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Haliburton firefighter Ryan Akey rotates out of hotspot management at the scene of a house fire in Minden Hills Aug. 5. The home was completely destroyed. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*

## Community rallies for burnt out neighbours

**By Joseph Quigley**

Friends are rallying to support a Minden family whose home was destroyed in a blaze Aug. 5.

Minden and Dysart firefighters responded to the home of Sharon and Rob Luke at Tilley Trail. They were unable to save the home, which was fully engulfed in the fire.

The cause of the fire remains unknown.

Family friend Jesse Lynn West has started a GoFundMe to help the family. Minden Home Hardware, where Rob Luke works,

is also collecting donations for the family, West said.

“They both strive for the community and constantly volunteer where they can,”

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## Friends fundraise for family



Firefighters spray water to manage the smoking debris of the house fire. Photo by Joseph Quigley

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West said. "They just do so much for anyone in need. It's our turn to help them."

Minden Hills fire chief Mike Bekking said the homeowner was on the property at the time. He said paramedics took one person to hospital due to minor smoke inhalation.

More than 20 firefighters responded to the call, which began around 3:30 p.m.

"The structure was fully involved," Bekking said. "The guys isolated the fire, contained it to the structure and we stopped it from spreading to a grass fire or a forest fire."

There was no saving the home, Bekking said, but firefighters were successful in containment. The Algonquin Highlands fire department also helped by covering another call at the time.

"The teamwork between the different fire departments was outstanding as usual," Bekking said. "Our guys did as much as they could."

Firefighters were on scene for several hours to manage hotspots and investigate.

Before the probe, Bekking said the fire seems to have started from the garage. He further said it is unlikely the cause will be found.

"Just because of the total loss," Bekking said. "This is the hardest part of the fire."

Anyone who would like to donate to the family GoFundMe can do so at [gofundme.com/f/robandsaronluke](http://gofundme.com/f/robandsaronluke).

"They have done so much for their community and friends," West said. "It's time for us to give back and help them rebuild what they lost."

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## Minden man puzzled by lawn full of Bell paperwork

By Lisa Gervais

Braydin Hollows recently woke up to pages of Bell documents all over his front lawn.

Hollows, who lives along County Road 21 just outside of Minden, was perplexed and miffed that he had to pick up the litter.

He wondered if there'd been an accident involving a Bell vehicle overnight even though he had not heard anything.

With no one from Bell coming to clean things up, Hollows gathered the paperwork and took it inside. He was surprised to find confidential information, including customers' names and phone numbers, account numbers, smart ID card information, invoices and customer signatures.

"Just pages all over my front lawn," Hollows said.

The Highlander asked Bell on July 16 if there'd been an accident. A spokesperson replied he'd checked with Bell's fleet team and no accident had been reported in Haliburton County around that time.

The paper then reached out to OPP to ask about any reports of a Bell truck involved in an accident Saturday night or early Sunday morning of July 13-14.

Station commander Liane Spong-Hooyenga replied there had been an incident at 9:51 p.m. the night of July 13, at 1145 Rice Rd. in Minden. She said the driver of a Bell truck that was parked in a driveway thought he'd left the vehicle in park but it wasn't and rolled over a septic bed into a tree. The driver was not in the

vehicle at the time. She said no charges had been laid.

When told of the police report, and that confidential paperwork was scattered across a residential lawn, the Bell spokesperson replied, "Oh no. Would you be able to

provide me with the resident's contact info so our security team can contact them?"

The Highlander contacted Hollows, who consented to having his contact details shared.

Hollows told The Highlander on Aug. 1 that a Bell employee had contacted him. He said he came to get the paperwork, telling him that the

papers had flown off a truck. He said the employee gave him \$20 for his troubles. He further said he was then contacted by the Bell support team and given a month of free internet.

"It is definitely not normal," Hollows said. "If he had lost it, he would have come back looking for it."

A Bell spokesman replied Aug. 2 that one of their installation contractors was involved in a minor accident with his truck while completing an installation at the home across the road from Hollows' house.

"Unfortunately, while the truck was being towed, the contractor accidentally left his work orders behind. He later returned to pick them up, but he couldn't locate them. We contacted Mr. Hollows to make arrangements to retrieve them and let him know we appreciated the help."

The spokesman said they were contacting the 20 customers on the work orders to let them know what happened.

*It is definitely not normal. If he had lost it, he would have come back looking for it.*

**Braydin Hollows**  
Minden Resident



Taylor Allan rides the rotating swings, one of several rides featured at the Rotary Carnival Wednesday. See more photos in next week's Highlander. Photo by Joseph Quigley.



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## Dysart's playgrounds put smiles on families' faces

By Joseph Quigley

Children at Eagle Lake Beach and West Guilford have new playgrounds to explore thanks to Dysart et al and the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

The municipality celebrated the completed installation of the new playground equipment Aug. 1. Eagle Lake Beach playground was almost entirely redone with new equipment, while the West Guilford Community Centre got a new disc swing and tetra climber. The OTF largely funded the installations through an \$86,500 grant.

Recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller said the playgrounds needed the items, especially at Eagle Lake Beach.

"Pretty much everything needed to be replaced. It was old, it was falling apart, it wasn't safe," Mueller said. "We needed to put in a few items here to bring it up to standards."

Eagle Lake Beach also got new washrooms, including an accessible one.

At West Guilford, Mueller said the aim was to make the playground better for all ages.

"It was adding in those extra elements to make it attractive," Mueller said. "They say 5-12 years old but a 12-year-old doesn't really want to go down a tiny little slide."

The municipality finished the Eagle Lake Beach playground at the end of May, while the new West Guilford equipment was completed July 30.



Dysart et al staff, councillors and Eagle Lake residents celebrate a new playground at Eagle Lake Beach. Left to right: Coun. John Smith, Andrew Wilbee, Ryan Akey, Andrea Mueller, Peter McLuskey, Allan Bagg, Ellenor Bagg, Shane Thompson, Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy, Coun. Walt McKechnie. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

The funding was originally confirmed in early 2018. Mueller said there were delays such as weather and a fire at the factory which produced the equipment.

"We had hoped to have it finished sooner," she said. "But the parks staff have worked extremely hard and put in a lot of hours, a lot of sweat equity, especially for the last few weeks."

Eagle Lake resident Allan Bagg helped develop the beach. He attended the opening and complimented the municipality on the work.

"It's come a long way," Bagg said. "I have to commend the municipality for this, it's fantastic."

Dysart et al parks and recreation worker Ryan Akey said children have already

enjoyed the new ways to play at the beach.

"We finished it and came outside and were all just packing up, ready to drive away and the camp kids came outside," Akey said. "They were all over it instantly."

Mueller said the municipality wants to continue to improve its playgrounds.

"It's just trying to make sure we stay up to date and current," she said.

## Resident wants shortcut to Minden better promoted

By Lisa Gervais

A former owner of the Red Umbrella Inn thinks Minden Hills needs to fix up Bobcaygeon Road and make it a gateway from Highway 118 W into the village.

Doug Macnab wrote a letter to the township, which was tabled at its last council meeting.

He joked about the competition between Muskoka and The Haliburton Highlands, with Haliburton considered "the poor cousin."

The long-time resident and property owner, said "the 118 from Bracebridge to Carnarvon is the main artery that connects the two counties. For people travelling in both directions, the Bobcaygeon Road could be an enticing shortcut that leads right through our town."

"As we know, once you turn onto the Bobcaygeon Road south from Highway 118 you are going to get funnelled right into downtown Minden. The bridge in town over the Gull River makes Minden a very attractive community and is far too easy to bypass."

He said many people don't know they can cut down Bobcaygeon Road to downtown Minden and instead travel the Highway 35 corridor and often drive right through without ever visiting Minden's historic downtown.

"I believe Minden is missing an

outstanding opportunity to utilize the Bobcaygeon Road as the gateway to the Highlands," Macnab said.

He added one of the obstacles is non-existent signage advertising the short cut to downtown Minden. Another is the condition of the road, which is potholed.

"All travellers from the Muskokas would see it first and if it was properly signed, I am confident a great deal of traffic could be diverted through the downtown core, increasing exposure for all the things we have to offer," Macnab wrote.

"My suggestion is to get serious planning on a full and proper paving job complete with bike lanes of the entire Bobcaygeon Road. Rebuilding the Bobcaygeon Road will also prepare this important route for the development that it is currently experiencing and encourage increased cottage traffic from local lakes such as Brady, Kushog and the west side of Boshkung to travel through downtown Minden."

Macnab added the benefits would extend to merchants in the downtown core; the County of Haliburton from an enhanced first impression; travellers from Muskoka coming across the 118; businesses relying on a good first impression; seasonal residents from the north and west who would use the route regularly if it was paved properly; people travelling west on the 118 and local residents who use the Bobcaygeon Road.

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## Former arts college getting demolished “No problem with that,” founder says

By Joseph Quigley

Carole Finn said it does not bother her seeing the demolition of the former home to the art school she helped found.

Workers have begun tearing down the building at 1 Sunnyside St., which once housed what is today known as Haliburton School of Arts and Design. Garden Retirement Developments Inc. plans to build a new 74-unit seniors residence on the property.

The building housed the college for many of its formative years, between the 1970s and 90s. But it has sat unused since the school moved to its current location at College Drive in 2004. Finn said she has fond memories of the old building but is fine with what is happening.

“The village has to move on,” Finn said. “The village is growing and certainly, the school grew with the village. It changed, the property changed and now it’s got another use.”

The college did not start out in that structure, known as the Lakeview Centre. The school began around 1967, with a group of people teaching classes out of cottages and other assorted buildings.

The Lakeview Centre previously

housed the township elementary school. But when the school board bought a property and moved that elsewhere in 1972, the centre was open for the college to move in.

“We had no home,” Finn said.

The arts college moved into the front part of the Lakeview Centre. There it grew, attracting hundreds of students. Arts groups would use the structure for the winter months, while the college would operate more classes in the summer.

There was a lot of camaraderie amongst artists at the time, Finn said.

“The college was really the conduit for all the local artists to grow. That was where they met,” Finn said. “It was just a real family of people.”

But the Lakeview Centre was an ageing building and was hard to maintain, Finn said. She served on the college’s board of governors from 1982-1989 and said she fought to get investment in the building.

“Keeping up an old building was a huge expense for the college,” she said. “There wasn’t the political will to keep arts funded.”

But the school was helped when community came together to build the current new campus, Finn said.

Now, the Sunnyside Street property

is ready for a new purpose.

“It’s good that it’s still there to be used for the needs of the community. At the time it was a school, it did a tremendous thing for the growth of the community,” Finn said. “Same thing now. We need places for seniors to go.”

### Project stuck in limbo

The property still remains in legal limbo due to a holding provision, stemming from an Ontario Municipal Board ruling. Although the developer has a demolition and site-servicing permit, they cannot build there yet.

Garden Retirement Developments Inc. approached Dysart et al council July 23 to address the situation. The municipality can lift the holding provision, but only when certain planning requirements are met. Although no resolution was found at the time, staff and councillors expressed a desire to keep working to ensure the project proceeds.

Municipal manager of planning Sue Harrison said that work continues.

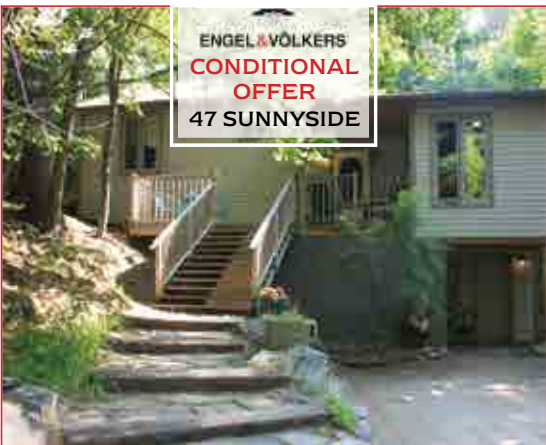
“Staff are working diligently with the developer to keep the project moving forward in a timely manner,” Harrison said.



Top: Artist Carole Finn, who helped start Haliburton’s art college, said she has no issues with the demolition of the building which once housed the school. Garden Retirement Developments Inc. plans to build a new seniors residence on the property. Photo by Joseph Quigley. Bottom: Demolition work has begun at the old site. Photo submitted.



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## Silo mentalities prevail

We have to wonder if it's possible for the County of Haliburton and its four lower-tier municipalities to actually find efficiencies when they continue to operate with silo mentalities.

We were troubled to learn that the Township of Minden Hills is now negotiating with an out-of-town website developer to create its own destination and tourism website.

We're left scratching our heads since taxpayers are already contributing to a tourism department at the County of Haliburton and the \$100,000-plus salary of its director.

Of course, some out there might also be questioning why Minden Hills has an economic development, destination and marketing officer in the first place, when, presumably, that's what the county director should be doing - at least the destination and marketing part.

We acknowledge the economic development aspect of the job is different and stems from a belief by some that the county isn't doing a good job when it comes to economic development. County councillors could have created a joint physician recruitment and economic development position during this year's budget but some chose to go with physician recruitment alone.

We don't take issue with the employees involved. However, we do think the

politicians that put them there have to consider if this set-up is in the best interests of taxpayers.

But, first, let's get to where this started.

There was initially a joint Request for Proposal (RFP) between the county, the Municipality of Highlands East and Minden Hills for the creation and implementation of new website designs.

Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al were not involved by choice. Dysart hasn't made any recent overhauls, although they may do so next year, and Algonquin Highlands has maintained its status quo.

The county led the initiative on behalf of Minden Hills and Highlands East, looking for consistency, potential savings and the desire to attract professional applicants for the three large-scale projects (this from a report by the economic development, destination and marketing officer of Minden Hills).

The county and HE were apparently looking for upgrades. Minden Hills wanted a destination/tourism-based website. Minden had an additional section built into the scoring system, looking for experience for their specific needs.

The three parties shortlisted two firms but in the end, the county and Highlands East went one way and the Township of Minden Hills another.

Minden Hills went with Sandbox at a cost of \$22,264.71 plus HST; licensing

of \$2,474.88 a year; website hosting of \$300 a year and HST plus annual monthly maintenance and support of \$5,520 a year and HST.

The County and Highlands East went with E-solutions, both paying \$31,550 plus tax and expenses.

Minden Hills would argue it came down to cost for them and their choice is cheaper for them. They'd argue they were looking for a site to highlight Minden-specific events, experiences and services, so it won't be just a tourism website.

That may be true but there are still questions to be posed about consistency and potential savings. It appears that all four municipalities and the County of Haliburton continue to follow their own paths for marketing and tourism, with no talk of combined strategies and consistent messaging, which could lead to cost savings. Sure we have #MyHaliburtonHighlands but now we've also got Mind on Minden.

As for economic development, it would seem Minden Hills has a strategy but it's not apparent to us that there's any plans for a shared vision with the County of Haliburton, Dysart et al, Algonquin Highlands, or Highlands East.



By Lisa Gervais

## The Outsider's coming in

It was Friday evening and Little Z had a friend visiting for a sleepover. Her mom had popped by to drop off PJs and a toothbrush and so I asked, would she and her husband like to stay for dinner?

"I'll text and ask him," she said, as he was elsewhere.

"Hmm, I guess that's a no," she grinned, checking the beep of her phone. "He's almost at home already and he wants to get out on the property to move some rocks!"

I laughed. His excuse was funny for two reasons. First, because his unusual answer didn't surprise me in the least, the guy is a workaholic. But, second, because in my 10 years here, I don't think I've heard anything uttered by anyone that is more like what I imagine the first settlers to Haliburton County might have said.

"Hey, Harry, we need an addition on the log cabin for me to put my loom in, oh, and the donkey needs an oil change." "Yeh, not now Martha, I'm going out on the property to move some of them there goddamn rocks."

I've written about many different things in the eight years and 400 past issues of *The Highlander*. There's the obvious like hunting and fishing, and Bruce the barber. There are those hunt camp taboos,

religion and politics, which never fail to raise a hackle or two. I've touched upon fun stuff like gender, gun control and environmentalism. And I've not been afraid to take on such contentious topics as socks and sandals, mowing the lawn, making potato cannons (still have to do that) and drinking whilst sitting around a bonfire being eaten by bugs.

And, get this, some of what I wrote was read, too, rather than crumpled up and used as starter for the aforementioned fire. I've had National Rifle Association members gunning for me and I've been accused of hate crimes against minority groups. I've been chastised for stereotyping 'rusty pick-up driving' locals, by an obnoxious Mercedes driving cottager, and I've been told to get with the 21st Century for daring to mention that a kid might enjoy skinning a raccoon, rather than playing video games. But, mostly, thankfully, folks have been very nice about the words I've written and they've welcomed me, my lovely wife and Little Z into the community with open arms.

And, that's the thing. I'm coming up on living here for a decade now. You people have taken my family and I in, you've allowed us to make a wonderful home here in Haliburton County. Little Z's accent is

beginning to sound more backwoods than Blighty (much to my lovely wife's chagrin).

I have amassed chainsaws, shotguns, snow shovels and ice augers. I guess what I'm saying is that I don't feel like *The Outsider* any more. I feel like one of you guys and as such I feel like my weekly columns are struggling to poke gentle fun at your way of life anymore because it's mine, too. I can't give an outsider's take on the locals now that I feel that I am almost one of them.

And, so, I'm going to say farewell and let this be my last missive in *The Highlander*. Thank you for reading *The Outsider* column. Thank you for stopping me in the street to congratulate or harangue me about things I've written. I'm glad I made you take notice. But now, as my buddy says: 'I'm gonna go out on my property and move some rocks.' That's figuratively speaking of course. Thankfully someone got to my rocks before me, so if you need me, I'll be sitting by a bonfire wearing plaid, sipping maple syrup while oiling my chainsaw, polishing my shotgun, and trying to figure out how to fit the words 'look it' into my everyday parlance.



By Will Jones

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# Editorial opinion

## Eye on the street: *How are you keeping cool this summer?*

By Meagan Secord



**Ryan Ellis**

Ken Lake cottager

“Swimming, staying in the shade and drinking things that are cold.”



**Hayden Murawiecki**

Gooderham cottager

“Beach!”



**Bart Murawiecki**

Gooderham cottager

“We’ve been going to the beach every day and there are classes every day.”



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We are a group of concerned citizens who came together to express our concerns as a collective voice, to make a difference in our community. We meet monthly with 15 active members, and 50 plus keen to be informed of our activities. Our goals are: Identify and promote awareness about issues of concern that affect our community, undertake actions that are realistic and achievable, engage the public, businesses, municipalities and the media in dialogue and collaborate with organizations to avoid duplication.

### Our four concerns:

The environment – climate change inaction and mitigation.

Reducing single use plastics and packaging.

Social justice – cuts to programs, Basic Income Pilot Project and minimum wage

Accountability of our elected representatives

Youth engagement

### 1. Environment – climate change inaction and mitigation

In February, we created a plastic water bottle working group, with the intent to take a delegation to our municipal councils,

requesting plastic water bottles no longer be purchased, used by staff or at municipal events. We met with Ray Letheren and team, from the Blue Bayfield Group, to learn about their experiences. This action was put on hold when Haliburton County Council created a Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plan. We initiated a single use plastics campaign to approach businesses about this issue. We wrote a letter to the Haliburton BIA and have been approaching businesses in our community, to learn their successes and challenges. Visits have been well received. We are hoping to partner with students from the high school and our local grocery stores to have an information table to promote alternatives.

### 2. Accountability of our elected representatives

Members met with Laurie Scott, MPP, in April and Jamie Schmale MP, in June. We expressed our concerns on the impact of the drastic cutbacks to: health care, education, carbon tax, climate action solutions, libraries, EMS and more. We emphasized that their constituents need to feel our voices are being heard and see they are working on behalf of all citizens in their riding. On April 23, we organized a respectful community demonstration outside the chamber of commerce meeting in Haliburton which was attended by Scott. Our goal was to bring attention to harmful cuts made by our current government.

We initiated a letter writing campaign to the editors of the papers regarding these issues which has been a resounding success.

### 3. Social justice

CCHC supports an improved quality of life for citizens through initiatives such as increasing the minimum wage and the class-action lawsuit to reinstate the Basic Income Pilot Project (BIPP). We hope to partner

this fall with Haliburton International Film Festival and FoodNet to bring, ‘The Manitoba Story’ to Haliburton County. This documentary by Evelyn Forget, tells the story of the BIPP in Dauphin, Manitoba.

### 4. Youth Engagement

On four Fridays in March and April, 20-30 adults supported Jürgen Shantz, home schooled children and several JDH students in the Student Strike for Climate Action held in front of the Dysart municipal building. Adults and all ages are encouraged to join Jürgen in the Global Strike,

September 20, to take a stand for our youth against climate inaction. A CCHC member and friend of David Suzuki, has informed David of Jürgen’s leadership in Fridays for Future. We look forward to this exciting connection.

For further information contact Bonnie Roe [bonnieroe08@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieroe08@gmail.com).

“No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.”

Dianne Saxe, former Environmental Commissioner of Ontario

**Bonnie Roe**  
*Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County*

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Greg Pichnej sent this photo of loons on Bushwolf Lake.



# Highlander news

## Highlands East cracking down on messy properties

By Joseph Quigley

Highlands East council narrowly passed a new clean and clear bylaw July 23 which aims to help address messy properties and clarify waste standards.

The new bylaw is an update to one from 2004. It changes the definitions of what refuse is disallowed on yards. The municipality can also now dish out penalties without going through the court systems by using notices.

In a May staff report, bylaw enforcement officer Wayne Galloway said the bylaw has been worked on since September 2018 due to issues enforcing the old one.

"After several attempts to work within the confines of the bylaw, it was decided that it would be better to draft an entirely new bylaw," Galloway said. "There have been several complaints in regards to various properties within the municipality not conforming to the Clean and Clear bylaw." The new bylaw allows the municipality to clean up a property itself, should a notice not be adhered to. In that case, any costs associated can be added to tax rolls, Galloway said.

The new bylaw also narrows the definitions of waste disallowed on property. Galloway said the 2004 bylaw's definitions were so broad, that every property could be found in violation.

But the bylaw did not pass cleanly. In a recorded vote, Deputy mayor Cec Ryall and Coun. Cam McKenzie voted against it, while Mayor Dave Burton, Coun. Ruth

Strong and Coun. Suzanne Partridge voted in favour.

The bylaw forbids the presence of any refuse in any yards, which includes garbage, construction materials, appliances, furniture, derelict vehicles and discarded boats. Weeds and grass are also to be limited to 20 cm and under, but exceptions are made for naturalized areas like shorelines and agricultural.

McKenzie said he voted against due to a clause on road allowances. The bylaw makes an exception for road allowances, meaning grass on them can be longer than 20 cm.

McKenzie referred to Cardiff and Bicroft Heights. He said road allowances there have been maintained by residents for more than 50 years and it's become "next to impossible to tell where the road allowance ends and the actual privately-owned lawn begins."

"This new bylaw states that these road allowances will no longer need to be maintained by anyone," McKenzie said in a prepared statement at council. "The impact on our small community could change its appearance greatly. The front half of the properties could be allowed to turn into hay fields and weed patches."

Violators of the bylaw also face potential fines up to \$5,000, which remains unchanged from the 2004 version.

The full text of the new bylaw is available through the July 23 council agenda at [haliburton.civicweb.net](http://haliburton.civicweb.net).



Highlands East is addressing waste being left out in yards with a new Clean and Clear bylaw narrowly passed July 23. Photo by Joseph Quigley.



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Sinclair Russell at last year's pride celebrations. File.

## Drag show coming to Minden Pride

By Joseph Quigley

Drag, trivia and filmmaking will all be spotlighted at the fourth annual Minden Pride Week Aug. 19-25.

Organizers are planning a full slate of events for the weeklong celebration of LGBTQ+ culture. Besides returning favourites such as the tea dance, this year will offer new events such as a drag show and dance called the Burlesque Ball.

Minden Pride Week chair David Rankin said having drag feature in pride week is important, given this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, which helped spark the pride movement.

"Drag queens were a prominent force in standing up against the discrimination and unjust intervention of LGBTQ people at that time," Rankin said. "It's very significant that in the 50th anniversary of those riots, we are holding a drag show."

Russel Red Records is putting on the show. Owner Daniel Manley said he and his partner have sought to bring a drag show to the area for some time. The adults-only dance event will feature drag queens from Toronto.

"We expect it to be very good. There's a lot of support for pride up here," Manley said. "For people who have not experienced drag in person, they should really come out to this because it's going to blow their socks off."

The Haliburton County Public Library will also host a drag queen story hour Aug. 22, open for all ages. Other events this year include a movie night featuring the creator of the film Tru Love Aug. 20, a community meet and greet Aug. 21, the return of pride-themed trivia night at the Dominion Hotel and Pub Aug. 22 and a multi-faith service Aug. 25.

Rankin said organizers are happy about how Minden Pride Week has developed.

"We were quite pleased to see it has grown and how welcoming the community has been," Rankin said. "To have other community members than just the pride organization itself be participating and actually holding events, it's very thrilling."

Rankin credits the week's continued success to quality events and their inclusiveness.

"It is not simply for persons who identify as LGBTQ. It is for all members of the community, so you can come and celebrate. So, everyone can show that they are supportive and welcoming."

Minden Pride Week will begin with a flag-raising ceremony and reception Aug. 19 at the Minden Hills Municipal Building at 10 a.m. Complete details on this year's events can be found at [mindenpride.ca](http://mindenpride.ca).

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# Highlander arts

## Forest Festival features matinees and dance parties

By Lisa Gervais

While the night shows grab the Forest Festival limelight, manager Lesley English said Saturday and Sunday afternoons are always fantastic additions to the highly-popular annual event.

The new dance parties - slated for Friday and Saturday night - also promise something fun for festival goers this year.

As previously announced, the Bone Lake Amphitheatre is out of commission this year, with all shows at the recently-upgraded Logging Museum.

As for the matinees, Collette Savard & the Savants are playing Saturday, Aug. 17 at 1 p.m.

English said they're "a new collective of seasoned artists, some of whom Forest Festival fans will already be familiar with (Marin Worthy, Rebecca Campbell)."

They are a six-piece group, which English said is larger than what they normally feature for their afternoon shows. "But we jumped at the chance to showcase them."

"What I know with certainty is that anyone fortunate enough to catch their Saturday afternoon show will want to see them again," English said.

The Sunday matinee is Amanda Rheume, a Juno nominated folk/country/roots pop/"hard to pigeonhole" artist, described by Folk Radio UK as "conjuring thoughts of a swaggering Sheryl Crow".

In 2014, she won a Canadian Folk Music Award for Aboriginal Songwriter of The

Year. Drawing on her Metis heritage in her song writing, she has the singular ability to take the personal and make it universal. Rheume spends a lot of time touring and has developed a following across Canada and Europe.

"We're hoping that after her Forest Festival show, she can add Haliburton to that fan base," English said.

The Festival manager also wanted to highlight the Sunday evening show, which she said is a bit of a departure for them, while still offering classical music fans some fantastic musicianship. Described as a 'Chamber Musical' by its writer, CBC host Tom Allen, it includes classical and contemporary music, storytelling and dance.

"This brand-new show is set in a distant century, above a parched world, where life is reduced to its molecular truth — and where bonding together is the only means of survival," according to English. Music by JS Bach, Hugh Le Caine, GF Handel, Caroline Lizotte and original music by the cast round it out. The show also features harpist Lori Gemmell, sound designer and guitarist John Gzowski, dancer Julie Aplin, soprano Patricia O'Callaghan, pianist Bryce Kulak and writer/narrator Allen.

English said the other exciting bit of news is they have confirmed arrangements for the Friday and Saturday night 'dance parties.' Along with music, there will be beer courtesy of Haliburton Highlands Brewing and Boshkung Brewing. The Cookhouse



An Intimate Evening with Steven Page will kick off the 2019 Forest Festival. *File.*

Restaurant will have a food concession at the Logging Museum every night of the Festival.

The lineup also features: An Intimate Evening with Steven Page; Slocan Ramblers, The Satallites and Soul Stew.

"We are dishing up a program we are really proud of. Featuring iconic Canadian

performers, remarkable young artists, matinee performances by award-winning musicians and more genres that you can shake a stick at, 2019 truly offers something for everyone," English said.

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# Highlander arts

## Folk Society lineup appeals to diverse audience

By Meagan Secord

Sue Shikaze, an artistic director for the Haliburton County Folk Society, said the concert series is trying to broaden how people see the folk music genre.

Details of the 2019/2020 season were released Aug. 1 and committee members are excited about this year's lineup.

"It's not always one person standing up at the mic with a guitar, singing songs," said Shikaze. "It (folk music) really encompasses all different genres and I think our lineup for next year really focuses on that."

The concert series consists of: Danny Michel performing at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on September 20; Irish Mythen on November 9 at the Highland Hills United Church; local band Homemade Stew at the Northern Lights Feb. 1, 2020, My Son the Hurricane at the Haliburton Legion on April. 18, 2020 and Big Little Lions May 3, 2020 at a location still being determined.

Shikaze said the artists and bands are chosen by the concert committee. Members make suggestions and pick their top favourites. The committee then tries to book them.

Recently, the folk society has been trying to choose artists and bands that are not only different but will attract a diverse group of people.

"The folk society made a very conscious decision a few years ago to increase diversity in our audience especially," said committee member Walter Tose. "In that vein we've increased diversity both on what we offer and where we offer it. A few years ago, all of our venues were sitdown venues ... last year we did the legion for the first time and half of it was a dance floor and that was a sellout for us."

Last year's series had three concerts sell out and the other two had a large crowd, according to Shikaze.

Tickets for this year can be bought online at [haliburtonfolk.com](http://haliburtonfolk.com) or at On the Spot variety in Minden or Halco Electronics in Haliburton.

Prices for individual concerts are \$25 for non-members and \$20 for members. My Son the Hurricane tickets are \$35 for non-members and \$30 for members.

Series tickets are 60 per cent sold out according to the committee but cost \$110 for non-members and \$85 for members.

The Haliburton County Folk Society is also looking for hosts for their Homeroots Concert series. Volunteers would have to be open to the idea of hosting a musician for a night and allowing them to hold a small concert (approximately 30-40 people) in their home.

Anyone interested in hosting a Homeroots Concert can contact the folk society by email at [info@haliburtonfolk.com](mailto:info@haliburtonfolk.com).



Sue Shikaze and Tom Lambert beside this year's lineup announcement poster. Photo by Meagan Secord.

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# Highlander arts

## Going to dark places spurs poet’s creativity

By Meagan Secord

A new book of poetry by Doug Smith leads readers down a path into his subconscious and shows his perceptions of one of the hardest topics for people to think about, death.

The writer recently released his newest collection of works called ‘Songs of Extinction,’ which focuses on death and the possible extinction of species.

“It’s hard to hold it (death) in one’s own mind,” he said. “So, I embarked upon the book in order to see what would come up in terms of poetic work if I held the thought of near-term extinction as a general theme.”

Smith said the project took him to some dark places but it only spurred his creativity to dive into the topic more.

He wrote on the back cover of the book, “as if I had managed to pass through the shadowland, accepting not only my own end but that of the bewildering species to which I belong.”

Smith started the collection last September and it was published in May of this year.

He said he is very picky about his poetry and although the writing happened quickly,

he always went back to double check everything and make sure it was how he wanted it.

“I might have to come back to it and revise, I tend to fuss right down to the kernel of a poem,” He said.

This is the sixth book of poetry Smith has published, his first being a collection called *Spokes* published in the 1980’s.

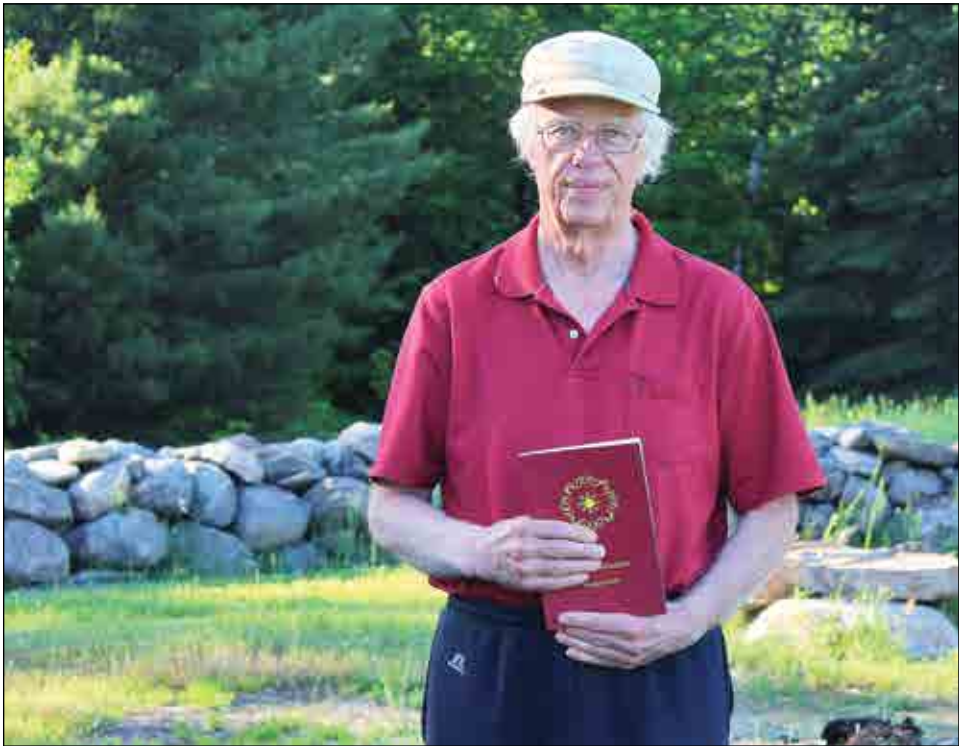
Smith joked about how his next steps in his writing career would be to bring him straight to the grave, very fitting considering the theme of the poems.

His previous professions include being an anthropologist, massage therapist, astrologer and homeopath. He said throughout his education and careers, poetry is something he’s come back to.

“It’s been an area of discourse that I would turn to again and again over a stretch of time. It must be from the mid-60s till now,” said Smith.

The vast amounts of freedom partnered with the dip into the imagination is why Smith keeps coming back.

“You have the greatest degree of freedom in organizing your narrative,” he said.



Doug Smith stands with his newly-published collection of poems, *Songs of Extinction*. Photo by Meagan Secord.

## Playing Kawartha Dairy ice cream on the cake

By Meagan Secord

Kristy Hagerman, a 23-year-old singer/songwriter based out of Toronto, is excited to play at Kawartha Dairy because she loves the small venue scene.

“I got really used to playing in smaller-sized venues,” she said. “For me to build up a fan base in Toronto ... It was a lot easier to look for venues where people were already there as opposed to fighting my way into the bar scene.”

Hagerman will be coming to Minden’s Kawartha Dairy August 11 as part of her first cross-Ontario music tour.

She will be performing hits from her new album *Right Now*, which is a collection of

iconic covers of 80’s songs such as Girls Just Wanna Have Fun as well as some newer covers and originals.

Hagerman is excited about the tour because it is another step forward in her music career. She has been playing music for as long as she can remember and graduated from The Harris Institute with a diploma in audio engineering.

She said music is her full-time profession and although she has big dreams for it, her main goal is to always feel like herself and not lose sight of what’s important, connecting with people.

“Music has this ability to go right past someone’s mind and thoughts and preconceived ideas and just get them right

in the heart,” said Hagerman. “I love music because it allows you to connect with people in a very genuine way, that’s why I am touring across Ontario and finding alternative venues because I really just want to connect with people.”

Her concert at Kawartha Dairy will feature not only her live music but a chance to buy a \$20 package that includes a T-shirt, CD of her *Right Now* 80’s album and a pre-order of her 10-song album coming out later this year, called *Right*.

The performance in Minden will start at 2 p.m.

More information on the cross-Ontario tour can be found on her website [kristyhagerman.com](http://kristyhagerman.com).



Kristy Hagerman’s cover photo for her album *Right Now*. Photo provided by Kristy Hagerman

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# Highlander environment

## EH! offers Indigenous perspective

By Joseph Quigley

Environment Haliburton is bringing in Indigenous Studies professor, Dr. Dan Longboat, to spotlight the Indigenous perspective on environmentalism at its annual summer speaker event Aug. 10.

The Trent University professor and director of the Indigenous Environmental Studies and Sciences program will speak at the Minden Community Centre, with a presentation titled “A Way of Life: Indigenous Knowledge to Sustain the World.”

Longboat said he hopes the presentation can help broaden people’s perspectives.

“I hope to be able to share with the audience an insight or a glimpse at the Indigenous world view,” he said. “Having only one perspective about the environment limits our ability to really fully appreciate and to understand and to really practice our stewardship for the natural world.”

Longboat is a Turtle Clan member of the Mohawk Nation.

He also serves as the acting director of the newly-formed Indigenous Environmental Institute and acts as a cultural advisor for several Ontario post-secondary schools.

He also taught Environment Haliburton’s current president, Ryan Sisson.

Longboat said he takes pride in seeing former students go on to help care for the environment.

“To see students engage in that, that’s why you get up in the morning,” he said.

Barry Martin offered a testimonial for Longboat. Martin said he once worked alongside Longboat to develop an Aboriginal Awareness Education and Training Plan for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

“I learned so much about Indigenous people and culture,” Martin said.

“Dr. Longboat is a great guy and speaker. You won’t be disappointed.”

Longboat said he wants attendees to have an open mind to the presentation’s ideas.

“I just hope that people come out and have an open mind and open heart,” Longboat said. “Really understand the necessity of us, in particular right now, all of us as human beings caring for and working for the protection and restoration of our environment.”

The event begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door or online at [environmenthaliburton.org](http://environmenthaliburton.org).



Trumpeter Hugh Taylor performs during the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust’s fundraiser on Aug. 10, 2018. *File*

## Time to rock the Land Trust’s world

By Meagan Secord

Chair of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust board Marie-Lou Gerstl said the fundraising dance started as a way to attract younger generations to the organization.

“We went from a sit-down dinner buffet, no live entertainment, enviro-hero awards night to a more lively, fun evening which would attract some of the younger generation,” she said. “After all, it is the younger generation who are going to have to ‘pick up the torch’ for the Land Trust in the future.”

The Rock our World fundraising dance was started last year as a replacement for the gala that had been held for 10 years.

The evening’s goal was to bring in more money for the organization’s stewardship fund.

“It’s used to help finance our day-to-

day operations as well as provide the funds necessary to maintain trails, mow grasslands, pay insurance expenses, taxes on the lands and acquisition costs pertaining to new land donations,” said Gerstl.

The Land Trust currently owns five properties in Haliburton County: Dahl Forest, Barnum Creek Nature Reserve, Norah’s Island, Smith Forest and The Fred and Pearl Barry Wetland Reserve.

Last year’s dance sold 110 tickets and raised \$10,200 and gained three new members. This year, the Land Trust is hoping to sell 130 tickets, gain five members and raise \$12,000.

Gerstl said the community supports the Land Trust because they understand the importance of donated properties and the endangered species they house.

“The properties that were donated were donated to our community, for their

enjoyment and for future generations to enjoy,” said Gerstl. “They understand that the people who donated the properties were and are long-time residents and early settlers of the area who nurtured and loved the land enough to want it conserved.”

The dance will feature a silent and live auction, 50/50 draw, door prizes, food and live music from Jamie Williams.

“This year, we have Raptors tickets, Toronto Maple Leaf tickets (both sets coming with a hotel stay in Toronto), jewelry, a fabulous hand-made basket that incorporates deer antlers, and a funky hall table made from an ‘old forest’ tree,” she said.

The dance will be held Aug. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion.

Tickets can be bought online at [haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://haliburtonlandtrust.ca) and are \$30 before the date and \$35 the day of.

## Families can borrow outdoor kits to do science

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) Outdoors for Youth Club (O4Y) has launched the Explore Kits for Kids loan program through Haliburton County Public Libraries this week.

The packs are now available at the Haliburton and Minden branches, with five packs per branch.

In 2018, the HHOA and CARP Haliburton successfully obtained funding from the New Horizons for Seniors program to build a mobile classroom and launch the HHOA O4Y Club.

“The HHOA and CARP hold a joint interest in seniors teaching youth and youth teaching seniors—the transfer of knowledge between all ages with the outdoors being the venue and with nature providing the teaching tools,” said Rebecca Krawczyk.

The Explore Kits for Kids are backpacks, containing an array of citizen science tools and are an extension of the HHOA O4Y

mobile classroom which can travel to any venue, such as local schools, libraries, trade shows, special events, and even next to wetlands.

The kits are available for loan from HCPL and Lake of Bays Public Library branches so families can take them out to nature to practice citizen science and explore the outdoors.

Content for the kits was provided through funding from not just New Horizons for Seniors, but also donations from The Land Between’s Turtle Guardians program, Haliburton Foodland, and Glecoff’s Family Store.

The O4Y committee is interested in hearing from anyone who would like to contribute towards their committee, which hopes to bring youth and seniors together, though all ages are welcome. Contact the HHOA at 705-457-9664 and leave a message for Rebecca or email [rebecca.hhoaO4Y@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.hhoaO4Y@gmail.com)



Julie Thornton holds one of the kits at the library. *Submitted photo.*



# BUILDING & Renos

## The best start for your construction project

By Lisa Harrison

Your local building supply centre can be your best connection for saving time, money and frustration during your new build or renovation.

Emmerson Lumber Limited, with locations in Haliburton and Carnarvon, is an excellent example.

Like many rural building supply centres, Emmerson Lumber is a shareholder in a national cooperative buying group, in this case Castle Building Centres Group Limited. Group members can offer volume pricing that's more competitive with prices at urban "big box" stores. But rural centres have an even bigger advantage, according to Emmerson Lumber owner Kim Emmerson.

When big box stores arrived in Canada, the thought was that it would be the end of traditional building supply businesses, said Emmerson in a recent interview.

"As it's turned out, that has not been the case. They've actually increased sales."

Rural centres can offer greater customer service by way of "personal attention, quick deliveries, knowledgeable staff, convenience," said Emmerson. "These are things that it's hard for a big box to offer."

That service advantage has contributed to customer loyalty that spans generations.

"We've had numerous occasions where people have built a cottage with us, say

back in the '70s or '80s, and their children were part of that, and now ... the second generation has come in and bought a cottage from us," said Emmerson.

Emmerson Lumber's Haliburton site began life as a sawmill and grist mill on the Drag River rapids, part of the original Mill Reserve created during the development of Haliburton Village in the 1860s. Kim's father, William "Bill" Emmerson, purchased the business assets in 1959 with his brother-in-law Dr. Lloyd Bailey, son of then-owner W.O. Bailey. Current owner Kim acquired the similarly historic Carnarvon mill site four years ago.

Over time, Emmerson Lumber's services expanded to incorporate home and cottage design from start to finish. It now staffs five designers, three of whom are certified, and they turn customers' ideas into formal designs. The company has established a planning group for new projects and there's always one planner on site during regular opening hours, said Emmerson.

Emmerson Lumber also offers kitchen design, flooring, and decks and docks. Other services include an equipment rental department and an extensive website that features a product catalogue, referrals to local contractors and more.

Emmerson said a good percentage of new-build customers are constructing cottages and live outside the region. With the ease



Emmerson Lumber designer Cameron Bradley and owner Kim Emmerson discuss a building design project. Photo by Lisa Harrison.

of digital communications, Emmerson staff haven't even met some of their customers – the work can be done via email and through the contractor, and payments are made online.

Evidently, given the quality, diversity and

convenience of services available at many building supply businesses, the best start to your building or renovation project could be a visit to your local centre.



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## Riding the rails down to the waterfront

Inclined elevators connect cottages to lakes

By Joseph Quigley

Nestled at a cottage on top of a steep hill lays a mass of metal fashioned into a track plunging towards a lake.

Peering down from atop a lift makes it resemble a rollercoaster. But riding down to the waterfront at Drag Lake is slow, steady and minimizes the sense of a plunge.

The 346-foot structure is Dysart et al's first built by Inclined Elevation, which gives hillside cottages a way to directly access the water. The \$200,000 device was completed last month at 2016 Blueberry Line, which is for sale and had an open house July 10-11.

Inclined Elevation president Dr. John Weinstein said his work building the elevators makes a major difference.

"These people had to go load a four-wheel-drive vehicle, drive out and down this really dangerous road to get to the water," Weinstein said. "Now, it's a four-minute ride and it's totally safe."

Weinstein has built more than 80 lifts since 2003, scattered across cottage country including Muskoka, Kawartha Lakes, Huntsville and Quebec.

The theoretical particle physicist said there are difficulties to overcome when designing a lift such as this.

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The 346-foot inclined elevator helps connect a hillside cottage to the waterfront at Drag Lake. Photo by Joseph Quigley

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"How do you pick this route? How do you find where to go?" Weinstein said. "There's lots and lots of challenges."

But the man said he relishes that.

"It's so much fun. I have to think. I have to solve problems. Not the kind of problems I did as a physicist, but similar."

The lift is a value-added proposition for the property, listed at \$3,999,000. Realtor Chilla Riddle said the elevator is a fun ride.

"It's nice and smooth and you see everything. It complements the surroundings."

The lift required a variance from

Dysart et al to build. Weinstein said the structures are largely unregulated, but designed and engineered with safety in mind.

"We're only unregulated if we don't have an accident," Weinstein said.

"We check every nook and cranny ... because we love being unregulated. We don't have to follow rules that other people, bureaucrats have set out."

To date, no accidents involving the lifts have occurred, he added.

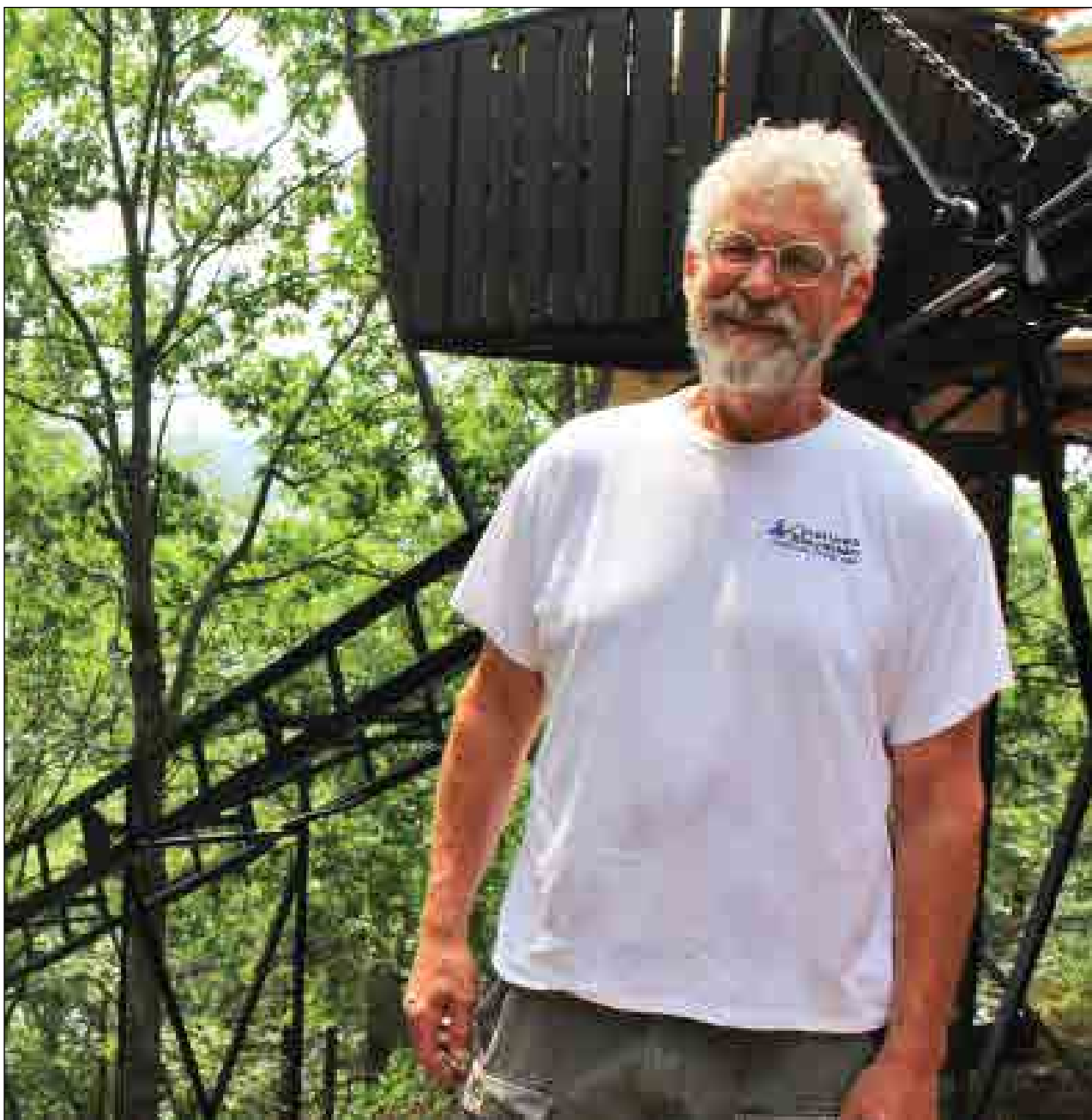
Although it is a first for Dysart, this is not the first in Haliburton County. Jim Carnegie had one built at his

cottage in Minden in 2010.


Carnegie said his wife has a disability. He added the lift has allowed them to go from two or three waterfront trips per year to more than 20.

"If it wasn't for that, we probably wouldn't have a cottage," Carnegie said. "Had zero problems with it and it was exactly what he promised it would be."

"It transforms people's lives," Weinstein said. "It's a really neat thing to be able to do."



Inclined Elevation president John Weinstein stands in front of an elevator he built at a cottage on Blueberry Line on July 11. Photo by Joseph Quigley.



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## Wired for sound and much more with automation

By Lisa Harrison

Universal design is increasingly popular in new construction and renovations, and especially important in Haliburton County as our retiree population grows.

According to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), the philosophy of universal design is that our dwellings should be comfortable, pleasant, safe and usable by everyone in our family, regardless of age or ability. This accessible design concept includes the option to age in place, enjoying our forever homes and cottages as long as possible.

Accessible design through home automation can extend the life and usability of a dwelling for people with different and changing abilities. The CMHC notes that “smart” home technology has emerged in the last 20 years to offer extended functionalities and greater benefits to people with physical, sensory and cognitive disabilities, allowing them to live more independently.

Automation can also improve your safety, make it easier to communicate with your family, save you time and effort, increase your home’s energy efficiency, allow you to monitor your home while you are away, and more.

Home automation systems can be installed during new construction or placed in an existing home without extensive rewiring. The CMHC advises hiring an electrician

to install more complex networks and integrate multiple hard-wired devices. However, some devices simply plug into existing electrical outlets so you can install them yourself.

When considering a home automation system, it’s important to review several factors beyond functionality and cost. These include system requirements (for example, electrical needs or the need for a dedicated computer to operate more complex systems). If you’re installing systems from different companies, you’ll need to check on compatibility.

Think about how portable you need the control device to be. You’ll need to plan the location of your computers, control devices and telephones for easy access and full control. Safety systems should have a backup power source such as a generator. If your main electrical panel is in the basement, consider moving it to the garage and installing it at a wheelchair-accessible height.

The CMHC recommends consulting with a systems integration contractor and a professional who specializes in accessible design, such as an occupational therapist, architect or interior designer, to determine the best system and layout for your needs.

For more information, visit the CMHC at [cmhc-schl.gc.ca](http://cmhc-schl.gc.ca), Home for Life at [homeforlife.ca](http://homeforlife.ca) and the Institute for Human Centered Design at [humancenterreddesign.org](http://humancenterreddesign.org).



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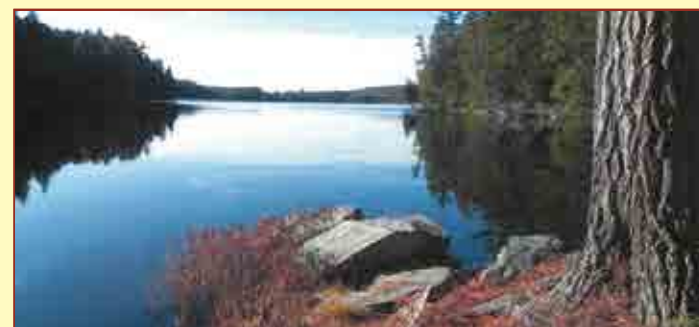
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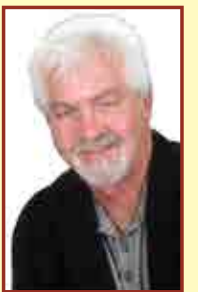


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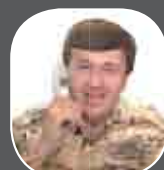
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But there's an art to throwing a great party, and if you don't keep your guests properly entertained, they might not stick around for long.

Whether you have a huge yard or a tiny patio, here are three ways to level up your outdoor entertainment game and keep your guests happy this summer.

### Giant games

Your guests will undoubtedly be entertained by watching or playing a massive version of popular childhood games, such as Jenga or Connect Four. Try Jenga Giant. Just like with the tiny version, the goal is to remove and add blocks without knocking over the whole thing. Everyone will be on their toes, watching to see when it will tumble.

### Outdoor bar with cooler

A traditional cooler does the trick if you just need your drinks chilled. But step up your game with a nice outdoor



bar that expands to reveal a spot to add ice and cool your beverages. It's also great for setting out ingredients for fun mixed drinks.

### Camouflaged speaker

Playing great music can change the entire atmosphere of a gathering. A weatherproof speaker, which is camouflaged as a rock, looks like part of your landscaping and can provide a soundtrack to your parties regardless of the weather. (Submitted by Linda Baumgartner)

## 10 tips to help you keep cool while conserving energy:

### 1. Set to save

Set your thermostat to 25°C when you're home and 28°C when you're out. For every degree you dial up the temperature, you use about three to five per cent less energy. Or, get a programmable thermostat, then set it and forget it.

### 2. Draw the drapes

Draw the curtains every morning to keep out the heat. Blackout curtains, blinds, window film, awnings and other coverings greatly reduce solar heat gain and save your air conditioner (A/C) from working harder to maintain temperature.

### 3. Invest in a fan

Consider a ceiling fan: it lets you keep your thermostat 4°C higher without affecting your comfort. Set the blades counter-clockwise for a downward cooling breeze. The best angle for maximum cooling is 12 to 16 degrees.

### 4. Cut the humidity

Humidity makes it feel hotter than it is – the “feels like” temperature measures both relative humidity and air temperature combined. Keep your A/C running to reduce humidity, and use exhaust fans in kitchens and baths to expel humid air.

### 5. Seal it in

Blasting your A/C is an inefficient way to cool a drafty home. Inspect windows, doors and vents to spot areas where cool air can escape and hot air can seep in, then use caulking and weather-stripping to seal the leaks.

### 6. Move the air

Get the air circulating – especially if you don't have A/C. Create a cross-breeze by opening windows on opposite sides of your home. If you have multiple storeys, open windows on upper and lower levels.

### 7. Power down

Plug your electronics into a power bar with a timer, and turn it off during on-peak and mid-peak hours – see how electricity prices change based on Time-of-Use. Keeping devices plugged in all day draws power, even when they're off.

### 8. Cool your kitchen

When cooking, opt for smaller appliances like crock pots, toaster ovens and microwaves. Ovens use more electricity and raise the temperature, forcing your cooling system to work double-time. Or head outdoors and use the barbecue.

### 9. Give your A/C some TLC

Check your air filters regularly and replace as needed. And don't forget the condenser – your A/C's outdoor unit. Clean out dried leaves or other debris, and trim foliage back at least two feet for good air circulation.

### 10. Schedule a tune-up

If you've done all you can to keep your cooling system humming, call in the experts. Annual servicing by a licenced heating and cooling contractor can reduce your cooling costs by up to 10 per cent.

Source: Hydro One Inc.

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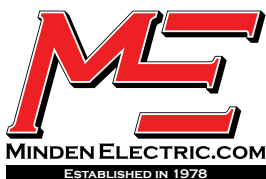
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# Highlander events



Local painter James Goodliff brought his large paintings to Glass Eagle Studio to show off. *Photo by Meagan Secord.*

## Tour de Forest continues to grow

This year's Haliburton County Tour de Forest brought art enthusiasts to 12 different studios across the community. The 28 artists involved ranged from painters to glass workers and everything in between. Tom Green, owner of Glass Eagle Studio, helped create the event 13 years ago and has participated in it ever since. He said the number of people who come to the tour is always slow but growing slightly every year. *(Meagan Secord)*



Sheri Hawkins giving attendees a show with The Recycled Teenagers. *Photo by Meagan Secord.*

## Attendance up at Gooderham Music Festival

The 2nd annual Gooderham Music Festival brought people from around the county to Highlands East for a day of fun, food, music and more. Bands such as The Recycled Teenagers and The Rockin Bobs drew in a crowd for the live music while vendors such as Pampered Chef and Capturing Eden kept people busy in between sets. The event showed an increase in attendance from last year, according to volunteers, and they are hoping for it to be continued again next summer. *(Meagan Secord)*



The 10 km racers take off towards the turn-around point. *Photo by Meagan Secord.*

## Highland Yard raises \$20,000

The 49th annual Highland Yard race in Minden had beautiful weather for those supporting Places for People, a charity dedicated to improving the housing problem in Haliburton County. The run had about 350 participants and raised approximately \$20,000 for the organization. The event had three races, a 10 km, 5 km and 2 km and attracted runners of all ages. Places for People merchandise was sold and race winners were given medals for their efforts. One of the event organizers, Fay Martin, said the event takes almost four months to plan but after seven years of Places for People holding it, they've got it down to a science. *(Meagan Secord)*



Rebecca Zelewicz of Bex in Motion at Midnight Madness. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

## All fired up for Midnight Madness

Hundreds of people came out for the 37th annual Midnight Madness in downtown Haliburton Aug. 2. The event featured entertainment, prizes and an array of one-night only sales put on by businesses in the area. *(Joseph Quigley)*



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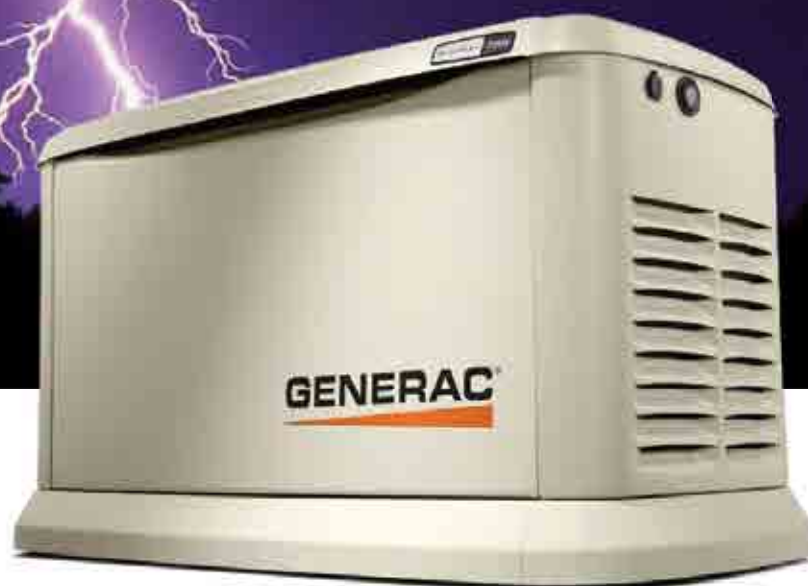
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# Highlander sports



A kayaker paddles down a course at the Minden Whitewater Preserve. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## National championships returning to Minden

By Lisa Gervais

Whitewater Ontario will welcome between 60 and 80 competitors who will battle it out on the Gull River next week as part of The Whitewater National Championships, which are returning to the Minden Whitewater Preserve after eight years.

It's an annual competition held to crown the national champions in Canoe Slalom, Downriver, Extreme Slalom and Freestyle. The format of having all these national championships together allows athletes to compete in multiple disciplines and compete for an overall title as well as success in their speciality. The Whitewater National Championships were last held in Minden in 2010.

Canoe Kayak Canada spokesman James Cartwright said they're expecting participants mainly from Ontario, Quebec, Alberta, BC and the Yukon Territory for the Aug. 14-18 competition.

"Canada's best whitewater paddlers will be attending this event and there will also be a handful of Olympians either racing or supporting the event," Cartwright said.

He added that some athletes will also be selected to represent Canada at the 2019 World Championships, the end of

September in La Seu d'Urgell, Spain.

In conjunction with the championships, The Township of Minden Hills and Algonquin Outfitters are bringing the REEL Paddling Film Festival to town. It is being moved from the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton to the grounds of the Minden museum. It will be held Friday, Aug. 16 at 8:30 p.m. People are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

The night will feature the best paddling films in the world.

"You can be inspired to explore rivers, lakes and oceans, push extremes, embrace the paddling lifestyle and appreciate the wild places," the township and AO said.

Food, beverages and community vendors will be on site for the duration of the evening. Admission is by donation.

The preserve has previously hosted the 2015 Pam Am Games Canoe Kayak Slalom Competition, National Championships, National Team Trials and an ICF World Cup.

The Minden Whitewater Preserve is also known as Harrington Park. The land was donated by Peter J. Harrington. Spectators are more than welcome to visit for some or all of the competition.



### NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT PLZBA2019033

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as 9A Bobcaygeon Road and located in Part of Lot 1, Concession 'A', in the Geographic Township of Anson (see Key Map below).

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The subject property is presently zoned Highway Commercial Exception Two (C1-2). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Residential Type Two Exception Fourteen (R2-14) Zone. The effect of the site-specific amendment is to allow for a multiple dwelling containing 9 dwelling units whereas 6 units would otherwise be permitted, and to reduce the frontage and parking requirements from 18 parking stalls and 63m. (206'8") of frontage to 16 stalls and 45.7m. (150') of frontage respectively.



**DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLZBA2019033**  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2019  
**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Location:** Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street during normal office hours and online at [www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom](http://www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom). For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at [iclending@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iclending@mindenhills.ca) or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

**ANY PERSON MAY ATTEND** the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

**IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED OF THE DECISION** of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills at the address below.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY DOES NOT** make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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

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

**DATED** this 8th day of August, 2019  
Ian Clendening, MPL., Planner

Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0  
*We cannot guarantee the exact time the Public Meeting will commence as the time may vary depending on the number of items on the agenda and the complexity of each matter brought forward.*

### THE SCHEDULE:

#### Wednesday

Aug. 14 - Downriver National Championships

#### Thursday

Aug. 15 - Extreme Slalom National Championships (head-to-head format)

#### Friday

Aug. 16 – Freestyle National Championships

#### Saturday

Aug. 17 – Age Group Canoe Slalom National Championships

#### Sunday

Aug. 18 Open Canoe Slalom National Championships



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- DJ SOGRATES  
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- TBA  
4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.
- OPENING CEREMONIES  
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6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
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- THE SATTALITES REGGAE BAND  
4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.
- WELCOMING CEREMONIES  
5:30 P.M.
- BON JOVI FOREVER  
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
- HELL N BACK ACDC TRIBUTE  
8:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.



## SUNDAY AUGUST 11

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12:00 P.M.

RIB TEAM AWARDS CEREMONY  
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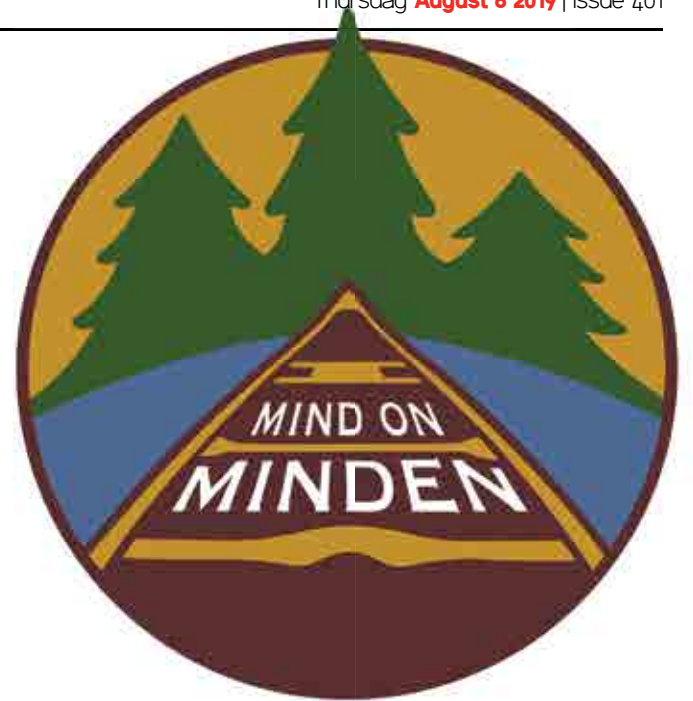
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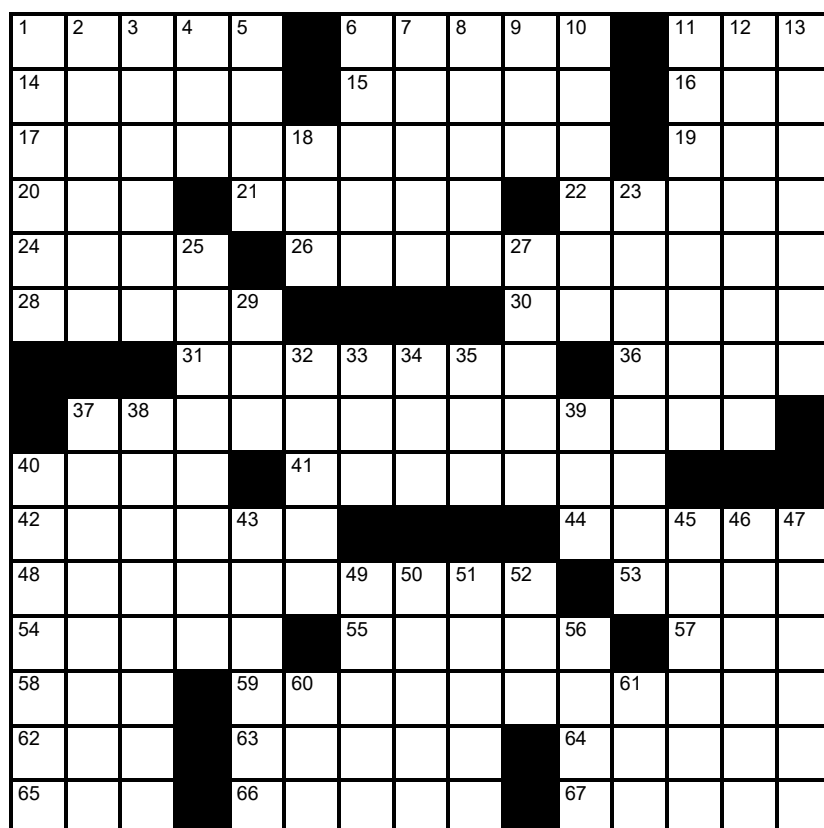
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- 11 Letter writer's opening, maybe
- 14 "Skyfall" singer
- 15 Marine biologist's course?
- 16 Boardroom bigwig
- 17 Roster of actors stretching their legs?
- 19 Ice dancer's global org.
- 20 "Can \_\_\_ now?"
- 21 Prefix with transmitter
- 22 "\_\_\_ that note, ..."
- 24 They're picked by picky people
- 26 Roles for movie extras?
- 28 Don't just wanna
- 30 Provide oxygen to
- 31 Type of large, sweet tomato
- 36 Louis \_\_\_ Day (Manitoba holiday)
- 37 Actor's utterance on a desert set?
- 40 Zaire's Mobutu \_\_\_ Seko
- 41 "What are you waiting for?!"
- 42 Lickety-split, after "in"
- 44 Posed for a new portrait
- 48 Theatre director?
- 53 Bag, in Barcelona
- 54 Brand of nasal spray
- 55 "Phooey on that!"
- 57 Its mbrs. get free towing
- 58 An Apoc. book
- 59 Theatre production about language? (Or, what each of these theme answers is)
- 62 Postie's path
- 63 "The Great One," originally
- 64 Many an Iqaluit resident
- 65 Kazakhstan, e.g., once: Abbr.
- 66 Bawdy jokester's lack
- 67 "To whom \_\_\_ concern"

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- 1 Partaking in a gabfest
- 2 It means "at ease," in music
- 3 Hard-hitting Hall-of-Famer, 1950s
- 4 Sort
- 5 "Forget it, Friedrich"
- 6 Gain some steam?
- 7 Capital of Ghana
- 8 "Coffee, \_\_\_ Me?" (stewardesses' memoir)
- 9 Airline for ABBA, maybe
- 10 Like some audio evidence
- 11 Dangerous drops, environmentally
- 12 Drunk as a skunk
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## OBITUARIES



### Ronald 'Ron' Owens

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully in his sleep at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday morning, July 30, 2019 in his 84th year. Cherished husband and best friend of Dorothy Owens (nee Cowie). Loving father of Jan (Mark), Rick (Karen), Steven and Brad (Ashley). Loving Granpa to Sarah (Lance), Alex, Chelsea (Mitch), Ben and Simon. Dear brother of Garry (Romana) and Brian (Karen). Also lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews. Ron worked as a Communications Manager with Bell Canada for thirty years. He loved woodworking, stained glass, carving and helping children with projects. He was a Big Brother for many years. Ron was a member of the Minden Amateur Radio Club.

#### Visitation, Celebration Of Life & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Saturday afternoon, August 10, 2019 at 2 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and SIRCH Community Services would be appreciated by the family.



## THANK YOU



*We wish to thank everyone for their kind & thoughtful condolences, food, flowers, cards & donations. We are grateful & touched that you are there for us at this difficult time.*

*- Tobey, Adeilah & Susie*

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# What's on

## Haliburton's rib-ready for the weekend

By Lisa Gervais

Three pitmasters - Camp 31 BBQ, Jack on the Bone and Pistol Pete's Oklahoma Smokehouse - are gearing up for this weekend's (Aug. 9-11) second annual Ribfest in Haliburton. However, the weekend is about so much more than just ribs, said Ricky Brooks of Ontario Festival Group, which is staging the three-day event in Head Lake Park.

BWG Events Group, in partnership with members of Ontario Festival Group, will open the gates to Ribfest at noon on Friday, Aug. 9.

"This event is filled with fun, family-friendly food, a music festival and will run all weekend, showcasing three top North American rib teams," Brooks said.

In addition to food, there'll be amusement rides, jumping castles, a marketplace featuring local vendors, a beer garden, a rib-eating contest, parasailing tours and free hot air balloon rides on Friday, Aug. 9 from 5-8 p.m.

All-weekend music kicks off with "Country Music Night" on Friday, featuring a Jason Aldean Tribute.

Saturday, it's "Rock Music Night," featuring tributes to Bon Jovi & AC/DC.

Sunday is "Family Day," showcasing local standout Jackson McMann and A Tribute to Chicago, The Chicago Project.

For the full entertainment lineup, visit HaliburtonRibfest.com.

"To organize an event like a Ribfest, it takes a considerable amount of resources and funds to be successful," Brooks said.

"In the end, a portion of the proceeds



Pistol Pete's Oklahoma Smokehouse is gearing up for this year's Ribfest in Haliburton. *File.*

are donated back into the community to support local worthy causes."

In 2018, Ribfest donated \$2,500 to support the Haliburton Junction Skate Park.

Brooks said Ribfest does not receive municipal funds and relies solely on vendors, sponsorship and admission money to pay for its expenses.

"In order for Ribfest to continue, we look for the business community of Haliburton and its neighbours to invest and support our event, so that we can

continue to bring thousands of people together at this annual event," he said.

Brooks added that Ribfest brings in a considerable amount of additional revenue for the local economy, from hotel accommodations, to eateries, to service workers.

Entry fee is \$3. Children under 12 are admitted for free. If you'd like to get involved as a sponsor, vendor or volunteer, visit HaliburtonRibfest.com or email rick.brooks@bwgeventsgroup.org

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# What's on

## AUGUST 2019 • EVENT LISTINGS

### August 27 – October 1, 2019

Powerful Tools for Caregivers – free 6-week workshop for caregivers, every Tuesday from Aug 27-Oct 1, 1 – 2:30 p.m. at Haliburton Hospital, Ruth Parkes Room. Pre-registration required, call 1-866-971-5545 or visit [ceselfmanagement.ca](http://ceselfmanagement.ca).

### Thursday August 8

Falls Prevention Course, open to all seniors free of charge – Tuesdays and Thursdays. July 9 through Sep 26th. Registration required. Contact 705-457-2941 x 2938 or [info@hhhs.ca](mailto:info@hhhs.ca).

10 – 11 a.m., at Hyland Crest Fireside Lounge.

11 a.m. – noon, at Haliburton Hospital Ruth Parkes room.

1 – 2 p.m., at Keith Tallman Memorial Arena, Wilberforce.

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Family Sculpture Forest Tour - New this year is the family tour. Enjoy an hour and a half together as a family as you are guided on a themed tour. This tour is suitable for all ages and takes breaks for games related to the tour!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, free drop-in at Wilberforce Legion. Colouring, board games, crafts, light fitness and line dancing. Contact 705-457-2941 or [info@hhhs.ca](mailto:info@hhhs.ca) for more info.

10:10 a.m. – Family Storytime with author Aimee Reid at the Minden library branch.

### Friday August 9

9 a.m. – noon. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, free drop-in at Highland Hills United Church Minden. Colouring, games, light fitness, nutritious food and coffee. Guest

speaker: Community Safety, OPP. Contact 705-457-2941 or [info@hhhs.ca](mailto:info@hhhs.ca) for more info.

10:10 a.m. – Family Storytime with author Aimee Reid at the Dysart (Haliburton) library branch.

Noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Stanhope, 1095 North Shore Rd., every Friday until August 30

6:30 – 11:30 p.m. – "Rock Our World", Haliburton Highlands Land Trust fundraising dance, at Haliburton Legion. Admission: \$30 early bird, \$35 after July 9. Support the HHLT at this evening of fun and dancing. Live and silent auctions, appetizers, entertainment. [Haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://Haliburtonlandtrust.ca) 705-457-3700.

### Saturday August 10

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Minden, at Prince St. & Milne St., every Saturday until October 12.

10 a.m. – Eagle Moose Lake Property Owners Association AGM to be held at Sir Sams Inn. Guest speaker Martin Rist from the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow, distribution of The Lake Health Report to members.

10 a.m. – Community Therapeutic Yoga, gentle movement and breathing with Dianne Levine, at Abbey Retreat Centre. Drop-in classes every Saturday until Aug 31st. Stay after class and try a nutritious smoothie or snack, and find out more about holistic nutrition. Admission by donation.

1 p.m. – DSLPOA Event: Sailing Day, off Harris' Beach. The course will be set up Saturday for practice time. Coordinators Huw Morgan 705-457-3781 and Craig & Vickie Taylor.

3 – 6 p.m. – Harold Macintyre, in the Clubroom of the Haliburton Legion. \$5 cover charge for non-members, 50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

7 p.m. – Environment Haliburton

summer speaker: Dr. Dan Longboat "A Way of Life: Indigenous Knowledge to Sustain the World". Minden Community Centre, Tickets \$15. [environmenthaliburton.org](http://environmenthaliburton.org). Contacts: Ryan 705-854-3355 or Susan 705-457-9239.

### Sunday August 11

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Sunday Breakfast at the Haliburton Legion. Enjoy a great breakfast of eggs, bacon or sausage, pancakes, hash browns, toast, juice, tea or coffee. Only \$6.

### Monday August 12

1 – 4 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, free drop-in at Haliburton United Church. Colouring, euchre, bridge, train dominoes, light fitness. Guest speaker: Learn to play euchre. Contact 705-457-2941 or [info@hhhs.ca](mailto:info@hhhs.ca) for more info.

### Tuesday August 13

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11 a.m. – noon, at Haliburton Hospital Ruth Parkes room.

1 – 2 p.m., at Keith Tallman Memorial Arena, Wilberforce.

10 a.m. – Tour the Sculpture Forest, experience all 34 magical sculptures and four, one-of-a-kind benches as you explore the forest on a fully guided tour.

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## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

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**Tuesdays:** Fun darts starting at 7pm

**Wednesdays:** Bid euchre, 1 p.m. start, Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 Jackpot - every Wednesday of July & August.

**Thursdays:** General Meeting - Third Thursday of the month starting at 7 pm. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary - Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm

**Fridays:** Cribbage, 1 p.m. start, meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC, Friday fun darts – 4:30 p.m. onwards.

**Saturdays:** 50/50 Draw, 4 p.m. draw-tickets are \$1 each available from noon onwards.

**Sundays:** Breakfast, second Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. - 1p.m., \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

*Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email [rcf129@bellnet.ca](mailto:rcf129@bellnet.ca) or visit [haliburtonlegion.com](http://haliburtonlegion.com). Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome*

### MINDEN BRANCH

**Monday** - every second week rug hooking; **Tuesday** - seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.; **Wednesday**, meat draw noon;

**Thursday** - mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; **Friday** - 7 p.m. mixed darts; **Saturday** - meat draw 1 p.m.; **Sunday** - sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.- Fri with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

### KINMOUNT BRANCH

**Wednesday** - Darts 7 p.m.

**Friday** Bingo - Starts at 6:45 p.m.

**Saturday** - Meat Draw 5 p.m. Karaoke 7-11 p.m.

### WILBERFORCE BRANCH

**Aug. 9** Community Care lunch. To book, call Denise Butler 705-448-8865. Wing night 6 - 9:30 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.

**Aug 10** Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP. If you come, offer to help sell tickets please.

**Aug 11** L.A. breakfast 9 a.m. - noon

**Aug 12** Bid euchre 7 p.m.

**Aug 13** General meeting 7 p.m.

**Aug 14** Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

### Up coming events

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## Mountain Lake \$925,000



A beautiful point with deep water on one side, sandy beach on the other and an amazing view. A luxurious year round home or cottage with over 3000 sq ft of living space, immaculately and lovingly maintained. Includes a fully self-contained guest suite with separate entrance for great rental potential, two gorgeous fireplaces, full finished walkout basement, two large wrap around decks, detached garage/workshop, and much more!

## Fabulous Home or Cottage - \$460,000

### NEW LISTING!



A beautifully renovated 3 bdrm., 2 bath home sitting on a landscaped corner lot. With 101 ft. of frontage and sand beach on Benoit Lake. Oversized double garage. With a one of kind Bunkie. Location of this home or cottage is fabulous - you are 3 minutes away from Algonquin Park's High Falls trail and the property sits on a 3-lake chain that gives you over 34 miles of boating and fishing. Close to snowmobile and atv trails. This property has it all.

## Gull River - \$419,000



NOW IS THE TIME! Bring an offer on this unique property full of options. 6 individual units give each of your extended family their own privacy. 8 bathrooms, 6 wood fireplaces, 5 jet tubs, private entrances, huge kitchen for entertaining, all sitting on the Gull River so you can boat into town or into beautiful Gull Lake. Loads of parking.

## Great Building Lot - \$33,000



Excellent building lot in a quiet community 10 minutes from Minden and 5 minutes from Kinmount. Completely level, well treed and hydro close by. Located on a short, private, year-round road. The perfect location to build your new home. Excellent recreational trail just down the road.

## Halls Lake \$399,000



Beautiful Halls Lake beckons. A lovely 3 bdrm, year-round getaway or home sitting across a quiet road from an amazing shoreline. The home or cottage is filled with light with high ceilings in the spacious kitchen, loads of cupboards, large dining area, and a beautiful view of the lake. Perennial gardens, a walkout to a deck facing the water and a firepit at the water's edge. A must see!

## Affordable Cottage - \$259,900



Don't miss this opportunity to get affordable waterfront! This seasonal, 3 bdrm 1 bath cottage has been well maintained, sits on a well treed lot, has a trail directly off the back yard leading to a gorgeous sand beach! Waterfront is deeded access, sharing with other owners - room for your dock and excellent swimming and boating a 3-lake chain.

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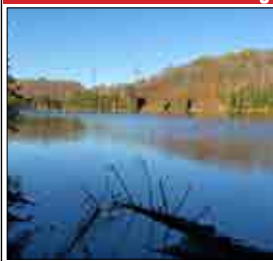
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## Soyers Lake - \$999,999



Southern exposure, 135 ft. of clean rock and sand shoreline, located on a 5-lake chain! Sunlight pours into the livingroom with cathedral ceiling. Open-concept kitchen and dining The Master Bedroom has a balcony, walk-in closet Ensuite. There is a finished rec room plus an unfinished games room, storage area and workshop downstairs Great privacy from the lake, and minutes to either Haliburton or Minden.

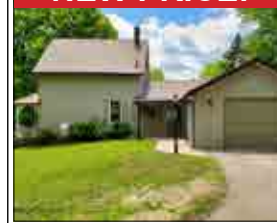
## Walkers Pond Acreage - \$359,000



Over 194 acres of bush surrounding 2/3rds of Walker's Pond, loaded with wildlife. Trails throughout. Hunt, ATV, or build that private home or getaway. A hydro cut line goes through the beginning of the property, then it is all bush. Close to Horseshoe and Mountain Lakes. 5 minutes to hop into Minden for all your shopping needs.

## Highland Gate Homestead - \$469,500

### NEW PRICE!



Exuding character and history, built circa 1898. The house is situated on a stately 1.1 acre lot. Beautifully treed and manicured level property. Walking distance to town services & amenities. Bright open concept living and dining areas with a walkout to a patio overlooking an immense back yard. The wrap around porch, large bedrooms, main floor laundry and attached garage/workshop are but only a few features awaiting your personal viewing.

## Twelve Mile Lake - \$599,500

### NEW PRICE!



Truly a one of a kind property! Owned for generations by one family on Twelve Mile. Superb privacy with 6.7 acres of land and 310 feet of superb sandy beach with a breathtaking big lake view. This home full of history features large airy rooms, granite fireplace, spacious sunroom with pine ceiling, large deck, private boat launch, spacious country kitchen with separate dining room, main floor office/study, two bathrooms & much more!

## Outstanding Acreage - \$695,000



Your playground awaits! Words cannot describe this 730 acre parcel of land. A huge pond, a babbling creek, miles of road and trails in every direction, and the best part.....Birchy Lake! All completely within the borders. It even backs onto the snowmobile trails. The perfect property for naturalists, atv and snowmobile enthusiasts, or hunters. You won't believe this property.

## Excellent Business Opportunity - \$565,000



The perfect set up. This family-oriented business is ready for you! The 17 acre property includes a very popular mini golf course, an exceptional driving range, putting practice area, batting cages, and even a Par 3 Short Game course. Located at the intersection of 2 main highways in the heart of cottage country, the possibilities are endless! The property has been lovingly maintained with expansive grounds. Call today to get all the details - a wonderful opportunity!

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- Charming 2 bedroom open-concept home w/garage
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## HWY 35 NORLAND HOME - \$339,000

- 1010 sq. ft, 2 bdrm never been lived in - 2 hrs from the GTA
- Close access to water, ATV / snowmobile trails, shopping
- Features 10 ft. ceilings, granite countertops, SS appliances
- Plenty of space for a garage build and RV parking



## \$799,900 PRIVACY PLUS!

- 4 Season Viceroy Home/Cottage with Sunrise Views
- 480 Ft of Shoreline, 8.5 Acres of Land to Enjoy
- Open Concept, 5 Bedroom, 3 Full Bathrooms, 2 Stone Fireplaces



## \$629,900 LIVING THE DREAM

- Level 1.26 Acre Lot on "No Motor" Spring Fed lake
- Expansive South-West Exposure with Clean Sand Shoreline
- Custom Built and Recently Renovated 1400 Sq Ft 4 Season Home



## \$599,999 QUIET SPRING FED LAKE

- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Storey Home/Cottage
- Full Walkout Basement with Rec Room
- Double Garage With Heated Workshop



## \$450,000 PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP

- 4+2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bathroom, 4 Season Home/Cottage
- Private Treed Lot Year Round Municipal Cul-De-Sac
- Woodstove, Screen Porch, Spacious Kitchen.



## \$449,900 ISLAND ESCAPE

- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Custom Cottage, 1 of 14 Properties
- Sunken Living Room, Woodstove, Pine Ceilings Throughout
- Main Floor Laundry, Master Ensuite



## \$414,900 DREAM GETAWAY

- 3 Bedroom Classic Cottage to Get Away From It All
- 10 Acres for Tons of Privacy and Outdoor Opportunity
- Smooth Sand/Rock Shoreline, New Dock, Great Views



## \$399,999 MINDEN FAMILY HOME

- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2500 Sq Ft Totally Renovated Home
- Close to Public Beach & Minden White Water Reserve
- Full Finished Walkout Basement, Custom Kitchen, Screen Porch



## \$399,900 THE SIMPLE LIFE

- 2 Bedroom Classic Cottage on Point Lot
- 400 Feet Frontage, 3.87 Acres of Privacy
- Access off Year Round Road, Amazing Lake Views



## \$375,000 CUSTOM BUILT HOME

- Open Concept 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Home
- Walkout to Large Riverside Deck, Great for Entertaining
- 2 Acre Lot, 203 Feet Frontage Along Irondale River

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