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Photos by Mike Baker.

Controversial one-stop ER opens in County

By Lisa Gervais

With last-ditch efforts now exhausted to postpone or reverse the Minden ER closure, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) consolidated County ER services in Haliburton June 1.

Dr. Norm Bottum, acting chief of staff for HHHS, said, "we are all deeply committed to

delivering high quality and safe care to our community. And, as we have always done, we will do everything in our power to ensure that all those in need of emergency care in Haliburton County can get it."

He reiterated the decision to close the Minden ER, and consolidate services in Haliburton as of today, "has been

an incredibly difficult decision for our leadership that was made after many years of searching for solutions that would stabilize and protect emergency services in the County over the long term."

Dr. Bottum added, "our goal is to ensure our community has a stable and safe emergency care system that you can all

count on. This means having an emergency department that is open and able to provide quality services - each and every time someone shows up in an emergency department.

"The safety of our community has been impacted by the multiple, unpredictable,

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Bottum: reduced risk of closures

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last-minute closures faced by HHHS over the past number of years. We are committed to reducing this risk by consolidating services in one location that can provide consistent service to our community and those seeking care.”

Dr. Bottum said they had been working closely with EMS, which had assured them the community is supported by access to 911. “Local paramedics are a critical part of our emergency care system. We encourage you to call 911 when you experience a medical emergency, knowing that care begins immediately, while you are en route to the HHHS emergency department.”

Revised ambulance coverage

The Haliburton County Paramedic Service has revealed its new boundaries as of now.

Director Tim Waite said that in the south, the borders will be Hwy. 35 at Monck Road (Norland), and County Road 121 at County Road 49 (the turn off to Bobcaygeon). Patients north of those boundaries will be transported to Haliburton, and patients south to Lindsay.

They are Hwy. 35 and Sherbourne Road to the north, and Black River Road to the west. Anyone south or east will be taken to Haliburton, and west to Bracebridge or Huntsville.

Waite said they had an extra ambulance from midnight May 31. “We’re going to keep it over at the Minden emergency department as often as we can, unless it gets assigned for a high priority call that it’s closest to, and it will be there until nine in the morning, with a second ambulance coming in at nine in the morning to go until nine at night on June 1. We have a similar thing on June 2, 3 and 4, a day shift of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.,” Waite said.

When it comes to patient transfers, the chief said having a single site, “is probably going to be very advantageous for us because now the physicians are all at one site. They’re able to better prioritize which patient needs to go first, allowing us to keep more balanced 911 coverage.”

He said in the past, the two sites did not communicate. “Now, they will understand better there’s so many ambulances we have, and this is how many we can send out of the area at a time and they can better prioritize that.”

Injunction not possible

Jayson Schwarz of Schwarz Law Partners told *The Highlander* May 29 he’d been advised by litigator Mark Ross that no judge would grant an injunction or judicial review against the closure.

“First, the hospital is not a standalone hospital. Minden Hills and Haliburton are one hospital together, with two separate campuses. In other words, it is like a business doing an internal consolidation and there is no legislation or case law that would support an injunction.”

Secondly, he said with the decision, the Minden ER doctors have taken jobs elsewhere and it would be impossible to

restaff for the summer.

Schwarz said that did not mean the ER could not be re-opened in September and there could be cause under the Canada Health Act.

“This means we are down, but not out. We certainly have nowhere to go for June 1, but we may have a case for relief to force the reopening for the fall,” he said.

As for money, he said they’d collected \$85,000 and have kept records. He urged people to cancel e-transfers.

He added, “we now need to consider if we wish to push forward.” He reiterated there may be a case under the Canada Health Act; they could challenge HHHS; or simply refund donations.

“This is heart-breaking for all of us.”

Patrick Porzuczek, who led the citizens’ fight against the closure, said he isn’t convinced by Dr. Bottum or HHHS assurances.

“They are winging it and gambling with our lives. This isn’t Texas hold’em or a casino.

“What they did to the legacy and hard work of David Fiddler and his brother Doug and son Dennis (Minden ER doctors) is a huge kick. These doctors and the care they offered ... the high regard for our community and the extra services they provided outside the scope of an ED will never be forgotten.”

He further pledged to fight on. “I’m not stopping after June 1. My words and message will become stronger.”

Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter said, “we have asked, we have pleaded, we have begged HHHS to reconsider what we think is a bad decision. But they have refused.

“The question becomes ‘what’s next?’ ... our council needs to support the people to do all that we can to try to come to a better resolution.”

June doctor schedule almost filled

CEO Carolyn Plummer told *The Highlander* May 31, “as of June 1, many temporary changes have been made to spaces in the Haliburton ED to accommodate the additional patient volumes that are expected.”

She added, “this is providing the team with the time they need to finalize the spaces on a more permanent basis in coming weeks, which could not be done until they were able to start moving equipment out of the Minden ED.”

Spaces that didn’t require moving of equipment, such as parking lots, have been changed and signage will be erected by June 1.

In terms of staffing, she said the June physician schedule is now 98 per cent full and HHHS is confident the remaining two shifts will be filled.

“This puts us in a better position for June than in previous years, as it is not unusual for HHHS to have gaps in the following months’ schedule, even in summer. “ She said the July and August schedule is now being filled by local physicians first, before being posted to the Health Force One Emergency Department Locum Program for additional coverage. *See additional coverage on pages 6-7.*

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Grass Lake proposal taken to Ontario tribunal

By Mike Baker

Waterfront property owner Catherine Swift is “shooting her last shot” after filing an appeal with the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) last week, protesting a proposed 88-unit development slated for land near Grass Lake in Haliburton.

The proposal, brought forward by developer Paul Wilson and his company Harburn Holdings in 2019, would see approximately 2.5 hectares of land along Peninsula Road repurposed into four lots each housing multi-storey apartment and condo buildings, with one unit featuring a commercial component.

Dysart et al’s previous council expressed support for the project in September 2022, while County council ratified an amendment to its official plan in April, paving the way for the development to proceed.

Swift is a member of the Friends of Grass Lake advocacy group, which opposes the build. Speaking to *The Highlander*, she said the OLT is her final hope.

“I don’t feel the environmental issues presented throughout this process have been adequately considered. I want to present this information to an unbiased third party that can look at everything we’re laying out fairly and objectively,” Swift said.

She has retained Toronto-based environmental lawyer David Donnelly to argue the case.

The primary concern, Swift said, is the development will “drastically and permanently” impact water quality and animal habitats, including for the endangered Blanding’s turtle. She contends that a wetland area abutting the parcel Wilson wants to develop will be ruined if the build proceeds.

“Wetlands are almost like an added layer of protection for bodies of water – they help to filter junk out, but also provide habitats to all



Harburn Holdings’ proposal to develop 2.5 hectares of land fronting Grass Lake has been appealed. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

kinds of critters,” Swift said. “This proposed location is virtually right on top of a wetland area... it could destroy that wetland.”

Wilson has committed to keeping a 30-metre buffer between the wetland and any development. Environmental impact, wetland site assessment and hydrogeological studies have been completed, peer-reviewed and endorsed by Dysart staff.

Swift contends the project should be seen as a non-starter considering Grass Lake is already deemed to be over its recreational capacity.

“Dysart’s own plans show Grass Lake is 170 per cent over capacity. By adding another 88 units to the waterfront, that would take it to more than 300 per cent over capacity. This is a small, shallow lake. It’s vulnerable. Adding a development of this size is going to wreck this lake,” she said.

Tony Usher, speaking on behalf of Harburn Holdings, told *The Highlander* last year the lots in question aren’t considered waterfront, since there’s a land buffer between them and the water.

Swift said the implications of the build are already being seen – one couple has sold their property and moved. Swift said she’s considering selling too.

“I’ve been here for 20 years... I love this place. I have a real connection here, history too – my parents honeymooned at the old Deer Lodge. That’s only about a 10-minute boat ride from my place,” she said. “It would break my heart to leave but knowing what’s going to happen to the lake [if development proceeds], it’s something I’m considering for sure.”

She’s worried too about the precedent the project would set, potentially paving the way

for other high-density development on the water.

Given the stated timelines at OLT – it’s estimated a hearing will be scheduled within four to eight months – Wilson expressed disappointment the issue will likely carry over into the new year.

“I started this process four years ago and still don’t have an answer. It’s unfortunate it takes so long to bring these things to fruition – we’re in dire need of housing in this community right now,” Wilson said.

Swift believes she has a 50/50 shot of success at the OLT.

“I know this isn’t a slam dunk. We feel these issues are real and deserving of further consideration. If the answer [from OLT] is the same, then OK. But I know if I don’t keep fighting, I’d regret it forever,” she said.

Highlanders vote against health care privatization

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County residents overwhelmingly voted against health care privatization during May 26-27 polling at 30 stations across the Highlands.

A total of 5,396 people voted ‘no’ in the local Ontario Health Coalition (OHC) ballot,

while only 108 were in favour.

Across Ontario, the numbers were 376,223 against privatization and 6,083 for.

Bonnie Roe, of the Haliburton Highlands LTC Coalition, said, “30 locations across the County. Cannot thank them enough and the more than 80-plus dedicated volunteers who were so committed to get out the message to

our community about the referendum, and to enable citizens to voice their opinion about privatization.”

She noted with a 24 per cent voter turnout, it was more than some local elections have garnered.

“Your numbers are huge given your population,” the OHC’s Natalie Mehra said.

The current health care system in Ontario ensures that every resident, regardless of income or status, has access to free healthcare through their health care card. However, privatization would mean that the elite would be able to pay for their healthcare and the less privileged will not.

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Advisory group needed for climate change

By Lisa Gervais

Citing significant flooding in 2013, 2016, 2017 and 2019, as well as a major winter storm in April 2018, “the County of Haliburton is experiencing the impacts of climate change,” Korey McKay told County council May 24.

McKay, the County’s climate change coordinator, unveiled her draft community climate action plan at last week’s meeting, encouraging an advisory group to be reestablished to help in its implementation.

Leading into her report, McKay said the climate impacts include more extreme precipitation events with longer dry spells in between and more extreme heat and intense storms.

She added future climate projections indicate these will become more frequent and intense over the coming decades. She added it’s damaging infrastructure in the County and public health. “Municipalities are on the front lines of responding, including the financial impacts. Municipalities also influence about half of Canada’s greenhouse gas emissions.”

McKay said Haliburton County emits approximately 300,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent annually. This is largely a result of driving and heating and powering our homes and buildings.

“Adapting to more variable and extreme weather, protecting our natural assets, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions will improve community health and wellbeing, generate local job opportunities, decrease local energy costs and avoid long-term costs from damage from climate impacts down the road,” she said.

McKay began her work at the County in 2019, with a three-phased climate change planning process. Phase one was corporate mitigation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in buildings, vehicles, landfills,

sewer and water, and streetlights. The County and the four townships measured their emissions and set targets.

Phase two was corporate adaptation, to reduce the impacts of climate change. They looked at vulnerability and risk assessments.

This third stage involves “creating a long-term strategic roadmap to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, build climate resilience to more extreme and variable weather and protect our natural assets across the County,” McKay said.

McKay said the latest plan has six strategies to achieve a 25 per cent reduction in emissions by 2030 and reach net zero by 2050. They include:

- Shift from personal vehicles. Implement a public transportation system. County council has investigated public transit over the last number of years but been unable to deliver. Increased opportunities for ride sharing and carpooling. Active transportation, which requires more housing in the villages so people can get around easier on bicycles, for example.

- Switch to zero emission vehicles. Getting people to stop idling; educating on zero emission vehicles; and getting more electric vehicle charging stations.

- Retrofitting homes, cottages and other buildings. Promoting existing funding options; looking at a voluntary local home energy efficiency program; support a local Energiesprong approach (supporting markets for energy transition, pushing forward the development of energy positive materials); bulk purchasing; and advocating for a decarbonized electricity grid.

- Encouraging low carbon, new development, such as through a voluntary green development standard; reviewing building permit fees and requirements with a sustainability lens; and advocating for a stronger Ontario Building Code.

- The acceleration of local production of low carbon energy, such as through a local energy cooperative; and providing renewable and low carbon energy sources.

- Protecting the County’s natural assets, for example, a lake stewardship program at the property level; support of initiatives for food security; and protecting wildlife corridors and education.

McKay said her report emanated from talking to the community climate action plan advisory group, surveys, and meeting with external organizations.

“Staff are proposing to council that the (group) is reformed as an implementation group, as a mechanism for ongoing collaboration across the community,” McKay said.

“This plan aims to reduce our local greenhouse gas emissions from the broader community and better prepare for, and adapt to, a changing climate. The success of this plan will require action from residents, visitors, and local businesses and organizations, in addition to municipal, provincial and federal governments.”

See the full plan on the Haliburton of County agenda for May 24, 2023.



Climate change co-ordinator Korey McKay. Submitted.

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Dysart to consider changes to suites

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al council has initiated a review of its bylaws covering secondary housing units, with mayor Murray Fearrey saying it's time for the township to "loosen up" its rules and regulations.

The file was discussed at a May 23 meeting, following a presentation from Haliburton resident Gary Burtch. He asked council why, with the community suffering from a lack of housing, the municipality wasn't doing more to bring much-needed additional units online.

"This is something that needs looking at... the lack of housing is impacting everyone in this community," Burtch said, feeling secondary units form part of the answer.

Planner, Jeff Iles, said secondary dwellings are permitted in Dysart, pointing to duplexes, semi-detached homes, and basement apartments. Other structures, such as garden suites, are considered on a case-by-case basis, and only on properties in Haliburton village hooked up to the town's sewer line.

Burtch feels that allowance needs to be extended further.

"I think people should be allowed to put a secondary residence on a property if it's large enough. It could be for an aging parent, a kid who wants [more independence], or a working professional looking for somewhere to live," Burtch said.

He accepts that new units can't be created on waterfront lots but said there are plenty of properties across Dysart that could be ripe

for this sort of development.

"I'm thinking something small, between 800 and 1,200 sq. ft.," he said, adding that he thinks these units should be allowed to have their own septic and well systems installed, and not tap into the main property's lines. Iles noted this wouldn't be allowed under existing policy.

Discussions around secondary units have been rife in recent months. Last November, the Ontario government passed Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*. One of many sweeping changes to the province's housing rules was extending the number of units allowed on a single residential lot to three.

While this rule doesn't apply to Dysart, given it only extends to communities with town-supplied water and sewer, Iles said the message from Queen's Park has been clear.

"There is support for this kind of thing. It seems to be the trend things are going in," Iles said.

He further informed council any potential change to allow more secondary units to be developed would require amendments to Dysart's official plan and zoning bylaw.

Fearrey said he could get behind the idea but wanted clarity on a few issues. He feels it's important that any additional units be owned and operated by the primary landowner, while reiterating units won't be considered on waterfront properties. He also asked what the township can do to stop people applying for a new secondary unit and then shopping them as short-term rentals.



A bylaw review looking at legislation covering secondary housing units is coming to Dysart council in June. *File.*

"If we're going to do this, it's because we want to increase the supply of rental units, or units for seniors. That has to be the main focus," the mayor said.

Coun. Pat Casey said he wouldn't be opposed to stretching the boundaries even further and having the bylaw cover potential full-time living spaces above garages or workshops. Right now, those spaces are

designated as private cabins, according to Iles, and aren't permitted to serve as a permanent dwelling area.

Fearrey said he expects an amended bylaw to be brought back to council for further discussion on June 13 or 27.

"We will pursue this... I think it's the right and necessary thing to do," he said.



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NDP leader calls on province to act

By Lisa Gervais

Ontario NDP Leader Marit Stiles labelled the closing of the Minden ER “outrageous” May 25, while calling on premier Doug Ford and health minister Sylvia Jones to reverse the decision to close it June 1.

Speaking in downtown Minden, Stiles dismissed Ford, Jones and MPP Laurie Scott’s claims the decision is a local one – made by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board and management.

“The buck stops with the provincial government when it comes to health care. They have the power to do something. And if this ED is closing, you can be darn sure that the minister of health had to sign off on that. I think we need to hold them to account and hold them responsible and we need to shame them.

“It is their responsibility to ensure this stays open. Ford and Jones have the tools and the resources to do the right thing and cancel this decision immediately. They can listen to the voices of the community, advocates, health care professionals, and so many others who have been unequivocal that this is worth saving, that the right thing to do is worth doing,” she added.

Speaking in the town’s Village Green, Stiles said it is not normal for a local ED to close and leave rural communities without timely access to health care; for the minister of health to abdicate responsibility; and for a premier to ignore community voices.

She also panned HHHS and its board.

“This is really extraordinary, to, out of nowhere, with no consultation with the community, no consultation with emergency services, such as paramedics, and police and firefighters and ORNG ambulance, to just go ahead and announce, a-month-and-a-half out, that they were going to close the emergency department. It’s outrageous and the only thing probably more outrageous than that is the fact that the local MPP, Laurie Scott, Ford, and Jones have refused to show any responsibility or to take action and stand with these folks.”

She said the NDP were listening and standing with the Minden community. A petition to stop the closure has garnered 24,000 signatures.

“We are working together to save this emergency room and save rural emergency rooms across the province,” the official opposition leader added.

Residents descended on the green with signs and told Stiles their stories. Business owners are worried about people not coming to, or leaving, the community. Others said they would not have moved to the area with aging relatives had they known this was coming.

She noted the June 1 closure comes “when cottage-goers are arriving, when parents will be dropping off their children to nearby summer camps, and when local residents will be out and about enjoying the summer weather. They’re going to be needing reassurance that timely, nearby, emergency



Provincial NDP leader Marit Stiles in Minden May 25. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

room services will be there for them – if emergencies strike.”

“I am incredibly inspired by the people of Minden, but they shouldn’t have to fight for basic medical services in their community like this. They shouldn’t have to be raising money to mount a legal challenge when their premier could just listen.”

Stiles added she’s concerned about the direction Ontario is heading in terms of health care.

“Some people will say we’ve spent too much money on health care. I can’t see it.

“We have a health care crisis across this province because we have a government that actually fails to spend the money they were allocated on health care.

“The health crisis we are seeing today was created. It is chaos and the government is using this as an excuse to bring in privatization, private clinics. That’s going to be their answer,” she said.

“The vultures are circling over the community of Minden. We cannot afford to sit back and stand by and let this happen. What happens in Minden is what’s going to happen across this province if we’re not careful.”

As for the closure coming in a staunch Conservative riding, long held by Scott, Stiles said, “the government really takes communities like Minden for granted – they’ve done that for too long.”

THANK YOU

Kathryn and I wish to thank Haliburton County residents, the Doctor’s, nurses and staff in the Nursing Homes, for three decades of support of our Practice. We have to especially thank Debbie Bull in the Minden office who for over 20 years has been not only a fellow worker, she is considered a valuable friend.

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Dysart mayor Murray Fearrey 'sympathizes' with the Minden community over the looming emergency department closure. *File.*

Fearrey 'sympathetic' over ER

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey has broken his silence on Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) decision to shutter the Minden emergency department effective June 1, calling it a "major loss" to the County.

The mayor told *The Highlander* he isn't happy about the looming closure.

"I think they provided a good service [in Minden]. They may have made a decision based on what they think the facts are, but they haven't communicated that very well," Fearrey said. "I don't think they had a long-range plan in place, they didn't seem to know how they were going to transition so quickly."

HHHS president and CEO Carolyn Plummer, and board chair David O'Brien,

announced the decision April 20, saying that all emergency and in-patient services would be consolidated at the Haliburton hospital ahead of the busy summer tourism season.

Plummer said the move was related to the organization's staffing crisis, with a shortage of nurses and physicians leading to more than 20 'close calls' over the past year where one or both emergency departments faced temporary closures.

A more detailed plan was rolled out to the public May 16, highlighting enhancements that have been made, or are coming, to the Haliburton hospital. The number of treatment spaces in the emergency department is increasing from nine to 14 or 15, a new trauma bed is being added, while seating and space in the waiting area has been nearly doubled. An additional 15 parking spaces have been added outside.

While Plummer said there will be more staff working to cover the anticipated increased volume of patients, Fearrey has his reservations.

"If staffing was a concern before, I have to think that's going to be a concern again... they've said they're going to have extra nurses available and two doctors instead of one at the busy times – maybe it'll all be OK, but I have some concerns," Fearrey said.

"For a lot of people in our County, this is going to mean an increased travel time for emergency services. Nobody can think that's a good thing.

"I'm very sympathetic to people in Minden and the surrounding area. If they don't do something to take the pressure off, like opening a walk-in clinic, I think there's going to be problems," he added.



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A landmark day

On Dec. 12, 2000, the services of the old Minden hospital were transferred to the new one, ending close to a half century of service.

Today (June 1), the emergency department is shuttered after servicing Minden and surrounding communities for 23 years.

It is understandable that the loss is being grieved by everyone in Minden Hills and beyond.

It has been a tumultuous six weeks since the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) announced its intentions to consolidate ER services at its Haliburton site.

We applaud the Minden community, and its council, for their tireless efforts in pushing to have the decision paused or overturned.

HHHS and its board have been consistent in their messaging from the start. It remains that a shortage of staff meant the prospect of short-term, temporary, ER closures – with as little as two hours' notice. HHHS is also confident its plan for the consolidated site will work.

With all avenues to stop the move as of June 1 now exhausted by community members, we will all hold our collective breaths to see how it goes over the summer. We all hope and pray the transition is

LETTERS

Accreditation and board responsibility

Dear editor,

HHHS has wisely requested to postpone the accreditation that was due this year. According to Accreditation Canada, hospitals must operate with transparency and public consultation. Given the current decision to close the Minden ED without consultation or a robust plan, I agree HHHS would not pass accreditation.

The HHHS board still meets only online. With no provincial health restrictions, plainly this is a strategy to prevent public involvement. Additionally, new HHHS board members are reviewed and approved by the current board. Sounds like a country club rather than a hospital.

Given the lack of public access to the HHHS board, I am hoping they read their weekly *Highlander*.

Dear HHHS board members, Minden Hospital began as a Red Cross outpost hospital in the 1950s and has served the health needs of our community from birth to death, and everything in between, until today. You are closing an essential service, not just 'consolidating'... Minden ED treated 13,000 patients in 2022.

As board members, you will be responsible for the deaths of CTAS 1 and CTAS 2 patients who live in proximity to the Minden ED, who die enroute to Haliburton ED or who die due to delayed transfer to a tertiary care facility. You are also responsible for people who are old, poor, and living with chronic and life-threatening illnesses who do not have access to transportation or primary care. The argument that the Haliburton ED needed to remain open due to acute care beds

smooth; that wait times are reasonable; the Haliburton site does not have to temporarily close; and that lives are not unnecessarily lost.

We have also learned that HHHS and its board need to step up their transparency game. Surely, with hindsight, they must recognize that while they believe their decision is right – how they went about it was very, very wrong.

The very workings of the board are questionable. With this decision, they refused to meet face-to-face with the public. They did not consult before the announcement, even with their own ER doctors in Minden. They hold closed meetings before meeting on Zoom. Why are they even still meeting virtually? They don't have board members' contact details listed on their website. There have been claims the board is stacked since a past board chair selects from the nominees and the board vets candidates. County councillors say they have asked for board representation and have always been refused.

Going forward, we expect so much more of health care leadership in this County.

We hope they have read the many stories and letters in *The Highlander*, from doctors,

is not true; those patients are managed by the Haliburton Family Health Team doctors, not by the ED.

If this responsibility was not what you signed on for when you joined the board as a volunteer, then reverse the decision to close the Minden ED, open the AGM to the public, and hold public consultations on the future of HHHS. The alternative is to resign.

Dr. Diane Duff RN PhD

It goes like this...

Dear editor,

There were doctors. They were in Minden. But we paid them to leave.

They assessed and triaged 15,000 patients, some years. Sure, they 'stabilized' some and sent them out. To Haliburton? Sometimes. Also, to Peterborough and Kingston and Toronto and Lindsay.

They also treated patients. And sent them home. And sent some to cardiologists and surgeons and psychiatrists. And coordinated palliative care, wound care, pain care, nursing care, social services, transportation, primary care, homecare, rehab care.

Housing shortages are said to challenge recruitment efforts. Never for the Minden emergency doctors.

About that 25-minute ride from Minden to Haliburton. By car. A lot longer by foot. Or wait. Wait for an ambulance. Also, a lot longer than 25 minutes when you are north, south, and west of Minden.

Out my office window, the Minden emerg parking lot is full, every day. A steady stream, some on foot. ORNGE comes and goes. And it isn't even summer cottage country volumes yet.



By Lisa Gervais

other health care workers, councillors, community groups, fundraisers and service clubs. The list goes on and on of people floored by how all of this has been rolled out.

Our MPP, Laurie Scott, has much to answer for as well. While she may have backed the HHHS decision via media statements and emails to constituents, she should have come to the community.

She should have had the guts to face angry residents. She should have responded to claims her government has dropped the ball on healthcare. An MPP who truly cared about her riding – and did not take it for granted – would have appeared.

And those who voted for her again in 2022 should have done their homework. She was part of a government that capped pay for nurses way back in 2019.

Today is a landmark day in our County. We only hope that we can write in three months' time that it was one for the better.

Patients without cars. Elderly who don't drive. The exponentially growing volume of residents with no local family physician, and the escalating social and environmental stressors making all of us more vulnerable. Extreme heat, fires, floods, pandemics, ice storms, road and power outages, cyber attacks.

Where is our Robin Hood when we need him? He would see the logic of keeping an affordable bird in the hand.

Dr. Nell Thomas
Minden

Hold decision-makers accountable

Dear editor,

The proposed closure of the Minden Hospital will cost lives, and is just another result of pervasive incompetence displayed by politicians of every stripe and bureaucrats over the last four decades.

Our hospital crisis can be traced back to not building nursing homes, expanding hospitals in high growth areas, capping doctor and nurse enrollment, homeless issues, random violence, to the closing of mental institutions. Drug epidemic to the unwillingness of politicians to dry out, re-educate, and find jobs and housing for addicts. Gun violence too lenient penalties, unwillingness by police to do their job, and poor decisions by politicians, judges and bail officials.

While the current government can't find resources to keep Minden ER open, they are blowing millions telling us about battery plants in Ontario. In 2015, the then Liberal government cut doctor enrollments

Correction: In the May 25 *Highlander*, page 10, 'Ball the newest edition to real estate row' we said Todd Sayles was a former Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher. In fact, he taught as an occasional at J Douglas Hodgson Elementary School for five years.

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LETTERS CONTINUED

in Ontario. A recent medical course at the U of T had 56 applicants, 50 were foreign students who would return home? In Nova Scotia, because police didn’t follow up on the shooter, before the 2020 attacks and 22 people died.

The simple solution is to find every policeman, judge, parole officer, psychiatrist, bureaucrat, or politician who makes decisions that cost the lives of real people to be held criminally responsible for their actions. I think that will instill some sober second thought...maybe!

*Keith W. Stata
Kinmount*

Got what they voted for

Dear editor,

I am perplexed to hear so many people who voted for Laurie Scott expressing surprise and anger at the closure of the Minden ER; are aggressive funding cuts resulting in healthcare workers leaving the public sector in droves not exactly what they voted for?

In 2019, Scott’s government passed Bill 124, a ferociously anti-healthcare anti-labour bill (which was later struck down as ‘unconstitutional’). I don’t understand how Scott’s voters could not have been aware of this and the many other well-documented actions her government took in their first-term towards their goal of crippling and then privatizing healthcare - people who voted for Scott again in 2022 are getting exactly what they asked for in the closure of the Minden ER.

Next election, I hope Scott’s voters will support a candidate that wants to revitalize our public healthcare system by increasing wages and funding by more than the inflation rate, and not throw \$2.2 billion away on license sticker refunds or rip up the Greenbelt for a pointless highway.

*Keli Schmidt
Donald, Dysart et al*

Better still to come

Dear editor,

The sudden announcement of the Minden ER closure took everyone by surprise, and has added a terrible burden that no one needed, especially after the last three years of so much global uncertainty. The amount of stress, anxiety, fear and sadness that this brings to so many is unmistakable.

No one needed this, and no one deserves this. All Ontarians deserve quality, accessible healthcare. The magnitude of this ER closure cannot be understated, especially what it means for the most vulnerable community members.

Right now, many of you may feel abandoned – by your provincial government and by the executive leadership of Haliburton Highlands Health Services. And you deserve to feel that way. Know, however, that there are thousands of people behind you, people that are supporting you, people that know and believe that your lives matter.

Many fighting this fight are full-time residents of Minden, residents of Haliburton County, residents of Kawartha Lakes and

beyond. Many are cottagers, or those who have a special connection to the area. For those who have joined in the fight and have never been here, I encourage you to take some time and visit the Haliburton Highlands, especially the town of Minden. There is so much to be grateful for up here, and the community would love to see you. This is one moment.

It’s a big moment. But it’s not the only moment. There’s so much more this small town is ready for, we’ll be supporting you from near and far, and we know there’s better still to come.

*Adria Scarano
Richmond Hill/Canning Lake*

Are they part of the community?

Dear editor,

Given their demonstrated lack of concern for the community, it seems obvious that HHHS board chair David O’Brien and CEO Carolyn Plummer either feel they are not part of it or above it.

If I were a shop owner, or other service provider, (I am not) I would seriously think about reciprocating and suggesting they take their business elsewhere. Not physical or verbal abuse. Just a statement that decisions have consequences.

Perhaps they could do their shopping in Lindsay or Peterborough just in case they need the services of an ER.

*Richard Ronchka
Carlisle/Algonquin Highlands*

Walk a mile in our shoes

Dear editor,

Doug Ford’s closing of the Minden ER is very Trumponian. The caucus and inner circle show no real backbone in standing up to him. This is so evident in Laurie Scott’s inactions showing no support for her constituents.

Her attitude always seems to be that if she doesn’t talk about it, then it will disappear. The real problem is that he wants to use Minden hospital funds in other areas to support the Conservative promises made elsewhere in the province, such as the subway and nursing home agendas.

It is obvious that Mr. Ford was behind the installation of the MZOs that override the greenbelt and other sensitive environmental areas as set out by past governments. This certainly takes precedence over the health care of Ontario’s citizens. We certainly didn’t vote Conservative to see you pander to your rich friends. You have already cut or held back the funds on so many of your promises at the expense of our health care.

The planned closure of the Minden ER really does put people’s lives at risk. Residents already wait five to 10 hours to get seen by an ER doctor in many areas, causing some just going home exasperated. Putting money back into healthcare makes more sense than closing ER’s. This closing will now mean travelling greater distances and even longer waits, which puts more lives

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



David Walmsley sent in a photo of “Tom,;” a male turkey that has been hanging around his home north of Haliburton.

at risk.

You will never fully understand the importance of ER’s until someone you love arrives at an ER with vital signs absent. If we were under your planned closure, my partner would have been dead. The end result was that she was revived and three hospitals later, heart surgery was performed. It was touch and go but the way you see health care, she wouldn’t have made it.

Mr. Ford, please try to walk a mile in our shoes. The very people that put you into the premier’s chair will be hard-pressed to give you and many of your MPP’s another chance to govern. It is so very shameful to put money over health of Ontarians.

Afe Helleman

Editor’s note: The decision was made by HHHS.

What about UK doctors?

Dear editor,

In view of the doctor shortage in Haliburton, it is time to try something new.

According to the *Guardian* newspaper almost 13,000 doctors gave up their medical licences last year, up almost 10 per cent from the year before. They cite burnout, mental distress and impossible workloads. Nearly half of junior doctors are considering leaving the profession altogether.

This represents a huge pool of very qualified physicians that might consider moving to the calm rural environment of Haliburton where they will be welcomed with open arms and very well treated.

Since this is an international venture, what is needed is that the County pursue this opportunity with help from the provincial government. Perhaps Laurie Scott can be encouraged to devote some time from her busy photo-op schedule and try to contact UK doctors, extolling the benefits of a move to Haliburton. Surely her budget could afford a few ads in UK newspapers this summer. An open house promotion in England would also help

*Dennis Choptiany
Markham and Koshlong Lake*

LETTERS CONTINUED

Privatization referendum Agrees with fireworks ban

Dear editor,

Premier Doug Ford's Bill 60 - Your Health Act affects 34 other provincial laws related to your health. It is a multi-pronged attack on our universal healthcare system. If you do not remember voting for or against this in the last provincial election, that would be because the PCs did not publish a platform so that people could know what they were voting for (or against). It was a kind of "trust us" strategy, and I guess it worked. Forty-one per cent of the votes cast in the last election were for the PCs.

And the plan? First, cap the wages of nurses who work in the public healthcare system. Second, encourage the building of private hospitals that can draw nurses away from the public system by offering better wages and flexible schedules. Third, force hospitals to 'consolidate' (close) emergency departments because they can't staff them adequately. Presto! An American-style, for-profit, healthcare system. For-profit healthcare companies charge governments more than public hospitals can (paid with our tax dollars) plus they are allowed to charge patients directly for so-called 'recommended-but-not-covered-by-OHIP' services.

Carolynn Coburn
Dysart et al

Dear editor,

The hard facts of the destructive powers of fireworks chilled me to the bone.

This planet is already teetering on the edge of climate disaster, though much of the motor exhaust of this is unavoidable i.e., transport trucks, personal and public transport, airplanes, etc. most of which have been contributing for centuries

In the face of this and for the benefit of next generations, we must begin to cut back on wanton use of carbon fuels, and consider the banning of fireworks, which are only an amusement and must be banned in this County at the very least. If shows of dazzling coloured laser lights are to be used to celebrate a holiday or commemorate an occasion, the most eco-friendly alternative with no danger to the air we breathe, lake water, wildlife, farm animals or house pets, are laser light shows, often accompanied with music.

Our forests and plentiful animal, bird and waterfowl species, the clean air we breathe, and fresh water supply will not be put in even greater jeopardy by the continued use of fireworks.

Municipalities in the County can each contract with a laser light show and music

business, for the benefit of celebrating the occasion for their residents. Compared to the murderous cost of fireworks' destructive powers on the very air we breathe, poisoning our relatively pristine lakes, and upsetting the lives of our many species of birds, turtles, beavers, waterfowl and fish.

In our wetlands, which are keeping our lakes healthy, there are many aquatic species working away that may be killed off by the chemical detritus inherent in fireworks.

For the continued health and viability of the planet, we must cease the ecological travesty of fireworks post haste.

Anne-Marie Borthwick
Haliburton

We're all in this together

Dear editor,

In these times of 'negative news', I thought I would share a heartwarming experience that I witnessed recently.

During the long weekend, I stopped briefly at a grocery store in Minden. I gathered what I came for (and 10 things more, of course!) and I went to stand in line at the checkout. I noticed that the elderly woman in front of me seemed to be struggling with her debit card at the machine. A fellow shopper was speaking quietly to her. It took me a few seconds to

realize what was going on, but it seemed as if the elderly woman had been having difficulty paying for her groceries for more than just a few minutes.

I heard the fellow shopper ask the elderly woman if she could help her. She asked a few times and then she said to the elderly woman "after all, we're all in this together".

The fellow shopper then put her own debit card into the machine and paid for the elderly woman's groceries. It all happened so quickly and I believe I caught just the tail end of this kind act, however it touched me beyond words. I am not too proud to say that I shed a few tears on my drive home.

So, in these times of hearing so many news stories that tend to bring me down, I thought that I would share one that is not only uplifting, but a great reminder that there are so many good, kind and compassionate people in this world. Ones that quietly go about and do good deeds, expecting nothing in return.

If the fellow shopper happens to be reading this, please know that you touched me deeply and gave me a reminder that...yes, you are right. We're all in this together.

Donna Nicol
Minden

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

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Award-winning musician returns to Haliburton

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

At the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 in Haliburton June 3, there's an opportunity to glean some insight into song writing from award-winning singer-songwriter Rob Lutes from 1-2:30 p.m.

Then, at 7:30 p.m., the artist takes to the stage for a concert with long-time friend, and collaborator, Ron MacDonald.

"I have only played solo in Haliburton, but this time I'm bringing my guitar player with me. I have played with him for more than 25 years. He is a phenomenal player, and it is interesting what we do together, so I am bringing something slightly new this time," Lutes said.

When asked about playing smaller places, such as Haliburton, Lutes added, "when I am invited back to a place like Haliburton it's a no-brainer. It's a beautiful town, I know people there, and it is always very receptive and fun."

Getting into the music business was anything but planned, according to Lutes. He said he heard a lot of acoustic music growing up and, "it was more organic then planned." The next logical step was to start writing songs, which he did well. "They were popular, people liked them around the province (Quebec) and I had the kind of boost of 'ok you can do this,' and then I just kept doing it."

The term "roots" is how he describes his music because, "...we are drawing from the same well, blues, country, singer-songwriter, folk, Americana. You are picking little bits of different styles, and they are so similar. You have a lot of choices."

Lutes has eight albums, numerous nominations and two awards from the CFMA (Canadian Folk Music Awards) for contemporary singer of the year in 2018 and 2022. He is noted for his style of guitar picking, and his unique songwriting ability. *La Presse*, a French-language digital newspaper in Montreal, said, "Rob Lutes confirms his place among the most important songwriters of his generation."

The most recent album, *Come Around*, was recorded during COVID and came together using the internet and other digital technology. Lutes explained how he laid down his tracks and hired people across the country: a singer from Toronto, a bassist in Edmonton, a couple of people in Montreal, who all recorded in their own studio.

"I played my guitar and sang, then sent the song to one person, they put what they did down on it, then back to us, we mixed it and sent it to the next person. It was like getting out the crayons and colouring in the picture with everyone's different work."

The future of contemporary folk/blues music is good, according to Lutes. "There are new people doing it, and they are doing it well. As part of this multi-segmented music, folk has endured and continues to produce really good things. There is pop-infused folk, it is kind of pop, but it's got a folk influence and brings more people to the genre. There is an interest in the authenticity of folk, and blues. The blues is durable, there is something about that music, it is culturally relevant, always."

For more information and tickets for the workshop and concert go to haliburtonfolk.com.



Rob Lutes, right, will be offering a song writing workshop this Saturday. Photo by James St. Laurent.

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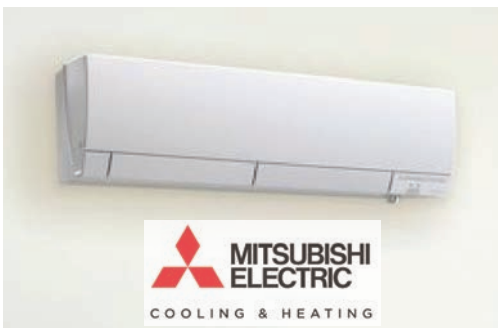


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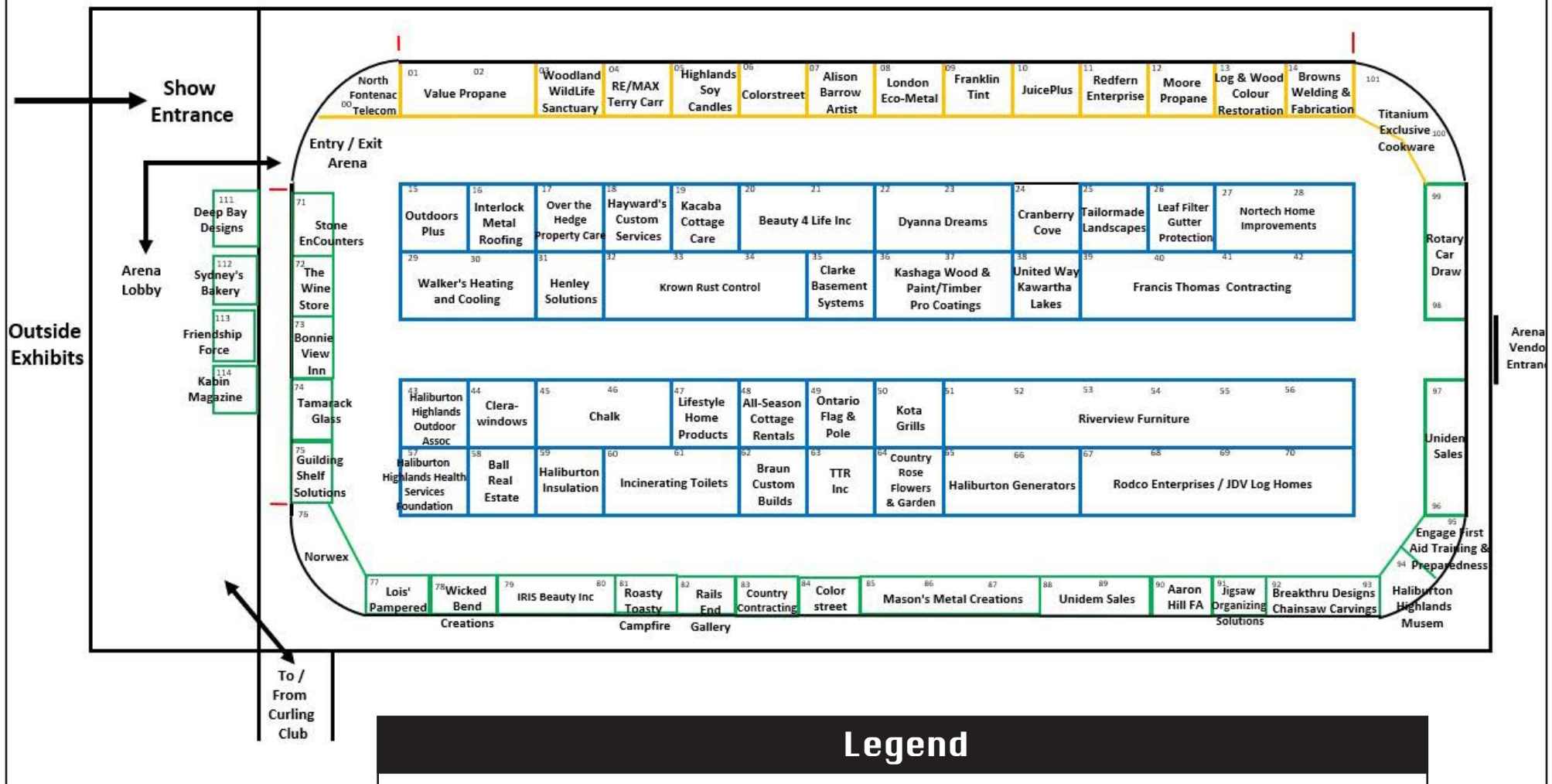
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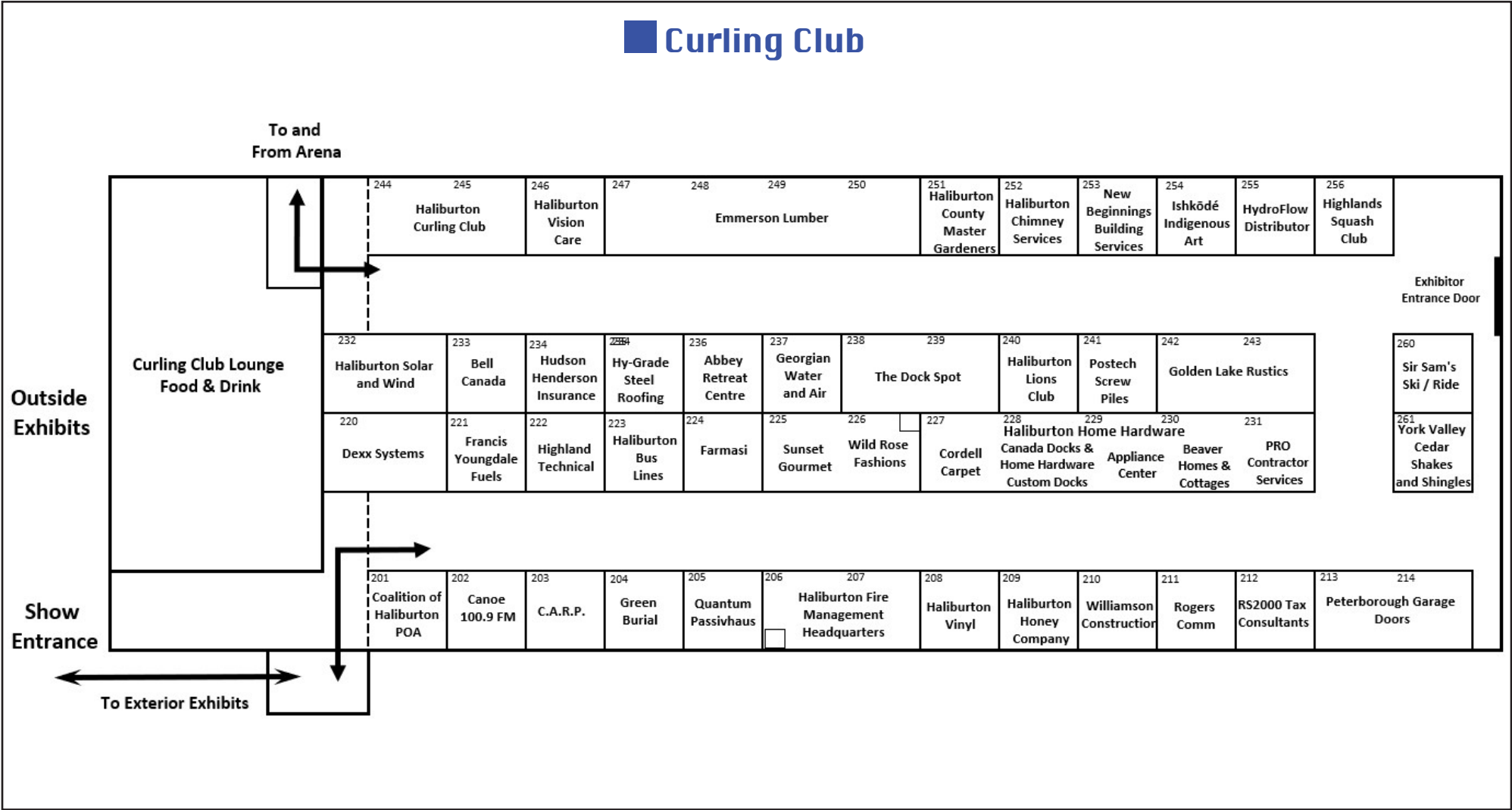
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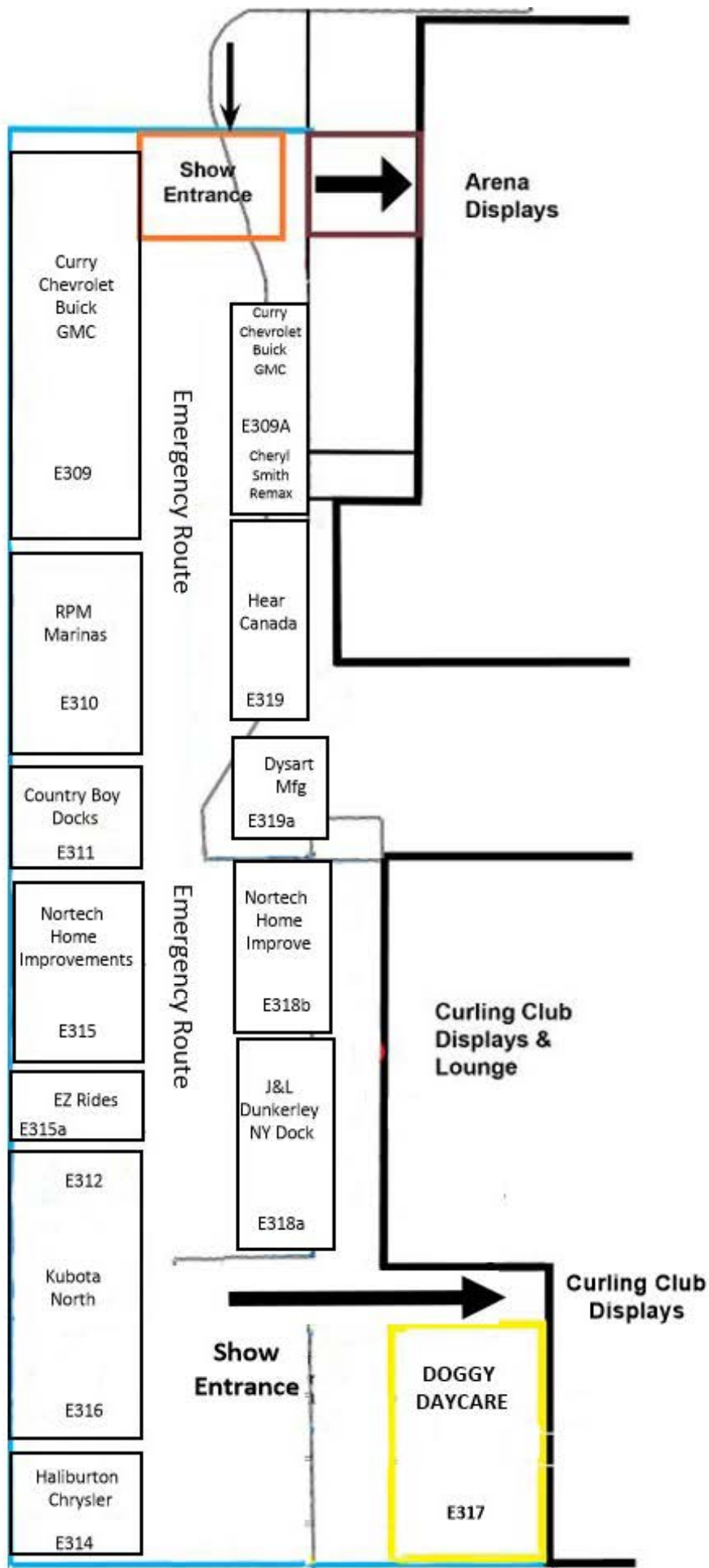
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Gold medalist appearing at Home Show

By Mike Baker

Canadian curler Mark Ideson is the living embodiment of grit, hard work, and determination.

A little more than 16 years removed from a major helicopter crash that almost killed him, Ideson reflects on his second chance at life in a recent interview with *The Highlander*. While he is confined to a wheelchair, diagnosed with quadriplegia after breaking 29 bones in the February 2007 accident – including shattering his legs and pelvis and breaking his neck in two places – Ideson has spent every day since chasing his dreams and living his best life as one of the country’s top Paralympic athletes.

He’ll be at the Haliburton Curling Club Saturday as the featured guest at the 44th annual Haliburton Home and Cottage show.

After cracking Team Canada in 2013, Ideson won mixed team gold at the 2014 Sochi Paralympic Games, following up with bronze medals in Pyeongchang in 2018 and Beijing in 2022.

“I was just lost after the accident, looking for something I could sink my teeth into. I spent months in rehab, but it wasn’t until watching the documentary *Murderball* about full-contact wheelchair rugby that I started to come out the other side,” Ideson said.

While that endeavour didn’t last, largely because he was competing against amputees and paraplegics with full use of their upper body, it gave Ideson the drive he needed to find success elsewhere.

He remembers watching the 2010 Paralympic Games in Vancouver, specifically following the journey of Jon Montgomery, who won gold in the men’s skeleton event.

“I remember thinking he was a superhero. It was so inspiring and really pushed me to find something I could excel at to get to the world stage,” Ideson said.

He started curling later that year. There was a learning curve, but given he’d played as an able-bodied adult he picked things up quickly. After a year of continuous improvement, he attended a Team Canada curling camp in Grimsby, ON in 2011. That put him on the national program’s radar and, after sticking with it, he was named to the mixed squad ahead of the 2013 World Championships in Sochi, where he won a gold medal.

The trick was repeated 12 months later, when Ideson appeared in three games en-route to claiming Paralympic gold.

“It was very emotional, because not a lot of great things had happened to me after my accident. There was a lot of heartache and tears, so to have that moment was just incredible. It was the single greatest honour of my life, being up there on the podium and hearing the national anthem blaring. But there was also a sense of unfinished business,” Ideson said. “I didn’t get to play in the gold medal game, so I left hungry for more. I made it my mission to make the starting lineup ahead of the next games.”

He did just that, serving as skip in Pyeongchang, South Korea. He led his team to nine wins out of 11 in round robin play, setting up a semi-final showdown with China. Canada lost a close 4-3 game to the eventual gold medal winners, securing a



podium finish with a 5-3 victory over the host nation in the bronze medal game.

Ideson was back for another crack at Beijing in 2022. Canada snuck into the semi-finals as the fourth seed after going 7-3 in round robin. They came face-to-face once again with the Chinese, who prevailed with a 9-5 win. Canada would go on to claim a second straight Paralympic bronze after Ideson and his team bested Slovakia 8-3 for the bronze.

“I consider myself very fortunate to have come as far as I have. My biggest takeaway of the last 15 or so years, and what I tell people who are recovering from different things – when one door closes, another one opens,” Ideson said. “I loved my job. I loved flying helicopters. But when that door closed suddenly, I was able to find a new opportunity to pursue.”

He competed in the 2023 World Championships in Richmond, British Columbia in March, where his team came away with silver after being bested by, you guessed it, China in the final.

“We definitely have a bit of a rivalry going on. They’re an incredible team,” Ideson said. “I’m busy now trying to keep myself in shape and focusing on the 2026 Paralympics in Italy. Appearing in four straight games would be something really special to me.”

Ideson is looking forward to coming to Haliburton, sharing his story, and giving people a chance to see his collection of medals. His appearance was arranged by his brother, Joel, who lives in the area.

“It’s not every day you get to see a Paralympic gold medal up close and in-person. I’m excited to do this. Hearing that it’s a fundraiser for the local curling club, this is a great opportunity to give back to the sport that has given me so much,” he said.

Ideson noted he’ll also be bringing a signed Team Canada jersey that he’ll be raffling off.

He’ll be at the Haliburton Curling Club booth from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Top: Mark Ideson, far right, won curling gold with Team Canada at the 2014 Paralympic Games in Sochi, Russia. Above: Ideson had to teach himself how to curl as a quadriplegic following a 2007 helicopter crash. *Submitted.*

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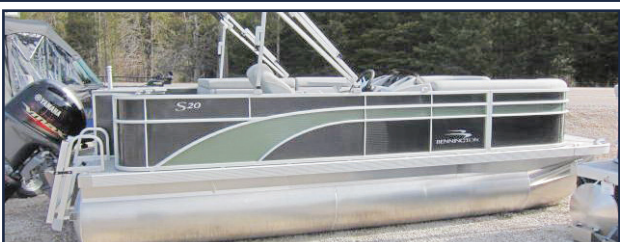
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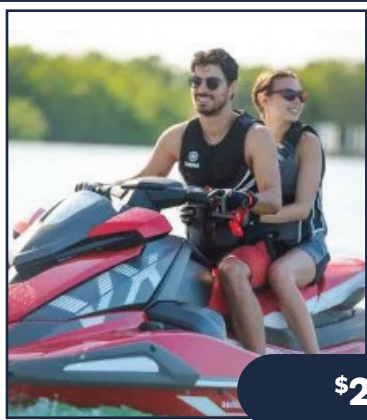
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Fleming grads unlock potential

The Haliburton School of Art + Design (HSAD) held its 2023 convocation May 26 at its campus inside Glebe Park, honouring 97 graduates from 11 programs. Fleming College president, Maureen Adamson, provided greetings, telling graduates “by completing your studies, you have provided yourself with important and necessary tools that will unlock [your] potential.” Students walked away with diplomas and certificates in blacksmithing, ceramics, drawing and painting, expressive arts, fibre arts, glassblowing, integrated design, jewellery essentials, photo arts and visual and creative arts. HSAD is kicking off its summer semester in Haliburton June 26, with programs running into the fall. For more information, visit flemingcollege.ca.

Top left: Hannah Klose performed the Canadian national anthem following the convocation ceremony. Top right: Valedictorian Kat Schouten said it has been a long, complicated road to graduation for many students, saying how proud she was to celebrate this “epic milestone” with her classmates. Middle left: Grace Cook, after receiving her fibre arts diploma. Middle right: Cecilia Levy-Bages graduated from the integrated design and jewellery essentials programs. Bottom right: Expressive arts graduates Andra Sageri and Lee Anne Bodo flash smiles during the ceremony. *Photos by Mike Baker.*



Researchers put Minden under the microscope

By Lisa Gervais

If you live in Minden, chances are you’ve seen Dionne Pohler and Leticia Chapman around town.

Pohler, a University of Saskatchewan faculty member, and Chapman, a PhD student from the University of Alberta, have been chatting up locals for a research project on rural Canadians.

Pohler explained they’ve been inspired by the work of Katherine J. Cramer, the author of *The Politics of Resentment: Rural Consciousness in Wisconsin and the Rise of Scott Walker*. She delved into why Democratic Wisconsin turned Republican in 2016, and the mood of rural and small-town America.

Cramer’s work focuses on the way people in the U.S. make sense of politics and their place in it. But, instead of relying on polls and surveys, she dropped in on informal gatherings, such as coffee shops, and gas stations, to listen in on what people were saying.

Pohler said as a result, Cramer, “had probably the most compelling explanation for what had happened, and what people were upset about because she was actually coming and talking to people in rural communities.”

She added when it comes to social science research, academics tend to live in cities, which means, “we’re doing research that doesn’t get a sense of what happens outside of the large urban areas. Canada’s urbanizing and a lot of the research is survey-based or opinion research, polling, and that kind of thing. You don’t really get a feel for how people make sense of issues, what they care about, why they care about it, and how they make sense of issues together in groups.”

Pohler got a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council to study rural Canadians, and Chapman is her research assistant. Pohler’s collaborator is Clark Banack, the director of the Alberta Centre for Sustainable Communities.

“We’re starting to spend two weeks in every rural community we visit and try and get a sense of the place and the people. What do they care about? How do they make sense of issues? Why do they care about the issues they care about?”

She said they come without an agenda, and just see what presents in a community. In this instance, it’s the closure of the Minden ER.

They’ve picked up on the seasonal nature of the County, too, as well as a movement towards self-sufficiency and homesteading.

“I think people in urban centres, or in general, think rural communities are not diverse, thriving places, and you show up in them and you’re like, ‘wow, they are,’” Pohler said.

Other observations they’ve made is that people might have different opinions but generally get along.

When they are done their research, Pohler said it may turn into a book. They will definitely publish academic papers, but would like their findings to be more accessible to the general public, including the communities they are visiting.

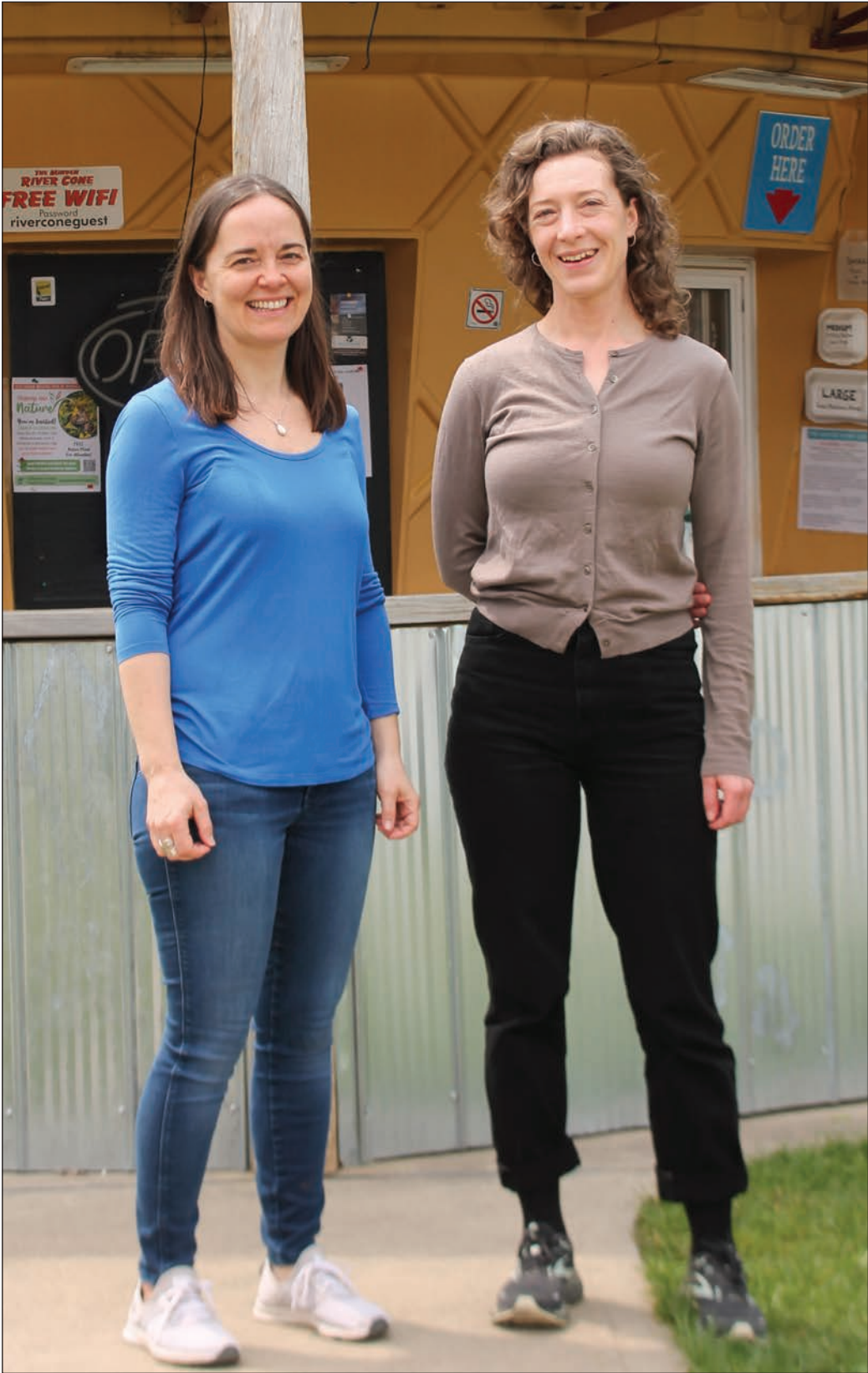
Pohler said it’s been eye-opening since most of her research is statistics and data-driven. “I have to say there’s something interesting about just letting people tell you why they think and believe the things they do in their own words.”

Chapman added, “when we’re debriefing after we’ve talked to somebody, is people in small communities don’t necessarily expect other people to be totally coherent. You can have this opinion, and you can have that opinion, and it doesn’t matter what’s kind of related to that. Sort of a bit of pragmatic tolerance.”

“When I decided to go back to university and start a PhD, I wanted to write about rural communities because I wanted to research them and find a way to talk about this in a different way because what I was seeing was really complex and interesting. Basically, people finding ways to get along with each other. I’ve always seen rural life in small communities being much more socially complex.”

Pohler added, “maybe we don’t have as many competing values as we think when it comes down to it. It’s about relationships. You care about interacting with somebody and you don’t walk away because it’s a difficult conversation.”

Dionne Pohler and Leticia Chapman conducted research in Minden.
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Forest studies help shape future plans

By Mike Baker

Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve held its first Research Day in more than four years May 13, inviting students and specialists from across Canada to share information and analysis on a range of forestry-related issues.

On the agenda this year were presentations on the impacts of beech bark disease, silviculture efforts at Haliburton Forest, the benefits of biochar technology, and a look at how declining moth populations is threatening birds and other wildlife in Ontario.

Organizer Adam Gorgolewski said there was a lot of good information, with around 40 people attending.

“Each year we try and cover a bit of everything that’s going on in Haliburton Forest. There are usually 20-plus research projects happening at any one time. Because we haven’t held an event for four years, I was able to narrow in on a few important topics that, literally, could change and help shape the way we operate in the future,” he said.

The morning presentations focused on forest management and silviculture. Gorgolewski spoke about how Haliburton Forest is changing the way it identifies trees for harvesting. For years, the business has followed the standard practice of individually studying and marking trees, making sure they were healthy enough to be harvested, which Gorgolewski said is “one of the most labour-intensive parts of the way we manage our forest.”

During the pandemic, Forest staff piloted a new system that uses canopies to determine the underlying health of a tree.

“Rather than walking around every tree and scanning for every single defect and then doing the math to figure out when it’s likely to die, you can just look at the canopy and if it has 20 per cent or more die-back (decline), it’s quite likely to die over the next 20 years, or at least decline in quality,” he said.

Haliburton Forest produces approximately 110,000 fbm (board foot) of lumber each day across its four sawmill operations.

A species on the decline

Gorgolewski said beech bark disease is the “biggest, most significant problem” Haliburton Forest is currently facing. First identified on-site in 2010, the disease is spread through fungus that lives inside insects that feed off a beech tree’s sap. Once a tree is infected, it’s a death sentence, Gorgolewski noted, saying he expects the species will be wiped out completely by 2033.

“Beech trees represent around 15 per cent of all trees in Haliburton Forest... so that’s a massive decrease in the number of trees we will have,” he said.

There is a silver lining, though – he said staff will plant a variety of tree species in place of the fallen beeches, which will create a more resilient forest eco-system. That’s important, he said, at a time that invasive species are running roughshod on various



Adam Gorgolewski, research coordinator at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. Photo by Mike Baker.

tree populations.

“Probably a more present and imminent problem than climate change... invasive species are one thing that could make or break our forestry operations,” he said. “We weren’t prepared for [beech bark disease] when it appeared – if we had something similar come in and hit all of our maple trees, which makes up around 50 per cent of our tree population, then you’re looking at the majority of our trees being wiped out.”

An immediate concern is the increased presence of hemlock woolly adelgid – an aphid-like insect that attacks and kills hemlock trees – in the GTA.

“Our whole eco log business is based off lumber that comes from hemlock trees, so if that gets here, it’s going to have huge implications on how we operate,” Gorgolewski said.

The future

Biochar is a big part of Haliburton Forest’s future operations, Gorgolewski said. The company invested \$10 million expanding its work in the field in 2022.

“There are hundreds of different uses of biochar. Most of the research we’ve done has focused on soil amendment and rejuvenation, but the possibilities are endless,” he said.

In her presentation, Lutchmee Sujeeun, a PhD student from the University of Toronto, indicated biochar has proven to positively affect the growth of certain tree species, particularly sugar maple and hemlock.

Biochar is a carbon-rich, charcoal-like substance produced by burning forest material in a zero-oxygen environment to create oil and gas by-products that can be used as fuel.

In a release last year touting the expansion, Haliburton Forest managing director Malcolm Cockwell said biochar produced on-site can be used to displace various fossil fuel products, resulting in a net reduction of 4,200 tonnes of CO2 equivalent emissions per year.

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Top: County warden Liz Daniels, Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter and Master Gardener volunteers cutting ‘the rope’. Above left: Master Gardener Shelly Fellows speaks at the event. Above right: The Minden Riverwalk. *Photos by Jaxon Gill.*

Gardeners reveal innovative tour of Riverwalk

By Jaxon Gill

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners launched a self-guided tour of the Minden Riverwalk May 26. Called ‘stepping into nature’, it can be accessed through a smartphone app called PocketSights. The Master Gardeners have been working on the project for around six months. Master Gardener Shelly Fellows said they have planted approximately 45 native plants along the riverwalk. Some of these native plants are joe pye weed, sedges, and spruce.

Minden Mayor Bob Carter, County Warden Liz Danielson, U-Links executive director Andrew Gordon, HCDC program and operations coordinator Heather Reid, along with the Master Gardeners, were in attendance to officially kick off the event by cutting ‘the rope’.

Fellows said, “the multi-media walking tour includes photos, detailed descriptions of plants, insect information and gardening tips, along with audio stories.”

When walking beside the Gull River listening to the self-guided media tour, it

gives an in-depth description of what people are experiencing. It vividly describes things such as the rainbow bench in honour of Sinclair Russell, who created Minden Pride and passed away in 2020.

There has been a massive population of geese surrounding the Gull River, which can have many health risks to humans, other natural species and water. The Master Gardeners and the township of Minden Hills have worked hard to reduce the population.

They started with letting the grass grow naturally at the edge of the river and not

cutting it. This stops the geese from eating the other native plants on the riverwalk. It may take two to three years for this to be effective because geese tend to return to the same nesting locations.

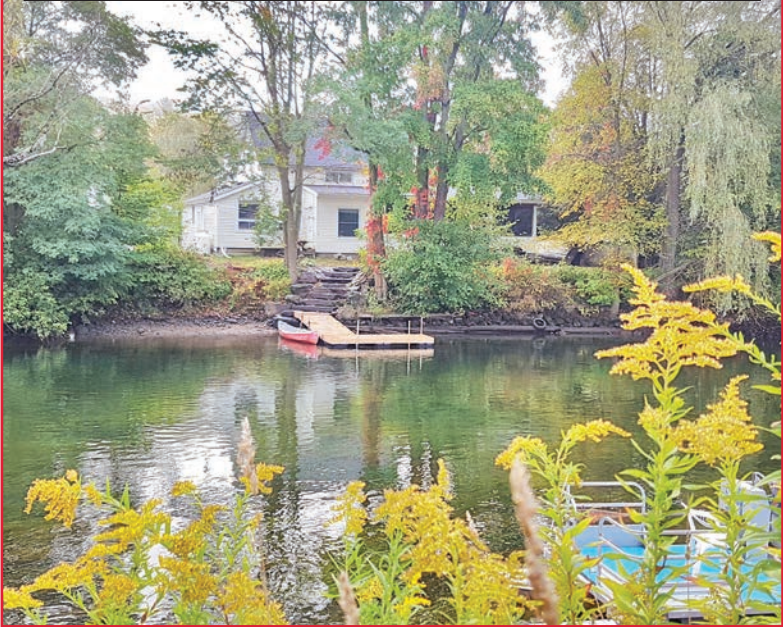
The Master Gardeners gave out a free native plant to everyone, along with free tours. You can access the guided walk anytime by downloading the PocketSights app and scanning one of the QR codes on the multiple signs located along the riverwalk.



Summer snowmobiling
The Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre hosted the Ontario Watercross Racing Association (OWRA) this past weekend in Haliburton. The two-day event featured snowmobilers racing in summer. Founded by Kelly Hall, the OWRA is the only circuit of its kind in Ontario. It's essentially snowmobile oval races like the ones you'd find on ice but on water. *Photo by Tammy Nash.*

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Haliburton man passionate about MG brand

By Mike Baker

When Ian Macnab bought his first car, a beat-up Austin-Healey Sprite, in the late 1960s he had no idea he was planting the first seed for what would become a lifelong passion.

The Haliburton resident looks back fondly on his years as an early adult, where he spent whatever free time he had away from his studies at McMaster University learning how to restore and care for the classic car. Better known in Europe as the MG Midget, the vehicle was among the most popular affordable sportscars on the market right around the time of the moon landing.

“I didn’t really know or appreciate what I had back then, but I was deeply enamoured with the MG brand. It’s fair to say that’s where my passion began,” Macnab recently told *The Highlander*.

While he would sell his Sprite after graduating, Macnab remained faithful to the Morris Garages brand. Today, he has one of the most impressive MG collections on the continent. The crown jewel is an emerald-coloured 1970 Midget that Macnab says he’s owned and meticulously maintained for almost 25 years.

He purchased the vehicle from its previous owner in North Carolina in 1999. Back then, it wasn’t much to look at.

“It came up here in boxes. The parts were all painted in grey primer, it was a total rebuild job. But it was exactly what I had been looking for,” Macnab said, noting he paid \$500 for it. “I spent the better part of three years working until it was finally ready to hit the road. I haven’t looked back since.”

The car regularly turns heads at shows across North America. It won first place in its class at an MG conference in Niagara Falls in 2015, with other awards earned at events in Louisville, Kentucky, Peterborough, Port Perry and Kingston. The Midget has become a regular feature at the annual Brits in the Park car show that takes place in Lindsay each summer.

The early years

“The older I’ve gotten, the more interested I’ve become in the origins of the MG brand. It’s really quite the success story,” Macnab said.

Founded by Cecil Kimber in the 1920s, MG established its home base in Oxford, England and became known as the manufacturer that made the marque famous. Renowned for its open two-seater sports cars, MG also produced saloons and coupes. The company is celebrating its centennial this year.

Since its conception, MG has led the way in sports car development, Macnab claims.

“There are sports cars that are far better cars than MG, faster than MG. But MG was the one that started it all. They were the pioneer.”

The collection

Macnab has dozens of items from those formative years on display in his garage in Haliburton, part of a 300-plus piece collection that he estimates is worth in the region of \$25,000. Whether it’s newspaper clippings of old stories or advertisements, framed posters of some of the earliest MG



models, branded teapots, or actual pieces of the original factory and assembly line that was decommissioned in 1972, the collector has a little bit of everything.

“I’ve got several pewter models, die cast models. I have a plate that formed part of the engine in an MG T-type – that car is long gone, production stopped in 1950, but I was able to find this online from a seller in the UK,” Macnab said. “I was able to take the information from the plate to find out exactly what car it was from, and when and where it was made.”

The walls inside the garage are filled with various other keepsakes. There’s an enthusiast medal handed out by the British Car Council of Canada in 2017 in honour of Macnab’s collection; the original steering wheel from his 1970 Midget; a one-of-a-kind commemorative plaque MG assigned to Macnab in honour of the company’s centennial – they only made and distributed 100, Macnab has number 59; and a watercolour painting of the emerald green Midget that an admirer in Lindsay put together around 10 years ago.

“I don’t know that it’s the most valuable collection in the world, but it’s definitely unique. And it’s been a lot of fun pulling all this stuff together,” Macnab said.

Looking ahead

Macnab said he has some wonderful memories with the car, most notably from his wedding to his second wife, Jane, in 2008. The couple were married in Gravenhurst on an old Muskoka steamship but made sure to bring the Midget along so they could ride off



Top: Macnab pictured with his 1970 MG Midget. Above: Ian Macnab shows off memorabilia from his 300-plus piece MG car collection. Photos by Mike Baker.

into the sunset.

“Jane insisted – we decorated the car with a ‘just married’ sign, we had it waiting on the pier once we got off the boat. That’s something that will stay with me forever,” he said.

It’s recollections like that which will make it hard for Macnab to let go. He said he’s considering parting with his collection, including the 1970 Midget, but only for the right owner.

“I’d like to think this all can live on in some way,” he said.

Not that he’ll be getting out of the MG business completely – Macnab said he’s long toyed with the idea of purchasing a rare MGB GT hard top if he can find the right deal.

“That’s on the bucket list. Again, it’s not the fastest or most shiny car, but it appeals to me. The whole point of this is to have a little fun, bring some enjoyment into your life and put a smile on your face,” Macnab said. “I’ve had enough smiles and good times out of this thing to last me two [lifetimes].”



HHHS Brings Together Emergency Services at Haliburton Site

As of June 1, 2023,
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more information.



Top: Simon Payn sprinkles home-made deer repellent, which was donated by a member of the community. Above: Payn gets up close with some of the new plants.
Photos by Jaxon Gill.

Simon's garden a different way to live in the world

By Jaxon Gill

Simon Payn is getting his hands dirty as he creates a garden at the corner of Maple Avenue and Mountain Street in downtown Haliburton.

Passers-by might have seen work progressing at the historic Lucas House, which houses the Corner Gallery, Lebo Law and *The Highlander*.

Payn said he is creating a garden that not only appeals to him but also serves the interests of nature as a whole.

"I've carefully selected plants that will create an ecosystem, benefiting everything from invertebrates to birds," he said. "I hope it will be beautiful to nature as well as to us."

Payn said this approach to gardening will reduce maintenance. He has removed the lawn and replaced it with native plants from Haliburton County and the wider area, including little bluestem, pale purple coneflower, and swamp milkweed. These plants are suited to living here, meaning they don't need much care.

He ordered 1,200 small plants from a nursery and expects in a year or two they will cover the ground and eliminate the need for weeding.

"As the plants are getting established, they need to be watered in hot and dry weather," he said. "But as time goes on, all it will require is a little tweaking as the plants mature."

Instead of gardening to please humans, Payn said his landscape considers the environment too.

"It's a different approach to how we live in the world," he said. "You do things for the benefit of the wider world - wider biodiversity, wider ecosystems. When they benefit, it benefits us too."

Payn said his garden shows how people can adopt sustainable practices that go beyond our own needs. He hopes his garden serves as an inspiration to those who are trying to make a positive impact on the world around them.

Payn is co-owner and former publisher of *The Highlander*.

Minden garden a community effort

By Mike Baker

Minden resident Bruce Down said having the chance to grow his own produce right in town is a blessing he isn't taking for granted.

The retired senior was among the first to register for a plot at the new Minden Community Garden, which opened May 18. Located at the Minden fairgrounds, the space boasts 20, four-feet by 12-feet raised beds that locals can use to plant fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

"We live on a lot on South Lake Road and it's all bedrock, solid stone. I couldn't plant there even if I wanted to," Down told *The Highlander*. "I was born and raised on a farm and know what gardens can do for you. They're a gift."

Development of the garden was a joint venture between the Minden Community Food Centre and Minden Rotary Club. Gary Stoner, a volunteer with the food bank, said he's been working on the concept since August.

The project is designed to provide fresh produce to food bank clients and the general public, many of whom – like Down – do not have the physical space to create a garden on their own property, or who live in rented accommodation.

Work began at the site in early May. Stoner said the wood for the plots was donated by Minden Home Hardware and Canadian Tire, while Carnarvon's Francis Thomas Contracting supplied the topsoil.

"It's been a real community effort," he said,



Bruce Down and Gary Stoner at the new Minden Community Garden May 22. Photo by Mike Baker.

estimating the cost to be around \$15,000.

As of press time, there were still seven lots available for rent. Stoner said the cost is \$20 per season.

The space was a hive of activity on Victoria Day, with several residents stopping by to tend to their lot. Down was the first, planting onions, radishes, lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, and some flowers.

"There's nothing quite like growing your own stuff," he said.

Stoner said fencing designed to keep deer and other wildlife away from the plots will be installed in June, while there are plans to run water to the site and install hose beds next summer. Looking long-term, he said the site could be expanded to include more lots if demand spikes.

Anyone interested in tending to a plot can call 705-286-6838, or email mindencommunityfoodcentre@gmail.com. Stoner said he's looking for people

who would be willing to grow fruits and vegetables to donate to the food bank.

"We have certainly seen an uptick in the need for fresh produce in Minden. None of the lots are specifically designated for the food bank, the challenge we have is finding volunteers to look after that, but we would be really thankful if anyone from the community was interested [in taking that on]," Stoner said.

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A real easy ride

The Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club enjoyed a May long weekend ride. The photo shows three past and current club presidents sitting on a Muskoka chair outside Cottage Country Log Cabin Trading Company in West Guilford. (Chris Whittemore, Robin Bell and current club president LeeAnn Cruz). *(Submitted)*.



Pull tabs for puppies

Haliburton Lions Club had its Walk for Dog Guides fundraiser May 27 at Pet Valu in Haliburton. There was a bake sale, plant sale, and a yard sale. All the proceeds from the event go back into the Lions Club. They were also collecting pull tabs, which go towards the foster puppy program, which means if you foster a puppy, the money raised from the pull tabs will cover all expenses associated with owning the puppy. You can also donate your pull tabs inside Pet Valu. They initially planned for this event to take place last weekend but had to reschedule due to weather. *(Jaxon Gill)*.

Lions club members, Mary Lawr and James Lawr, at the fundraiser. *Photo by Jaxon Gill*.



**27th Annual Meeting of
Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation**
Thursday, June 22, 2023
2:00 p.m.

Meeting Agenda - Business of the Corporation: Reports of the CEO and Board,
Chief of Staff, Auditor, Foundation, Nominating Committee,
Election of Directors, and Appointment of Auditors

The 27th Annual Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held as a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom application. In order to participate, Corporation members and members of the public who wish to attend will require an invitation, which will provide further information on how to participate. Cut-off for registration is June 16, 2023.

For further information or to arrange for an invitation, please contact:
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**Saturday
June 10th
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SCHEDULE OF

Events

- 9 am: Fairgrounds open
9 am: Vendors, artisans, demonstrations
10 am - 2 pm: Re/Max Balloon Rides Weather Permitting
10:30: Opening ceremonies with dignitaries and fair board executives
Noon - 3 pm: Zoo to You
3:30 pm: Horse Pull
All Day: Classic & Antique Car Show
All Day: Kids Pony Rides
All Day: CURLING CLUB:
exhibits, tea room, baked goods,
demonstrations, woodworking and much more.

All times are subject to change

Things to See

THROUGHOUT THE DAY

- ~ OPP, Minden Fire Department, EMS
- ~ Food Vendors - Kawartha Dairy Ice Cream
- ~ Crafts/Quilt Displays
- ~ Small Auction
- ~ Wood Processing Demonstrations
- ~ Heavy Equipment Demonstrations
- ~ 50/50 Draw (Only 3000 tickets sold)
- ~ Minden PRIDE
- ~ Haliburton Rotary Club Draw Truck Tickets Available
- ~ Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association
- ~ And much more

Kids & Youth

EVENTS

- ~ Bouncy Castles
- ~ Pockets the Clown (with face painting)
- ~ Dalrymple Rabbitry
- ~ Natural Resources & SMOKEY the BEAR

- ~ Kids Games
- ~ Turtle Guardians
- ~ Farmers Association Farm Animals

Main Stage

ENTERTAINMENT

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- 11:00 - 11:30: The Country Hot Flashes
11:30 - 12:00: Louie Reynolds
12:00 - 12:30: Barnard & Brohm
1:00 - 2:20: The Todd Nolan Show
3:30 start: Open Mic

Admission

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Dimensions invites the neighbours over

L-R: Andrew Galloway, co-founder and COO of Dimensions, Algonquin Highlands coun. Sabrina Richards, mayor Liz Danielsen, and Chris Dawson, co-founder and CEO, during Dimensions’ open house May 17. Director, marketing and business development, Melanie Coates, said, the open house “was well-attended by the Maple Lake community and beyond.” Dimensions Algonquin Highlands recently opened its 16-hectare retreat centre in the town. *(Lisa Gervais).*



Cottagers clean up roads

If it’s the Sunday of the May long weekend, it’s road cleanup day for the Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA). Membership director Phyllis McCulloch said there was no rain, but plenty of bugs. But that did not stop one of the biggest group of owners and their kids they’ve had in years. After gathering at the Jerry Strickland boat launch, they spread out and covered all the roads. An hour later, the bags started to add up. The largest collection was pop tins and beer cans, which are recyclable. Two trips to the dump were needed to take all of the garbage picked up, including a paddle board. Refreshments were available and cottagers caught up with friends and neighbours. The discussion was, “why are people destroying the look of the area by just tossing things out car windows or just leaving garbage bags at the side of the road?” McCulloch said. “We encourage anyone visiting Haliburton County to think twice before you drive off and leave garbage behind.” *(Lisa Gervais).*

The clean up day crew. *Submitted.*

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EVENTS

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Minden Rotary Dinner and Auction at Molly's Bistro Bakery. Mediterranean buffet to begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60 and available at Molly's, UpRiver Trading and On-the-Spot Variety. For more information, email events@mindenrotary.ca.

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 6, 7 p.m.

Minden and District Horticultural Society invites you to come and learn about attracting birds to the garden. The guest speaker is Brenda Ibey. Event taking place at the Minden Community Centre.

June 8, 3:50 p.m.

The Haliburton Red Wolves Special Olympics is kicking off its summer programming with golf, at the Haliburton Golf Centre at 6643 Gelert Road. Everyone is welcome. There are no fees to participate. Please come and give a new sport a try. No prior experience or skill is required. Volunteer coaches will be available to assist. Contact haliburton@specialolympicsontario.ca for more information.

June 9, 12:45 to 3 p.m.

Shuffleboard with the Haliburton Red Wolves Special Olympics at the Minden shuffleboard court on Prentice Street. Everyone is welcome. There are no fees to participate. Please come and give a new sport a try. No prior experience or skill is required. Volunteer coaches will be available to assist. Contact haliburton@specialolympicsontario.ca for more information.

June 9, 2 to 3 p.m.

Learn how to use your Apple iPhone or iPad at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. For adults and seniors. Please bring your own device. Visit haliburtonlibrary.ca or call 705-457-2241 to register.

June 10, all day.

The 159th annual Haliburton County Fair takes

over the Minden fairgrounds. Performances by Todd Nolan, The Country Hot Flashes, Louie Reynolds, and Barnard & Brohm. Open mic starting at 3 p.m. There will also be balloon rides, petting zoo, horse pull, classic and antique car show, pony rides and more. Admission is \$10 for ages 13 and up, \$5 for ages 5 to 13, and free for kids under 5.

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.

June 10, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Minden Health Care Auxiliary is holding a gift shop clearance sale at Hyland Crest. All items drastically reduced to make room for a refresh of new stock. Come and support your local auxiliary. All funds raised from this sale will go to support the Minden long-term care site.

June 11, 2 p.m.

Highlands Wind Symphony is hosting its 2023 spring concert at Lakeside Church in Haliburton. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$30 per family. Available at Master's Book Store in Haliburton, or Pharmasave Minden.

June 12, 7 to 8 p.m.

Coffeehouse at Castle Antiques in Haliburton. Join the Baha'i community of Haliburton County for a musical presentation and facilitated discussion looking at how 'the betterment of the world can be accomplished through pure and goodly deeds'. Light refreshments available. Free admission.

June 13, 11 a.m. to noon.

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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.

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Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden

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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

June 2: Open 2 to 8 p.m. Wing night and jam session from 5 to 8 p.m.

June 3: Meat draw at 3 p.m.

June 4 and 5: Closed

June 6: Closed. Executive meeting at 7 p.m.

June 7: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts at 2 p.m.

June 8: Open 2 to 6 p.m. HHHS social recreation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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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.

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.

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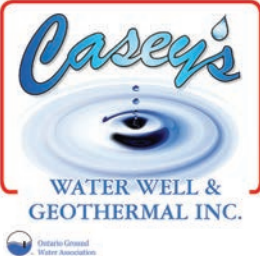


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Saturday June 3rd, 2023 at 11:00M
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A light luncheon will be held immediately following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Peacefully at Extendicare in Haliburton on Sunday, May 14, 2023, in her 96th year. Beloved wife of Hubert (Predeceased). Loving mother of Rick (Doreen), Dave (Beth), Rob, Jim (Cheryl), Bruce, and Laura. Cherished grandmother of Jennifer, Taylor, Jessica, Katie, and Madison. She will be missed by her great-grandchildren Charlotte, Parker, Conor, Rowyn, Ellie, and Everly. Dear sister of Verna, Dorothy, Thomas, and Ruth (Predeceased). Lovingly remembered by her nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

Private Family Arrangements

As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Private family arrangements have been entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.



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Successful applicants will possess an AZ licence and have experience operating heavy equipment. This position requires an ability to work on call hours and respond to short notice call ins, and good judgment and communication skills. The hourly rate for this unionized CUPE position is \$26.23. This position includes participation in the OMERS defined benefit pension program and employer paid extended health benefits.

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Successful applicant will possess a DZ licence and have road maintenance and repair experience. Hourly rate is \$24.66.

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DYSART ET AL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Digital Transformation Specialist

The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking an energetic individual to join our team in the role of Digital Transformation Specialist. A detailed job description is available at <https://www.dysartet.ca/en/municipal-government/careers.aspx> for your review.

Interested applicants may submit their resume and cover letter to Laura Casey at hr@dysartet.ca, and indicate Digital Transformation Specialist as the subject. Applications must be submitted via email and may be accepted until 12:00 pm on Friday June 9, 2023.

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- Across**
- 1 Effuse with enthusiasm
 - 5 Cary of "The Princess Bride"
 - 10 Some wet bodies, in Québec
 - 14 Year in Caesar's reign?
 - 15 Attendees, after "party"
 - 16 K-12 school yrs.
 - 17 "Gotcha," at Woodstock
 - 18 Resident of Scotland's largest city
 - 20 "___ ways about it"
 - 22 Suffix for an adherent
 - 23 YouTube count
 - 24 "10 Things ___ About You" (Stiles/Ledger rom-com)
 - 26 Bic tip
 - 27 Term for the interconnected world
 - 32 Gave a quick hello
 - 34 Time piece?
 - 35 Still life vessel
 - 36 DII doubled
 - 37 Tofurky protein source
 - 39 Coif locker
 - 41 Garten of "Barefoot Contessa"
 - 42 Blood type of 7% of the population
 - 44 "I don't need all the gory details!"
 - 46 Part of a retail chain
 - 48 Winged watchful one
 - 51 Birdie's path
 - 52 Movie about a bomb-rigged bus
 - 53 Words before "where the buffalo roam"
 - 56 Vietnamese dish pronounced "fuh"
 - 57 Accomplished, Biblically
 - 61 Fuel-conscious car buyer's data
 - 64 "Straight ___ the rocks?"
 - 65 "Bear" in the night sky
 - 66 Tent-ative housing?
 - 67 Ont. campus near Queen's Park
 - 68 River of Hesse, Germany
 - 69 Well-streamlined
 - 70 Harbour cities: Abbr.

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- Down**
- 1 Tide alternative
 - 2 Go back on one's word, in Word?
 - 3 Mini hissy fit
 - 4 Right out of control
 - 5 Chicken little?
 - 6 Nabokov novel once described as "unrestrained pornography"
 - 7 Avoids sneakily, with "out of"
 - 8 Before, before
 - 9 Vancouver-to-Victoria dir.
 - 10 Neatly penned
 - 11 Living ___ (fooling oneself)
 - 12 Tobacco plug
 - 13 Workers' 9-digit I.D.s
 - 19 Good partner
 - 21 Cries before "Pick me!"
 - 25 Like an ecological dead zone
 - 26 Comment akin to "Smooth move"
 - 27 Supertramp's "___ Little Bit"
 - 28 Hit the hammock, with "out"
 - 29 Where there's ___ there's ...
 - 30 Pool item that's passed down
 - 31 Quod ___ demonstratum
 - 32 When this clears in California, U.C.L.A., in a pun
 - 33 Indigenous group of Japan
 - 38 Vocalist Sumac
 - 40 Shot down a chute
 - 43 Element of "The Elements of Style"
 - 45 Ready for the Olympics, say
 - 47 Mind-numbingly dry
 - 49 Two before "fünf"
 - 50 Orbital peak
 - 53 Fever and chills
 - 54 Like all the "G" sounds on the left half of this grid
 - 55 Prefix meaning "bone"
 - 56 Brampton, Ontario's region
 - 58 Quit harping about
 - 59 Like all the "G" sounds on the right half of this grid
 - 60 Explosives, briefly
 - 62 Some C.F.B. officers
 - 63 Comic strip squeal

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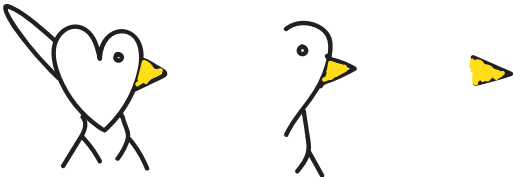


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- Level lot with 106 ft of frontage on 5 lake chain
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- Many walkouts to lakeside decking or covered patio
- Outside kitchen area, tikki bar, 2 docks
- Double detached garage with bunkie



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- 4 season, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2960 sq ft home/cottage
- 100 feet sandy frontage on 5 lake chain
- Lower level with sauna, games room and walkout
- 15' X 11' log cabin for extra guests, 22' x 11' garage
- Comes equipped with appliances and furnishings



KENNAWAY ROAD • \$274,900

- Build your dream home on this 43 acres lot
- Paved year round municipal access
- Close to prime lakes and recreational trails
- Minutes to Haliburton Village and all amenities
- Abundance of mature maples for syrup production



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- 2 separately deeded waterfront parcels, 336+150 ft sand waterfront
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 4 season home / cottage with sunset views
- Custom woodworking throughout including solid pine walls & ceiling beams
- Large dock, built-in single garage, large detached 1.5 storey outbuilding



PERCY LAKE • \$949,000

- 4 season, open concept, 3+2 bedroom, 2 bath home/ cottage
- \$100,000 granite stone landscaping upgrade
- Lakeside firepit, pergola, large dock and outdoor shower
- Fully finished walkout basement with large family room
- Great fishing and swimming, close to trails and ski hill



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- Well treed level building lot with year round access
- New driveway installed, close to shops and lake
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- Short drive to Sir Sams ski hill and Haliburton Village



GULL LAKE • \$1,499,999

- 320 feet of waterfront on prestigious Gull Lake
- Wetslip boathouse with cottage above providing panoramic waterfront views
- 2.6 acres, well treed, year round access
- Wrap around deck with glass railings to enhance the views
- Sunroom, screen porch, new furnace, easy commute to GTA



NICHOLS ROAD • \$749,900

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2400 sq ft home
- Level lot, 8+ acres, great for gardens & games
- Covered porch, custom cabinetry, firepit, woodstove
- Fully finished lower level with storage and family room
- 24' X 20' log cabin on site – great for extra guests, office or studio

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