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Lake residents demand better roads and internet

By Mark Arike

Property owners in the Haliburton Lake area want better roads and access to high-speed internet.

Full-time and seasonal residents raised both issues during an all-candidates meeting last Sunday morning at the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association (HLCA) hall. The event featured mayoral candidates Murray Fearrey and Andrea Roberts, deputy

mayoral candidates Dennis Casey and Pat Kennedy, and Ward 5 candidates Walt McKechnie and Glenn Scott.

Two questions that were submitted by email prior to the meeting addressed roads. The first focused on Dunn Road, which is adjacent to Haliburton Lake and leads into Fort Irwin.

"Ever since it was converted back to dirt, it has been horrible," it stated. "Between

all of the heavy construction trucks coming and going, the heavy rains we've had, it washes out and washboards constantly. During the spring, mud ruts are so bad, we can hardly get through. When it's dry, our vehicles get covered with dust on a regular basis."

They wanted to know why a dead-end road gets paved while their "heavily used road" doesn't.

Roberts, incumbent deputy mayor and mayoral candidate, said a 2014 road needs study found it was best to return roads to a gravel surface in areas with low traffic counts and invest more money "to keep good roads good."

"It's not been very popular," admitted Roberts. "Not just up here, but throughout the municipality."

Although she believes it's very expensive

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About 80 people attended the recent meeting. Photos by Mark Arike.

Dysart 'inherited' subpar roads: Fearrey

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to put surface treatment on roads, it's something the newly-elected council should consider.

There are more than 316 km of road in Dysart, according to the study. Eighty-eight km is gravel, 213 km surface treated and 15 km asphalt. A total of \$7 million in capital needs were identified.

In his opening remarks, incumbent Fearrey said the municipality inherited roads from the 1950s that weren't ever designed for year-round use. He told *The Highlander* they were built by developers but not up to standard.

"They were seasonal, cottage, summer roads," said Fearrey, adding they were built with bulldozers, and rocks and stumps are coming out of them. "We're in the Canadian Shield. It's not cheap to provide good roads in Haliburton County."

Roads crews have used black tar and gravel to temporarily repair them, but "it didn't last," he said.

Fearrey researched a product he believes will bring some relief. It's called RS 3000, and he said it's environmentally friendly.

"It solidifies the ground three inches down so it doesn't move. You put it down with stone. You have no dust for four to five years and you have a surface that repels the water."

Fearrey said the municipality is going to test it on a half-kilometre stretch of road in Haliburton.

One resident, who didn't think the roads are that bad, said

that cell phone and internet service is a critical issue.

"If Haliburton County and Dysart is going to encourage a tax base, it has to have industry coming in. Industry can't come in without infrastructure of internet and cell phones," he said.

The man wanted to know what's happening with the push for improved service.

McKechnie, Ward 5 incumbent, said he recently spoke to MP Jamie Schmale about the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's (EORN) mobile broadband project. It promises to improve cellular data services in the region.

"The county, municipality and province have all their ducks in order," said McKechnie. "They're just waiting for the federal government to disperse the money to the [EORN]."

Pat Kennedy, candidate for deputy mayor, said he's sick of hearing about EORN.

"I don't think we can afford to wait for EORN," said Kennedy, adding it's time to look into a municipal internet service provider. He also said there should be free Wi-Fi on Haliburton's main street.

Some of the other topics discussed included short-term rentals, the environment and marijuana legalization. The meeting was co-sponsored by the HLCA and the Fort Irwin Residents' Association.

The election takes place Oct. 22.

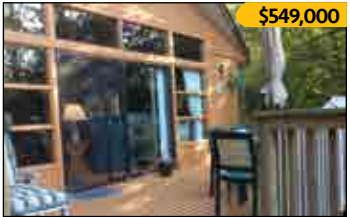




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The badly damaged gate at the base of the Dorset Lookout Tower. *Photo submitted.*

Police investigate vandalism at Dorset Lookout Tower

The gate at the base of the Dorset Lookout Tower was badly damaged sometime on Aug. 17.

Haliburton Highlands OPP confirmed they received a report of mischief after 8:30 p.m. Chris Card, parks, recreation and trails manager, told The Highlander he was going to assess the damage on Tuesday.

"The township phoned it in and the OPP investigated," said Card, adding there

isn't any evidence of other damage on the property or theft.

He couldn't speculate as to how the damage was done. The gate will need to be replaced to stop vehicles from driving to the tower after hours.

The OPP encourage anyone with information to contact them at 1-888-310-1122 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS). *(Mark Arike)*

All-candidates meetings set for fall municipal election

Local media have partnered to host five all-candidates meetings in the county ahead of the fall election.

The first meeting will feature candidates for wards 1 and 3 in Algonquin Highlands. It will take place Sept. 13 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. A week later, on Sept. 20, candidates in Highlands East will square off at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. On Sept. 27, candidates vying for a seat in Minden Hills will be front and centre at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre. A meeting in Dysart takes place

Oct. 4 at the Haliburton School of Art and Design (HSAD). The final meeting, which will include all lower tier candidates for mayor and deputy mayor, will be held Oct. 11 at HSAD.

All of the meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Full-time and seasonal residents are encouraged to bring their questions and hear what candidates have to say.

The meetings are being organized by the county's newspapers and radio stations. *(Mark Arike)*

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Barry relieved she won't be putting signs around town

By Lisa Gervais

Being acclaimed to Algonquin Highlands council once again, has come as somewhat of a relief for veteran politician Lisa Barry.

Barry has only had to campaign one time around – in the 2010 election.

She was acclaimed in 2014 and has been acclaimed once again in 2018 as she enters her third term on council in the fall.

“Being acclaimed is naturally a great feeling and a relief,” she told *The Highlander*.

“I feel that the work I’m doing is important and I am looking forward to continuing to represent my community and Algonquin Highlands as a whole.”

But, she concedes that her biggest relief is not having to put out signs along roadways and buildings, since, “I have never found these to sway my vote and not an item that has much worth after the election.”

She said her last term, which does not officially end until mid-November, was filled with a large amount of committee work.

She said that involved she and fellow councillors and staff collectively reviewing and moving forward “some amazing studies, official plans and strategic initiatives.”

She is the chair of the cultural resource

committee, as well as the environment and stewardship committee.

“I am proud that I have helped to generate discussions with all of the county’s environment committees.

I am looking forward to some joint initiatives and collaborations going forward.”

She added that she’s also proud of the reappointed recreation committee in Stanhope, and that the entire municipality is looking at reviewing programming, events and cross-pollination of committees.

“In the next term, I would like to continue supporting these initiatives as well as working with more committees collaboratively.”

Following the inaugural council meeting in mid-December, Barry said she is looking forward to working with staff, the community and the other elected officials around the council table.

“I am excited to be continuing to serve with both Mayor Carol Moffatt and Coun. Liz Danielsen.

Both offer such insight, dedication and passion. It will be an honour to serve with them for another term.”

Barry and her husband, Matt Mihlik, are artists and run Homestead Pottery in Algonquin Highlands.

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Speed sign reminds drivers to slow down

By Mark Arike

A digital radar speed sign seems to be causing drivers to ease off the gas on county roads.

During a one-week period (June 30 to July 6) along County Road 21, near Tim Hortons, 31 per cent of eastbound drivers were doing less than the 50 km/h limit when the sign was in display mode. That number was only eight per cent when the sign was in “stealth mode,” meaning it looked as if it was off.

The majority of drivers, at 34 per cent, travelled between 51-60 km/h when they noticed the sign was on. That’s 10 per cent more than during stealth mode. Excessive speeding (71 km/hr and up) also dropped from 31 to 11 per cent.

“Our hope is that the sign will open eyes to those driving a bit quick and not really paying attention to that fact,” public works director Craig Douglas told *The Highlander*. “Clearly, many drivers are hitting the brakes when they see their speed

flashed up on the screen.”

The sign has also collected data along County Road 14, south of County Road 6 in Eagle Lake. Staff met with residents in the area who were concerned about the amount and speed of traffic travelling through the intersection. It generated similar results, said Douglas.

As of Aug. 10, the sign was tracking westbound vehicles on County Road 21, east of Industrial Park Road. Its next stop is Highland Grove.

A recommendation to use a speed sign came from the April 2017 AECOM Traffic Corridor Assessment Study for County Road 21. Research on this type of device has shown it can reduce speeds by more than 17 per cent, according to Douglas’s report.

The solar-powered sign cost about \$4,000. In addition to gathering speed data on both sides of the road, it counts vehicles and their classification (car or truck).



This radar sign is being moved around the county to discourage speeding. Photo by Mark Arike.



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County roads need a big boost

As someone who has lived in Haliburton County for about 17 years, I've had the privilege of exploring much of this vast geographic area.

But unfortunately, that has meant travelling several roads that have seen better days.

I was reminded again when I hit Harburn Road to go to an all-candidates meeting at the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association's hall. I don't go along this road often, so I wasn't prepared for the potholes and bumps I'd encounter. In a couple instances, I said a prayer for my car, hoping I didn't so some serious damage to a wheel or tire upon impact.

So, it shouldn't have come as a surprise that roads were one of the top priorities at the meeting.

Residents and cottagers expect more—and I can't blame them. Whether you have a small cabin in the woods or a multi-million dollar "cottage" on the lake, your journey to and from your property shouldn't seem like a mission to avert landmines.

The county and Dysart (where the meeting was held) have roads departments

and budgets. But as it was stressed at the meeting, they are doing the best they can with the funds they have. Many years ago, the province paid for 70 per cent of their road repair costs, said incumbent Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey.

This was in the millions. And in the 1970s, there were times they got up to 90 per cent funding to build and repair various county roads.

But all of this money stopped flowing in because the government at the time identified other priorities, according to Fearrey.

Now, the only provincial grants Dysart and the county get (if they're lucky) is for bridge work. Municipalities must turn to taxpayers for road repairs and maintenance.

At the meeting, it was suggested that a one-time, five per cent tax hike across Dysart could be the answer. But that would mean taking more money out of the pockets of low-income earners who are already struggling to pay their bills.

Back to the government. The Ford PCs need to take a serious look at increasing infrastructure funding for rural communities

like ours.

According to the Association of Municipalities (AMO)—an organization that represents 444 Ontario municipalities—a \$4.9 billion annual gap is forming between municipal revenues collected (mainly property taxes and user fees) and what's necessary to pay for services, provincial mandates and infrastructure.

During this week's AMO Conference, Premier Ford promised to work together with municipalities on important issues that affect residents. He also vowed to get highways and roads "back into shape for the millions of families, workers and businesses who use them every day."

Let's hope this includes Haliburton County, and translates into a much-needed annual boost for our infrastructure. We look forward to hearing more.



By Mark Arike

The winds of change

It's often assumed that change is most prominent in larger urban centres mainly because of the inherent social pace that exists in highly populated areas. The water simply flows faster there. But as much as that's been the traditional model, things—ironically—are about to change. Change itself, how it happens and where it occurs, is itself changing and rural areas like ours are smack dab at its epicentre.

It seems odd to consider a passive area like Haliburton County to be nearer the tip of the sword when it comes to social and economic transformation. We're backcountry, conservative in nature and generally slow to adapt and adopt. But that's precisely why it will happen here.

This movement has picked up the pace entirely because of technology, but the change itself is not limited to just technology. This is about way more than just faster internet and few mobile dead zones. Those are simply the conduits to change. Equate it to building bigger highways. Not only does the pace pick up, but so does everything that comes with it.

You get more and you get it faster. This is the biggest element we're going to have to deal with and the one with the most hand-wringing for some.

Having the ability to watch videos on your phone or to do a video call while sitting on your dock is the easy part. What about the financial and societal change that comes with it? The more we're open to the world, the more the world is open to us. We've seen that in a relatively ("relatively", in Haliburton County terms that is) massive way. Seems our demographics change daily. We're starting to resemble more of the world whether we like it or not. I mean this way beyond simple ethnic diversity. Who we are, what we are and what we want to become is squarely in question whether it's social or economic. You, the collective we, need to figure this out.

What we all have to appreciate is that we're not alone in this. Countless communities all over country, all over the world for that matter, see change at their doorstep and how they react to it will define them for decades to come. Those from the

city, for example, are contemplating life in the country as a truly viable option more than ever before. The social and lifestyle benefits have always been obvious, but now the economics are starting to make sense to them as well. Businesses that may not have been possible or even sane some years ago to establish here now have a fighting chance.

I'm not advocating installing turnstiles at the county lines. Allowing unfettered growth is not beneficial now or in the long run. Doing so would only destroy the very things that make us so attractive now. This is why developing a collective ethos and strategy for change is so important.

The question is no longer about whether change is coming to Haliburton County or not, but about how we intend to deal with it as it arrives.



By Charlie Teljeur



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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: What is your favourite thing about the arts in Haliburton?



Anita McIntyre

Kingston

I like the art itself, there's just so much of it.



Guillermo Subauste

Toronto

I love that it's possible to have an amazing Forest Festival here in Haliburton. I wish I could stay even longer.



Irene Odell

Haliburton

I love the different music and arts that we can all enjoy.



Mark Robinson

Bowmanville

I love the diversity – there's a lot of talent here and it's all very accessible.



Yolanda Vandergaast

Toronto

I like that there's an art school here that brings all the artists together.

Photos & Interviews by Felix Wong

Letters

A big thanks to Haliburton Hospital

Dear editor,

This past Thursday, I made an important but unfortunate discovery after half a century on this planet. I'm allergic to wasp stings.

I inadvertently mowed over a nest, and six stings and a few minutes later, something was clearly wrong. Terrifyingly wrong.

My boyfriend raced me to Haliburton Highlands Health Services—which brings me to this letter to express my gratitude.

The staff at the Haliburton hospital fixed me up with care that was second to none. They dropped everything when we came through the door and worked flawlessly as a team to help me recover.

The Haliburton community is extremely fortunate to have Dr. Coles, Lucie and Jordana there to care for them. Even as the emergency department got busy they remained focused and attentive, with a fantastic bedside manner.

I hope I never need their services again, but if I do, I know I'll be in great hands.

With my deepest thanks,

Alyssa Diamond,
Toronto/Gelert

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



A photo of the sky and shore intertwining in Paddy's Bay, Kennisis Lake. Photo by Tracey Cicurskis.

Snapped rods and bruised pride

I'm a slow learner, I guess, partly because this fact only dawned upon me this week, after I snapped the end off of a very beautiful, antique split cane fly fishing rod. I was unlucky, though, but that doesn't really cut it when the fishing rod belongs to someone else.

The thing is, this accident should never have happened, it should never even have been on the cards because I should have known what was going to transpire. And, in my defense, albeit a defense that makes me look even more stupid, I did mutter under my breath, "don't do this, you know you'll break it."

But let's forget the rod for a moment and go back some 30 years to a time when I was more innocent, more stupid and even less likely to know better.

There I stood, a teenager, at the road edge leaning against my 50cc motorbike, a little

dirt bike. I watched as my mate sped by on his 125cc Yamaha. Oh how I wanted to ride that bike. And so, when he asked if I would like to take it for a spin I jumped at the chance.

Helmet on, visor down, off I went, racing up to the intersection, half a glance, nothing comin', "KERRUNCH!" I somersaulted across the hood of the car, skidded down the tarmac and ended up sitting on my backside at the curb edge, nothing damaged except the knees of my new jeans and my pride. The car was relatively unscathed too and the driver more concerned about me, but the bike ... Let's just say that my pal was not my pal for quite a while after that day.

Fast forward to some eight or nine years ago and me living here in Canada. A new friend and I were trading stories over a few beers. He laughed at my bike crash story

and said, "Yup, never borrow stuff that you don't want to break or can't afford to fix." Wise words indeed and I clinked a bottle with him and heartily agreed.

And then there's the fishing rod. Its owner, a man I'd met just days before, learned that I like to fly fish, and so brought the rod, and a wicker creel down to the dock to show me. Disappearing to attend to some chore, he left me with the rod half out of its travel tube and yet to examine the creel. Rod assembled and 'swished a bit', I opened the creel to find a reel and box of flies. My stomach tightened, I had never cast a split cane rod before and here were all the tools I needed to do it but no mention had been made of me doing so.

"Oh, this is bad," I mumbled as I attached the reel and pulled line through the eyes of the rod.

"Don't do it, you know you'll break it,"

but now I was tying on the fly.

My first cast was tentative, too delicate, too knowing of what must follow, but me being a slow learner I shrugged the foreboding off and got on with being a dufus.

Snap.

Minutes later I was walking to the house to find the owner of the rod, hoping he wouldn't mind that it now had one more section than when I put it together not 10 minutes previous.

My friend's words rang deafening in my ears, my heart had sunk as low as it could go. But do you think I'll wise up? Is 30 years long enough for a slow learner? I hope so but don't count on it, and don't lend me anything.

The Outsider



By Will Jones

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Councillor acclaimed for third term

By Mark Arike

Ward 3 Coun. Cecil Ryall was the only acclaimed incumbent in Highlands East. He will be starting his third term after the fall election.

"The fact that no one else ran in this election was a complete surprise to me and I am extremely grateful that I was acclaimed," said Ryall in an interview.

The former consultant decided to run for council in 2010 because he wasn't happy with the way the municipality was operating. After being elected, he said council "developed a solid approach to managing the municipality." Part of that included establishing five advisory committees.

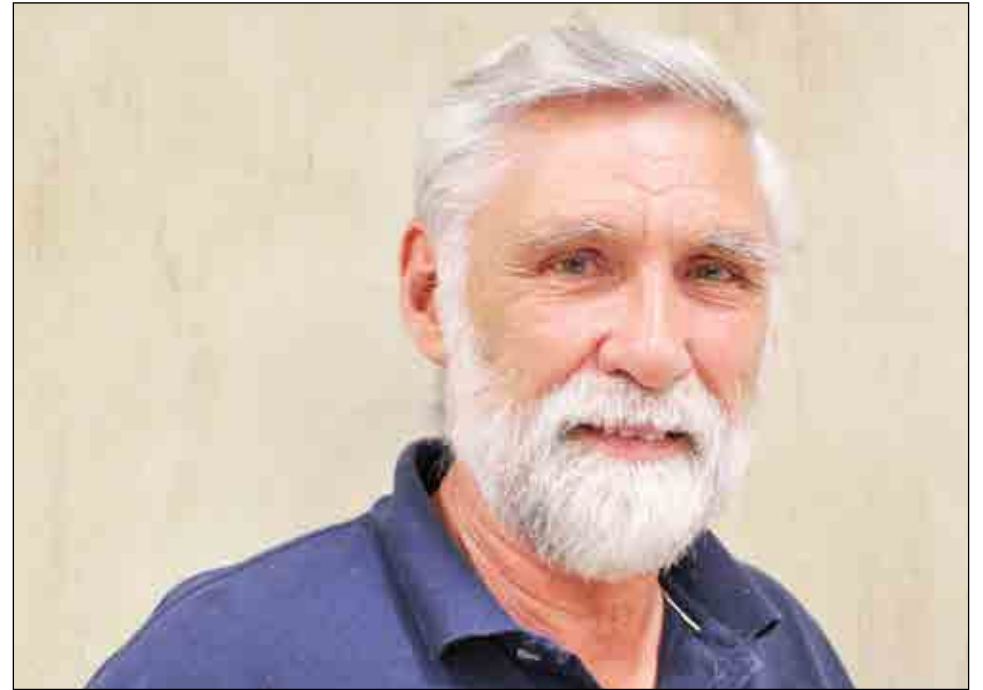
In the most recent term, he believes they've "worked on plans for stabilizing and growing the municipality."

"We are no longer working as five independent wards but more like a well-organized unit composed of five sectors that have both common and unique goals," said Ryall.

As chair of the economic development advisory committee, he has focused on supporting local businesses. The committee completed a business retention and expansion (BR&E) survey, which revealed the types of challenges employers are facing. A list of 10 recommendations were presented to council. One of those was the #buycloseby campaign, which has become a county-wide initiative with the support of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Ryall added he's worked very hard to strengthen the relationships between the municipality and area lake associations.

As for why Ryall decided to stick around,



Cecil Ryall was recently acclaimed as councillor for Ward 3 in Highlands East. Photo by Mark Arike.

he said there's much more work to be done. He explained that at least two more BR&E recommendations must be implemented and he wants to focus even more on economic development within the municipality.

"I plan on championing the establishment of a more defined economic development function within our municipality," he said. "The immediate need is real and our businesses have asked for something to be done."

There are races for every other seat in the municipality, including mayor. Only one current councillor, Joan Barton, didn't seek

re-election.

"While I really enjoyed my time on council, there are some other things I want to do in life that I need to make time for," Barton told The Highlander. "I was very lucky in that I think I've sat on two very good councils, in which everybody at the table really was there to promote the common good, and worked together to accomplish that in a very professional and cooperative way. I really hope that continues."

For a full list of Highlands East's candidates, visit highlandseast.ca/elections.

Youth can apply for accessibility grants

By Mark Arike

MP Jamie Schmale is calling on young people interested in making their community more accessible to apply for up to \$10,000 through a federal grant.

Schmale recently encouraged 15-30-year-olds to partner with organizations on project proposals to the Enabling Accessibility Fund's (EAF) Youth Innovation Component. The application deadline is Sept. 21.

To participate, young people must "identify accessibility barriers in public places or workplaces within their immediate and/or surrounding communities, and seek

out interested organizations willing to work with them to develop an EAF accessibility project funding proposal," according to Schmale.

Organizations eligible for funding include non-profits, for-profits (with as many as 99 full-time employees), local municipalities, Indigenous organizations and territorial governments.

Youth innovation is one of three funding components under the EAF. Small and mid-sized projects are the other two.

For full details, visit canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/enabling-accessibility-fund-youth-innovation.html.



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Township makes changes to its official plan

By Lisa Harrison

Amendment 3 to Algonquin Highlands' official plan was adopted smoothly Aug. 16 following a public meeting in which no one in the packed council chambers gallery spoke against it.

The formal review process began with a special council meeting last August, followed by release of the draft official plan amendment for public input on June 22 of this year, reported Greg Corbett of consulting firm Planscape Inc.

"The existing ... plan policy comparison table was released which showed what the existing policies were, what the proposed policy would be and if there were changes, what the rationale would be," said Corbett. "We had a public open house on July 12 of this year and then we had this public meeting."

The amendment includes several notable

changes, many in response to public input and many designed to bring this plan into alignment with the county's new plan. The amendment must now be approved by county council.

Examples of the township's changes include a revision to the waterfront designation area to include the shoreline of all waterbodies except those within a settlement area. The shoreline activity area for residential properties has been reduced to 25 per cent from 30 per cent, with the 15-metre maximum retained.

Residential condominiums and subdivisions are not permitted in waterfront and rural zones. The minimum rural lot size has been reduced to 0.8 hectares from 2.0 hectares. To create a lot, the proponent must confirm that capacity for hauled sewage exists in that area. The number of lots that can be created by severance is reduced to



Algonquin Highlands office in the summer. File photo.

four from five.

New segments have been added to the environmental management section. These include one for wildland fires in which development is to be directed away from lands that are unsafe due to the presence of hazardous forest types.

The airport and adjacent lands have been

designated as an airport industrial special policy area to establish specific policies to support the area's economic potential and protect the airport from incompatible uses.

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Algonquin Highlands briefs

Trench system to improve septage lagoon

Visitors to this Saturday's public information centre on expansion of the McClintock septage lagoon will instead see a recommendation to create a dewatering trench system.

Algonquin Highlands environmental consultant Cambium Inc. recommended this option at council's regular Aug. 16 meeting and it was approved.

According to Cambium's report, early testing shows a trench system will have a low impact on the surrounding environment. The system is an economical solution that is simple to implement and maintain and enables modular growth. It was also suggested by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks during a site meeting.

The information centre will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 1051 Main St. Cambium staff will attend to display information boards and answer questions.

Questions, input and comments will be accepted by Cambium up to Sept. 30.

North Shore Road in need of extensive repairs

Four sections of North Shore Road are slated for repairs at an estimated cost of \$741,400, for which Algonquin Highlands council has moved to seek provincial funding.

According to a staff report, Engage Engineering inspected the sections in July regarding road settlement issues and provided several rehabilitation options and cost estimates.

Staff recommended the best long-term solution would be to install walls higher than the high-water level (approximately four to five feet high), replace culverts and drop structures on the outlets, regrade ditch lines and provide slope protection.

Council voted to hire Engage to prepare an application to the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund at a cost of \$2,500 plus tax. The township would contribute 37 per cent of the total project cost, \$175,000 of which is the amount of taxes allotted for 2018 capital construction

projects.

(AH briefs by Lisa Harrison)

WEEKEND

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Highlander news



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Backpacks for Kids prepares students for school

By Mark Arike

In less than two weeks, students across Haliburton County will return to classrooms. It can be an exciting time, but also daunting for families that have a difficult time affording the items their child needs.

But because of the 12th annual Backpacks for Kids in Haliburton County program, 120 kids will have brand new knapsacks stuffed with supplies like pencils, crayons and paper. This is double last year's donation.

The backpacks are donated by Bell. Financial donations from local Bell employees and organizations are used to buy the supplies. Each year, Rhonda Cooper, owner of Needful Things in Haliburton, offers a discount on the items and donates her own time and that of her family members to pack the bags. Point in Time, a charitable, non-profit organization, will distribute the backpacks to kids in need.

"This program is important to us, to parents and children," said Jim Winn, Bell Regional Communications representative. "Back to school is the second most expensive time of year for families, and as a result, can be difficult."

The program is a Bell charity project that began in eastern Canada in 2003.



All 120 backpacks were delivered to Point in Time's Haliburton office on Aug. 14. From left, Dawn Hurd, Richard Wannan (BMO), Joan Wilson, Jim Frost (Haliburton Lions Club), Jim Winn (Bell), Kathryn Kidd (Lions club), Liz Boxall (Bell) and Lisa Hamilton. *Photo submitted.*

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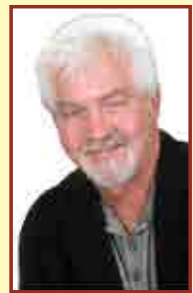


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Highlander business

Optician passes the torch to Haliburton couple

By Mark Arike

After 20 years of helping customers in the Highlands with all their vision care needs, Lance Edwards has sold his well-established business.

Edwards, 59, didn't want to work past his prime, which is common in the industry. And he had a very eager couple at his doorstep, ready to buy.

"They always say the best time to sell a business is when somebody wants to buy it," he told The Highlander.

At the suggestion of a friend, Edwards, a former Barrie resident, relocated to Haliburton to open a new optical store. Haliburton Vision Care got its start in the lower of the Stedmans mall. After three years, he moved into a unit at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre building off County Road 1.

The business sells a variety of glasses, sunglasses and contact lenses. As an optician, Edwards fits glasses for customers and provides repairs. Eye examinations are conducted by Dr. Lorne Kay, a longtime member of the team.

More than a year ago, Edwards had an appraisal done. He was approached by fellow Haliburton resident Brett Wilson, who asked when he planned to retire and sell. Brett is a longtime local who used

to own Haliburton Lumber, his wife, Lauren, explained. The business remains in his family.

As it turns out, there already was a connection: Brett and Edwards' oldest daughter, Amanda, have been friends for 20 years.

Brett and Lauren took ownership on June 15. As a business graduate of Ryerson University, Lauren is also excited about running a business.

"We just always wanted to own our own business," she said.

Although they don't have prior experience in optometry, both are in the process of becoming fully-licensed opticians. Since the process will take two years, they've hired an optometrist to help them. Edwards will stay on board until Oct. 31, but will make himself available to the Wilsons after that time should they need anything.

The new owners don't plan to make any major changes. They want to build on the success Edwards is responsible for.

Edwards said he will miss his customers and friends the most. He will work part-time for ROI Corporation, a business brokerage. He remains a Rotarian.

Haliburton Vision Care is open Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



NEW OWNERSHIP: Lance Edwards, left, shakes the hand of Lauren Wilson, who now owns Haliburton Vision Care with her husband, Brett Wilson (absent). Photo by Mark Arike.

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THE WEEKEND

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Highlander people



Rev. Ken McClure has been appointed as the new priest for St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton and St. Margaret's Anglican Church in Wilberforce. Photo by Lisa Harrison.

Rev. Ken McClure takes to a new stage

By Lisa Harrison

Rev. Ken McClure's path to the Anglican priesthood has been eclectic but ultimately fitting.

"When I was a teenager, I knew I was going to be an actor, a politician or a priest," said McClure in an Aug. 13 interview. McClure became priest for St. George's Anglican Church (Haliburton) and St. Margaret's Anglican Church (Wilberforce) on Aug. 1.

A Keswick native, McClure grew up in a church-going family. He was drawn to the Anglican church with its liturgy that seemed "mystical, almost magical" to him.

However, McClure chose to attend an arts high school and George Brown Theatre School in Toronto, from which he graduated in 2000. He enjoyed acting for almost 10 years but eventually felt a lack of purpose in it. He took a warehouse job for a year to pay off his student loan and determine his next phase. He then moved to Guangzhou, China with his wife Becca to teach English for a year.

"Being there clarified a lot for me with regards to my faith and my practice and my purpose within that," said McClure.

Finding Guangzhou "a fairly hard place to engage in regular church worship," McClure began focusing on personal prayer and worship, reading ancient texts and learning ancient Greek. It became clear he was to be a priest and that his zig-zag career path had actually been a direct, ordained road to this end.

"I don't know that there's going to be another phase because I've come to understand that a priest is actually just an actor, a politician and a priest," said McClure with a characteristic laugh. More seriously, he said he felt prepared for the transition in part because an actor's job is to read text [to an audience] in a manner that is deep, close and personal and the same is true for reading Scripture.

The McClures returned to Canada and Ken obtained an

honours degree in classical studies at York University. He then achieved his Master of Divinity degree from the University of Toronto's Trinity College and served at Grace Church in Markham for two years before coming to Haliburton. The McClures and their six-year-old son Jack now live just up the street from St. George's.

McClure's two-year appointment by area Bishop Riscylla Shaw was made with the support of the church wardens. The appointment will be reviewed at about the one-year mark and if all goes well, McClure will stay on indefinitely.

His said his goals for his tenure are the same as everywhere he goes: "to do my best to project and spread the love of God and the love of Christ to everyone that I encounter."

"I want it to be a place of nurturing, a place of healing – I think it is that, and I want to continue in that ministry with the people here. I want to establish [even] deeper connections between the churches and the local community and the different groups that exist here."

Becca, a social worker, is taking her master's degree to enhance the versatility of the services she can provide. Jack experienced two years of school in Markham's more multicultural, urban environment and now also has the opportunity to grow up in a smaller community, both of which please McClure.

McClure said he's grateful to "everyone who has worked so hard to make the transition to being here so smooth" and to Rev. Canon Dr. David Barker. Barker has served in the interim since Rev. Anne Moore retired in December, "has really prepared things nicely for a new time," according to McClure, and has agreed to stay on as honorary assistant priest.

"I'm grateful to the ministry that has gone on here consistently ... and to the people who have helped to build [it]," added McClure. "And I'm grateful to God."

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Living well

Carnarvon author pens book of poems

By Felix Wong

Author Douglas Smith's newly released collection of poems, *Throw Ink on Snow*, is his second attempt at reconciling the local with the global in terms of both subject matter and imagery. The book serves a companion volume to the poem collection he published last year, *Rock Rose – Haliburton Poems*, which was infused with "images of drastic climate change alongside bucolic scenes from my daily life in the Highlands," said Smith, a Carnarvon resident.

This new collection is a juxtaposition of reflections on the Cuban revolution and the recordings of "everyday winter epiphanies that occur hereabouts, in a region where political discourse is rather subdued, if expressed at all," said Smith. A few poems are also ruminations on the act of writing itself.

A seasonal theme weaves the collection's narrative together: "the first is concerned with the transition from autumn to winter, this being a good time to plumb the inner world; the second, informed by a pleasant vacation in Cuba, has a visionary cast that accords with the promise of spring," writes Smith on the book's back cover.

A former anthropology professor at York University, Smith wrote his first poem for *Throw Ink on Snow* late last summer after being inspired by his struggle between accomplishing mundane household tasks and the lure of world travel: "domesticity versus escapism," in his own words. "As is

common knowledge, the prospect of writing sharpens one's perception, eagerness and confidence develop, and thus a certain momentum builds. Soon I found myself writing a new poem every other day or so."

He wrote all the poems over a period of six months; half of them in wintry Haliburton and the other half in Cuba.

However, he didn't bring his computer while vacationing in the latter, forcing him to write down his poems by hand. "It was quite a burden for one who is given to incessant editing," said Smith.

"Fortunately, the ocean was only a few metres away and it was very calming, as they say."

"For something wholly new, a thing never heard before, to spring into the mind is an ecstatic experience in itself," said Smith, reflecting on the writing process.

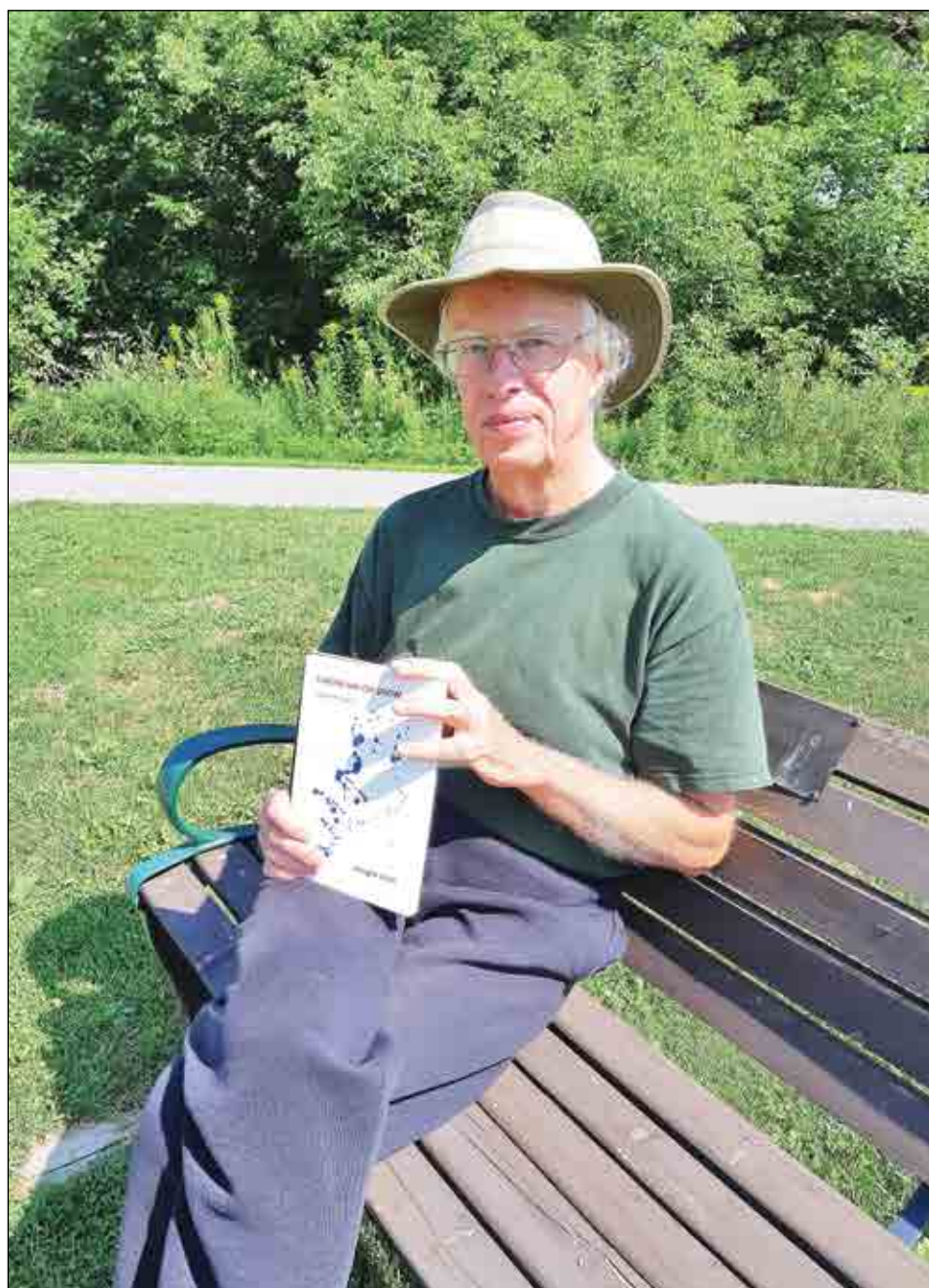
"Where it comes from, no one can say, but a poem strings together as many of these wonderful moments as possible until exhaustion ensues."

The cover design of Smith's book, blue splotches of ink against a white background, was created by flinging black ink against the smooth snow: "five or six times, until the bottle was empty, taking pictures of each splash in turn," said Smith, who designed it himself.

In addition to teaching, Smith has practised homeopathy for many years and has published several books on alternative medicine. *Throw Ink on Snow* is available for purchase by contacting Smith via email at quartzquest@gmail.com.

*Where it comes from,
no one can say, but a
poem strings together as
many of these wonderful
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Author Douglas Smith holds his new collection of poems, *Throw Ink on Snow*. Photo by Felix Wong.



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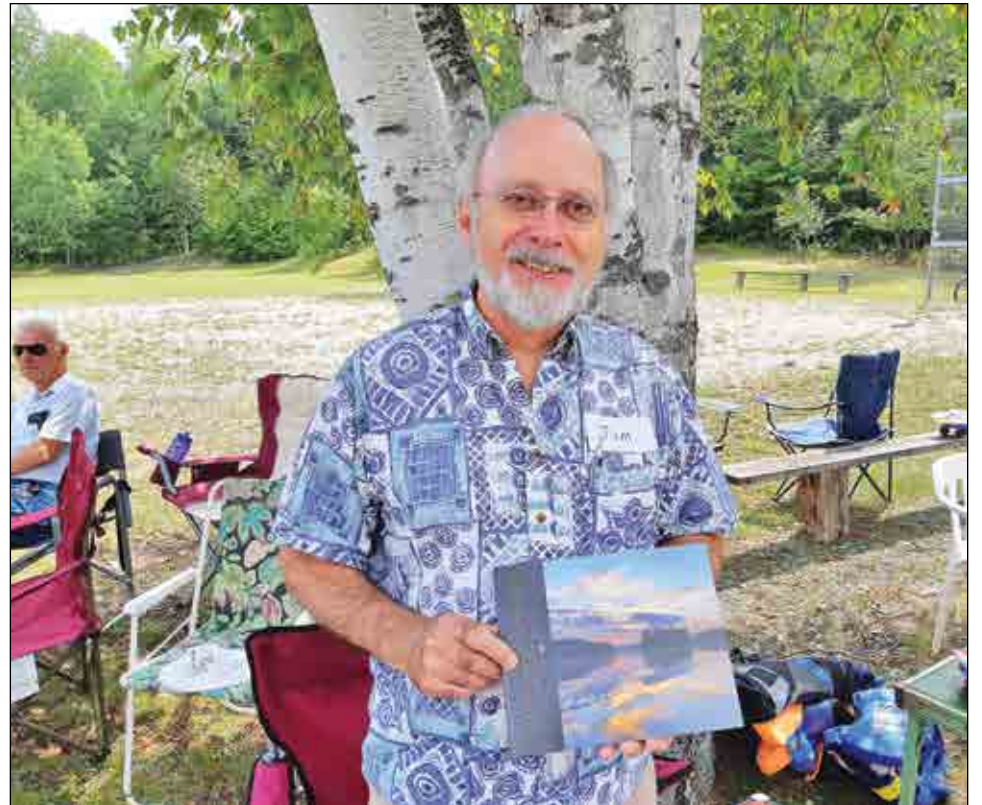
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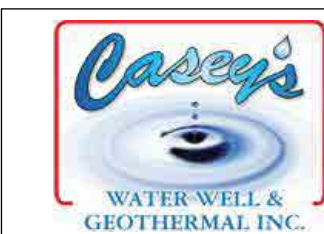
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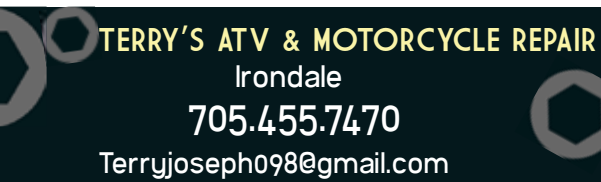


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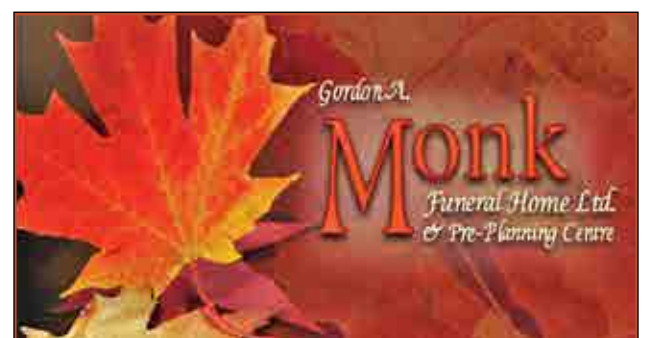


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Ribfest takes over Haliburton this weekend

By Jennifer Hughey

This love affair begins with a low-and-slow heat, and a sauce that, well, can make you weak in the knees.

I'm talking about barbecue, folks, the smell, the taste and the after-coma that ensues once you've finished your rack, half rack or whatever it is your grill has served up in all its glory. On the weekend of August 10-12, Wasaga Beach hosted its annual RibFest and it was glorious.

The family and I had just finished a good swim and we decided to check out what the hype was all about. We had been to a similar event before in Bowmanville, but the vibe right on the water made us think of Haliburton's event this coming weekend and the excitement started.

I had the opportunity to mill about as happy customers talked with complete strangers about how they like their barbecue and what the necessary sides should be. Smiling faces on both adults and children alike, with a bit of extra sauce donning the corners of the mouth, to be sure.

There are merchandise vendors and food vendors, ice cream trucks selling Spiderman on a stick. We counted eight bouncy castles and about 100 people in the beer tent. Did you know you can deep fry an entire onion? Well, you're welcome.

I met up with Ricky Brooks from the Ontario Festival Group, who's been in Haliburton since Aug. 21, finalizing

all things RibFest locally. He is always smiling.

"It's time to get Haliburton pumped up for this exciting event," he said. He also introduced me to Bernie, Camp 31 Barbecue Pit Master and we talked sauces, rubs and what it's like to be behind the line when the bell rings. "One, two, three!" (You'll see.)

My kids jumped while my husband and I ate a full rack and shared a beverage. Brooks told me he had just completed another RibFest the weekend before, and luckily, has a weekend between Wasaga and Haliburton. As someone familiar with event planning, I can relate.

We listened to a bit of music before we had to hit the road. Fur baby owners, take note. Our puppy was waiting for us as the event is not pet friendly. Ribs and dogs equal chaos, which we totally understood.

So, open your calendar, enter in August 24-26 – Haliburton Ribfest, Head Lake Park. For more info, check out the Facebook page, facebook.com/HaliburtonRibfest/ or better yet, volunteer to help on the weekend. Apply at ontariofestivalgroup.com/event/haliburton-ribfest/.

And, don't forget, homegrown talent, Carl Dixon, is on stage Friday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m., Wescali is closing things down on Saturday, Aug. 25 and Northborne wraps the whole show up Sunday, Aug. 26 at 5:30 p.m. #HaliburtonRibFest



Award-winning rib teams are coming to Haliburton. Photos by Jennifer Hughey.

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Left: David Diston gestures expressively during the Highlands Opera Studio's performance of *The Glove* and *The Troublemaker* on Aug. 17. Right: Matthew Dalen and Emma Bergin sing to one another. *Photos by Felix Wong.*

Opera studio brings timeless classics to the stage

Audience members were treated to a double bill of Canadian comedic operas on Aug. 16 and 17 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion (NLPAP). *The Glove* and *The Troublemaker*, both composed by Tibor Polgar, were originally commissioned by the Canadian Opera Company in the 1970s.

"They are wonderfully accessible operas and have great comic plots," said Highlands Opera Studio artistic director Richard Margison. "Every year we produce some Canadian works to showcase not only the vast array of vocal talent, but also to introduce our audiences to the works of Canadian composers."

Andy Erasmus, Grace Canfield and Matthew Dalen performed in *The Glove*. *The Troublemaker* also featured Erasmus and Dalen in addition to Suzanne Taffot, Emma Bergin, Joseph Trumbo and River Guard.

"The concerts and events so far this summer have been going extremely well.

We are very much looking forward to our main production of *La bohème* by Puccini."

Performances of *La bohème* will take place Aug. 24, 25 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. as well as a matinee performance on Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. at the NLPAP.

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Left: Wayne, left, and Tyler Ricketts pose next to their boat at the Haliburton Power Boat Races on Aug. 17. Right: Jamie Lyons and Harold Fennell during the meet and greet event. Photo by Felix Wong.



Power boat racing a family affair for competitors

By Felix Wong

Seventy-eight racers from Canada and the U.S. sped across Head Lake at the fourth annual Haliburton Power Boat Races from Aug. 17-19. The weekend-long competition kicked off with a meet and greet on Friday evening with the races taking place throughout Saturday and Sunday.

The annual event was organized by the Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC) and sanctioned by the Canadian Boating Federation.

"It's part of our circuit – there's a four-race circuit in Ontario and this is the last one," said racer Harold Fennell from Barrie when asked why he decided to participate in this year's races. "We began in Waterford, down near Port Dover, our second stop was Gravenhurst, the third stop was Erinsville and this stop is the fourth and final one."

Fennell has been racing for 45 years. "I started racing in my mid-teens," he added. "We had boats at the cottage and I had a friend who was racing so he got me into it."

"I just grew up with it," said Fennell's friend Jamie Lyons, who only started racing two years ago. "My father, my grandfather and my uncles all raced ... I grew up hearing all the stories." When asked why he just got onto the scene, he replied: "I didn't even realize it was still going on at the time ... I drove by [a race in] Erinsville and I went, 'woah, look at the boats!' Two weeks later, I had a boat and away I was going!"

"I wanted to get my daughters into it – they're just starting high school ... but they said nope, we don't want to be part of it," he added with a small sigh.

Asked what he was most nervous about during the race, Fennell replied, laughing: "staying in the boat!"

There were also many young racers at the competition: 19-year-old Tyler Ricketts has been racing for four years and his dad Wayne has been part of his boat crew since he started.

When asked how he first got into racing, Ricketts replied, "the sea flea," referring to small but fast homemade boats powered by small outboard engines. "I restored my grandfather's sea flea that he built in 1949 and then I became interested in these little boats and eventually came across a modern 2011 model – the Muskoka mosquito."

"The engines that he's running are all Japanese Yamotos," said his father. "They're engines that have been shipped here into the United States; we got one from Europe and one from California. Then you got to do a bunch of modifications to them with the help of an engineer."

"Sometimes," Ricketts replied, when asked if he ever gets nervous. "When we're all tight in a corner ... they call it whitewash when the spray from another boat comes up, it's just all white and you can't see, so you're just going with your gut and hoping you're not going to hit another boat."

The local racers also performed very well at this year's race: Brandon Sutton, Wesley Hammond and Andrea Hammond all took home awards in different classes.

"I've been racing for seven years and my first race was at Crystal Lake in New York," said Hammond, who received a rookie of the year award during his first year of racing. "My favourite aspect of power boat racing is going deck to deck into the first corner with my close friends."

Overall, \$2,338 was raised for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, and TORC donated \$1,000 on top of that. A hundred pounds of food was also collected for the hospital auxiliary food drive. Organizer Barb Hammond plans to submit a request to council to host the race again next year.

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Top: Riders get ready for the 100 km ride ahead of them at the Wilberforce ATV Ride on Aug. 18. Bottom: From left, Glenn and Kevin Reynolds stand next to Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton. Photos submitted by the Wilberforce Curling Club.

ATV riders cruise for community programs

Roughly 100 ATV riders cruised through a 100 km trail at the sixth annual Wilberforce ATV Ride on Aug. 18. The five-hour long trail run, organized by the Wilberforce Curling Club (WCC), began at Essonville Line and ended at Mumford Road.

The WCC took over the event when Coun. Joan Barton approached the club after the local fire department stopped hosting it six years ago. "WCC thought

it was an excellent way to fundraise for the club and the community," said Gord Fitch. "Some 25-30 volunteers helped make the event a huge success again this year." This year's event also included a breakfast, dinner and prizes. The funds raised from the ATV ride will go towards seniors curling, youth curling, and the school lunch program at local Wilberforce schools. (Felix Wong)

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A visitor at a previous Garlic Festival stocks up on fresh, local garlic. *File Photo.*

Taste and learn at the 12th annual Garlic Fest

By Mark Arike

This Sunday's Garlic Festival will give visitors a chance to find out just how many uses the pungent plant has in the kitchen. Not only that, but they will get to taste a few delectable creations.

Debbie Barnhart, event organizer and chair of the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association, says that's one of the biggest changes this year.

"We're finally starting to enter more of the culinary aspect of the garlic," said Barnhart in an interview.

For example, one vendor from Ottawa will talk about black garlic and hand out samples of chocolate-covered black garlic. A brochure highlighting its benefits will be available.

"It's a very heart healthy addition to the garlic family," she said. "It's a way of processing."

Local grower Angel Taylor will talk about pests and diseases, and answer any garlic-related questions.

Jay McIvor, a chef involved in SIRCH's Cook It Up program, will talk about roasted garlic and his own special spice blend. He will, of course, hand out samples.

Aaron Walker, chef and co-owner of McKecks Tap and Grill, will show off a special garlic spread he's created for burgers.

Barnhart has been trying to put the culinary side of garlic in the spotlight for the past few years, but it's been

challenging.

"We weren't there as a county, we weren't there as growers. I'm finding a lot of the growers are ... doing a lot more value-added stuff," she said, adding she would eventually like to see a variety of local garlic products end up at events across the county.

This is the third year that the event will take place at Abbey Gardens. A total of 22 vendors will show up—and not all are garlic growers. Baked goods, preserves, maple syrup, native plants and the work of local artisans will be available. Horse-drawn wagon rides around Abbey Gardens will also be offered.

It's one of the largest events of the summer, with an average of 1,500 people showing up.

The partnership with Abbey Gardens, which began three years ago, has worked out very nicely, said Barnhart. Both groups have their own following, equalling better attendance. Their support is important as volunteers step down over the years.

"We're finding we're able to share the help, and we've been able to help guide them with their own garlic production."

The festival starts at 10 a.m. and finishes at 4 p.m. Free parking is available on site. Admission is \$2 for adults and children are welcome.

For more details or to volunteer, call Barnhart at 705-489-3987 or Heather Reid of Abbey Gardens at 705-754-4769.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Registration for the School Year 2018-19



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Billed as "More Than a Corn Roast," the afternoon event featured water races, land games and plenty of barbecued food. The roast has also evolved over the years to now include a theme; this year's theme was "Did You Know? (A brief history lesson)," which was "focused on sharing historical tidbits about the lake and area," said Bardwell. There was no entry fee for the roast, however, the SLRA will match any donation made by its members – up to \$500 – towards hospital auxiliaries in Haliburton and Minden. *(Felix Wong)*



Top: Volunteers set up food at a table next to a giant Canadian flag. Bottom left: Kayakers make their way out to the lake. Bottom right: A woman plays a game. *Photos by Felix Wong.*

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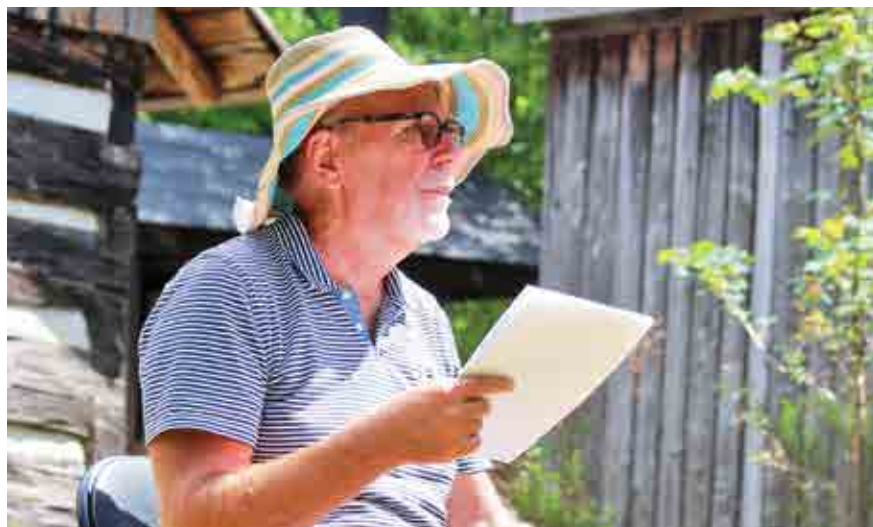
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Left: Director Michael Clipperton conducts a rehearsal. Right: Rita Jackson and John Copeland practice a scene from the play Beef or Broccoli. Photos by Felix Wong.

Theatre group dives into Haliburton's history

By Felix Wong

Local theatre group, Rural Rogues Productions, will be partnering once again with the Haliburton Highlands Museum to present five short plays on Aug. 25 and 26. The Rural Rogues were founded in late 2016 with the goal of producing site-specific theatre rooted in Haliburton County's local history, landscape and culture.

Their first show, Re-Generation: A Haliburton Tale, was presented in partnership with the museum on the museum grounds and told the story of the development of Canada and Dysart. The partnership between the theatre group and the museum continued throughout the winter of 2018, with a playwriting course held at the museum focusing on "developing local talent and building

capacity in the theatre community," said museum director Kate Butler.

"The focus of Rural Rogues on the telling of local stories and encouraging local talent really dovetails with the mandate of the museum," she added. "We also feel it's a fun way to animate the site and it ties into the importance we place on being a community hub."

At the end of the course, five playwrights had written a 15-minute scene for three to five characters, which were later expanded into short plays. These five plays will be featured at RR5: Scenes from a Playwrights' Workshop on Aug. 25 and 26: Beef or Broccoli by Linda McNamara, Pass the Pickles by Jenn Watt, Hannibal's Heroes by Steve Galea, Quotation is a Suitable Substitute for Wit by Kate Butler and Tainted Love by Oliver Zielke.

Butler's play "proposes a solution to a local Haliburton mystery which has been intriguing me for years," she said. The cast, directed by Michael Clipperton, will star John Copeland, Rita Jackson, John Jackson, Amy Brohm, Paul Vorvis and Butler.

Vorvis is a retired Toronto police officer who now lives full-time in Haliburton. His first acting experience was at Stanhope Heritage Day earlier this summer performing in Butler's play. Vorvis will also be performing in numerous roles in the Rural Rogues' upcoming production: as a farmer, a general, a bartender in a Paris café and a 48-year-old teacher who has a relationship with a former student.

He admits he is a little nervous and "a little intimidated and awed by the abilities of the director and my fellow

actors," but is looking forward to performing with the ensemble. "You really are exposed, for better or worse ... and at 65 years old, [my] confidence in my ability to memorize lines is lacking," said Vorvis. "But if something doesn't kill you, it only makes you better. I'm learning a lot ... who knows what comes next?"

The shows will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the museum in advance or at the door.

"I really encourage everyone to come check out the show – it's so important for us all to support local talent," said Butler. "We hope that seeing the show will inspire others to think about writing for the stage and sharing their stories – Rural Rogues will be offering another playwrights' course this autumn."

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Left: The Rainbow Pride Flag is raised outside the Minden Hills Township Office. Middle: A musician performs Over the Rainbow. Right: Committee chair David Rankin makes a speech. Photos by Felix Wong.



Minden welcomes Pride

The raising of the rainbow Pride flag on Aug. 20 at the Minden Hills township office marked the beginning of the third annual Minden Pride Week. Organized by the Minden Pride committee, Pride Week will take place until Aug. 26 and feature various events including a church service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, a film night, a tea dance and more. "The rainbow Pride flag is an internationally recognized symbol of acceptance and diversity for the queer community," said Minden Pride committee chair David Rankin. "When it flies proudly

on the township flagpole, it indicates that Minden Hills is an accepting, welcoming and safe place to be ... It is especially important to the LGBTQ2+ youth because it is a strong and visual symbol that they are welcomed and a part of the community at large and that they are neither alone nor isolated." After the flag raise, a reception was held at the Up River Trading Co. in Minden. Pride Week will conclude with the Minden Pride Street Fest along Water Street from 1-4 p.m. (Felix Wong)

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Forest Fest connects music fans with nature

By Felix Wong

Internationally-renowned musicians entertained packed crowds at the 11th Forest Festival. Held Aug. 15-19, people grooved to the sounds of performers Susan Aglukark, Sarah Harmer, Cowboy Junkies, Rob Lutes, Sultans of String, BMC Organ Trio, and Leahy.

Several concerts were held outdoors at the 600-seat Bone Lake Amphitheatre, while a few were held at the historic Logging Museum. Both venues are owned

by the Haliburton Forest.

"The Logging Museum is a lovely rustic, intimate venue with fantastic acoustics," said festival general manager Lesley English. "It allows the audience to be 'up close and personal' with the artists. Our performers really appreciate the sound quality as well as the intimacy of the venue."

The event is organized by the Forest Festival Advisory Board. It was founded in 2007 by Stuart Laughton.

Top left: Sarah Harmer sings a soulful tune. Top right: Xavier Leahy plays the accordion, left, while Erin Leahy fiddles up a storm. They are two of the members of Leahy, the Canadian folk group that closed the Forest Festival last Sunday at Bone Lake Amphitheatre. Bottom: Susan Aglukark sings at Bone Lake Amphitheatre. *Photos by Felix Wong, Mark Arike and Lisa Gervais.*

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4 – 7 p.m. – Haliburton Legion presents Rick Jones & Hard Country in the Clubroom. \$5 cover charge for non-members, 50/50 draw at 6 p.m. Enjoy delicious cabbage rolls by the Ladies Auxiliary for \$6

5 p.m. – 8th annual Lantern Festival of the August Moon – at the Wild Swan Bed & Breakfast, 65 Invergordon Ave., Minden. Children's games, Tai Chi and Karate demonstrations, a Japanese tea ceremony, food and beverages available. Decorate and paint your own floating lantern, parasol or mask. At 8 p.m. we will float the lanterns down the Gull River. lanternfestival.homestead.com.

6:30 p.m. – Kash Bash 2018 at Haliburton Hockey Haven. Tickets on sale at lko.ca.

Sunday August 26

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – 11th annual Garlic Festival, at Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Dr., off Hwy 118. Local fresh garlic, baked goods, preserves, maple syrup, native plants, local artisans, food, taste testing, workshops

and demos, horse-drawn wagon rides. Admission: \$2/adults, free parking. Haliburtongarlic.ca/garlicevents.html

Noon – 3:30 p.m. – Gord Kidd & Shawn Chamberlin, Country Gospel Show at the Dominion Hotel.

Tuesday August 28

10 – 11:30 a.m. – Haliburton Sculpture Forest free guided tour. Meet at the information kiosk in the parking lot of Fleming College, Haliburton campus. Wear comfortable walking shoes, rain or shine. Tour takes approximately 1 ½ hours. No fee, but donations welcome!

11 a.m. – noon. – Falls Prevention Program, at Haliburton Hospital, Ruth Parkes Room. Tuesdays and Thursdays Aug through October. Register in advance 705-457-2941 or infocc@hhhs.ca.

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5:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Tiki Country Classic Show with Gord Kidd and Friends, Shawn Chamberlin & Ian Pay, featuring Don Stiver, at the Dominion Hotel.

Wednesday August 29

12:10 -12:50 p.m. – Haliburton Sculpture Forest "Curator's Choice" free guided tour, a condensed version of the Tuesday tours. Meet at the information kiosk in the parking

lot of Fleming College, Haliburton campus. Wear comfortable walking shoes, rain or shine. Tour takes approximately 1 ½ hours. No fee, but donations welcome!

7:30 p.m. – Harcourt Bingo, at the Harcourt Community Centre. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Held every Wednesday.

Thursday August 30

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

7 p.m. – Euchre Night at Harcourt Community Centre. Every Thursday night.

Friday August 31 – Sunday September 2

Kinmount Fair! - Live music & entertainment – demolition derby – midway – truck & tractor pull – children's entertainment, livestock shows – strong man contest – food vendors – and more! Admission \$12/adults, Kids 12 and under free, cars \$6, weekend pass \$32 Friday dance, \$10, Saturday dance \$15. For all the details see kinmountfair.net.

ROYAL CANADIAN
LEGION EVENTS

Monday bridge 1p.m.

Tuesday fun darts starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, Bingo....Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm- \$1000 Jackpot every Wednesday in July & August. Volunteers are needed.
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.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Aug. 24 Community care lunch 12 p.m. Everyone 55+ welcome. Call Denise Butler to book 705-448-8865. Wing night 6-9 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 25 Garage sale. Come set up a table for free. We would appreciate a donation from your sales to help support us. L.A. will be barbecuing peameal and sausage on a bun. Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. sharp.

Still need help to sell tickets please!

Aug. 27 Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome.\

Aug. 29 Fun darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome

Upcoming events:

Sept. 2 Horseshoe tournament. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Music and barbeque on the deck.

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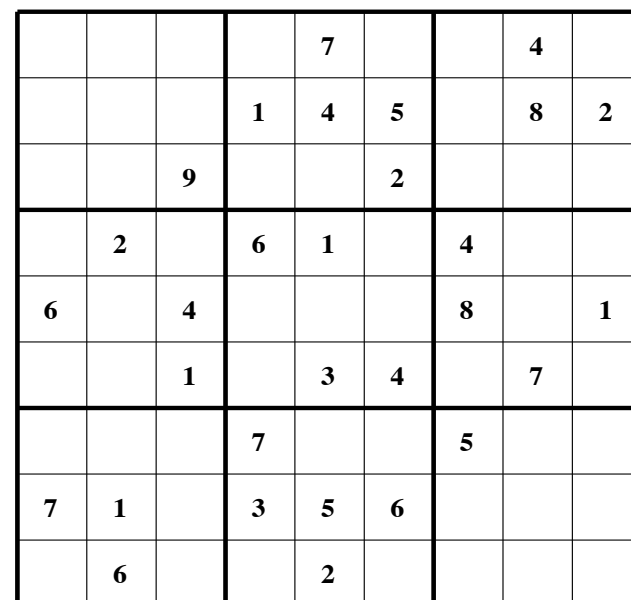
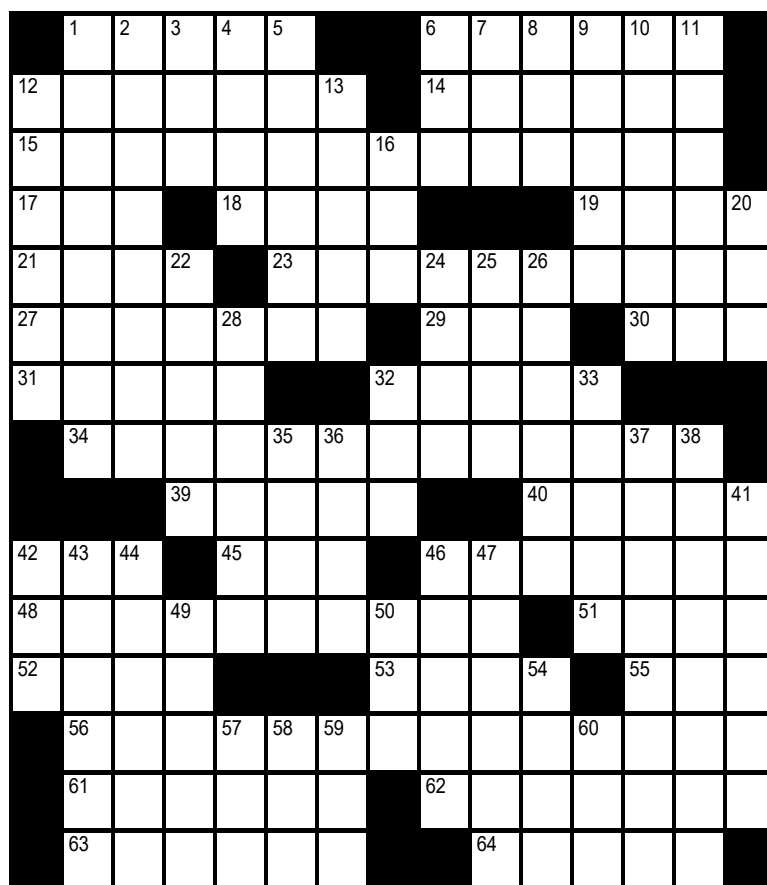
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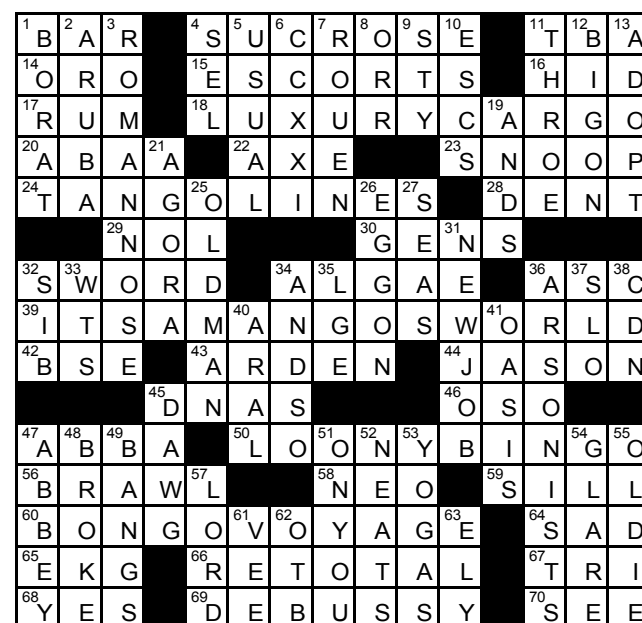
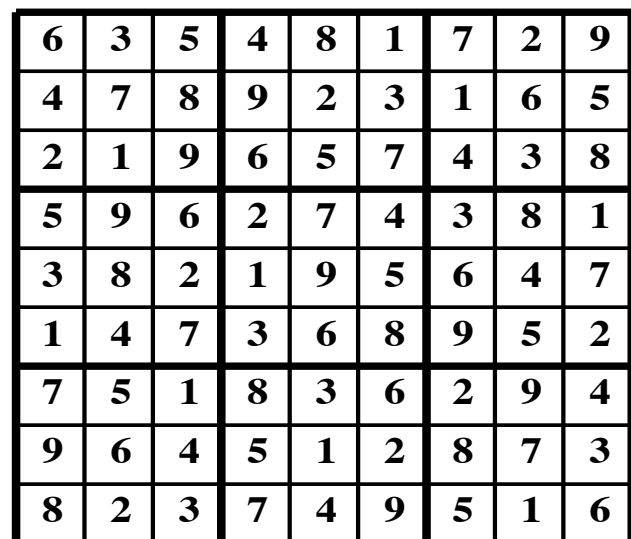
- 1 Sneak ____ (glance furtively)
- 6 Feature of a cradle robber's relationship
- 12 Anne Shirley's fictional P.E.I. town
- 14 Back-to-back, at a square dance
- 15 Like 10 of this crossword's clues
- 17 Steve Nash's last team: Abbr.
- 18 District in "Werewolves of London"
- 19 Yuletide
- 21 "... three men in ____"
- 23 Grand scheme of things
- 27 Hyperactivity drug
- 29 ____ Kosh B'Gosh (kid's clothing)
- 30 Snowden's org., once
- 31 First month of el año
- 32 Holy woman?
- 34 Look to anything for help
- 39 Robbie Burns Day attire
- 40 Amigos, Tenors and Stooges
- 42 Inquire
- 45 Winnipeg-born actress Vardalos
- 46 Strict and unyielding
- 48 Quick shower alternative
- 51 Recipient of Nigel's \$90,000 cheque
- 52 Quebec author Bissonnette
- 53 Hippocratic oath taker's word
- 55 Kwan do or bo starter
- 56 What the last words of 15-, 23-, 34- and 48-Across have in common
- 61 Catchers of "slippery" fish
- 62 Telly on the telly
- 63 Rare sight during a tearjerker
- 64 How tables for two may be lit

Down

- 1 Flying with the Snowbirds, say
- 2 Environmentalist's bane
- 3 Turn a 4x6 into a 5x10: Abbr.
- 4 "____ Coming" (Three Dog Night hit)
- 5 Obi-Wan, of "Star Wars"
- 6 Fruity quencher
- 7 Hunk of gunk
- 8 Subj. taught by Canadians abroad, perhaps
- 9 "Friendly" character on early CBC
- 10 Modifier used as a person, place or thing
- 11 Sticks close to the fire?
- 12 Lit up, as a torch
- 13 Fleetwood Mac's "Walk ____ Line"
- 16 Muscle motorbike
- 20 Meadowland
- 22 Former Israeli leader Ehud
- 24 Pea in French pea soup?
- 25 "____ it a pity?"
- 26 ____ new course
- 28 Behind on the scoreboard
- 32 Withdrawal woe, briefly
- 33 ____-scarum (reckless)
- 35 Ballerina's knee bend
- 36 Run ____ (postpone payment)
- 37 Sweep the competition



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS



Find this week's crossword solutions on Page 5.

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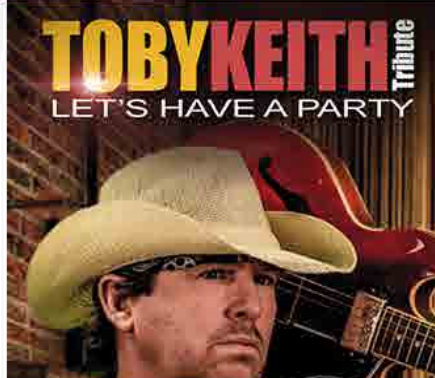
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9PM - TOBY KEITH TRIBUTE

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SATURDAY, AUG 25

1PM - THE HOUSE CALL

3PM - BOB MARLEY TRIBUTE

5PM - CARDINAL STREET BAND

7PM - TRAGICALLY HIP TRIBUTE

9PM - WESCALI

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