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Paramedics Chris Iles and Jen Iles stand with masks, gowns and disinfectant wipes that the County Paramedic Services has stocked up for the COVID-19 pandemic. "At this time, we feel that we can meet the current and rising demand," paramedic service deputy chief Jo-Ann Hendry said. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

Businesses fear impact of COVID-19

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

With the provincial government ordering movie theatres to shut down over the COVID-19 pandemic, Highlands Cinemas owner Keith Stata is worried about the future of his Kinmount-based business.

He's also concerned the crisis could extend for months and doesn't know how

he will make ends meet.

"I have taxes, mortgage, and the insurance is \$17,000 a year. Not to mention 42 cats."

Stata, who has built a stray cat sanctuary at the theatre, said he's far from alone in his worries since the County and region relies so heavily on seasonal tourists.

The Ontario government said March 17 it's also closing restaurants and bars with the exception of takeaway.

"We are in a tourist economy. If this

goes on as long as I think it will, how will resorts, motels, restaurants, hockey camps, summer camps, bars, and movie theatres do without customers, or shuttered during the short time they need to make money to get through the winter?" Stata asked.

He said he hopes the government has deep pockets, and is prepared to bail out the country "because this will touch every segment of the population, and every business. How can all these businesses pay

their expenses without an income? And seasonal ones will get hit the hardest if they miss their season."

On March 18, the federal government said it's providing up to \$27 billion in direct support to Canadian workers and businesses.

County tourism director, Amanda Virtanen, said she feels it's too early to definitively predict the impact of COVID-19.

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"I do know that several locations have cancelled their March break activities. That said, we are hearing that many cottagers are coming to the area and could shop at local grocery stores and perhaps visit a food establishment – if they are open [for takeaway]," she said.

She added, as the situation continues to evolve quickly, she's not certain anyone can predict the impact on our community.

"I am hopeful that when we're 'out of the woods', that residents and visitors will have a 'shop local' mindset as much as possible to help lessen the impact on our economy overall," she said.

County of Haliburton CAO Mike Rutter, at a meeting this week, said "One thing we're encouraging our staff to do and certainly encourage our community to do, is support local business during this time. Buying gift certificates that you can use later on. We need to get cash in the hands of business owners as much as we possibly can. We'll be encouraging all of our staff to spend, spend, spend."

Significant impact on chamber membership

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, which has 270 members, has postponed its April, May and June events, including the annual business and community achievement awards.

"With recent announcements around school, camp and event cancellations,

there was a recognition that this will have significant impact on our membership and our local productivity in the coming weeks," executive director Jennifer Locke said March 13.

The Chamber remains open for business, but is encouraging people to email and call, versus in-person meetings.

She asked the public not to panic, but follow the advice of health care professionals.

"The Chamber ... wants to underscore the impact that wide-spread panic could have on our local economy and encourage members of the public to heed the advice of our public health authorities for the most appropriate precautions."

So far, very few businesses have closed in the Highlands. However, many say they are taking precautions against the spread. Many employees are also working from home.

Harmony Yoga Haliburton announced over the weekend that it is temporarily closing its doors.

Amanda Rico said on her businesses' Facebook page, "we are taking additional safety measures to protect our community, students, and teachers. The scale of impact is still unknown, and we want to do our part to protect our community ... We believe this is the right and socially responsible thing to do in this difficult and unpredictable time."

John Teljeur, of the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, said like most businesses, he expects accommodators will feel a hit. He added though he wants the resort to stay open and continue providing employment, management is prepared to close.

"If there was a documented case in this area, or God forbid, a documented case that involved a staff member or somebody visiting our place, at that point in time we'd have to be prepared to shut down," he said.

"We're trying to be ready for every scenario possible but there are so many variables at play, it's really hard to say what's going to happen next."

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) says it's developing an Emergency Loan Program to assist all businesses and organizations in the County whose operations are impacted by the virus.

They said on March 17 that details will be released in the next few days on the HCDC website (www.haliburtoncdc.ca) and social media channels.

They added that additional resources to help the community make informed decisions are posted on their website and will be updated regularly. They also encourage all of their current loan clients to contact them to discuss what options are available to assist with cash flow and business operations.

"The way we provide support to the businesses and organizations may look different while we exercise social distancing to keep ourselves and families safe. With the reduction of in-person meetings, our team is available to the community via phone, email and online during operating hours with some emails being monitored 24/7. We are here to serve the businesses and organizations in our community at this difficult economic time," said Patti Tallman, executive director at the HCDC. (With files from Joseph Quigley)



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Health partners have issued a joint media release telling people what to do in the event they think they have COVID-19. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

What to do if you think you've got COVID-19

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

Regional health partners have issued a joint press release to advise people - who think they might have COVID-19 - what to do.

They've also provided a list of tips to help prevent the coronavirus from spreading.

Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Peterborough agencies are collaborating to protect patients, visitors, healthcare professionals, staff and volunteers, a March 13 media release stated.

"As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, hospitals, paramedics, primary care and public health units are working together to ensure safe practices in our communities," the release went on to say.

They said health partners and the County of Haliburton are working together proactively to encourage safe practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

If you have symptoms:

If you have a fever and/or cough, and have travelled to one of the affected countries in the past 14 days, or have had close or confirmed contact with a probable case, you are asked to self-isolate at home, not go to an Emergency Department.

You should then contact your local public health unit or Telehealth Ontario for additional direction:

- HKPR District Health Unit – 1-866-888-4577 ext. 5020
- Telehealth Ontario – 1-866-797-0000

Residents are asked to:

- Avoid going to hospital or other healthcare settings for non-essential reasons. This includes visitors as well as patients with elective (non-urgent) appointments or procedures. Hospitals are screening visitors for illness and travel history at all public entrances. If you need to go to a healthcare environment for investigation of respiratory symptoms, wear a disposable face mask as prompted.
- Follow the recommended rules of social distancing to avoid close contact with others who may be sick. Avoid crowds, gatherings and events and maintain a two-metre distance between people in public environments. Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health has recommended a suspension of gatherings of more than 250 people. The Canadian government has also advised Canadians to avoid non-essential travel outside of Canada.

- Clean your hands frequently with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub, and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Hands should be cleaned for at least 15-20 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow, and throw used tissues in the garbage.
- Clean frequently-touched areas in your home environment, including toilets, bedside tables, light switches, door handles and personal devices such as phones and tablets.

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How to stay grounded amid the COVID-19 chaos

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

Retired social worker Norris Turner remembers the peak of the polio epidemic in 1950s Canada.

Although very young, he recalls parents putting restrictions on their children, including no swimming, when a case was reported. He also recalls a collective sigh of relief when a vaccine was found.

Turner, who worked at Point in Time, and had a small private practice, has lived in the County for 20 years.

Asked what people can do to cope with fear, anxiety and panic, he said, "I'd validate their concerns. Part of what's so scary is we don't really know [all of the answers], although experts are doing their best day-by-day to advise us."

In a time of uncertainty, he said mindfulness goes a long way.

"Encourage people to stay with the present. 'How are you right now?' Do what you can to ground yourself. Take a deep breath, look around the room. At this moment, you're safe if you are not symptomatic."

Turner acknowledged, it's easy for our fears "to get galloping about what if's, which drives panic buying."

He added that often we look to be safe in community, which is restricted right now, but there are still "wonderful ways we have to be in touch, such as the phone and skype."

"Hold your loved ones close emotionally even though you can't necessarily do it physically."

Turner said maintaining routine also helps, including eating and sleeping well.

He further advised people prone to anxiety to be selective about their news sources, following reputable sites such as John Hopkins or the CBC.

As for parents grappling with what to tell their children, Turner says, "I think kids are more immediate and their questions will be very practical. Answer their questions. Tell them, 'to be honest, there's things we don't know, but here's what we do know'."

He said a final thing to keep in mind is that residents of Haliburton County are resilient.

"We probably know about how to self-isolate. We're generally comfortable in our skins. We like privacy. We know how

to do practical things. We are hunters and gatherers.

"And, we have a strong sense of community. If you have to be somewhere, this is a good place to be."

Algonquin Highlands Mayor and County Coun. Carol Moffatt had a similar sentiment at the end of a County council committee meeting.

"We can use isolation as a banner for preventing the spread. But isolation is also detrimental to a lot of people, including our most vulnerable seniors.

Be a good neighbour, pick up the phone. Make sure the person next door has what they need ... It's up to us as a community. We've always done it before."

Tips for staying connected:

Meditation and yoga therapist Miriam Patterson says the necessary social distancing we are practicing now can feel isolating as well as stressful. Here are some suggestions for staying connected:

1. Ask groups that you are normally part of to hold virtual gatherings.
2. Have video chats with friends, rather than simply scrolling through social media.
3. Try to find replacements for what you normally do. If you normally go to a yoga class, how can you find a yoga class that you can do from home?
4. Set boundaries for your tech and social media activity. Try not to overwhelm your time with news stories.
5. Feed your body with healthy, fun foods. Be selective about what you stock up on.
6. If you feel disconnected from yourself, your community or your purpose, try some simple breathing, meditation, writing, art, or visualization exercises.
7. If you're in good health, keep moving your body. Take a free online-guided class, or if you're surrounded by nature, get out into the woods for a walk. Your favourite in-person exercise teacher is probably trying to find ways to reach you, so reach out to them.
8. Create a group chat that includes your immediate neighbours. Check in on each other regularly via this chat.

Shows aren't going on in wake of COVID-19

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

While 'the show must go on' has been a rallying cry for theatre companies for centuries, COVID-19 has thrown a curveball when it comes to the local arts and entertainment scene.

Highlands Little Theatre had been practicing for its upcoming show, Vintage Hitchcock Production, when the Trillium Lakelands District School Board announced it was closing schools for the two weeks after March break.

With Highlands Little Theatre planning to use the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion for shows starting March 31, they were suddenly out of a venue. They were also worried that no one would come anyway due to fears of the coronavirus spreading. Last week, they decided to postpone the show.

"Due to ongoing health concerns around the rapidly spreading COVID-19 pandemic and following the announcement March 12 by the provincial government that all schools in Ontario will be closed from March 13 – April 5, Highlands Little Theatre has decided to put our production of Vintage Hitchcock on pause," they said.

"Our cast and crew have been working very hard on this production and we are terribly sad and disappointed to postpone; however, the health of our patrons, cast,

crew and community is of utmost concern," they said. Anyone who purchased tickets can return to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Greg and Hannah Sadlier of Camexicanus said they'd had to postpone their cross-cultural trip to Mexico this week.

"We had to make the difficult but necessary decision to postpone our Camexicanus Trip to Mexico due to the current level of restrictions and advisories on COVID-19. The students on our team have worked so hard, and given so much of themselves for this opportunity, and we will make it happen, just not this week," they said.

They thanked their supporters and said they'd be sorting out rescheduling. Meanwhile, proceeds will be saved until the trip.

A number of other arts, entertainment and cultural activities were cancelled or postponed this week, including Doc(k) Day, which had been scheduled for April 4; March break at Abbey Gardens; The Dominion Hotel's Jane Siberry concert scheduled for May 10; HHHS' adult day and social recreation drop-in programs and diner's club; and libraries. Highlands East has cancelled its sign making fundraiser on April 4 in Cardiff and line dancing starting on March 16 in Cardiff. See thehighlander.ca for an updated list of cancellations.

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Travel agency bringing them home

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

Linda Coneybeare's first job of the day March 17 was to try to get a stranded cruise ship traveller back from Perth, Australia.

The Transat Travel agent has seen it all; 9/11, SARS, but says the current coronavirus-COVID-19 is the worst she has ever seen from a travel agent perspective.

"Til two weeks ago, it was just a little blip. We were still booking south and Europe, although not Asia. Then, it just started to quietly get bigger and bigger. All of a sudden, really on Thursday, when U.S. President Donald Trump made his announcement, it just unravelled," Coneybeare told *The Highlander*.

She was out of the office Friday but said colleague Linda Goodick started to take care of her and Coneybeare's clients needing to fly home early. She said on Monday, she worked until 10:30 p.m. and then went home exhausted.

"When you have a local travel agent, you can reach them, no seven hours wait on the phone, no dropped calls," she said.

She said Transat Travel had clients "literally all over the world." She said they were helping to get some of them

home. Others had self-isolated in safe locations.

In the case of the client now in Perth, they were on an around-the-world cruise that is not going any further than the Western Australia port. Coneybeare was trying to get her home as quickly as possible.

Despite the scrambling, she said people who book trips with them have security, since they all have good policies in effect. Bookings are being held as future credit for travel before the end of 2020. Others with certain types of extended insurance are getting 75-80 per cent of their money back.

She said some emergency flights back are proving expensive, since airlines are compensating for flying unfilled aircraft.

While the majority of their work these days is getting people home, or dealing with cancelled trips, Coneybeare said some people have booked future trips.

"People are looking forward to the future knowing this will pass," she said.

She wouldn't recommend travel right now, however, saying Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is advising people abroad to come home. She added while some destinations might seem safe, such as the Caribbean, people still have to go through at-risk airports. She's been in the business 40 years



Linda Coneybeare of Transat Travel says the coronavirus crisis is the worst she has ever seen in the travel industry, worse than SARS or 9/11.

and says, "this is the biggest. After 9/11, all flights were grounded but within two months, I was rebooking, things moved on. The difference right now is getting people home and sorting out their bookings."

She said for the most part, the public understands that tour operators simply can't give them back their money. However, she said Transat Travel keeps it in trust for future travel. She said it's the difference when booking with a reputable company such as hers, that also has bricks and mortar on Haliburton's main street.

Once the immediate crisis passes, she said they'll start doing their in-house accounting. "Our jobs are safe. And we will wait this out. It will pass."

HHHS operating with 'abundance of caution'

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) says it's operating with an abundance of caution to ensure the health of the community with respect to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic.

In a March 16 press release, they said containing the spread, and protection of the community, requires a concerted and coordinated effort from all.

Closures

- Long-term care homes are closed to non-essential visitors. Steps are being taken at both Highland Wood and Hyland Crest to ensure families can better connect virtually to their loved ones. Activation staff are working to increase the social recreation programming for residents in the homes.
- The acute care unit at the Haliburton site is closed to non-essential visitors.
- There's active screening at both Haliburton and Minden Emergency Departments for all patients to minimize spread in waiting areas.
- Entrance points to hospital and long-term care homes are minimized to ensure all people entering the buildings, including staff, are screened.

- All staff are self-screening in all programs and locations daily.

When it comes to community programs, HHHS further announced: GAIN, diabetes education, palliative care community team, mental health services, nursing foot care, and physiotherapy will be working with their clients to ensure that their needs are met in a safe way through telephone and home visits where indicated and possible.

Many group programs are cancelled, including: diabetes self management, education workshops, community mental health programs, balanced fitness/falls prevention, adult day program, grief support group, social recreation drop-in programs, diner's clubs, cancer support group and gatherings of volunteers, community education sessions, etc.

Continuing

They further announced on March 17 that some services are continuing, such as:

- Meals on Wheels – frozen nutritious meals delivered to your home.
- Emergency Response Systems – provide personal buttons to alert emergency contacts (and EMS if necessary) if a client is in distress

due to illness or a fall, for example.

- Friendly visiting, security checks – can be done daily via phone or as requested/required by clients and caregivers– and the CSS team is working to explore options to provide virtual connection to reduce social isolation.
- All program teams (such as mental health, GAIN, supportive housing, hospice palliative care) continue to intake and support clients.

Feedback

They said ongoing solutions to community and individual issues will be addressed as they come to CSS's attention, with groceries, pharmacy, post-office pick-ups etc. on the radar.

They are looking for feedback from the community on needs at: 705-457-2941 (between 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday) or email infoccc@hhhs.ca if they can help.

HHHS is working with local, regional, and provincial partners to ensure every precautionary step is taken
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Keep calm and carry on

I'm just past the second week of my annual spring cold.

Blessed with bronchitis since a young age, the aforementioned spring cold comes with a telltale cough: it starts with a deep, dry bark before evolving into a phlegmy rattle. It's almost gone now, but you can imagine the looks I got last week when the cough escaped my attempts to keep it at bay - with Benylin, Halls and water.

At a Minden Hills council meeting, for example, I got 'looks' and at least one staffer pulled out the hand sanitizer. Despite my repeated assurances it was just a cold, many a Haliburtonian moonwalked away from me.

As I write this, from my kitchen table at home, I realize I just don't want to be out there and be seen as a coronavirus-carrier or someone with full-blown COVID-19. I've been doing most of my work from home since that council meeting.

I guess I'm lucky since I have the sort of profession where I have the luxury of doing that. I can conduct interviews via email or phone. Now that just about everything is cancelled, I don't really have to go out and cover anything, anyway.

Meanwhile, my partner just came back from the grocery store in Minden. There was no toilet paper at either Foodland or

Valu-Mart. It appears there's also been a run on frozen vegetables and potatoes. A lot of shelves were empty with limits of two per customer. The rabid stocking up continues.

I guess I can't completely fault people. They're scared and panicky. As a member of the fifth estate, I have to take some responsibility, although I believe the Haliburton news media has tried to keep its stories factual, informational and non-sensationalized.

Safe to say, the world has gone a little crazy since last Thursday.

The coronavirus, or COVID-19, is affecting all of us. School children will see their March break extended into April. Parents are scrambling to provide care for them. Some of us are working from home. Some of us are not so fortunate. College students are wondering how they can do hands-on learning via distance education. Businesses are very concerned about empty establishments and equally empty bank accounts. Municipal government has ground to a standstill. Live entertainment has been shelved. *The Highlander* can barely keep up with the cancellations and postponements filling our inbox.

So, it's pretty easy to add anxiety to that already mentioned fear and panic as we seem to have slipped into some dystopian

novel.

But, as a community, we don't have to be fearful, panicked or anxious.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit says there's no need to panic.

They said declaring COVID-19 a pandemic has to do with how quickly it spreads, not its severity.

The majority of people who test positive for COVID-19 are experiencing mild symptoms and are recovering fully, the health unit said.

People in the county have been sensible in cancelling and postponing events to try to slow down the spread of the virus. Further, if people take the precautions health partners across the region are advising, this can be a manageable situation.

Stay home if you can. Enjoy some quality family time. Tackle some of those home-based jobs you've been putting off. Catch up on books, podcasts, radio and television. Leave some toilet paper and groceries for your neighbours.

In other words, keep calm and carry on.



By Lisa Gervais

LETTERS

Reimbursement for pump-outs

Dear editor,

Re. *Changes to septic reinspection program, March 12, page 12 The Highlander*

Now that Dysart et al Council has figured out the error of their ways and backtracked on the mandatory septic reinspection program, 650 residents whose septic systems were "pumped out needlessly" to quote the new proposed program should be reimbursed by Dysart et al for their expenses.

By their own admission, the mandatory pump out was not deemed necessary to determine proper operation of the septic systems and it provided no additional environmental protection toward our lakes.

Instead, again by their own admission, the pump outs contributed towards unnecessary field spreading of septage that would have had no environmental impact if left in the tanks to be treated. Everyone who is on a septic system should know that:

- Tanks should only be pumped if sludge/scum composition and quantity indicate that it is necessary.
- Tanks should be pumped if there are visible defects, or effluent levels are low in the tank (this would indicate possible leakage).

Was this a bad solution brought on not by science but political pressure from special interest groups? Whatever, you can see the negative effect that it had.

I agree with parts of the new proposed program and I agree with protecting the lakes, trees and environment but there is a

right way and a wrong way. I do believe based on Dysart et al's own admission that unnecessary cost was incurred by 650 residents who complied with, and were basically forced to, unnecessarily pump their systems and compensation should be made. It seems the compliant people are being punished and the holdouts won out in this matter.

S. Cowton
Kennisis Lake

Call for referendum on shoreline bylaw

Dear editor,

We are seasonal cottage owners and have serious concerns regarding the proposed shoreline preservation bylaw.

While we agree that we need to protect our lakes and our environment, this bylaw goes too far in its reach. I personally do not own or operate any motorized equipment on the water, as I am sensitive to the fact that some owners intake lake water to drink, and I enjoy the quiet and tranquility of kayaking, paddle boarding and rowing.

We live in a country whereby land owners purchase property to enjoy and invest in, we pay taxes, we support local businesses and we, along with other seasonal cottager owners, add tremendous value to the local economy. It should be noted also, that the vast majority of residents are seasonal, which presumably translates into lakefront owners versus non-lakefront owners.

It would severely impact the long-term economic viability of Haliburton and the

region to have such a restrictive bylaw pass.

This proposed bylaw, if passed in its present form, would change cottage life as we know it. It would restrict the use of our own property too much, especially the waterfront area that we pay premium taxes to respectfully enjoy and significantly decrease our property value. Since the majority of residents are seasonal, any changes that effects this group of landowners should be done by referendum.

M. Bocknek
Trooper Lake

Common sense must prevail

Dear editor,

The mayor and council appear to be more focused on changing Highlands East from "cottage country" to a "police state" by over-regulating cottage owners with their proposed new bylaws.

We are Highlands East cottage owners and have serious concerns regarding the proposed shoreline preservation bylaw.

While we agree that we need to protect our lakes and our environment this bylaw is draconian and punitive and goes far beyond this scope. We live in a free country. We pay taxes. We support local businesses and we, along with other cottagers, add significant value to the local economy. If you lose cottagers, as a result of these proposals, it would severely impact the long-term economic viability of Haliburton and the region.

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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: *How are you dealing with the coronavirus pandemic?*



Allen Luke

Haliburton

"The coronavirus, it's real ... It's a shame people are panicking, buying toilet paper. I'm just being careful, that's all."



Gord Schmidt

Kennisis Lake

"When you're a caregiver ... It reduces your time and ability to get into town and do the basic functions of life like paying bills or grocery shopping."



Steve Main

Haliburton

"I'm just laying low. Just staying away from everything I can."



Melanie Loyer

Toronto

"Totally fine because I have free data service so I can text all my friends."



Kevin Hadley

Haliburton

"Taking all the precautions I can. I have gloves. I have hand sanitizer. Try to avoid any big crowds basically."

By Joseph Quigley

LETTERS

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This proposed bylaw would change cottage life as we know it. It would restrict the use of our own property, especially the waterfront area that we pay premium taxes to respectfully enjoy and significantly decrease our property value.

It should be noted that our cottage was built in 1969 and is less than 100 feet from the shoreline. In 2002, an addition was built and all necessary permits, inspections and variances were obtained.

While there may be some that do not do their part to protect our lakes and the environment, we suggest that these are the exceptions rather than the rule.

In order to maintain the integrity of the environment, we strongly believe that cottagers who do not adhere to reasonable environmental guidelines, should be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Common sense must prevail.

A. Vickery
Highlands East

Editor's note: The draft bylaw is before County Council, not Highlands East.

A shoreline bylaw that works for everyone

Dear editor,

Environment Haliburton! wishes to express its support for a Shoreline Preservation By-law that works for everyone.

We know that many people in Haliburton County make their living developing residential shoreline properties. We believe that they recognize the importance of keeping our lakes healthy.

Our elected officials have a challenging task. We need a by-law that allows site alterations that do not negatively affect lake health. The aspirational language in the Official Plans is not enough. We need to have site alteration and permitting rules that protect the lakes and protect jobs.

We also encourage property owners who have altered shoreline to re-naturalize as much of their shoreline as they can.

One of the best ways that we can ensure

that Haliburton continues to be known for its sparkling clean water is to promote a healthy, naturally vegetated buffer zone along shorelines that is wide enough to absorb pollutants and runoff during heavy rainstorms.

Susan Hay,
President, EH!

Shame on Minden Hills

Dear editor,

Re - Resident pleads for Minden to protect heritage buildings

When one purchases a property containing a structure built in 1891, of amazing historical significance and a beloved landmark for the residents of this lake, one assumes that the purchasers would have the vision, imagination and foresight to seek help from restoration experts and renovators to preserve it. Why would anyone buy this historical, graceful site just to tear it down?

As a life-long summer guest and now a permanent Soyer's Lake resident, I know many guests or neighbours from the 40's to the present, parents, grandparents, and later our children, who will be heartbroken to see the rubble lying where this historic and beloved site once existed. When I re-posted *The Highlander* article, I was flooded with comments ... here are just a few.

"Truly a loss that did not have to happen. It appears a huge gap in communication within the municipality and the heritage request by Elizabeth."

"My heart is broken ... this was a huge part of my summers on Soyers ... and my Mum before me. I will never understand why someone would destroy such a lovely old landmark. It is just wrong."

"Lakeview Lodge was our view from the dock where I spent my childhood summers. Iconic and such a loss."

"Unbelievable, how could the municipality be so short-sighted as to allow the destruction of such an historic building. My husband, who had a long relationship with the original owners and the farm would have been devastated. The building has

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Guenter Horst recently sent in this sunrise photo.

been such a landmark to us all."

"Oh, this breaks my heart. Will be a tough drive in this Spring not seeing it there. My mum, Nana and Aunt have so many memories of that building."

As one who grew up loving Lakeview Lodge and what it meant to the history of our beloved lake, I want to say shame on the Municipality of Minden Hills for not actively protecting heritage sites.

Lynda Campbell
Soyers Lake

Flood season upon us

Dear editor,

Flood season will soon be upon us. The call to action by municipalities' towns and cities is nothing new. By the time the flood season has ended, nothing will have been accomplished by the provincial government's strategic flood plan initiatives.

Many municipalities have already adopted land use planning bylaws outlining

designated flood plain zones thereby restricting building of structures in such areas. Many flood prone structures were built prior to flood plain bylaws and therefore grandfathered in and permitted. This only adds to the issue of flooding.

The Trent Severn Waterway system manages water in Spring, causing water levels to elevate in rural municipalities. This is not new and has been a thorn in the side of many rural areas. Several meetings and discussions have taken place with the Trent Severn Waterway hierarchy and seem to be frustrating and disappointing.

The provincial flooding strategy plan will be like most provincial incentives, a cumbersome process. The province can learn from what municipalities have already learned with imposed land use planning bylaws and should have listened to their plight and call to action several years ago.

With climate change issues, water levels will not only rise in Ontario lakes, but will affect rising water levels in our oceans.

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham

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Students stuck at home for COVID-19

COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher Mary Cannon is one of many parents expecting to be spending more time with her kids in the coming weeks.

A mother of four school-age children, she is faced with them getting an extra two-week break from classes after March break due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ontario schools are closed until at least April 5.

"My kids will miss their friends and teachers. I am concerned about the skills, building block skills, especially in subjects like math, that they will miss," Cannon said.

But she is working to make the most of it. She plans to have her kids – in Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 – read, go through workbooks and write creatively.

However, there are challenges with teaching kids in a situation like this, Cannon said.

"For most parents, the hurdles will be a new version of the same problem they usually have – balancing work and parenting responsibilities," she said. "Whether you are trying to work from home or scrambling to put together childcare options, putting together an academic program on top of that will be a challenge."

But childcare options have also been limited. Daycares in Minden and Haliburton both decided to shut doors before a provincial directive came down March 17, closing all daycares until the end of the month.

Haliburton Wee Care is closing until at least April 5 over concerns about spreading the coronavirus and health guidelines to practice social distancing.

"It wasn't an easy decision to make,"



The Cannon family is one of many working to deal with a prolonged school closure. Back row, left to right: Paul, Eli, Story. Front row, left to right: Adam, Mary, Evelyn. Photo submitted.

supervisor Denise Wolm said. "Parents still need (child) care but the problem is, we're in a daycare, we have people coming and going."

Wolm said parents are finding other ways to get by.

"Some of them are able to work from home and have their children at home with them. Others have backup plans, other family members or grandparents, friends," she said. "Everybody needs to help each other."

There is no certainty for public school students about when classes will resume and how it will impact the school year.

Grade 11 student Logan Heaven said there are unanswered questions.

"Initially, it's like a vacation, but then we don't know what's going to happen," Heaven said. "It's a little stressful."

Regardless of how long the break lasts, Cannon said she wants to find some positives in the chance to be with her children.

"This is a rare opportunity for us to spend time together as a family and I don't want to get so scheduled and worked up about curriculum expectations that I don't make the most of that."

HSAD suspends classes over coronavirus

COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton School of Art and Design students are concerned about their education after Fleming College announced it would shift to online learning for the semester due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The college announced the change March 13 as a measure for public safety. Classes at all Fleming campuses were suspended, and will switch to online and alternative learning for the remaining five weeks of the winter term. As of March 17 campuses are closed with restricted access.

What exactly that means for hands-on courses in Haliburton is not yet clear. Blacksmithing student Josiah Fletcher said his class was disappointed and frustrated by the announcement.

"It sucks. A lot," he said, adding having time in the classroom is important. "I really just hope we're able to get back in it, even if they just compress the school

schedule. As long as we're just able to keep working."

Dean Angela Stukator addressed students after classes were suspended at noon March 13. She said staff were planning for how courses will continue and will communicate regularly.

"It's really important that you get through the next five weeks and you get your diploma. So please don't stop working," Stukator told students. "You will be well taken care of by your teachers and the staff here."

Several students expressed skepticism about how well online learning would work going forward.

"Online doesn't do it for me at all. I just can't do it. My brain doesn't work that way," integrated design student Liam McCloud said.

"Especially for hands-on courses, it makes no sense. It's just wasting people's time and money," digital image design student Jacob Butler said. "You can't do glass blowing online, you can't do jewelry online. It's

pointless."

Stukator said staff are working to accommodate students while maintaining precautions. She listed possible measures including phone conversations, one-on-one meetings, or having smaller groups of students cycle through the workshop space at the school.

"All of these things are possibilities," she said. "What's so difficult right now is we don't have answers to everybody's questions."

Fletcher said he is encouraged by the communication of Haliburton's school staff. "Some of the stuff, they don't know, that's kind of nice, too, because that means we're all in this together," he said.

Stukator noted Haliburton is a small and relatively isolated campus – "its own little world" – which could affect what happens going forward compared to larger schools.

"You will not be lost in the shuffle," she said. "This place is small; we all know each other. You will not get lost, I promise you."

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Municipalities shutting doors for pandemic

COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

The County of Haliburton declared a state of local emergency March 18 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council met March 17 to discuss how to respond to the situation. Each of the townships have closed facilities and municipal offices. Council decided to also close the County administrative office and council meetings are discontinued until further notice.

County chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said it is important for municipalities to take these types of steps.

"It is, I think, about leadership," Rutter said. "If we're trying to tell our community isolate, shelter in place, do those kinds of things. If we have a meeting, like this, we're still bringing 10, 12 people out into the world and gathering. I'm just not sure if that's a best practice."

County also discussed co-ordinating more of the response. When it comes to communication, Coun. Brent Devolin said he would like more centralization.

"Rather than five flavours, I would like one and have the County be the voice," he said.

There was some uncertainty about whether to close township administrative offices. Coun. Cec Ryall said it was paramount to reduce contact.

"Any contact, direct contact that we can reduce between our staff and the public is absolutely paramount. We have to make sure our staff is unexposed to anything that would hurt them in any way, shape, or form," he said.

However, councillors noted the challenges, especially such as people visiting to pay taxes. Coun. Andrea Roberts said with the County closing its office, the lower-tier townships would probably be expected too as well.

"It's harder because we do have more people coming in paying tax bills," she said. "It's going to be quite a challenge to close our office to the public."

Councillors discussed possibilities if offices are closed and options that could be provided, such as having people call ahead for necessary office visits, mail slot drop-offs and quick phone call responses.

"A huge volume of trust issues here," Warden Liz Danielsen said. "We're just going to have to rely on our residents to the greatest extent we can."

Municipalities closing facilities

Each one of the lower-tier municipalities have implemented closures as of March 18, 4 p.m. All municipal offices and community centres are closed including:

- Algonquin Highlands has closed its



The A.J. LaRue Arena is one of many municipal facilities closed due to COVID-19. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

community centres, including those in Stanhope, Dorset and Oxtongue Lake. All programming and events at these facilities are cancelled. The airport terminal building and water trails office are also closed.

- Dysart et al is closing its community centres, including A.J. LaRue Arena, the Haliburton Highlands Museum, the West Guilford Community Centre and the Harcourt Community Centre until further notice.
- Highlands East is closing all municipal offices, sub-offices and facilities to the public until further notice. All meetings and events scheduled in municipal buildings are cancelled or postponed, including those at the Lloyd Watson

Memorial Community Centre, Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre, the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena, and the Cardiff and Highland Grove community centres.

- Minden Hills has postponed all community programming, events and meetings scheduled within municipal buildings and facilities. Landfill sites in each of the municipalities are open but restrictions are being put in place. Check municipal websites for details. Municipal closures and emergency measures could change quickly as the pandemic continues and emergency control groups meet.

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TheHighlander Carrying on business in difficult times

It's a worrying time, as we adjust to new restrictions and focus on keeping ourselves, friends and families healthy. For small business owners who comprise most of our private sector, there's even more anxiety: how are we going to survive this? What about our employees?

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An article in *The Globe and Mail* (March 17) compared the current situation

with 9/11, to predict which industries will be most affected over the long term. Here's a summary:

Likely to be affected: air travel, accommodation, live events, package tours, movie theatres, delivery services, sporting events, jewelry, theme parks, financial services, clothing and restaurants.

Unlikely to be affected: car sales, furniture, appliances, home improvement, home electronics, computers, personal care products, groceries, alcohol, legal and accounting services, drugstores, games and toys, and telecommunications.

Our private sector economy, at least according to past shocks, is mostly made up of businesses likely to weather the storm. Also relatively stable are public sector services, including health care and government. These sectors account for over half the jobs in Haliburton County and, though they may have to substantially change the way they do things, their employees will have jobs to come back to. Add government pensions and other transfers, and the result is that up to 75 per cent of all the income in our community originates outside of the private sector.

As such, the majority of income into Haliburton County will be maintained. Many of your customers will still have the means – and goodness knows the need – for something to do. They might not be able to come to your store, or as often.

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- For realtors, building dedicated landing pages for individual properties to reduce in-person showings.

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We recognize this is much bigger than one paper and one community. We're working closely with our municipalities, the Chamber of Commerce and other local partners to make sure our community does as well as possible during these trying times. Together, with the resilience and care for one another we value so much in the Highlands, we will get through this.

Stay well.

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Landscapers push for change to shoreline bylaw

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton's landscaping industry has formed a new group to raise its concerns about the impact of the County of Haliburton's draft shoreline preservation bylaw.

The group of six landscape businesses presented at the committee of the whole meeting March 11. The contractors banded together specifically to raise their concerns with the bylaw, which would restrict development and activities within 30-metres of shorelines.

Michele Bromley of Boshkung Lake Tree Service said though the group is not opposed to the idea of the bylaw, it finds the draft lacking.

"The draft bylaw, as presented ... in some areas is reaching beyond its original intent, and in other areas missing key factors that have significant impacts on the water quality of our lakes," Bromley said, reading from a joint letter.

The group argued the 30-metre buffer is far too expansive and there also needs to be more action on the existing properties with damaged shorelines.

It also argued the permitting requirements will be too strict and there needs to be more leeway for smaller projects.

"Although appropriate for some major landscaping/site alteration projects, applying the same rigorous processes to any and all projects will literally assure the

landscaping industry in Haliburton County and the economic benefit it provides for its many employees and other businesses will disappear in short order," the group wrote.

The group also said the bylaw should be more comprehensive and the County should address things such as fertilizers, pesticides and road salt.

Council members expressed appreciation for the input.

"This is clearly the type of input that we want. Written, clear, concise, the challenges that it appears to pose for you," Coun. Brent Devolin said.

In a statement to *The Highlander*, the group said the broad scope of the bylaw made it sensible for similar stakeholders to work together and address parts of it pertaining to them.

"Many of the restrictions within the draft have direct impact on the landscaping industry and we felt it would be beneficial to assemble a group of likeminded individuals," the group said. "We continue to work collaboratively with other groups and individuals to achieve the goal of fashioning a comprehensive and workable document for all."

Bylaw review on hold

But those eager to see the County progress on its review of the bylaw will have to wait.

The County put the review on hold indefinitely due to the coronavirus.



Warden Liz Danielsen at a March 11 committee of the whole meeting.
Photo by Joseph Quigley.

The municipality opted to change the agenda for its March 17 special meeting originally dedicated to the shoreline bylaw to instead address response to the pandemic.

"We understand there is a significant community interest about the draft by-law,

with a large number of people planning to attend, and want to provide assurances that there will be extensive notice provided when we are once again able to conduct businesses as usual," the County said in a press release.



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We wish everyone the best during this challenging period.

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Call for Minden to change dog and kennel rules

By Lisa Gervais

The neighbour of a Minden property, where 14 hunting dogs were removed earlier this winter, made a plea to Minden Hills council March 12 to amend its dogs and kennels, and zoning, bylaws.

Shanna Dryburgh said she didn't want to go into details of what she witnessed on the property, but she did say it was "excruciating" waiting three weeks for the dogs to be removed, following an animal welfare investigation that garnered nationwide attention.

"I couldn't help but feel that the absence of specific bylaws contributed to prolonged distress for the dogs," she said.

As she continues to educate herself about animal welfare at the provincial and municipal levels, she said she was shocked to learn there were no laws about storing a dog on vacant land and said, "there was no dwelling, no hydro, no water source, no humans. How could this be? There is no justification for leaving a dog chained up, alone outdoors; vulnerable and at risk ... not for a lifetime in favourable weather not for an hour in the freezing cold ... period."

She asked council to add 'warehousing of tethered dogs on vacant land' as a prohibited use in all zones. She said had this been in place, the bylaw officer and animal welfare inspector would have had a straightforward and enforceable way to protect the dogs.

She also requested an amendment to have

the maximum number of dogs in a rural zone be lowered from nine to four. She said it's the number neighbouring municipalities allow. She said anything over four should require a kennel licence and meet all kennel daycare requirements.

She also said Minden needs to keep in step with other rural municipalities and put restrictions on tethering. And she'd like to see more specific criteria for adequate dog shelters.

"I think most people accept that some dogs live outside and certain dogs, when given the choice, actually prefer it. The problems arise when dogs are tethered 24/7, 365 days a year. They have no choice. In fact, there is no free will or self regulating. And then what are they? They are property, not sentient beings like science and research has years ago proven that they are."

She noted the township's dogs and kennels bylaw had not been amended since 2009, and its prohibited use in the zoning bylaw since 2013 - yet community standards had changed.

"We all know that some dogs around here have 'survived' for years, living on chains for all but two weeks a year, eating raw meat scraps, drinking snow and sleeping on the ground all winter. All with little to no human contact. But I believe this community has much, much higher standards than merely survival. A thorough review and amendment of our dogs and kennels bylaw and enforcement system by



Shanna Dryburgh addresses Minden Hills council March 12. She is seeking changes to the township's dogs and kennels and zoning bylaws. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

design, will reflect those evolving societal standards and values."

Mayor Brent Devolin said a staff report would come back to council. He said he was keen to hear about the best practices of neighbouring jurisdictions as well as about enforceability.

Coun. Pam Sayne said she'd received calls since the story is in the media, and there appears to be a loophole that needs

closing. She felt it had to be a team approach though, including working with the province.

The case came in a time of transition for animal welfare in Ontario. The Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act came into effect Jan. 1, putting enforcement in the hands of the province instead of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA).



FORM 6 - SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER Municipal Act, 2001 - Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

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COACH'S MESSAGE

LL ATOM YELLOW

The Dwayne Simms/TD Canada Trust Local League Atom Yellow started the year on fire.

The coaching staff taught this team that hard work beats talent every time.

Our team wasn't the most talented but the hardest working in the league.

We finished the year 12-1-3, just one point out of first place.

This no quit team lost in the dying seconds of the silver

stick tournament finals.

On a side note, we did lead the MPS atom league in penalty minutes as well. We were a hard team to play against every game.

The coaching staff and myself would like to thank Jaxxie, Isaac, Gordy, Ronnie, Taylor, Rosey, Maxxie, big man Prentice, Mr. Decarlo, Lowesey and Lil Shawsy for a great year of hard work,

I would like to thank Ben Decarlo, Graham Borgdorff,

Kelly Short, Shannon Prentice and my wife Amy for dealing with me, and all the parents for this year. You put your trust in me.

Hey kids, "who are we? Storm!"

Of course, the last thing I won't forget is our win song that we decided to change mid-way through the season because we were in a slump. "Gloria" will live forever.

Coach Josh

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COACH'S MESSAGE

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The Highland Storm Tom Prentice & Sons local league novice team was full of success this season. Playing in the Muskoka-Parry Sound loop, with half the team as under-agers, we consistently rose to the occasion. In the beginning, our half ice season began. This allowed us to see our competition on a much smaller spectrum. Keeping the puck out of our end and sending it up the boards was something we dictated at all times. Practices were taught with basic skills and knowledge of how to play the game at this time. In the middle of the season, we began the transition into full ice hockey. This was the moment when we really turned it on.

Having great success at half ice, our coaching staff wanted to forward it into full ice, which only some had played before. During this time, we also played in a tournament in Innisfil, having a great showing by finishing as finalists. A week after, we hosted our own tournament. Finishing on Sunday, we walked away with a championship. By the end of the regular season, we were undefeated and finished first in the top spot for the MPS tournament. After a long, tiresome, weekend, we were crowned champs. Our team played absolutely outstanding all year. Watching each and every one of these players develop

was a privilege. Thank you to assistant coach Steve Ecclestone, trainer Darren Gilbert, and Tom Bagshaw for all the on/off ice support. It was a pleasure working with all of you guys. Special thanks to all the parents for your commitment and positivity. Thanks to manger Kerri Ecclestone. Without you, things wouldn't have run half as smoothly. Your countless hours and efforts do not go unnoticed and you should be thanked a million times over. Congratulations to you all. It was truly a pleasure.

Coach Jessie Johnson



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The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club has released the winners from its latest competition. They were: first advanced: “Dunedin Train Station” by Dan; first intermediate: “Ducati” by Brian Mould and first novice “Resting on Clover” by Anne Hodgson. The club meets the third Wednesday of every month, alternating between Minden and Haliburton. There is no charge for attendance and everyone is welcome. Whether you are a professional with high end gear or just starting out with a point’n’shoot camera or smartphone, there are opportunities for everyone to learn how to improve their images. See the website highlandscameraclub.ca for time and location of their next meeting, and view past images. (Lisa Gervais)

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Call for Committee Members Cemetery Advisory Board

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If you, or someone you know is interested in getting involved, please complete and submit an Advisory Committee Application Form in person, by mail or email to:

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For more information, please contact Vicki Bull, Clerk at 705-286-1260 x. 215 or vbull@mindenhills.ca.

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Apr 9 - Committee of the Whole Council Meeting
Apr 30 - Regular Council Meeting

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca

Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of July, August and December

Living well

Aging exceptionally well Community, camaraderie and connection

In the vast and beautiful landscape of the Haliburton Highlands, social isolation and disconnection is an all too common occurrence among the generation of individuals aged 55-plus. Perhaps our seniors have lived here all their lives, on a farm, or on the outskirts of one of the larger municipal areas.

Maybe the draw of the beauty and majesty of the County drew those to retire lakeside, riverside or in a remote hamlet, allowing aging to be surrounded by a quieter, nature-filled life. No matter the reason, as we age, and our life circumstances change, it is more important than ever to find community in whatever way we can.

In Wilberforce, a small group of community members are doing exactly that, and with great enthusiasm. Reaching out to each other, reaching in to those socially removed, and making a difference both in their lives and in the lives of others, and it all began with a pilot project of social programs in 2018.

Approximately 20 regulars attend the bi-weekly social recreation wellness programs offered at the Wilberforce Legion, and most also attend the free balanced fitness classes, falls prevention classes and as many other activities as they can, in order to remain connected socially and physically.

Further, this past winter has found several of these community champions building a small but mighty crew of community members that walk indoors up to three times a week at the Lloyd Watson Center. According to Joyce Wright, one of the founders of this informal walking group, "we have found ourselves encouraging others and now we have over 10 people who



The Wilberforce walking group. Photo submitted.

come out regularly. We have people that come from all levels of physical abilities; some walk slow, some fast, some take breaks, some use walkers and canes. It doesn't matter. The goal is to keep us active and connected to each other through the winter months, which can be long and tough here in Wilberforce."

The success of this activity is that those who attend found each other through other social activities. Most of the participants didn't know each other before 2018. It was only by attending other social activities that they met. And it snowballed from there.

"None of us knew each other before the social recreation program began back in 2018. We got to know each other there and have just expanded our activities together. Not everyone comes to everything, but we are more connected. And we are especially

more connected and feel a bit more responsibility for those individuals in our community who are shut in or a bit more lonely or fragile than we are," one of them shared.

Connection, camaraderie and community involvement are deeply important to feeling good on all levels as we age. The rural adage 'taking care of our own' is evident from the Wilberforce Walking Group. Perhaps we can take a page from their book and look to the informal ways we can connect to each other and continue to encourage those that could benefit from a smile, a walk, a chat or a coffee to jump in and try it out. Because that is truly what community is all about. (Submitted by CSS)

Editor's note: The CSS programs have been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19.

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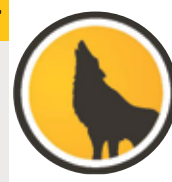
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Norma "Jean" May (Resident of Minden, Ontario)

Jean passed away peacefully with her family by her side on March 11, 2020. She grew up in Uxbridge, Ontario and married her high school sweetheart, Ron May, and celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 2017. Together they had two children, Stephen May (Kathy) and Brenda Duncan (Will). Jean will be lovingly remembered by her four grandchildren, Krista Duncan, Carley Duncan, Ryan May, and Sarah May. Jean is predeceased by her parents, Lorne and Edith Langstaff. She is survived by her husband Ron, sister Linda Stickwood (Chess), brothers George Langstaff (Vicky), and Bob Langstaff (Rosy).

In addition to being a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, Jean was also an accomplished crafter. Everything she made was precise and particular to detail that she was proud to share with others. She shared paintings, quilts, needlework, knitting, sewing, and pottery with family and friends to be cherished for years to come. Jean was immensely loved by her family and friends; she leaves behind nothing but beautiful memories.

Visitation, Celebration Of Life & Reception

The visitation & the Celebration Of Life for Jean have been postponed. We invite you to leave a condolence on our website and to check back with us at a later date for further information.

In lieu of flowers, as an expression of sympathy, memorial donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated. Jean is very appreciative of the excellent care through Dr. Tina Stephenson, all the doctors, nurses, and support staff that keep the hospital a high-quality medical facility for residences of the county



Muenzel, Edgar Henry

Passed away peacefully at his home on March 15, 2020 in his 83rd year with his family by his side. Ed was loved by so many people and will be thought of in so many ways.

Predeceased by his wife Virginia Mary (2015) married 58 years, and fondly remembered by his sisters Jean (Verl), Marjorie (Jack) and his late brother, Al (Mary). Cherished by his children, Rita (Daryl), Edgar (Jennifer) and David (Laurie). Loved by his grandchildren and extended family, Jeremy, Kari and Mathew, Stephanie (Steve), Madison (Cole), Courtney (Mathew), Louis, Whitney (Satye), and Alexandria (Riley), and of course many great grandchildren.

Edgar will be remembered for all the many volunteering organizations, his many friends, and his ability to keep us all laughing.

Cremation has taken place, and there will be a private service for the immediate family. A Celebration of Life to be announced at a later date. Memorial donations can be made to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary through which Edgar received such amazing care, with the family's appreciation. Arrangements entrusted to M.G. Daly Funeral Home, Maynooth.

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And take a walk down memory lane
with tears upon our cheeks
Remembering you is easy, we do it everyday.
But missing you is a heartache that never goes away
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and there you will remain.
You see life has gone on without you
but will never be the same.*

*Love and miss you beyond forever
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- 6 Runs up a big phone bill
- 10 Pope on a ___ (shower gimmick)
- 14 Industrial hub of Germany
- 15 Jai ___ (court game)
- 16 Part of a fairy tale ending
- 17 Continue until
- 18 Wide-backed parlour piece
- 20 "___, Mrs. Robinson/Jesus loves you ..." (Simon & Garfunkel lyric)
- 22 Peter, Paul and Mary: Abbr.
- 23 Part of P.E.: Abbr.
- 24 Owned by those guys
- 28 "From," in German names
- 29 Mattress annoyance in a fairy tale
- 30 59-Down punctuation
- 31 Tropical bird with coloured webbed walkers
- 37 Rick Mercer schtick, once
- 38 Rug that's worn out?
- 39 "Canadian Mint" record maker
- 40 Relaxed to the max
- 45 "Woe ___" (grammar book)
- 46 "Treasure Island" author's initials
- 47 Pan for Yan
- 48 Absolutely zero
- 50 Sportsnet subs., often
- 52 Place for a peel
- 55 Secret agent featured in 20-, 31- and 40-across collectively
- 58 Devote hours to (doing)
- 61 "Me, Myself & ___" (Carrey film)
- 62 Fruity juice prefix
- 63 Use the last three letters of this word
- 64 Explorer de Leon
- 65 Knuckle sandwich
- 66 Stallone and Stone
- 67 Sing while high, maybe?

Down

- 1 Oniony soup veggies
- 2 "That ___ true!" ("False!")
- 3 Pre-Windows program
- 4 Bird part that regulates heat
- 5 Overlying

- 6 Geekily gangly
- 7 "___ Grace" (Atwood book)
- 8 French bench
- 9 Seen, as a species
- 10 Break new ground, agriculturally?
- 11 Fertility clinic stock
- 12 Charlottetown's prov.
- 13 Need Wite-Out
- 19 Rent-sharer, for short
- 21 "That's horrible!"
- 25 "What did ___ deserve this?"
- 26 Posh hotel bath amenities
- 27 Fancy up, as hair
- 28 Bill killer
- 29 Takes a "go," in cribbage
- 31 Einstein's much-studied body part
- 32 Roper's rope
- 33 Not yet ignited
- 34 Is outstanding
- 35 ___ Maria

- 36 "All right already!"
- 41 "Smoking ___?"
- 42 Magnifying glass wielders, in comics
- 43 What Horton hears
- 44 Liable to spread dirt
- 49 Getting sick of watching, with "on"
- 50 Revlon-owned brand
- 51 Golfers, once per hole
- 52 NDPer Robinson
- 53 Trump's right-hand man
- 54 "You're as charming as ___" (Mr. Grinch reference, in song)
- 56 Jessica of "The Sinner"
- 57 "It's the old switch-___"
- 58 Libs'. political foes
- 59 www address
- 60 T-shaped Greek letter

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Closing date: March 31, 2020 at 2:00pm

Tender and submission documents can be found at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

For further information contact:
Adam Thorn, Operations Manager
Township of Algonquin Highlands
705-489-2379



TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS requires a Maintenance Coordinator

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the Maintenance Coordinator position. Reporting to the Operations Manager, the Maintenance Coordinator is responsible for the daily, weekly and monthly maintenance activities.

Visit our website at: www.algonquinhighlands.ca for the full job description.

Please submit your resume and cover letter by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2020 to:**

Adam Thorn, Operations Manager
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
Email: athorn@algonquinhighlands.ca



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Please submit your resume and cover letter by **3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020 to:**

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HOUSING MANAGER

Haliburton Community Housing Corporation

Haliburton Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) operates two non-profit housing projects in the Village of Haliburton, Ontario

JOB SUMMARY

The Housing Manager reports directly to the HCHC Board of Directors and oversees all day-to-day operations at Parklane Apartments and Echo Hills Apartments in compliance with federal, provincial and municipal legislation, ensuring that all operations are conducted in timely and cost-effective ways. The Manager maintains positive relationships with tenants, staff, vendors and the Board of Directors.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Tenancies Act and regulations, social housing programs, other legislation pertinent to operating residential properties
- At least 5 years of supervisory experience
- Strong communication, interpersonal, multitasking and conflict resolution skills
- Compassion and empathy skills suitable for a social housing environment.
- Effective budgeting, analytical, administrative and organizational skills
- Proficient computer skills, including MS Word, Excel, Outlook, HM Worx Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Possesses a valid driver's licence and vehicle with insurance
- The successful candidate will be required to obtain a clean Vulnerable Sector Check prior to being confirmed for the position

This is a full-time salaried position with an expectation that while the work can be generally completed Monday to Friday at 40 hours a week, there will be times that after hours and weekend work are expected without payment of additional compensation. The start day is negotiable the salary is competitive and commensurate with experience, benefits are included. References will be requested at the interview. Any questions email Glenn Scott at contact information is below.

Resume plus cover letter must be submitted electronically no later than 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 to:

**Mr. Glenn Scott, President
Haliburton Community Housing Corporation
Email address: president@haliburtonhousing.com**

HCHC thanks all applicants. Only those chosen to be interviewed will be contacted. If contacted for an interview, please inform if you require accommodation in the interview process.



OBSERVER

We currently have opportunities for casual Observers at Haliburton Highlands Health Services. Observers work on a casual schedule on 4 hour, 8 hour, or 12 hour shifts depending on patient/Resident needs. The Observer is an unregulated health care provider who is primarily responsible for the close observation of patients whose behavior poses a risk to his/her safety or the safety of others. The Patients/Residents you are observing are often elderly people who are living with dementia or other conditions that impact their memory and judgment. Passionate about person-centred care, the Observer engages primarily in the provision of individual activities designed to occupy, settle, entertain, comfort, and keep the Patient/Resident safe. When required, this role will act as a greeter and screener at facility entrances to ensure visitors are well before entering.

Working under the direction of the supervising registered health care professional, the Observer reports to and is trained by the BSO nursing team, and is managed by the Director of Care or Unit Manager.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum Grade 11, or equivalent, from the Ministry of Education (Ontario)
- Demonstrated working knowledge of spoken and written English
- Demonstrated experience working in a health care setting, security, related social service, or educational field (may include high school health co-op or volunteer work in a health or long-term care setting)
- Satisfactory police check for vulnerable populations

In addition, the successful candidate must be available to work day, evening and night shifts, along with weekends and statutory holidays. An ability to attend work on a consistent basis is also a requirement.

SUBMIT APPLICATION AND RESUME TO: Human Resources

Haliburton Highlands Health Services
Box 115, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
E-mail: hr@hhhs.ca, Fax: 705-457-4609

PLEASE QUOTE JOB NUMBER: 2020-27

Haliburton Highlands Health Services thanks all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. If you are contacted by HHHS regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.



Summer Student Employment Opportunities HERITAGE INTERPRETERS

We are accepting resumes for **Summer Student Heritage Interpreters** for our Minden Hills Cultural Centre. These positions are for a 16 week period from May to August with the rate of pay being \$14/hour, pending grant funding approval.

Please visit our website at mindenhills.ca/employment-opportunities/ for posting details, job requirements and submission instructions.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. Employment Opportunity - 2 SEASONAL OPERATORS In the Stanhope Yard (Approximately 6 months)

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is looking for 2 Seasonal Operators with heavy equipment experience to assist with all aspects of municipal road maintenance and construction. The ideal candidate will be physically fit as manual labour is an important part of the job.

A detailed job description is available at www.algonquinhighlands.ca or upon request.

Please submit your resume and cover letter by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020 to:**

Adam Thorn, Operations Manager
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands ON K0M 1J1
Email: athorn@algonquinhighlands.ca



THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON Requires a Seasonal Flagperson/Labourer

The County of Haliburton Roads Department is accepting applications from qualified individuals interested in obtaining a Seasonal Flagperson/Labourer position. The hourly rate for this unionized CUPE Local 1960 position is \$17.35/hr.

The successful candidate will have experience in traffic control and be able to perform heavy manual labour duties in an outside environment. Possession of a DZ licence will be considered an asset.

Visit our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca for a detailed job description

Please forward your resume to abull@county.haliburton.on.ca no later than 4:30pm on Friday, March 20, 2020.

We thank all who apply for this position, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The County of Haliburton is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation can be provided in all steps of the hiring process. For accommodation options and to ensure full and equal access during the recruitment and selection process, contact Human Resources.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.

HIRING? REACH READERS ACROSS HALIBURTON COUNTY

Highlander advisories

COVID-19 CANCELLATIONS & POSTPONEMENTS

DOC(K) Day has been postponed from April 4. Purchased tickets will be refunded in the manner they were bought. As of now, April's movie, *Knives Out*, is cancelled and a decision on reimbursement will be announced shortly.

Haliburton County Fair The Minden Agricultural Society, sponsor of the Haliburton County Fair, in the interest of prudence and public safety, has decided to cancel the 2020 Fair that was scheduled to be held on June 13 at the Minden Fairgrounds.

Royal Canadian Legion - Haliburton Wednesday night bingo is cancelled for now.

Ontario Parks programming and visitor centres.

Sleeping In Cars is cancelled for this year as municipal buildings will not be accessible.

U-LINKS has cancelled this year's Celebration of Research event that was to be held on Saturday, March 28th.

Dominion Hotel has postponed the Jane Siberry concert.

Haliburton Wee Care is closed through April 5.

HHHS has announced the cancellation of several of its programs until further notice. They include: diabetes self-management education workshops; balanced fitness and falls prevention; adult day program; grief support group; social recreation drop-in programs; diner's clubs; cancer support group and gatherings of volunteers, community education sessions etc.

SIRCH is suspending a number of its programs:

- **Cook It Up** Tuesdays at Molly's Bistro Bakery will be suspended until further notice. There will be no lunch offered on Tuesday, March 17, Tuesday, March 24 or Tuesday, March 31.

- **Community Kitchen** will be

suspended until further notice. They are working with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit to determine how they can operate the Community Kitchen in a way that will support local food banks and agencies, while ensuring the safety of volunteers.

- **CAPC/CPNP** groups will be suspended until further notice. SIRCH will be providing supports for participants in other ways during this difficult time.

Abbey Gardens has cancelled its March Break programming.

The Good Food Box has been cancelled. They hope to resume normal service in April.

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is postponing its upcoming events in April, May and June, or until further information is received from public health officials. This includes its annual Business and Community Achievement Awards until a later date. The Chamber remains open for business, and encourages everyone to utilize emails or telephone calls over in-person meetings with them until further notice.

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association - Wild Game Dinner scheduled for March 21 has been postponed. Tickets are still available and will be valid for the future date that is yet to be announced.

Haliburton County Public Library branches and administration centre are closed through April 6. People with items are asked to hold onto them until branches re-open and all overdue fines are waived.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board will have all its schools closed through April 5, two weeks after March break, by provincial mandate.

Fleming College suspended all of its classes starting at noon March 13 at all campuses, including the Haliburton School of Art and Design. The college will deliver classes in online or alternative formats for the remainder of the winter semester.

The Highlands Little Theatre has postponed its play - *Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play* - scheduled to begin March 31.

County Council - cancelled meetings after March 17. Administrative office closed to public.

Algonquin Highlands has closed/suspended:

- The community centres (all programming and events), in Stanhope, Dorset and Oxtongue Lake until further notice, including the fitness centre at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Highlands East is closing all municipal offices, sub-offices and facilities to the public until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All meetings and events scheduled in municipal buildings are cancelled or postponed, including those at the Lloyd Watson Centre, Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre, the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena, and the Cardiff and Highland Grove community centres. This includes regularly scheduled council and committee meetings. A special council meeting is scheduled March 19 at 9 a.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre to discuss delegation of authority and other matters. Any members of the public wishing to attend will be screened due to COVID-19 concerns.

Dysart et al has closed A.J. LaRue Arena, the Haliburton Highlands Museum, the West Guilford Community Centre and the Harcourt Community Centre until further notice.

Minden Hills All community programming, events and meetings scheduled within Municipal buildings and facilities are postponed until April 5. The Cultural Centre, Nature's Place, Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills Museum, Welsh Room and Community Centers (S.G. Nesbitt, Irondale and Lochlin) will be closed to the public and all programming postponed. The Minden Hills Fire Hall will also be closed to the public.

If you have notices, contact editor@thehighlander.ca. For up-to-date notices see thehighlander.ca

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Fleming CREW Employment Centre is providing service via phone and email until further notice because their office at 49 Maple Ave is closed to the public. Call 705-457-2020 or email flemingcrew@flemingcollege.ca.

Courtney @ Bruce's Barbershop will be closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 outbreak. "For my clientele's safety and for my own! Stop the spread."

Pine Grove Point, 4445 Elephant Lake Rd., Harcourt is open Sun-Thurs 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., Fri-Sat 9 a.m.- 8p.m. The Variety Store is open for essential needs and the Pizza & Snack Shack is open for take-out orders

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What's on



With music director Melissa Stephens at the keyboard, five of the seven von Trapp children, from the left, Fynn Gooley, Ella Gooley, Brooke Gooley, Brynn Kilpatrick and Tate Itani Smith, sing one of their numbers from *The Sound of Music*, the opening show in this year's Highlands Summer Festival season. *Submitted photo.*

New family coming to town

By Lisa Gervais

A new family, with seven children, will be moving into the Haliburton Highlands this summer.

Last week, Highlands Summer Festival artistic director Scot Denton, who's directing this year's opening show of *The Sound of Music*, announced the young actors who will be playing the von Trapp Family children.

"They are all looking forward to being part of this iconic family and telling this famous story," he said.

The von Trapp Family children include River Christiano, who will be playing the oldest von Trapp daughter, Liesl. River attends the University of Guelph and appeared in the festival's 2017 production of *Romeo and Juliet*.

"I come from a very large family, which makes this an extremely relatable role for me. I am looking forward to having some fun with it," she says.

Evan Backus has the role of Friedrich, the second oldest. Asked about the musical, he said, "The Captain might be a bit grumpy because

he has seven kids."

Tate Itani Smith has been cast as Louisa. Festival patrons will remember her as Jane Banks in last year's production of *Mary Poppins*. She thinks, rather than having a governess, "it might be better to go to school – you wouldn't have to be with your brothers all day."

Fynn Gooley will be playing Kurt, the middle child. Fynn speculates what it would be like to have a governess. "It would be like eating breakfast with my teacher every day."

Brynn Kilpatrick has the role of nine-year-old Brigitta. Her take is, "The Captain is scared of music, but secretly likes it." Brynn said she's looking forward to "... becoming a different person in the show - but not really – I'm just like Brigitta."

Ella Gooley has been cast as Marta. Ella is excited to sing, and said, "having brothers will be awesome!"

Finally, Brooke Gooley has the role as the youngest child, six-year-old Gretl. She says, "Being the youngest means I'm the cutest."

Music director Melissa Stephens said, "I am delighted with this group

of young performers and look forward to working with them as we develop this much-loved show. I know our audiences will enjoy them in their featured roles as the von Trapp Family children."

Tickets for *The Sound of Music*, which opens June 29 for 10 performances, are available from the Highlands Summer Festival Box Office. Tickets are also available for the other Highlands Summer Festival productions: the Oscar Wilde classic, *The Importance of Being Earnest*; down east humour from Lucien; the funny and touching *Every Brilliant Thing*; and the British musical revue about the sixties, *Across the Pond*, starring Leisa Way and the Lonely Hearts Club Band.

Order tickets by calling the box office at 705-457-9933 or toll-free at 1-855-457-9933. They can also be ordered securely on line at the website www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca. Tickets are \$37.50, with special pricing, \$20, for youths, up to 18 years of age, for the three matinee performances of *The Sound of Music*.

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