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Joel McWhirter visited Walkabout Farm April 26. The farm reopened on a limited capacity to provide mental health services. See the full story on page 18. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Businesses eye province's reopening plan

COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton County's restricted businesses hope to reopen soon after the province released its framework April 27 to begin the process at an undetermined date.

In three stages, the province will begin lifting restrictions it put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Each stage will be monitored for two to four weeks. The framework provides no dates for when reopening will begin, but features a list of

criteria that will be considered, including a 14-28 day decrease in the number of new, daily COVID-19 cases.

G.J. Burtch Construction Enterprises Ltd. owner Gary Burtch said he wants construction to be considered in the first stage of re-opening. Most new construction is suspended, a restriction Burtch said should be lifted soon, with protocols on social distancing at work sites followed.

"We're working at a distance," Burtch said. "Here in Haliburton, construction is one of the main employers. So, we get that going, that's going to help out the town

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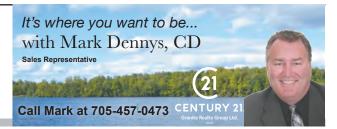
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HHHS seals long-term care homes from hospitals

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) said it's now sealed off Highland Wood and Hyland Crest long-term care homes from the rest of the hospital sites in Haliburton and Minden.

In its weekly community update, released April 24, HHHS president and CEO Carolyn Plummer said they've installed temporary walls between the two areas, created separate entrances for staff and essential visitors to use, depending on which part of the facility they need to access, designated separate break and change rooms for staff, and re-designed work flows so that there is no cross-over between the homes and the rest of the hospital.

"All of this work, and it has been a considerable amount, has been done in an effort to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 from the emergency and acute areas to our more vulnerable long-term care residents," Plummer said.

She said HHHS is also moving forward with increased testing for every long-term care resident and staff member, as mandated last week by the Government of Ontario.

In the meantime, she added they will continue to take resident and staff temperatures twice-daily, maintain physical distancing within the homes, and have staff use the proper personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks, in all care areas within their facilities.

Plummer said as the provincial government seeks to have more people tested for COVID-19, their online selfassessment tool has been updated to include more symptoms, such as hoarse voice, runny nose, loss of sense of taste or smell, headaches, digestive issues, and fatigue.

The self-assessment can be reached at Ontario.ca/coronavirus, or you can call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000.

The president and CEO said while HHHS appreciates that many people have tried to stay away from hospitals and health care providers during COVID-19, "I want to encourage everyone to seek health care if and when you need it. HHHS and our local health care partners have been working diligently to ensure that we can manage the COVID-19 pandemic while still providing high-quality health care services to the community. Please do not ignore any health issues you may be having, and seek regular care when needed."

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit now says all seven cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County have been resolved. There have been no new cases for more than a week. So far there has only been one hospitalization and no deaths or outbreaks.



A considerable amount of work has been done to protect long-term care home residents, HHHS president and CEO Carolyn Plummer said. File photo.

Consultation continuing towards organized phase-in

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and all the other businesses."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Minister of Infrastructure Laurie Scott is on the Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee. She said although the number of COVID-19 cases is plateauing, the province is being cautious.

"It's a challenge. We know we have to be very sure before we start opening the economy up again," Scott said.

She added in general, low-risk businesses would be the first ones to open up. That could include construction, though she added that would come with updated safety rules.

Marinas are another sector hoping to open soon. They are currently limited to services to help people access their primary residence.

Boating Ontario CEO Rick Layzell said he would like to see restrictions loosen on marinas as part of stage one, which they requested to begin May 1. After that, they hope marinas can be fully re-opened in stage two.

"There is very much a clock ticking on the wall," Layzell said, adding some marinas can't afford to open if the season is too delayed. "There are marinas in this province that will not survive the loss of a full season."

He added he believes boating is a sport that can have safe social distancing, noting other jurisdictions like Saskatchewan are allowing for it.

Meanwhile, members of the cottage rental industry are expecting a longer wait to open. Cottage Care Rentals co-owner Cheryl McCombe said she does not expect rentals would be allowed until stage three, if not later.

"We feel that the framework for reopening our province has been well thought out," McCombe said.

She said community health and safety is their priority and they are aware of the dangers of traffic from the city coming in.

"If it happens that they ban rentals for the summer, to protect our community, then so be it," McCombe said. "We'll be fine, we will rebound next year if it's clear to do so."

The province said it would begin consultations to better understand the challenges different sectors face and what they need to succeed as reopening begins.

"I feel like I'm in constant consultation, but we're going to get a more organized framework," Scott



The construction sector is currently restricted from starting new builds due to COVID-19. File photo.



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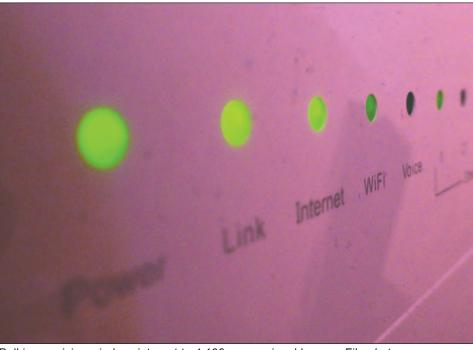
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Bell is promising wireless internet to 4,100 new regional homes. File photo.

Resident skeptical over connectivity promises

By Lisa Gervais

Elaine Cole would love to facetime with her son and grandchildren, who live in Chicago, but poor internet and cell phone connectivity means she might get a second or two until the screens freeze.

The 70-year-old lives five kilometres northeast of Dorset, where she uses Bell for her landline and cell phone and Xplornet for internet. While others are using apps such as Zoom to interface with family, friends and social groups, she is feeling more on her own than ever before as COVID-19 continues.

"It's very isolating," she said in an interview April 27.

She added it's not just about service during the pandemic. She's been a full-time resident for six years, and before that a seasonal resident for 10. She said the service has always been poor. The landline is fine when not knocked out by weather. With the cell phone coverage, "depending on which way the wind blows, I'm lucky to get one bar."

"It's just so disheartening."

She said in the recent wind storm, her landline was out and she had no cell service. While in good health, she worries what would have happened if she had needed assistance for some reason.

"It's scary. It's frustrating."

Cole said she visited the Serengeti 1.5 years ago, and she got five bars there on her cell phone. Yet, 2.5 hours north of downtown Toronto, she is getting one bar if she's lucky. She said connectivity is "not a luxury anymore. It's a necessity."

She cannot fathom that residents of our area do not have access 24/7 and "it's more important for people who live up north than the in cities. Not to have service is unforgiveable."

Bell makes promise

The feisty senior says when it comes to promises - such as Bell Canada's

announcement last week of expanded Wireless Home Internet service - she remains skeptical, and will believe it when she sees it.

A Bell Canada spokesman told *The Highlander* this week that about 4,100 homes in Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Lake of Bays, Laxton-Digby-Longford, Minden Hills, Somerville and Trent Lakes can now access Wireless Home Internet service – "a big jump from the 500 or so homes covered in these areas before last week's expansion."

The spokesman said the service provides Internet speeds of up to 25 Mbps, with two packages available depending on usage required. Details are available at Bell.ca/ FastInternet. He said residents can also check if the service is available at their home.

"Bell's Wireless Home Internet program is dedicated to bringing full broadband Internet speeds to rural communities and other traditionally underserved locations. And with WHI usage growing 4 per cent over the last month, the COVID-19 crisis has clearly underscored the value of the service to customers in smaller communities," said Mirko Bibic, president and CEO of BCE Inc. and Bell Canada, in an April 23 press release.

Bell said the rollout is for 137,000 rural households in 180 communities.

Cole will also await the results of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's (EORN's) request for proposals to build new cellular infrastructure as part of a \$213 million project.

The bidding process will aim to identify partners who can expand cell coverage throughout Eastern Ontario as part of a wider effort to improve mobile broadband, in an initiative involving three levels of government.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott has said the project will take a number of years to complete.











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Card lock system explored

The County is exploring purchasing a new card lock system for \$102,740 to have gasoline at its own patrol yards.

Staff brought forward the proposal at the April 22 council meeting. The proposed system would upgrade fueling stations at County yards and add gasoline tanks. The County currently purchases gasoline from local service stations and estimated a \$20,000-\$25,000 annual cost savings by being able to purchase in bulk.

Staff proposed to pay for it using municipal modernization funding from the province. However, councillors deferred a decision and sought more information, such as whether the cost could come down.

Coun. Patrick Kennedy said the system was not budgeted or discussed fully, though director of public works Craig Douglas noted a card lock system was an option in a previous report about modernization funding use.

"A lot of things have changed since that time," Kennedy said.

COVID budget considerations

Council discussed the need to figure out its financial picture in the wake of COVID-19.

Kennedy asked for a mid-year budget update and suggested some pools of funding might need to be re-allocated to things such as food banks.

"It's time to re-assess our priorities," he said.

Councillors expressed support for the idea of a financial update. However, Warden Liz Danielsen said the County needs to balance saving costs and restarting the economy through continued projects.

"We need to do this because again, we have no idea what's coming down the road or what changes we're going to have to make in order to continue to deal with COVID," Coun. Cec Ryall said.

Staff are keeping track of any COVID-19-related expenses, in case of any associated funding becoming available to the County. As of April 15, the County had spent \$20,529 to address COVID-19, with another \$22,060 committed.

Charting a course for recovery

Council decided it was too soon to go into detail about charting a course for economic recovery from COVID-19.

Council discussed planning for that during the meeting but Danielsen said they would need to await cues from the province.

"Most of the decisions that we'll be making will be guided by the province,

County council news



County council discussed the need to take another look at its budget during its April 22 meeting. *File photo*.

making it difficult for us to do anything different," she said.

Coun. Carol Moffatt brought forward the idea of a committee for the recovery, but councillors agreed provincial direction will be needed before that happens.

"I know it's important we concentrate on

trying to get back open, it might be a little too soon," Ryall said.

Danielsen said they would keep recovery as a standing item on municipal agendas.

(County council news compiled by Joseph Quigley).

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County mayors plan to issue unified message

By Joseph Quigley

The County's four mayors are planning to send out a unified message to reassure the public during the COVID-19 crisis.

The idea was brought forward by Coun. Carol Moffatt during the April 21 County meeting.

She suggested the mayors of the four lower-tier townships get together to put out a joint statement about the pandemic.

"We do have individual needs in our communities, but we are working together," Moffatt said. "Just let the public know we are united; we are in communication behind the scenes.

"Staff are working together. There's a little bit of silo going on, but there's far less silo going on than the public believes."

Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills have all been publishing regularly updates on the pandemic specific to their municipalities.

The County has also been publishing information, but the only joint statement so far has come from the four township building departments regarding permits.

Coun. Andrea Roberts said the townships have done an excellent job of communicating how COVID is impacting their respective services.

"Our (chief administrative officers) are talking on a regular basis to make sure they're in touch," she added. "We have to make sure we don't overstep our



County council met virtually April 21 and live-streamed it to YouTube. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

responsibilities."

Warden Liz Danielsen said the County has seen public outcry over communication on issues such as cottagers attending seasonal properties and boat launches remaining open.

"There's been an awful lot of grey areas in some of the (provincial) orders that have come down," Danielsen said.

"We're all trying to weed our way through exactly what's intended. I think there could have been some clarity provided." Moffatt said although the work municipalities are doing is great, the community is looking for more.

"We are the faces and the voices of our community. The community is frightened, community is nervous, community is confused, and I think we need to get out there as a group to say we're working hard. That we support the community," she said. "It's just letting people know we are aligned, we are informed."

Coun. Lisa Schell agreed. "It's just about showing the four

municipalities are collaborating at this time. That there's not four silos," Schell said. "I think that's just basically what the community wants, and I believe needs, to see."

Council made no formal motion on the subject, but councillors did agree to work on a joint statement.

"We need to keep a message, if there's going to be a joint message, relatively simple and clean without getting into too much detail." Danielsen said.





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The Highlander Not a traditional summer

With the Government of Ontario this week unveiling guiding principles to reopen the province, we can now speculate on a timeline for when things might get back to normal in Haliburton County.

Premier Doug Ford announced a threestage strategy Monday.

With the province still virtually locked down until the end of May - schools and provincial parks for example - we can realistically predict the stages to begin in

In stage one, there will be some reopening of businesses ordered to close, or restrict operations. However, they'll still be under public health guidelines. Some outdoor spaces, such as parks, will be opened. And the number of people allowed to attend some events will be increased. For those who have had non-urgent and scheduled surgeries, or other health care service needs, you may get a call.

Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts will then analyze how it

How it goes means: a consistent two-tofour week decrease in the number of new daily COVID-19 cases; sufficient acute and critical care capacity, including access to ventilators and ongoing availability of personal protective equipment;

approximately 90 per cent of new COVID-19 contacts being reached by local public health officials within one day, with guidance and direction to contain community spread; and ongoing testing of suspected COVID-19 cases, especially of vulnerable populations, to detect new outbreaks quickly.

Stage two will involve opening more workplaces, which may include some service industries and additional office and retail workplaces. Some larger public gatherings would be allowed, and more outdoor spaces would open.

If things are going well, the province could then open all workplaces responsibly and further relax restrictions on public gatherings in stage three.

That means a period of a minimum of six weeks to a maximum of 12 weeks to take us to the end of stage three.

Safe to say, we are not going to have a traditional summer season in Haliburton County.

Our local leaders are beginning to plan for that unfortunate economic reality.

The county's tourism department, for example, has sent out an email to stakeholders, in which director Amanda Virtanen assured them they were working on a recovery plan considering a number of factors and including a variety of partners.

In it, she wrote people need to remember that every destination in the world will be competing for tourists, but we have an advantage since people



By Lisa Gervais

will initially opt for domestic travel and we have physical space and outdoor fresh air experiences. We are close to major markets such as the GTA, who can drive to us. We're hearing gas prices will remain low.

She noted our accommodations are uniquely well-positioned to take advantage of the new mindset of a more local traveller, who are likely to want their own cabins, and less-crowded accommodations.

Locals have a role to play, too. I patronized a local hardware store on the weekend and staff told me they were being run off of their feet. We must continue to shop local.

We further encourage our cottagers to return in mid-summer and stay longer into

Above all, we urge all residents and visitors to continue to follow current health guidelines to ensure an earlier, rather than later, recovery.

Stories from the frontline of the ER

A microscopic invader to my warm little world

By Dr. Averil Ivsins

Editors note: Dr. Ivsins is the daughter of local Merla Russell. She spent all of her summers in Haliburton County as a child as the Russell family had had a cottage here since 1954. Dr. Ivsins works in the emergency department of a hospital in North Vancouver.

The first few times I heard about it on the radio, it seemed far away. The word virus would come and go out of the media not infrequently, and especially with fear, and doomsday predictions attached. I would feel safe and warm in my tiny North Vancouver bubble. There are green trees all the time, and the ocean, and my little hospital that could. I am a doctor there, and all the nurses are my friends and I can drive my little blue electric Golf there in three radio songs up the big hill they call The Cut.

It seemed sharp and sudden when everything changed. When I look back on what day it was, I can't seem to remember how long it's been, or when the moment was that I realized that things were bad. Now, when I go to work, I bring a plastic bag that I throw out, so I don't have to bring my purse. I wear only a certain pair of shoes and don't touch them as they sit by the front door reminding me the rest of the time of the fear, and sweaty armpits and fogged up face mask I have to try to deliver care through while I work as an emergency doctor.

So far, the hardest part has been the waiting. I feel like we are standing on the beach, and all the water has been sucked out to sea, and we are waiting for the wave to overtake us. I am standing there, with all my coworkers, only I can't see them. We were all covered up with hair covers, goggles, masks, gowns, gloves. We can't touch our patients and we can't even see each other. Walking around in our unrecognizable ED, I have to look deeply through the semi-fogged plastic to see who it is. We have plastic sheets for walls, and 'do not enter' signs, and radios, and tents, and comprehensive infection protocols. We are standing on the beach and we hear the news out of New York, out of New Orleans, out of big American cities filled with affluence and technology, but apparently not enough breathing machines or masks to keep the caregivers safe.

The first time I saw a patient who came from China, months ago, worried about the far-away virus, I giggled a little when I saw the triage note on the computer tracking screen. I remember googling the province where they had been in China, and taking my striped isolation gown off in the room in front of them and saying 'see, you were nowhere near the place called Wuhan.' I reassured them with a gentle arm squeeze, and my kindest doctor voice and went about my regular day.

The first time I saw a patient who was known to have the virus, I put on that gown, the goggles, the mask, the head cover and the gloves. A friend offered to go in the room for me. 'I don't have kids' he said. But as someone who always likes to consider herself 'brave,' we went together. It felt different. Different than any other patient room I had walked into. I froze as I felt the presence of this microscopic invader in my warm little world. I thought of my husband and daughter at home, my plastic pink shoes I go to and from work in. I thought of the moment before intubation, when the drugs are melting you into unconsciousness, and your breathing is so fast your chest aches, and your head feels like the atmosphere is blowing right through you, and you know the plastic tube will be jammed through your vocal cords, and the only sound you will hear are the ventilator beeps, and I thought, god, please, please, please not me.

And then I looked up. And I saw there something from my every day warm bubble that snapped me back to reality - a patient. A patient with big human eyes, looking right at me. Who was scared, whose chest was heaving from the fluid invading his lungs, whose heart was racing trying to keep up with his body's metabolic demands, a human who needed me. And I thought this, this I know how to do, and I moved into action.

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Editorial opinion

LETTERS

More love, not less

Dear editor,

In last week's letters to the editor, I read about a person who resides here part-time, with an alternate home being in Toronto. In her letter to our community, she informed us that she continues to arrive in our County on a regular basis, called herself a 'citiot' and described our local response to our temporary/part-time neighbours as coming from a place of envy and fear.

As a former cottager through my youth, who grew up in Scarborough, and a full-time resident of these beautiful Haliburton Highlands for the past 21 years, now working in healthcare, my heart continually gets squeezed when I see the appalling communications coming from both 'locals' and 'temporary or part-time residents.'

Fear (which we are all experiencing) can bring us all to our knees and base reactions. Psychologically it is proven. Sociologically, we are hearing and seeing it both in person, through letters written to editors, and on our social media platforms. I am saddened that this fear has created a division between our beloved temporary/part-time neighbours and our locals.

I get it. At the beginning of this pandemic, I was terrified. As we all were. I was frustrated and expressed anger about our local cottage neighbours coming to their Haliburton homes, increasing my fear of contracting the virus at my local grocery store and bringing it home to my family, or worse, into the home of one of my senior patients.

However, anger, divisiveness, exclusivity, name calling, belittling, superiority are not the places that we need to go to right now. There are a myriad of ways in which our community is coming together. We see it in the donations, actions and shared moments together shared on social media and through our local media outposts. And I believe that is where we need to focus our energy, our conversations, and our communications. Not on fear-based rhetoric. If someone is rambling, angry, judging, acting childish, name calling or belittling another person – they are scared. And we need to remember that someone who is scared deserves more love - not less. Remember love. Remember we all have the capacity for it, and remember that it is endless.

More love, not less.

We, all of us including locals, transplanted locals, temporary, part-time and seasonal residents of this beautiful County are in this together. Let's find our voices on this, not the other.

Nancy Brownsberger Eagle Lake

Reader appreciates 'sane' editorials

Dear editor,

I started receiving *The Highlander* electronically several weeks before the

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Jack Hayes took this photo on his waterfront on Kennisis Lake.

beginning of the global pandemic, as I have enjoyed your newspaper on my visits to a friend's family cottage over the past years.

I live in North York, and was appalled at the first "letter to the editor" from a person who was extremely resentful at the people coming from Toronto and using the local's scarce resources.

I do not own a cottage myself; however, my friend's cottage is fully winterized and I have had delightful trips year-round. Many of the cottagers that I have met have been very pleasant, responsible people, who love the area, and would never do anything to despoil it.

Unfortunately, I will agree that there are also cottagers who are totally ignorant and uncaring of others.

The reason for my letter to you is that I have been extremely impressed since the beginning of the pandemic of the fairness of your editorials, and the calm tone that you have taken. Keep up the good work! It is really important and beneficial to read such sane editorials in such a frightening time

Claire Collins North York, Ontario

Where was amber alert?

Dear editor,

I watched a CTV News report where a bereaved husband stated that had he known that a deranged murderer was still on the loose on Sunday morning, after a 12-hour killing spree, he never would have let his pregnant wife leave the house that morning.

The RCMP also knew the killer was dressed as a Mountie and driving a vehicle designed as an RCMP cruiser.

My question is why was there no amber alert sent out? If it is used strictly for missing children surely an exception could have been made in this case? Hindsight is always twenty-twenty but there is a possibility that some lives could have been saved.

Mike Simon Maple Lake

Is your hair too long?

Dear editor,

In these uncertain times, with daily reports most dire, and upsetting, it is important to try and maintain a sense of balance. The accompanying song was my attempt to add a bit of levity to a condition which affects everyone. Sung to the tune of 'Do Your Ears Hang Low? - an old camp song. Lyrics by Cheryl Cohoon.

An Homage to Barbers and Hairdressers

Does your hair hang low?
Is it flying to and fro?
Can you style it in a bun?
Can you tie it in a bow?
Can you toss it over your shoulder?
Does white hair make you look older?
Does your hair ... hang low?

Are your nose hairs getting longer? Are your eyebrows getting stronger? Is it sprouting from your ears? And impacting how you hear? Are the whiskers on your face Being braided into lace? Is your hair ... too ... long?

Do you miss the snip of scissors? And the whirring sound of clippers? Is your trimmer out of whack? Is it grooming that you lack? Are you longing for a 'bob'? "Short, back, sides" will do the job! Is your hair ... too ... long?

Has your styling gone askew?
And you're wondering what to do,
Dare you try your own "self-trim?"
Results are likely to be grim!
Are you longing to be "tinted"?
Pampered, gelled, blown-dry and coiffed?
Has your style ... gone ... "off?"

When you look into the mirror Are you startled with afright? Confronted with this image, think, "My God! I look a sight!" Take some comfort now, in knowing In this boat you're not alone, And be grateful for the admonition," "Just ... stay ... home!"

With thanks to all of our frontline workers, who keep us healthy, body, mind and spirit.

Cheryl Cohoon Haliburton

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The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show is a major event in the County. It's been cancelled because of COVID-19. File photo.

Home show shelved for 2020

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

For the first time in 43 years, Haliburton will not have a home and cottage show.

Glenn Scott and Dave Taylor, who manage the show, along with Kent Milford, president of the Haliburton Curling Club, where it is held, announced April 23 that COVID-19 has forced the cancellation of this year's event. It was slated for May 29-31 this year.

The three expressed "regret" and "disappointment" in the curling club

board's decision.

However, they said, "given the necessary but uncertain social restrictions of COVID-19 later this spring and summer; we simply could not see any way to accommodate 2,500 attendees, 130 exhibitors and 150 volunteers safely at any time this summer regardless of venue or timing. That is all that matters."

The show has run continuously since 1977, and was sold out for this year with a waiting list, organizers said.

They added it the largest of its kind in Central Ontario and plays a key role in the community by providing access for local home owners and cottagers to the best vendors and local businesses in the area.

However, they said, "the health and safety of our vendors, attendees and volunteers is paramount." Scott and Taylor said that in the absence of a show, they have been updating their website, with the overall goal of promoting vendors and providing useful information to the community about their services and how to contact them.

They have asked the public to visit haliburtonhomeandcottageshow.com for complete information.

They also vowed, "we will be back next year better than ever."

Minden council back in business

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills council held its first meeting since COVID-19 April 28.

The special council meeting was to pass an amendment to the township's procedural bylaw, allowing virtual meetings. Council then went into closed session.

The meeting was on Zoom, live-streamed to youtube.

Clerk Vicki Bull said that as a result of COVID-19, all council and committee of the whole meetings will be conducted virtually via web conference; and closed session meetings via teleconference, until further notice.

"During this unprecedented time, the health and safety of our community is of paramount importance," she said.

The only one to speak to the motion was Coun. Bob Carter, who said, "just to make sure and to clarify ... so this only comes into place when the municipality has declared an emergency, is that correct?"

Bull replied it was.

Mayor Brent Devolin commented, "this is a brave new land that we're in." He said there had been a lot of behind-the-scenes work by County IT on the technical side. He added that municipalities, with the province, had created new laws.

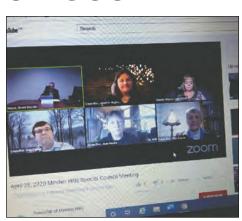
"It may not be perfect but it's a very nice start," Devolin said.

He said Minden Hills intends to hold virtual committee of the whole, and regular council meetings going forward. (There is a meeting today as well).

The closed session item was regarding labour relations or employee negotiations.

Members of the public are invited to observe council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided prior to each meeting.

They encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can



Minden Hills council held its first virtual meeting April 28. *Photo by Lisa Gervais*.

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Note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while council is in session.

To date, The County of Haliburton and Highlands East have also held virtual

Highlander business



Customers of the Old Mill Marina took issue with having to pay launch fees twice after it came into control of a receiver. *File photo*.

Old Mill Marina customers balk at paying twice

By Joseph Quigley

Old Mill Marina's receiver has reassured customers after controversy arose over people having to pay twice for spring boat launches due to changing ownership.

More than 200 people attended an online town hall April 27 hosted by receiver MNP Ltd. The organization, which became a court-appointed receiver March 9, had told customers it would have to charge a fee for launches, even where people prepaid. MNP said that money was not segregated or retained by prior owners, meaning it had to charge to cover costs.

MNP senior vice-president Jerry Henechowicz explained how his company was appointed to manage and sell the property, given the marina's financial difficulties and previous owners' desire to step away.

"We need to spend time and effort and expense," Henechowicz said, adding customers who prepaid now have unsecured claims against the marina. "I empathize with you and I really feel bad about the fact that you're going to have to pay twice."

He added credit card companies could help retrieve the payments and there is a chance for customers to have their claims addressed if the marina sells for enough money

The costs for spring launches range from \$75 if a boat is already on a trailer, to \$175 for two-stroke boats to a high of \$429 for towboats.

Kawagama Lake Association president Kathleen Hedley said they have heard from many members about the issue. But the association has opted not to wade in, due to legal ramifications and the inequity it sees in doing customer advocacy for only one of the lake's marinas.

"We understand our members' frustration and we hope they're able to resolve this in a manner that's acceptable to all," Hedley said.

Henechowicz said they would address customers' concerns with the proposed slip rental agreement. For example, the agreement initially proposed boat owners would hold the receiver harmless for any losses or damages, but Henechowicz said that would be changed to exclude cases of gross negligence on their part.

He also said prospective business buyers would have to honour agreements between boat owners and MNP for this season ahead.

"Everything we do is ultimately going to get approved by the court," Henechowicz said. "We're not going to play any bait and switch games. That's not who we are."

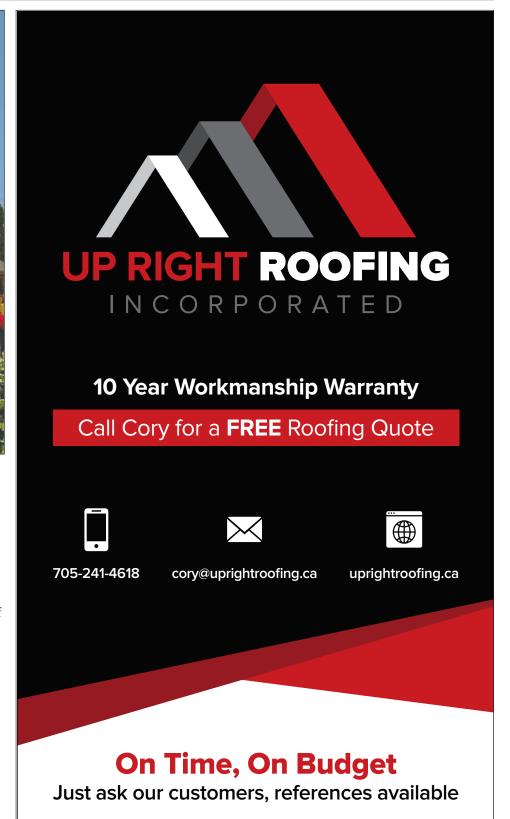
Tony Wing is a boat owner who prepaid for spring launch and expressed concern about having to pay again, as well as with the slip agreement. But after the town hall, he said he felt better about the intentions of the receivers.

"They seem to be willing to amend the agreement and work with the boat owners," Wing said. "It is a huge step forward."

Wing added he is supportive of a cottager co-op purchasing the marina, an idea raised during the town hall.

Regardless, Wing said it is important the receivership keep customers happy.

"If you're going to sell a business, you want it to be prospering with a lot of happy clients."



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Highlander people

New AH treasurer gets best of both worlds

By Lisa Gervais

Having vacationed with her family in Haliburton County, new Algonquin Highlands treasurer Jean Hughes couldn't pass up the opportunity when a job was advertised to replace Tammy McKelvey.

In an interview with *The Highlander*, Hughes said she also grew up at a cottage in the Magnetawan area so always had a passion for this area of the province. She said she and her husband set an intention to retire locally one day.

"So, this is the best of both worlds. I get to work up here and eventually retire up here," Hughes said.

Hughes said she's been in the municipal business for 20 years. She started in Dufferin County and worked her way up to deputy treasurer there. Four years ago, she moved to Howick, in the Huron County area, to a largely farming municipality. She was treasurer.

She had been job shadowing McKelvey, who has since retired, but moved to the other side of the desk at the end of February.

"It's very similar to what I was in before, other than that they don't have the farmland up here," she said. "We have lakes. Where I came from was a predominately Mennonite population. So, here we have the cottagers. Otherwise the job is very similar, although I've never had an airport. But, then again, I had communal well systems, so it's just a give and take."

She said being a municipal treasurer is a bit of a balancing act, with the province often lobbing balls.

"And, we don't know where grants are coming from of late. They'll say, "here,



New Algonquin Highlands treasurer Jean Hughes. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

take some money, no obligations, and no conditions to it, but in the back of my mind I'm thinking about the reporting. We do face challenges."

She said as a treasurer, as her husband jokes, "I treat it like my own chequebook.

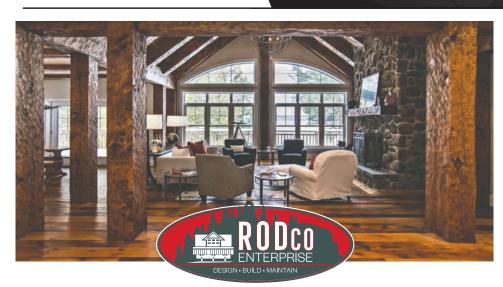
I'm not going to do frivolous spending just like I wouldn't do to my own situation. I like to make sure that we make the best decisions for our community at large."

She said she was looking forward to officially moving into her own house

over the Easter weekend and the couple beginning to set down roots. They both curl and she enjoys playing ball.

"I want to see what adventures Algonquin Highlands has for me."

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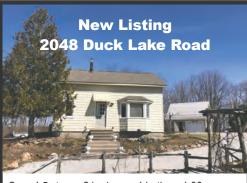
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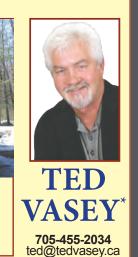
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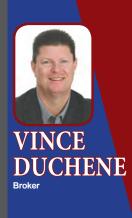
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Yoga going online for the frontline

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

Four days a week, Gail Holness takes to her yoga mat to help raise money for needed services in Haliburton County.

It started with her 'online for the frontline' initiative that raised more than \$2,000 for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, and is now switching to generate income for area food banks in May.

Holness has set up two donation buttons on her site. Initially, people's donations went to HHHS and her online classes went to their inbox. People could either join live or receive recorded classes to do at their convenience.

"At their convenience turned out to be a very important point," Holness said. "I learned very quickly that many people are just too stiff in the morning to be able to attempt a class but later in the day is perfect. Our frontliners are working crazy hours and there is no way a 10 a.m. class is doable, but maybe late evening is."

Holness said it was a given she would have to go online but she did not have internet until Angie and Abby Xerri of Quantum Passivhaus offered her a space and access to their internet.

"With that in place I could move forward and help individuals through this time by giving them the much-needed routine, grounding, movement and connection with others they crave. To me it was a natural transition to open the doors wider and invite more people to help their community and at the same time help themself.

"I believe in times like this it is important to be able to bring your best skills to the table, for me, my skill is teaching yoga, and mindfulness. Fortunately for me, I have others that believe in me and what I do and wanted to help me."



Gail Holness is running online yoga closes to support needed services in Haliburton County. Photo submitted.

She said there was such a wonderful response to the online for the frontline that people wanted to know what was next.

"Overwhelmingly, the answer was direct our donations to the food bank. I couldn't be happier. With all the cancellations and closures this summer there are going to be a never-before-seen need to help all our seasonal workers. Being able to direct cash to the food bank so they can buy what they need most and buy in bulk so they can save money makes sense. I'm hoping the momentum continues and together through my online classes we are able to raise \$5,000. Why not dream big?"

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'We're all heroes, each and every one of us'

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

Sylvie Drouin had just started work as a nurse at the Haliburton Hospital when COVID-19 struck. She was quickly redeployed to help with the pandemic.

"This has been an incredible journey and learning opportunity, one of which I never imagined to be part of," Drouin said.

She admits that being taken out of her normal routine was tricky and scary.

"But, logically, I felt safe knowing if we collaborated, we could keep each other safer and best utilize each other's roles by creating a stronger team."

She said she's been asked to be part of many additional roles, such as: booking appointments for the COVID assessment centre, being a COVID tester, a front door screener and counselling and reassuring patients who call the clinic in fear. She's also working the COVID unit at the hospital.

"I learned very quickly, as many did, fear can be the biggest instigator of chaos," she said.

She said the transformation from an acute care setting to a COVID acute unit has been incredible.

"The amount of helping hands and hard effort to make this happen amazes me. All the staff collaborating to make it work. The amount of decision-making and the additional education set in place for staff and mock codes have been reassuring for me."

She added there's much more to it than just getting the job done.

"I can't speak for every health care worker, but I can attest as a nurse. It has been an emotional rollercoaster. I would be lying if I reported this change as just a normal way of work. I most definitely have fears every single day, such as, "will I contaminate myself, or others? Will I be protected and for how long until we run out of PPE? Will I be asked to re-use a

mask or gown already used? Will this ever end? When this is all over, what will be the outcome of the economy and the health care system? Will this be the start of many more pandemics to come? What will we have all learned from this?"

Drouin said she's teared up before and after work, because "none of us really know how safe or unsafe we are."

She said it's a day-by-day process and difficult for everyone.

"I get through this by counting my blessings daily as a reminder that I am okay because I can confirm I have an effortless breath. I'm well and healthy. I have a job I can go to with an income. I work alongside a very strong group of amazing humans who support each other. This allows room to breath and carry on to do what we do best. I get through this with them."

She said frontline health care workers aren't the only heroes, either.

"Truth is, we're all heroes, each and everyone of us, if we choose to be."



Sylvie Drouin. Photo submitted.

Highlander people

Community grieves beloved local potter

By Joseph Quigley

As beloved local artist Henrietta Marie "Rickie" Woods passed on from this world, hundreds paid their respects from a

A founding member of the Studio Tour Haliburton Highlands, Woods passed away from cancer April 15. After she chose medical assistance in dying (MAID), her friends in the community paid tribute to her on social media as she passed, with music, painting, toasts and grieving together -

Friend and colleague Mary Wallace made a painting in the moment, depicting Woods sailing into the horizon on a canoe, posted with the message, "farewell, my friend. Go gently into that good night."

"She was loved," Wallace said of why so many joined in what she termed an "online wake." "For her no-nonsense, no-frills, truly authentic generosity and practicality."

Woods lived in Haliburton for decades as a potter, attracting people with her wares for 30-years on the studio tour.

"She worked hard; she produced a lot. Her pottery wasn't just a hobby," Debbie Wales, another friend and colleague, said. "She was making her living and she just wanted to be the best potter she could be."



Rickie Woods works on her potters' wheel in 1999. Photo submitted by Katie Woods.

Woods left her mark as a founding member of the tour, also serving on the executive for many years. Wallace said Haliburton's was one of the first and most celebrated tours in the province.

It was there Woods made many friends and acquaintances. Wallace said people would love to visit her studio.

"She was really a pioneer in the studio tour movement," Wallace said. "Treated everybody like family. People would come back night and day to her house in the Blairhampton triangle. Just because you were always welcome."

"She was an excellent cheerleader," Wales said. "Her favourite thing to say is, 'we have to put on the best show we can and go all out.' It wasn't just open your studio and hope some people come. You have to make people feel welcome."

But though she had a tremendous love of her craft, daughter Katie Woods said her family came first. Alongside husband Timothy, she raised four children.

Woods said she maintained a close bond with all her kids.

"She was very involved in our lives. She was the mom who went on school trips,' Woods said, adding she remained close even after her children left the nest. "She would drive hours to pick us up if we needed to come home for the weekend."

She is also survived by four grandchildren, which the family said would fondly remember her as "grand-smother."

After her husband passed due to cancer in 2015, Woods decided to leave the Haliburton Highlands and head to Lisle two years later, to live in a home on her daughter's farm. She worked to make a new studio while being a fixture in the life of her daughter and grandchildren.

"She loved people and she absolutely adored her life in Haliburton and did miss it," Woods said. "She loved her life here

But though Woods was a "picture of health" earlier this year according to her daughter, her condition suddenly took a turn for the worse in March. Her health deteriorated quickly until she was eventually diagnosed with cancer, with a bleak prognosis of three months with treatment, four-to-six weeks without.

After going through a difficult process when her husband contracted cancer, the potter opted for MAID. Katie Woods said the family completely supported the decision.



Rickie Woods showcases her work to grandchildren Mason and Jack. Photo Submitted by Katie Woods.

"There's no nice way to say goodbye to your parent when you love them as much as we loved mum and dad, but watching somebody suffer is hell," Woods said. "In the grand scheme of things, her pain was minimal, and mum was 100 per cent at peace with her decision."

"It's so quintessentially Rickie," Wallace said. "It takes a lot of guts to go gently into the night."

With the decision made. Woods said her mother had time to focus on contacting her friends and family to say farewell. The messages came pouring in and Woods read and listened to them in her final days.

The family has put off a celebration of life, until "after Rickie fulfills her promise to get rid of this COVID crap for us," her obituary said.

But those who loved her still found a chance to grieve together virtually as she passed.

"Grief is a strange thing in that we need others to share it with," Wales said. "In this crazy world of self-isolation that we find ourselves in right now, it was strangely comforting to be connected virtually."

"She just kept saying over and over again that she felt so loved," Woods said. "She left this Earth surrounded by that and there's no way for our family to ever, ever explain how grateful we were that that's what she was given before she died."

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Highlander events



Members of the Rotary Club of Haliburton and Rotaract Haliburton Highlands gather after a morning clearing up a long stretch of County Road 21. Photo submitted.

Rotary cleaning up the roads

The Rotary Club of Haliburton and Rotaract Haliburton Highlands joined together to clean up garbage along County Road 21 April 25. Volunteers picked up a truckload's worth of trash off the roadway while taking social distancing precautions (*Rotaract Haliburton Highlands*).



Folk society delivers concerts to homes

Local artist Cassidy Taylor performed in the second livestreamed concert put on by the Haliburton County Folk Society April 25. Broadcast from the Dominion Hotel on the society Facebook page, the Haliburton Folk Online series delivers music straight into people's homes during the pandemic. Next show is May 9 with Carl Dixon, with more planned for May and June. (Joseph Quigley)

Cassidy Taylor performs in a near-empty Dominion Hotel for the live-streamed concert. Photo by Joseph Quigley









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Highlander community

Horsing around helps pandemic mental health

COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

Those who find horses help their mental health will be galloping to the Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association after it obtained an exemption on April 21 to partially open.

The Minden-based not-for-profit, which offers several programs including for children with special needs, had closed March 15 after getting deemed non-essential. But the association worked to get an exemption for its mental health support services, allowing limited numbers to visit and work with the horses.

Owner and operator Jennifer Semach said it was fortunate. Although they had been offering some remote support to clients, without direct programming, they were in danger of closing due to lost funding.

"We were definitely at risk of having to close permanently because, of course, the horses, whether we're open or not, required \$1,500 to \$2,500 to support their care," she said, adding dozens, if not hundreds, of families would feel the loss of the location.

Families access different government funding streams to use Walkabout's programming, Semach said. But with direct services suspended during the crisis, that funding was effectively frozen for it and other special needs programs.

"It definitely made me feel like there was a certain demographic that was being unsupported by our government," Semach said. "We can't pause that type of support that people with special needs have ... You can't do that to them when they rely on certain services for their quality of life and care."



Walkabout Farm owner Jennifer Semach feeds a carrot to one of her horses April 26. Photos by Joseph Quigley.

Semach said Walkabout fell into a grey area in the province's restrictions. After a complicated process, she was able to get the exemption, adding she received a lot of support from Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott's office.

The location is still closed to the general public and the number of people will be limited, with extra sanitation precautions, Semach said. Riding will also not be possible due to social distancing rules, but clients can still come to spend time with the horses.

One of them is Joel McWhirter, a 10-yearold from Huntsville who attends Walkabout regularly. His mother Lisa McWhirter said he has challenges with self-worth and finding his place and the farm has made a big difference.

"We've been going just since the fall and it was immediate for him how much, just being at the farm, made him feel happy and engaged," McWhirter said. "He's been able to very quickly establish a connection."

McWhirter said she noticed a negative response from her son when he was no longer able to visit the farm, though Semach was keeping him engaged through online calling.

"Ten minutes (after) he's stepped on the

farm, there is just some wonderful peace that comes to him," McWhirter said. "There's definitely been some positive and bright spots with the pandemic but for Joel, he really needs that connection physically."

Semach said she anticipates helping between 25 to 30 families during the pandemic, though many more cannot attend as their needs make social distancing rules impossible.

"We're hoping this won't last much longer and we're hoping we can help as many families as possible," Semach said. "But it will be some time until we can help everybody."

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Township Service Provision Reductions

A reminder that all Township facilities remain closed to the public, until further notice.

Administrative call answering services will remain available between the hours of 8:30 AM and
4:30 PM Monday to Friday, 705-286-1260 listen carefully to the full message and follow the
message prompts or admin@mindenhills.ca.

Please provide your name, contact information (phone and/or email) and a clear and brief message regarding the reason for your call.

The public can be assured that essential services will be maintained as much as possible

We are asking the public to restrict inquiries to Township priority requests only and please understand that it may take longer to reply to messages as Staff handle increased phone and email inquiries.

We are also asking the public for their patience during this time and to observe our request to contact the Township for municipal related inquiries by the following methods only:
Telephone: 705-286-1260 listen carefully to the full message and follow the message prompts

Email: admin@mindenhills.ca

Please do not call or email the various Departments or their related extensions or submit inquiries though the Minden Hills website Contact Us form.

If you are aware of anyone who is not adhering to the Government's order which prohibits organized public events and social gatherings of more than five (5) people, or who are not practicing appropriate physical distancing; you are encouraged to contact your local police department or the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or online by visiting opp.ca/reporting.

For a complete list of all Township service provision reductions, please go to: www.mindenhills.ca/covid-19-information/

Council Meetings

As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, all Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will be conducted virtually via web conference; and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice.

During this unprecedented time, the health and safety of our community is of paramount importance. Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

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

DISCLAIMER: The information provided on this page is considered current and valid on as of May 1, 2020. While the Township of Minden Hills works diligently to provide the public with the most current information regarding service provisions and reductions during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are aware that, due to the rapidly evolving nature of outbreak, information can, and may, change on a daily basis. The public is strongly encouraged to refer our website at www. mindenhills.ca for current and up-to-date information. Anyone unable to access the website can call 705-286-1260 or email admin@mindenhills.ca for assistance.

Tax Due Date Extension

The tax due date for the 1st installment of the 2020 interim tax billing is
extended to May 29, 2020, without penalty or interest. The tax due date for the
2nd installment of the 2020 interim tax billing is extended to
June 26, 2020, without penalty or interest.

Request for Proposal #ENV 20-04 Furniture and Bulky Item Disposal

The Township is accepting bids from qualified Respondents for transport and processing services to remove materials from the Scotch Line site for recycling or final disposal off-site.

The deadline for submissions is May 8, 2020 by 12:00 noon.

Visit mindenhills.ca/tenders to view all requirements and submission instructions for this tender.

Pre-Authorized Payment Plan

Preauthorized payment plan withdrawals will continue as originally scheduled. Ten (10) month plan payments will be deducted on the last business day of each month. The installment plan payments will be withdrawn on May 22nd, 2020. Post-dated cheques on file will also be deposited on the dates as indicated on the cheques. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your preauthorized payment plan or post-dated cheques, please call 705-286-1260, extension 201.

HOME OF THE HIGHLAND STORMS

COACH'S MESSAGE

REP BANTAMS

The Peppermill Steak and Pasta House-McKecks Place Highland Storm Bantams had a good season. They finished with a 14-18-2 regular season record. The team started off with a win but had a little rough stretch as they tried to gain their confidence in throwing and taking hits.

The players really started to gain their rhythm in November and gained confidence in themselves and each other. The Norwood tournament in December, playing the first-place team in the semi-finals and taking them to a shootout, was a nail-biter right to the last shot.

By the middle of December, every player had scored and had an assist and both goalies had shutouts.

The Orono tournament and winning the C championship - you guys gave everything you had and we were all so proud of you.

This team was also a disciplined team. In MPS, we finished second last in penalty minutes.

We played Durham in the preliminaries of play downs and swept them three straight and then unfortunately lost to Dundalk. Every player on the team brought their own dynamic and was a valuable member.

Thanks to the players: Taylor, Kaine, Aiden, Cooper, Austin, Kyan, Nathan, Carter, Alex, Cash, Cody, Matthew, Gage and Ethan. You should all be proud of yourselves. We sure are. You guys are a great group of players and a pleasure to coach.

Thanks to all the parents, grandparents, siblings and fans for supporting the boys and all your help throughout the season. Thanks to Rich Smith for making sure the boys were safe by running the hitting clinic. Thanks to Carson Sisson and Braeden Robinson for all your help in practice and thanks to Evan Perrott for always making sure there was never an empty water bottle. Thanks to the Harrison family for taking such good care of the jerseys. Most of all a big thank you to Tom, Scott, Joanne and Rachel for all your help and dedication this season, we really appreciate it. Thanks to our sponsors and the Highland Storm for another great season.

Coach Ron







Derek Beachli

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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of

Nellie Evylean Miscio

Nellie Miscio, aged 93, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2020. She was born in Minden on April 5, 1927 to the late Mike Miscio and Annie Voicey.

Nellie was a loving mother and a homemaker who worked tirelessly to look

after her family. She loved cooking and baking and had many requests for her recipes which she loved giving away. Her spaghetti and meatballs and her butter tarts and apple pies were exceptional and nothing pleased her more than to watch her family eat the food she had prepared. She had many hobbies and loved the outdoors.

She was predeceased by her brothers Alfred, Petrol, Alvin, and Carl and her sisters Eva, Vera and Ruth. Her two sisters Ruby & Glady survive her. Nellie raised 9 children which included 2 sets of twins. Barb & Blanche (deceased), Linda, Gary, Ken & Keith, Gail, Harold, Jr. (deceased) and Bonny (deceased). She is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A private burial will take place. When we are again able to gather together, a memorial service will be held.

In Memory of Nellie donations to the Minden Food Bank or to planting a tree in her memory as she loved the outdoors and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0



John Goff

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



The legacy of John Goff also known as Johnny, Uncle John, Great uncle John and Johnny Jumpstart. From his big blue eyes enormous smile and deep belly laugh that could make the worst day turn into your best. John was an amazing human being who asked for very few things but gave us all more than we could have ever hoped. John was the kind of person who made you feel like you were the only person in the world that mattered to him, he hugged unconditionally every

time he saw you with his famous line "awe...I like you". He was the kindest, gentlest most unselfish person and the world was definitely a better place with him in it. John was a beautiful soul and we are grateful and so fortunate to have been chosen to be part of his family. Our hearts are broken. He is free from his long battle with cancer. John is affectionately remembered by his loving sister Barbara (Frank), niece Elizabeth (David), nephew David (Jennifer), and great nieces and nephews Tavia, Callum, Lauren, Michael, and Ryan. He was predeceased by his dear brother Alan.

Thank you to Dr Stephenson for her endless support and compassion, thank you to all the Staff at Highland Wood for all your care, thank you to all the staff at Community living for all the years you spent making sure John got what he needed.

As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society and the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be greatly appreciated.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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FUNERAL SERVICES

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.

REGARDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY CONCERNING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

We at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd. recognize the seriousness of the State of Emergency declared by the Ontario Government and the Ministry of Health. As of today, public gatherings, services & receptions at our facilities will be suspended until further notice.

Our firm is still operating to the best of our ability in order to provide service to our families in their time of need. We will discuss options and address any concerns with each family until the crisis is over.

We are working diligently to keep the funeral home sanitized, so it will continue to be a healthy & safe environment for our families that are in need of our services.

In order to comply with the mandate at present time, we ask that if you need our assistance and/or require our services, please feel free to contact us at the funeral home and make an appointment, either by telephone or email.

We appreciate your understanding in this trying time.

Sincerely,

Kirsten L. Monk & Barry A. Cray



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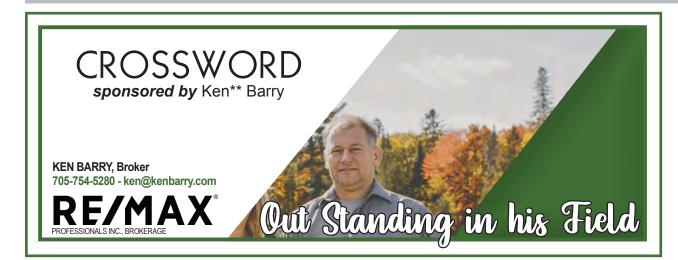
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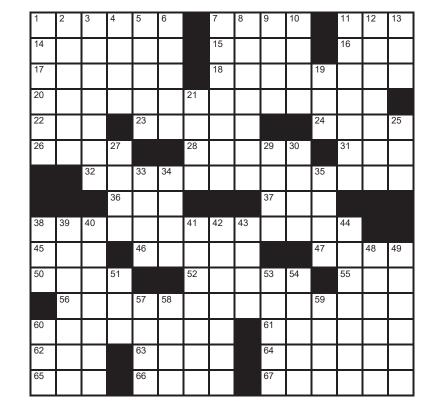
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- 1 It "strikes back" in a Lucas film
- **7** Password given to hotel guests
- 11 Twitter shares: Abbr.
- **14** Meagre bit of food
- 15 Lead-in to "much"
- **16** "Academic" vowels
- 17 Accepting of, as ideas
- **18** Rapper with a tool in his name
- **20** Plumber-wannabe's mere fantasy?
- 22 Launch on the TSX
- **23** Pine secretion
- **24** Take ___ view of (frown on)
- **26** Eurasian mem. states, pre-1991
- 28 Walmart worker's title: Abbr.
- **31** "I'll take that as ___"
- 32 Accept a toilet-unclogging job?
- **36** Green sweater-wearer on "The Simpsons"
- **37** Irish airline, with Lingus
- **38** Steadfastly fixing a leak?
- **45** They're from Mars, per a John Gray title
- 46 Take the tiller
- **47** Feed, as hogs
- 50 "Great work!" sticker
- 52 Homebuyer's loans: Abbr.
- **55** Montevideo is its cap.
- **56** Overflowing wash basin?
- **60** "Sadly, it's true"
- **61** Stands around in art class?
- **62** Grand-Opry link
- 63 Baie-Comeau "but"
- **64** Quiet as ___
- 65 "The Spanish Tragedy" author
- 66 Std. method
- 67 Lacking Sunlight, maybe

Down

- 1 Graphic details in texts?
- 2 Last little bits of jobs
- **3** Organize ahead of laundry day, say

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- **4** "___ it true that ...?" (leading question)
- **5** Fill another pothole
- **6** Split to unite
- 7 Liable to chicken out
- 8 Stick that makes scents
- 9 Saudi royal family name
- 10 Munich's river
- **11** Fast time for Muslims
- **12** Spilling over (with)
- 13 Ma'am's man
- **19** Culpa lead-in
- 21 "Time ___ a premium"
- 25 Bossy Stooge
- 27 Didn't just lip sync
- 29 Gemstone of Australia
- **30** "Pinocchio" goldfish
- 33 Source of bar drafts34 Do a dele?
- **35** Funeral parlour purchases

- 38 Trudeau Sr. and Jr., for two
- **39** Blows one's stack
- **40** Not expressed, as grievances
- **41** Archenemy
- **42** "Take a hike!"
- **43** Ti-Cat's Toronto foe
- 44 "Maximus" muscle
- **48** Threat ender that raises a question
- 49 Like a Trump-mocker's lips
- **51** "Messenger" molecule
- **53** Fitbit or Google Glass
- **54** Ashram leader
- **57** "___ Convenience" (CBC sitcom)
- **58** Celebration of life, briefly?
- **59** "Well, I'll be ___ of a gun!"
- **60** Verbal thumbs-up

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Mill Pond Restaurant Open for take-out from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Check menu on Facebook or Instagram.

Haliburton Highlands Food and Beverage Showcase at Wintergreen on Father's Day has been cancelled. Please send donations in support of fresh-water wells in India to Diane Dawson (cheques

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Minden Electric Emergency electrical calls only by telephone 705-286-2946 and by email to carla@mindenelectric.com. Hours 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Generator Solutions Temporarily closed to public but staff still available at monica@generatorsolutions.ca or telephone 705-286-1003 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Bernstein's General Store Not open to walk-ins. Call Marty at 705-457-1777 or email bernsteinsgeneralstore@gmail.com to order for curbside pick-up. FedEx drop offs available by appointment only 705-457-1777. FedEx pickups – you will be called to arrange curbside pickup Lockside Trading Company Free virtual interior design and online shopping at lockside.com. Open daily 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 1-888-714-0484 or by appointment, or email shop@lockside.com, 24/7. Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast Closed until July 1. Taking reservations into the

until July 1. Taking reservations into the summer and beyond. 705-286-4922, sunnyrockbb.ca.

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emergency services and installations. 705-341-9170. kegelheatingandcooling.ca.

Masters Bookstore Closed to 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

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Haliburton Dance Academy Livestream classes. info@haliburtondanceacademy.

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Minden Wine Store Closed.

Minden Subaru Open by appointment only. Service: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Sales: 9 a.m. to :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.

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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.

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705-448-1168.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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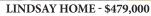
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