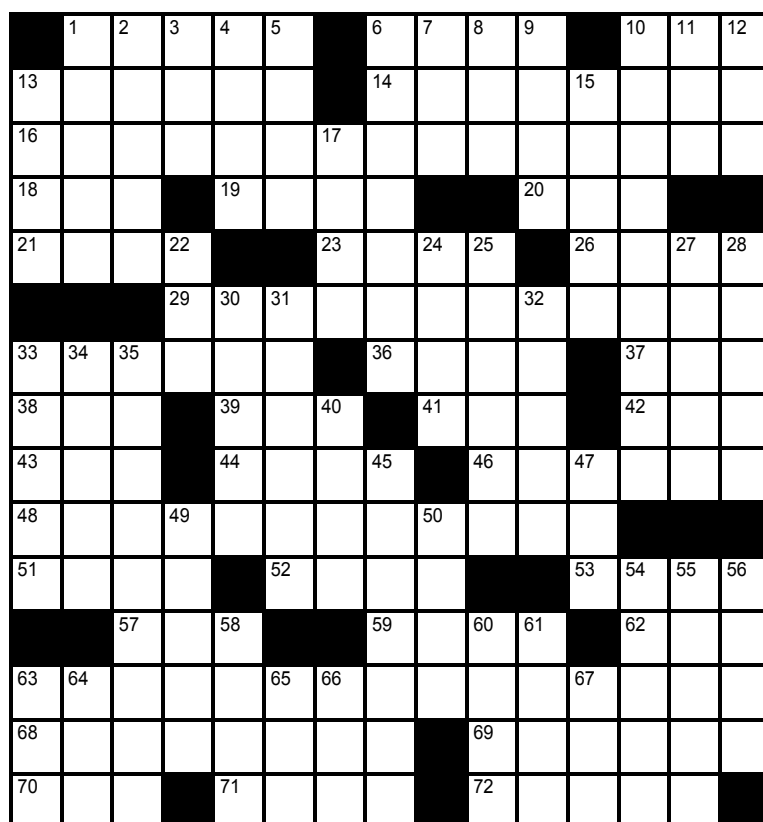
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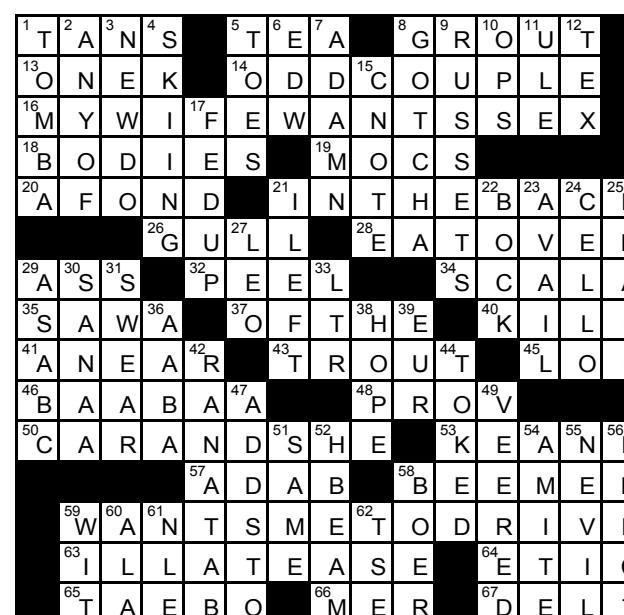
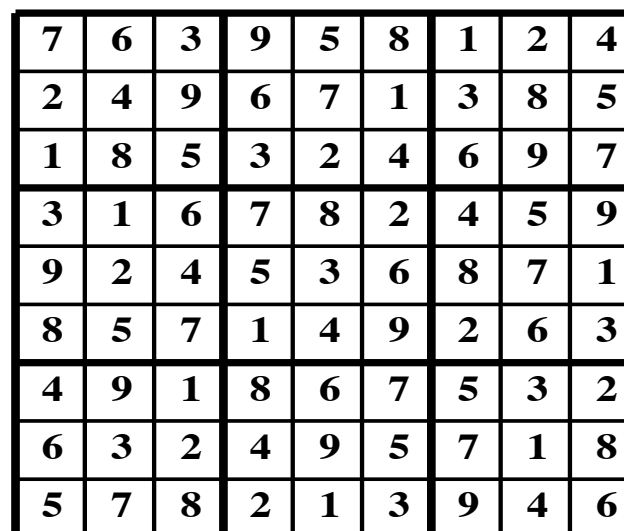
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- 68 Portager, between portages
- 69 First class group
- 70 Debts' opp.
- 71 Andy Capp's wife, and others
- 72 "Ciao, Chico!"

Down

- 1 ___ Sack (beanbag for kicking)
- 2 "Nobody Knows The Trouble ___"
- 3 Oz "man" material
- 4 Feminine ones, in Québec
- 5 "Hunny" loving bear
- 6 Decided one would
- 7 Off-quoted "Homeric" word?
- 8 Lift the lid, poetically
- 9 Toupees, slangily
- 10 Postcard destinations
- 11 Honcho at the helm: Abbr.
- 12 Common language suffix
- 13 Gov't. spy agcy.
- 15 Previous
- 17 Little Arabian, say
- 22 Edmonton, on a Grey Cup scoreboard
- 24 Throat-clearing sound
- 25 Like a peon's work
- 27 Take ___ day at a time
- 28 Not these
- 30 Put one's ___ (meddle)
- 31 "Say ___ so!" (reply to shocking news)
- 32 Good word, in Gatineau?
- 33 Cut-glass rainbow maker
- 34 "Since when ___ crime to ...?"
- 35 Montréal squad clad in red, white and blue
- 40 Tricky tactic
- 45 Lightbulb holders
- 47 Book of psychiatric disorders: Abbr.
- 49 "What can ___ help?"
- 50 Like this answer, directionally
- 54 ___ no avail
- 55 Locations
- 56 "You-say-something?" grunts
- 58 Food Network figure
- 60 Sailing the ocean blue
- 61 Prov. called "The Rock"
- 63 Include invisibly in an email
- 64 Secret receptacle?
- 65 It may be crude or refined
- 66 Brandy label letters
- 67 Trilogy's finale?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS



Highlander events



Storming Haliburton County

Racers of all ages paddled, ran and pedaled during the first-ever Haliburton edition of the Storm the Trent adventure race on May 26 and 27. Touted as Eastern Canada’s largest and longest-standing adventure race, Storm the Trent is an annual event that features three different races for both solo and group competitors. On Saturday morning, the four to seven-hour “Trek” long course for seasoned racers and eager first-timers kicked off the weekend. It was followed by the “Trek Elite” course for racers that had the mojo and muscle to withstand a challenging six to nine-hour 80 km journey. The final, family-oriented race on Sunday, featured low-impact hiking and running on groomed trails, laid-back mountain biking and scenic paddling along Head Lake. (Felix Wong)



Middle: Two racers, right, greet their children and parents as they sprint to the next checkpoint. Top right: Two bikers pedal through a segment of the “Trek Elite” course. Left Two racers jog to a checkpoint. Bottom: Two competitors haul their canoe to a checkpoint. Photos by Felix Wong

Turtles Need our Help in Ontario!

We are pushing turtle populations towards extinction. Turtles take up to 80 years to replace themselves. Every turtle lost is a threat to survival of populations. Turtles are as old as the dinosaurs. They clean our lakes! *It's time to stand up for wildlife & give back to nature* Raise awareness & hope. Join the first annual Turtle Walk!



Saturday June 2nd 10am to 12
Haliburton Highlands Secondary School grounds
www.turtlewalk.ca

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Highlander events



Farmers' market season in full swing

Despite less than ideal weather conditions, Haliburton's farmers' market opened as expected on Tuesday (May 22). Residents and visitors went to Head Lake Park throughout the afternoon to discover the offerings of 42 vendors. The market runs from noon-4 p.m. every Tuesday until Oct. 2. It's one of three annual markets organized by the Haliburton County Farmers' Market. (Mark Arike).

Left: Aaron Walker, chef at McKecks Tap & Grill, makes a West Indian chicken roti wrap. Middle: Lindsay vendor Mickael Durand holds a large loaf of freshly-baked bread. Right: Haliburton Hank entertains market-goers. Bottom: Scott MacMillan of Fisher's Farm in Janetville speaks with a visitor. Photos by Mark Arike.



HALIBURTON COUNTY FAIR BEEF BBQ

**S.G NESBITT COMMUNITY CENTRE
FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2018**

5pm - Social & Silent Auction

6pm- Beef BBQ Dinner

7pm- Entertainment with Bar Haven

7:30pm- Live Auction

DINNER \$25

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Tickets available at Up River Trading Minden & Haliburton locations and Organic Times in Minden

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Haliburton County Fair Auction June 9, 2018 At Minden Fairgrounds

TIME: 3:00 (PRIOR TO LEROY NESBITT MEMORIAL HORSE PULL)

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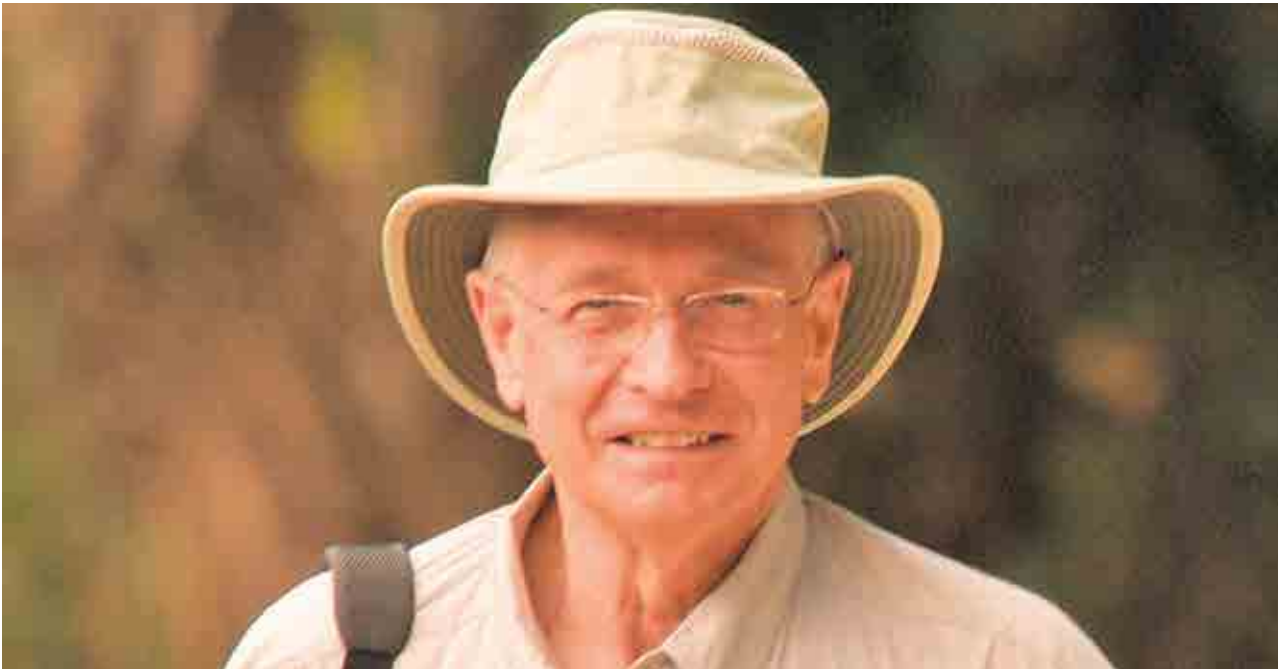
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Items Must Be Paid For At Time Of Auction

A Special Thank You Also To Our Donations From Blair Sand & Gravel, Miller Aggregates, Brad And Shirley Mcknight.

What's on



Top: Dr. Brock Fenton of the University of Western Ontario will be speaking at an upcoming presentation held by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust called "Exploring the Lives of Bats." *Submitted photo.*

Land Trust continues to 'go to bat'

By Felix Wong

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) will continue with its two-year grant to "Go to Bat" for bats.

The Bat Project, led by wildlife biologist Paul Heaven, focusses on understanding the distribution and representation of bats across Haliburton and identifying maternity roosts.

Maternity roosts are places where pregnant bats gather when the weather becomes warmer to have babies.

Heaven is in charge of developing and implementing the scientific study of the bat population, inventorying bat populations using acoustic recorders throughout Haliburton, identifying maternity roosts and conducting counts.

"Bats are an integral component of Ontario's ecosystems and what we know of them is very limited. We felt that understanding our bat populations in Haliburton would help guide our conservation efforts," said Heaven.

According to the HHLT, a decline in the bat population may lead to an increase in the number of pests, which in turn results in an increase in the use of pesticides as well as

damage to forests and agriculture. They are also working towards relieving some of the other threats that bats face including the destruction of maternity roosts and loss of habitat.

The continuation of the second year of the two-year grant was recently approved by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Species at Risk Stewardship Fund. During the first year of the grant, the HHLT documented all eight species of bat found in Ontario, four of which are endangered: Little Brown Myotis, Eastern Small-footed Myotis, Northern Myotis and Tri-coloured Bat. This year, the HHLT plans to follow up on active bat sites found in Haliburton County throughout 2017.

Last year, HHLT hosted a successful bat box building workshop where kits were supplied and participants given the opportunity to build their own boxes. Bat boxes are used to help reduce the number of biting insects on one's property. The HHLT will be hosting workshops on June 9 at The Fish Hatchery and June 21 at Abbey Gardens. Register at haliburtonlandtrust.ca.



A bat box creatively painted during last year's workshop by Maggie Lawrence. *Submitted photo.*

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Don't miss out on the Haliburton Highlands Food and Beverage Showcase June 16th Fundraiser at Wintergreen 11 to 4 p.m.

Wintergreen Pancake Barn will reopen again July 2nd (weekends only) throughout the summer months.
Call for information 1-705-286-3202

What's on

MAY/JUNE 2018 • EVENT LISTINGS

Thursday May 31

Highland Yard – deadline for early bird registration is today!
Run.highbury.ca

Saturday June 2

10 a.m. – Haliburton County Master Gardeners Plant Sale, at the Village Green, downtown Minden. Entrance #s available 9:00 a.m. haliburtonmastergardener.ca Open 10 a.m. until sold out.

10 a.m. – noon – Haliburton Highlands Land Trust AGM, Minden Cultural Centre, Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden. Register online at haliburtonlandtrust.ca

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Minden Farmer's Market, opening day! Beside the Minden Hills Township office. Every Saturday until October 6th.

2 – 5 p.m. – Gord Kidd & Brad Sales: "Guitared & Dangerous", at Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Light lunch available from 12 – 1 p.m., meat draw 1 p.m.. No cover charge.

Sunday June 3

1 p.m. – Grannies Tea, at the Stanhope Community Centre on North Shore Rd. Doors open at 1 p.m. tea begins at 1:30 p.m. Loonie auction, granny creations marketplace, herbs from Abbey Gardens. Join the Haliburton Highlands Grannies, in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. For tickets call Jacqui at 705-754-9851 or Gayle at 705-286-3411.

Tuesday June 5

Noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton Farmer's Market, in Head Lake Park every Tuesday until Oct. 2.

Wednesday June 6

7 p.m. – Highlands Little Theatre Annual General Meeting, at McKeck's Tap & Grill. Time to renew your membership!

Thursday June 7

6 p.m. – dusk – Haliburton Highlands

Time Travellers - Classic Vehicle Cruise Night, Head Lake Park, Haliburton.

7 – 8:30 p.m. – CFUW meeting, at Haliburton School of the Arts, Fleming College Haliburton. Speakers Marg Cox, Cathy Costantino and Debbie Sherwin from Point in Time will talk about Poverty in Haliburton County.

Saturday June 9

Haliburton County Marksmen Club Ladies Day. To sign up, or for more info contact info@hcmcnct.com or visit hcmcnct.com to learn more.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Minden Farmer's Market, opening day! Beside the Minden Hills Township office. Every Saturday until October 6th.

10 a.m. – noon – Bat Box Building Workshop, part of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days series, at Haliburton Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd., Haliburton. Register at haliburtonlandtrust.ca, under "events", or call 705-457-3700.

Blues in Bobcaygeon, featuring The Soul Brothers Rhythm & Blues & Comedy Revue evening concert. \$25. Call or text BLUES to 705-738-2202. Daytime activities at the Locks – displays, history, music and so much more. Bobcaygeon.org

Monday June 11

7 – 9 p.m. – Lochlin United Church presents Gord Kidd & Friend Shawn Chamberlin with their gospel and country music show. Admission by donation, refreshments to follow. 1050 Lochlin Rd, off Gelert Rd. For further info call Helen: 705-286-6087.

Tuesday June 12

Noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton Farmer's Market, in Head Lake Park every Tuesday until Oct. 2.

7:30 p.m. – Haliburton's Lakes and Climate Change. Join Environment Haliburton for an Enviro-Café, at Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Presenter Cindy Chu, Research Scientist with the MNR and Adjunct Professor at U of T, will talk about what happens to aquatic life as our climate warms. For more info contact Terry at tmoore7031@gmail.com or 705-306-9254.

Wednesday June 13

7 p.m. – An evening of music and comedy featuring "All Rescued Children", hosted by the Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre, at Lakeside Church in Haliburton. Admission by donation, charitable receipts issued for all donations over \$20.

Thursday June 14

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, free drop-in program, Wilberforce Legion branch #624. Join us for coffee, colouring, tech-time, board games, card games, crafts, pool, cribbage, conversation, and more. 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

6 p.m. – dusk – Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers - Classic Vehicle Cruise Night, Kawartha Dairy, Minden.

Friday June 15

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Shout Sister Haliburton Choir is holding an evening of music and song to support Point in Time Centre, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton. Doors open at 7 p.m., Tickets \$15 per person, children under 12 free. admin@shoutsisterchoir.ca.

Saturday June 16

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Minden Farmer's Market, opening day! Beside the Minden Hills Township office. Every Saturday until October 6th.

4 – 7 p.m. – Harold MacIntyre in the Clubroom of the Haliburton Legion Branch 129. 50/50 draw at 6 p.m., enjoy a delicious meal from the Ladies Auxiliary for \$6. \$5 cover charge for non-members.

Tuesday June 19

Noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton Farmer's Market, in Head Lake Park every Tuesday until Oct. 2.

Wednesday June 20

6 – 8:30 p.m. – Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group, at the Lions Hall 166 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden. 7 p.m. presenter will be Marilyn Hagerman talking about her work-in-progress book about Gull Lake. Everyone welcome, no charge. For more info call Gail 705-286-2225.

6 p.m. – dusk – Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers - Classic Vehicle Cruise Night, Head Lake Park, Haliburton.

Thursday June 21

1 p.m. – Water Ambassadors Canada Charity Golf Classic, at Pinestone Resort. A great way to have fun while raising money to provide clean drinking water to communities around the world. Register online at waterambassadorscanada.org/golf. html or call 705-455-2037

Friday June 22

Noon – 4 p.m. – Stanhope Farmer's Market, at Stanhope Community Centre on North Shore Rd. Every Friday until Aug. 31.

Saturday June 23

9 a.m. – LKO Annual General Meeting, at Silver Beach. 8:30 a.m. coffee, 9 a.m. meeting begins. Come and learn all about your lake. Get involved!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Minden Farmer's Market, opening day! Beside the Minden Hills Township office. Every Saturday until October 6th.

Tuesday June 26

Noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton Farmer's Market, in Head Lake Park every Tuesday until Oct. 2.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday bridge 1p.m.
Tuesday fun darts starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m, bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursday general meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw Chester Howse, MC.
Friday cribbage 1 p.m. start and fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturday 50/50 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon onwards
Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

MINDEN BRANCH

Monday-every second week rug hooking;
Tuesday, seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.; Wednesday, meat draw noon; Thursday, mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m. mixed darts; Saturday, meat draw 1 p.m.; Sunday, sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.-Fri, with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

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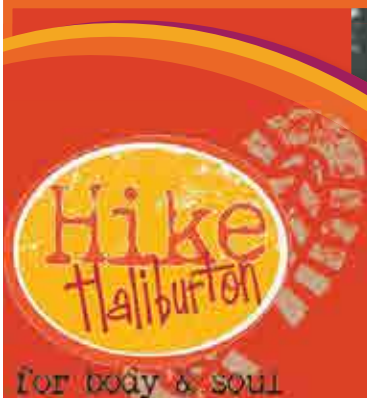
June 1 Ham & Scalloped dinner 5 - 7 p.m.
June 2 45th anniversary open house celebration
Meat draw 2 -p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP
June 4 Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome
June 5 Executive meeting 7 p.m.
June 6 Fun darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome

Upcoming events

June 9 Rick Rowe Memorial Horseshoe tournament

June 23 Harold Floden Memorial small mouth bass derby

We are electing in new Executive members and they need all the time that anyone can offer. Need Ham & Scalloped volunteers immediately. Help with sports and meat draws. Please let myself or the legion know if you can help. 705-727-2417



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