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Lawrence and Maria Van Lieshout reminisce about the Second World War in the Netherlands, flanked by two artillery shells, and looking through *Brabanders in Canada*, by John H. Dortmans. May 8 marked the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day. See the full story on page 20. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Realtors feel they've turned the COVID corner

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County realtors are feeling optimistic about the future despite the challenges COVID-19 has thrown at them so far this year.

"The last few weeks have really, really, woken up," said Andrew Hodgson of Century 21 Granite Realty Group. "We're

busy right now."

Andrea Strano of RE/MAX Professionals North added, "it's definitely not business as usual, but just in the last couple of weeks, it's been more of a normal pace for us, so that's positive."

The two said COVID-19 has brought change to their industry: both in terms of how they operate and trends going forward.

With real estate being an essential service, they were never shut down. And, unlike

the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), they have never been reliant on open houses, so that has been a plus. They have turned to more virtual marketing. They have also been able to visit properties under strenuous public health guidelines.

"Viewings are happening by all the social distancing measures," Strano said.

So, while she's looking forward to eventually going back into the office, Strano said she's steadily working from home.

She added that sellers are more comfortable putting properties on the market now that restrictions are easing and the weather is getting nicer. She added people are feeling reassured by COVID-19 protocols.

Hodgson said he reviewed real estate activity after SARS, and 9/11.

"There was quite a push out of Toronto after each of those episodes."

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COVID-19 NEWS

Emergency department access

Haliburton Highlands Health Services has updated its guidance to County residents about access to emergency and urgent care at its facilities in Haliburton and Minden.

The Haliburton Emergency Department is now open to accept all emergency and urgent care needs, including for those who have COVID-19 symptoms.

The Minden Emergency Department remains open to accept all emergency and urgent care needs, but those with COVID-19 symptoms should expect to be re-directed to the Haliburton Emergency Department.

Everyone is reminded to call 911 in the case of an emergency, and if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, to alert the dispatcher of your symptoms.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, but do not require emergency or urgent care, please complete the self-assessment online at Ontario.ca/coronavirus or call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000. Those requiring testing will be directed to the Haliburton County COVID-19 Community Assessment Centre in order to schedule an appointment.

HHHS weekly update

HHHS said COVID-19 tests of long-term care residents and staff have come back negative, with a few results still outstanding. All remaining staff have also been tested. They said once they have all results, they will be

shared with staff first, then the media and the public.

HHHS also got additional funding for Meals on Wheels through the Ontario Community Support Program. They said If you know of anyone in the community who is struggling to access food, have them contact the Community Support Services Response Team by phone at 705-457-2941 or by text at 705-457-0016 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), or by email at infocc@hhhs.ca anytime.

HHHS is also celebrating nursing week. If you would like to send a message of support to HHHS' nurses, health care professionals, and important support and administrative staff, visit haliburtoncares.ca and look for the "Show Front-Line Workers You Care" form.

Feed Ontario food is here

The Minden Community Food Centre has received several pallets of prepared emergency hampers from Feed Ontario to help everyone affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Spokeswoman Joanne Barnes said distribution of hampers for non-food bank clients begins Thursday, May 14 from the centre located at 24 Newcastle St., Minden.

If you have a problem with transportation, call Joanne at 705-286-6838.

Pick-up times will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays and Tuesdays for non food bank clients.

Barnes asks people to write on paper their name, physical address, phone number, number of adults and kids in the household to give to the volunteers at the food bank when they pick up their hamper.

"No strings attached. We just want to help. There is no need to feel embarrassed. Everyone needs a little help sometimes," Barnes said.

She added that regular food bank clients can pick up their emergency hamper along with their monthly grocery order on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Girl Guide cookies hit store shelves

Local grocery stores are pitching in to help the Girl Guides of Canada sell their famed cookies with members unable to campaign due to COVID-19.

Todd's Your Independent Grocer announced May 11 it would be offering the cookies, with Foodland Haliburton also selling a supply. It is part of an effort by retailers across the country to help the Girl Guides' biggest fundraiser, which was suspended due to the pandemic.

"We are thrilled to hear that the spring Girl Guides cookies are being sold in local stores, since our girls are not able to get out and sell cookies the way we usually do," Michelle Wolfe Miscio of the local unit said. "The cookie sales are very important as they provide the funds our unit needs."

(COVID-19 news compiled by Lisa Gervais and Joseph Quigley)

Studying trends from SARS and 9/11

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Following COVID-19, he added, "we are going to have low interest rates like we've never had before, and there will be greater demand. We're not worried about our community."

For example, he said his agency has been approached by a client who traditionally travels, spending thousands of dollars a year. Now, he said that person has told him, "I'm looking to buy a place up here instead."

He added he's had several conversations with people in the GTA who have figured out they can work from home now and want to get out of the city.

Strano said her firm is seeing similar trends.

With the pandemic as a catalyst, she said, "more and more clients are realizing they don't want to be in a hectic city anymore. This has made people take a step back and re-evaluate where they are, their lives, and wanting to slow down a bit."



Realtor Marj Parish checks out the waterfront. Photo submitted.

She said as long as they have access to good internet, they are keen to come to Haliburton county, where they can enjoy space and tranquility, "and choose their own adventure, including their own work schedule and slowing the pace down a little bit."

She said buyers want to come sooner, still work, but ease back, and accelerate retirement plans.

Hodgson said he is an optimist. After all, "in the old days, real estate didn't start in Haliburton County until the

long weekend of May." He said if the industry gets going by June 1, they'll have a good 2020.

Strano agreed, saying the majority of sales will happen between June and the fall, and the season may extend longer into winter this year.

"I feel very positive about things moving forward, as long as the community is being vigilant and listening to what the government is telling us to do."

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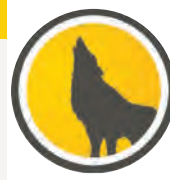
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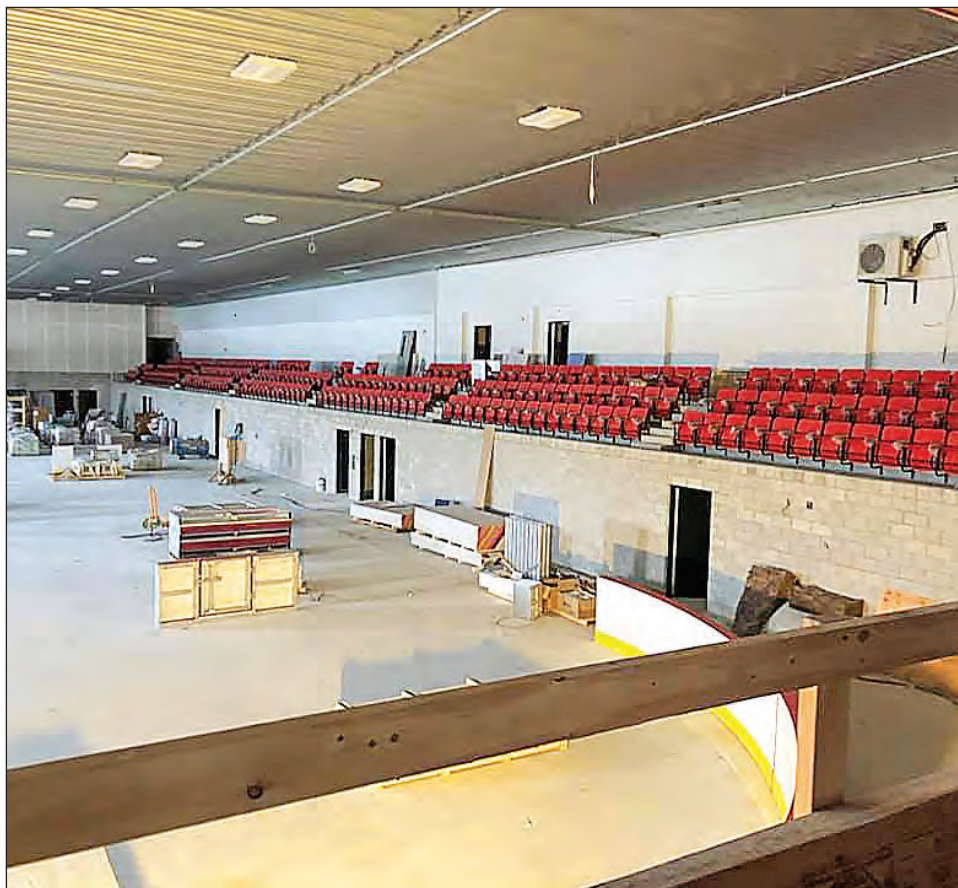
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The view from the warm viewing area towards the stands.
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Minden arena project back on track for July

By Lisa Gervais

Builders have returned to work on the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena renewal project.

McDonald Brothers Construction of Ottawa returned to the building site May 6 after a COVID-19-induced month-long hiatus. They had stopped work April 3.

Arena building task force member Diane Peacock said it was "great to see activity around there again."

In a recent interview, Peacock said they are putting finishing touches on the project.

She said that included drywall, some masonry, and painting and tiling that was being done when the site was closed down.

As for the outside, she said pending work includes some exterior siding and roofing, landscaping, curbs, sidewalks and paving. She added that millwork and flooring will be started approximately four weeks after last week's start-up.

The task force has six members from the public, including Brian Kernohan, Doug O'Dell, Jane Symons, Bill Obee, Gary Stoner and Peacock. Members from The Township of Minden Hills council include mayor Brent Devolin and councillor-at-large Ron Nesbitt. Staff members are CAO/treasurer Lorrie Blanchard and supervisor, facilities and parks John Preston.

Devolin said "operationally, there'll be some stricter parameters again. But given the nature of that project, most of the people can work and not be in proximity of two metres of each other. And in those few circumstances that some of the work might require that, there will be significant higher

standards than before the shutdown."

Devolin said it's expected the project will be finished in July.

Asked about the fundraising committee he originally said could raise upwards of \$1 million - but which is not in place - Devolin said, "that will come back and be a council conversation again."

He said there are three to four elements in play, including the fact the township is in the middle of hiring a new CAO, clerk and director of community services.

He said the fact the project is near completion, and the township has been able to spend an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant on interior add-ons, does not preclude the formation of a foundation.

He said a lot of community centres have foundations, or groups that support them on a perpetual basis, as facilities age and townships need to replace things, or add new technology or expand capabilities.

Addressing the somewhat controversial nature of the project, Peacock said like many municipal undertakings, "there will always be detractors for whatever reason."

However, she said "I feel that once we get the new complex completed and open, people will be amazed at the facility and all the features we have tried to include."

"The people will see that not only is it a sporting complex but it can be used for so many other community activities. The multi-sport area has been constructed to be used not only for sports but also for other things. I can see artisan markets, community dinners, theatre, fundraisers and so many more ideas."

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MP critiques government support programming

COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale fielded questions and discussed gaps he saw in COVID-19 support programming at a virtual town hall May 6.

The online event featured business leaders, chambers of commerce and business improvement associations from across his constituency. British Columbia MP Dan Albas, Shadow Minister for Employment, Workforce Development & Disability Inclusion was also present to field questions.

"We know times right now are very uncertain," Schmale said. "We appreciate what you're doing as business leaders bringing jobs, opportunities and wealth in our community."

The MPs explained details about federal government supports available to people, including the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), income tax deferrals, loan programs and more.

However, both Schmale and Albas offered a critique of parts of the federal government's approach. Albas said there should be a wider range of support

programs to address different needs, versus larger, overarching ones.

"To have one single edict or one single program be the one-size-fits-all is very, very bad in a decentralized democracy like Canada. There are too many permutations and we believe a single, central planner just can't anticipate all those things," Albas said.

One of the gaps discussed was for smaller non-profits. When asked about support for them, Schmale spoke about horticultural and art groups with small budgets and no employees that are struggling.

"This is an area we're looking to research," Albas said. "We're going to see a lot of small museums, small horticultural organizations that do not have the cash flows that will be challenged under this."

Another audience member asked about accessing the Canada Emergency Business Account while using a personal chequing account for their business, which is currently disallowed. Albas said that is something the government should change.

"Many entrepreneurs utilize a personal chequing account. It's very easy to separate from their own personal expenses," he said. "We will continue to push the government on this until it happens."

Albas also said the government needed to support new businesses, who may not have yet developed the books to show a decline



MP Jamie Schmale spoke with businesses about support programs during a virtual town hall May 6. *File photo.*

in revenue due to COVID-19, which is needed to keep wage subsidy funding.

"We will continue to push the government to look at its programs to make sure we don't miss out," Albas said. "That we don't see the next Canadian champion die on the vine because of COVID-19 and

the government's failure to address their concerns."

"This will be a bit of a balancing act by government and we will make sure to give them due credit when they listen but to hold them to account when they don't," Albas concluded.

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We're in this together

Traditionally - as the Victoria Day long weekend looms - I use this space to welcome back our cottagers.

I usually write a feel-good piece about their importance to Haliburton County and its economy.

This year, as we all know, is different.

Some cottagers have been here for a couple of months, riding out COVID-19. Others have been coming intermittently. Some haven't come at all. However, we can assume that some will make their first trip back this coming weekend. After all, Premier Doug Ford and this County's mayors and warden have said it is ok for them to spend the weekend at the lake.

As those mayors and the warden pointed out in last week's *Highlander*, there are no laws preventing cottagers from coming amid COVID-19.

The province, under its emergency powers, does have the power of "regulating or prohibiting travel or movement to, from or within any specified area" but obviously hasn't to date, and won't in future barring some unforeseen horrendous spike in COVID-19 cases. Nor is the federal government likely to invoke something such as the War Measures Act.

So, cottagers are here, here and there, and coming.

To date, we have seen our community really struggle with this. We have witnessed

an unfortunate divide between so-called permanent and seasonal residents.

We have all been witness to the letters to the editors and the social media back-and-forth on this issue. It's been nothing short of ugly.

That is regrettable.

So, as I sit to write this column, I know if I welcome back cottagers, there will be a backlash. Similarly, if I ask cottagers to stay away, there will be repercussions. Like the mayors, I could err on the side of caution - or politics - and say 'come, but bring everything you need, stay put, don't go within six feet of anyone who is not within your immediate family, don't have a fire'.

Some in the community would urge me to call on the province to evoke its emergency orders and close the highways to cottagers. Others would have me say 'let them come, let them put in their boats, let them mix and mingle and have a bonfire. What's the harm?'

The truth is I am torn.

I have felt better about the pandemic situation the last couple of weeks as restrictions have eased. In my work, and for personal reasons, I have been out and about more in the past fortnight.

I'm encouraged by the reports I am hearing from our health service providers. They aren't being overwhelmed with cases. The best-case scenarios are playing out.



By Lisa Gervais

I am encouraged to see our businesses being allowed to reopen, albeit with restrictions. I am trying to shop local. I'd like to see the cottagers be able to do that too.

However, one of my interviews for this week's paper is a local GP. He said he's not convinced that COVID-19 has peaked in the province. He is also concerned that we have developed little community immunity to the coronavirus because we have had so few cases. He is worried about a large influx of people and how the easing of restrictions will play out over the next two to four weeks.

Like all things with this pandemic, we simply don't know. All we can ask is that all people, whether they live here all of the time, or just some of the time, follow public health protocols and government decision-making to the letter.

This applies whether you live on a property in Haliburton County, a condominium in downtown Toronto, or are coming to a cabin on the lake in the woods. Because despite all of the rhetoric, I truly do believe that we are in this together.

Pandemic notes part two

With the gradual lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, it certainly is a treat to see some additional stores opening in our community. The hardware and lumber yards did their best to meet the requirements of people needing supplies and tools, with curb-side service. However, there is nothing sweeter than walking the aisles, ogling the gadgets and doodads that we covet, even though their exact use remains somewhat hazy. I believe it's a guy thing.

I hope everyone who can, is making an effort to purchase take-out meals from area restaurants which are still closed to the walk-in trade. Tucking into a dinner at home reawakens the flavor experiences missed by not being able to dine out. But more importantly, the transaction helps to keep that eatery alive and functioning so it will still be there when we can walk through the doors and enjoy the ambiance and the meal once again.

And speaking of masks, I am really enjoying the different designs that people have come up with to personalize their face coverings. Patterned material, coloured cloth, painted-on smiles, they all help to brighten the experience for those looking

at the covered faces. I am, however, a little confused by the fashion statements some people are making by the way they wear their protective coverings. There is not much protection offered if the mask is dangling from one ear. Unless you have a hole in your chin, a mask slung around that part of the face isn't likely going to be of much value. Likewise, those who choose to tuck the mask just under their noses appear to be missing the point of the whole thing. Then there are those who go about face naked. I am aware there was some initial confusion about the value of wearing a face covering at all, which has likely led to the cavalier attitude of those who ignore the recommendation altogether. Consider this: the mask is much like a condom ... it protects the people on both sides of the transaction.

For those still attending meetings on line, here is a Zoom or Skype, or whatever platform you use, tip of the week: Wise meeting organizers always build in a 15-minute buffer at the beginning of each meeting to allow for the resolution of technical glitches. It is during this time that you can watch colleagues, who haven't

un-muted their microphones, miming that they can't hear anything even though the video is operational.

The struggle to communicate often involves exaggerated mouthing of the words they would like the rest of us to interpret. When that fails, they resort to holding up scribbled signs. Others present themselves as a blank screen, even though their voices are booming through. Still others seem totally befuddled by the technology and never seem to show up at all. In many cases, the host phones to provide instructions while the rest watch as the lost souls emerge like butterflies, to greet the world like they knew all along how the system worked.

So, march onward you weary, masked pandemicites, at an appropriate distance from each other, of course. We're all in this together and it is going to get better ... and, oh yes, wash your hands.



By Jack Brezina



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Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Supporting local industry

Dear editor,

I am a permanent resident on the shores of Boshkung Lake in Algonquin Highlands, on property my grandmother bought more than 100 years ago. I am told I first visited the property the summer of 1937 when I was three weeks old, when it was Sherwood Forest Camp that my uncle Cecil Irwin ran on the property from 1934 to 1964.

I remember my father explaining (70-plus years ago) that we bought everything we could here, “because if we don’t support local business they won’t be here when we need them.”

We ran a national business from Toronto for many years, and the one thing we never had too many of was orders. I could backorder an order for a book and ship it when stock was delivered; our grocers cannot do this with onions or frozen peas.

It bothers me that it has become a virtue to bring supplies from the city. As a permanent resident I am the beneficiary and I am grateful. But I hope that when the pandemic is over, and supplies are again readily available, that we will all return to supporting local industry.

John W. Irwin
Algonquin Highlands

Be careful what you wish for

Dear editor,

So, the mayor of Dysart wants us cottagers to “bring everything with us” this weekend; in other words, don’t shop local.

She should be careful what she wishes for.

I thought that shopping local was much appreciated. I wasn’t aware of any retail shortages in the County, but if she prefers

that we shop elsewhere, I suppose we can do our best to accommodate her request.

Bob Killey
Toronto/Miner’s Bay

Community is vulnerable

Dear editor,

Kudos should be given to our local Doctor Nell Thomas.

I just heard her speak on the CBC call-in programme Ontario Today concerning the topic ‘are cottagers welcome in cottage country?’

Dr. Thomas drew attention to the particular vulnerabilities of our region to a pandemic disease emergency. These include such things as a sizable retirement community, limitations to available infrastructure and services, a relatively small number of health care professionals, et al.

She expressed her concern about the strain that may befall our local health system if there is a surge in COVID-19 cases. This could happen if cottagers and visitors enter this region as they usually do. She said that to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus, people need to continue sheltering in place pursuant to governmental directives.

As a matter of public safety, people should not go to their cottages but remain at their primary residences until further notice.

When a local GP feels it necessary to speak out in this way, we should listen and follow the given advice. Just now, COVID-19 deaths are spiking in Ontario.

Dr. Thomas is a credit to our community, as are all of our brave health care workers.

Dorian M. Young
12 Mile Lake

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



One of the rose breasted grosbeaks that have made their return to the Rusinek home on Twelve Mile Lake Road in Minden this year. “Spring is here and we couldn’t be more delighted to see these birds visit us,” Claude Rusinek said. “We retired to Minden two years ago and couldn’t be happier.”

A win-win option

Dear editor,

As a cottage property owner, I was happy to read the message from Mayor Andrea Roberts.

It should be clarified that there are primarily two types of property owners. One group typically comes to the cottage for weekends and occasionally stays for a two-week duration. Let’s call this group

the cottagers. The other group comes to the cottage and generally stays for the whole summer or cottage season. Let’s call them seasonal residents.

I agree that the cottagers can pose a health problem, since they come from somewhere where the virus is prevalent and can pose an infection problem to local residents and an overload problem to the Haliburton hospital - unless they return home if sick.

However, what problem does the

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Nightingale lessons still relevant today

In 2010, I travelled to Istanbul to attend a health conference. My wife wanted to sail on the Bosphorus, and visit the Topkapi Palace, the Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sophia Museum, and the Grand Bazaar.

I wanted to visit the Florence Nightingale Museum in the Selimye Barracks.

Unfortunately, the museum is not easy to visit and our trip was too short to complete the formal requests. We stayed at a great little hotel in the heart of the Sultanahmet. We loved Istanbul and I vowed to return to visit the museum.

Fast forward 10 years to 2020. We decided to vacation in Turkey this Fall, stay with a former colleague who is teaching in Istanbul, and finally visit the museum. The World Health Organization (WHO) designated 2020 the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife both in honour of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale’s birth, but also in recognition of the enormous contribution nurses and midwives make day in and day out on lives across the globe. From sperm to worm, nurses and midwives

are there. It seemed a perfect alignment.

This is not a whinge about my cancelled trip to Turkey due to COVID-19. Instead, I would like to tell you why I wanted to visit the museum. It is very small, there are not many artefacts, and it is difficult to arrange a visit. But for a nurse like myself, it is like your first visit to the Sistine Chapel. It is an opportunity to celebrate greatness.

Florence Nightingale came from a wealthy English family. Her parents did not want her to be a nurse. They wanted her to marry well. Nightingale persisted and finally studied nursing in Germany when she was in her late 20s. Smart and hardworking she became a hospital superintendent before accepting a leadership role in bringing nurses to the Crimean War to care for Turkish and Allied soldiers. What she found in the army hospitals was that soldiers were dying of infections and other preventable illnesses due to contaminated water and food, unhygienic conditions, lack of clean equipment, linens, and sterile supplies.

She and her team of nurses set about

rectifying this with clean physical spaces, improved ventilation, physical distancing, ongoing clinical monitoring, disinfection of equipment and surfaces, and frequent hand-washing. Sound familiar? Nightingale and her nurses reduced the mortality rate by almost 70 per cent in the first year they were there.

Despite suffering ill health during and after the war, which left her largely bedridden for the next 50 years, Nightingale used the large sum of money she was awarded by the queen to build a hospital and set up a training school for nurses.

Nightingale Schools spread to dozens of countries around the world including Canada. In addition to hands on care, Nightingale taught nurses how to determine best practices through basic research, use of moral principles, and she encouraged interdisciplinary education.

Nightingale was the first woman member of the Royal Statistical Society. She was invited to join due to her work as part of the First Royal Commission following the

Crimean War using knowledge of statistics and epidemiology to transform military hospitals and care.

How ironic that COVID-19 has occurred in the Year of the Nurse and Midwife on the anniversary of Florence Nightingale’s 200th birthday.

During my 45 years as a nurse, I have had the great good fortune to work with wonderful colleagues in Texas, Toronto, the Dominican Republic, Qatar, Australia, Nova Scotia, and even in my adopted hometown of Minden. I have never been prouder of nurses than I have been during this year. Nurses have stepped up to the plate with trepidation, courage, and detailed preparation for new best practices. The road ahead, as we all cope with COVID-19, will be long and uncertain, but we will all be better cared for in sickness and in health, in birth and in death, because of nurses and midwives. Good for you.

Dr. Diane Duff RN PhD
Minden

Good for you

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seasonal resident pose if they come to Haliburton and self-isolate for two weeks in their cottage? After that isolation, aren't they similar to the local residents who take a winter vacation in a warmer climate and then return and self-isolate for two weeks? Both should be virus free and pose no problem to local residents and the hospital. Shouldn't they be welcome to participate in shopping and contributing to the community as in the past?

It's no secret that Haliburton County depends on cottagers for its financial survival. Instead of looking at seasonal residents as 'citizens' or 'them' (unlike 'we' locals), why not consider them as 'us' (at least for the summer) and agree to share all the benefits that Haliburton has to offer, which are many. Isn't that a win-win situation?

Yes, some will question how to distinguish cottagers from seasonal residents. But as long as members of both groups wear masks when in town, does it really matter? I would also argue that it is wise and safer for everyone (both customers and business workers) to wear a mask when in town – thereby greatly reducing the possibility of community spread.

Life will not revert back to 'normal' until an effective vaccine is readily available – hopefully by early next year. So, until then, let's co-operate while waiting for the vaccine and enjoy the temporary 'new normal'.

Dennis Choptiany
Koshlong Lake (Seasonal Resident)

Cottagers are not treated equally

Dear editor,

As a boat access cottage owner, who has paid my taxes and dockage fees at my local marina, I am prohibited from going to my cottage because the marina can't release my boat.

Others who can drive to their cottage or who bring their boat with them, can go to their cottages. This is unfair. We bring all our supplies and do not interact with anyone. We have quarantined for 14 days and self isolated for six weeks. We would not come to the cottage if we had symptoms and would drive directly

home if we started to get symptoms rather than burden the local health system. We want fairness.

Bob Hodgins
Toronto

Pandemic 2020 – smell the flowers

Dear editor,

As we all know, the world is embroiled in a life and death pandemic war, a silent killer, with no real solution or enemy. In the great wars, there was always an enemy and a reason for engaging, be the way of life or more important freedom in which we enjoy today.

Laws are made and laws are needed to be enforced. No exceptions.

In Canada, our government has imposed a state of emergency, due to COVID-19. This is similar to Martial Law.

The doctor from Toronto who had his letter in *The Highlander* last week should be seriously disciplined for suggesting that it was his constitutional right to attend his cottage at these crisis times.

Right there kills his right by possibly transferring this deadly virus, let alone transferring this from his working environment. He continuously abused the word responsible. His selfish actions show no respect for his fellow citizens.

After this pandemic lets most people get back to a relative norm, and the doctor can go back to taking his dog on the elevator without any worries, rural areas such as Haliburton might never recover from this crisis.

We depend on a four-month summer tourism high, where small businesses have to as much as starve for the eight-month winter season.

This pandemic will in all likelihood turn rural towns such as Haliburton into economic ghost towns.

On the other side of the coin, *The Highlander* gave a lady from Haliburton her say on how this pandemic should be handled by "all" persons worldwide.

She gave a perfect example of 1,000 flowers in a garden. If a person picked a single flower, that one flower would not be missed. But, if the other 999 people decided to pick the remaining

flowers, there would be no beautiful garden to enjoy.

I acknowledge and respect all the persons that have interrupted their lives to confront this evil silent killer. I feel that my wife and I are doing our little part through these tough times. Be well. Be safe.

Allen and Elsie Luke
Haliburton

Inundated with messaging

Dear editor,

Below is a letter I sent to MPP Laurie Scott.

On April 20, I sent you an email with a simple question. You did not choose to respond and I am not surprised. I will let you know that even at 76 years old I do not need to be told hundreds of times how to behave.

We have been following the behavioural protocol for almost two months and even tonight as we watch Global News, I have been given the message at least six times in a one-hour period paid for by the Government of Ontario.

I realize how serious this is but I am also a taxpayer who knows how much our community is hurting. You will need every tax dollar available and more to help out. Please don't tell us later that you don't have the resources to help. I am especially frustrated with you on two fronts.

First of all, our community here in Haliburton has done an excellent job of conveying the behavioural messages. Our community partners, businesses and media deliver the message effectively without direct tax dollars. I am also frustrated that your government has not done a better job of coordinating the use of tax dollars with the federal government. I have received flyers from you and the Government of Canada in my mailbox with the same information on the same day. Who are you targeting with this ongoing media assault? I can only surmise that Ontario citizens are not very intelligent or that this is simply political optics. I would suggest that you look at a different strategy to reach those who are not complying.

Gary Hunt
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Nancy McLuskey stands outside the Eagle Lake Community Church gardens, one of many preparing to open after getting declared essential. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Community gardens open with new restrictions

By Joseph Quigley

Community gardens are working to open under new social distancing restrictions after the province declared them essential April 25.

With the growing season approaching, local gardens are working to adhere to new health unit guidelines to operate this summer. Those include preventing the general public from accessing gardens, limiting to five people at a time, maintaining a two-metre distance from others and members using their own tools as much as possible. Groups are required to submit a checklist to the health unit about operations before opening.

The Eagle Lake Community Church garden is one of them. Pastor Garry Swagerman said the small group that runs it is preparing to start as scheduled June 1.

"It's important that we do have gardens. This is one of the things that people are going to turn to in light of social distancing, in light of what might happen while grocery shopping," Swagerman said.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit said in a press release gardens are required to notify them about

their intentions to operate and confirm they are following guidelines.

"Community gardens are truly an essential service in allowing many local residents to grow, access and enjoy fresh food," public health inspector Dharminder Kaler said.

"We're all in this together, so we encourage community gardens to put health and safety first as they go about their growing season."

Other local gardens are also preparing to open, including the ones run by Community Living Trent Highlands (CLTH) in Haliburton.

"CLTH passionately believes in food security for Haliburton village and is committed to doing whatever we need to in order to keep our gardens open and safe for all," executive director Teresa Jordan said.

Swagerman said there is a list of 22 restrictions to follow but expects his garden will be able to comply.

The Eagle Lake Community Church garden is also adding a new plot this season to provide for food banks.

"Our hope this year is to start implementing food for the community. I think with COVID-19, that makes it even more important," he said.



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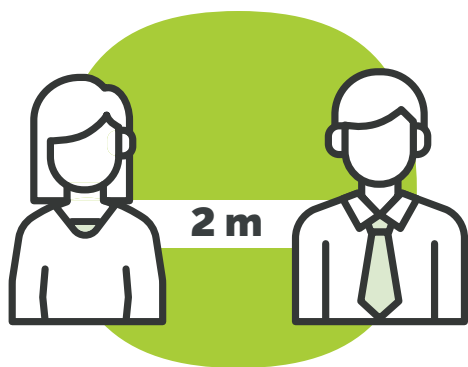
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Grant helps food network extend tax filing service

COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

The Central Food Network is helping people file income taxes despite the pandemic.

The organization announced May 5 it would continue to aid modest-income households in filling out returns for free throughout the month. Although the typical clinics, held at local legions, cannot be offered, the network is offering support remotely.

Despite the challenges of social distancing due to COVID-19, operational and administrative director Tina Jackson said the group felt it needed to find a workaround.

"There are so many tax benefits and income support benefits that are linked to filing your taxes," Jackson said. "We know the government is giving some increases in those benefits and we want as many people as possible that are eligible to receive those."

"We know now, more than ever, people are relying on every single dollar."

The income tax filing deadline was extended from April 30 to June 1. Jackson said they were able to keep the program going for May with the help of a \$5,000 grant through the federal New Horizons for Seniors program. It will be used both for income tax and food programming.

"We would not be able to be delivering this service without that support," Jackson said.

The organization took on the service this year from Marlene Watson, a local 82-year-old who helps hundreds in the area file taxes every year. She opted to step back this year due to distance.

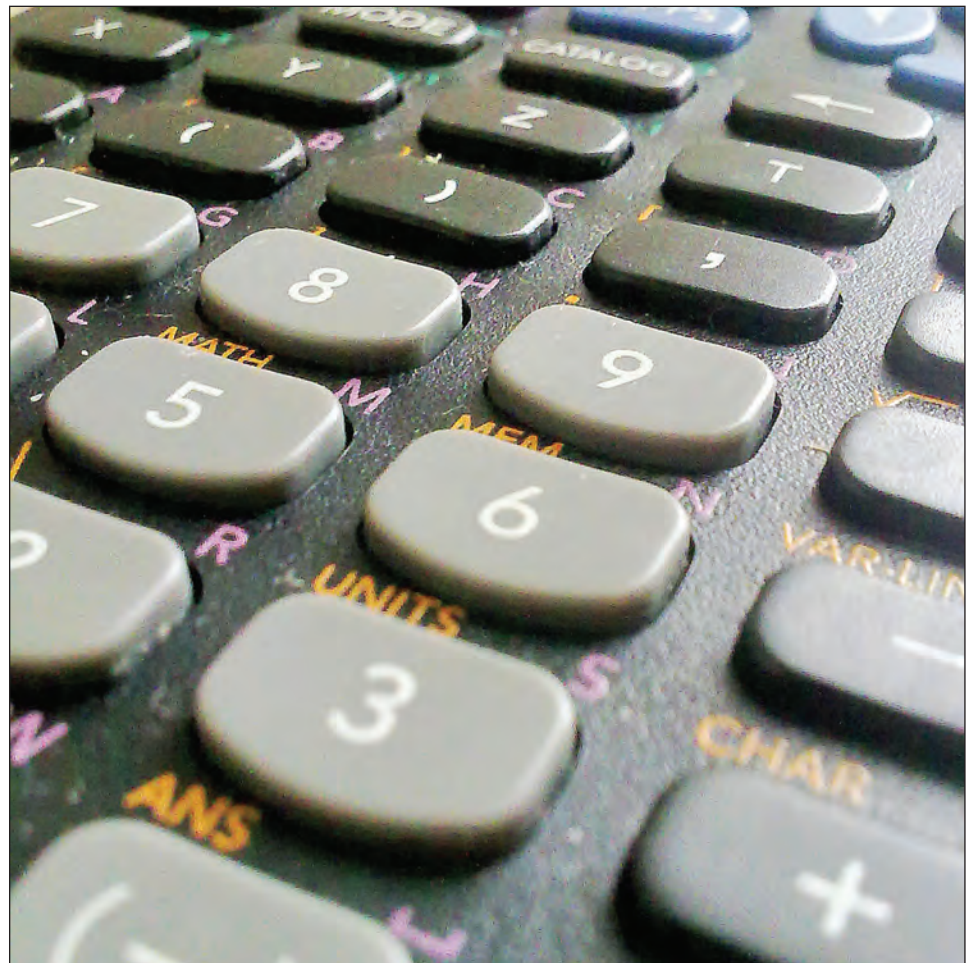
"Our agency felt very strongly this needed to continue. It's a very valuable program that helps people to avoid accessing our services. If people have enough money to cover their rent, their hydro costs and purchase groceries, they're less likely to have to rely on us," Jackson said.

Watson said it was difficult driving to Wilberforce every year and said it is great the Central Food Network is filling in.

Meanwhile, she is still helping others in the area file taxes – about 200 this year in all. But being unable to hold more physical clinics due to COVID-19 has been challenging, she said.



"It's a lot of people I've been doing them for over the years and I hate to say no to them, so I have them bring (the returns) to my house," Watson said. "I've always enjoyed stuff like this and that's why I've kept it up."

To access the Central Food Network's services in Highlands East, call 705-306-0565 or email heatbankhc@gmail.com to make arrangements.



Income tax support is being offered remotely due to the pandemic. *File photo.*

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Fleming puts health first with plans for fall

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

Fleming College announced this week it will begin the Fall semester using online and alternative delivery Sept. 8.

In a press release, it said the college's Fleming Safe plan will ensure that students can complete the learning outcomes required in their programs while maintaining the highest possible safety standards in compliance with all government and public health directives.

"Our Fall semester will be delivered through alternate models as we prepare for multiple scenarios for our campuses and classrooms to create the utmost in safe learning environments," said college president Maureen Adamson.

She added they'll follow guidelines from public health and the province, and their delivery decisions will be focused on the health and safety of everyone in the community.

"The plan allows flexibility to react to the loosening of health and safety restrictions by being ready to begin face-to-face, applied learning responsibly and appropriately," Adamson said. "We do not anticipate that all health and safety restrictions will be lifted all at once – we are ready to respond swiftly to advance student success effectively given the circumstances that will present themselves."

She said Fleming will work with community partners to re-establish field placements, field trips, clinical placements and other applied learning opportunities aligned with health and safety directives.

At the outset of COVID-19, the college established task teams to develop a response to the pandemic.

Teams assigned to academic programming and facilities protocols are now assembling detailed plans for the return to classes in September.

Alongside planning for the return to class and access to campus facilities this fall, the college is also assessing how students will safely access residence, food services and athletics.

Decisions addressing these broader college services and programs will be shared in the near future.

The Haliburton School of Art and Design does not have a residence or athletics program but does provide a food service.

"I want to thank our students for their patience," Adamson said. "We are taking these steps to provide as much certainty as we can for students and their families at this point in time. In keeping with our guiding principle of 'safety first', we are dedicated to moving forward and mitigating any risk of recurrence. I also want to thank our Fleming employees for their incredible resilience and dedication to our students and our communities."







Student Danielle Martin pictured in the classrooms of Haliburton School of Art and Design. File.

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Around the County news



Dysart et al council met virtually and live streamed its May 5 meeting due to COVID-19. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Recovery committee coming

Dysart et al is creating a committee to help the community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council voted May 5 to have the municipal emergency control group develop a plan to mitigate the impact of the virus.

Fire chief Mike Iles said it was important to consider how to safely exit the emergency and help the community.

"Maybe it's very bold to think we can do a lot, but I think it's important to look at what issues we can," Iles said. "This committee, in my mind, may very well carry on long after we remove the (emergency) declaration."

Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy said there is a broad range of impacts to consider.

"Recovery is an important part of any emergency and it's usually focused on economic recovery," Kennedy said.

"We also need to extend it out, that it's a community recovery."

Little Hawk Lake Road bridge replacement

The County of Haliburton said the Little Hawk Lake Road Bridge will be undergoing replacement commencing May 19, 2020.

The work will continue for approximately five weeks. During this time, the Little Hawk Lake Road will be closed at the location of the bridge repair. Travellers must use the Braeloch Road route to access beyond #1705 Little Hawk Lake Road.

Braeloch and Buckslide Road reconstruction

The Township of Algonquin Highlands will

be undertaking road reconstruction work on Braeloch and Buckslide roads. Work began May 4 and is expected to go through to Oct. 1, 2020.

The scope of the work will consist of: ditching and shouldering; culvert replacement and resetting; road surface pulverization; gravel application and road grading and double surface treatment.

The township advises people to expect delays and be cautious when driving through construction zones.

Money for Drag Lake bridge

As part of the provinces' Connecting Links program, Dysart et al will receive \$22,530 in funding towards the detailed design for the rehabilitation of the Drag River Bridge.

Minister of Infrastructure and MPP Laurie Scott made the announcement May 8.

"This provincial funding supports our

local municipalities to ensure the ongoing safety of the roads and bridges our communities need and depend on," Scott said.

County to host tourism workshops

The County of Haliburton's tourism department is hosting two upcoming Webinars.

The first is Google Essentials on May 19 at 2 p.m. It will be facilitated by Thom Lambert, the county's food tourism coordinator.

The second is Facebook and Instagram: The COVID-19 Way. It will be offered May 21 at 2 p.m. It will be facilitated by Autumn Wilson, program and operations coordinator for the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Register at haliburtoncounty.ca (Compiled by Lisa Gervais and Joseph Quigley)

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Highlander business

Sweet soap helping community cooks

By Joseph Quigley

Treehouse Soap owner Lea Bartlett wanted to do something sweet to help the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The handmade soap business made a new bar with local honey – “Bee 4 U” – and is donating all the proceeds to SIRCH Community Kitchen, which is providing free meals during the crisis. Bartlett is also offering free soap to interested community organizations, donating a batch to Community Living Trent Highlands May 8 to distribute to those in need.

“My initial thoughts were just to create a really healthy soap using local bee products and then it just evolved into, why not do this? This would just be good for everybody,” Bartlett said.

She added that soap and cleanliness are common topics due to COVID-19 and figured some organizations would be interested in her products.

“The donation goes to such a worthy cause,” she said, noting SIRCH is cooking 600-800 meals per week. “It’s an amazing number of people they help out.”

SIRCH food services co-ordinator Jay McIvor said the support the organization has gotten is fantastic.

“Just awesome. We are really overwhelmed with the community support. Kind of puts winds in our sails here,” McIvor said.

He noted other groups have also helped, including thousands of dollars worth of food donations from Sysco Canada and the Lakeside Baptist Church providing dessert



Treehouse Soap owner Lea Bartlett has created a new honey-based bar to raise money for the SIRCH Community Kitchen. *Photos submitted.*

for meals.

SIRCH has hired two full-time staff to manage the increased workload and McIvor said they expect to maintain a higher capacity throughout the pandemic, and likely beyond it, thanks to facility improvements such as freezers.

“We don’t expect the economy to jump right back into full gear. It’s probably going to go back slowly,” McIvor said. “I imagine there’s still going to be those food security issues we can meet.”

The soap was made with local ingredients, Bartlett said, adding bee products can make

for quality soap. Each also features a stamp hand-carved by her 94-year-old father Joseph Gottfried.

“Honey is good for you, honey’s good for your skin,” she said. “Helps to keep the moisture at a good level.”

Bartlett said she hopes she can sell at least 200 of the new bars, valued at \$9 each, to help SIRCH.

“That, to me, would be an amazing amount to contribute.”

“Bee 4 U” is available at treehousesoap.ca/products/bee-4-u-charity-soap.



ACM is up for a major Canadian award. *Photo submitted.*

ACM in the running

Haliburton’s ACM Designs is up for a major people’s choice award.

The local company has been nominated for the Pinnacle Award from the Decorators and Designers Association of Canada.

Owner Andria Cowan said they completed a number of projects in Canada and are in the top three of the category.

“The category that we have placed in is for interior decoration with construction and we have two projects in this competition. One if from Billings Lake and one is from Drag Lake.”

People can vote on dda.awardsplatform.com/entry/vote/pEBVWOEW

(Lisa Gervais)

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

DISCLAIMER : The information provided on this page is considered current and valid on as of May 8, 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.

Virtual 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. Meetings are held virtually, starting at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council office, 7 Milne Street. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

May 14 - Committee of the Whole Council Meeting
May 28 - Regular Council Meeting

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.

Cooking

The Minden Hills Fire Department and the Township of Minden Hills would like to remind everyone that; Careless cooking is the number one cause of home fires in Ontario. Most of these fires start because pots and pans are left unattended on the stove. If you must leave the kitchen when you are cooking, turn off the stove. While cooking, always keep a large lid nearby. If a pot does catch fire, slide the lid over the pot, then turn off the stove. A message from the **Minden Hills Fire Department.**

Household Hazardous Waste Event Day

The first Hazardous Waste Collection Event at the Scotch Line Landfill has been postponed to Saturday, **June 6th, 2020** from 8am-11:30am. Please note, attendees will not be allowed to exit their vehicles at the hazardous waste table – **remain in your vehicle and a staff person will unload your materials.**

Arena Construction Project

The Township is pleased to advise that the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena Renewal Project has resumed, effective Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

Individuals wishing to access the rear of the facility are asked to be mindful of this increased activity, and to take extra care and precautions when walking or driving in this area.

Victoria Day Holiday Weekend

With the Victoria Day holiday weekend fast approaching, the Township of Minden Hills understands the difficulties many of us will have in celebrating what is normally a highly social holiday, in a much more private and subdued way during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your continued efforts to maintain social and physical distancing during this time are genuinely appreciated, and will have a significant impact on the safety of you, your family and friends, and our community.

A REMINDER OF THE FOLLOWING:

- The use of Fireworks is not permitted at this time.
- The MNRF provincial Fire Ban remains in effect.

Council and Staff would like to thank everyone for their efforts and actions to help flatten the curve and to wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable **Victoria Day holiday weekend.**

And for those who provide essential Health Care and Frontline Services, and who are not able to celebrate this holiday weekend in their traditional way, THANK YOU so very much for everything you’ve done and will continue to do to keep us well.

Please note our Administrative Call Answering Services will not be monitored on **Monday, May 18th** during the holiday. If calling on these dates, please leave your name, number and reason for your call as answering services will resume on Tuesday May 19th



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The most unusual time of his working life

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

Imagine being tasked with training hospital staff to stay safe while treating COVID-19 patients. Now, ponder doing this when knowledge of the virus is continually changing. Add anxiety for health care workers and patients, and you've got Dr. Steve Ferracutti's job for the past couple of months.

While teaching and training staff isn't new to him, it's been intermittent, so the "intensity and frequency has certainly ramped up in response to the coronavirus pandemic, to be as prepared as we possibly could for something like this," Dr. Ferracutti said in an interview.

He said knowledge about the disease has changed dramatically "and we still have a vast gap in our understanding of how the disease works and how we should be managing it." For example, it is unclear whether people are developing immunity. Understanding is improving, though, as Haliburton County and Canada learn from other jurisdictions, whether it's Italy or New York.

The general practitioner said when he started training staff there was "a pretty

high level of anxiety at the get-go because almost everything about this was an unknown. There were concerns about their personal safety, and their families, their patients, and the community."

However, health care practitioners had some advantages to, say, a store clerk, with more accessibility to information about personal protective equipment and what was appropriate at any given time.

"Once a plan starts to roll out, and be communicated to people, then even though they know there is still some risk, they know how to prepare for it. It helps reduce the level of anxiety," Dr. Ferracutti said.

He added thankfully so far, "almost everywhere in Canada, including Haliburton County, has so far avoided the big wave of cases" and continue to learn from other people's experiences.

He is personally still anxious as he feels "it is really difficult to know what is to come. When you look around the world, it's really difficult to understand why one area has been hit hard, and another area not hit hard. Is it because preparations were better? A lot just seems like plain dumb luck."

He is also conscious of humans balancing having to live and reducing the burden of disease, calling it a "mortality-freedom trade-off."

He said he's hearing messaging that Ontario is past the peak, and restrictions are loosening up, which might be true but "I don't know that it's true. There is almost no immunity in the community because very few people have had this thing."

He said the bottom line for health professionals is to remain prepared "for the worst, hope for the best."

As a GP, he said he is also worried that some people who should have come to hospital, but stayed away for fear of COVID-19, have done themselves a disservice, including people suffering from heart attacks and strokes. He encouraged people to seek out acute care.

"They don't need to be terrified. Procedures do make it pretty safe for people to attend if they have a serious problem that needs attending."

On a personal note, he said it had definitely been the most unusual time in his work life.

"The world has never seen anything like this. I've done some work here, and other places, regarding health systems and emergency systems, but this is so different. We've turned hospitals upside down and inside out to prepare for this."

Dr. Ferracutti added it's been complicated technically and emotionally but the local



Dr. Steve Ferracutti at work Photo submitted.

response "has really been great to see. People are coming together as a team and are prepared to learn and putting us in a much better position for treatment and care of critical patients when this is all done. So, that part is exciting."

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Lawrence and Maria Van Lieshout shared their memories of growing up in the Netherlands during the Second World War. Submitted photo.

Greeting Canadians with apples and waves

By Lisa Gervais

Lawrence and Maria Van Lieshout were only six years old when Hitler's forces invaded their tiny Netherlands village of Beek en Donk during the Second World War.

"We were all in bed and all of a sudden we were wakened by soldiers and they kicked us out of our beds," Maria recalled in a May 8 interview. "They took our beds, and we all had to go and sleep in the haystack for a few nights and that was so scary. I dreamt of that for years because it was so dramatic."

Lawrence, who was Maria's neighbour at the time, said he also remembers the date the infantry walked in.

"We were scared stiff. They came in the house and they pulled the milk cans out of the well, because that's where you had the milk cans for cooling the milk in the water, and they found eggs in the chicken coop and they took everything. The soldiers had blisters on their feet, so they took the wooden shoes from my father."

The Van Lieshouts would go on to marry and emigrate to Canada in 1958, settling in Haliburton County in the early 1970s.

During the invasion, in the 1940s, Lawrence recalled his family often billeted Dutch, German, Americans and Canadian soldiers.

May 8 marked the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe or VE Day.

Maria said there was ammunition in their yard, and as kids, not knowing any better, they would climb in and around it, as well as onto and into tanks.

Much of the food they grew, or raised,

went to feed the soldiers. But Maria said they never went hungry. There was oatmeal porridge, potatoes and carrots and her mother made soup. Occasionally, someone was able to butcher an animal without the Nazis knowing so they could have meat. Lawrence added there were Red Cross food rations of vitamins and oranges.

Maria recalled her mother feeding a lot of people in the war, not just soldiers and their family, but adopted war kids and the elderly in town.

"We would have to go to church early in the morning, and we would drop off a loaf of bread or some butter or some meat if we had butchered some."

They became experts at smuggling.

Scary and exciting

The two said school was intermittent. The Germans blew up the main bridge over the canal. There were curfews and they had to black out their farmhouses at night to prevent bombing. They had fall-out shelters, or bunkers. The soldiers often took their bicycles so they would try to hide them. Lawrence remembers the bombing raids near the end of the war, the drone of planes overhead for two to three hours in the middle of the night on route to Germany and back.

While it was scary, as kids, it was also exciting at times.

For example, Maria said, "we always socialized with the soldiers, gave them eggs, and my mother would say, 'I don't think the chickens laid much.' We would get a chocolate bar. I would go to my

friends next door and we would get a little square each."

Lawrence said he used to play the accordion for the soldiers, also earning chocolate.

He said people have to remember they lived in a time when there was no television or radio. It was a complete news blackout. The Germans would drop flyers with "misinformation". He said they had no idea what was going on in the world outside of their village.

When it came to liberation, they knew something was up as thousands of paratroopers dropped from the sky. The fighting continued, however, until one day it stopped. Canadian soldiers rolled over the cobblestones in their tanks and trucks.

"It was overwhelming," said Lawrence. "We had bushels of apples because we had an orchard. We threw apples in the trucks and the soldiers waved. And we waved back. We grew up disliking the Germans and the Canadians were buddies. It was beautiful."

The Netherlands, like the majority of European countries, struggled to rebuild after the war. Lawrence said many people felt there was nothing left for them, which is why so many emigrated to Canada, the USA, Australia and New Zealand.

The two six-year-olds, who grew up living next door to each other, and survived the German occupation during the Second World War, married in 1958 and boarded a boat for their new country.

"I guess we could have stayed at home," Lawrence said, "but I figured the future was bleak and so we came here and we have enjoyed every bit of it."

Highlander arts



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Pandemic puts search for Heaven on hold

COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

Documentary filmmakers Mike (Heaven) Mildon and Jackson Rowe did not expect a twist like this when they set out to uncover an 86-year-old mystery.

Mildon, a Minden-native, and Rowe were filming throughout the township this winter for a documentary. They sought to find out what happened to Mildon's great-great-uncle Harold Heaven, who disappeared in 1934.

They made progress, but their production hit an unexpected roadblock when the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

"We wanted to dig deeper into a lot of things but everything just kind of froze," Rowe said. "Obviously, the only thing we can do now is wait."

The planned spring portion of the production is on hold due to the crisis delaying the film's completion.

"Winter was stopping us," Mildon said. "We were planning to wait for spring anyways, early May to follow-up on some leads we're pretty excited about. There doesn't seem to be an end right now to when COVID is going to settle down."

Whenever filming can resume, Mildon said they are unsure how people will respond given they are from the city. The community has welcomed them so far, he said, but he added concerns given the heated online debate between full-time and seasonal residents over cottage visits during the pandemic.

"People are very passionate. I don't know if that will translate when everything does die down," he said. "A little timid to see how everybody reacts to when things go back to slightly normal."

Given the delay, Mildon said COVID-19 will be mentioned in the film, although probably only for a couple of minutes as a transition.

"Fortunately for us, there's not too



Filmmakers Jackson Rowe and Mike Mildon address an audience at the Dominion Hotel Jan. 27. *Submitted photo.*

much storytelling we have to do because everybody knows what this is. Everybody knows what's going on. As soon as you say the words COVID, it's very relatable and I think people will understand," Mildon said.

The filmmakers said they made good progress on leads during the winter filming. Heaven disappeared in 1934 and his body was never discovered. Police reports at the time said they suspected death by suicide, though the filmmakers believe there is more

to it than that.

Mildon said they discovered more about someone who was in the original search party for Heaven, though he did not want to give away spoilers for the film.

The crew also used ground-penetrating radar on what they suspect could be Heaven's burial site, which they plan to dig up after the pandemic.

"We've had tremendous help from the community, not breaking the case but filling

in tons of blanks we didn't know about," Rowe said. "It was them that really allowed us to flesh it out and move everything forward."

COVID-19 notwithstanding, Rowe said they are happy with how the production has gone so far.

"Feel very, very good, but not satisfied yet," Rowe said. "It's been a treat, it's been exciting, it's been great being in Minden."



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Due to restrictions mandated as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the 24th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) originally scheduled to be held in June, 2020 will be delayed. As of this time, a date for the AGM is still to be confirmed. A further notice will be published once the date has been set.

2020-21 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. **To be eligible to vote at the 2020 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by May 25, 2020.** Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

Forms for corporate membership can be found on the website listed below (under "Admin&Board/Board&Oversight") and payment of the membership fee can be arranged by contacting:

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Therapeutic Touch week goes digital

The Haliburton Highlands branch of the Therapeutic Touch Network of Ontario is partnering with The Haliburton County Public Library on a Facebook live event May 14.

Spokeswoman Bonnie Roe said it would be posted on the library website at 11 a.m. and run until the end of Therapeutic Touch week May 17.

Roe thanked programming and outreach coordinator Nancy Therrien for her time and technical support.

"During these challenging times people need to focus on themselves and their families first in an effort to keep everyone safe and well," Roe said. "All members of our branch will be thinking of you collectively and will focus on sending hope, love and healing during this week and throughout this time of isolation."

In non-COVID-19 times, Haliburton branch practitioners provide Therapeutic Touch sessions monthly, as able, at three long-term care facilities.

The Facebook live event includes a video by Kathy DeCarlo, manager of resident programmes at Extendicare in Haliburton, describing the benefits she observes.

Go to: tinyurl.com/y8we7hb7

(Lisa Gervais)

Land Trust to offer virtual discovery days

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) has announced it will be offering Land Trust Discovery Days and monthly "My Backyard" challenges online.

Their theme for May and June is birds and animals that fly. They are challenging people of all ages to go and explore their backyard or favourite outdoor place, being mindful of the province's guidelines for COVID-19.

They urge people to send photos of birds or animals that fly to their Facebook page, May and June Challenges post, or email them to admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca using My Backyard in the subject line. At the end of the challenges, the HHLT will announce winners.

The first Land Trust Discovery Days online program will be Bird Boxes with Thom Lambert. Lambert will be filmed installing a bird box. Along with the video, the Land Trust will post some bird box patterns in case people would like to build one themselves.

"Watch for the video on our website later in May," the Land Trust said on May 8.

They will also be offering Whip-Poor-Will Land Trust Discovery Days online in late June or early July. Dave Bathe will film a wander at his farm as he listens for the distinctive call of the Whip-Poor-Will. If you would like to learn about these birds ahead of time, check out the videos section of the Land Trust's website and you will



The Land Trust's Mary-Lou Gerstl at a past meeting. *File.*

find a video made at Bathe's farm a few years ago.

The Land Trust acknowledged the support of TD Friends of the Environment for partially funding Land Trust Discovery Days.

"We look forward to seeing posts come

in from around Haliburton County and from across Ontario. Ed Poropat has generously offered to assist in identifying critters for those wondering what they have discovered. Also, Sticks and Stones Productions has generously offered to film our bird box installation."

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People can still hit up the Lapine Lap in Minden Hills

By Lisa Gervais

With just about all activities curtailed by COVID-19, there is one thing people can still do outside while practicing social distancing - and that's the Lapine Lap in Minden.

"The Lapine Lap is a scavenger hunt for murals that are scattered around Minden featuring paintings by Andre Lapine," said Emily Stonehouse, economic development, marketing and destination officer and supervisor of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Stonehouse said Lapine took the art world by storm in the early 1900s with his lifelike depictions of animals and landscapes. He is internationally-renowned for his use of vivid colour, plein air style, and layers of depth to each composition, she added.

Stonehouse said the stories and details of Lapine's life can be heard and read if you download the PocketSights App to your phone: pocketsights.com/tours/tour/Minden-The-Lapine-Lap-3319.

She said that all you have to do is download the app, follow the map, and you can explore all six murals, which will eventually lead you towards the Cultural Centre.

The only downside of this, she said, is that normally you could go into the Cultural Centre to visit the real Lapine paintings, but the cultural centre is closed right now.

For future reference, she said the Cultural Centre houses more than 100 of Lapine's



Emily Stonehouse and her dog Baxter go for a walk to enjoy the Lapine Lap. Photo submitted.

works. Many paintings are depictions of Minden, and there are some familiar sights of the community seen through the eyes of an artist in the early 1900s.

"The app also gives you a pretty cool opportunity to type in anywhere else in the world, and do a virtual tour from the comfort of your home," she said.

"It's a good little adventure to get people outside on a gloomy day."

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of the late Larry and Joan Larwood. Dear brother of Eleanor and her husband Don, brother-in-law of Ron and his wife Barb, Steve and his wife Dianne, Rob and his wife Diane, Jan and her husband Mike. Loving uncle to many nieces and nephew on both sides of the family. Dear friend of Bob and Susan Kellar, Dave and Janet Kraftt. Missed by his fury friend Sky and Cassie forever in his heart.

Private Family Arrangements. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation – Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



In Loving Memory of Margaret MacLean Brown (nee Fleming)

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at the age of 100.

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Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Margaret's Life will be held at the Highland Hills United Church, Minden at a later date and time to be announced.

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- 14 City of senators and Senators
- 15 Car stereo must-have in the '80s
- 17 Employment for a priest's tailor?
- 19 Berne's river
- 20 ___ de mer (seasickness)
- 21 Cal. day after Labour Day
- 22 CFL 6-pointers
- 23 "Told ya!"
- 24 Electrical panel
- 28 Employment for a user's guide writer?
- 30 Lacey loop
- 33 "It's the ___ thing" (Coke's old slogan)
- 34 "All aboard!" depot: Abbr.
- 35 "Blessed ___ who comes in the name of the Lord"
- 36 Indicates for the future
- 38 A nephew of Donald Duck
- 39 Canada's smallest prov.
- 40 Relocate
- 41 Trick sticks
- 42 Employment for a hair stylist, at times?
- 46 One who sticks with his sword?
- 47 Attila was one
- 48 R.C.M.P. detachment boss
- 51 551, in Roman numerals
- 52 Yvette's yes
- 53 Call from Gilligan
- 54 Employment for a bounty sheriff?
- 59 Musical spoof with a holy grail
- 60 Land assets in a will
- 61 Voice, as a grievance
- 62 "A ___'clock scholar..."
- 63 Some internet interviews

- 1 Order of Canada recipient Farley
- 2 "___ to Be You" (Sinatra)
- 3 Mixes Bond's martini wrong
- 4 Find despicable
- 5 "Shock and ___" (Reiner war movie)

- 6 Pellet gobbler at an arcade
- 7 "___ all work out in the end"
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- 9 Tools to put the icing on the cake
- 10 Detailed reading
- 11 Supposed leader of the zodiac pack
- 12 Not Dn., in a crossword
- 13 Hooded racist grp.
- 16 Nerdy girl's beau, likely
- 18 "Hawaii Five-O" isle
- 23 High fashion item?
- 24 Go on the lam
- 25 Ship's cargo officer, for short
- 26 Spilled the beans on
- 27 Interior shots?
- 28 He gives Homer Duff
- 29 Juno-winning Jann
- 30 Miss Longstocking
- 31 "Forgive me if ___ distracted ..."
- 32 Smoke detector's low-battery alert
- 36 Barely-alive lazy
- 37 "Your turn", on a CB
- 38 Montreal NHLer, to fans
- 40 Food court hangabout
- 41 Was the most below par?
- 43 "___, I'm Adam" (palindrome)
- 44 Goon with a gun
- 45 Morning glassfuls, often
- 48 Skinflinty
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Rebel Elixir Coffee Roastery Local fresh coffee oliver@web.net to order and arrange curbside pick-up.

Canadian Tire Open.

Buckley Electric Open. Buckleyelectric.com

Kegel Heating & Cooling is fully operational and following all new health and safety regulations. 705-341-9170. kegelheatingandcooling.ca.

Castle Antiques and Cafe Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for curb-side pick-up. 705-457-1155.

Emmerson Castle Building Centre Open Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Country Bakery Open Friday – Sunday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

Minden Electric Open 705-286-2946. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Baked and Battered Open for takeout. bakedandbattered.com. 705-457-BAKE.

W. Everitt's Enterprises Limited Open by appointment only Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 705-754-9074. Norley Pit Open by appointment only Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 705-854-1648.

Total Site Services Open 705-457-9558. totalsiteservices.ca.

Casey's Water Well & Geothermal, Inc. Open. 705-457-9558. caseyswaterwell.ca.

Rodco Enterprise Open. 705-457-1224. rodcoen.com

Minden Haliburton Hearing Service Open by appointment only. 705-286-6001.

Highlands Storage Open for storage needs. Limited onsite office hours. Call 705-489-3925, or email info@highlands-storage.com or highlands-storage.com.

Maple Avenue Tap & Grill Open for take-out Wednesday – Sunday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Call 705-457-1100.

The Hot Shop Open for bike repairs. Call 705-446-9522.

Subway Minden and Haliburton. Open for take-out/remote order from Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., Saturday – Sunday 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

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 made out to H.A.V.E.).

The Pepper Mill Steak & Pasta House Open for take-out Wed – Sun 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Call 705-489-1939. Menu at thepeppermill.ca.

Stoughton Electric Available for plumbing, electrical and septic work and emergencies. 705-447-2211 jason@stoughtonseptic.ca

McFadden's Meat Market Open.

Soloway's Outlet Delivers to homes with Purolator. 705-448-1007. streetmeattoronto.com

Glecoff's Family Store Open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Curb-side pick-up, delivery, or in-store with social distancing. 705-457-2715.

Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn Maple syrup and preserves available by appointment. 705-286-3202. wintergreenmapleproducts.com.

Highland Timber Mart Open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday closed. Gooderham 705-457-2012, Harcourt 705-448-2268.

Garbutt Disposal Still accepting construction waste. 705-286-1843.

Minden Animal Hospital Open Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 705-286-2919 to pre-book your appointment.

Cordell Carpet Open for curb side pick-up with 24 hour notice. Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (except May 9). Call 705-457-2022 or email cordellcarpet@bellnet.ca

Paws at Killara Station Open for doggy day care and care with conditions. Call 705-854-0055 or email info@killarastation.com.

Fresh at Killara Station Pre-order your eggs and chicks. Call 705-854-0055 and pay online or honesty box.

Contact North | Contact Nord Services available by phone, e-mail, text, Zoom and Facebook. Contact Robin 1-855-699-6330 or muskokahaliburton@contactnorth.ca.

John Fountain Electronics Open by appointment only. Call 705-286-2536.

Neighbours Helping Neighbours Volunteer group picks up groceries or takeout food, provides a friendly call or email, or helps with urgent chores. Email Bonnieroe08@gmail.com or call 705-286-2414.

Hyland Taxi Reduced hours. Sunday -Thursday 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Friday - Saturday 7 a.m. – 12 a.m. If transportation is needed outside hours, arrangements must be made the day before by calling 705-457-1777.

County Automotive Open for repair only. Drop off only. Call 705-457-1411 or email countyautomotive@hotmail.com.

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 1-888-0484 or by appointment, or email shop@lockside.com, 24/7.

Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast closed until July 1. Taking reservations into the summer and beyond. 705-286-4922, sunnyrockbb.ca.

Sew What Free washable fabric facemasks for anyone who needs them. Call or text 705-457-8764.

Edilicious Teamed up with Nourished to offer a falafel meal deal on Saturdays.

Delivery available. Contact Nourished at 705-775-0525 to order.

Step of Grace Conditioning Studio Open with on-line training. Call 705-457-6749 or 416-707-1966.

SIRCH Free frozen take-out meals Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 2 Victoria Street, Haliburton.

Abbey Gardens Open Wednesday to Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Follow on Facebook for updates on operations. Call 705-754-4769 or email info@abbeygardens.ca for free delivery.

McKee Security Open for business with enhanced protective tools for employees and public. Call 705-457-2156.

Northern HVAC. Open for business and fully operational within the HVAC spectrum with new regulations for public safety. northernhvacco.ca. 705-489-2001.

Transat Travel Working remotely and can access calls and emails. pcc22ha@transat.com or 705-457-3290.

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 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 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.

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/

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.

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.

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