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Cashier Kris Leuzinger holds up a 'thank you' rock mysteriously placed on the Haliburton Jug City windowsill. See the full story on page 9. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

County 'a long way from being out of the woods'

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

While the province may be getting over the first peak of COVID-19, Dr. Norm Bottum of Haliburton says there could be a second, and subsequent, peaks before a safe vaccine is rolled out in possibly a year's time.

Speaking from the Haliburton Hospital on

April 21, he said, "things are nice and quiet but we are a long way from being out of the woods."

Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Carolyn Plummer echoed the sentiment, telling *The Highlander* on April 21, it's too soon to know for certain whether the virus has peaked in our region.

"We are in regular communication

with our local public health unit and will continue to monitor the situation. In the meantime, we remain focused on ensuring we are prepared to safely manage through the COVID-19 pandemic and to continue supporting our community, particularly those who are most vulnerable."

Dr. Bottum said it appeared Ontarians had done a great job of mitigating the

initial surge. He added the County has been fortunate to have only seven confirmed cases since people travelled for March break, returned from Florida and cottagers are coming despite pleas not to.

In particular, he said we've been lucky it has not hit our long-term care homes.

"We have had the benefit of time to get prepared and be ready," he said of

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Cautious approach

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preventative measures at Highland Wood and Hyland Crest. He also credited non-essential businesses for shutting and following health guideless.

However, he remains cautious.

"This is the first phase. The big thing is we're in Haliburton County, cottage county, and in another month, people will want to come up. There's a risk of still introducing the virus."

He said it will be key to see how the provincial regulations roll out from here since "that virus is still out there."

He personally predicts it will be a quiet summer in Haliburton County with a majority of events being cancelled.

As for HHHS, he said "we'll probably have to carry measures right through the summer." That means maintaining 21 COVID-19 acute care beds in Haliburton and nine non-COVID-19 beds in Minden; separating the hospital sites and ensuring long-term care homes are isolated from the hospital buildings to avoid cross-contamination. He said the assessment centre will likely remain in place as well with more people being encouraged to do self-assessments and getting swabbed.

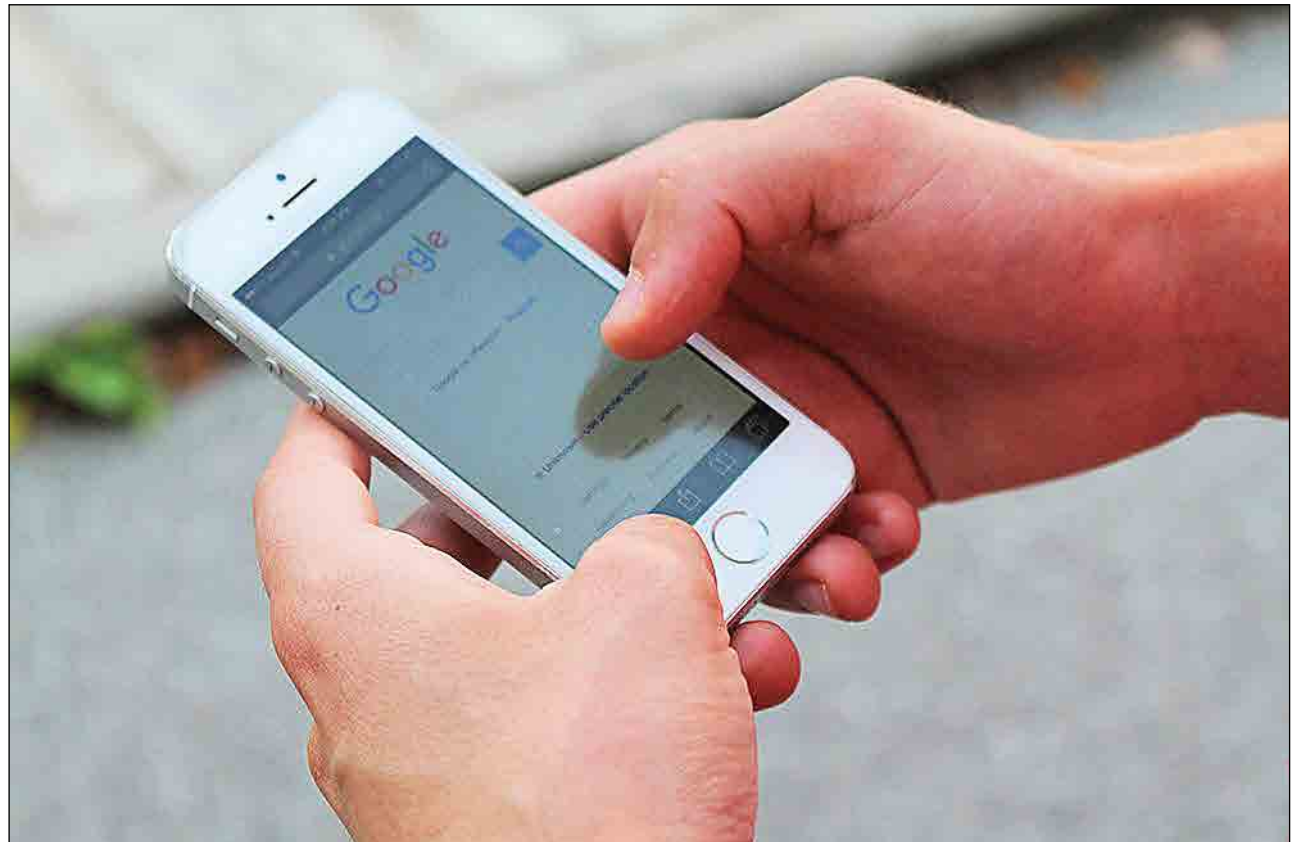
The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has changed the assessment to include more symptoms. It is also encouraging essential workers to be screened.

"Getting a swab is the key, especially as we start opening up the economy." He said he anticipates the recovery will be staged but "even at stage 3 we'll be still social distancing, regular hand washing, and avoiding large groups." "I think it's going to be slow and cautious." In its weekly community update, HHHS said "we are implementing further measures to separate both Long-Term Cares facilities (Highland Wood and Hyland Crest) from the hospitals, and better protect the health and safety of our residents."

How you can help HHHS

- Volunteering with the HHHS Community Response Team to help deliver groceries or offer friendly visiting by phone. Contact 705-457-2941 or infocc@hhhs.ca for more information.
- SIRCH Community Services is helping to coordinate the creation of fabric face masks. Visit sirch.on.ca and look for "Can You Sew? Sewing for a Great Cause" under the 'News' section for more information.
- Stay informed via local media. HHHS is also keeping HaliburtonCares.ca up-to-date with new information about supports from local service providers, different levels of government (including emergency financial assistance), and more.

Clarification: In last Thursday's Highlander, "HHHS responds with unprecedented action," Plummer said, although it is true that funding specifics have not yet been detailed for COVID-19 related changes, such as new acute care beds, the actions were sanctioned by the Ministry of Health.



The Eastern Ontario Regional Network has issued its first request for proposals. *File photo.*

Cell providers get call to improve services

By Joseph Quigley

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) has issued its first request for proposals to build new cellular infrastructure as part of a massive \$213 million project.

The bidding process will aim to identify partners who can expand cellular coverage throughout eastern Ontario as part of a wider effort to improve mobile broadband. The initiative involves all three levels of government.

"Now more than ever, our government understands that families and businesses in Ontario need to be connected to prosper in this 21st-century digital economy," Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott said in a press release, adding the project will take a number of years to complete.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin serves on the EORN board. He said the COVID-19 pandemic has not yet caused a substantial delay in the process. He further said getting proposals back from service providers would normally take about three months.

"Given the current status, I'm not sure whether that drags out. Most

people are involved in technology and connectivity. We all work from a distance anyway, so that may not be such a big deal as it is for some organizations," Devolin said.

COVID-19 shows need for connectivity

The pandemic has increased people's reliance on cellular and internet services, with many now working remotely.

County library CEO Bessie Sullivan said the library internet hotspots are seeing use, accessed frequently from parked cars. The County has 22 hotspots in total, seven at libraries.

"It clearly points out that we are not where we need to be in terms of the digital divide," Sullivan said. "When we have a situation like this, it just points out where our gaps are. The fact that there are options is a good thing, but I think it really does say that we really need to have a better internet infrastructure."

Jacques Larroude is a Blairhampton area resident. As a manager for the CARE International Rapid Response Team, part of the major international

humanitarian organization, he works remotely and needs reliable internet for his job.

He said it has been steady during the pandemic, but he has experienced unworkable slowdowns in the past. Due to his location, he also only has access to one provider, with an alternative unwilling to extend its coverage an additional 700 metres to accommodate him for cost reasons.

Larroude further said as one of the poorest counties in Ontario, Haliburton should have some priority for new infrastructure.

"If anything happens to the particular service – I only have one choice, one option – I'm basically out of a job. That is a concern," he said.

However, Devolin said the COVID-19 situation has further emphasized how vital connectivity is and hopes that could expedite future projects.

"Accelerated connectivity will benefit us all. I've always believed this could never happen fast enough and in light of COVID-19, I'm more firm in my views," Devolin said. "This needs to be perceived as kind of a basic Canadian right. That we should all have access to reasonable connectivity from coast to coast."

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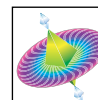
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Sadie Lester was welcomed home by the community on April 17. Photo by GoFundMe.

Community rallies to welcome home Sadie

By Joseph Quigley

With a procession of vehicles, signs, and cheers, Haliburton welcomed Sadie Lester as she returned home from treatment at SickKids Hospital in Toronto April 17.

Lester was the six-year-old critically injured in an attack by two Saint Bernard dogs April 12 in Dysart et al, according to the family. She was airlifted to Toronto, requiring extensive treatment and surgery, including over 400 stitches. Her mother Lindsay Lester also suffered non-life-threatening injuries in the attack.

But the community has rallied around the family, putting up welcome signs and lining up in cars outside the family home, including police cruisers and a fire truck. The community has also raised more than \$36,951 on GoFundMe to support Sadie as of April 22.

"The welcome back into Haliburton was beyond anything we could ever imagine," AJ Lester, Sadie's father, said in a Facebook post. "I truly can't thank you all enough ... This community has banded together and have shown us what a real community is. "Your time and effort mean the world to my family and Sadie was beaming ear-to-ear. She said she's famous. You gave a little girl who's going through hell on Earth a huge gift today."

Tiffany Prentice said she knows the family through the Lakeside Church and participated in the gesture.

"We've all kind of adopted Sadie as our own this week," Prentice said. "Just as they (the Lester family) kind of crested the hill, it was a cloudy, overcast day. I swear to you the clouds parted and the sun shone down on that truck ... There was no doubt in anyone's mind that God was with them on their journey."

AJ Lester has posted regular updates to Facebook during Sadie's recovery process. He described a difficult experience given the severity of Sadie's injuries. Lester said

she would require a walker to get around their home and expects more surgery in the next 12 months, as well as another trip to SickKids to remove stitches April 24.

"Please understand if you don't hear back from us, it's just so overwhelming," Lester wrote in an update April 16. "We are grateful for all your support, love and prayers, we just don't emotionally have it to talk to everyone, to talk to hardly anyone. We just want to wake up from this, but it's not a dream."

Lester said the family is declining media interviews.

In another update, he said he has encouraged Sadie with the thought of a trip to Disneyland when the experience is all over.

"I just want to give this beautiful little creation something to set her sights on in the midst of all this pain. Her questions break my heart," he posted April 15. "Truly thankful to God for sparing her, just still in total disbelief."

Police said they are still investigating the attack, and the dogs are quarantined outside of the community by order of the local health unit.

"We are upset, frustrated and angry, but I want those who are watching to know we don't have hate in us right now," Lester said.

Prentice recalled how the community supported her family when they went through an ordeal three years ago, where her son was also airlifted to Toronto hospital. She said they wanted to make sure that support happened for Sadie too.

"We do this with everyone when this happens. The community itself really takes on that family as their own and becomes so close. They just have to help in some way, and it makes them feel better. Especially right now with the isolation," Prentice said.

The GoFundMe for the Lester family is available at <https://ca.gofundme.com/f/sadie-lester>.

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Businesses bring normalcy to people's lives

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County businesses are continuing to diversify during COVID-19, with services ranging from chiropractic, to yoga, to ballet lessons all being offered via technology.

When a personal support worker at a long-term care home was recently injured, Dr. Jason Bradley at Haliburton County Chiropractic and Rehabilitation was able to do a virtual session with the client.

"The session takes place with video conferencing. The conferencing is supported via our practice management software. It is fully encrypted and satisfies PHIPA (personal health information protection act requirements). The patient needs a computer with a camera and an internet connection," Bradley said.

He said clients can book sessions on the company's website, or via email. He said the system sends all the necessary links for people to follow and start the appointment.

He'll do a detailed history, find out what happened, and learn about any concurrent health issues.

"The patient will be instructed to perform various ranges of motion, special tests and orthopedic testing as appropriate via video. Once the injury is better understood, the chiropractor will provide a customized rehabilitation program, pain control strategies and lifestyle recommendations via email to the patient," Bradley said.

With injuries that could result in claims, he said the necessary paperwork is

forwarded as are recommendations for things such as light duty.

Bradley said the majority of third-party insurance payers will cover the tele-health sessions as per typical in-appointments.

He added that follow-ups can be established as needed and anyone with aches and pains, new injuries, or flared-up injuries can access the service.

"Our goal is to maintain our supportive role treating the residents of Haliburton County while taking the pressure off our over-taxed health care system due to COVID-19, our local emergency departments, nurses, paramedics and family physicians specifically," he said.

Amanda Rico, of Harmony Yoga Haliburton, admits technology is not her strong suit, however, she has had to adapt, and started teaching online March 26.

"It's been going well," she said. "I'm getting the hang of the online live world. I've created a Facebook group called Harmony Yoga Home Practice where I offer short Facebook live classes and meditations, share plant-based recipes, and the teachings of Ayurveda (a holistic healing system)."

She said the class sizes have decreased from studio classes but she's happy that the group can come together from the comfort of their living rooms and practice.

Rico said adapting to an online teaching platform was relatively easy. She was able to watch a few tutorials, contact a couple of help desks, "and just like that, I was on my way into the online yoga world. Talk about getting me out of my comfort zone."

She said she simply had to continue to share her love of yoga.



Amanda Rico of Harmony Yoga Haliburton has been offering online programming since March 26. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

"I decided to teach online to support my students because I truly believe we need the practices of yoga and meditation. I hope by making these classes available, it helps keep some normalcy in people's daily routines. My goal is that these classes offer a sense of connection and community with everyone who comes online to practice, which can be valuable in these times of uncertainty and isolation."

The yogi said she also needs to work, as she doesn't qualify for any government money but still has a downtown Haliburton studio to pay for.

But, "teaching and sharing this practice

makes me happy. I feel so lucky I get to do what I love and have people supporting me. I've received a lot of messages, texts, and emails filled with gratitude for the online classes."

Meanwhile, Chyna Schell has been operating her Haliburton Dance Academy online since the week after March break.

"It's been going well," Schell said. She attributed this to a supportive ballet community.

The site encourages students to, "jump into class today to see your friends, do your best, work hard and have fun!"

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No time for complacency

We've had some good news from the Ontario government - and locally - about the COVID-19 situation.

Premier Doug Ford told us this week that health experts say the outbreak has likely peaked in Ontario.

The modelling, released this past Monday, showed things such as staying home and physical distancing - along with the work of our frontline health care providers - is working to contain the spread of the virus and flatten the curve.

Here's what we know.

The wave of new community-spread cases appears to have peaked and Ontario is trending toward a best-case scenario rather than a worst-case scenario. We are in considerably better shape than the March modelling.

However, we also know several hundred new cases are identified daily in Ontario although the rate of growth day-over-day is declining. Hospitals have not been overwhelmed as a result of capacity planning and the public health measures currently in place.

Dr. Norm Buttum tells us in today's *Highlander* that we're somewhat lucky to have had only seven cases locally since we know people travelled during March break,

have returned from wintering in Florida, and are coming to the cottage.

He attributes it to people following health protocols, and preventative measures at Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

But, he is worried about what will happen next month when cottagers traditionally return for the summer season to our County.

Across the province, there also remains a real worry over outbreaks at long-term care homes and other facilities where large groups of people live.

So, rather than looking upon this week's news as permission to ease up on handwashing, or going out to do some non-essential shopping, or over to the neighbour's for that long overdue beer, view it as affirmation that you are on the right track.

All of us still need to stay home unless absolutely necessary for essential trips, such as accessing health care services, groceries, picking up prescriptions or supporting vulnerable community members with meeting essential needs. If you must leave home, continue to go alone and stay at least two metres apart from others.

Yes, it's going to get harder and harder as the temperatures warm up. And, yes, it's going to become ever so more tempting

for cottagers to return. However, we must all continue to stay the course so the good news keeps coming. The last thing we need is May modelling saying we have gone backwards, that a second peak is upon us and a worst-case scenario now looms. We'd hate to see a second wave that could ruin summer.

The public is further reminded that Ontario has made improvements to its COVID-19 self-assessment tool by expanding its symptom list, addressing the most high-risk individuals, and making it more accessible and responsive. If you have any suspicion at all that you have been infected, get yourself tested.

Don't be complacent at the first sign of good news. Continue to protect your health by washing your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer, sneeze and cough into your sleeves, avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth and avoid contact with people who are sick. Stay home if you are sick. After all, it will be slow and steady that wins this race not fast and reckless.



By Lisa Gervais

Pandemic notes

Some thoughts and musings as the self-isolation grinds on:

- I have found that it is best to limit the amount of pandemic "news" one consumes. Initially, it was hard not to hang on every word, every pronouncement, every piece of so-called breaking news as the gathering storm unfolded. Newspapers, radio, television, and of course the internet, were tapped for the latest updates. Drawn like a moth to a flame, I sought out every bit of advice and speculation. But like that hapless moth, I learned that the flame can burn as well as illuminate. I started to forego the daily briefings from Ottawa, Toronto, and especially Washington, relying on the aggregators to give me the highlights once or twice a day. I found a calming effect was the result of limiting my exposure to the sources I trusted and leaving the rest for others to fret about.

- Hats off to the staff in our grocery stores, who soldier on under very trying conditions. Thank goodness they are there to keep the shelves stocked, calculate our purchases and deliver orders to those who can't or shouldn't get out to shop. It must be intimidating to work, every day, in a situation surrounded by shoppers with masks and some without, those struggling hard to maintain the six feet of separation and those unaware how breaking that

rule must make others feel. There are many frontline workers who deserve our admiration and thanks, but we often overlook or take for granted those who help to keep us fed. Thank you.

- Speaking of groceries, have you noticed how shopping has all of a sudden become a highlight of the week? And what is all this fuss about toilet paper? I admit I don't want to run out either, but I am sure I won't be needing a closet full of rolls in the next three or four weeks. While, at least it won't spoil, toilet paper was far down my want list. I can think of many other things to consider stock-piling.

- Have you Zoomed lately? Zoom is not the first and only multiple participant communications platform, but it seems to have become the one everybody is talking about and using. I have birthday party Zoomed and read plays on Zoom and, well, attended meetings on Zoom or similar services. I have heard of church services and book clubs and online family gatherings congregating online. Tip: go to the bathroom before starting what you suspect will be a protracted online meeting.

- While I understand the concerns about straining the limited health and infrastructure resources we have here in the Highlands, I have sympathy for those city folk who decamped to the cottage for a

couple of weeks or longer. If I was sheltering in place in the city, (especially with children), the open spaces and nostalgic draw of a cottage would be irresistible, particularly if "home" is in one of those apartment or condo towers. Confronted with the same options, most of us would choose to be here rather than in the city right now.

- It is the direct interpersonal contact I miss the most. On the occasional visits to the post office or the grocery store, there is an irresistible urge to talk with people, keeping the requisite six feet or more distancing, of course. The conversations for the most part aren't deep or consequential to anything in particular, they are just interactions, basic human contact that has been stripped from our lives by the rules of the day. There is a hunger for that contact, however fleeting, that we instinctively sense is missing from our daily lives. Even a 30 second chat about the weather seems to provide a boost to the soul.

- Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm sure it is time to wash my hands.



By Jack Brezina

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Editorial opinion

Good for you: virtual health care

**Guest Column by
Dr. Diane Duff RN PhD**

Virtual health care has been around for a couple of decades in Canada, but we have struggled to make virtual visits a mainstream part of primary health care delivery (family doctor and nurse practitioner visits).

Privacy concerns, lack of digital expertise or connectivity by both patients and clinicians, and lack of approved “fee for service” funding have all delayed implementation of virtual health services.

In a recent study by the Canadian Medical Association, it was noted that less than two visits in every one thousand (1.5/1000) were done using virtual technology. This means the vast majority of visits to the doctor or nurse practitioner were conducted as face-to-face office visits or less commonly via home visits.

Virtual health care is an umbrella term that encompasses phone visits, videoconferencing visits, and email or text/chat visits that can be done synchronously (at the same time, using two-way communication); or asynchronously (at

different times; more like writing and replying to an email or letter and then responding back and forth over a period of time).

So, what is wrong with just continuing face-to-face primary care office visits? Office visits require patients and practitioners to travel and coordinate times. For children and frail, elderly patients, this usually requires the support of one or more family members. Even without the COVID-19 pandemic, having sick people travel and congregate in a doctor’s office is not ideal. Even if people were to be able to physically distance to two metres (six feet) in waiting rooms, surfaces and people may still be contaminated through touching, sneezing, and coughing.

Primary care face-to-face visits in doctor and nurse practitioner offices should be reserved for vulnerable people who must be seen and physically examined, such as babies, people who lack technology, or individuals that require hands on examination or care. During the COVID-19 outbreak, office visits may facilitate transmission of this highly contagious virus

before, during, and after overt symptoms are present and will lead to greater community spread. Fortunately, most primary care practitioners in our counties have greatly increased the number of virtual visits they are offering and the Ministry of Health has fee-for-service codes to support virtual care.

COVID-19 may be the catalyst that helps us finally close the gap between consumer demand for virtual services and primary care provision of these services. It may also help non-attached or non-rostered people (people without access to a family doctor or other primary care clinician) have access to basic health care without having to use the Emergency Department (ED) or walk-in clinics to receive care.

While ED and walk-in care can fill an immediate need, these are expensive ways of delivering primary care and many people, especially older patients, need continuity of care in order to self-manage their ongoing or chronic illnesses. In our counties, almost 50 per cent of people are non-rostered with a primary care provider in our community.

Kudos need to be sent to the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team. They have not only offered their services to do COVID-19 assessment and testing but have also extended their services to many unrostered individuals in our community during the pandemic so that they do not have to visit the Emergency Department. Other virtual primary health practices and services in Ontario have also reached out to offer virtual primary and specialist services, should we need their support.

As an unrostered patient myself, I recently decided to try out one of the virtual online options. I signed on to the virtual care site and 15 minutes later I was registered, had finished an asynchronous chat visit, and a prescription had been sent to the local pharmacy of my choice. The service was quick, efficient, and free.

While virtual visits may not be for everyone, most of us at least have a phone, and they may reduce the pressure on our existing primary care services. For more information about virtual health care, check out <https://access2022.ca/> (Diane Duff is a nurse based in Haliburton County)

LETTERS

Letter to the Haliburton Highlands

Dear, dear Haliburton,

Saying goodbye is usually a face-to-face, hand-to-hand experience. But not this year. So, as we move out of the County on May 1, we must find a different way of saying thank you to our friends, neighbours, and community that have been home and family.

We moved here as full-timers in 2005. Before that, Paul had cottaged at the Harrison Farm on Little Boshkung in the ‘40s, been a camper at Cecil and Jean Irwin’s Sherwood Forest Camp, then a cottager on Big Boshkung where I joined him 35 years ago. But it was only when we bought the Charles Barry farmhouse on Barry Line, and opened the Gaia Centre Retreat that we came to appreciate the real lively ‘spirit of the county’. And it is that land-loving, music-making, co-creative, self-sustaining, helping-hand spirit that makes it so hard to leave.

It’s been an interesting 15 years globally. When we opened the Gaia Centre in 2005, it was the International Year of Sustainability. As we leave, it is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. These have been Earth-conscious, Gaia-centered times. We are very thankful for the support of so many organizations and individuals who served on the board, provided leadership, and attended the programs. We are grateful for the privilege of working with you on issues that will be even more pressing in the decades to come.

It’s been an interesting time of personal development as well. Paul has relearned the violin, thanks to Bethany, been a founding member of three fiddle groups, and learned

trombone under the baton of Maestro Glen. He will miss the Highland Concert Band and all the music-making.

It’s been a great place to age. As elders, we felt our life-experience was welcome and put to good service.

Paul was grateful to be a volunteer with so many important services like SIRCH, Hospice, and Community Care.

But now, we feel the need to put down the snow shovel and head to the warmer climes of East Toronto, not too far away.

It would take the rest of the newspaper to mention all the folks we’re grateful to have met – the medical staff, municipal officials, and so many creative volunteer leaders. Instead, we wish you well and that you continue to be the spirit-full community that you are.

**Carol Kilby and Paul Irwin
Algonquin Highlands**

Mask-maker donates \$700

Dear editor,

A sincere and heartfelt “thank you” to everyone that requested facemasks to help limit the community spread of COVID-19.

I have made more than 250 facemasks thus far and received wonderful donations allowing me to donate \$350 to the Haliburton food bank, as well as \$350 to the Haliburton Hospital.

I am grateful for your generosity and thankful that we are #StrongerTogether.

Thanks.

**April Martin
Haliburton**

No need to envy citiots

Dear editor,

I appreciated your balanced editorial on the topic of cottagers coming to Haliburton County during this crisis.

I have been retired for a few years. We own a cottage. We come here year-round, spending weeks here in the summer and around Christmas. We adore the outdoors.

We just returned from Toronto for another three to four-week stint. Our cottage, which is a four-season home, is way out in the bush. On our once-weekly trips to Minden, I have researched and used every step I could to shop safely, using information from reliable sources such as CBC and the CDC.

I was desperate for any sort of a chat, so I told someone at the store that we have a cottage. I won’t make that mistake again in case I am accosted. Fear breeds anger.

Yes, stupid things have happened. At Killarney, the general store was overrun by silly people who travelled without their own supplies. The only empty shelves I saw at the grocery store were in the cleaning supply area. We would get sick without fresh fruits and vegetables so, no, I haven’t brought weeks of supplies with me.

If my spouse or I did come down with symptoms, I would never even think of going to the local hospital. It’s just over two hours to world class medical care in the GTA. To me, the local hospital is for events such as possible strokes and accidents with power tools. We’ve received care from the Minden Hospital three times over the past quarter century and yes, we’ve financially supported it in exchange. And, yes, we’ve also donated to flood relief in the past.

Yes, we are “lucky” to have two places to live (although our downtown Toronto condo

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Marie McEachnie sent in this photo with the caption: “Spring thaw at sunset on Kabakwa Lake. Winter’s tempest fighting with Summer’s Sun is called Spring.”

is very small): my job in Toronto was just a means to acquire and support our cottage life. I suspect part of the resentment coming from locals is just envy. Yes, I drove myself like a fool working in downtown Toronto for many years to make the money to buy and pay for this place. I almost burned out. My health is damaged. No need to be envious of us “citiots.”

**Carol Jackson
Minden Hills**

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Not all Haliburton County heroes wear capes

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

One manages an office, another drives a truck and a third volunteers for community radio. Collectively, they're just some of Haliburton County's heroes in the war against COVID-19.

The Highlander asked local health care providers to nominate one from their ranks and the majority recommended Kim Robinson, the executive director and office manager of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team/Haliburton Family Medical Centre.

While not on the frontlines, Dr. Nell Thomas said without Robinson "nothing would be where it is today. She keeps the clinic running, created the COVID-19 assessment centre, makes sure people get paid and coordinates the sick time and meetings. In most of our cases, if each one of us stepped away, things would carry on but if Kim stepped away, I can't imagine what would happen."

Robinson said she's honoured but it's a team effort. "Without them, none of the work that we have done around the COVID-19 pandemic would be possible." She said they face daily changes with ease, pick up work where they see the need and support one another and herself.

"I truly didn't think twice about what this pandemic would mean for me. My concern was the team, physicians, patients, etc. I couldn't have managed to do what I have done without the support of our entire healthcare community and community at large."

Robinson said the pandemic "has consumed my time, but in a way that has actually been a blessing, so to speak. It has shown me exactly what this team can do. It has taught me to not be complacent



Kim Robinson at work. Photo submitted.



Rick English stands beside his truck before taking off on a trip April 20. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

and that we should practice such care with each other and our patients every day. I am fortunate to be able to come to work each day ... I am not fearful of contracting COVID-19. I feel protected and educated thanks to our physicians."

The trucker

Rick English lives in Carnarvon but spends the bulk of his work weeks on the road as a transport truck driver.

He's been driving for 48 years, and at 68, says he should retire but admits, "I enjoy doing it. I love the highway."

This week, his route took him to Sault Ste. Marie, then into Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, and back to Toronto and home.

He said his work life has not changed all that much during COVID-19, other than he cannot break up the routine by going into a restaurant for a sit-down meal. However, he has a refrigerator and microwave in the truck and says his wife always fills the fridge with leftovers. He can still get takeout and the washrooms are open and clean.

As for border crossings, he said he can't bring his wife since only co-drivers are allowed as essential workers. Other than that, the crossings are probably faster since there are fewer cars on the roads.

Asked how he feels about truckers being treated as heroes, English said, "Everyone is waving at us when we go by, and wanting us to blow the horn. We get more respect now than we did before. But, how will they treat us after this is over? We'll see if the tradition carries on."



Mike Jaycock is a voice on Canoe FM. Photo submitted.

The radio guy

Mike Jaycock has been a voice of information and inspiration throughout the pandemic on Canoe FM. He has shows Mondays from 7-9 a.m. and Fridays from 3-6 p.m. as well as doing the mayor's report Tuesdays and Thursdays. He's conducting other COVID-19-related interviews as well.

"I'm fortunate to have a mini-studio at home with microphone, phone connection technology, mixer and computer software that allows me to record and edit phone interviews as well as record commercials and station promos," Jaycock said. "I'm able to mix in music, if needed, and produce a finished product to send into the station via Dropbox. Between preparation for the shows I do and the interviews, I probably put in eight to 10 hours a week, from home. As a result, it sounds like I'm in station a lot more than I am."

Jaycock said since he's a senior with a history of asthma and some breathing problems, he's extremely cautious and concerned around trips away from home. He goes to the station and comes home.

"The station has been very proactive in terms of setting out the protocol and providing materials (disposable microphone socks, wipes, soaps) to ensure we stay safe. It's important for us to be at the radio station because, as a community radio station, it falls to us to provide as much current information as we can while at the same time providing friendly, neighbourly voices for members of our community. It's in times like these that community radio excels. So, while the family is a little concerned, I am glad to do what I do, thanks to the radio station's concern for its volunteers. I feel pretty darned safe."



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Community shows support for frontline workers

COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton's Jug City cashier Kris Leuzinger described working during the COVID-19 pandemic to be a "little nerve-racking," with customers still stopping by regularly.

But she said she was pleasantly surprised April 16 when she discovered a decorated rock left on the windowsill of the store.

It was emblazoned with bright colours and the words "thank you" written in black marker.

"It just made me feel really good," Leuzinger said. "I've been feeling pretty down with what's going on. I don't know where it came from or who left it but I want to say, thank you. Put a smile on my face."

Community members are finding a variety of ways to show their appreciation for the frontline workers providing services during the pandemic.

School communities including J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School have held up signs of support and posted them on social media. People have put up messages in their windows. Dysart et al put up a sign on one of its community events boards thanking all essential workers.

Another location getting positive messages is haliburtoncares.ca, which offers a submission form for people to upload messages for local healthcare staff. Haliburton Highlands Health Services vice

president of community programs Stephanie MacLaren said they have received a lot of support on social media.

One message submitted to haliburtoncares.ca April 3 directed towards "all health care workers in Haliburton County" said: "You are not alone - we are here, cheering you on, holding you in prayer, waiting to shake your hand, give you a hug and thank you in person when it is safe again. Thank you."

"We are deeply grateful for the support being shown to health care and frontline workers," MacLaren said. "These messages represent the best of Haliburton County - we all know this is a tight-knit community, that rallies together to support people when they need a helping hand, and that is exactly what is happening during this challenging situation."

"It is heart-warming to see, and it gives us the extra boost we need to keep working hard, day and night, to keep everyone healthy and safe."

The Highlander wants to highlight supportive messages directed to healthcare and other frontline workers during the pandemic.

Grab a photo of how you're showing support and send it to joseph@thehighlander.ca. We'll feature them in our paper.

Also, be sure to continue submitting messages to haliburtoncares.ca.



Cashier Kris Leuzinger holds up a 'thank you' rock mysteriously placed on the Haliburton Jug City windowsill. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

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Fraud charges laid in Minden

Two Minden Hills women are charged with numerous counts of fraud and forgery following a months long investigation by OPP.

In a media release issued April 16, the Haliburton detachment said the two were employees of a local business.

They further said the business's general manager contacted them after inconsistencies were allegedly noted with financial documents and invoices.

As a result of the investigation, a 32-year-old woman is charged with 21 counts of fraud under \$5,000 and 21 counts of make

forged document. A 39-year-old woman is facing 10 counts of fraud under \$5,000 and 10 counts of use, deals, acts on forged document.

The Highlander is not releasing their names as the paper cannot guarantee it will be able to follow through on their court appearances and the outcome of the court case.

The accused are scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on July 8, 2020.

Be careful of COVID scams

The OPP Anti-Rackets Branch and the Canadian Anti-Fraud

Centre (CAFC) say COVID-19 related scams are ploys to extort money and personal information from fearful, trusting victims.

According to information received by the CAFC, there are about 20 popular scams now underway, including: offering duct cleaning services or air filters to protect from COVID-19; giving false results saying you have been tested positive for COVID-19; offering financial aid and/or loans to help you get through the shut downs and offering fast COVID-19 tests for sale.

The two agencies say if you were using your computer when you were scammed, it's possible a virus or malicious software was installed on your computer. Run a full system

check using reliable security software. If you do not have security software such as virus scanners and a firewall installed on your computer, a trusted computer professional can help you choose what you need. Scammers may have also gained access to your online passwords or other personal information. Change these using a secure computer. If you paid someone by credit card or through an electronic funds transfer, contact your financial institution or credit card company immediately. They may be able to stop or reverse the transaction.

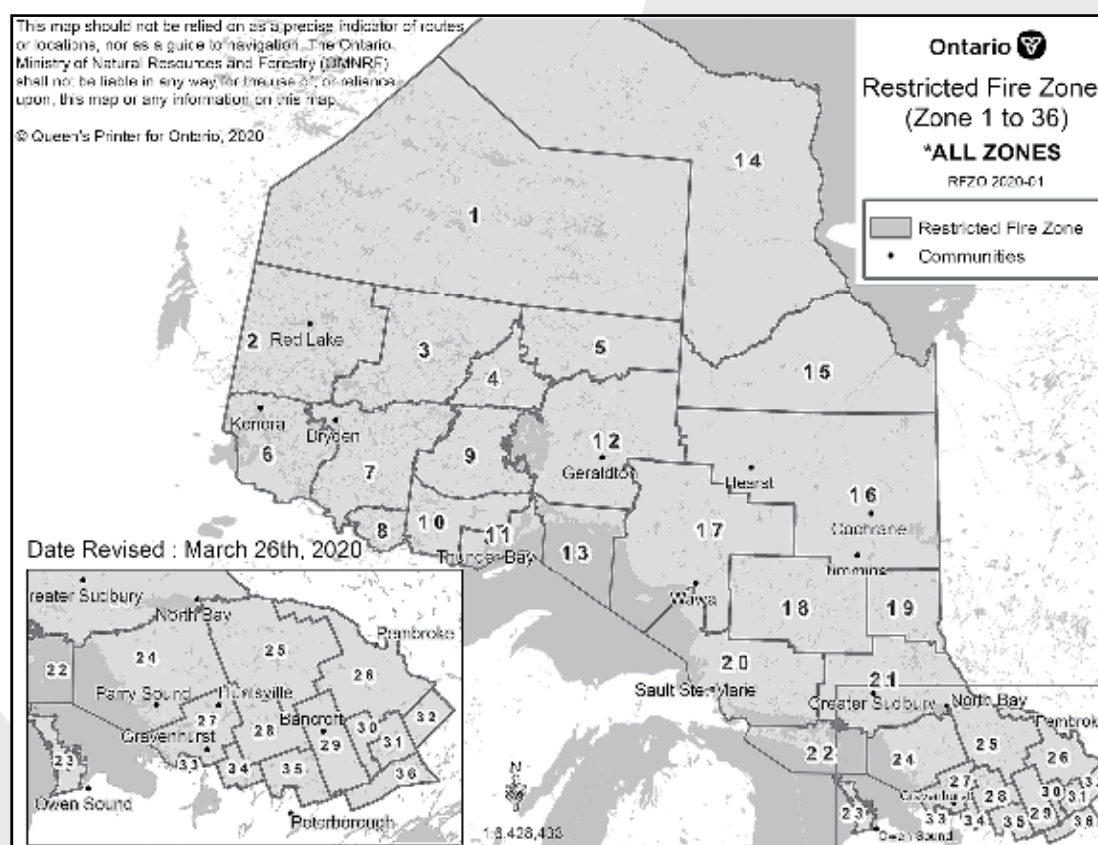
(OPP briefs compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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In order to ensure public safety and well-being during the evolving COVID-19 outbreak, Ontario has declared a Restricted Fire Zone for the entire fire region of the province (Restricted Fire Zones 1 to 36) outlined in the map below, effective April 3rd, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.



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For detailed information on the Restricted Fire Zone boundaries visit: Ontario.ca/forestfire.

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Food bank demand, donations up in Minden

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

The Minden Food Bank has seen about a 20 per cent increase in demand since the beginning of COVID-19 and anticipates even more people will need their services into the summer and fall.

"We're getting a lot more calls from people we've never had before, and are distressed that they have to call the food bank," Marilynne Lesperance told *The Highlander* April 16.

Lesperance added they have also seen a corresponding bump in donations. CanoeFM, for example, recently gave them \$8,000 from bingo proceeds to buy for all area food banks. She said the lake associations have been generous, as have other clubs and associations.

However, with government regulations affecting businesses, it isn't always easy to source food, Lesperance said.

She said they had been "scrounging" at the grocery stores they usually buy from but have had to source regional wholesalers as well.

The upstairs commercial kitchen area on Newcastle Street is filled with tables containing supplies for all of the area food banks, including the 4C's in Haliburton, Central East Food Network in Highlands East, and smaller food banks in Coboconk and Kinmount.

Joanne Barnes is there, continuing to help

fill the tables for eventual distribution.

"Overall, donations are coming in fast and furious," she said. "We are a huge way ahead of where we were a year ago, like several thousand dollars ahead."

Like Lesperance, she said, "It's amazing. We have the money coming in. It's just laying hands on product."

She is concerned about what she believes will be a lack of seasonal jobs this year and the impact that will have on families.

"We are now looking at a regular base of 150, plus 300 new families," Barnes predicted. She added they also have limited volunteers due to the pandemic. Some of their regulars are aged or have compromised immune systems. Plus, they have to practice social distancing as best they can while at the food bank. "I'm weary. I'm putting in long hours. I do help unload trucks but it's more the mental exhaustion," Barnes said.

However, Barnes said she remains buoyed by the fact, "It's amazing how this community always pulls together."

Due to regulations, they have one client come to the door to give their family name and size. They bring the food outside, loose in shopping carts, for clients to bag themselves. The carts are then sanitized for reuse. The food bank is also delivering to those who do not have transportation or do not want to go out. You can contact them at: 24 Newcastle St., Minden, 705-286-6838, mindencommunityfoodcentre@gmail.com



Joanne Barnes of the Minden Food Bank stands behind a table of staples destined for food banks in Coboconk and Kinmount. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

County businesses awaiting more federal support

COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

The federal government is providing more aid for businesses, but advocates are calling for support beyond loans.

The federal government announced a range of funding April 17, including \$962 million towards regional development agencies and the community futures network. It also announced April 16 it will introduce a program to provide loans to commercial property owners to forgo the rent of businesses for April (retroactive), May and June.

But Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) executive director Patti Tallman said although the additional funding is positive, groups are lobbying to get more non-repayable, or grant, support.

"There's certainly lots of money that's going into rural communities which is something we've really been advocating for," Tallman said. "The challenging piece for us as a CFDC (Community Futures Development Corporation), we don't want to see people go into debt and we'd like to provide them with funding."

Tallman said they expect to get just under \$1 million from the funding. Although details are limited, they assume it will be directed towards their investment fund to provide loans to businesses for the pandemic. She added the HCDC COVID-19 loan program – up to \$25,000 at zero per cent interest – has had lots of interest and 16 takers so far.

She said businesses are feeling pressure locally, especially given the pandemic is stretching into the tourist season.

"We're just cutting into our tourism season

which is the biggest impact of our whole year. It's just unfortunate that the small business owner is the one that's taking the heat," Tallman said.

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce executive director Jennifer Locke said the latest government announcements were a win for businesses. She also highlighted the announced expansion to the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit, with seasonal workers can now more readily access, and the bigger payroll range for the Canada Emergency Business Account, which is now for businesses between \$20,000 to \$1.5 million.

But Locke said there is some confusion about qualifying for all the different programs. However, she added businesses are innovating quickly during the crisis.

"I find my members are just trying to wrap their heads around what they qualify

for," Locke said. "Overall, they're just hoping the community will support them now where they can and keep them in their minds as we move forward."

She encouraged businesses to fill out the online Canadian Survey on Business Conditions, due April 24, to ensure the rural voice is heard.

"We're a tight-knit community and we've weathered hard times before," Locke said.

Tallman said CFDCs are lobbying for more help to provide for businesses over the next two years, with non-repayable contributions.

"We just hope the federal government is going to keep pushing money towards rural communities," she said. "We just hope we can assist our rural community to get back into the land of the living. It's just such a horrible time for everybody."

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After months of negotiations and several one-day strikes, the province and Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation have reached a tentative deal. *File photo.*

Province, high school teachers reach deal

By Joseph Quigley

After months of negotiations, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) and the province have reached a tentative collective agreement.

The two sides announced the deal April 20 after a negotiation period which saw multiple one-day strikes. Teachers protested provincial cuts and expressed concern over changes such as mandatory e-learning credits for students.

But OSSTF District 15 – Trillium Lakelands president Colin Mathew said although he is not privy to what happens at the central-bargaining table, the COVID-19 pandemic likely had an impact.

"The whole bargaining landscape, at least in the short-term, really changed with this current crisis," Mathew said. "It's hard to imagine it didn't have an effect."

The deal will be reviewed for approval by local leaders in the coming days. If approved by them, the OSSTF said it will have a ratification vote by all its members in May.

OSSTF president Harvey Bischof thanked his members for their work in their public awareness campaigning.

"As a result of our combined efforts, this government, although early in its term and holding a majority, was pushed back from some of its most egregious proposals," Bischof said. "While this tentative agreement does not satisfy all of our concerns, we recognize the current environment we are in and the need

for students to have stability once this emergency is over."

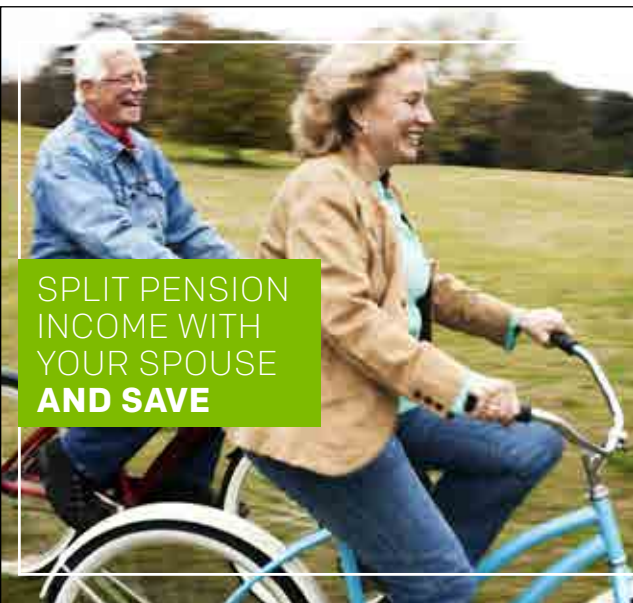
"Our aim was to ensure our young people receive the best education we can offer, so they can develop the skills they need to succeed in the classroom and in the jobs of the future," Minister of Education Stephen Lecce said. "We will remain focused on the government's dual priority of keeping students safe while ensuring the continuity of education."

The province has now reached deals with all of its teachers' unions, including the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, which is going through its own ratification process.

A local deal still needs to be worked out between the union and Trillium Lakelands District School Board. Mathew said negotiations have awaited completion of the central deal. If that deal is ratified as scheduled, Mathew said local bargaining should take place in May and June. What will be discussed will depend on what is covered in the central agreement.

Mathew added he is concerned about possible cuts based on deals made with other teachers' unions. *The Toronto Star* reported the tentative deal with the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association includes an increase in average high school class sizes from 22 to 23 students this fall.

"We know what we went out to fight for, which is no cuts to public education. I would hope when I see the terms of the deal, that will be the case," Mathew said.



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Wilberforce Fair added to summer cancellations

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

The Wilberforce Fair, scheduled for the first weekend in August, has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

The Wilberforce Agricultural Society made the announcement last week. They said it was done with “great disappointment.”

“The decision was not an easy one for our directors, however after board discussion and all avenues considered, we unanimously felt it was the right thing to do. The health and safety of our members, volunteers, sponsors, donors, vendors and our community is paramount,” they said in a news release.

They added they anticipate that social distancing may be a long-term social measure, with various phases where large gatherings will continue to be discouraged to some degree.

They said even if some constraints are lifted, it may take some time for people to trust attending events.

In addition, “we have a large seasonal population who may not be here in the same numbers this summer season. Also, our local residents may still be in self isolation, particularly our senior population as they remain our most vulnerable.”

They further noted that the local and surrounding area businesses who have traditionally been the fair’s sponsors are experiencing significant financial duress.

They felt it would be inappropriate to approach them for advertising or contributions in kind.

Another major consideration was the fairground availability, as the fair takes place on municipal property.

“Should social distancing still be in effect throughout the summer and fall, there is no guarantee that the grounds would be available for the Wilberforce Agricultural Society to hold the event.”

The fair is a not-for-profit community event, and the financial impacts were a huge part of the board’s discussion. They said their budget currently stands in a



The Wilberforce Agricultural Society has been forced to cancel this year’s fair due to the coronavirus. *File.*

healthy position to freeze expenses without any reductions for planning 2021. “We felt this was the best course of action given the fact that without the funds from our sponsors, what will surely be an anticipated lower attendance, along with general expenses for our exhibits, we would put the fair’s future financial viability at risk.”

They said they’re looking forward to a return on August 6-7, 2021.

“Stay safe, and know that we remain optimistic for another big little fair in our future.”

Algonquin Highlands cancellations

Meanwhile, the Township of Algonquin Highlands announced on April 17 that it is cancelling all summer programming and events.

This includes: the Oxtongue Lake Canada Day and summer speaker series; Dorset family movie nights and museum heritage day, Stanhope Heritage Day; swimming lessons and aqua-fit; the Stanhope Soccer

League; Dorset kids fish derby and arts, crafts and antiques show and community garage sale.

Fall programming and events will be re-evaluated in August.

The seasonal opening of the Dorset Tower has also been postponed.

They also announced that the household hazardous waste event scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at the Maple Lake Landfill has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 6.

Highlands East news

Procedural bylaw changes

Council, at a special council meeting April 21, approved an amendment to the municipal procedural bylaw due to provincial Bill 187, which allowed for council, board and committee members participating in meetings electronically to be counted for quorum during an emergency.

The bylaw change also allows for the formation of an emergency governance committee, which would allow two or fewer councillors to be delegated powers during an emergency for a meeting should the other three council members be unavailable for valid reasons.

Staff keep busy

CAO Shannon Hunter reported on how staff have kept busy working over the past month since the pandemic broke out, even with offices closed.

“Working at home protocols have been implemented for all departments. Staff continue to be creative in order to meet work expectations,” Hunter said. “All departments are meeting with their counterparts in the other municipalities and many collaborations have transpired.”

Hunter reported administration is working as part of the municipal emergency operations centre, communicating COVID-19 updates to the public, and working on the year-end audit, amongst other duties.

The roads department self-isolated for 14 days due to potential COVID-19 exposure.

The department is now back to work using safe distancing protocols, addressing issues such as culverts.

“While we have had an easy spring, we have had a half-dozen culverts wash out due to frost heaving them out of the road,” the staff report said.

The bylaw department indicated it could enforce orders under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, which can now be used against those breaking social distancing and essential services orders. But the department said calls to date have been minimal.

Hunter also reported the fire department has called off weekly training and the fire chief has been focused on dealing with COVID-19 and securing protective equipment.

Meeting live-streamed

The meeting was live-streamed to YouTube and done completely remotely.

All five members of council attended via an online call, which required every vote to be a recorded one for public record. At peak, 18 viewers were watching the stream.

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Dave Burton thanked everyone who took part.

“These times are very difficult for so many reasons,” he said.

“I wish everyone to stay healthy and safe. We’ll get through this together - apart.”

(Highlands East news compiled by Joseph Quigley)

Highlander people

New AH fire chief positive about future

By Lisa Gervais

Last Spring, Whitewater fire chief Jonathan Wilker was on the frontline of Ottawa River flooding. This year, he's helping to manage a global pandemic for Algonquin Highlands.

Wilker was recently hired to replace Mike Cavanagh, who is now deputy chief of Peterborough.

In an interview with *The Highlander* last month, Wilker said he's originally from Ottawa. His last position was as fire chief for Whitewater, about an hour outside of the Nation's Capital, where he served for two years.

"It was a very similar municipality in size and in challenges," Wilker said. "So, I'm looking forward to bringing the experience from there to here."

While only on the ground a week at the time of the interview, he said he'd had an opportunity to meet a lot of the firefighters and officers "and we have a really good group of dedicated people, so I'm really looking forward to being here."

Whitewater covered 500 square kilometres with the Ottawa River wrapping around one side of it. Wilkins oversaw five volunteer stations. The population of 7,000 was a tad bigger than Algonquin Highlands. At the height of the 2019 floods, they issued 300,000 sandbags.

He noted the geography is different here and the distance between stations a challenge. There are stations on North Shore Road, in Dorset and Oxtongue Lake.

He said other challenges, such as ensuring enough volunteers, is province-wide.

"Recruitment and retention. We're going to look very hard at some different strategies. How we can, and where we can, find people in the community that are willing to volunteer. The challenge really for our firefighters is finding that work-life balance and us making sure that we can make it a rewarding and challenging career."

He said the township has a good handle on the department's challenges and "we're working proactively in dealing with those issues."



Algonquin Highlands' new fire chief, Jonathan Wilker. Photo by Lisa Gervais

For example, he said call volumes are dropping, with fewer fires, so it's tougher to motivate firefighters. But, "the way to achieve that now is through good, efficient, challenging training."

This is his third department. He was also a volunteer for the City of Ottawa and a rural sector chief. He's dealt directly with 18 different stations, all of whom operate a little differently.

"My strategy here is, I'm going to take some time and evaluate, and then we'll start looking at some of the things I've learned, if it's appropriate to do that. But I'm not going to make any changes immediately. We've got a very well-run department with passionate people. We've got challenges like every department has but I'm not going to make any rash decision and all the firefighters need to hear that too."

He said he was attracted to the job

because he loves working with volunteer departments and he favours the size of the area.

"It's stepping into a department which is in good shape but I can help out and make a difference."

He applauded his predecessor for doing a great job of training and building good infrastructure and communications.

"I'm very positive about the outlook of the future."

Author gives Highlander readers a chance to win ebook

By Lisa Gervais

Bay of Blood, a novel set in Georgian Bay, is based on the mysterious death of renowned Canadian painter Tom Thomson.

The book's idea came to author Andy Potter when he was watching a documentary about Thomson's life and mysterious death called *West Wind: The Vision of Tom Thomson*.

"This would make a great novel," Potter thought. Then he thought, "No, it wouldn't. You can't fly too close to the Tom Thomson myth. It's sacred. He's a Canadian icon."

So, Potter wrote a mystery novel based on Thomson's death.

Thomson died on July 8, 1917. The famous painter murdered in *Bay of*

Blood died on July 8, 2017. There are other similarities, but the painter in the novel is not Thomson, and he's not the main character.

The novel's main character is OPP Detective Sergeant Eva Naslund.

As one of the book's reviewers says, "Potter takes his readers on a fascinating 21st-century chase, with bells and whistles never dreamt of 100 years ago: cellphones, female detectives, Russian operatives, and shady Toronto art dealers."

Potter won't elaborate on the suspects; he doesn't want to ruin the whodunit.

Ken Haigh, a Georgian Bay author, provided this short overview of the novel.

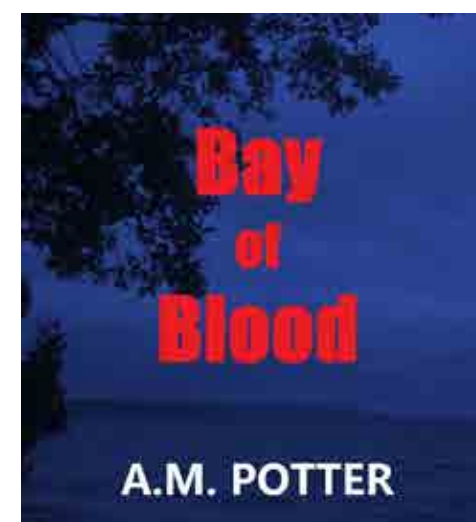
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If readers want to get a print book, *Bay of Blood* is available at book retailers. For more information or sales details, visit Potter's author site at amp-northnoir@outlook.com



Highlander arts



Left: The Haliburton Highlands will be spotlighted in an episode of HGTV Canada's Scott's Vacation House Rules premiering April 26. Right: Designer Debra Salmoni and local artist Rose Pearson paint together during the episode. *Photos submitted.*

Local talent featured in new HGTV show

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton Highlands will be featured in the premiere episode of a new HGTV Canada series *Scott's Vacation House Rules* April 26.

The hour-long renovation show hosted by Scott McGillivray features cottages getting transformed into more appealing rental properties. The inaugural episode will feature a cottage situated outside of Minden, with local workers taking part in turning an inherited family cottage into a German-inspired guest house.

"For over 10 years I've been helping homeowners – advising them on income properties and renovation techniques – and now I'm taking what I've learned in both of these and applying them to the growing market of vacation rentals," McGillivray

told *The Highlander*. "With the rise of Airbnb and other booking services, vacation homes have become a hot part of the real estate market."

The episode will feature local talent, including Minden's Above Board Carpentry. The business declined an interview.

Professional artist and Haliburton School of Art + Design teacher Rose Pearson participated in filming back in August and painted shutters in a Bavarian-style.

"I don't have any experience in film at all," Pearson said. "It was interesting for me to experience all the little takes. I'm interested in seeing now what parts they harvested."

McGillivray said the episode turned out particularly well, which is why it was chosen for the premiere of the series.

"I'm proud of all of our episodes, but we felt this one was especially great. The homeowners also have a very universal goal, which is to use the property to generate additional income in order to let them retire someday," he said. "Shooting in Haliburton was beautiful, and the community was very welcoming."

Pearson said some nerves come with being on television.

"I feel really sheepish. I'll probably hold my breath and hide under a blanket when my scene comes up," she said. "It's not my comfort place, that's for sure."

The episode airs April 26 at 9 p.m. It can be streamed via watch.globaltv.com and through all major TV distributors.

"If you're interested in taking an hour to get away from our current news cycle,

this is a great way to spend that hour," McGillivray said. "If you're interested in learning more about vacation homes or you're a real estate/renovation junkie, you'll find lots of good information."

Another Minden-area cottage will get featured in the series May 10, according to Brown + Co, the local construction company who worked on that episode. Contract manager Andrew Brown said it is not their first TV production and it was fun being apart of it.

"We understand how much reach projects like this have, we always get excited about it. We enjoy the exposure," Brown said. "We, like other people in the area, as well as cottagers, see our level of quality that we can perform and how easy we are to get along with."

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Volunteers step up during pandemic

COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

When Alex and Barbara Kosny returned to Wilberforce March 30 after staying in Florida over the winter, they were forced into unusual circumstances.

As with all returning travellers, they had to keep themselves in isolation for two weeks due to COVID-19, meaning they could not leave the house. But they were not left in the lurch for long, as neighbours and volunteers with the Central East Food Network ensured they could get the supplies they needed.

"It was a very, very big help," Alex Kosny said. "When we sent a list of our order to Foodland, very next day volunteers came. How can it be? I am very, very happy that happened and very surprised."

National Volunteer Week is April 19-25 and organizations across the County are showing their appreciation as volunteers continue helping even during a global pandemic.

Volunteers from groups such as the Rotary Club of Haliburton, the Central East Food Network and the

newly formed Neighbours Helping Neighbours are delivering groceries. SIRCH and Rotaract Haliburton Highlands are collecting cloth masks for use, woven by volunteer sewers.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) vice president of community programs Stephanie MacLaren said when the pandemic broke out, volunteers emerged quickly.

"Haliburton County is an embarrassment of riches when it comes to community spirit and volunteer support," MacLaren said. "Our phones lit up with many people wanting to know how they could help."

She said community support services has a dedicated volunteer group, which have continued to help drive people to medical appointments, deliver Meals on Wheels and make friendly visits by telephone or virtually. She added many people stepped forward who have not volunteered with HHHS in the past.

"There are a lot of people stepping up to organize responses – whether it is doing fitness classes for seniors over the internet, running errands, reaching out to neighbours. It is really impressive how we as a community have responded," MacLaren said.

Other organizations are also honouring volunteers, including the many who help year-round. The Township of Minden Hills, which usually holds a recognition event for the week, put out a release thanking its volunteers.

"Your continued commitment and enthusiasm in helping develop our community is greatly appreciated. Minden Hills wouldn't be the wonderful place it is without all of you," the township said. "To all those who have been volunteering or assisting others in various ways during this uncertain time, we want to say thank you."

However, some regular volunteers in the vulnerable population have taken a step back due to COVID-19, something MacLaren said HHHS is fully supportive of. She said she cannot predict what the "new normal" will look like moving forward during the pandemic but expects volunteers will continue to come forward.

"What is truly evident throughout all of this, is that the spirit of volunteerism and the calling to be of service to the health and well-being of the community is alive and well in Haliburton County."

Highlander volunteers



Cathy McIlmurray chops vegetables while preparing meals for SIRCH. File photo.

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What's cooking?

We've noticed a lot of Highlanders are dealing with self-isolation through cooking and baking.

Starting last week, we encouraged people to share their photos and recipes with us.

Here are our first submissions. Send others to editor@thehighlander.ca.

Left: Andrea Strano made banana pudding and sends readers to www.the-girl-who-ate-everything.com/magnolia-bakerys-famous-banana-pudding/



Jeri-Lyn Cuda of Minden Hills made Challah bread and said it turned out really good.

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Next Living Well

May 21



HOME OF THE HIGHLAND STORM

COACH'S MESSAGE

REP PEEWEE

The Highland Storm 2019/20 Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports and Dollo's Foodland Rep Pee wee team had a rocky start to their season.

Early on, the players were focused on individual success, however as the season progressed, they started to work together as a team supporting each other through both wins and losses.

Our season's highlight was attending the Muskoka Parry Sound tournament in Port Carling.

The Pee wees showed grit and determination and were successful in winning the B division championship.

In playoffs, we faced the Durham Crusaders and unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in winning and this ended the season for the Pee wees.

I am proud of the players, it was a challenging year with few wins, however they continued to show up and work hard in practices.

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In Loving Memory of

Marion Sedgwick

Anna Marion Sedgwick of Gelert died April 13, 2020, at the age of 90. Marion was a teacher, nurse, nursing teacher, missionary, United Church of Canada diaconal minister, world traveller and gardener. She was born in Gelert Aug. 10, 1929, to John Barr and Mary (Allen) Sedgwick. She was predeceased by her brothers, Rowland Sedgwick (the late Edna) and the Rev. Wendell Sedgwick; her sister, Genevieve Payne; and her niece Joan Bertin. She is survived by brother-in-law Philip Payne and sister-in-law Lorna (Keay) Sedgwick. Marion is warmly remembered by her nieces and nephews Sonya (Sedgwick) Proctor (late Mike), Katherine Sedgwick (Raymond Brassard), Melanie Sedgwick, John Sedgwick, Kenneth Sedgwick, Megan Payne (Jeff Payne), Bruce Payne (Jennifer Ackert), Nancy Payne (Denis Grignon), Valerie Payne (Scott Iverson), and niece Joan's husband Joe Bertin. Aunt Marion is also remembered fondly by great-nieces and great-nephews Nikita and Conor Payne, Esmé and Christian Iverson, Madeline and Sydney Payne, Yannick and Jonah Grignon, Nathan, Daniel, Emmet and Timothy Wisnicki, Sam and Tom Sedgwick, and Julia and Claire Sedgwick. Marion had friends all over the world.

Cremation has taken place; a memorial service will be held when we are able to gather once again for worship. If you would like to do something in Marion's memory in the meantime, you could plant a tree or a patch of garden. Gifts to honour her remarkable life may be made to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0



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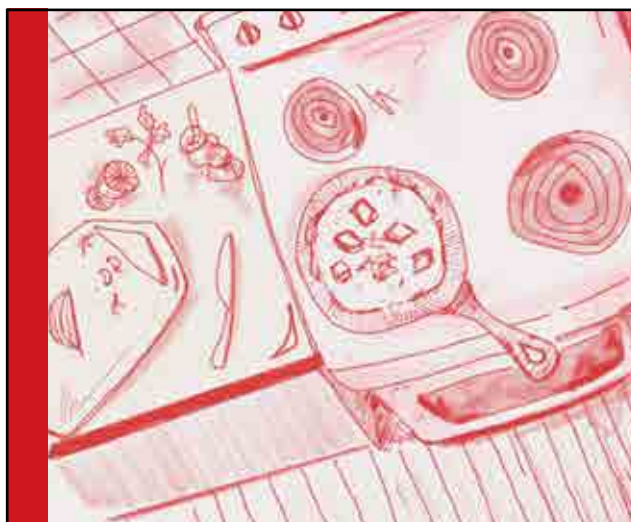


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See What I Mean?

by Barbara Olson

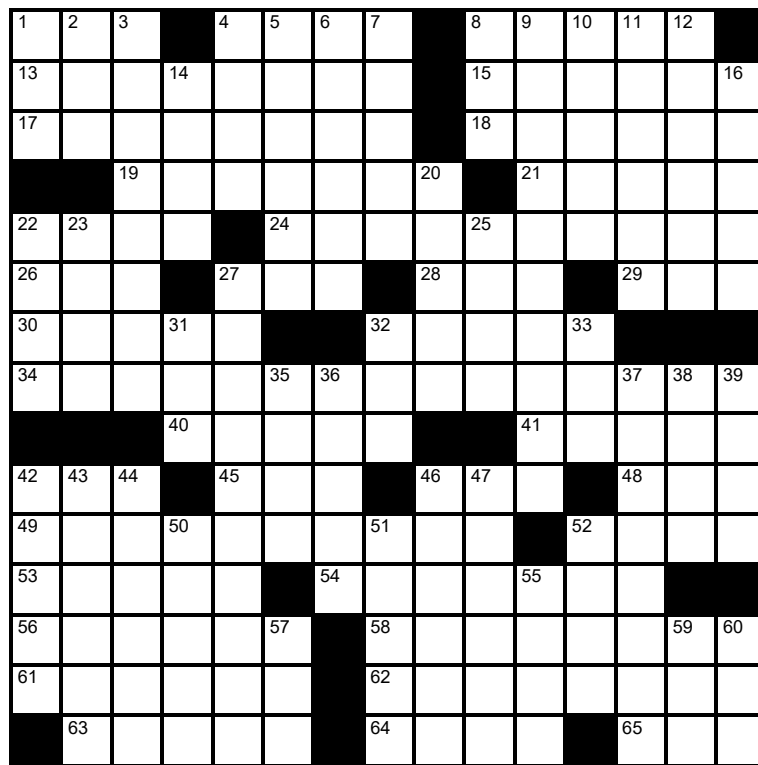
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 4 ___ll (Gillette razor)
 8 Some latte teas
 13 Fat feline of the funnies
 15 Two-syllable poetic foot
 17 White flower in a Pfeiffer film title
 18 Very rare, before "million"
 19 Slather atop, as sunscreen
 21 Sugar ___ (gold digger's guy)
 22 Miss terribly, with "for"
 24 Clears one's conscience, in a way
 26 The Mauna meaning "long"
 27 Half qts.
 28 "Of course you realize, this means ___" (Bugs Bunny)
 29 "... we gotta go, ___ my-o"
 30 Top-of-the-line
 32 Fictional Marner
 34 What a mammoth task may require
 40 Make ___ for oneself (get known)
 41 One who fixes a flat?
 42 Spoon-bending Geller
 45 Prefix with -gram or -phragm
 46 Univ. dorm bosses
 48 Peron played by Madonna
 49 Patsy Cline-like star with the breakout hit "Blue"
 52 "Up 'n __, Sleepyhead!"
 53 Hitchcock walk-on, notably
 54 Unleash, as wrath
 56 CBC's "The Fifth ___"
 58 Bill Withers song represented five times in this grid
 61 "Rah-rah" type
 62 Bemoaned
 63 Uncomfortable "necktie"
 64 Deep subjects?
 65 It's not kosher

Down

- 1 Reminiscer's word
 2 "Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-___" (Irish lullaby)
 3 Window opener's desire



- 4 The point of a fork
 5 Black out, as private text
 6 Old Olds models
 7 Pre-cloud backup item
 8 Corp. portfolio expert
 9 Creates, as an artisan
 10 Sit down to ___ (dine)
 11 Footnote word, in full
 12 It might come with a cherry on top
 14 15-minute allotment, per Warhol
 16 Disappoint a date-seeker
 20 ___ town (recently arrived)
 22 "Kubla Khan" river
 23 What planks and crunches strengthen
 25 Boxing Day event
 27 Westminster wallet stuffers
 31 Elton's record label, once
 32 CRA remittance encl.
 33 Research sch. in Vancouver
 35 Fox shelter
 36 Spammer's medium
 37 Five, to fifty
 38 Dream in French?
 39 Streetcar
 42 Worrywart's woe
 43 "Just because" is a lousy one
 44 "Me as well"
 46 Make more distressed, as jeans
 47 "Ain't that ___" (Cheap Trick)
 50 Fifties "far out!"
 51 ___ Yello (old soft drink brand)
 52 Stratford, England's river
 55 Some fuel suffixes
 57 Browning's "before"
 59 ___ culpa
 60 Prov. capital N of Calgary



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walk-in business. Place orders at mastersbookstore.ca, by phone 705-457-2223, or by email mastersbook@bellnet.ca. Pick-up/delivery will be arranged.

Royal Lepage Trillium Team Working from home and checking phone messages and emails regularly. trilliumteam.ca.

Haliburton Dance Academy Livestream classes. info@haliburtondanceacademy.com.

Walkers Heating & Cooling Systems Open 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. for phone and email inquiries. No walk-in appointments. walkershvac.com. For 24/7 emergency service call 705-457-2375.

Minden Wine Store Closed.

Minden Subaru Open by appointment only. Service: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Sales: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 705-286-6126.

County Sign & Display Closed to walk-in traffic but continuing to produce and supply signage. countysign@interhop.net. 705-286-6650.

Haliburton Legion Closed. Contact office Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 705-457-2571.

Up River Trading Co. Closed.

Haliburton Auto Closed.

Tails and Trails Offer doggy daycare and pet sitting. Open with regular hours. Call (705) 935-8245 to find out what measures they are taking to avoid human contact.

Highlands Medical Supplies In-store personal shopping no longer available. Available to take your orders by phone or email. Pre-paid orders can be delivered or via "Pick-Up Box". Call 705-457-9355 (Mon - Fri 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.), info@highlandsmedicalsupplies.com. Weekend/after hours: 705-455-2705 (urgent only.)

Hawk River Construction Open for business but closed to public. Payment, statements and invoices through email or mail.

The Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre Closed to face-to-face client interactions. Staffed regular hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Friday 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.) and available by phone or text (705-457-4673) or email (hope@haliburtonpregnancycentre.ca). If anyone (including non-clients) needs diapers, formula or baby clothing, contact them and arrangements will be made for pick-up.

Castle Antiques and Cafe Closed.

Stone 21 located at Pinestone No longer offering takeout.

The Cookhouse Restaurant – Haliburton Forest Only takeout. Order ahead by calling 705-754-1729. haliburtonforest.com/amenities/

South Algonquin Dinner Open for take-out daily from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Call 705-448-1168.

West G Pizza & Grill Open for take-out and delivery after 4 p.m. Call 705-754-9141.

Abbey Gardens Food Hub open for retail shopping and take-out food only. Pre-orders welcome by calling 705-754-4769 or abbeygardens.ca/shop-online/

AM/PM Outdoor Gourmet Special takeout menu. Open 6 days a week. Call 613-876-4639 or email amanda@ampmoutdoorgourmet.com. ampmoutdoorgourmet.square.site.

John E. Francis Fuels Office closed but operating business as usual by phone or email. Invoices will be mailed or emailed, not delivered by drivers.

McKeck's Open for take-out and online ordering. Mon-Sat from 12-7 p.m. Menu at mckecks.ca/menu. Call 705-457-3443.

Hudson Henderson Insurance Brokers Open for appointments not walk-ins from Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Pet Valu Haliburton store operating with reduced hours Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m, and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

WRD Cottage Rental Agency Open as usual but working remotely. Call 705-457-9434 or email to fran@ontariocottagerental.com.

Molly's Bistro Bakery Open 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., Wednesday - Sunday. Takeout or frozen carry-home cuisine. Call ahead for order. 705-268-6988.

Fleming CREW Employment Centre Providing service via phone and email. Office at 49 Maple Ave closed to public. Call 705-457-2020 or email flemingcrew@flemingcollege.ca.

Courtney @ Bruce's Barbershop Closed until further notice.

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

Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre Closed. Posting images from current exhibition on Facebook.com/railsend.

Riverview Furniture Open with regular business hours via email or phone for furniture/flooring needs.

Lacey's Hair Design Closed. All appointments will be postponed. To rebook call 705-457-9888. or click the Phorest link on Instagram page.

Baked and Battered Closed.

Nourished Offers healthy, delicious, fresh and frozen food options. Wed - Sat 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. for takeout/delivery. 705-306-0526.

The Beer Store Minden and Haliburton locations will be closing at 7 on Fridays. No longer accepting empties.

Century 21 Granite Realty Group Available only through appointment. Call 705-457-2128 or email info@century21granite.com.

Contact admin@thehighlander.ca for a free listing (25 words max)



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Kennisis Lake



INCREDIBLE ESTATE PROPERTY! Ultimate privacy with 6.90 acres and 550 ft of clean clear shoreline. Granite walkways and patios. Over 4000 sq ft of living space. This custom built "True North" log home has recently had numerous quality upgrades. Too many to mention. You'll appreciate them when you see them. 5 bdrms, 4 baths, full finished bsmt, Haliburton room, insulated triple garage with finished loft. \$2,389,000

Kennisis Lake



Looking for a yr-rnd home or a 4-season cottage? Breathtaking 3-bdrm, 2 bath home. Custom built kitchen w/ granite countertops, built-in appliances, lrg island & much more. 4 season sunroom. Ramps, paths & staircases suitable for all ages. 4 season bunkie & double car garage. Call LBO for all extra special details. \$1,150,000.

Colbourne Lake



Enjoy being close to nature in a quiet, private and peaceful setting. 4 BR, 2 bath log home/cottage. 25 acres of mature trees. Stunning open concept living. Engineered hardwood flooring, granite countertops and walk-out to covered wraparound deck. Heated workshop with loft. \$999,000

Grass Lake



Stunning 4 BR, 4 bath turn key home/cottage. Large sunny level lot. 100+ ft of private frtg and personal boat launch. Panoramic lake view. 80 ft deck. High quality finishing's. Many upgrades in fall of 2018. Double attached garage and detached single garage with carport. Shows pride of ownership. \$1,050,000

Spruce Lake



Custom built 3 bR, 3 bath waterfront home/cottage. With 25 acres, 225 ft of frtg and Southern exposure. This private and peaceful property. open concept living with beautiful maple cabinetry. Cozy sunroom, gorgeous gazebo and stone patio with firepit. 2 BR guest cottage. Wheelchair accessible. \$1,399,000

Kennisis Lake



Low maintenance 4 season cottage. 4 bdrm, 1 Bath. Open concept. Over-sized dining area perfect for hosting. Large deck with glass railing. Lots of space for the whole family to stay. Additional living space in bunkie. Beautifully landscaped maintenance free property. Granite flower beds and stairway to water. Ample privacy and much more. \$899,000.

Vacant Lots

- WEST LAKE \$559,500 0.81AC
- DRAG LAKE \$499,000. 7.24 AC
- OTTER LAKE \$289,000 - 67.9AC
- COLBORNE LAKE \$289,000. 4.83AC
- CONTAU LAKE \$165,000. 1.33AC
- HARBURN ROAD \$99,000. 44+AC
- IRONDALE RIVER \$79,000. 3.22AC
- TRAPPERS TRAIL \$49,900. 0.93AC
- DEEP BAY ROAD \$49,000. 3.05AC
- TATTERSAL ROAD \$37,000 1.03AC
- FRED JONES ROAD \$34,500. 6.59AC
- TWIST LANE \$27,900 0.43 AC
- FRED JONES ROAD \$25,000. 0.38AC

Wenona Lake



Looking for a quiet, calm and peaceful four season cottage or waterfront home? Look no further. This 3 BR, 3 bath immaculate cottage sits on a private lot. Large open concept living, excellent for hosting family gatherings. 125ft of frtg with stunning western views. \$662,000

Kennisis Lake



It's all about the lot!! Enjoy the gorgeous sunsets from this west facing level lot. Amazing rock shoreline, deep water entry is great for the avid swimmers. 125 ft frontage and year round road. Looking for a fixer upper this one is for you! 3 bdrms 2 with balconies. 3 product pellet stove and back up solar system. \$569,000

Twelve Mile Lake



Offering a million-dollar view and spectacular sunsets! Bright open concept custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home. Floor to ceiling windows providing stunning lake views. Finished lower level. Cozy 3 season cedar screened in porch. 56 ft of Houston docking. Water-front enjoyment without waterfront taxes. \$558,000

Miskwabi Lake



Looking for the perfect traditional cottage to call your own? This turnkey 3 bedroom, 4 season cottage is on beautiful Miskwabi Lake. Open concept living space. Finished with pine walls and ceilings, gives the true cottage feel. Recently installed laminate flooring throughout, indoor sauna. This property has it all! Walk-out to wrap around deck. Bunkie for additional living space. \$486,900

Percy Lake



Great traditional family cottage! 4 Bdrm, 1 bath cottage has open concept living space finished with laminate flooring and wood interior boasts cottage charm. Large lakefront deck. Enjoying the Southern exposure. The list doesn't stop there, sauna building at waters edge, large sitting deck and dock provides ample space the whole family will enjoy. \$379,000

Haliburton Lake



Meticulously cared for 3 BR, 2 bath year round home/cottage. Private lot perfect for children to play. 176 ft frtg. Beautiful sandy beach, dock and full sun. Bright open concept living. Fully finished lower level. Enjoy the stunning views of nature. Detached single garage. A property that can be enjoyed all year. \$619,000

Carroll Road



Every nature lovers dream! 3 bdrm, 2 bath rustic log home perfectly situated on 92 acres. Deck around the front & side to enjoy your lovely yard, gardens & forest. Complete and utter privacy! Open concept kitchen-dining finished with wood cabinetry and grand wood cookstove. Large sunken living room with propane stove. Large 3 bay garage. \$559,500

Long Lake



Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy. Endless possibilities. \$499,900

Nesbitt Road



Recently renovated 4 bdrm, 2 bath home. Low traffic year-round municipal maintained road. Beautifully treed level lot. Many recent upgrades include new roof, fully renovated bathrooms, luxury vinyl flooring throughout, blown-in insulation and much more. Bright open concept living space, spacious kitchen, large rooms and ample storage space. Finished lower level, large deck and heated attached double car garage. \$399,999

Airport Road



We found the perfect starter or retirement home for you! 1.10-ac level lot surrounded by mature trees. Cozy 2-bdrm, 1 bath home with open concept kitchen and living space. Kitchen is finished with Pine cabinetry and beautiful views of the backyard. In-floor radiant heat and recently installed vinyl flooring throughout. Attached oversized single insulated garage. \$259,000.



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Thank You

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