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Turtle power

Merla Russell holding Figgy, an 18-year-old snapping turtle during an adult workshop at Turtle Guardians May 13. See page 18 for additional coverage. *Photo by Mike Baker.*



Haliburton County under total fire ban

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County is under a total fire ban after five blazes within a 12-hour period May 15 saw the region's four fire chiefs come together to declare an extreme fire risk.

The ban came into effect 12:01 a.m. May 17. In a release to media, the chiefs say dry conditions, high heat and lack of forecasted rain played a factor in their decision.

So too did three fires in Minden Hills and one each in Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al Monday.

Minden chief, Shain Duda, said firefighters first responded to a structure fire along South Lake Road, fronting Canning Lake, at approximately 11:15 a.m. Eleven volunteers responded, while Duda called in Dysart for mutual aid. Eight firefighters from Dysart attended.

"It was a total loss of the property. It started as a structure fire and worked its way into a small bush fire. We were able to push everything back and save two buildings on properties side-by-side to the fire," Duda said.

As his team were wrapping up, they received another call at around 2:45 p.m. for a bush fire on Black Lake. By the time Duda arrived, he estimated the fire was around one hectare. He called in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for assistance, with staff flying in a water bomber to help tackle the blaze. Once MNRF officials arrived, it was determined the fire was on provincial land, so they took control of the situation.

Duda said by 6 p.m. May 15 the fire had grown to 2.5 hectares, and by 4 p.m. May 16 was approximately nine hectares. MNRF staff in Stanhope said the fire was still raging as of 1 p.m. May 17, spanning approximately nine hectares. A cause has not yet been determined.

Minden Hills coun. Pam Sayne said the fire came close to claiming a bunkie on her cottage

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HHHS releases merger plan

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands Health Services' (HHHS) emergency department consolidation plan was shared with the public via County council May 16 - with Minden representatives expressing little confidence in the proposal going forward. HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer and

board chair David O'Brien faced councillors and some members of the public in the gallery in council chambers in Minden this past Tuesday.

Plummer said the plan is based on the emergency department protocol initially developed in the fall of 2021 when they were first faced with the prospect of

multiple, temporary, short-notice, closures of one or both of the County's ERs due to staffing shortages. She added the protocol had been refined multiple times since "to ensure it would provide as smooth a closure process as possible."

Plummer said it was only being presented about two weeks out from

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Open fires, campfires, fireworks banned

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property. She was attending a meeting in Lindsay when her phone started pinging with notifications that the sensor on a camera she has installed on her property was being set off.

“The camera showed dense smoke in the air. I called 911... after the water bombers quit loading on the lake, I went over to evaluate the situation. Several cottages were saved,” she said.

Duda responded to a third call just after 6 p.m. for a small bush fire on Mountain Lake. That was caused by a tree falling on a hydro pole and was extinguished by around 8 p.m.

“It’s been one of the busiest days I’ve had as fire chief. I want to thank our crew for working all day, not just on one fire, not just doing one task, but sticking around for all three incidents. They did an amazing job and I’m proud of them,” Duda said.

Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike French said he had five stations and 35 firefighters respond to a bush fire off Hwy. 35 near the intersection of Kawagama Lake Road at around 2:15 p.m. Monday. He said the fire threatened multiple structures, including the Dorset Tower.

“We tackled it well. There were no injuries, no structural damage. The fire ended up being five hectares and all bush,” he said, noting it wasn’t being treated as suspicious.

French thanked local employers for releasing volunteer members to tackle the blaze.



“It could have been a lot worse [without the] response we got,” he said.

Shortly after returning from assisting with fires in Minden Hills, Dysart chief Dan Chumbley received a call about a small bush fire along Chalet Road near Eagle Lake at around 4 p.m. Firefighters were on site for two hours, with the half-acre blaze extinguished by 6 p.m.

Due to the fire ban, all burn permits are cancelled while open fires, campfires and fireworks are prohibited. The ban will remain in place indefinitely, with Duda saying the four chiefs will touch base daily to reassess.

“Conditions are extremely risky for fire right now. We saw with the Black Lake situation how quickly a fire can spread. The chiefs will keep our communication lines open, see what’s going on, what the weather is looking like and will provide updates as and when necessary,” Duda said.

Top: Algonquin Highlands firefighters tackle a bush fire near Dorset Tower. *Photo by Russell West.* Inset: A water bomber dumps a load of water on a blaze near Black Lake. *Photo by Neil Hutchings.*





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EH! wants County crackdown on fireworks

By Lisa Gervais

Susan Hay of Environment Haliburton! asked County councillors at their May 10 meeting to consider banning all personal fireworks displays, including their sale, in the Highlands.

The EH! president, who is a retired registered nurse, told council she realizes such a ban may not be possible for this summer but could be considered for the summer of 2024.

She added other considerations could include allowing only silent fireworks, or not setting them off in May when birds are migrating or their young hatching.

During a power-point presentation, Hay outlined, “the unintended and harmful consequences of fireworks” and asked “are they worth it?”

She said they are a nuisance to people who love peace and quiet, and are a health hazard for humans, wildlife, and the environment.

Hay, who has lived in Dysart et al for almost a decade with husband Keith, said the topic is on the agenda of their cottage association annual general meeting every year, “mainly because many folks find them so annoying.”

She said they are toxic, put aquatic health at risk, cause extreme stress in birds, wildlife and pets, reduce quality of life for people, and add to greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

She added they emit “absurdly” high amounts of chemicals such as perchlorate, strontium, copper, titanium, barium, rubidium, cadmium, chlorine, and lead. She provided sources as to how these substances and heavy metals can irritate lungs and eyes, are carcinogens, and have other harmful effects. She noted most fireworks are imported from China, without restrictions on materials being used.

Hay added they can be a fire hazard. “If our ecosystem is dry, a stray spark could cause a house fire or set fire to a tree, starting a wildfire.” She said American sources suggest 20,000 to 30,000 fires are started every year due to fireworks.

When it comes to aquatic health, she said studies had shown the toxins accumulate in fish and are digested by loons. It would be the same for people eating fish, she suggested.

She noted the noise can create “blind



Fireworks during a Canada Day celebration. *File.*

panic” in birds, wildlife and pets that lead to serious injury, and even death. One-fifth of companion animal disappearances are linked to fireworks and storms, she said.

Hay mentioned that the City of Brampton had banned fireworks and sales and many cities had swapped out for low-noise fireworks.

“Our County is in the midst of a climate crisis and we need to be more creative in our celebrations so that we aren’t damaging ourselves, our human and animal neighbours, and our ecosystem,” she said.

Warden Liz Danielsen thanked Hay for the “good, solid information.” She noted all four townships in the County had “at least” restricted the times that people can set off fireworks, mostly in and around long weekends in summer.

However, she said the suggestion they look at alternate forms of fireworks is a good one. She also wondered if individual towns could discuss public displays in parks, for example, so toxins do not enter lakes. She also suggested getting word out via social media.

Coun. Bob Carter asked CAO Mike Rutter if they could actually ban the sale. Rutter said he had not looked into it, but if the City of Brampton had been able to do so, it must be possible.

The City of Brampton amended its bylaw to immediately prohibit the use and sale of fireworks in 2022. The ban relates to personal fireworks. The film industry and city-run events were excluded from the ban.

Carter said in Minden Hills, they have gone to a permit system.

He said if caught without a permit, requiring the fire department to attend, people are charged for the call-out.

He added if banned, the tricky part would be the ability of the County or townships to police it.

“The number of fireworks going off every Saturday night is very difficult to control.”

Hay retorted if there was a full ban in effect, it would be easier to nab the culprits.

Council received Hay’s delegation as information.

Honouring Tim Casey

The Haliburton County Public Library Board, at its May 10 meeting, paid tribute to Robert ‘Tim’ Casey. Casey passed away April 25.

CEO Chris Stephenson and his leadership team said Casey became a library employee on January 19, 2022.

“Tim delivered books and other materials around the County as our library courier. In January 2023, Tim became a (board) member, supporting and serving the library in a new way.

“He will be missed by all those he worked with, especially as he made us laugh or smile each time we saw him,” Stephenson said.

“Thank you to the many people who chose to support HCPL in memory of Tim, an option that was proposed by his family as an expression of sympathy. The funds donated will go towards vinyl branding on the new courier van we expect to receive this summer.



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Singer-songwriter-musician Bill Black at the 2022 Gooderham Music Festival. *File.*

HIGHLANDS EAST NEWS

Music festival returning

The Gooderham Community Action Group's music festival is returning to the hamlet July 29.

At a May 9 Highlands East council meeting, the group requested \$1,000 in financial support and it was given.

They said their budget for this year is \$4,700, with the bulk of that for four bands (\$3,250), a sound technician (\$900), and water and lunches for bands (\$150). Another \$300 is budgeted for advertising and \$100 for coffee and cream.

Although they have received a \$2,000 grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, they told council via a letter they are concerned they won't get the same donations from businesses as in the past. They are hoping for \$1,000 in donations and silent auction proceeds. They are also planning a bottle drive.

"This is a free family event happening rain or shine," they said.

The bands this year are Ed's Garage, a tribute band, BB Blues Band, a new band this year, Salt Cellars, another new band this year, and returning band, Rockin' Bobs.

Coun. Angela Lewis said the group is "amazing with all the things they've put on for their community."

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall agreed their ask was "very reasonable" in the circumstances and for what they do.

New CBO on the way

Deputy CAO/treasurer Brittney McCaw said the township has hired a chief building official. They have been without one since Laurie

Devolin left the municipality.

McCaw said they did interviews April 13 and 14. She said an employment offer had been presented and accepted.

"The new CBO will be starting their new role with us on Tuesday, May 23 and we are excited to welcome them onboard."

She added they are still recruiting for a building inspector with the job having closed May 12. Recruitment for summer students was also "well underway."

Pre-approval for new trucks

Public works manager, Perry Kelly, sought pre-approval to tender for two tandem trucks with snow plow equipment to form part of the 2025 and 2026 budgets.

He said they would replace a 2010 International and 2014 International, the oldest tandem vehicles in the fleet.

"Each year, the tandem plow trucks' lifecycle grows less and the maintenance costs rise. Therefore, it is critical for the municipality to rotate the older vehicles out of service and add new trucks into the fleet," Kelly said.

He added the early request was due to major delays in the delivery time of new vehicles. He said suppliers are telling him the earliest they could get a vehicle is 2025.

The trucks plow in winter and are used as dump trucks in summer.

Kelly estimated the price tag at \$650,000.

(Highlands East news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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The season opening of the Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place will take place on Saturday, May 20th from 10 am – 4 pm at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Join us for village tours, hands-on activities and demonstrations. Browning Reptiles will be here with a special exotic animal display from 1-3 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

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June 8 – Regular Council Meeting

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Police investigate Tory Hill break and enters

By Mike Baker

A couple who owns land in Tory Hill are second-guessing their decision to relocate to Haliburton County permanently after twice being targeted by thieves over the past month.

Laura Hamilton and Michael McCarrey purchased property near the IB&O rail trail in 2021, with plans to build their dream home and move north to raise their two young daughters. While they worked on design plans and finding a contractor, the couple stationed an RV at the site to give them a seasonal destination to escape the city.

“We love hanging out in nature, having campfires in the woods, staring at the stars at night. It’s a really peaceful spot up there, totally different from what we’re used to living in Kitchener,” McCarrey said. “We settled on this place because of the geocaching for the kids, the nice hills, scenery, beautiful trails. It seemed the perfect fit for our family.”

Things turned sour last month when, on April 23, a lone man hopped the fence of the property and helped himself to McCarren’s fishing gear, including two rods and a 35-year collection of fishing lures. The man returned May 4, damaging the fence and stealing a generator. McCarrey estimated the value of goods stolen to be around \$2,500, but that much of the fishing gear held sentimental value, being passed down by family members.

McCarren installed security cameras at the site last summer and has submitted footage to the OPP. He said two of his neighbours have also reported thefts in the past two weeks. When approached by *The Highlander*, they declined interviews.

Cst. Matthew Taylor of the Haliburton Highlands OPP said police had responded to break and enters at two properties along the IB&O rail trail in Tory Hill recently.

“These are still ongoing investigations... we are looking for witnesses to come forward with any information,” he said. “A good reminder to the community would be to lock it or lose it, as it is always important to lock vehicles and residences.”

Taylor said the incidents are being investigated separately. He declined to reveal if the police had any suspects.

Hamilton said they do what they can to



Michael McCarrey and Laura Hamilton are concerned after their property was robbed twice in a matter of weeks. *Submitted.*

keep seasonal items locked away, noting the culprit used bolt cutters to break a cable lock on the generator. She said the whole situation has left her feeling uneasy.

“I definitely feel vulnerable. I worry about them coming back. Are they going to come while we’re there with our daughters? It’s just so heartbreaking and invasive,” she said. “We’re coming forward with this because

we want to alert the community about what’s happening. Lock your stuff up if you’re able to, keep an eye out. Just because it’s not happened to you doesn’t mean it won’t. We didn’t think this kind of thing would ever happen to us.”

McCarrey said there is one silver lining to take from the ordeal.

“My neighbours and I have kind of bonded

over this, it’s helped bring us together. I won’t lie, this has taken the wind out of our sails a little bit, but I don’t want to judge the area on this. This kind of thing could happen anywhere. It’s just disheartening to have people invade our privacy and personal space like this,” he said.

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CEO: 'staffing will be assessed regularly'

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the Minden ER closure – June 1 – as they wanted to confer with staff on the best way forward.

She walked council through staffing plans, physical space changes at the Haliburton site, parking, equipment and supplies, as well as communication.

As for doctors, she said they will have their current staffing prior to the consolidation at the Haliburton site, including one physician from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 6 p.m. until 8 a.m. “With this transition, we’re going to be maintaining that, but also adding one additional physician from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. to deal with the highest volume portion of the day for patients,” Plummer said.

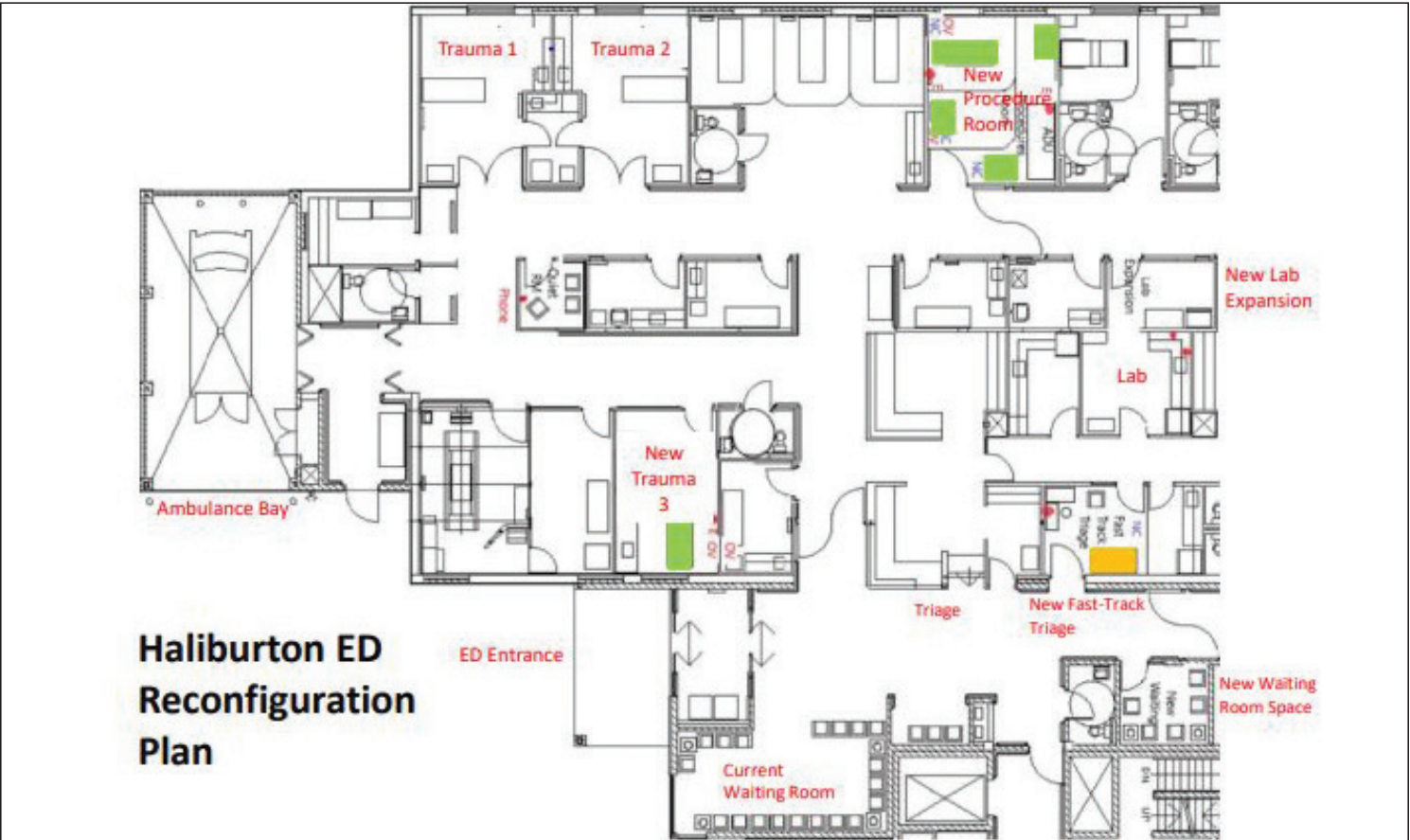
She added they currently have two registered nurses from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and two from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. One registered practical nurse is on 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. She noted the plan calls for an additional RN from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. in summer, an additional RN 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and one from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., with access to an additional RPN 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. to be shared with the acute care unit. Plummer said there would be an additional nurse in summer and a charge nurse for the day during the transition period.

“Staffing will be assessed regularly and adjusted as needed,” Plummer said.

Minden mayor Bob Carter, during question time, said prior to consolidation there was one doctor in Minden and one in Haliburton at all times, but the new plan calls for 1.5 doctors, “so we are reducing the total emergency doctors...and you feel that is sufficient?”

Plummer answered it was something they had talked about with their physician group. “The coverage we have to operate two emergency departments, and to make sure there’s availability of physicians 24/7, requires two physicians. In a single emergency department, with the combined volume, depending on the time of day, doesn’t always need two physicians. We have added the second physician during the busiest volume time of the day. Our physicians have agreed that in the overnight period, a single physician coverage model is sufficient to manage any additional volume we might experience overnight with this transition.”

Carter pressed Plummer on her comments



A schematic of what the consolidated ER will look like. Photo by HHHS.

that the consolidated site was “fully staffed” with doctors.

Going into June, he asked if all 90 shifts were filled. She replied they were still “populating” the schedule. “We have confirmation that we can support that schedule. I’m very pleased actually with the uptake of shifts that have been picked up so far, but right now we are in the same place as we normally would be with filling the Haliburton emergency schedule.”

Carter queried shift coverage for July and August. Plummer said, “we received confirmation last week to go ahead with the schedule as planned and so we will be posting those schedules.”

Carter pointed out that meant no positions were filled as of now. Plummer said they were in the same position they would normally be for the Haliburton site at this period of time. He asked if they had a plan in case the Haliburton site has to be closed this summer, and she said they did.

Plummer said they were working closely with the Ontario Health emergency department locum program and “we’re confident we will have those shifts filled between our own physicians and the emergency department locum program, as we have for the last several years.”

Speaking to other staffing plans, Plummer said diagnostic imaging at the Haliburton site will remain as is, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with on-call coverage after hours. She added there will be increased hours at the Haliburton site for patient registration, lab services, and security. Minden will still do X-rays and bone density testing by appointment. There will be no job losses.

Non-staffing plans

Plummer said emergency department spaces are increasing from nine to 14 or 15. She said a new trauma bed would be added to the existing two. There will be a new procedure/treatment room with one stretcher, two to

three chairs and the ability to interchange one to chairs with a stretcher if needed.

There’ll be a new fast-track/rapid assessment room with exam table and physician work space. Waiting room space is increasing from 14 to 27. Lab space is also being expanded.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux asked about wait times and Plummer said, “we do anticipate we may see a slight increase in patient wait times.” However, she said it’s hoped the fast-track and having a second doctor at critical times will keep that increase to a minimum.

The plan is for 15 additional parking spaces.

Coun. Walt McKechnie said he felt for the Minden community but asked how they would feel if both EDs were being closed. He said they had to give credit to HHHS for a decision they did not want to, but had to, make. “I know people are not going to be happy with what I’m saying here, but I’m just trying to be realistic.”





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'Let down' locals protest at MPP Scott's Lindsay office

By Mike Baker

A group of angry Highlands residents travelled to Lindsay May 12 as protests over the closure of the Minden emergency department continue.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) announced last month that it would cease operations at the Minden hospital effective June 1. Community members have spent weeks fighting the decision, launching social media campaigns, starting a petition, and hosting rallies in Haliburton County and at Queen's Park in Toronto.

The group, led by Minden residents Patrick Porzuczek and Richard Bradley, spent time protesting outside MPP Laurie Scott's constituency office in Lindsay last week, determined to bring more focus to what they're calling a "life and death" decision.

"We do not accept this decision. We think this is going to have serious, life-altering ramifications for a lot of people. The community hasn't been properly consulted, and we don't think that's right," Bradley told *The Highlander*.

Tina Twyne and her husband, Ian Myers, were two of the 20 people who attended. They called on the local MPP to "stand up for her constituents" and help fight the ER closure. In a previous interview with *The Highlander*, Scott endorsed HHHS' decision.

"We're here to make our presence known and our voices heard," Tina said. "I feel like Laurie has thrown us under the bus."

"I asked – everybody here today supported Laurie Scott in the last provincial election. But now, when we need her most, she's turned her back on us," added another attendee, David Hammond. "She is our local representative. I want her to represent us on this issue, at least communicate to the powers that be how we feel."

Scott was not at her Lindsay office at the time of the demonstration, telling *The Highlander* she had other commitments.

When asked how she responds to claims that area residents feel let down by her lack of action, and response, Scott said, "I understand that many people are concerned



A group of 20 County residents protested the closure of the Minden ER outside MPP Laurie Scott's constituency office in Lindsay May 12. Photo by Mike Baker.

about the Minden ER merger. I have released numerous statements on the issue, and I have had discussions with HHHS CAO (Carolyn Plummer), as well as past chairs, nurses, physicians, and, most importantly, constituents."

Scott said she met with organizers of the rally held in Toronto May 10.

Asked why she was supportive of the Minden emerge closure, Scott said, "HHHS spoke publicly about the fact there were more than 20 'close calls', which would have resulted in the temporary closures of both emergency rooms... in an effort to give at least one emergency department the best chance of remaining open, HHHS made the difficult decision to merge."

Hammond, who moved to Minden in 2021, said this decision throws his long-term future

into doubt.

"We bought where we did because it was so close to a hospital. My wife doesn't drive, so if something happened to me now, with the Minden site closing, I'm a long way from any emergency room and doctors," he said.

Twyne believes HHHS is playing with fire by closing the only hospital with immediate access to Hwy. 35 between Lindsay and Huntsville – a busy artery during peak tourism months.

"How many cottagers travel on that road in the summer? How many head-on collisions are there? Minden is a vital hospital. Time matters when it comes to emergencies," she said. "We need a one-year moratorium on this, where we are consulted... the way this has been handled is not acceptable, it feels like a dictatorship."



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Province must take blame



By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services board and management may be closing the Minden emergency June 1 – but the province’s hands are all over this decision despite their attempts to distance themselves by citing local autonomy.

It seems a bit hypocritical too, since in April 2022, the Ford government announced support for Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare’s plans for two new hospitals: one on existing land in Huntsville, and a new hospital at a new location in Bracebridge. The province has pledged financial support for the estimated \$967 million builds over the next five to 10 years.

The rationale is population growth. We guess the province has not looked at 2021 Haliburton County Census data saying our County population has increased about 14 per cent, and Minden – where they are allowing an ER to close – by about that same percentage, 14.5.

It pays when your premier has a cottage in the Muskokas.

We can thank the provincial government for Bill 124, too. That is the law they passed in 2019 to cap wage increases for nurses and other public sector workers at one per cent a

LETTERS

Business sets up Trust Fund for Minden hospital

Dear editor,

The people of Minden and Haliburton County were surprised to learn that the Minden hospital and its emergency department are to close as of June 1, due to a shortage of nurses.

A great number of concerned citizens are busy trying to do everything in their power to prevent this from happening.

The closure will have a direct negative impact on residents and a powerful indirect impact on local businesses.

The Minden hospital and the services provided have been a great community asset promoted by local business to attract and retain employees. The businesses will be significantly disadvantaged with the loss of this critical “quality of life” safety net.

HHHS has stated it’s a shortage of nurses that is the issue. I want HHHS to know they can expect the help of the community and businesses to secure more nurses at Minden hospital. If HHHS will delay the closure, a trust fund will be used to attract nurses.

This fund will be set up and overseen by members of the community and will work with HHHS with the only mandate being, to secure more and new staff for HHHS. Although it is hard to believe that on top of all the taxes we are currently paying, we would need to resort to a special fund, this announcement proves otherwise.

I’m donating \$5,000 to this fund. The trust and fund is being set up by local law firm, Selbie Louch, that has offered their services free of charge. The funds are to be used for this specific mandate or will be returned to the donor(s). I and the business community need to hear back from HHHS that they will give us the opportunity to bring this support to fruition by granting an extension

year for three years. The premier insists it’s now lapsed but the damage has been done. HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer told County council this week, it will take years for health care staffing shortages to level out.

Nurses have left the industry in droves. They began to pack up prior to COVID-19 but the pandemic exacerbated an already-bad situation. Many have opted to relocate south of the border. Others have joined nursing agencies, which the Ontario government allows despite them wreaking havoc on the province’s healthcare system.

Using them has put HHHS severely in the red. It’s also impacted morale since lower-paid public healthcare nurses are working alongside agency nurses that are making a lot more money than them. They are, in some cases, coaching them through shifts, all the while knowing these outside nurses do not have skin in the game. They are here for the money, not the community.

According to ziprecrutier.com, the average annual pay for an agency RN in Ontario is \$94,098 a year. The same source puts the rate of pay at \$75,668 for RNs in Ontario.

Small wonder nurses do not want to work for HHHS. With the HHHS board and

management saying staffing is the issue behind the Minden ER closure, let’s pass this buck onto Doug Ford, and let’s not forget about Laurie Scott.

And what about the cost of Health Force Ontario doctors? Surely it would be less costly to have a medical system that compensates ER and family doctors to practice in places such as Minden and Haliburton, rather than throwing money at highly-paid outsiders.

The list of provincial failures, sadly, goes on and on. Every year, HHHS finds itself in a deficit position because of the Ministry of Health’s tardiness in reimbursing monies owed.

Ford, Health Minister Sylvia Jones and Scott keep telling us about the millions, if not billions, they are throwing at health care. They are promising more nurses, for example. However, we are not seeing the results locally. Their failure to manage the province’s healthcare system has directly led to where we are today.

on the closure. The immediate dollar target for the fund is \$240,000. Funds will go to offset travel and relocation expenses and retention through ongoing appreciation. The community is encouraged to donate as soon as possible based on their ability. Look for the communications to follow from the steering committee for Haliburton Health Coalition. To contribute contact jamie@loadrite.ca, 647-321-5050

Jamie Walker
Minden

Call for postponement

Dear editor,

I have written HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer to express my concerns regarding the closure of the Minden Emergency Department effective on June 1. I am respectfully requesting HHHS postpone the closure until a proper public inquiry can be held so the community can be notified in advance and be able to question and comment directly to the HHHS board.

My wife and I purchased a cottage south of Minden in 1996. One of the primary reasons we located near Minden was because of the easy access to health care, as I have had ongoing health issues due to a motor vehicle accident when I was 17. We sold that cottage and purchased a property on Moore Lake in 2002, after retiring here eight years ago. We have invested heavily in our property. We have established a great relationship with the medical facilities where we have had numerous visits to the Minden ER department. Everything from hooks in fingers to broken bones and countless other incidents.

These included life-saving interactions with the Minden ER. In November 2008 I had a heart attack, was taken to Minden ER and

then airlifted to Newmarket.

And on Jan. 1 this year, I was taken to Ross Memorial Hospital with severe dizziness, then sent to Minden ER, which were expecting me, as I was having a Stage 3 Cardiac event. Upon my arrival at Minden ER, they were fully prepared, and informed me I would be going to Peterborough Regional Hospital by ambulance and directly into ICU for monitoring. I subsequently underwent emergency surgery to have a pacemaker implanted in my chest. This is the second time that Minden ER was instrumental in saving my life, which I am eternally grateful to the amazing doctors and nursing staff for the excellent care I received.

Chuck Middleton
Minden

What about Haliburton?

Dear editor,

As a seasonal cottager for more than 70 years, I was wondering and haven’t heard or seen if there were any concerns that are being voiced by Haliburton village politicians, Haliburton village area residents and their medical practitioners on the overcrowding and over-burdening of the Haliburton ED and on the well-being of that area’s community residents for their care with the closure of the Minden ED?

Perhaps there could be some, or more, newspaper engagement with these individuals. The concerns of the whole County should be voiced in figuring out why the best interests of all who live, work and play here are being compromised. We need transparency from all sides in order to understand how we move forward.

Frazer Fulton
Minden Hills

■ LETTERS

CEO and board chair
personally affected

Dear editor,

Carolyn Plummer, in [the May 11 *Highlander*] states the Minden ER closing was purely an operational decision and she and David O’Brien, the board chair, will both be affected by the closing.

This begs the question: is the hospital emergency department they use in Minden or Haliburton?

Two points: (1) in the interest of transparency, should they not be obliged to declare which one? And (2) if their personal emergency department is in Haliburton shouldn’t they have recused themselves from being involved in the decision?

Richard Ronchka
Algonquin Highlands & Carlisle

Thank you to
The Highlander

Dear editor,

Based on last week’s articles on the planned closure of the Minden Emergency Department, it appears that we have been mislead by multiple parties in the debate.

This was never a provincial government issue and someone should apologize to Minister Sylvia Jones. Readers can draw their own conclusions as to the real reasons for the planned closure. New details may still be uncovered, but I just wanted to express a personal thanks to the staff of *The Highlander* for their excellent and professional coverage of the issue.

Neil Hutchings
Minden

What does
incompetence look like

Dear editor,

I have written a letter to health minister Sylvia Jones, telling her that thousands of people from across various ridings are suddenly going to realize that the exemplary Minden ER is permanently closed - children’s camps, cottagers with their countless visitors, white water paddlers, short-term rentals etc. Will they be angered in disbelief that you, as the minister of health, did not stop this?

1. Will you be held responsible for signing the Minden ER closure?
2. Are amalgamations or consolidations shameful doublespeak for closure?
3. Is the Haliburton Highlands Health Services ‘Trump-like’ in their presentation of ‘truths’? If various nurses who have applied for positions to HHHS could not get interviews regardless of experience, what other half-truths or mistruths has HHHS provided?
4. What makes the current HHHS the absolute source of all the truth?
5. Will you pass the test of due diligence at doing your job if you are the one who signs to permanently close this hospital ER... and

real people’s lives will be lost because of that?

6. Are you stating that a medical building, etc. can still be called a hospital?
7. Will there still be a blue H at the highway? If not, do not say in the Legislature that Minden will still have a hospital. What does a blue H mean if not at least an ER?
8. Will your fellow caucus members face long lasting fallout with their many constituents who value the Minden ER?

If many reliable people informed you that your GPS is taking you down a road that is unsuitable and dangerous, do you continue to follow the GPS? Probably not, you would change course rather than blindly rely on the GPS.

Are you going down a dangerous path ignoring reliable, highly-visible danger signals?

What does incompetence look like?

Bernie Davis
Minden Hills

Staff morale will suffer

Dear editor,

(Warden) Liz Danielsen, along with some Haliburton residents, have expressed support for the the closure of the Minden ER and the consolidation of ER services in Haliburton.

They should understand that Haliburton’s small ER (the proposed expansion will take a very long time, given that requests for proposals have not yet been submitted and the Minden ER will close on June 1, just in time for the busy summer season) will be overwhelmed and wait times will grow to resemble those in the city.

Staff morale at the Haliburton ER will suffer (ER doctors in Minden are refusing to move to Haliburton, as per Health Force Ontario Doctors - HFOD).

People will die. We all lose.

Al Aubry
Minden

No fireworks please

Dear editor,

Victoria Day weekend is fast approaching and over the past decade or more, fireworks have been part of the kickoff celebration of cottage season.

But May is also the time that birds are hatching their chicks and other wildlife are bearing their young. Studies have shown that birds are severely impacted by fireworks and have been observed to abandon their nests, sometimes permanently. Some birds fly vast distances to flee the noise and pollution from fireworks and succumb from the depletion of their energy stores.

Many companion animals become lost or traumatized during fireworks displays as they flee from the noise.

Fireworks are toxic. They contain heavy metals and chemicals that have been shown to disrupt thyroid function in humans. They also bioaccumulate in aquatic life. The debris from fireworks often ends up in our waterways where it is sometimes eaten by birds and other wildlife. The particulate matter causes air pollution and can aggravate

asthma and other health conditions. They produce greenhouse gas emissions and add to climate change at a time when we need all hands on deck to reduce these emissions.

While fireworks bylaws have been recently altered to reduce their frequency, these bylaws aren’t dealing with the toxicity and harm that they do. We are fortunate in Haliburton County to have habitat for birds and wildlife that other parts of Ontario don’t. We need to treat nature with more respect.

Please consider some other form of celebration, especially in May, when birds and wildlife are at their most vulnerable.

Susan Hay,
President, EH!

Surgical backlogs
in Ontario

Dear editor,

Serious surgical backlogs exist in Ontario. The Ford government’s proposed solution lies in Bill 60, encouraging more private clinics. However, many operating rooms remain closed in our public hospitals at night and on the weekends. Why not fund those?

Sunnybrook and Michael Garron Hospitals in Toronto are partnering to reduce surgical backlogs by using existing hospital infrastructure and increasing staffing numbers for weekend surgeries. Staff from both hospitals create a larger team whose shifts can be spread out over the weekend to prevent burn out. This model uses a centralized intake in which patients are assigned to the surgeon with the shortest waiting time. Hopefully, other hospitals will join this initiative.

In London, a specialized ambulatory surgical centre has been created for orthopedic patients. This centre is equipped with only instruments required for the specific surgery and fewer staff so that the operations are faster, cheaper and more efficient - significantly reducing waiting times.

Both innovations have been created within the public system. So why introduce more costly private clinics which could potentially poach staff from public hospitals when improvements and innovation can be achieved within the publicly funded system? Do we want our healthcare dollars to provide shareholder dividends instead of going to those who provide our care? Do we want to invest in facilities not subject to the same standards as our public ones?

Even though we are a rich province, our expenditure on healthcare per capita is the second lowest in the country. Instead of starving our healthcare system, to pave the way for privatization, the government needs to adequately fund hospitals and to create an environment where both family doctors and nurses are well-paid and can enjoy a healthy work/life balance within a model of health care where equity of care is paramount.

Elizabeth Turner
Minden Hills

Referendum on
privatization of Ontario
healthcare

Dear editor,

The Ontario Health Coalition is inviting citizens to participate in a referendum on Doug Ford’s intention to privatize Ontario healthcare delivery. His proposed changes are not being explained to the Ontario public.

Outsourcing specific procedures to private health facilities will harm the public system in many ways, denying equity of access to those without the ability to pay. The purpose of the private sector is to make a profit. Even when covered by OHIP, the costs to the system will be much higher than normal and patients will be encouraged to purchase more costly procedures.

COVID-19 has greatly exhausted doctors and nurses to the point where many have left the profession. The lure of better working conditions and higher pay in private facilities will further hollow out the public system. Outsourcing only the least complex procedures will place an even heavier load on the weakened public system. It will further erode the capabilities of public hospitals as the private sector becomes entrenched.

Privatization is not a wise use of the billions of extra dollars the premier received for healthcare from the federal government and is contrary to the Canada Health Act. Extending the hours available for procedures in our public hospitals is a much better use. Creating a mandatory nurse to patient ratio, as is being done in British Columbia and Nova Scotia, would also be smart.

The Haliburton Highlands Long Term Care Coalition is providing opportunities to vote on this issue at various locations on May 26 and 27. Please find a location and vote. The results will be released to Queen’s Park on May 31.

Valerie Hunnius
Highlands East

Dispose of
garbage at home

Dear editor,

This past weekend, I volunteered to help a local group pick up litter along a two-kilometre stretch of highway as part of the province’s Adopt-a-Highway program. I was dumbfounded and disgusted by the amount of garbage strewn along the side of the road. Enough to fill more than a dozen large garbage bags. Cans, bottles, coffee cups, candy wrappers, take-out containers, cardboard boxes, old tarps, lightbulbs, make-up. All of this along a stretch of road cleaned up just a year ago.

Please, have some respect for the environment and others. Wait until you get home to dispose of your garbage. And, if you’re taking a load of garbage to the dump in the back of your pick-up, please make sure it’s properly secured. Your children and grandchildren will appreciate it.

Ted Thaler
Haliburton



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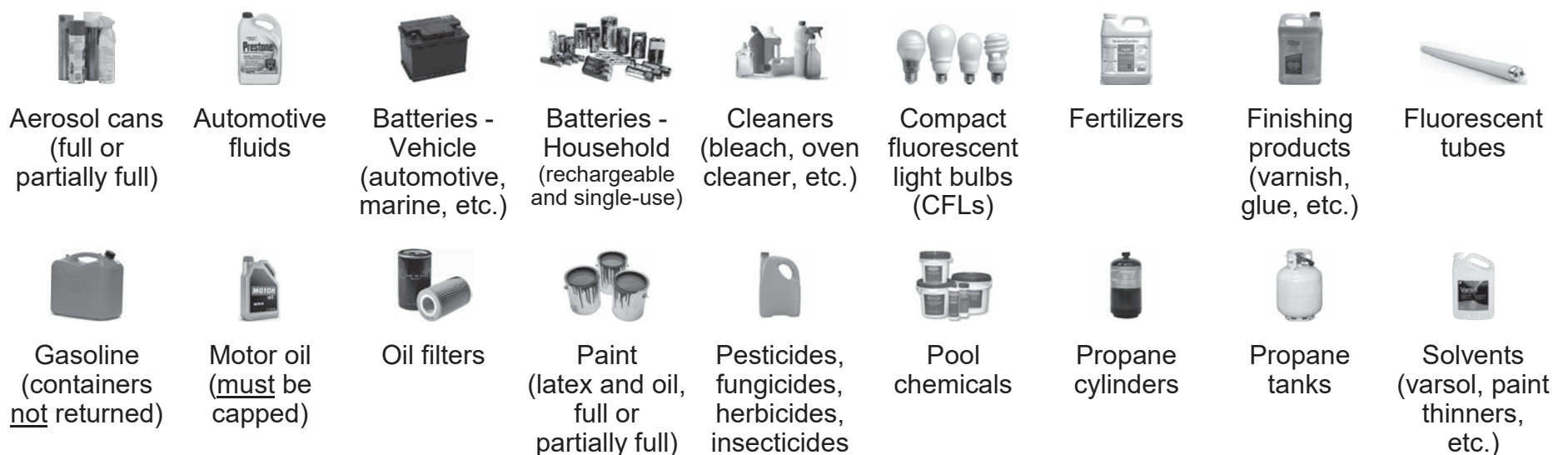
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Saturday, May 20, 2023	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Tory Hill Landfill	19178 Hwy 118, Tory Hill
Saturday, June 3, 2023	8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	S.G. Nesbitt Arena	55 Parkside Street, Minden
Saturday, June 10, 2023	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Maple Lake Landfill	1302 McPhail Rd, Algonquin Highlands
Saturday, July 15, 2023	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Haliburton Landfill	222 Industrial Park Road, Haliburton
Saturday, July 22, 2023	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Glamorgan Transfer Station	1042 McColl's Road, Gooderham
Saturday, August 5, 2023	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Oxtongue Lake Landfill	3401 Hwy 60, Oxtongue
Saturday, August 26, 2023	8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	S.G. Nesbitt Arena	55 Parkside Street, Minden
Saturday, August 26, 2023	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Harcourt Landfill	1123 Packard Road, Harcourt
Saturday, September 16, 2023	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	West Guilford Landfill	11903 Hwy 118, West Guilford
Saturday, September 23, 2023	8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	S.G. Nesbitt Arena	55 Parkside Street, Minden
Saturday, September 23, 2023	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Dorset Transfer Station	1087 Maple Ridge Drive, Dorset
Saturday, October 7, 2023	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Tory Hill Landfill	19178 Hwy 118, Tory Hill
Saturday, October 14, 2023	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Maple Lake Landfill	1302 McPhail Road, Algonquin Highlands

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MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Contract awarded to restore boardwalk

Minden Hills council, at its May 11 meeting, awarded the contract for the restoration of the town's popular boardwalk.

Director of community services, Craig Belfry, said they received six bids, although three were disqualified for various reasons. In the end, he recommended Gooderham-based Happy Trails Construction at a cost of \$159,500. The remainder of the money budgeted (\$20,500) will be set aside for contingencies. Belfry said the company has done wetland boardwalks across the province and, "this is right in their wheelhouse."

The director added they were in the last stages of the consultation process with the Williams Treaties First Nations and it's hoped work can begin once the area dries out enough.

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell asked what the anticipated lifespan of the new boardwalk would be. Belfry said 25 years with proper maintenance.

Brady Lake culvert tender finalized

Director of public works, Mike Timmins, tabled a report recommending Weir Gradall get the contract for the Brady Lake culvert replacement.

Their quote came in \$85,500 over budget, with Timmins recommending the additional money come from the roads' capital reserve.

The final price tag is \$395,500.

"The twin culverts at Brady Lake are at the end of their useful life and are in need of replacement," Timmins said. He noted the project was originally on the books for 2002 but budgeting issues prevented it going forward.

Coun. Bob Sisson asked whether future culvert jobs could be done in-house. Timmins said he was willing to look into it but it could greatly impact staffing and sometimes it is best to have professionals do the work.

Contracting out cemetery maintenance

Belfry got council backing to tender cemetery care and maintenance.

The winning bid was from DMD Landscaping and Cottage Care for \$25,000.

He said work would be required at 12 Mile, Minden Hills, Bethel, Gelert and Milburn cemeteries. Work includes labour, materials and equipment for cutting grass, weeding, deadheading, loose trash and leaf removal and spring and fall cleanup.

Plan to deal with staff shortages

With his department short-staffed, Belfry provided a plan for the summer that would involve contracting out interments for the 2023 season as well as getting an outside company to clean porta-potties.

He said the money could come from what they are not spending on wages and benefits.



The Minden Hills boardwalk has been closed due to its deteriorated state.

Photo by Lisa Gervais.

He said his department had recently undergone a "dramatic" reduction in staffing, by 2.5 positions due to various situations.

"This leaves a staffing level of only four community services department operators to maintain all parks, facilities, gardens, and fields, for the majority of the 2023 summer season," he told council. He noted they are also committed to putting in summer ice.

Belfry said he contacted CemeCare to ask about pricing, with an estimated \$11,000 for the season. He estimated the cost to service the township's 14 porta-potties at \$34,000, although staff are still finalizing pricing.

Coun. Tammy McKelvey asked about summer students, and Belfry said they had four, two for the department, and two for the cultural centre.

Committees resurrected

After being dismantled during COVID, the township has resurrected a number of its committees.

Council appointed elected representatives and members of the public to a number of committees at the meeting. They include: the community services advisory committee; Lochlin and Irondale Community Centre advisory committees; events advisory committee; cemetery advisory committee; Minden Hills cultural centre advisory committee, and planning and development advisory committee.

CAO Trisha McKibbin said her intent is to get them "up and going as quickly as possible." (Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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Ready, set, snap

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club has released the winners from its latest competition focusing on pictorial images. The organization is now hosting monthly hybrid meetings. Join in-person at the Haliburton museum, or via Zoom. For details about the meetings, visit highlandscameraclub.ca, or follow on Facebook.

Top left: 'Dancing' by Brian Mould won third place. Top right: First place went to Wendy Evenden for her shot 'Quietude'. Bottom: Jaan Luubert placed second with his 'Morning Haze'.





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Women enter the Forest for this year's festival

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

The Forest Festival is returning to Haliburton Forest with the Women of the Forest concert series kicking off this Saturday, May 20.

Barrie Martin, co-manager of Yours Outdoors, which is a partner company of Haliburton Forest, said the series came about because, "we wanted to make it a distinctive offering. There are so many women out there with great talent."

The festival team has introduced a new way the community can get involved as presenting partners. Martin explained that people, or organizations, can sponsor a particular concert, which gives them an opportunity to have a table or kiosk at the event, and even emcee the concert. "It was another way to engage the community," Martin said.

Boreal is being showcased in the Logging Museum at Base Camp. The trio of award-winning singer-songwriters includes Katherine Wheatley, Tannis Slimmon and Angie Nussey. With their 'Songs of Renewal' show, the audience is invited on a journey through the rejuvenation that is spring.

Martin said Boreal features the harmonies of the three friends. All have their established careers, but enjoy playing together. Their shows reflect that friendship, which audiences connect with easily. Honesty and humour combine with marvellous storytelling for an evening filled with friendship and laughter, and wonderful music.

Originally, the Forest Festival had two



Boreal, pictured, is set to perform May 20 in the Logging Museum. Photo submitted.

venues, the stage on Bone Lake, and the Logging Museum. The Bone Lake Amphitheatre is no longer in use. All concerts will be at the Logging Museum.

On June 24, The Salt Cellars bring their unique blend of folk, blues, jazz, and pop. Their latest album, *Inside These Walls*, released in August 2022, is an "evolution of the way we've been writing," said Rob Bersan, singer-songwriter in an interview

with *Sound Café* magazine. "We started progressing in a different direction, a little bit more funky, a little bit more jazzy, a little bit more bluesy."

July 21 sees Jane Bunnett and Maqueque arrive fresh from a European tour. A five-time Juno award winner, Bunnett has crafted something new and extraordinary in the world of jazz with Maqueque and expresses this in the Afro-Cuban melodies and rhythms

they explore.

Aug. 25 brings Jenie Thai. With a flair for the blues, she will keep the Haliburton Forest rockin' all evening long.

For more information, go to haliburtonforset.com or call 1-800-631-2198. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

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Hal High's got talent

It was a packed house inside the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion May 10 as students from across the County came together for the return of 'Hal High's Got Talent'. Eleven acts took to the stage showcasing a wide range of skills, including singing, dancing, acting, poetry reading and digital animation. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School vice principal, Martin Gage, was the presenter, remarking at the show's conclusion, "I think it's pretty clear to see Hal High has got some amazing talent."

Top left: Drummer Alex Warford and lead guitarist, Austin Boyle, rocking out in Easy Company's first show. Top right: Students from Skyline Dance Studio's hip hop class performed a five-minute routine. Bottom right: Chloe Morissette showed off her dancing skills with a ballet routine. *Photos by Mike Baker.*





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Top: Hospitality and baking classes put on a spread for visitors, with students Valerie Zagorska and Walker Nesbitt manning the station. Middle: *Harmonious Chaos*, by Kayla Switzer, is an acrylic paint, newsprint and charcoal piece that shines a light on the lack of mental health and substance abuse support available in Haliburton County. Bottom: Mya Jones said *Flatline*, an acrylic painting on canvas, is an interpretation of the crumbling healthcare system in communities across Ontario. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

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Filling up for local food banks

The Haliburton and District Lions Club hosted a Mother's Day Food Bank Fill Up event at Foodland locations in Haliburton and Wilberforce May 13. The Haliburton event brought in \$500, with food donations filling five boxes and several plastic and paper bags. In Wilberforce, the club raised \$550 and accepted 10 boxes of food donations. All proceeds benefit the 4Cs Food Bank in Haliburton and the Central Food Network, which serves Cardiff and Wilberforce.

Lions club members Marilyn Frost and Sharon Wilson Carr were "delighted" with the response from the Haliburton community. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

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Pumping money into healthcare

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) wrapped up its annual 'Grooming for Healthcare' campaign recently, awarded Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation with a cheque for \$1,000. HCSA president, John Enright, said the organization donated \$1 for every hour of grooming time spent this season along the Trans Ontario Provincial B103, otherwise known as the County rail trail, raising \$500. HCSA executive then donated an additional \$500. This is the third year for the initiative, which in 2022 raised \$500 for the Minden Community Food Centre, and in 2021 fundraised for the Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Foundation. HHHS Foundation executive director, Melanie Klodt-Wong, said the money would be used to purchase new IV pumps at the Haliburton hospital. *(Mike Baker).*

Volunteers from the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) join nursing staff from the Haliburton hospital for a cheque presentation. *Photo by Mike Baker.*



Pinkies out for tea-totalers

Abbey Gardens welcomed guests for a spot of Mother’s Day tea May 13. Ashley McAllister, director of operations, said it was the second year hosting the event, with 84 people attending. An assortment of treats and baked goods were served with the tea. “It’s been a great event, with so many familiar faces,” McAllister said. One couple, Carole Smith and Bill Young, attended before visiting family in Bobcaygeon. They made the trip from Ottawa, flying their small plane into Stanhope Municipal Airport.

Top: Eight-year-old Emma Brown flashes a smile and raises a cup alongside her mom, Gina, Lynda Brohm and Ruth Pearson. Right: Friends Peter Moore, Paul McCarty and Rita McCarty, left, and Rick Gravel, Janice Gravel and Lois Moore, right, enjoying some tea. *Photos by Mike Baker.*



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Sharon Lowe holding a snapping turtle. Photo by Mike Baker.

Adults come out of shells for turtle time

By Mike Baker

With the warm weather now here to stay, Turtle Guardians is ramping up its activities ahead of what lead, Leora Berman, expects will be another busy summer.

The Haliburton-based non-profit acts as the first line of defence for turtle species across the Highlands. Launched in 2017, the organization – a subsidiary of The Land Between conservation group – conducts research and analysis on the population dynamics and trends of turtles; identifies threats to at-risk species, with a focus on maintaining important wetland areas; maps, designs, and pilots road mitigation measures to avoid vehicle collisions; and excavates, incubates and head-starts hatchlings to help bolster local numbers.

The organization has 10 turtles that reside at its home base on Gelert Road. Together with facilitators, they help drive Turtle Guardians' education efforts. The group has been running turtle camps for youth for several years, providing a thorough introduction into how the species, which has thrived on earth for approximately 110 million years, lives.

That offering has expanded this year to include older residents. Turtle Guardians held its first adult workshop May 13, with 15 people attending.

"We've taught this kind of thing to kids a lot, but we found more and more that adults were interested in learning the basics of caring for turtles," Berman said.

The program was led by Berman and Grace Wiley, a species-at-risk mitigation technician with The Land Between.

"We cover everything that kids at turtle camp would learn – why turtles are important for our wellbeing and future; what they do for our lakes and water supply; what they do for fish and wildlife. Turtles are one of

the most environmentally significant species [in the world] and contribute to healthy ecosystems," Berman said.

"We teach people how to identify the different species, how to handle and help them. We cover turtle biology and behaviour, how to recognize when they're uncomfortable. That's important, so people know what to do if they come across a turtle in need while out in the community," she added.

Julie and Martin Harris attended the event after reading about Turtle Guardians' efforts online. The couple relocated to the County in 2021 and have been looking for ways to become more involved in the community.

"This ticked all the boxes. I'm interested in learning more about turtles and how to help protect them, and we've had a chance to get to know some more people and learn in a very easy environment," Julie said.

Asked what her biggest takeaway was, Julie added, "just learning about their habits. And what not to do. Because a turtle imprints in a specific area, you can't just pick them up and plant them somewhere else. I hadn't realized that at all. It turns out you're committing them to almost certain death if you do that."

All attendees received their level one Turtle Guardian certification. Berman said there are five training levels, with the highest qualifying volunteers to participate in advanced field work.

She noted there are plans to run another workshop in July. Heading into summer, Turtle Guardians has around 70 active volunteers.

"The more people who know how to help turtles in the world, the better," Berman said.

For more information, visit turtleguardians.com.

Helping non-profits gives HCDC the win

By Lisa Gervais

Community Futures Ontario has recognized Haliburton County Development Corporation's Local Initiatives Program (LIP) as the winner of its prestigious members' choice award.

The LIP was created and is administered by HCDC, and provides funding and advisory services to not-for-profit organizations in Haliburton County, executive director Patti Tallman said.

"The purpose of the LIP is to strengthen Haliburton County communities by supporting community economic development projects that are incremental (new initiatives or enhancements/additions to existing activities) and strive to enhance the resiliency and vibrancy of the community," Tallman said.

HCDC has supported 150 community projects involving more than 450 partners and organizations.

Each year, Community Futures Ontario, a government funded program to facilitate rural economic development, recognizes the successes and impact of Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs). It handed out awards May 2 at the end of its annual conference.

In 2023, they presented four awards. The members' choice award combined nominees of all categories and was voted on by members and the communities of the nominees.



From left: Patrick Kennedy (board chair), Patti Tallman (executive director) and Heather Reid (program & operations coordinator), of Haliburton CDC. Photo by Mark Holleron.

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Chef serving up change by the slice

By Sam Gillett

A Haliburton County chef is using food to build community and fundraise for social change.

Miriam Echeverria, executive chef at Dimensions Retreat Centre in Algonquin Highlands, kicked off Cheffing4good with a pizza fundraiser in Haliburton recently.

The charity makes and sells high-quality food, with 100 per cent of the proceeds going to organizations focused on women or marginalized groups.

“I think food is also a tool for progress,” Echeverria said. “I think it’s a tool that can change perspectives.”

At the event at Tiffany Howe’s How(e) Creative Studio, Cheffing4good raised more than \$500 for the Indian Residential School Survivors Society. Every pizza made was sold, each in a box decorated by Echeverria’s coworkers.

She said the charity is a way for her and others in the culinary world to do more than just recognize problems such as the treatment of indigenous communities in Canada.

“There is a lot of awareness and we see regret for what happened in the past, but there’s very little action... But for me, it’s more than about taking action.”

As a professional chef, food seemed to be the perfect way to do so.

Echeverria previously ran the charity under the name Tribe Five Dinners in Toronto, partnering with other women working in Toronto’s culinary world. They hosted



Volunteers Keegan Kyle, Miriam Echeverria, Melissa Tong and Tiffany Howe. *Photo Submitted.*

dinners showcasing diverse vegetarian and vegan flavour combinations and promoting equitable kitchens.

“The main goal of the events was to support communities but also showcase the fact that these kitchens in Toronto are run by women and create a different perspective in our guests when it comes to plant-based food,” she said.

After she moved to Haliburton County, Echeverria and longtime County resident Melissa Tong began brainstorming what the charity could look like in the Highlands.

“A very special thanks to Tiffany Howe Creative on 35 Pine St. for the fun and

creative space,” wrote Tong in a media release after the event. “[And] Keegan Kyle for his hard work and dedication from start to finish. And most of all, we would like to thank all of our pizza lovers, donators, and supporters for your hungry bellies and for coming out, even if it was to chat and check it out.”

Echeverria and Tong said they hope Cheffing4good can draw even more community support as it grows.

“I hope that one day it becomes something even bigger and we are able to support different charities but I think what we’re looking forward most of the time is for those

charities or non-profit organizations that have very little support,” Echeverria said.

She added the food could continue to change too. Echeverria is originally from Mexico and said she’d love to bring those flavours to future events.

She also put out a call for Highlanders’ help.

“I think it would be nice if there are more folks out there that are willing to offer the space to create another event or even if more people just want to help,” she said.

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A participant jumps in the lake to raise money for food banks. *Submitted.*

Braving frigid waters for a cause

By Lisa Gervais

The fourth annual Jump in the Lake challenge May 6 was “an overwhelming success” and raised more than \$25,000 for food banks in Coboconk and Haliburton County, organizer Dean Michel said.

Unlike other organized polar bear dips, participants jumped into the frigid early May waters from their own docks or local piers.

Michel said a few hundred generous donors helped 35 participants raise the much-needed funds.

“This year’s Jump in the Lake Challenge will have a significant, positive impact on the Coboconk and Area Foodbank (CAFB) for the next whole year,” said CAFB chairperson Amy Alfredsson. “With more than \$16,000 in cash donations collected and more still coming in, the challenge has provided the funds to pay for all of the food bank’s meat purchases over the next 12 months.”

Alfredsson, who jumped into Balsam Lake, added the food bank would not exist without generous community support.

“As a privately-funded, fully volunteer-run food bank, these donations are both welcome and needed at a time when food insecurity and food costs are at their highest.”

Meanwhile, \$3,015 was raised for the Minden Community Food Centre and another \$3,015 for the Central Food Network (CFN).

CFN’s Tina Jackson said, “this event was a cool one and all participants we’ve chatted with had a blast. We look forward to making this an annual event to help bring people together to have some fun for a worthy cause.”

Jackson added, “food banks in Haliburton County do not receive regular government funding. The majority of our donations come through during the December holiday season - but hunger happens year round. Events such as the Jump in the Lake raise critical funds at a critical time to help keep shelves stocked.”

In four years, the annual challenge has raised more than \$150,000 for the community.

“We continue to be amazed how our community has embraced what has now become a fun, annual event,” Michel said.

“When you combine brave individuals and generous donors, good things happen to make a difference in people’s lives.”

Save the date for the fifth annual challenge: Saturday, May 4, 2024.

United Way announces new raffle

The United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes has announced a Haliburton off-grid and outdoors raffle.

They said tickets are one for \$10 or three for \$20, available at the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show, Outdoors Plus, Emmerson Lumber and Haliburton Solar and Wind.

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- Wall It Wall Art - metal wall art.
- Outdoors Plus - archery set: two Rajim long bows, two arm guards, 12 arrows and large target.
- Hook Line and Sinker - dinner for four.

United Way CKL said it has invested more \$300,000 into Haliburton County, supporting programming at EarlyON, Point in Time, Community Living and more. Proceeds of the raffle support United Way initiatives in Haliburton County. For more information, contact Shantal Ingram, co-executive director, United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes at 705-878-5081. (Lisa Gervais).

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Top: John Etches answers questions after his presentation. Bottom: The islands and channels of Charleston Provincial Park on the southern extension of the Canadian Shield were formed by rock and glaciers. *Photo by Rob Stimpson.*

**Canoe enthusiasts
talk about geology**

By Sam Gillett

Adventure guide and geologist John Etches has a pet peeve when it comes to outdoor education.

“It’s that the non-living parts of our environment are kind of glossed over,” he told a full house at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery recently. “Oh, yeah, the soil and the water and the rocks: they’re kind of important. But let’s get on to the more interesting stuff.”

Without the movement of rock and glaciers, Haliburton’s famed paddling routes wouldn’t exist and neither would any lake in Ontario.

Geology and paddling were at the heart of Etches’ and Rob Stimpson’s talks at Rockin’ the Canoe during the 2022-23 Yours Outdoors Speaker Series.

“As a paddler, I think it’s really hard to ignore that the lake is important but the shorelines are important as well and it’s hard to ignore that you’re interfacing with rocks, quite often,” Etches said.

Etches explained how Haliburton County’s geography began forming around 4.6 billion years ago.

The “roiling and broiling” plates of the earth’s surface shifted and heaved. Rock

from tens of kilometers below the earth’s surface is now exposed after the collisions between tectonic plates formed mountains that eroded and were sheared away by glaciers that crawled across the landscape. The moving ice, clearing away rock, formed the dips and ridges we now see as lakes, rivers and topography in places such as Dysart et al’s Kennisis Lake and West Guilford area.

“In the configuration of lakes and rivers, there is absolutely nothing random,” Etches said.

After Etches, photographer Stimpson showcased photos of canoe trips across the landscapes that Etches’ talk referred to.

Whether gazing at massive cliffs in Canada’s north or paddling rushing rivers at Woodland Caribou Provincial Park, Stimpson said paddling in the backcountry has been a way for him to disconnect from the frantic pace of life in the 21st century.

“It’s frightening how much information is out there,” Stimpson said. “But you get out into the backcountry and go for a weekend canoe trip or whatever it is, and it’s so nice to leave everything behind... just to sit and listen to the wind, listen to the water.”

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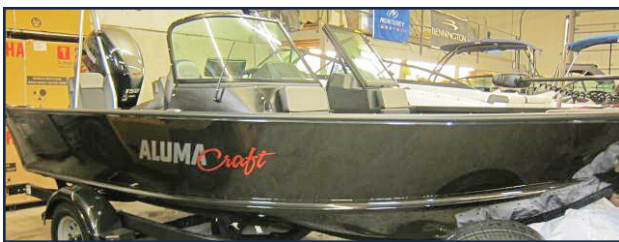
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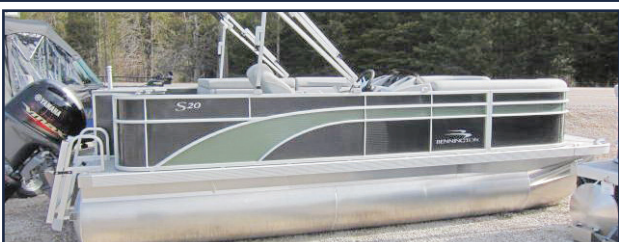
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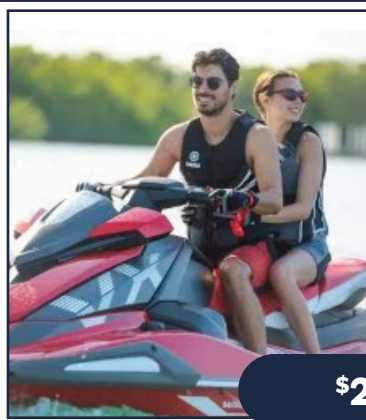
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CHA: ‘revisit lake health monitoring’

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County’s lake health citizen scientists received some timely advice from Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. (HESL) and the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA), during a gathering at Sir Sam’s Ski/Ride May 6.

CHA hired HESL to do a water quality monitoring program design for its 51 property owners’ associations.

“Lakes in Haliburton County are relatively pristine,” said authors Kris Hadley and Joel Harrison. “Major sources of impacts are faulty septic systems, road salt, and climate change.

“The risks associated with contaminants may be minimal, and sampling may not be necessary, however emerging issues such as calcium decline, chloride from road salt, and blooms in low nutrient lakes are a concern now and moving forward and therefore monitoring programs should be developed with these stressors and emerging issues in mind,” the aquatic specialists said.

They suggested continuing to monitor for phosphorus, with 10 years or more of data to distinguish a trend from normal, year-to-year, variations. In addition, they recommended continued use of Secchi Depth for water clarity. Nearshore sampling of bacteria is urged, as is testing for water temperature and climate change indicators. HESL also said lake monitors should be on the look-out for dissolved oxygen and calcium and chloride numbers.

Outside of the core parameters, they said sampling of nitrogen, dissolved P, conductivity, dissolved organic carbon, alkalinity, pH, turbidity, metals, phytoplankton and emerging contaminants could be considered if the lake association has the resources.

As a guide, they suggested biweekly or monthly sampling between ice off and in, but acknowledged that might not be possible without enough volunteers.

The two noted that The Lake Partner Program (LPP) coordinated by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks provides the best possible entry point to lake monitoring for lake associations with limited resources.

However, with greater time and money, water quality monitoring and assessment in cooperation with the LPP addresses several

of the highest priority water quality issues in the Haliburton area, the said. These include phosphorus, calcium, and chloride.

“Lake associations interested in moving beyond data collection as part of the LPP are advised to seek lake specific guidance on the best allocation of resources from qualified experts, to ensure that specific equipment, training and analysis needs can be met, and resources are allocated efficiently,” HESL said. They offered some technology tips and costs as well as data management and storage suggestions.

The authors concluded that lakes in the County are under stress from a variety of emerging issues in water quality, such as changing climate, harmful algal blooms, invasive species, emerging contaminants, microplastic pollution, light and noise, salinization, declining calcium, engineered nanomaterials and cumulative impacts.

“The stressors on lakes in the Haliburton region are minimal compared to urban lakes but impacts from traditional stressors such as waterfront development are being combined with impacts associated with emerging issues such as climate change to create a myriad of biotic and abiotic changes in lakes.

“Insightful water quality monitoring programs are required to characterize water quality conditions now more than ever to characterize lake health, determine changes over time, and inform management options such as stewardship, related planning policy or active in-lake or watershed management.”

CHA president Paul MacInnes said members should revisit their lake health monitoring. “As an example, the number two highest priority should now be ice watch. Benthics are now the second lowest priority.”

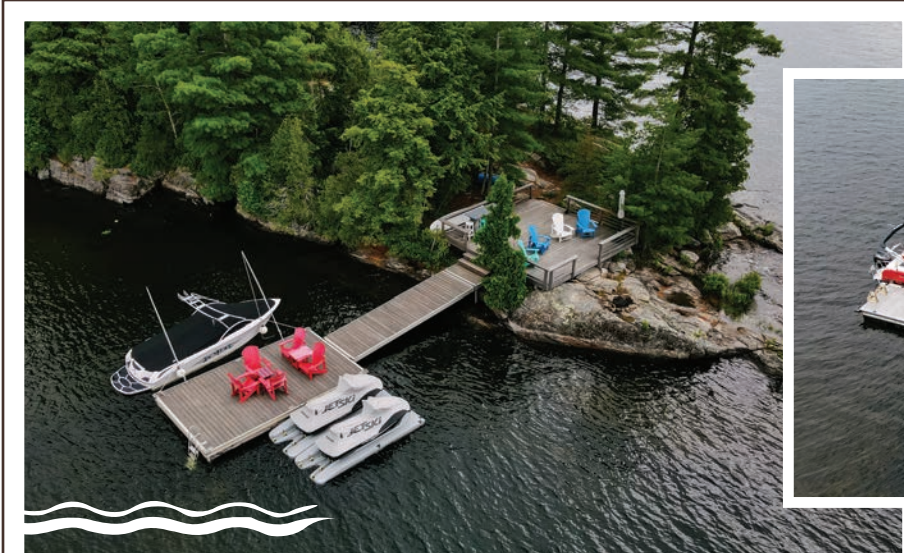
He further suggested associations double their efforts with regards to septic health, such as providing CHA septic tips to people around their lakes.

“Do what you can to avoid hydrologic overload. Lobby your mayor and council for a strong, short-term rental bylaw that limits occupancy to the number the septic system can handle. The CHA has rental posters.”

MacInness added, “let your mayor and council know you would like a standardized, countywide level 4 septic re-inspection system. Encourage folks to re-naturalize their shorelines. Join and support Safe Quiet Lakes.”



Top: CHA chair, Paul MacInnes, speaks to a May 6 meeting. Bottom: Joel Harrison of HESL was one of the guest speakers. Photos by Lisa Gervais.



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The Importance of Resident Input in Developing the Haliburton Highlands as a Sustainable Tourism Destination

You may have seen the Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS) that was shared online in December. In this fifth installment of six, and on the heels of Tourism Week in Canada, we are going to take a closer look at some of the key data that was revealed, which will be published in full here next month.



National Tourism Week, which ran from April 24th to 30th, is an annual invitation for all tourism partners to come together to champion and promote Canada's destinations, tourism businesses and employees – from coast to coast to coast, including here in our very own County. The theme this year was *CANADA: Powered by Tourism* and celebrated the current rebuilding of the visitor economy after a devastating two years for the industry, while also recognizing that there's a long way to go before tourism returns to being the \$105-billion economic powerhouse it was pre-pandemic.

While tourism in the County of Haliburton represents just a small percentage of that much larger national number, locally it is a substantial and very important part of our overall prosperity, and it is the reason we created the Destination Management Plan (DMP) and embarked upon the community-based tourism approach to begin with. As we work to recover and continue to build our tourism product in a way that is not only successful and sustainable, but that also provides real, tangible benefits the entire community, your input via the RSS is invaluable.

As mentioned, next month we will share with you a one-page infographic that will show the key learnings from that first annual RSS – learnings that we have spoken to over the past few months here. For example, we learned that many of you (4.6/10) were not familiar with the role of the County's Tourism Department, especially now as we turn our focus to community-based tourism and what that means. We learned priorities for areas of growth include growing employment opportunities for young people to increase youth retention; developing tourism activities that align with the needs of residents, including affordability, and the protection and restoration of the natural environment; and building awareness of current tourism initiatives related to climate change, truth & reconciliation, and diversity, equity & inclusion.

All the responses you provided in the RSS will not only help to guide us but, and perhaps most importantly, will act as a benchmark that we can measure our results against over the coming year by comparing them with the results of the 2nd annual RSS, which will run from **Sept. 11 to Nov. 12, 2023**. For the first RSS we received close to 600 responses from both seasonal and permanent residents, despite the short-notice and limited time available to complete it. It is our hope that with more notice and a two-month window to respond, more of you will have your say in the development of our County as a year-round tourism destination that we can all enjoy and benefit from.

If you are interested in staying up to date on the RSS project, you can visit: <https://wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca/resident-sentiment-survey-rss>. Here you will be able to read the final RSS report, which is summary of all the answers that were received from respondents, along with all the advertorials you saw here that spoke to various topics including why resident input matters, what is community-based tourism, and more; as well as the County's 5-Year Destination Development Plan, which provides insights into the creation of the RSS and our focus on building the visitor economy here in the Haliburton Highlands.



**If you have any questions at all,
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A few cards up their sleeves for seniors games

Twenty-four players, aged 55 and up, gathered at the Minden Curling Club May 15 to take part in the District 11, 2023 OSGA summer games euchre competition. The games began May 4 and run until June 20. Other sports include bid euchre, cribbage, shuffleboard, bridge, golf, walking, tennis and pickleball.

Top: Teams compete in euchre May 15 at the Minden Curling Club. Bottom: A handful of hearts during the OSGA 55+ games. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*



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The Sports Hall of Fame. *File.*

Nominations open for sports hall

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame has announced the next round of nominations to identify and select the second group of inductees who will join the 17 inaugural members in the Hall, located upstairs in the A.J. LaRue Arena.

“We are asking all members of the community to consider nominating athletes, builders or teams that represent the very best of sport in the Highlands,” spokesman Roger Trull said.

He said they were “thrilled” with their inaugural induction ceremony and are looking forward to June of 2024 when the next inductees will be recognized for their outstanding achievements.

Considerations for eligibility according to the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame Constitution includes:

- Athletes:**
- must have five or more active years in sport.
 - must be retired from active participation in that sport for at least three years or, if still active, must be 40 years old.
 - must have been a resident of Haliburton County for a minimum of five years before or during their sporting accomplishments.
 - outstanding in their respective sport or have achieved better than average proficiency in a number of sports.
 - have competed at local levels and gone on to district, regional, provincial, national and/or international events. Competition at the high school, junior, college, and university or professional sports levels should be included.

- Builders:**
- eligible at any time. No waiting period for this category even though the nominee may still be active in the role(s) for which they are nominated.
- Teams:**
- eligible at any time. No waiting period. Trull encourages people to visit their website (hhshoff.ca) to learn more about the hall and the criteria needed to be considered for induction, and them nominate. He said nominations will be open until Oct. 30.
- The sporting heroes of Haliburton County were recognized at the first-ever induction ceremony June 18, 2022. More than 200 people crowded into the arena to celebrate people whose achievements in sports are now on public display. The hall occupies a nook in the top level of the arena, with each inductee’s history described on a commemorative plaque.

The inaugural class was headlined by a host of individuals that made it to the very top of their profession. Among them are hockey stars Cody Hodgson, Ron Stackhouse, Bernie Nicholls, Donald Beverley ‘Joe’ Iles, Glen Dart and Marla MacNaull, former pro-footballers Michael Bradley and Taly Williams, Olympic runner Lesley Tashlin, curler Jake Walker and university track star Anna Tomlinson.

Those honoured in the builders’ category, supporting culture in the area, included Linda Brandon, Albert John ‘Ab’ LaRue and Lenny Salvatori.

Of the many successful hockey outfits to have represented the Highlands, three of the very best stood above the rest as part of the first class, including the 1934 Haliburton Huskies, 1956-58 Minden Monarchs and the 1971 Haliburton Jr. D Huskies.



Committee of Adjustment - Notice of Public Hearing Application For Permission and Minor Variance

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

Date: **Monday, May 29, 2023**
Time: **9:30 AM**
Location: This meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a **virtual meeting**.
To participate:
Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588
Enter Meeting ID: 826 0011 6093 and **Passcode:** 673752

Join the meeting using a computer or smart phone at:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82600116093?pwd=V3I3RWJLWnpVTUxPNmxURS9Gc282Zz09>

Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at: <https://youtube.com/live/6moH0AOrzlg?feature=share>

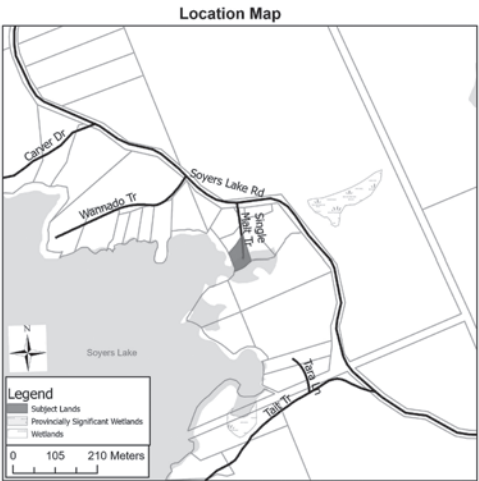
Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dssison@mindenhills.ca by Friday May 26th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 9:00 AM. Participants registering after 9:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider Permission and Minor Variance Application PLMV2023022 and the proposed minor variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act as shown below:

PLMV2023022 - Part Lot 32, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1020 Single Malt Trail and located on Soyers Lake (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from Section 4.8.2 of the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the expansion of a legal non-conforming dwelling, more specifically in the form of an addition to the dwelling and a new porch. The application would further provide relief from Section 4.8.4 i) and iii) and Section 5.2 to permit an increased extent of non-compliance towards the rear yard of 5.6 metres and 6.2 metres, for the dwelling and porch respectively whereas otherwise a setback of 15 metres is required; and to further permit an increased dwelling area of 56.4% and increased porch area of 44.4% whereas otherwise a maximum increase of 25% is permitted.



Additional information regarding the application will be available online. Links to meeting agendas and full reports can be found on our Minden Hills Civic Web. A copy of the complete application will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

Input on the above noted application is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

Any person or agency who is of the opinion that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause them significant prejudice, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing. If a person or agency does not make a submission to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the electronic hearing, and the person or agency does not participate in the hearing in accordance with this Notice, then the Committee may proceed without the party’s participation and the party will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

For more information about this matter contact at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or 705-742-2297 ext. 278

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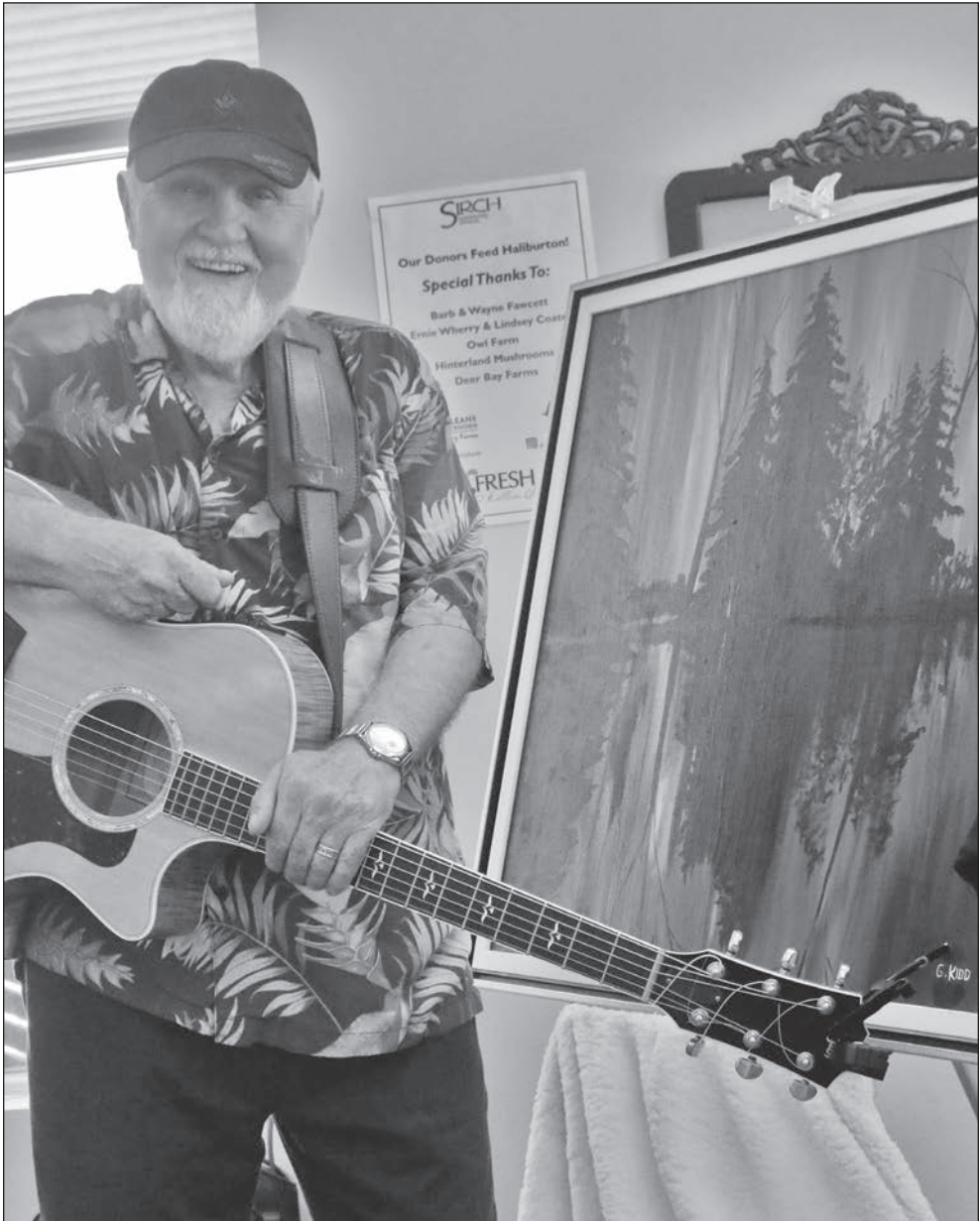
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Kidd to tour the County

Musician Gord Kidd played a multi-song set at the SIRCH Bistro May 13, as he kicked off a 35-show tour across Haliburton County. All performances are free, with Kidd providing his services at no charge. “The idea is to help raise money for different agencies and organizations across the community, because there’s a high demand right now and a lot of people are struggling,” Kidd said. “I also wanted to help the restaurants and taverns that had to endure so much during the pandemic. This is just one small way I can give back.” Kidd said he’ll bring some of his favourite paintings to the shows, and if they sell he’ll donate 25 per cent of the proceeds to whichever agency is benefitting. He’ll be at the Dominion Pub May 20 from 3 to 6 p.m. For a full list of appearances, visit gordkidd.com.

Gord Kidd smiles with his guitar after completing a set at SIRCH Bistro, beside his painting ‘Fire Lake’. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Leslie Schell honoured for 50 years a mason

Leslie E. Schell was honoured May 3 with his 50 Years a Mason at Hyland Crest Long-Term Care Home in Minden.

John Deak said that since Schell was unable to attend the lodge to receive his award, a group of Masons from North Entrance Lodge No. 463, Arcadia Lodge No. 440, and the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of the Valley of Peterborough, brought the award to him.

The presentation was organized by Murray French, who was recommended into Masonry by Schell. Leslie Schell’s son, Luke, and his brother, Dick Schell, were on hand for the presentation.

Dick Schell did the honours of pinning the commemorative pin on his brother’s lapel. The 50 Years a Mason ceremony was conducted by several brethren, including Deak, who read the Grand Lodge certificate and the framed lodge certificate.

Deak said Leslie Schell was very active in the A.&A. Scottish Rite of the Valley of Peterborough, and, as a result, the fraternity was represented by a good number of brethren.

Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council, Brian Gilkinson, thanked Leslie Schell for his many active years in the Scottish Rite.

“Illustrious Brother Leslie Schell’s career in the Scottish Rite dates back a number of years. He accepted the duty of going through the Offices of the Lodge of Perfection to Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 1993 and remained as Chaplain for many, many years. He was coroneted 33° Honourary Inspector General in 2000. He was also a member of Lodge of Perfection Choir.” (*Lisa Gervais*).

EVENTS

May 18, 1:30 p.m.
Seniors gathering for card games at St. George’s Church in Haliburton. Snacks will be available.

May 19, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Children aged seven to 15 are encouraged to bring their ukuleles to the Minden Hills library for a group learning session. Don’t have your own instrument? Ukuleles are provided for children to use during the program. First come, first served.

May 20, 6:30 a.m.
Annual Don Smith Memorial Spring Bird Walk. Meet at the Haliburton Rail Trail parking lot opposite HHSS. For details and to register, visit haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

May 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library is hosting a spring book nook sale at the Minden Hills library. There will be something for everyone, including thrillers, romance, science fiction, biographies, children’s books, cookbooks and more. Payment is by donation. All money raised supports library enhancements and programs across the County.

May 20, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Haliburton District Lions Club presents its Walk for Dog Guides fundraiser. Taking place at Pet Valu. Yard sale, featuring plants, books and baked goods. Registration for the walk begins at 11:30 a.m. Pledge forms available at PetValu, or by calling 705-448-1128. All dogs must be leashed.

May 21, 11 a.m.
Friends of the Rail Trail Sunday Rambles is a casual way to meet new people and learn about local lore. Meet at the Dahl Forest on Geeza Road. Lots of wetlands, wildlife habitat, tamaracks, wide-open water, rocky outcroppings and white pines.

May 23, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Stop by SIRCH Community Services in Haliburton to learn how to make a Macrame plant hanger, and take it home. Cost is \$10. All materials provided. RSVP by May 16 at info@sirch.on.ca or by calling 705-457-1742. Limited to 15 participants.

May 26, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
It’s parachute time at the Dysart library. Children will get the chance to shake their wiggles out as they listen to music and work the ‘chute. For children aged two to five. A caregiver must be in attendance.

May 27, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Does your bike need a tune-up, but you don’t know where to start? Join Gaelen Webb at the

SIRCH Thrift Warehouse to learn how during a free bicycle repair demo.

May 27 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Join the Haliburton County Master Gardeners at the Minden Hills library for a workshop discussing members of the nightshade family - a garden favourite. Register for this free program online at haliburtonlibrary.ca, or by calling 705-457-2241.

May 28, 11 a.m.
Friends of the Rail Trail Sunday Rambles is a casual way to meet new people and learn about local lore. Meet at the end of Howland Junction Road, off County Road 121, to see the impressive high timber trestle bridge. This marked the junction with the County’s other railway, the IB&O.

May 29, 7 to 8 p.m.
Coffehouse at Castle Antiques in Haliburton. Join the Baha’i community of Haliburton County for a musical presentation and facilitated conversation on the topic of ‘a kind tongue is the magnet for the human heart’. Light refreshments available. Free admission.

June 3, 8:30 p.m.
Join Dave Bathe for an information session on the nocturnal whip-poor-will. You will learn about its habitat preferences, diet, and distinguished characteristics. After the presentation, you will have the chance to go outside and listen to the whip-poor-wills calling on Dave’s property. Event taking place at The Bathe Farm on Sedgwick Road. Pre-register at haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

June 10, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Join the J.D. Hodgson school community for an exciting end-of-year BBQ and fundraiser. The parent council is hosting a yard and car trunk sale. To book a parking space, contact jdhcouncil@proton.me. Price is \$30. There will be games, refreshments and other activities provided throughout the day.

Visit the Agnes Jamieson Gallery this winter to view a selection of artwork featuring Canadian artist Andre Lapine. The Gallery holds over 100 pieces by Lapine, which will be on display through the first few months of 2023. The Gallery, located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden, is fully accessible and open Tuesday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is by donation. For questions regarding the exhibit, call 705-286-1260 ext.542, or visit mindenhills.ca.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton weekly activities
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Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall & bingo, doors open at 6 p.m.
Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each available in the Clubroom.
Clubroom hours: Mon 3-6 p.m., Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

Whether you’re planning a function for 10 or 200, call the Legion at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.

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Tuesday: Euchre 1-3 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce
May 19: Wing night and jam session 5 to 8 p.m.
May 20: Lou Moody Rainbow Trout fish derby. Tickets are \$20 per fish. Register by May 19 at the Legion. Meet draw at 3 p.m.
May 21-23: Closed
May 24: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts at 2 p.m.
May 25: Open 2 to 6 p.m. HHHS social

recreation 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Upcoming events:
June 10: Horseshoe tournament. Registration from 10 a.m. to noon, play starts at 12:30 p.m.

Help us celebrate Branch 624’s 50th anniversary. T-shirts available for \$20.

June 23: Opening ceremony at 2 p.m. Pool, poster contest display, wings, nachos and cake available, music with Phil O’Reilly.
June 24: Music with half tuned BBQ, popcorn, games, giveaways, and poster judging, with MP Jamie Schmale, MPP Laurie Scott and Highlands East mayor Dave Burton in attendance.
June 25: Pancake breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Coboconk
Second Monday of the month: General meeting- 7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays: Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.
First Wednesday of the month: Big Buck Bid Euchre from 10 a.m. \$15 per person.
Saturdays: Music & Meat Roll - Music starts 2 p.m. Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

May 26: Lunch & Music
Pork loin or liver and onions, \$13
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Followed by country music jam between 1 and 4 p.m.
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For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127. Everyone is welcome.

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In Loving Memory of Shelley Houser (nee Kershaw)

Peacefully passed away at home on May 13, 2023 after a short illness. Shelley leaves behind her beloved partner Larry Clarke and is survived by her sister Karen of Whitby, nephew Mark

Pickford and his wife Kristine of St. Albert AB, and nephew Stephen of Scarborough.

For most of her career in Law Firm Management, Shelley resided in Toronto, however, she always considered Gull Lake as her Home. In 2008 she moved to Haliburton with her partner Larry. Shelley was very passionate about her quilting which provided her joy every day. She donated beautiful quilts to many causes. She was a strong advocate for fairness, accountability, and ethical standards for our communities. She will be greatly missed for her laughter and solid friendship.

Visitation will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. An family interment will take place at St. Andrew's Cemetery, Orillia at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Royal Victoria Cancer Centre, Barrie or Places for People, Haliburton County would be appreciated.



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In Loving Memory of Susan Gail Drew

Passed away peacefully at Wynfield LTC in Oshawa on Monday May 8th 2023 after a year long battle with dementia.

Predeceased by her parents Marion and John A McDonald, sister Betty Lu Peck, niece Jennifer Garvin and beloved husband Steven Drew. Survived by her nieces Diane Peck and Bonnie Drew, great nieces Abigail Peck, Katherine and Madison Drew, and some cousins.

Sue married the love of her life Steven on February 17th 2006 and they spent their lives together living on Kenissis Lake in Haliburton and then Port 32 in Bobcaygeon. After Steve passed away suddenly in September 2021 she never was the same. I'm glad to know they are together again.

Celebration of life will be on Friday June 16 in Pickering email peckster_99@yahoo.com for more information



In Loving Memory of Joyce Elizabeth Hogg (nee Rose)

Passed away peacefully at the Lakeridge Health Bowmanville on Monday, May 8, 2023 with her family at her side.

Beloved wife of Oral for 65 years. Dear mother of Dorothy (Doug), Wendy (Ted), Marilyn (Joe), Michael (Leagh), Lori (Jim) and Jodi (Jamie). Loving grandma to Scott (Sheryl), Beth (Mike), Dan, Darryl (Sarah), Michelle (Paul), Nicole (Shawna-lynn), great grandma to Samantha, Tyler, Brittney (Malik), Nicholas, Jacob, Logan, Evelyn, Jacob and great great grandma to Noah and Sophia. Daughter of the late Albert and Mary Margaret Rose and Violet. Sister of the late Bill, Bob, Roger, Barbara and Brian. Sister-in-law of Raymond, Reta and predeceased by Madeline (Frank), Wilfred (Shirley), Alice, Audrey (Jimmy), Murray, Pearl (Gordon), Eileen and Laverne. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews and family.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Monday, May 15th, 2023 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Joyce's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Interment at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Boshkung.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of Bryan Barry

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on the afternoon of January 4th, 2023 in his 79th year. Beloved husband of Anna Barry, loving father of Curtis Barry, and his wife

Zobie Ghany. Loving stepfather of Paul Cowen and his wife Lisa Robertson and Liesa Morson (deceased) and her husband Steven Morson. Cherished papa of Keira and step-papa of Ava. Brother of Beryl (Murray), Wayne (Linda), Grenville (Brenda), Dale (Wayne-Deceased), and Phil (Sharon). Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Bryan was a musician who enjoyed singing and playing guitar for residents of Extendicare for many years and jamming with his friends in the band Northern Jam.

Graveside Service

A Graveside Service will be held at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery on Saturday morning May 27, 2023 at 11 o'clock. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



In Loving Memory of Esther Bull Stamp

Passed away peacefully at Orillia Soldier's Memorial Hospital on Saturday January 28, 2023, in her 84th year.

Dear mother of Kirk (Joann) Bull, Kathie Jacklin (John). Grandmother of Jeremy (Melissa), Jordan, Katelyn (Darryl), Patricia (Ryan), Ashley (Lukas). Great grandmother of Dameon, Lucious, Malikei, Jackson, Robert, Cameron, Maddison and Jaxon. Sister in-law of Diane Booth and Aunt of Laurie (Cindy), Elaine, Les (Vanessa) and Linda (Dwayne). Predeceased by her parents Reginald and Florence Booth, by her husband Glen Stamp, by her sister and brother in-law Joyce and Wilf Harrison, and by her brother Donald Booth. Esther will be missed by her grand pets Bandit, Summer, Diesel, Fiona, Jessica, Maverick and Emerald.

Esther was an amazing wife, mom, mother in-law, grandmother, great grandmother and an inspiration to all. Esther's meticulous passion for sewing blessed all of us through what she made and gifted.

A graveside interment service to celebrate Esther's Life will be held at the Minden Cemetery, 200 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 11:00 am., with a reception to follow at the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden.

Memorial Donations to the Orillia Soldier's Memorial Hospital Foundation or the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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GARAGE SALE – 35 Orde Street, Minden. Saturday May 20th, 9 a.m. to Noon. Everything FREE / Pay what you can. “Lots of treasures, lots of Junk! Come and put some in your trunk!” (House also for sale, but neither free nor pay what you can).

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MOVING SALE – 7 Park Street, Haliburton. Saturday, May 20th & Sunday, May 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bedroom suite, antiques, tables, chairs, lazy boy, bedding, fireplace, wool/fleece blankets, quilts, crafts/sewing/wool supplies, pictures, dishes, small appliances, tools, extension ladder, power washer, wet/dry vacuum, garden/ bird supplies, audio equipment and much more! All must go!

YARD SALE – 104 Keefer Street. Saturday, May 20th & Sunday May 21st from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Toys to furniture, come and see items, too numerous to list. Some live edge cottage side tables.

YARD SALE – 145 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Saturday, May 20th from 9 a/m. to 3 p.m. (Rain date May 27th) Golf Clubs, tools, furniture, jewelry and much more!

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 - 19 Baseball fielder's call
 - 20 Same-suit 5-card sequence in poker
 - 22 Office work groups
 - 23 Sharp or sour tasting
 - 24 Action wd. modifier
 - 27 Little lunch leftover
 - 28 Newcastle nana
 - 29 Body part with a cap
 - 30 Numbers represented by 1 followed by 15 zeros
 - 34 Take over, militarily
 - 37 Place to plug in
 - 38 Merchandise twofer deal
 - 42 Caesar's boast ender
 - 43 Election sign setting
 - 44 ___ in (decide to join)
 - 47 NBC show with sketchy humour?
 - 48 Clear-sky colour
 - 50 Support for one en pointe
 - 52 What could be said for any of the answers at 20-, 30- or 38-Across
 - 55 Chess piece restricted to diagonal moves
 - 57 Where some scenes are seen
 - 58 Get in the game, in a way
 - 59 New start?
 - 60 "That ___ you!" ("Typical!")
 - 61 Spice blend in Indian cuisine
 - 62 Assn. or soc.
 - 63 Zorro's marks, south of the 49th
- Down**
- 1 Has as a goal
 - 2 One pushily promoting
 - 3 Toddler, slangily
 - 4 Tea-growing area of India

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- 5 YouTube journal
- 6 Left severely affected
- 7 Tracy Chapman signature song
- 8 "If you ___ it, they will come" (movie line)
- 9 Computer fix-it fella
- 10 Some old Pontiac muscle cars
- 11 Antifreeze solvent also called wood alcohol
- 12 Film/TV score composer ___ Posner
- 13 Man. clock setting
- 18 Quick hellos?
- 21 Drummondville "Done!"
- 25 Northwest Territory First Nation
- 26 Bullet-proof cop wear
- 28 Marvin of Motown
- 29 "The ___ Runner" (Hosseini bestseller)
- 30 A certain "je ne sais ___"
- 31 First "Star Trek: Voyager" ainer
- 32 Canadian coin creature
- 33 Work week opener on a Fr. calendar
- 34 "Well, duh!", in a text
- 35 Meas. of space or volume
- 36 Pedal pushers?
- 39 Guzzler's sound
- 40 Bit of bling for Mr. Clean
- 41 Kid aged 10-12, in slang
- 44 Threatening word pair
- 45 The P of the Bakkers' P.T.L. Club
- 46 Bell and Rogers, e.g., for short
- 48 Nary ___ (nobody)
- 49 Eclectic rock legend Frank
- 50 Heating bill meas.
- 51 Field that deals with classified info?
- 53 "Take ___ Train" (jazz classic)
- 54 Per piece
- 55 Kin of kapow
- 56 "Don't get your knickers ___ twist"

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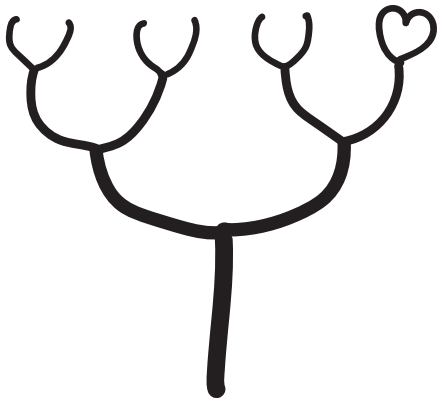
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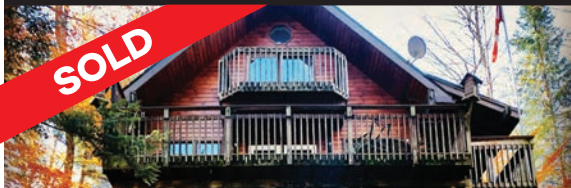
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