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Urgent care clinic may replace ER

By Mike Baker

Minden Hills council has thrown its support behind a proposal from the Kawartha North Family Health Team (KNFHT) to open an urgent care clinic at the Minden hospital.

A special council meeting was held

June 5, where councillors discussed the potential operation with KNFHT executive director Marina Hodson. She said her organization currently operates clinics in Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon and feels an urgent care clinic would be the "best opportunity" to maintain health services in Minden after HHHS shuttered the community's emergency department June 1.

"As a resident of Minden, I realize the limitations of our resources and how stretched health care providers are, especially during the busy

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On patrol with the Turtle Guardians

By Lisa Gervais

It's a muggy Friday, the sky threatening rain, as Mel Abberger spots a turtle on a road in Highlands East.

"That's a Blanding's," she says with a tense voice, bringing the Subaru to a stop on the shoulder, and hitting the hazards. She slumps a little towards the steering wheel, as if steeling herself for what is to come.

The Blanding's is smashed, its shell completely busted and cracked eggs spilling out of its innards. There is a pool of blood beneath it.

"Please don't be alive," Abberger says, as despite her love of turtles, she cannot stand the thought of this female being in so much pain.

But Turtle Guardian staffers have a job to do. Setting emotions aside, Abberger and Emily Smart look for signs of life. They gingerly poke the turtle. What's left of one back leg slightly twitches. It doesn't mean she is alive. Turtles die very slowly. Their hearts can beat for more than two days before they succumb.

Abberger calls Turtle Guardian's founder, Leora Berman, who is also in the field. Berman instructs her to drive the turtle up the road, to where she herself is in the process of bandaging a male Blanding's that has been hit by a vehicle.

Abberger does the best she can to scrape up the turtle, cautiously trying not to damage any salvageable eggs. The Blanding's is placed in a plastic bin. The mood in the car is sombre.

The Blanding's Berman is working on has a chance as no internal organs are spilling out. But looking at the female requires a call to Jeff Hathaway from Scales Nature Park to ask if he thinks she needs to be euthanized.

"I think she's gone," Berman says into the phone. "Her front legs are not responding; one egg is hanging out. She's in about 20 pieces."

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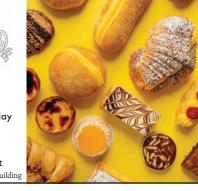




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KNFHT wants quick decision

summer season," Hodson said. "We hope if this proposal is approved, we would be able to alleviate some of the burden."

The application, which was submitted May 31, is for two nurse practitioners and two registered practical nurses. Hodson said they would treat patients with unexpected but non-life-threatening health concerns.

"Urgent care clinics are sort of the step between a walk-in clinic and an emergency department," Hodson told The Highlander. "So, anybody that has minor sprains, bruises, requires stitches – those are the kinds of things we can handle.

"I also made it very clear in the proposal that I think this service needs to include some access to primary

She noted public consultation would be required to figure out when, and for how long, the clinic should be open. Her initial application called for eight-hour openings, seven days per week.

"I don't know when the highest need times are right now – I need to ask the community and local physicians to identify that. I'm assuming the need is there seven days a week, but if we find out people would prefer longer hours, but only five days a week, we will try to accommodate that," Hodson said.

KNFHT will hold a question and answer session with the public June 9 at 1 p.m. at the community centre.

Not a replacement

Hodson said she's open to partnering with other health care agencies and would relinquish the space in the event HHHS decides to revisit its decision to close the emerge.

"I'm not trying to replace the emergency department... I'm trying to create an opportunity to have something in place until such a time the emergency department, whether through HHHS or a new system, could return," she said.

Coun. Pam Sayne thanked Hodson for "stepping up to the plate" during Minden's time of need, though noted this clinic, if approved, shouldn't let HHHS or the provincial government off the hook. She said she'll be raising the issue at a Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) meeting this week.

Mayor Bob Carter supported the proposal, saying any enhancement to health services in the Highlands was important.

"We're in dire need of all sorts of health care," Carter said.

Scott, HHHS respond

In a message posted to social media June 2, MPP Laurie Scott said she "sought out," and has been working with, KNFHT to pursue funding for an urgent care clinic in Minden. Hodson said while Scott has expressed her support, she hasn't been involved in the application.

"I think we need to be honest and say that politicians really don't create these kinds of solutions. It's health care providers and others who come up with ideas, create them and implement them," Hodson said. "What the politicians are supposed to do is ensure there's funding available, and [Scott] has been very supportive on that front."

HHHS president and CEO, Carolyn Plummer, said the Minden site has been offered to KNFHT and that she was supportive of the proposal. She noted discussions are also ongoing with the County, through its paramedic services community paramedicine program, and Home and Community Support Services about additional

"There may be enough room to accommodate a few different health services at the site," Plummer said.

Community response

Patrick Porzuczek, lead of the Save Minden ER group, said he had been working on a proposal for the Minden site before catching wind of KNFHT's plans. After speaking with Hodson last week, he said he supports her idea "110 per cent."

After hosting a candlelight vigil at the Minden hospital May 31, Porzuczek said his commitment to restoring emergency services at the site has never been stronger.

"We are starting to create a united front and bringing some real noise to [premier] Doug Ford and [health minister] Sylvia Jones. We're going to keep going until something changes," he said.

Hodson said she didn't know when she'd hear back from the ministry, noting they typically move "very, very slowly" with these types of applications.

I'm hopeful that, given the urgency, this will be expedited," she said. "One of the benefits of using this space is it's already set up to serve as an urgent care clinic. The turnaround time, should we receive approval, is very short. I already have staff who have expressed an interest in taking positions... so hopefully we can recruit quickly."

She pegged the cost to run the clinic at around \$500,000 annually.

A request for anticipated timelines on this proposal was not returned by Jones' office by press time.

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'The Link' to bring businesses together

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) is using the ageold mantra 'if you build it, they will come' while preparing to move to a new location that executive director, Patti Tallman, says will bring several services together under one roof.

'The Link' will be a "go-to place for new and existing entrepreneurs to find the resources they need to start, sustain, relocate, and grow," Tallman noted.

The space, located beside Haliburton Timber Mart on County Road 21 in Haliburton, will house all HCDC operations, including its business incubator, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the Arts Council, the County's economic development and tourism staff, and services from the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC).

"We've really seen this concept work elsewhere in Ontario, some of our [Community Futures Ontario] colleagues in Belleville and Kawartha Lakes have launched new spaces with big partnerships, and we really see the benefits," Tallman said. "This is about creating greater awareness in the community of who we are and what we

Since 1985, HCDC has approved more than \$88 million in loans to support hundreds of business and non-profit endeavours, and a further \$9.7 million in local community economic development initiatives. Staff provide free guidance to start-ups, assist with developing a business plan, financial projections, expansion and more, Tallman said.

Through its incubator, located beside Dysart town hall on Mountain Street, the organization has nurtured 10 startups and assisted more than 15 other developing businesses and entrepreneurs since its launch in 2010. The co-working space provides access to high-speed internet, personal working spaces, private offices, and a meeting room for



Haliburton County Development Corporation staffers Kat Schouten, Cory Abbs, Patti Tallman, Sara Joanu and Heather Reid outside 'The Link' on County Road 21 in Haliburton. Photo by Mike Baker.

operations without a home base of their own.

"There are a lot of people working from home up here, who are looking for opportunities to connect with other entrepreneurs in a professional setting to have meetings, or even just for networking. The incubator space has been a great way for us to find out who's working at the dead ends of all the dirt roads in our County," said Heather Reid, HCDC program and operations coordinator.

"This move is going to bolster our incubator, allow us to get more people in and connect them with one another," she added. Reid noted HCDC worked with eight businesses through its incubator in

Kat Schouten, who oversees operations at the incubator, told *The Highlander* the move brings several benefits.

"Just the speed of developing ideas – if someone who's working in a co-working space has an idea, they can go directly to the chamber, they can go upstairs and have a conversation with one of our specialists. There's an opportunity for us to get things off the ground so much quicker than we can right now," Schouten said.

ACM Designs and North of Seven

Custom Carpentry are leading the redevelopment of the space, which used to house Patient News. Tallman said the ground floor will be home to the incubator, the Chamber's operations, and County staff. It will boast five rentable office spaces and eight coworking desks. Upstairs will feature offices for HCDC and BDC staff, and a boardroom.

Tallman said renovations should be finished in the fall, with HCDC planning to unveil the space at its annual general meeting Oct. 4.

"We're thrilled about this expansion. I think it sets up HCDC for years to come," Tallman noted.

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Air quality remains poor from fires

By Mike Baker

Highlands residents have been put on alert after Environment Canada updated its air quality health index June 6, with conditions County-wide deemed to be high-risk.

Smoke plumes from forest fires in Algonquin Park, east of Bancroft, and Quebec have resulted in deteriorated air quality across much of southern Ontario this week, with the federal agency marking conditions in the Dorset area eight out of 10 in a special air quality statement released Wednesday. It's expected to reach nine by Thursday evening.

"High levels of air pollution are possible... wildfire smoke can be harmful to everyone's health even at low concentrations," the statement reads.

Richard Ovcharovich, manager of environmental health with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) district health unit, recommended seniors, children, and people with heart and lung conditions avoid strenuous activities outdoors while bad conditions persist.

"Stay inside if you have breathing difficulties. Find an indoor place that's cool and ventilated. Using an air conditioner that cools and filters air may help," he said. "If your home isn't air conditioned, consider going to a public place like a library or recreation centre. Keep your indoor air clean by keeping doors and windows closed.

"For the general population, if you experience irritation of eyes, nose or throat, shortness of breath or other respiratory symptoms while outdoors, you should take action to reduce your exposure to outdoor air pollution," he added.

According to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's (MNRF) forest fire info map, as of 3 p.m. June 7 there are two active fires raging in Algonquin Park, totalling approximately 32 hectares,



Smoky conditions have spread across Haliburton County due to fires in Algonquin Park and east of Bancroft. File. Map by MNRF.

and a 50-hectare blaze burning roughly 40-kilometres east of Bancroft.

Environment Canada, in its air quality statement, noted, "people respond differently to smoke. Mild irritation and discomfort are common, and usually disappear when the smoke clears. Drinking lots of water can help your body cope with the smoke.'

The agency said running fans and HEPA filters at home can help air quality indoors, recommending against vacuuming, frying foods, or burning candles.

A complete fire ban remains in place across Haliburton County, after being implemented June 1. Forest fire danger ratings for the County, as determined by MNRF, are high,

with some parts of Highlands East marked extreme.

Campfires, bonfires, fireworks, charcoal BBQs, outdoor candles and lanterns, tiki torches, propane fire pits, chimineas and the burning of leaves or brush are all prohibited County wide. Burn permits assigned prior to June 1 have also been suspended.

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CULTURAL CENTRE EVENTS

The Backwoodsmen will perform live outdoors at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday June 24 at 2 pm. The quartet featuring the Gallery's current artist Rob Niezen, Dr. Al Kirby, Rob Cory and John Bird, tells the stories and sings the folk songs documented throughout rural Ontario in the 1950s by song-collector/scholar Edith Fowke, Bring your lawn chair. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

Cross Cut, an exhibit by Rob Niezen, is on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until July 1. The exhibit features 24 linocuts illustrating traditional Ontario folk songs reimagined in a contemporary context. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information please look at the events calendar https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/ default/Detail/2023-05-04-1000-Cross-Cut-Exhibit-by-Rob-Niezen.

Bateman Family: A Sense of Place will be on display from July 6 to September 2 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. The Batemans cherish the memories of their summer holidays spent at the family cottages in Haliburton County. Their experiences over several decades are captured in this personal family exhibit featuring paintings by Alan, Brad, Jack, Robert & Ross and photographs by Birgit Freybe Bateman. The opening reception will take place on Saturday July 8 from 1-4 pm. Preration is required for the artist talk at 1:30 pm. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

The Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place is now open for the season Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Join us daily for self-guided village tours and hands-on activities including Wildlife Sketching on June 8 at 3 pm and Pioneer Life on June 10 at 11 am and 2 pm.

Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

June 8 - Regular Council and Public Meeting June 29 - Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in person or joining a live-stream link available on the township CivicWeb
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Woman reflects on 'scary' incident

By Mike Baker

A month on from a pair of incidents that left two local women fearing for their safety, and with investigations still ongoing, Haliburton Highlands OPP is reminding people to be vigilant while out in the community.

Mike Melnychuk, a constable with the Highlands detachment, shared some safety tips with media recently in response to situations where women were followed or approached by unknown males in broad

On April 25, at around 4 p.m., a woman driving from Haliburton to Minden believed she was being followed by a gold-coloured cube van. The driver changed course and went to the OPP detachment on Hwy. 35, at which point the van fled the area.

Then, on May 9, at approximately 1:30 p.m., a white pickup truck followed a pedestrian in Haliburton village.

Melnychuk said in both cases the women did the right thing staving off their assailants.

"Do not drive directly to your residence if you think you are being followed. Consider driving to a well-lit business location that

is open, [such as] a gas station, convenience store or restaurant, or a police station, to wait for police," Melnychuk said.

He recommended people keep their vehicles fueled to prevent breakdowns that may leave them

isolated. Always communicate travel plans and consider allowing a trusted family member or friend to track your phone location to monitor travel.

If you have had any suspicious incidents

in the past, Melnychuk said it's important to document dates, times, and locations to help police with any investigation.

Speaking to *The Highlander*, the woman involved in the incident in Haliburton village said while she's trying to put the exchange to the back of her mind, she wanted to come forward to warn other women. Granted anonymity to protect her identity, the woman said she brushed off the initial exchange as, "just one of those things women have to put

Walking alone down Maple Avenue, the woman said she was accosted by a man as she turned onto York Street.

"I thought it was cat calling initially, so I ignored him. Then the yelling grew louder and before I knew it, the guy was standing right behind me," the woman said. "He just kept asking 'do you want to make some money', and telling me to get in his truck, or meet him in the park. I knew enough to say I wasn't going anywhere with him.'

Panicking, the woman spotted a friend who chased the man away.

"It all happened so quickly, probably about

a minute in total, but my heart was pounding. It was a very aggressive encounter. I could just tell the guy's intentions weren't good," she said. "It made me think of those stories and reports out

of the city about

women being trafficked."

John Hagarty, executive director of Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services, said there have been no complaints of trafficking activity in the region since Jan. 1, 2022,



Police are still investigating an incident that happened in Haliburton village. File.

though noted that doesn't mean it isn't happening, only that it's not being reported.

The same can't be said in nearby Simcoe County, where Kim Kneeshaw, executive director of North Simcoe Victim Services, said human trafficking is rife.

"We see more instances of labour trafficking (forced to work) than we do sex trafficking," she told The Highlander.

In March, OPP charged a 59-year-old Orillia man with 11 counts of human trafficking after abusing 15 victims, ranging in age from 21 to 54.

"There can be a lot of shame and embarrassment for victims... that's why a lot

of times women who have been trafficked don't come forward," Kneeshaw said.

The Haliburton woman said she wasn't going to report the May 9 incident before friends and family encouraged her to do so. She noted the experience reminded her of the need to be cautious while out and about.

"It's scary for things like this to be happening here. I've lived in Haliburton my whole life, but this is something new," she said. "I want to make sure other women know about the dangers out there. Hopefully by talking, we can raise awareness and make sure women know what they should do if they're ever approached."

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Female victim

Short-term rentals

During a discussion on the summer meeting schedule, Coun. Murray Fearrey said council was doing "dick all" with the shortterm rental issue and felt it needed to be discussed over the next few months.

At a May 24 meeting, he said, "I'm a little bit concerned that the major issue we have is short-term rentals and we're doing dick all to be honest. If we have to take a day or two, we have to do it. I think we just can't let it keep sliding. It'll be fall, we won't

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have a registration done. We won't have anything done. I think that's pretty serious business to start prioritizing.

Warden Liz Danielsen agreed they should have a meeting of the whole in July, or set a special meeting. She said she's had several emails asking where council was at with the file. "That's the one thing that we really need to resolve."

CAO Mike Rutter said they plan to bring back the discussion in June. There are County council meetings June 14 and 28. Council can also hold special meetings.

HHHS ending fiscal year in the red

Finance committee chair, Irene Odell, said the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board is projecting a deficit greater than \$3 million as of the end of the 2022/23 fiscal year, which lapsed March 31. During a board meeting May 25, she said a full audit will be presented at HHHS' AGM, scheduled for June 23.

CEO Carolyn Plummer said the organization is anticipating some respite,

with funding letters from the province expected this month.

"We haven't received updated funding for the current fiscal year, but we do anticipate that coming in June. So, we'll know more about our financial position when that information is released," she said.

The AGM is scheduled for 2 p.m. and will be held virtually. Anyone interested in attending must register by contacting Michel Henry at mhenry@hhhs.ca. (Around the County news compiled by Lisa Gervais and Mike Baker).





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Tiny homes 'solution' to housing woes

By Mike Baker

Ed Peterson believes tiny homes are the answer to Ontario's housing crisis.

The Kingston-based entrepreneur has been pushing the idea for years through his nonprofit Tiny Town Association. Launched in 2017, he started out as an advocate for small pocket communities, lobbying governments big and small to embrace change.

With no proof of concept, Peterson found it tough going and so, in 2022, he switched gears and decided to use his background as a contractor to pitch projects directly, committing to designing and handling development of new builds himself.

"Our mission is to build affordable housing all across Ontario," Peterson said, noting this mission is personal for him. "I have three kids who are all facing the same problem many young adults are facing today in trying to get into a home of their own. I just didn't see that happening for them."

The tiny home concept has been around for decades, but hasn't taken off in Canada, Peterson said. He made a pitch to Dysart et al council last month to become one of the pioneers for the movement in Ontario.

The non-profit looks to partner with municipalities, which would put up land that can be built on. Peterson said the company could build between 16 and 20 residences per acre, with each unit featuring 384 sq. ft. of living space. There are options for one bedroom, two bedroom and open concept.

"Once we have that first model community

up-and-running that we can point to as proof of concept, we'll have a lot of interest,' Peterson told The Highlander. "I want to change the way people think about housing in this province.'

Peterson noted he's working with approximately 15 municipalities in Ontario on initial proposals, with four – for Elliott Lake, Mattice, South Dundas, and Tay Township – at an advanced stage.

Outlining the process, Peterson said once land has been identified and a design developed, he would apply for funding through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), which he estimated would foot around 45 per cent of a build's bill. The rest would come from alternate sources, most of them would-be owners.

Homes could be bought for \$127,500, with monthly maintenance fees of \$450. Affordable rentals would be available for \$780 per month, with rent-to-own programs running \$1,180 per month.

He said tiny homes would largely cater to low-income workers, seniors, and young adults.

Tiny Town Association is actively working with four architects and builders in Ontario, with another dozen industry leaders in urban planning, project management, manufacturing, and landscaping also on

Peterson said a pocket community could be designed and constructed within months.

"We can have a tiny home coming out of

a factory and going into a community every week. There's no other housing option that can do that," he said. "We design all our units to be built on a pad or pier foundation, which would enable us to build year-round."

The company would manage communities once constructed, with Peterson saying they would handle rental applications and assist potential buyers. He said the idea is to keep these communities affordable well into the future, so should an owner wish to sell, they would do so to Tiny Township Association for the price initially paid, plus inflation.

Dysart mayor Murray Fearrey said he was interested in learning how these communities can be built in rural areas.

"This hasn't been tried and tested yet, so we need to be careful before getting too excited. There are some small lots around Dysart, but if land isn't serviced, they want a minimum of four acres so they can put enough units in to make it financially feasible for them to put services in themselves. That could be tricky for us," Fearrey said.

The mayor noted staff have been directed to identify potential development sites, which will be presented to council later this month.

Peterson said he'd love to work with Dysart to help alleviate the community's housing needs.

"The beauty about tiny homes is we can scale this to local demand. If we have enough land, we can bring as many units online as are needed," he said. "I don't see tiny homes competing with traditional forms of housing.



Ed Peterson, founder of the Tiny Town Association, is interested in building an affordable housing community in Haliburton County. Submitted.

We're not saying this will be perfect for everyone. We just want to provide another option to people who are struggling.

We're not making money off this. I see it as a service. My focus now is on getting some of these communities up and running so we can show the rest of the province, the rest of the country that our model works and is easily replicable," he added.

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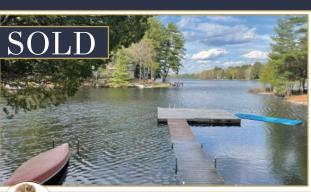
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Service Employees International Union members picketed on Deep Bay Road, outside the Minden Hospital, June 1. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Nurses' union pickets HHHS

By Lisa Gervais

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) members picketed on Deep Bay Road, outside the Minden Hospital, June 1, claiming the ER closure was not done in accordance with collective agreements.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) did not respond to e-mailed questions as of press time June 7.

SEIU union rep, Cindy Seaton, said her union is against ER closures, as it not only impacts their members but the public.

"Especially this time of year, being June 1, and we all know that tourist season is coming. I don't know why they would be closing an ER in the busiest time of the year."

She claimed HHHS did not follow the process it was supposed to as per collective

"If they were going to do closures or something else that would adversely affect our members, then they were supposed to have meetings with us way before they implemented anything and we got notification a day or two before the community and the members did," Seaton

She said they did a cease-and-desist order, asking HHHS to stop the closure and provide them with documentation from the collective agreement. "They have yet to do that. So, we did go to an arbitrator. We are waiting for a date to go before an arbitrator and see what the arbitrator's ruling will be because of the

Union organizer Sandy Jones added they're concerned about the closure's impact on the community. "This hospital's been here 70 years. There's a reason that it's here. The population here is getting older and the reality is the time it takes for a paramedic to answer an emergency call will double now and that's a huge impact for the community and the workers too.

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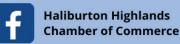
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TheHighlander Curious change of tune

There's been an interesting change of narrative from Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott on the Minden hospital debacle.

After spending weeks standing behind the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) board and management, endorsing the decision to shutter the Minden emergency department, Scott changed tack in a pair of social media posts June 1 and 2, expressing frustration at the way the closure has been handled. She specifically said communication from HHHS prior to the decision being made public, and in the weeks since, has been lacking.

Huh?

I mean, it has. But it's curious that Scott is only now figuring that out and expressing it

She has had ample opportunity to convey her frustration in interviews with The Highlander and other media sources since April 20, but has neglected to do so.

I'm sure on some level, especially as a former nurse, Scott has an issue with the closure. Even if she doesn't, a significant portion of her community clearly does, as evidenced by the thousands of signatures on a petition calling for the Ontario government to overturn HHHS' decision. That Scott hasn't come forward to at least project those feelings shows she's more concerned with toeing the Conservative party line and not creating more waves for premier Doug Ford and health minister Sylvia Jones, than she is advocating for her constituents.

Scott's absence has been noted as the community has organized several rallies to fight this perceived injustice. She has conveniently been elsewhere each time the 'Save the Minden ER' group has made the trip to Lindsay to protest outside her constituency office.

Might this changing of the tune have something to do with the fact many of these residents, some of whom claim to have been loyal supporters of Scott's for decades, have sworn never to vote for her again? I'd suggest so. While a provincial election is still three years away – plenty of time for people to forget or change their minds – I have a feeling the bad blood that has been percolating may stain the long-time MPP's reputation for good.

Slightly more innocuous but no more egregious was Scott's apparent attempt to take credit for the Kawartha North Family Health Team (KNFHT) applying to open an urgent care clinic at the Minden site. In the aforementioned posts, Scott said the announcement "is an example of

have been spent"





By Mike Baker

in the weeks leading up to the closure. She then claimed she "sought out" KNFHT and encouraged them to pursue funding for the

Asked point blank if Scott had played any role in the application, KNFHT executive director, Marina Hodson, indicated she hadn't. She knew enough not to completely throw Scott under the bus, noting the MPP had been very supportive once learning of the proposal, but that's beside the point. Why did Scott think she could get away with taking credit for something she had little input in?

It all suggests to me that Scott, after 20 years and six terms as the local representative at Queen's Park, has lost touch with her community's priorities and values.

MIND BODY MATTERS

Five points for health

We are living in challenging times. Things that were once sacred are being dismantled and discarded, whether they be a statue that reflects a point in our history or a day set aside once a year to celebrate mothers.

Our school system is crumbling, sports have become political and even something as basic as being female with xx chromosome or male with xy chromosomes is being disregarded. Addiction, homelessness, climate change and war permeate our lives. It seems all this happened slowly and than all at once. How do we cope?

Before we can tackle any of these big issues, which are only the tip of the iceberg, we must stay calm and put the oxygen mask on ourselves first. There is a wonderful short story that was written by Jean Giono published in 1953 - not that long ago. It's the story of a man who lived through turbulent times, two world wars, the breakdown of society and the family through abuses of every kind. Despite all that was happening

around him, he enjoyed a peaceful and rewarding life by planting his legacy, a forest, one tree at a time.

I have been practicing yoga in the area for two decades and I have seen first hand the power of calmness. The power of choosing conscious choice over emotional reaction. The power of choosing to stay in the present moment and avoiding obsessive time travel into the past or into the future. The power of accepting who we are and what we are. The feeling of empowerment you get from understanding that change begins within us not from the outside.

Yoga is an ancient practice. Some believe it was first practiced 20,000 years ago. It is first and foremost a practice. It is definitely not a quick fix. The basis of yoga is simple. There are five points to a healthy body and mind; proper diet, proper breathing, proper exercise, proper thinking (positive thinking, meditation and concentration) and proper relaxation. The effects of practicing these

five points are far reaching. Through this simple practice, people are able to improve the quality of their health and their lives.



By Gail Holness

While I look forward to sharing how this ancient knowledge is as relevant today as it was centuries ago, I also look forward to sharing what our modern-day doctors and neuroscientists, through the use of state-ofthe-art imaging machines, are uncovering.

I hope to bring the practice of yoga and modern science together to create a better understanding of how we can optimize your physical and mental health so that you can live a peaceful, rewarding life despite all the turmoil that surrounds you.

I hope you can join me on this journey. *Gail* Holness will be contributing columns on a semi-regular basis for The Highlander. Look out for Mind Body Matters every four to six weeks.

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Minden and Ontario health care

Dear editor,

Thank you, Patrick Porzuczek, Richard Bradley, countless volunteers, and thousands of supporters for organizing and leading our opposition to closing the Minden Hospital ER. Your efforts ultimately did not succeed, but they did not fail.

Sadly, the Minden ER will not reopen, but your highly visible public outcry achieved local, provincial and national attention.

It succeeded by bringing attention to the demise of health care in this and other provinces. Health care that was at one time the envy of the world is now rapidly becoming Canada's shame.

It also exposed the flaw of giving unelected, unregulated local boards control of health care. The premier, the health minister and MPP Laurie Scott all declaring that they have no control or responsibility. Who does? Apparently not us, the public. Perhaps the current model of local boards overseeing health care options is not viable and actually creates unequal health care coverage in different regions. If health care is a provincial responsibility, then the province should be more hands-on to ensure there are no secondclass regions or citizens. That there is equal access for all.

Privatization? How is it being implemented and at what cost? If privatization can improve health care at no additional cost, then we should seriously consider it as a supplement to public systems by conducting public consultations and with full disclosure of existing plans. What is the rush? If Doug Ford and Laurie Scott are governing for the people then they should not be afraid to ask the people what we want. An election issue perhaps?

Walter Reed Minden Hills

Welcome to the new 'Minden ills'

Dear editor,

Someone please elp.

Can any of the political parties please elp us get our ospital back. Can you imagine if someone, overnight decided to remove the "H" from the following businesses in town.

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Myers Cimney?

Mark's Cinese Food?

Suwan's Tai Restaurant?

Well, that's exactly what happened in Minden on June 1. All of the 'H's' that represent our hospital were removed. It just doesn't seem right.

That 'H' belongs in Minden as it does with Home Hardware and all of the other businesses.

We want our 'H' back.

We don't want to be known as Minden ills. However, without the H, we are definitely left with 'ill'. Go figure.

So please, can someone please elp us get our "H" back?

While driving home from Midland today, I saw a number of 'H' signs for the hospital

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Kevin K. Pepper captured this image on Salerno Lake, of a Loon showing dominance.

in Orillia. I thought how sad it is that we just lost ours on June 1. Seconds later, I saw a Harvey's restaurant and thought, what happens if someone took all of the 'H's' away. We'd be now eating at Arvey's.

David Hammond Minden Hills

Closure affects housing

Dear editor,

The largest private housing investment and development that Minden has seen in the last decade is the Highland Park Homes located right next to Minden Hospital.

The close reach of Minden ER was a top-selling point for investors, builders and homes buyers alike in that substantial housing project.

For Minden to have an improved opportunity to attract more of the same, restore Minden ER forthwith.

Dorian Young Minden

Facts, not fiction

Dear editor,

It's time to present facts which will only prove the closure of the Minden ED was strictly political.

Minden emerg had a full complement of funded doctors until September for their shifts. HHHS decided, in their so-called wisdom, to end their contracts and paid them to leave Minden all at taxpayers' expense.

HHHS is now paying a premium to outof-town doctors - not local - to work at the Haliburton emerg for 100 per cent of

emergency shifts and being paid over what is deemed a normal emerg shift wage, again at taxpayers' expense. Incentivizing is the terminology used to describe these so-called premiums being provided, however there is still a shortage of doctors not taking up the call so what benefit is this to people who need emergency services?

This is a completely destructive and biased decision by the HHHS board with no planning, consideration and how their incomprehensible move will cause harm and devastation to the public at large.

Let's not forget our MPP Scott agreeing to such a prohibitive move and now hiding from the public as she does not want to deal with irate people. So, this is a democracy -

Beverly MacDuff Gooderham

Is it really over?

Dear editor,

Is our ER closed forever?

I am usually not very optimistic, however after participating in the movement and reading all the letters and stories in the local papers, I am optimistic at what the future holds for Minden.

There is not much more that I can say that hasn't been printed in the local papers. It shows our community has a good handle on the situation.

I do, however, have a problem with how the major TV networks portray the issue. They all felt it necessary to quote the minister of health, Sylvia Jones and the HHHS, who declared that the problem is staffing. They seemed to have missed the statements made by Dr. Bruno Helt and others that our staffing was in place until at least September and we

did not close our ER once in the last year.

What our community accomplished in six weeks was amazing and if we had been given fair notice of this closure, I think the results would be different.

To the HHHS and the Ford government "this ain't over.'

Jack Sward Minden

Dysart to consider changes to suites

Dear editor,

I applaud that Dysart intends to amend its bylaws to allow secondary dwelling units at a June council meeting.

It's well known in Haliburton that we have a housing crisis - it's the number one issue affecting businesses as they try to hire and keep workers in the County. The red tape in securing a building permit for an additional dwelling on a homeowners' lot must be reduced to allow 'more homes to be built faster.

While Bill 23 doesn't apply to settlement areas without town-provided water and sewer, all of our municipalities in the County should uphold the spirit of Bill 23 and look at streamlining and simplifying the path for homeowners to build sustainable, long-term rental housing regardless of where they live in the County. The proposed bylaw should ensure our natural resources remain protected while also being a meaningful contribution to help overcome the housing crisis.

Mark Bell, President, Haliburton Highlands **Chamber of Commerce** Haliburton County

A chance to get involved in community

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

The newly-formed Haliburton Highlands Volunteer Coalition is putting together a volunteer engagement fair at the Haliburton Legion June 16, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Brigitte Gebauer, volunteer coordinator for HHHS, is taking the lead. She said the coalition is composed of people from a variety of organizations that rely on volunteers.

"The coalition is new, and we are looking to create a strategy to build capacity and awareness across the board in terms of volunteerism in the community," she said.

There will be booths for numerous organizations that rely on volunteers to continue to offer the events and services they do for the community.

"Such a variety of organizations, all under one roof, will give people a sense of what's available," Gebauer said. "Great for community connections, amazing opportunities that people may not be aware of, so many ways to get involved and feel good.

"Our community wouldn't look anything like it does without volunteers," added Gebauer. "They are part and parcel of having a vibrant and healthy community on so many different levels."

County of Haliburton manager of tourism, Tracie Bertrand, said it's a great idea as, "volunteers are the backbone of Haliburton Highlands. They are dedicated, passionate and amazing. Without them, the County



Volunteer Lorraine Semple with Brigitte Gebauer. Submitted.

would not be what it is today. They love their community, they're very proud of it, and want to make an impact."

Since COVID, however, she said a lot of people have stepped back from volunteering.

The fair will provide the organizations with an opportunity to re-engage with past volunteers, and connect with new people on a personal level who may not know much about how to get involved with their community.

There has been a change in how people and organizations work with volunteers, according to Gebauer, and that has, "opened up so many creative opportunities, volunteer lead positions, and event-based volunteering."

Bertrand added, "this volunteer engagement fair is a step in the right direction in recognizing the significant impact volunteers make on all of the things we're working on. They are indispensable to us."

Shining a positive light on volunteerism, connecting with people who are new to the area, engaging seasonal residents, and re-engaging past volunteers is what the coalition is hoping to accomplish with the fair.

Bertrand said, "there will be volunteers talking to potential volunteers, about how amazing some of the events are, and how volunteering has positively impacted themselves and their community. We are looking to get previous volunteers involved again, looking for those new volunteers that want to try something fun and leverage their skill sets, strengths, and experiences."

For more information, go to volunteering@hhhs.ca.





Abbey Gardens director of operations, Ashley McAllister. Photo by Kimberly Strong-Knight.

Marquee tent will feature it all this summer

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

One of Canada's favorite comedians, Ron James, is bringing his brand of funny with a distinctly national viewpoint to Haliburton County June 10, sticking around after the show to sign his bestseller, Ron James, All *Over the Map.* The marquee tent at Abbey Gardens opens its flaps at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments for purchase before the show.

James has been performing for 40-plus vears. After years on television in Canada and the U.S., he is still going strong with his stand-up shows.

He spent years crisscrossing Canada, performing at comedy festivals and theatres until COVID. Even a lockdown could not stop this man from working. He started

streaming original one-hour comedy specials, Live from My Living Room on Zoom and wrote his book.

When scheduling the summer series, Ashley McAllister, director of operations and strategic initiatives at Abbey Gardens, said it almost always comes down to a community connection. "Ron James had done an interview on CanoeFM, talked about how he fell in love with the area, expressed an interest in doing a show in Haliburton County, and the station connected him with

She also said most of the events have a similar story. "Someone knows some band, or agent and recommended it to us, or rather us to them. Or what I call 'cottage

roots,' when someone has a cottage, knows someone who does, a friend of a friend."

McAllister said there's a variety of people that come to the area in the summer, from seasonal residents to cottage renters and resort-goers and she wanted to, "create different opportunities for them to experience Abbey Gardens."

On June 30, the marquee tent will be having a country hoedown with the Rob Watts Band. On July 8, there's a little taste of the Maritimes when Shipyard Kitchen Party takes the stage.

More laughter comes in the form of Girls Night Out, a comedy trio, on July 15. If tapping your feet and clapping your hands is more your thing, then July 22 is the night for good old rock'n'roll with a tribute band that spans the decades. To finish the month, a Frankie Valli tribute band is featured July 29.

August 11-13 will close out the summer series with Music @ the Gardens. A showcase of musicians, and magicians, with Great Lake Swimmers on Friday night, John McDermott Saturday night, with Susan Aglukark on Sunday night. Brent & Sarah Comedy Magic Show provides fun for all in the afternoon.

McAllister said, "They are all so different and hopefully that gives everyone the opportunity to do something here at the Gardens.'

For more information, go to AbbeyGardens. ca/events.





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New dean loves mixing tech and design

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton School of Art + Design's new dean, Xavier Massé, jokes he's still a "rookie" at the town's Fleming College campus after only starting the post a few weeks ago.

"I'm still playing the rookie card, which sometimes can be very useful," he quipped, adding someone told him at the HSA+D grad May 26, "play it as long as you can."

While he may be a newbie to Haliburton County and its college, Massé brings a wealth of experience, both from his native France, to throughout his academic and nonacademic career.

That has included, most recently, 13 years at George Brown College, with a oneyear hiatus as interim dean of ECV Paris, overseeing three campuses and working on projects, including a campus in Mumbai. At George Brown, he coordinated undergraduate and post-graduate interaction design programs at the school of design and taught design courses. He was first attracted there by its Institute Without Boundaries, which focuses on collaborative design practice with the objectives of social, ecological and economic innovation through design research and strategy. Massé has also designed and lead international academic programs, workshops and design jams. Prior to academics, he had his own agency.

He said he moved to Canada after meeting his Toronto-based wife in Paris and was in advertising for a spell before getting into

what is now called interactive digital media.

"I love technology, and I love design, and I love mixing both. So that's why I embraced that field and have never looked back."

Speaking from his new campus office, overlooking the green trees of Glebe Park, Massé said his impressions of HSA+D include "a very unique DNA that is quite special and we need to preserve that.

"But we need to bring it into the 21st century.

Asked what he means by that, he envisions expanded programming, "user experience designs," technology, and broadening outreach to the wider community.

Expanding on user experience designs, he explains, "where we actually make sure that what we do is going to be useful and used by our users. Not to say that every single artist has to design something with their users in mind, but bringing a bit of that into the process would not hurt. It would bring a more applied aspect to what we do here.

"And when we talk about technology, there are tools that we can use today that could speed up the process. So, an obvious one is 3D printing. So it demands a bit of knowledge in 3D and 3D design. I love to bring to the table the idea of using AI (artificial intelligence) tools and then learning to use them, not fight them because I think it's a losing battle."

He provides the example of visualizing tools, to help students get their creative ideas from their brain to the finished product.



New dean Xavier Massé outside the college. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Another exciting thing, he said, is student housing planned for the campus. He is already frustrated when hearing about delays but said, "I can't wait to have it happen. It's going to be a game-changer for us.

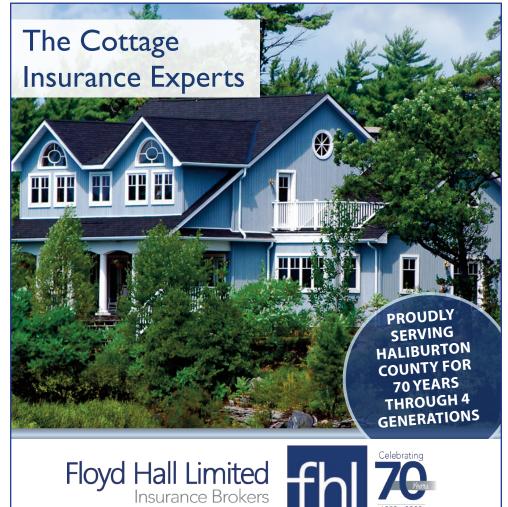
Back to what is happening now, he is looking forward to collaborating with his staff and faculty. He said his leadership style is "to bring everybody with me" to establish

a vision and strategic plan.

"I want to make sure the plan and vision comes from all parts of the school and not just from the top.

Coming from, "the other side of the pond" and moving into a Haliburton condo, Massé said he's had a friend joke with him that, with his French accent, "you're going to be the exotic one.'





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Scouts honour: going to be great summer camp

By Mike Baker

The doors are finally reopening at the Haliburton Scout Reserve.

The property, which boasts 5,000 acres set back from Kennaway Road, has been shuttered since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will welcome guests back next month, with a busy summer anticipated.

Kevin Anyon, national property operations manager for Scouts Canada, is expecting more than 800 visitors over an eight-week season, which he says is all about putting the country's largest scouting reserve back on the map.

"We have thousands of Scouts with marvelous memories of Haliburton Scout Reserve. I want to see this space reclaim its place as the crown jewel in the Scouts Canada portfolio," Anyon said.

Camps have been running in the area for more than 70 years. The property features 13 lakes, with 23 wilderness sites scattered around the biggest – Lake Kennabi. Programming is accessible to Scouts, Girl Guides and Outward Bound members.

Chris Bulman, camp director, said it was almost like a homecoming when he returned to the site last fall. He and a group of other employees and volunteers have been hard at work getting the facility in tip top condition, with the first group of campers set to arrive July 8

"I have such an attachment to the Haliburton Scout Reserve – so many good memories made over the years. I feel like I



Haliburton Scout Reserve staffers Chris Bulman, Lucas Nicholson and Michael Nebesny are excited for the 2023 season. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

practically grew up here," Bulman told *The Highlander*, saying he first attended as a guest in 2012, returning as an employee for the next seven summers.

This year he's been trusted to lead – a huge responsibility that he's preparing to tackle head on.

"My goal is to make this the best experience for every visitor. When I first came here, I made memories and friendships that will last me a lifetime. I also learned a lot of really important skills that will be useful for the rest of my life," Bulman said.

Camps typically last for a week, with guests engaging in activities such as archery, rifle shooting, kayaking, snorkeling, rock climbing, rappelling, and sailing. Bulman said there are also special survival camps for older, more experienced members, and introductions to things like trapping and animal spotting for younger visitors. Bulman

noted there will be international visitors this year, with three groups booked from the U.S.

Lucas Nicholson is another camper-comeworker, with the 23-year-old Toronto native returning as program coordinator after a four-year hiatus.

"I've been camping here for as long as I can remember. It's been a real void these past four years not being able to come up here – I was really excited when I got the call we'd be returning," Nicholson said. "The workers here are like one big family, and whenever we have guests they just become an extended part of that family. That's just the way things are up here."

Michael Nebesny, 21, will be back for his fifth year, serving as coordinator of staff and training. When he's not working, he wants to take advantage of the reserve's vast reach, planning excursions to some of the more remote lakes on the property.

Bulman, who recently turned 25, said Scouts places a heavy emphasis on youth leadership.

"We want youth to be in the drivers' seat, we want them to take charge. All our staff are young — I'm probably going to be [one of] the oldest ones this summer," he said. "It's almost like a cycle. We bring youth in to camp and see everything this amazing part of the world has to offer, then every season we have lots who want to return as workers the following year. It's such a great organization to get involved with."

For more information, visitscouts.ca/camps/haliburton-scout-reserve.

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Fresh coat of paint

Stuart Baker Elementary School was a hive of activity May 31 as the faculty and school council invited the community to attend its student art gala. Displays were on show inside the school, while outside, kids were encouraged to decorate a school bus, provided by Haliburton

Top: Emmett, seven, added a green twinge to the yellow bus. Middle: Two-year-old Dax giving a wheel a touch up. Above: Nine-year-old Damian and Rhys, 11, give their designs a thumbs up. Photos by Mike Baker.

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A really big show

The 44th annual Haliburton Home and Cottage Show was a packed event all weekend at the Haliburton arena and curling club. Crowds flocked through the gates Friday afternoon and all-day Saturday and Sunday. It was another successful fundraiser for the curling club. Paralympian Mark Ideson was a special guest June 3, offering people a chance to hoist his Paralympic medals.

Top left: Lara Sachko gives Cam McLennan a sniff at the Highlands Soy Candle Co. booth. Above: Sylvie Linden checks out a showerhead at Redfern Enterprises Ltd.'s booth, with Martin Redfern looking on. Top right: Bob Mason of Mason's Metal Creations at his booth. Right: Paralympian Mark Ideson with, from left to right, Tom Carson, Hudson Ideson, and Blythe Carson. Photos by Lisa Gervais.













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Concerning Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments Township of Minden Hills

TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Sections 16 and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Meeting for both Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, which has application to all those lands located within the Township of Minden Hills. As the amendments apply to the Township in its entirety, no key map has been provided.

Purpose and Effect: The proposed official plan and zoning by-law amendments if approved will serve to introduce policies and provisions with respect to permitting additional dwelling units within certain land use designations and zone categories subject to meeting criteria as provided by the *Planning Act*. Official Plan policies are proposed to be further amended to clarify shoreline setbacks for existing developed lots within the Waterfront designation, introduce amendments which may be required to be consistent with provincial legislation as well as to amend consent policies to align with the County of Haliburton Official Plan. A further amendment to the Zoning By-law is also proposed to revise various definitions, intended to provide clarity for implementation of the Zoning By-law, as well as to introduce new provisions for deck setbacks, together with amendments to existing provisions for sleeping cabin, home occupation and non-complying buildings and structures; as well as minor revisions for spelling or typographic errors.

And Take Notice that the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting, as required under the Planning Act. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for Council to hear and consider comments related to the proposed amendments. Any member of the public may speak in favour, or opposition to, the proposed amendments during the Public Meeting.

Date: Thursday, June 29, 2023

9:00 AM

This will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public may attend either in person or virtually Location:

via Zoom. Details are provided below

To Attend in Person:

Location: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting in person can do so by attending the Township Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden.

To Participate: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the public meeting must pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday June 28th before 4:00 PM or by registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM in the Council Chambers.

To Attend Virtually:

To Watch: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting can do so by joining the Meeting Live Stream Link: https:// youtube.com/live/0MhGmQcxFJw?feature=share

The live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

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To attend the Zoom virtual meeting via Web, type https://zoom.us/join or https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88915036192?pwd=L0VGU mQwbHZ5R1o5TitiK013RytaUT09 into your browser or attend by dialing the number below:

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Participants registering either virtually or in person after 8:30 AM will not be permitted into the public meeting.

Please Note: We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. **Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting the** Township website at: https://www.mindenhills.

Written Submissions either in support of or opposition to the application must be received prior to the Public Meeting and can

Any Person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments.

Additional Information regarding the proposed Amendments is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment and will be available online by visiting www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@ mindenhills.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext. 506).

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law with respect to the zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law with respect to the zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person

If You Wish to Be Notified of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed official plan and zoning by-law amendments, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills at admin@mindenhills.ca.

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

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

Dated this 7th day of June, 2023 Trisha McKibbin, Clerk/CAO 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359 Minden, ON





A trip to the Med

Minden Rotarians, families and friends gathered at the community centre June 3 for a dinner/ auction. It was a Mediterranean-themed feast night, courtesy of Molly's Bistro Bakery. The club has been running 'the end polio now tulip campaign,' which wraps up June 9.

Top: Minden Rotarian Lynda Litwin sold raffle tickets. Above: There was plenty on offer at the auction tables. Photos by Lisa Gervais.





HHHS Brings Together Emergency Services at Haliburton Site

Emergency services are no longer available at the HHHS Minden site.

This change came into effect on June 1, 2023, as a result of severe and on-going staffing shortages.

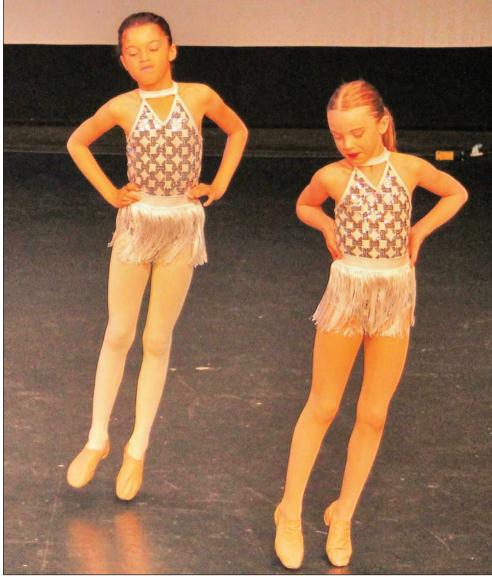
If you are in need of serious medical attention, always CALL 911.

Anyone needing emergency care can access services at the Haliburton site (7199 Gelert Road, Haliburton).

Visit www.hhhs.ca or call 705-457-1392 for more information.







All they want to do is dance

Skyline Dance Studio held its first year-end recital this past weekend. The studio was created last year by a dedicated group of dance moms, who established the not-for-profit with the help of HCDC. There were kudos for instructors, junior and student teachers, and volunteer assistants. "Their incredible teaching skills are demonstrated in every spin, leap, tap and cartwheel you will see in this show," said chairperson, Allison Cox. Cox also thanked the community for its backing.

Top: Ava Scheffee, Emma Bantam, Julia Bramham, Penelope Irvine, Rowyn Foster, Wesley Bramham and Zaedin Faulkner provided recreational music theatre for all ages in presenting *Oh I Just Can't Wait to be King*. Above: These young stars leapt through the air at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. *Photos by Lisa Gervais*.

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Top and above left: Dancers in Oh I Just Can't Wait to be King. Top right: Annabelle Borgdorff, Avery Bullock, Carrie Walker, Kennedy Gill and Madelyn Walker did competitive ballet for 14+, An Isolated Moment. Above right: Julie Barban led her tiny stars through The Rainbow Connection. Photos by Lisa Gervais.



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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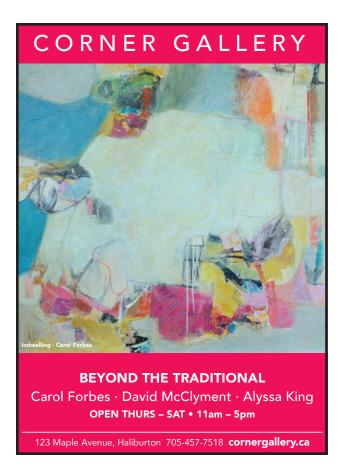
It takes a community to cardboard a village

The Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands says the results of the community cardboard village project are now set-up on display in Tipples of Haliburton and Agnew's General Store in Wilberforce. The cardboard buildings of both villages were done by children and families at free workshops organized by the arts council. The workshops were offered throughout May "and created an impressive amount of wonderful, clever recreations of local houses, buildings, landmarks and more," the arts council said. Families were assisted by artists Biljana Banchotova, Noelia Marziali and Hollie Traviss. The installations will be up until the end of June and the arts council is grateful to the two hosts. "Providing free art opportunities for children and families in the community fulfills an important part of our mandate and we are grateful to the sponsors and partners for making these events possible: Art on the Dock 2023 (July 15-16), Dysart et al, SIRCH Community Services, Haliburton County Public Library & Youth Wellness Hub."

The cardboard village displays are in Haliburton and Wilberforce until the end of June. Submitted.











Thom Lambert will be talking about his experiences at the Mariposa Festival. File.

The Mariposa Festival and Gordon Lightfoot

By Lisa Gervais

With the onset of summer music festivals and concerts, and the passing of Gordon Lightfoot, the Yours Outdoors speaker series says it seems appropriate the theme of June's offering is about the Mariposa Folk Festival, past and present.

The series wraps up another year of presentations with a look at Canada's legendary music festival. On June 14, at 7 p.m., Michael Hill, Liz Scott and Thom Lambert will be sharing their stories and images of the Mariposa Folk Festival.

Hill, former artistic director, will reflect upon what has been. He is the author of The Mariposa Folk Festival: A History. Scott, current artistic director and no stranger to the Haliburton Highlands, will provide a contemporary perspective and a peek at what the future holds. Lambert, a local singersongwriter, who has attended the festival many times, will share his experience as an attendee and maybe even play a tune or two.

Organizer Barrie Martin said, "no doubt, Gordon Lightfoot will be front-ofmind during the presentation." Each of the presenters have had their Lightfoot encounters. Lightfoot was an integral part of the festival from the shaky start when he and his then singing partner, Terry Whelan, were turned down from playing the inaugural Mariposa Folk Festival of 1961.

"We were hometown boys," he stated, "but they said we sounded too much like the Everly Brothers. We actually took that as a compliment." The next year though, Lightfoot was hired as a solo act and joined the likes of Oscar Brand, the Travellers and Ian & Sylvia. Since then, he performed many times at the festival.

Over the last several years, Mariposa has become an annual event on the Lightfoot family calendar. Lightfoot showed up most years to take in the festival vibe, see certain performers, renew old acquaintances, and give the audiences just a taste of his musical

The presentation is at the HHOA Fish Hatchery. Admission is \$15. Register in advance online at yoursoutdoors.ca (search Mariposa) or by calling 705-457-7557. A portion of the tickets sales will be donated and matched by Highlands Summer Festival to purchase tickets to the Early Morning Rain, The Legend of Gordon Lightfoot performances for families who might otherwise not be able to afford the cost of taking the whole family to a performance.



Chaulk Talk: Kitchen Design and Top Trends for 2023 & Beyond

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When it comes to an optimal kitchen layout, there are several things to consider such as cabinets, countertops, appliances, and lighting. Organization is key when it comes to creating a functional space in the kitchen. Cabinets should be well-organized with plenty of storage for all your culinary & entertaining needs.

Trends in kitchen design come and go so it's important to choose something that will stand the test of time. Here are a few of the top trends that we love, which will have staying (and style) power:

Extending the reach of your kitchen: The kitchen is the heart of any home, and it's very on-trend to be able to see the kitchen as part of an open plan, so that it naturally integrates into other areas of the home, whether into a seated eating space or out onto a patio or even connecting to a home office.

Double up to be more efficient: We're seeing that many couples and families want to optimize their time in the kitchen by sharing the workload. This means adding a second sink or even an additional island for twice the preparation area

Concealed storage and appliances: While the kitchen has become a more visible part of the home, it's also key to hide clutter and allow the eye to flow around the space, as uninterrupted as possible. This also helps to keep a calming vibe in any space. Under-counter stand mixer lifts and coffee maker storage solutions, concealed by cabinet doors are a very popular request these days. Another option for storage with great functionality is designing a walk-in or built-in pantry – this may be easier than you think to achieve, with clever design

You'd be surprised how many ways your kitchen can be designed for optimal function and impeccable design. Contact Chaulk today and we'll help you all the way through the process from putting your thoughts onto paper to the final installation.

Be sure to check out next week's edition of Chaulk Talk where we'll share insights on materials & hardware.

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The horse pull at last year's Haliburton County Fair. File.

A 'full' fair is returning to Haliburton County

By Lisa Gervais

Organizers are looking forward to a "full" post-COVID Haliburton County Fair June 10, after a scaled back 2022 version that only had music and the horse pull.

Minden Agricultural Society first vice president, Cathy Fisher, said while it is a lot of work for directors, they are excited about the jam-packed day.

Music will again take centre stage. This year's lineup includes: The County Hot Flashes from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Louie

Reynolds from 11:30 a.m. to noon; Barnard and Brohm from noon to 12:30 p.m. and The Todd Nolan Show from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will also be an open mic for the first time.

The other big thing, according to Fisher, is the horse pull at 3:30 p.m.

She noted they are also going to have an auction this year, just before the horse pull, at 3 p.m.

She said they have had some great donations. They include a load of logs from

Roger Danilko Trucking and Logging; eight yards of 5/8 black granite from Fowler's, donated by Harry Hutchings Trucking; a bush cord of split wood from CNC Wood Processing; 12 yards of 5/8 crush donated in memory of Ingram Wessell and sons; a lap quilt donated by Marylou Clark; a tri axle load of granular gravel from the Leveque Bros.; and a tri axle of 5/8 crush from Total Site Services.

One fun feature this year is a bouncy castle for adults. It's a John Deere-themed combine.

Fisher added the curling club is going to have exhibits, a tea room, baked goods, demonstrations and woodworking.

Weather permitting, RE/MAX will host hot air balloon rides; Zoo to You will be on site; there will be a classic and antique car show; and free kids pony rides. Boshkung Brewing will be manning the beer tent.

"It is exciting to get back and keep building," Fisher said, "because next year is our 160th year."



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, June 28, 2021 4:30 p.m.

SIRCH will be hosting its AGM at the SIRCH Bistro & Bakery, 49 Maple Avenue, Haliburton. The meeting agenda will include the Auditor's Report, Election of Directors, Appointment of Auditor.

Members of the public are invited to attend. Please contact us for more information.

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An afternoon with the Turtle Guardians

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A decision is made she may have a viable egg, one chance of a new life from her crushed mother, so Berman takes her for a later egg extraction at headquarters on Gelert Road.

Abberger and Smart get back in the car. There is a post-mortem. Not for the turtle, but for them. Covering a large area, they often wonder what would have happened if they hadn't stopped for the turtle before. Or the turtle before that one. Would they have been in time to save the Blanding's?

Because the Blanding's are "super at-risk, it's somehow worse," Abberger says. "Could we have prevented that?" But Smart reacts with emotion. "You know who could have prevented that? The people who hit her."

It's another wild night in June, as turtles are on the move in Haliburton County.

Turtle road crew

Driving out for a 4 p.m. shift, Abberger said, "I've been waiting since last September to handle some more wild turtles.

Turtles are more comfortable moving in the rain, and slightly cooler temperatures, as they are not as much at risk of dehydration.

They find a Painted and it's research time. Despite it peeing on them, they take measurements of the carapace (upper shell) and the plastron (under shell) and weigh it. They see if it's gravid, or has eggs, by poking a finger under the shell. They also note any abnormalities. They record the time, location, air temperature, and weather. When they're done, they mark it with a code, take a photo, and release it.

Blanding's, because they have a distinct underbelly shell, get a name for tracking. Smart named her first one, Poppy, on June

On the highway between Minden and Kinmount, the two are just finishing walking the shoulders of a wetland when a Painted turtle is spotted nesting. They quickly retreat about 10 metres so as not to spook her. Smart stays to guard the nest, while Abberger heads back up the

She comes upon a badly injured Painted and calls Berman for advice. "If there's no organs outside, there's hope there. She can make it. Try and piece her shell together. Dry her up," Berman says.

Put to work

I'm suddenly no longer an observer. As Abberger triages the turtle, I drive back to check on Smart, who emerges with two more Painted turtles in her hands. I help her to process them. I then leave Smart at the nest, and return to Abberger. She's done her best to patch the Painted but is now at a nest site digging for eggs

She jumps in the car to Kinmount to meet up with a turtle taxi to Peterborough's Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre. As she is driving away, she yells back to me and I see a Painted crossing the highway. I quickly run to help it cross the road.

Then, a driver stops to tell me there is a large Snapper at the side of the road. It's my turn to nest sit. Standing there for the better part of an hour, I feel adrenaline pumping.

Eventually, Abberger returns. We mark the site of the Snapper, who could be laying for hours, and go to get Smart.

"This is a crazy night," says Abberger, admitting to her stress. "A lot all at once." On this night, there are only three crews, or six people on the road, including Berman. They are patrolling hundreds of square kilometres.

By now, it's getting on dusk. We're all running on adrenaline and scratching numerous bug bites. We stop for other turtles. Live ones, including a big Snapper on the 503 in Highlands East, are processed. Dead turtles are removed from the road so the patrol doesn't stop for them again. There's little time to mark these deaths but the mutilated bodies are at least put back to the earth. Nests are checked for eggs. In the fog, Abberger has to brake quickly when a moose walks out in front of the car.

The last call is down a winding cottage road in Highlands East. Someone had called in a nest site. When the crew arrives, it's pitch black and there is sand everywhere. They grab flashlights and wander but realize they'll never find the nest. About 11 p.m., it's time to call it

Though they should be exhausted, from the pace and trying to see in the dark, the two are strangely awake, chalking it up to adrenaline.

Reflecting on the night, Abberger says she can't help but wonder what could have been done differently but, "I try really hard to focus on the saves because you just can't be everywhere at once. You have to focus on the good you can do and hope that's enough."

ABBERGER AND SMART'S TIPS:

- Brake and stop for turtles help them cross the road. If worried about Snappers, you can learn how to move them from the Turtle Guardians. Don't assume a turtle is dead. They can survive traumatic injuries. Eggs can also be harvested. For critical care, call the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre 1-705-741-5000.
- Reconnect with nature turtles help new plants grow and ecosystems thrive; they bring new seeds and the necessary plant fertilizers across wide expanses as they travel between ecosystems, through their droppings. They also remove parasites from the water. For more on the Turtle Guardians, see turtleguardians. com; call 1-705-457-1222 or email info@turtleguardians.com. They are headquartered at 6712 Gelert Rd.

Top: Mel Abberger and Emily Smart keep a close eye on a Snapper at the side of the road. Middle: Smart holds a Painted turtle. Bottom: Abberger takes measurements of the shell. Photos by Lisa Gervais.







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EVENTS

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 9 to 11.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School presents *Star-crossed Hat Trick*, a Canadian twist on Shakespeare's classic Romeo and Juliet. Performances are scheduled at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion June 9 at 7 p.m. June 10 at 7 p.m. and June 11 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at the school office, or at the door.

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. 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 10, noon to 2 p.m.Free live music at Sirch Bistro. Tracy and Walt Borg will entertain with their array of songs and stories. Soup and baked goods will be available for purchase.

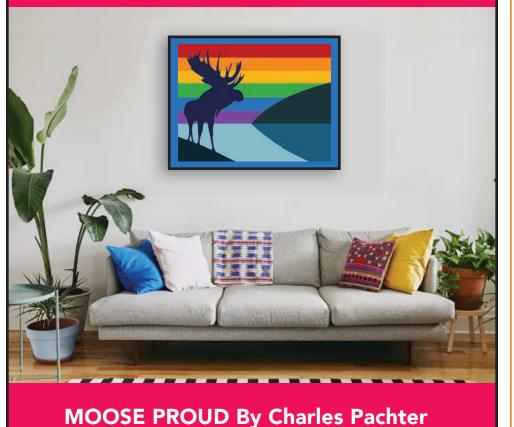
June 11, 2 p.m. Highlands Wind Symphony is hosting its 2023 spring concert at Lakeside Church in Haliburton. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$30 per family. Available at Master's Book Store in Haliburton, or Pharmasave Minden.

June 12, 3:30 to 5 p.m.Friends of the Rail Trail is inviting community partners to share expertise in a variety of areas related to the rail trail during an event at Haliburton School of Art + Design. RSVP at pamela.marsales@gmail.com, or by calling 705-457-4767.

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.

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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.

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Clubroom hours: Mon 3-6 p.m., Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call the Legion at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.

June 23: Adverse Conditions performing in the main hall from 7 to 11 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20. All funds go towards the Legion's lift program and SIRCH Community Services.

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Tuesday: Euchre 1-3 p.m.

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Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce

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. June 23: Opening ceremony at 2 p.m. Pool,

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June 25: Pancake breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m.

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

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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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of

Jo Anne Brown (nee Jackson)

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Tuesday, June 6th, 2023, at the age of 76.

Beloved wife of the late Lloyd "Brownie" Brown and by her brother Tim Jackson. Fondly remembered by the Jackson, Brown and Miscio-Hewson families.

It was Jo Anne's wish for cremation and no service.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Pet Owners Assistance Fund would be appreciated by the family and can be

arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M



OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of

Allen Lyons

(Resident of West Guilford, Ontario)

Peacefully at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Thursday June 1, 2023 in his 72nd year. Predeceased by his wife Arlene Lyons

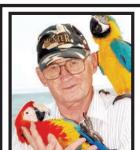
(nee Mackay). Beloved son of the late Jack Lyons & Miriam Lyons - Oulette. Fondly remembered by his cousin Bill and his friends. Allen worked for the Municipality of Dysart et al for many years. He loved the Haliburton Highlands and time spent here especially at Drag Lake Lodge with his mother Miriam and his grandparents Fred and Annie Jones.

Private Graveside Service

A Private Graveside Service will be held at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation -Mental Health Services would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY

FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.





In Loving Memory of

Edwin Hodgins

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Fenelon Peacefully at Court in Fenelon Falls on Wednesday morning, May 31, 2023, in his 95th year. Beloved husband of the late Doreen Hodgins (nee Sholer).

Loving father of Darlene (Dale McConnell), Linda (Derrick Cowen) and David. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Devan, Michelle, Johnathon and by his great grandchildren Shiloh and Xander. Predeceased by his grandson Aaron and by his brothers Percy, Leslie, Melville and Clem. Lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Ed was a truck driver for most of his life. He enjoyed golf, brandy and sherry and his coffee and donuts. Most of all, he enjoyed the time spent with family and friends.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday afternoon, June 7, 2023 for a Funeral Service in the Chapel at 2 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Reception to follow in The Community Room. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery Haliburton. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the West Guilford Baptist Church would be FUNERAL HOME greatly appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory of Donelda "Dee" MacLean

(nee Leonard)

Passed away suddenly at the Kingston General Hospital on Sunday, May 28, 2023, at the age of

Beloved wife of Gord, loving mother of Kara (Joe) and Amanda. Dear grandma to Evan and Leo. Dear sister of Joyce Leonard and sister-in-law to Marion (Jim) and Lee (Malcolm-deceased). Fondly remembered by Genevieve (Steve), Jonathan, Caitlan (Jason), Shawn and by her family and friends. Dee worked at Manulife Financial and retired as AVP, she and Gord then moved to the Highlands in 2005 where she enjoyed volunteering and her many hobbies including Bridge, Quilting, Curling, Golf and Travelling.

A private family graveside service will be held at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Boshkung. A Celebration of Dee's Life will be held at the Minden Curling Club, 50 Prentice St., Minden on Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 1:30 pm until 4:30 pm. There will be a Toast to Dee between 2:30 - 3:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Minden Food Bank would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.





In Loving Memory of

Mary Elizabeth Hartin (nee Austin)

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on May 31, 2023, with her loving family by her side, at the age of 69.

Beloved wife of Bradley Hartin of Kinmount for over 49 years. Loving mother of Shayne (Sue), and the late Wade (2020) (Emily) and momma Mary to Raylan and Izzy. Dear sister of David Austin (Bonnie). Lovingly remembered by her family and friends.

A Memorial Gathering to celebrate Mary's Life will be held at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park, 5 Station St., Kinmount, Ontario on Sunday, August 6, 2023 from 1:00pm until 3:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



In Loving Memory of

Frank George McKelvey (Retired Employee of General Motors, Oshawa)

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Monday, June 5, 2023 at the age of 81.

Beloved husband of the late Barbara MacKeigan.

Dear father of Blaine (Michelle), John and Jim. Loving poppa of Dylan, Blaine Jr., Amber (Devon) and great poppa of Lola and Luca. Son of the late Harold and Mary McKelvey. Dear brother of Irma (Don) Pasquino, Vera (the late Ron) Smith, Max, Pearl (the late Arnold) Cowen, Nancy (Jim) Ackerblade. Fondly remembered by the MacKeigan Family, his co-workers at GM, Oshawa, and by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to celebrate Frank's life at 1:00 pm. Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Reception to follow back at the Funeral Home in the family centre.

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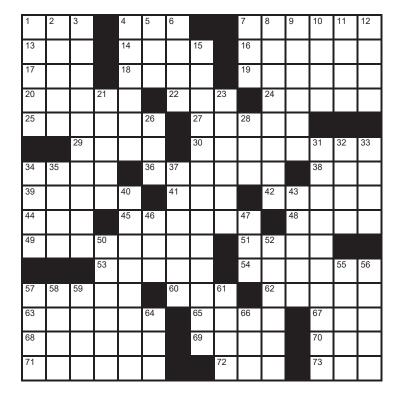
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- __-es-Salaam (Tanzanian seaport)
- 4 Elly May's dad on TV
- 7 *Popstar Justin
- 13 Work off duty, in the mob?
- 14 Souse in Mayberry
- 16 "Let ___ Be Your Umbrella"
- 17 Lowdown lout, for short
- 18 Famed winding road in Maui
- **19** Like simple cheesecake
- 20 Antarctic explorer Tom _
- 22 "TTFN" equivalent
- 24 Holds all the cards in Uno, say
- 25 Getting some screen time
- 27 Radius neighbours
- 29 Rogers and Orbison
- **30** Guy taking rapids transit?
- 34 Daring Knievel
- **36** Hold dearly?
- **38** "How could ___ so stupid!" ("Doh!")
- 39 *Woodsy retreat
- 41 *It's cut and dried
- 42 *Salsa or samba
- 44 Driver's one-eighty
- **45** Lousy answer to "But why?"
- **48** "Thou ___ infect mine eyes!": Shak.
- 49 For kicks and giggles
- **51** Love-em-and-leave-em type
- 53 Skyy or Smirnoff rival, familiarly
- 54 Jargony "joint"
- 57 Mother-of-pearl
- 60 The Beatles' Pepper, e.g.
- 62 Tighten an apron, say
- 63 Eighth-portion, as of pie
- 65 Stereo type?
- 67 Balance-due doc.
- **68** Confident affirmation
- **69** Ump follower?
- 70 Manage somehow, with "out"
- 71 *Cowardly, casually
- 72 Floor stain hider, maybe
- **73** Lat. or Lith., pre-1991

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- 1 *What Fred Astaire called "just iitterbug'
- 2 "Chip 'n Dale" treat
- 3 Repetitive Bowie title
- 4 *Cash or cake
- 5 Landing guess, for short
- 6 Manual typewriter sound
- 7 Secret rival
- 8 Singular, as an incident
- 9 Create a raised design
- 10 Journalistic slant
- 11 Berlin-born Sommer
- 12 Welsh actor Roger of "Cheers"
- **15** *When a long-running NBC sketch
- 21 Dip name meaning "garlic and oil"
- 23 Knight with the Pips
- 26 Upper-left PC key
- 28 Super Bowl grp.
- 31 Governments subject to confidence votes

- 32 Basics
- 33 Old depilatory that now begins with a V
- 34 Quito's country: Abbr.
- 35 Colorado ski resort
- 37 Units for DIY movers
- 40 "Donkey Kong" creator
- 43 She recorded "19" at 19
- 46 Northern Calif. air hub
- 47 Ending with venom or poison
- 50 Its flag bears the Star of David
- 52 *Suffer suddenly, as a leak
- **56** What the answers to the starred clues might give Peggy Lee, in her signature song
- 57 Asking too much?
- **58** Take ___ from (act in kind)
- **59** ___+Alt+Del (freezer fixer)
- 61 Rating echelon
- 64 Pull behind
- 66 Pot-au-___ (French stew)

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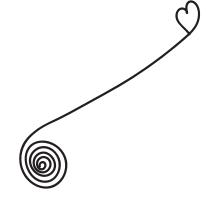
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Sometimes I remember to loosen the clenched grip of certainty and float -smilinginto the open palm of what is.



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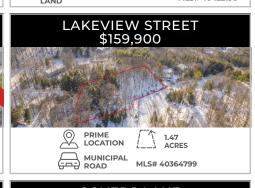




















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