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After a run up the mountain, Storm the Trent competitors hopped on their bikes and raced down to Head Lake Park. *Photo by Meagan Secord.*

Residents set to return to Highland Wood

By **Joseph Quigley**

Elderly residents forced from their home in the Highland Wood Long Term Care facility in February are finally able to return.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) announced the facility will be

re-opening June 3. The organization has repaired the leaky roof which resulted in all 28 of the facility's residents relocating Feb. 7.

President and CEO Carolyn Plummer reported to the HHHS board May 23 that staff are contacting former residents and

their families and plans are underway to transition them back.

"We're very excited to be in this position of bringing our residents back home," Plummer said. "We do have plans being prepared right now, and many plans already in place, for how we're going to bring

residents back in a way that's going to be minimally disruptive to them."

"We're very happy with how the work has progressed in terms of the roof replacement and the internal repairs," she added.

Since the evacuation, HHHS has transferred people to other long-term care

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Roof finally repaired at long-term care home

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homes in the region.

Peter Brogden's wife, Margaret Brogden, was living in the facility. He said HHHS moved her to Extencicare Haliburton and the process went smoothly.

"It was really very straightforward," he said. "It was really a very low-impact disturbance. To go and visit her in Highland Wood or Extencicare is really no different, one from the other."

He noted his wife's mobility made the situation easier for her compared to others but added staff performed well throughout.

"The staff did a very good job of accommodating all the residents for the move which was bound to be awkward for some," Brogden said.

Judy Johnson's mother was in Highland Wood. She was moved to a facility in Lindsay for a short time but was then offered a room at Hyland Crest in Minden. She said the family naturally jumped at the chance to have her back in Haliburton County.

In her case, she is opting to stay at Hyland Crest and not move back to Highland Wood.

"My mother-in-law and my mom's sister also live at Hyland Crest and my sister lives

and works in Minden so it was a win-win all the way around. Mom was given the opportunity to return to Highland Wood but declined as she is very comfortable in her new home and enjoys the staff and residents alike. She also commented that she could not handle another move," Johnson said.

The roof of the facility was assessed in 2017 and was already scheduled to be replaced this spring. However, the roof failed "suddenly and without warning" in winter due to snow and ice buildup, according to a preliminary report from the HHHS's insurer's roof inspector.

Brogden said there was nobody to blame for what happened.

"Sometimes circumstances work the way you don't want them to work out," he said. "The test is really how well you can adapt to it. Fortunately for us, it was not particularly difficult for the adaptation."

In a May 23 press release, HHHS said the Highland Wood information hotline remains open and can be reached at (705) 457-1392 ext. 2400. Family members with questions are also encouraged to contact the Central East LHIN Long-Term Care Placement Team at (705) 310-2222.

"We look forward to welcoming our long-term care residents back to Highland Wood," the press release said.

We look forward to welcoming our long-term care residents back to Highland Wood

Carolyn Plummer

CEO HHHS



Haliburton Highlands Health Services president and CEO Carolyn Plummer reported to the board May 23 about the re-opening of Highland Wood Long Term Care facility. Photo by Joseph Quigley

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Marta Scythes shows some personal flotation devices during the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lake Association's summer safety speaker series at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre on Saturday, May 25. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Cottagers speaker series all about summer safety

By Lisa Gervais

A canoer is alive today thanks to fast thinking members of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lake Association (MBC).

Rebekah Chevalier was doing yard work on Victoria Day when she heard someone screaming for help. There was a young man clinging to an overturned canoe in the middle of Beech Lake.

"It was super scary," Chevalier said this past Saturday at MBC's first Summer Safety Speaker Series at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre. She also realized, "it's up to me to get help for this guy."

Her first thought was, "he has to get out of the water."

She said that, thankfully, MBC put a list of member phone numbers together last year. She immediately thought to call Phil Carroll to see if he had launched his boat. He had. Meanwhile, she called 911.

Carroll said it was a windy morning on the lake and when he got to the canoer the man was not wearing a life jacket and had an improper paddle. He tossed a rope. Despite having cramps, the man grabbed it and was able to get his hand on the boat's gunwale. Carroll grabbed him by a trouser leg and was able to tumble him into the boat "like a tuna."

He got the man to a dock, called 911 again, put him into a shower to warm him up, and ensured he had dry clothes. Then EMS showed up.

"It's an eye opener," Carroll told the audience at the Saturday morning speakers' series. "So, this is a big reality check for me," he added.

Chevalier believes if Carroll hadn't had his boat on the water, and gone to get the man, "he wouldn't have made it."

Marta Scythes, who is an expert on water safety, Algonquin Highlands fire Chief Mike Cavanagh and paramedic Jo-Ann Hendry all spoke at the session.

Scythes became interested in water safety after reading about two canoers dying on Eagle Lake in 2016.

Scythes had people share drowning stories, after which she said, "so, that's why we're here, to talk about these things. These things happen quickly and quietly."

She quoted the Ontario Drowning Report, which says the vast majority of drownings are men in natural bodies of water. Some of the risk factors include alcohol, swimming and boating alone and not wearing personal flotation devices (PFDs)

She said the main message is drownings are preventable.

She added there is also a misconception that everybody knows about water safety.

For example, she said we all know people who get into boats, kayaks and canoes but never wear their PFD's because they claim to know the water and can swim.

"People aren't aware."

She distributes literature, including simple canoe and kayak rescue booklets.

She would like the province to legislate PFDs for anyone under 16. She'd also like manufacturers to put head rests on all PFDs, not just for children. And, she hands out whistles that work when wet. People in distress should blow three short blows.

Her other tip was just because you have pulled someone out of the water, and they have coughed up water, does not mean they are safe. There is something called dry drowning that can kill people. She urged people to get anyone who has survived a near drowning checked by a medical professional.

Cavanagh and Hendry said the average response time for EMS is 15 minutes for calls such as the one on Victoria Day. They said it is imperative to call 911 immediately and know the 911 location.

The two discussed other summer-related safe practices. See the MBC website for more.



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Thank you very much for the coverage of the Minden Community Food Centre in this week's paper. I know the Highlander is Minden's most popular paper and we really appreciate the articles during our flood relief efforts.

Thank you, Marilynne Lesperance



Coun. Tammy Donaldson speaks during a May 28 council meeting. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al news

Dysart joins in climate change plan

Dysart et al became the third municipality to back the County of Haliburton's climate change plan and shoreline protection bylaw.

The County of Haliburton has been seeking support for its efforts to make a plan to mitigate and adapt to climate change county-wide, as well as create new regulations to preserve natural shorelines.

Dysart et al council unanimously voted to support the two initiatives, joining with Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands in doing so.

Firework regulations finalized

Dysart et al finalized a bylaw May 28 which limits fireworks use to four specific holidays.

The bylaw features new rules restricting fireworks to New Year's Eve between 8 p.m. and 1 a.m. the following day. It also allows for fireworks between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. for the Victoria Day, Canada Day and Civic Holiday long weekends. Dysart et al previously had no such limitations on dates for fireworks.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said it would take time for people to get used to the change.

"Like any new bylaw or any change, there is going to be some hiccups in year one," Roberts said.

The bylaw will also require any vendor selling fireworks in the municipality to post a notice about the regulations. It also bans the use of

flying lanterns.

Canada Day has fewer restrictions than other holidays, allowing for fireworks on July 1 and the weekends before and after it.

Clean bill of fiscal health

Auditors offered a clean opinion of Dysart et al's 2018 financial statements.

BDO Canada LLP presented to Dysart et al council about the audit. The audit found the financial statements were accurate and fairly represented the municipality.

The municipality spent \$1,776,000 more in 2018 compared to the previous year, principally due to an increase in environmental expenses from landfill liability.

The township also brought in an additional \$684,000 in revenue through increases from taxation and grant funding.

The net debt also increased from \$1,392,661 to \$3,107,522.

Teeny Tiny Summit cancelled

Dysart et al is cancelling its planned youth-centred economic development summit due to poor registration numbers.

The decision was made after a planning meeting May 27. The Teeny Tiny Summits have been held in small towns across Ontario since 2016, offering a chance for community leaders to network and discuss how to thrive in smaller locales.

"It's a very big disappointment for us," Roberts said. "We had done a lot of preparation up until now but we had to make the decision, for such a small number of registrants, it's just simply not worth it for us."

Roberts declined to disclose the number of registrants the event garnered.

Roberts said the low registry could be due to the five other summits hosted this year before Haliburton's

The township is now exploring doing a locally-focused forum in the fall.

Council seeks to rein in yurts

The township is exploring how to regulate new tent structures popping up on properties.

Council discussed yurts, a small structure with a circular wooden frame and a covering. They are not named in the township zoning bylaw but came to council's attention after one was built on a local property. Coun. John Smith said the owner has listed the yurt on Airbnb.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said staff would need to report on what zones should allow for yurts and what restrictions should be placed on them.

She added if they are not named in the bylaw, they effectively become completely allowed.

"It becomes a free-for-all," she said.

In a report, staff said yurts would not typically be allowed as dwellings due to minimum size and construction standards.

(Dysart et al news compiled by Joseph Quigley).

Highlander news

Local health unit fights against amalgamation

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit is pushing against amalgamation out of concern it could reduce its ability to effectively deliver services.

As part of a mass reduction of Ontario's health units from 35 to 10, the province has proposed merging the HKPR health unit with ones in Peterborough and Durham. Units across Ontario have raised concerns about how this could hamper their ability to do their work.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts sits on the HKPR board and spoke to county council on the issue May 22. She said the amalgamation will have funding implications for the unit.

"It is pretty stressful times at the health unit right now because there's more that they don't know than what they do," Roberts said. "I wish there had been more consulting. I wish the timeline hadn't seemed to be so rushed."

Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Christine Elliott has cited the 2017 auditor general report in defending the move. The report said there is a lack of co-ordination between public health units and there was "significant duplication" in some of their efforts.

"The Auditor General also reported since 2014, about one-third of public health units have undertaken research on the same issues," Elliott said in a May 23 statement. "It's clear that there are significant opportunities to more efficiently deliver public health while protecting and improving vital programs."

However, the HKPR board has urged the minister to stop the overhaul. Board chair Cammie Jacquays wrote to Elliott and Premier Doug Ford April 24 about the matter.

Jacquays told *The Highlander* she is uncertain about how well the new model will work.

"There's a lot that we really do in preventative health in the community," she said. "Will the new model be able to service the communities in a way they've been serviced up to now?"

She said the HKPR district is more rural than Peterborough or Durham. The merged unit's population will also exceed one million. That puts the unit in line for the province's plans to reduce its share of the funding split with municipalities for larger units from 70-30 to 60-40 come 2021-22.

"That will put a strain," Jacquays said. "The changes could have a huge effect on our community. I think people just don't



The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is bracing itself for an amalgamation with Peterborough and Durham as part of a massive public health overhaul. Photo by Joseph Quigley

realize the major variety of the public health office."

The provincial government is expecting the changes to save it \$200 million by 2021-22, according to an Association of Municipalities Ontario Report. The report also said the province is telling health units to look for efficiencies rather than frontline cuts.

But Jacquays said the units already "run a very lean shift."

Maintaining a voice for rural Ontario as part of a bigger jurisdiction is also a concern, she said.

"We've been fighting for rural living for a long time. It is different. The needs of rural communities are different than the needs of Durham."

County news

County declines to champion waterpower

The County of Haliburton has decided not to sign on and commit to championing waterpower.

County council elected not to sign the Ontario Waterpower Association's champions charter during its May 22 meeting. The charter is a framework for municipal councils to demonstrate a commitment to waterpower by agreeing to support its use and expansion.

Coun. Carol Moffatt said the language of the document concerned her. She noted the municipality does not run any waterpower itself, with only the three dams in the county owned by various companies.

"Everybody supports the idea of water power and the benefits it can provide," Moffatt said. "Language just makes me nervous. I'd be concerned it would lay the groundwork for some as-of-yet, undetermined or undecided commitments."

Ontario Waterpower Association manager of community relations and public outreach Stephanie Landers presented to council. She

said the association is anticipating creating waterpower will become more of a local decision than a provincial one.

"We view Haliburton County as already a waterpower champion. They're in your communities, they benefit your communities," Landers said. "We can certainly look into changing the language if it's a concern."

She also noted other municipalities like Quinte West and Peterborough have already agreed to the charter.

Windfall funding spent on paving

County Roads 4 and 17 will both receive new paving after taking heavy damage this spring.

Council decided to spend \$450,000 in extra federal gas funding to pave 2.3 kilometres of County Road 4 east of Highway 118 and the entire 3.75 kilometres of County Road 17.

Staff initially sought to put additional paving on County Road 16 but decided the price would be too high after negotiating

with a contractor.

The federal government doubled its contribution to municipalities from the federal gas tax this year. For the county, that amounted to an additional \$542,294 in funding.

Warden defends equipment purchases

Councillors defended their decision to purchase construction equipment after it came under public scrutiny.

Council approved buying a \$175,800 loader backhoe during the meeting. The funding was in the 2019 budget as part of an equipment replacement plan.

Warden Liz Danielsen commented on the public questioning she's faced about duplicating construction equipment across Haliburton. An audience member at the annual warden's breakfast May 7

questioned whether there is enough work to justify the amount of equipment.

"I did ask (staff) about the amount of use of these pieces of equipment. Came back that they're all used at the same time in all the places they have them, so I felt much more assured," she said.

"It's disappointing that sometimes people think we make decisions either in a vacuum or with a deck of cards," Moffatt said. "These things are well thought out and they are in long-term plans."

(County of Haliburton news compiled by Joseph Quigley)



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Don't be a drowning statistic

We're only at the end of May and *The Highlander* has already reported on two canoe mishaps that have resulted in a total of four people being rescued on area lakes.

The first was in the area of Clear and Big Hawk lakes. The second on Beech Lake. Both on the Monday of the May long weekend.

Witnesses have said both rescues involved male canoers. There was bad weather. In the Clear Lake incident, the canoe was badly overloaded. In the Beech Lake one, the person had an improper paddle and wasn't wearing a personal flotation device (PFD).

Both were preventable.

It's just a matter of time until there is no rescue and we have another drowning in Haliburton County.

The Ontario Drowning Report is a document prepared for the Lifesaving Society by the Drowning Prevention Research Centre Canada. The most recent one has stats from 2006-2015. It makes for interesting reading.

Who is drowning? More than three-quarters of victims are males, less than a quarter females. People 65 and older make up the largest number, at 27 per cent, but that is followed by 20-34-year-olds (23 per cent) and then 50-64-year-olds (21 per cent).

Where are they drowning? Two-thirds are losing their lives in lakes, ponds and rivers. Far fewer are in pools and bathtubs.

What were they doing? The biggest proportion were swimming, followed by walking, running and playing near water. That is followed by power boating, fishing from boat and canoeing (which is six per cent), then diving and jumping.

The risk factors are predictable. They include alcohol consumption, being alone, and being a weak or non-swimmer. But the biggest risk factor, by far, is not wearing a PFD.

The sad part of the story is most, if not all of the drownings, were indeed preventable.

If you are going to be in, or around the water, it seems fairly simple that you should a) not drink, or at least drink sensibly b) have a buddy go with you if you are swimming or in a watercraft and c) wear a PFD.

And, yet, every summer in Haliburton County, we see it. People drink too much and jump in the lake or jump on the jet ski. We see people alone on the water. We see fishermen in tin boats standing up without a PFD.

We all think we know how to be water smart. After all, we know how to swim, right? We know our waterways, right?

We might, but we have no control over other things that can happen to us, such as a bee sting that throws us off balance, or causes an allergic reaction. Or a sudden change in the weather. Or the actions of another boater. And, on and on it goes.

We commend the Maple, Beech &

Cameron Lake Association for hosting a summer safety speaker series. They are starting to realize that what should be common sense isn't always common sense to all of us.

They invited a water safety specialist, a fire chief and a paramedic to a morning session this past Saturday in Algonquin Highlands.

The speakers covered it all: not just water safety, but everything you need to know to keep safe in summer in cottage country. For those that did not attend the session, the MBC was planning to post some of the information on its website.

We encourage everybody to read it. You might think you know all there is to know about summer safety, but I can guarantee you, you don't. I learned about dry drowning and some better tips for dealing with someone with hypothermia, for example.

We all need a refresher. But, most of all, we all need to practice that common sense stuff: Don't drink and swim or boat; don't go alone and wear that PFD.

Let's not have any Haliburton County stats included in future Ontario Drowning Reports.



By Lisa Gervais

Spreading her wings in Haliburton Highlands

By Meagan Secord

Hi. My name is Meagan Secord and I'm the new summer reporter for *The Highlander*.

When I applied for the job back in March, I was just finishing my second year of journalism school at Durham College and looking to spread my wings in my field.

Although I'm not from Haliburton, I've been coming here every summer since I was 12. My family friends have a cottage 20 minutes from town and I've always loved driving the backroads, visiting the shops, walking through Rotary Park, and driving our boat on Kennisis Lake.

When I was little, my family had a cottage in Marmara and I spent summers swimming, fishing, having campfires and maybe causing a little bit of mischief, but what kid doesn't?

I have learned many things about Haliburton since moving here, like how friendly the people are, and have been welcomed with open arms. I've started volunteering at 100.9 Canoe FM to not only further my radio skills but also to get to know people in the community.

Writing is something I've always been



Meagan Secord has joined *The Highlander* for the summer. She's a student at Durham College. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

passionate about and I am excited to be continuing it over the summer here in cottage country. On top of journalism, some

of my other interests are reading, making podcasts and drawing, all of which I hope to share with the Haliburton community.

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Eye on the street: *How is your connectivity?*

by Meagan Secord

**Dave Macdonnell**

Cambridge

"It's good. It's perfect. I'm with public Mobile."

**Micheon Hutchings**

Algonquin Highlands

"At my house, pretty bad. But I'm with Koodo and my husband is with Bell and his service is great. So, I don't really know."

**Holly Archer**

Algonquin Highlands

"Not that good, pretty spotty."

**Andrea Allen**

West Guilford

"I would say the cell service is fine, adequate. The internet can be patchy."

**Rodney Steele**

Little Kern

"I only use cell service; we didn't use WiFi and it was good. I haven't had any problems with it."

LETTERS

SOLS funding and inter-library loans

Dear editor,

For the 2019 fiscal year, we have maintained base funding for Ontario public libraries at \$25 million. At the same time, we proposed a reduction in the amount of funding the province provides to SOLS, and asked them to find efficiencies in their operations. It is important to note that SOLS receives the majority of its revenue from sources other than provincial operating grants.

After receiving their funding allocation from the province, SOLS quickly decided to terminate its inter-library loan service. At a cost of \$1.3 million per year, SOLS indicated that it was having difficulty sustaining this program even before the funding change. It is difficult to justify using vans to courier library books between different systems, especially when there are alternatives available. For example, Canada Post offers a special discounted Library Materials Service to subsidize the cost of mailings for public libraries where items can be mailed for \$1.38 each (round trip). This is a significant cost reduction over the \$4 per item cost for the inter-library loan service. Additionally, the

Haliburton County Public Library provides access to over 700,000 digital books through its e-book service.

I understand that not all residents have access to high-speed internet to access digital resources, and that is why we have made improving rural internet access a top priority for our government. Last week, we announced a \$71 million investment into the EORN project to close the mobile broadband gaps in Eastern Ontario, and ensure 99 per cent cellular broadband coverage in our region.

It is not possible to make investments into critical projects, like EORN, and work toward a balanced budget – without a more efficient means of service delivery. That is why we are asking our partners to work with us and find savings that will enable them to avoid reducing important public services.

Our public libraries are an important part of our local communities, and we value their contributions to education, literacy, culture, and the arts. I want to assure you that our government will continue to provide support to Ontario's public libraries.

Laurie Scott, MPP
Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Ilsemarie Tarte spotted this Scarlet Tanager in the wooded area near the log chute recently. Luckily for her, it stopped just long enough to snap a photograph. *Photo submitted.*

Positively potatoes

Well, they're here. Vicious biting little beasties, swarms of them and there's absolutely nothing we can do about it, short of moving the Blighty. But you don't want to do that, trust me, I've been there.

But the bugs, dammit ... There I go again, moaning about stuff. In thinking about what to write this week, I quickly came up with two or three ideas, including the bugs, but all were me whining about this or that. And then I thought back to recent weeks and guess what, I was moaning ... about weather, politics, renovations, about being 50 and the list goes on, I'm sure. So, enough is enough, even though on reaching half a century, I am surely allowed to slowly turn into a grumpy old man, I'm going to try my hardest to put on a brave

face and think, and write, about positive things.

Like what my ambitions for this year are. Until a moment ago, I had not considered just what I want to achieve this year, which is kind of frightening because it's June this week. However, on pondering the question, I have come up with a few things that I hope I can conquer in 2019. First is the renovation of my house (no moaning allowed) albeit a necessity rather than a wish. Next would be to go fishing more often than I did last year, which won't be hard because you can count the number of times I managed to get rod in hand last year on one hand. That's not moaning, purely fact. But, the renovation could get seriously in the way of my fishing ambitions, so that

might be a difficult ambition to achieve (could be construed as moaning, I guess). Then there's the most important thing that I feel I must do before summer is over. I have to build a potato cannon.

While almost every born and bred Haliburtonian and Mindenite has built many a potato cannon, me, a foreigner, relatively new to these shores and this rural life, had never even seen spud firing apparatus of any kind before last summer. It was a revelation.

Jeff brought around his black plastic pipe cannon, a bag of potatoes and a can of hair spray. We watched in trepidation as he stuffed a potato down the barrel and then, 'PHOOT', we gasped in awe as said potato shot straight up, skywards, for what seemed

like about 200 feet. Then, we ran screaming in all directions as we realized that the potato was making a very rapid descent towards us.

Whoa ... 'PHOOT', "oooo ... RUN!!!" What fun we had.

So, that's my ambition for this year, to make a potato cannon. I may moan about how difficult it is, or not. I might whine about the price of ABS couplings and hair spray, probably. But, when all is said and done, I'll be mighty pleased, 'PHOOT' will be the sound of summer, and the neighbours had better watch out.

**By Will Jones**

The Outsider

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LETTERS

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Ontario government blind to rural realities

Dear editor,

I have lived in Toronto and Haliburton County and have always been aware of inequities between rural and urban education opportunities, access to health care and environmental agencies. The Ontario government's recent cuts to education, health and the environment have made those inequities even worse.

The Ford government has mandated four compulsory e-credits. E-learning requires fast, dependable internet service. This is not available in all areas of Haliburton County. Students could go to the library, but there have been cuts there as well and we are not certain how that will play out in terms of access to library services.

When I lived in Toronto, I never visited the offices of Toronto Public Health, but I rely on our local health unit for testing my water and keeping me informed about

local health concerns such as West Nile virus and Lyme Disease. How can you go from 35 to 10 public health boards without losing a valuable local resource?

In the GTA there are a number of conservation authorities that do flood plain mapping and wetland conservation work, including flood management. We don't have a conservation authority in Haliburton County. In response to the recent flooding in Ontario, the government is putting together a task force to look at ways of improving the province's resilience to flooding.

Most wetlands in the County have not been mapped or evaluated for the important services they provide with regard to flood attenuation and water quality. The province funds conservation authorities. It is now time for them to fund municipalities and environmental groups in rural areas without conservation authorities if they are serious about better planning and reducing the impacts of flooding.

I expect the government to work for all its citizens equally. There should be no divide between rural and urban opportunities for excellence in education, good health care and environmental funding.

Sheila Ziman
Algonquin Highlands

Reaction to tourism story

Dear editor,

I was lucky enough to be a seasonal visitor for eight years, and after selling our cottage, my husband and I chose to live here on a permanent basis three years ago. Both of us love this area but have to agree with the mayor's remarks about customer service.

There have been times when asking questions of a store employee I felt like I was imposing on them. When I have

noticed a price discrepancy and brought it to the attention of a cashier, even though the store observes the scanning code of practice which entitles the customer to the item for no cost as long as it is under \$10, I am usually given the difference that was incorrectly charged.

If I ask about getting the item for free, I am given the cold shoulder and grudgingly reimbursed.

I was at the dump once, where a woman indignantly told the attendant that 'I am a local here and you should get to know my face' when asked to produce her dump card.

We should all feel proud of our heritage and ancestry, of our community and history. But to assume that people who 'have come from away' are less than us will harm the economy of this county which relies heavily on everyone who lives and visits our beautiful area.

Jane Frigault
Minden

OPINION PIECE

Creating new opportunities and making life more affordable

An Open Letter from MPP Laurie Scott,

When our government was elected last June, Ontario was spending \$40 million more per day than it was taking in. Although we knew the state of the province's books was bad – we didn't know the full extent of Liberal mismanagement. The independent line-by-line audit discovered that the actual deficit figure was not \$6.7 billion as claimed by the Wynne Liberal government – but \$15 billion (which we have since reduced to \$11.7 billion). That is a massive figure, but it is still dwarfed by Ontario's total debt of \$325 billion – the highest sub-national debt in the world.

Restoring fiscal sanity to the province and ensuring the sustainability of core government services for future generations requires sacrifices to be made. Although we are taking a reasonable and measured approach to deficit reduction, certain programs and services that are failing to provide maximum value for taxpayers' dollars are being modernized.

Haliburton County has one of the highest proportions of seniors in Ontario. Also, I know that many local residents struggle to

afford housing, home heating, electricity, transportation, and food. Many constituents have expressed their frustration that the cost of living always seems to rise, while their income stays the same. We are working to change this.

Two of our government's top priorities are encouraging the creation of good-paying jobs, and making life more affordable for families and seniors.

As Minister of Labour, I have been focused on creating good-paying jobs by making Ontario one of the most competitive labour markets in North America. Our reforms included in the Making Ontario Open for Business Act, and Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act are working – Ontario has created over 91,000 net new full-time jobs since last December.

By reducing unfair red tape and giving job creators greater confidence, we are helping to create new opportunities for local workers. In our region, 1,500 net new jobs were created in April and the year-over-year unemployment rate fell from 6.8 per cent in April 2018 to 6.2 per cent in April 2019.

We know that when we create new opportunities, and make life more

affordable – everyone wins.

Our government repealed the cap-and-trade carbon tax that was increasing home heating bills, and gas prices. Unfortunately, the Trudeau federal government instituted their own unaffordable and ineffective carbon tax, which we're currently battling in court. We know that the carbon tax disproportionately and unfairly hurts rural residents, such as those in Haliburton, who have no choice but to drive and have limited options for home heating. We introduced a made-in-Ontario climate change plan that will meet our Paris Agreement targets – without a costly and ineffective carbon tax that hurts rural Ontarians.

Many families have also told me about their difficulties finding affordable child care in Haliburton County. In Budget 2019, we introduced the CARE tax credit, which will provide up to \$6,000 per child in relief from child care expenses. The benefits from the CARE tax credit will be targeted to those families who need it the most – the median Haliburton County household with an income of \$58,125 would see a 75 per cent reduction in their child care

expenses. More affordable child care will also empower more women to enter the workforce.

Additionally, minimum wage earners will pay no provincial income tax for the 2019 tax year as a result of our LIFT tax credit. Individuals earning less than \$38,500 and families earning less than \$68,500 will also see a reduction in their provincial income tax.

Our recently introduced Housing Supply Action Plan will help create more affordable housing opportunities by making it easier to build new housing across the province, including in Haliburton County.

Over the next six years, we will provide over \$26 billion in tax relief to Ontario families, businesses, and seniors, and balance the budget. This is a responsible approach that protects what matters most, while addressing the affordability challenges that many families and seniors in our region are facing.

MPP Laurie Scott
Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock

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Around the county —

Former AH CAO passes away

Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt announced on her Facebook page this week that former AH CAO Gerald Bain had passed away.

In a post titled 'end of an era,' Moffatt wrote that AH had lowered the flag at the township office in honour of Bain.

She said he had served the citizens of Stanhope and then Algonquin Highlands for 35 years.

"Gerald had a sharp mind, an enviable memory and a fine humour. He knew everyone and everything and guided the community through steady and thoughtful growth," Moffatt wrote.

She added that Bain retired before she ever got to work with him as an elected official but she did have the pleasure of working with him extensively for 15 years as a citizen involved in many Stanhope committees and events.

"Gerald's extensive and significant contributions to the community will not be forgotten."

Bain passed away this past weekend following a fairly lengthy illness. Moffatt said there is no service.

Realtors donate \$1,500 to Minden Food Bank

The Lakelands Association of Realtors has donated \$1,500 to the Minden Food Bank in the aftermath of spring flooding.

They also announced a \$3,500 contribution to Muskoka Victim Services on May 23.

"We are firmly entrenched in the communities we serve and our members work hard to support those who work and live across our regions," said association president Wendy Webb.

"So, when disaster strikes, we believe it's vital to support those impacted and help them get back on their feet."

The initiative is part of the Lakelands Association of REALTORS® official policy, created in 2014, to provide financial support when tragedy strikes in their member communities.

The policy was created in response to the 2013 Muskoka floods. Over the years, the organization has donated to a variety of causes.

Canada funds summer jobs

MP Jamie Schmale has announced that federal taxpayers have funded 115 organizations to hire youth in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Schmale said \$949,494 in funding across the riding is creating 289 summer jobs for young workers.

Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) helps youth aged 15-30 gain the skills and experience they will need to be successful now and in the future.

CSJ provides funding to not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers and small businesses with 50 or fewer employees.

"Canada Summer Jobs program will allow us to help young Canadians with the skills and experience they need to get jobs," said Schmale.

"These summer jobs in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock will help young people, employers and our local economy."

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A preliminary design for a new washroom and welcome centre proposed by the Rotary Club of Haliburton. Photo by Rotary Club of Haliburton

Rotary proposes new welcome centre

By Joseph Quigley

The Rotary Club of Haliburton is planning to bring a new \$250,000 washroom and welcome centre to Head Lake Park.

The club presented its plan May 28 to Dysart et al council, who voted to partner for the effort. Besides washrooms, the facility is also proposed to act as a centre to offer tourist information, taking on the role from the CNR Caboose.

Club director Andrew Hodgson said the idea was a natural fit for a 75th anniversary project.

"We kept coming back to this beautiful park, that's a beautiful signature piece of our community, has outhouses," Hodgson said. "We thought a combined washroom welcome centre would be used for all the different events and also enhance tourism."

Rotary is committing up to \$75,000 toward the project, with the remaining money coming from any available upper government grants and municipal funding. Hodgson said the facility details are preliminary and can still be worked

out with the municipality. However, he sought approval in principle to apply for a federal grant which is giving preference for applications made by May 31.

"As a Rotary Club, we can certainly help lobby in the sense of getting the community behind it," Hodgson said. "We can help promote this as a good vision for us as a shared community."

The club is proposing the facility be fully accessible and have six gender-neutral washrooms. Hodgson also said the facility would include change rooms, which could potentially be used for a splash pad in the future.

Coun. Larry Clarke, who also chairs the events and programming committee, said this project would be critical for improving the area for events.

"What we're seeing is one of the big impediments we have for Head Lake Park right now is we don't have proper washrooms," Clarke said. "This is a key component for us to move forward with the park area."

However, Coun. Walt McKechnie expressed concern about costs.

"It's a great idea but I think I definitely don't want to jump into committing to it," McKechnie said. "It's going to be a lot more money than we realize to do a washroom. There are horror stories about how tough it is to build."

Coun. John Smith said the initiative addresses a big problem but the township would need to consider how the operational expenses are covered.

"We're going to have to figure out a model that's going to allow us to pay for this thing because it's not going to be cheap," he said. "There's a lot of complexities."

Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy said the details could be worked out between the parties over time.

"It's exciting. I think we're all pretty much in agreement in principle about washrooms and the park," Kennedy said. "Whether we agree or disagree with the location of it or the square footprint, that's irrelevant at this time."

Lock it or lose it campaign

Haliburton OPP are encouraging citizens to "lock it or lose it."

In a press release, they said the campaign is used to remind citizens that leaving your vehicle unlocked may increase your chances of becoming a victim of theft.

During the Victoria Day long weekend, auxiliary officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment were examining parked vehicles in public places such as shopping malls and/or public parking lots to confirm they were locked and that no

valuables were left in plain view.

The officers placed a small notice on the vehicles that were checked to point out if safety precautions were neglected and to offer simple crime-prevention tips for the driver to protect the vehicle against theft.

In total, more than 200 vehicles were checked and officers found that 75 per cent were non-compliant with suggested safety precautions.

You can help prevent theft by following some crime prevention tips:

- Always roll up your vehicle's windows, lock the doors and pocket the key.
 - If you have a garage, use it and lock the door as well as your vehicle.
 - Always park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
 - Never leave valuable objects or packages in full view. Put them in the trunk.
 - Never leave your vehicle unattended while it's running.
- (Lisa Gervais)

Highlander business



Minden Animal Hospital staff, including, left to right: Katie Duarte, Emily Thackeray, Kate Hil, Cassidy Garbutt, Morgan Fisher, Liana Stevens and owner Jenn Morrow moved into their new office on Monday (May 27). *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Animals getting new building for better care

By Lisa Gervais

Work continues on the new Minden Animal Hospital but that hasn't stopped staff from moving in and opening the doors to customers and their four-legged friends.

Owner Jenn Morrow said the building and grounds should be complete in another month or so, but they moved in on Monday, May 27.

Morrow said although her father, Paul MacInnes, first brought the plans to Minden Hills council last July, the project has been in the works for some time now.

"It's been three years since I started this process, looking at properties. So, it's been

a long time in the works behind the scenes," she said.

Morrow said making the buildings and grounds environmentally-friendly was a goal she feels they have accomplished.

The building was placed for optimal solar reception, has ICF walls, windows that are slightly reflective and extra large for natural light, a state-of-the-art heat exchanger, above industry standard insulation and LED lights.

When done, it will also feature permeable paving, the first building in the county to showcase that. The technology filters pollutants from vehicles before entering

the watershed. It also slows, and cools the runoff. That makes it better for aquatic wildlife and animals.

"Basically, every decision we've made, we've looked at what the options are and then tried to keep the environment a priority," Morrow said.

They have moved out of what was a former hospital at 9 Bobcaygeon Rd., which Morrow said had a nice history, with people commenting on being born there, or spending a night or being treated for a broken arm. However, the space was not working for the animal hospital, or its staff of nine plus a summer student.

"We're excited about the transition," Morrow said.

She said there have been improvements on the patient side of things, too. There is rubberized flooring; sound control that, for example, reduces stress in the cat room; a better intensive care unit; a heated floor for animal recovery; and dental surgery in a separate room with expanded practice.

"What we've focussed on is the caring. So, we care for our environment. We care for our staff with the natural light. We care for our patients."

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Top left: Monique Dulong beside her art inspired by her current and future memories of Haliburton. Right: Dawson Hutchings shows off his art piece titled 'Picking Blackberries with Grandma.' Bottom left: Ashley Ackerblade stands beside her social media-inspired art piece. Photos by Meagan Secord

High school students art 'out of focus' this year

By Meagan Secord

Rails End Gallery's newest exhibition opened May 24 with a crowd of high school students and their parents.

It is Haliburton Highlands Secondary Schools' (HHSS) senior art show and this year's theme is "out of focus."

"We did some creative brainstorming and common threads

seemed to be interests in memories and nostalgia and the filters that influence our perception of those," said Karen Gervais, a HHSS art teacher.

The students had about three months to put together their art for the show and make sure it represented the story they wanted to tell.

Grade 11 student Monique Dulong focused on her memories of Haliburton by painting two maps of the county.

"The first one is my memories of it now, it's really clear and everything," she says. "The second one is my memories of it when I'm older and moved away. So, it will be foggier and

some parts are hard to see."

She said she loved seeing her and her classmates work hanging in the gallery.

Dulong isn't the only one who used memories as a basis for her art. Dawson Hutchings, Gr.11, painted his art through the perception of a child.

"When you're a child, you perceive things differently and it's all colourful and things are different shapes and sizes," he said. The theme "out of focus" made him think of children and how they see the world around them.

Ashley Ackerblade, Grade 12, took a more social approach to this year's theme with an Instagram-inspired painting that featured layered material to represent the "filters" people put on themselves.

"So, my piece really focuses on the social issues surrounding social media and how we always want to

put a filter or hide our imperfections," she said. "There's different layers that you can pick up and underneath is a really real self portrait of myself."

Gervais and Haliburton School of Art + Design professor Rose Pearson teach the dual credit course at the high school so art students can get a high school and college credit at the same time.

The students will receive a credit called 'design one' to carry on with them to post-secondary. To pass, students not only had to put together their works of art, they also had to design the installation for the exhibition.

Pearson says it feels great to see all her students' hard work on the walls of the gallery.

The students work will be on display until June. 2.



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Highlander arts

Something for everyone in new Minden arts studio



Sarah Shaw has opened Shaw Studios, an art studio, on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. *Photo by Lisa Gervais*

By Lisa Gervais

There's a new art studio in downtown Minden.

Sarah Shaw opened Shaw Studios in time for the Victoria Day long weekend.

It's located adjacent to the new Reflections family restaurant on Bobcaygeon Road.

"I am an artist hailing from Whitby and I have some other artists' work here from the Durham Region as well as my father's because he is an artist as well," Shaw told *The Highlander* in an interview last week.

She runs a home-based art studio in Whitby and also teaches classes to children and adults. She also holds shows and exhibitions.

Shaw used to run a commercial studio in downtown Whitby. However, she said it wasn't on a busy street and didn't get a lot of traffic. While a good experience, "it didn't give me what I wanted" so she gave that up.

She decided to have a go in Minden, since it is known as a summer tourist destination not too far from Whitby. "This is something different and I'm always up for something new. I'll see how it goes," she said.

So far, so good she reported on Friday, May 24, saying "The first weekend I was opened, last weekend, it was actually really good. There was a fair amount of people who came in and I had some sales, which was great, but that's just two days."

She said it's been mostly locals so far, who were walking by and saw that her door was open and popped in.

She noted her father, Peter Shaw's brother, once owned Sunny Rock B+B years ago.

Shaw said she is only planning to open on weekends, with the occasional Thursday, Friday and Monday "thrown in here and there."

There was a lot of work involved in getting the studio to look the way it does.

Looking around the bright, sunny space that is packed with canvasses, glass fusion and carving, Shaw explains that everything with a white frame around a canvas is her father's. The fused glass work is another artist's and pretty much everything else is hers.

"There is something for everyone. My father, not only does he paint, but he also carves, so he did the birds and the birdhouses and planters."

She said her father is elderly so won't be coming to the studio, but jokes he calls her every day on the weekend to check in.

"There's different price ranges, there's different items, there's your more formal art, your funky rustic."

Shaw said her paintings are all Canada-themed, some from BC, others from Algonquin Highlands and the park.

"I encourage everyone to come and check it out. I will always have new things in."



Highlands Chamber Orchestra performs their show 'Divas, a Celebration of Women in Music' at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Saturday, May 25. *Photo by Meagan Secord.*

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Junior Highlanders



Nicholas Russell works with audio software on a computer he brought in to teach a recording course at the youth hub May 22. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Computers helping the musical stars at youth hub

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton's young musicians were engrossed around a large computer screen as their sound took on new life through an audio mixer May 22.

The Haliburton County Youth Hub has been hosting a free music mixing and recording course every Wednesday in May. Participants were taught how to create audio samples and new songs by mixing them on specialized computer software.

Guitarist Evan Bull said he has enjoyed the workshops and joined them to help

further his musical career.

"I thought it would give me an edge against other people because the way music's going, computers are becoming so much more relevant," Bull said. "It's just being able to make music out of anything."

Workshop instructor Nicholas Russell said the youth hub is facilitating various workshops like this at the request of its young patrons.

Russell said the technical skills are great.

"It's a very valuable skill set to have if you want to be able to share your music with people," he said. "Everybody's really

motivated and very enthralled and we're just learning as we go and exploring the product."

"In terms of whether the finished product will be a top-20 hit? Maybe, maybe not. We don't know but we do know we'll learn some stuff in the meantime," he added.

The course has also shown students how to record samples using Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) and build a song from the ground-up with the software.

Braeden Sharp, a drummer with the local band The Bones of Jim Jones, said the course has helped them towards releasing

their first album. They are planning to put something out this summer with the skills they've learned.

"It's been great. Actually, learned a lot," Sharp said. "We're definitely going to use it, definitely get recording."

Bull said as a solo artist, the mixing and sampling will be vital for him to try and create his own music.

"I'm a one-man band with the help of computers," Bull said. "This opens people's eyes to the world of music behind the scenes."

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Public Welcome

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June 13 - Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 27 - Regular Meeting of Council

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

Hydrant Flushing

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For more information, please contact Travis Wilson, Director of Public Works at twilson@mindenhills.ca

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Willie Cox and Jack Cox are two of the competitors in this year's Haliburton/Muskoka District Ontario Senior Games Association 55+ Summer Games, taking place from May 2 to June 20. *Photos by Joseph Quigley*

Senior card sharks continue success

By Joseph Quigley

As the years have rolled on, Willie and Jack Cox have never stopped their tradition of competing at the Ontario 55+ Summer Games.

The couple have participated in them for more than 20 years, most recently taking part in the Haliburton/Muskoka District summer games underway May 2 to June 20. Willie, 85 and Jack, 88, have played together every step of the way, racking up a long list of awards and titles at both the provincial and national levels.

The elder Cox said for them, the event is successful in doing what it is designed for.

"The model of the senior games is to stay active physically and mentally and the games are designed to help do that," Cox said. "I feel very fortunate to be able to do this at my age."

The pair have continued a run of success this year. In the early rounds

of competition, they qualified for June's regional finals in euchre and bid euchre. They also plan to compete in the walking event in Haliburton June 5.

Willie Cox credited their card game success to both practice and a little luck.

"You got to get the cards and it depends on who you're playing against," she said. "Haliburton has fantastic bridge players. If you can do well in Haliburton, you can do well anywhere."

The couple is no stranger to success. They said they have competed nationally at least five times, including a second place finish in bridge in 1998. The pair have also earned awards at the winter version of the competition, participating in events such as skiing and Nordic walking.

Jack Cox said although it is nice to win, it is not the be-all and end-all of participating.

"It's just another game to me," he said. "I don't feel better than anybody else."

It is the social aspect of the sporting event that's the biggest appeal, Willie Cox said.

"The people we meet, the friendships we've made ... people are just so good."

OSGA 55+ Haliburton/Muskoka media relations Bev Kerr said the spirit of camaraderie is on full display when the games are underway.

"I looked around the room (May 6) at the Minden Legion to see 44 people talking, laughing and enjoying playing euchre," she said. "The Ontario Senior Games 55+ is about active living, meeting new people and having fun."

The pair is driven to keep playing for their physical and mental wellbeing.

"I'm just happy we're well enough to compete," Willie said. "Our age is not getting any younger."



Auxiliary gives health care big boost

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary presented a cheque to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board May 23, representing the \$80,033 raised for the facility in the past year. Auxiliary president Jacqui Clarkson said it was one of the group's bigger years for fundraising. "We're just very pleased the community is so giving," she said. Left to right: HHHS president and CEO Carolyn Plummer, board chair Jeff Gollob, finance committee chair David Gray, Clarkson. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*



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Show making room for furry friends

By Meagan Secord

This year's Haliburton Home and Cottage Show is all about local people, vendors, and even furry friends.

The annual show will have more than home and cottage appliances and hardware. It will also feature a doggy day care that will be set up on the property with support from 'I love your dog - reward-based training' and 'Tails and trails doggy day care centre,' according to Dave Taylor, home show coordinator.

"This year, people don't have to worry about leaving their well-behaved dogs at home or think about leaving them in hot cars. They can just drop them off at the daycare and go enjoy the event," he said.

Approximately 130 vendors from Haliburton County and across Ontario, and approximately 3,000 attendees will be at this year's event, according to Taylor.

"There's a lot of local vendors and vendors that come out from across the province," he said. "It's a great opportunity for those that live here and cottagers that come up to see what businesses have to offer for their boats, homes, cottages and trailers."

He said on top of vendors and doggy day care, there will be food and refreshments available in the lounge for people to enjoy.

One of the challenges that goes along with the show, he said, is compiling



Thousands of people are expected to attend this year's Home & Cottage show. *File.*

vendors and making sure the vendor turnout is good. His favourite part of coordinating the show, is getting to meet different business owners and vendors that come out to display their products, and working with the curling club volunteers that make the event run.

The event has displays for a large variety of interests such as real estate, construction, rentals, furniture, home

décor, alternative energy, hot tubs, saunas, landscaping and docks and decks.

Show dates and times are May 31 from 4-9 p.m., June 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and June 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena & Haliburton Curling Club.

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New toilets are bringing the heat to Haliburton

By Meagan Secord

Something hot is coming to the Haliburton Home & Cottage Show this year and it's not furnaces.

Kegel Heating & Cooling will be showcasing their newest product, incinerating toilets, at this year's event from May 31 to June 2.

Kyla Sisson, Kegel Heating & Cooling's office manager, said the toilets are a more eco-friendly option for "the growing septic issue in Haliburton County, and the surrounding areas."

"I think our main goal is to be able to offer an environmentally-friendly solution for people that are looking for alternative waste options," said Sisson. "People are trying to make mindful decisions on how to deal with waste that can better the planet."

The toilets burn the material and leave ashes that can be used in gardens. No drainage, water supply or electric mains are required.

"The ash is completely free of bacteria, and contains nutrient salts with potassium and phosphorus,"

according to the Incinerating Toilets Inc's website.

The store currently sells two electric models of the toilet and will be stocking a propane option, that has just been approved in Canada, in the next month or two.

"The prices range from \$6,000 to \$7,000 plus tax depending on the model and accessories purchased," said Sisson.

The product is imported from Cinderella Eco Group, a Norwegian company that's been in the business for more than 20 years. The toilets are child proof, easy to install according to the website and can be used for non-typical homes (Tiny, mobile or off grid homes).

"These units are cost effective in comparison to having to redo your septic system, especially with water access properties," said Sisson. "These units are completely waterless as well, so not only are we saving on using water with each flush, these units don't require any winterization in cottages and can be used year-round."



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HALIBURTON Home & COTTAGE SHOW

Haliburton real estate market balances out

By Lisa Harrison

More listings, lower interest rates and cottages that can be used for part-time rentals are contributing to a strong Highlands real estate sales forecast.

There will be at least a couple of real estate booths at this year's home show.

"It is exciting to see the changes occurring in our local market," said Terry Carr, sales representative with ReMax North Country Realty Inc.

"After two years of a shortage of listings, 2019 promises to be a bit more balanced. There is still good demand for both waterfront and non-waterfront properties, but more listings equal a levelling-off of values. It is expected that home and cottage values will settle this year, [with fewer] multiple offers, but definitely a higher value than we have seen in past years."

With interest rates already dropping this year, the residential market has strengthened, partly because young people from Southern Ontario are realizing that owning a property where they work is just not feasible, said Carr.

"Haliburton County is quite tempting. As many people are used to commuting anyway, those not required to be in the office five days a week are loving the idea of living in our county. This is bringing a surge of everyone from young families right through to early retirees – it is great for our

communities.

"The Highlands has always been a stable real estate market to invest in, and that certainly seems to be the continuing trend for the near future."

Cottage values continue to rise, and with them the trend of looking for a cottage that can be used as a part-time rental. Also, while at one time properties on the big boating lakes were a must-have, properties on smaller, more peaceful lakes have been rising in demand and value, and Carr foresees that trend continuing.

The Highlands saw 24 waterfront sales of \$800,000 and more in 2018, the highest number on record, and Carr said we may see an even higher number in 2019.

New construction in the residential market is also on the rise, added Carr.

"New waterfront construction seems stable other than a couple of specific lakes where new lots have been created. Choice waterfront lots are not numerous, and the number of buyers that can afford to build from scratch are limited, keeping this market relatively steady."

All in all, it's an exciting time to be in real estate in the Highlands, said Carr.

"After a couple of years of sellers reaping the rewards of listing shortages, 2019 looks to be rolling out as a more balanced market. This is great for everyone – both buyers and sellers, a sustainable market."



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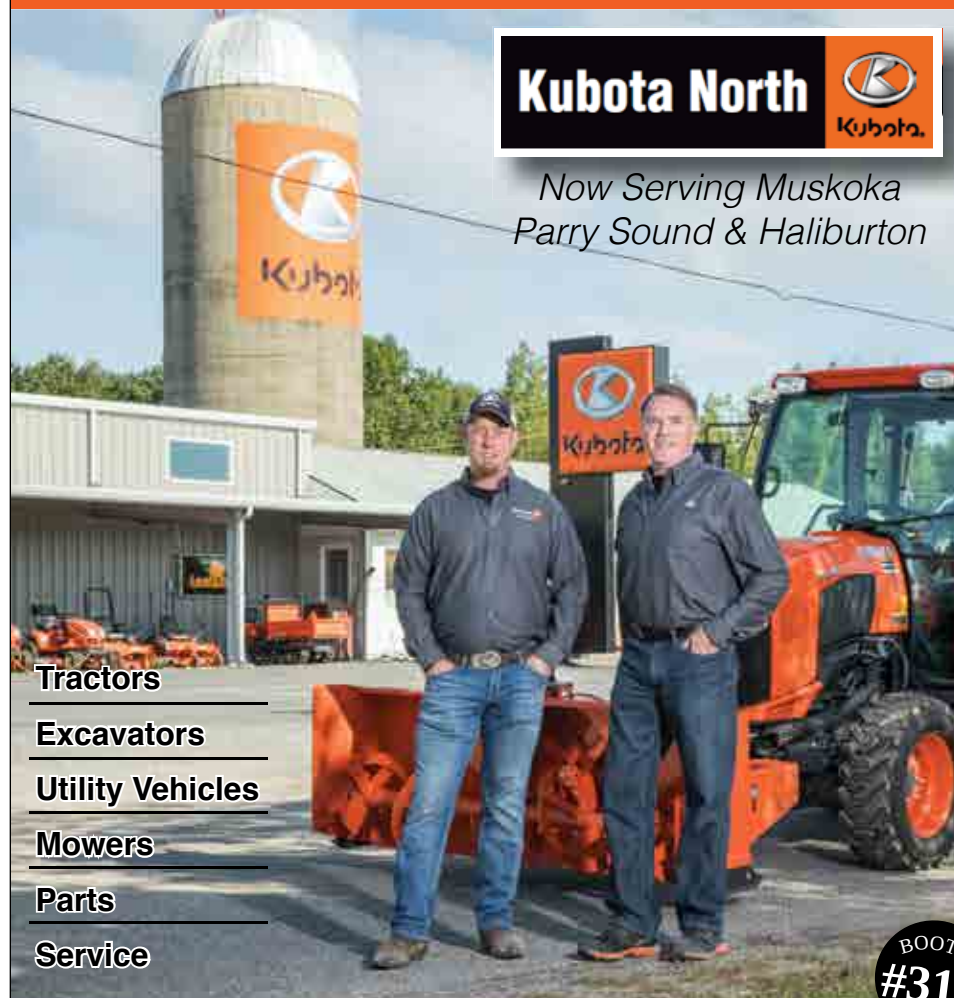


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Heather Anne Popovich from Bradford does air barrier taping at a home on Spring Valley Road in Minden during training on Passivhaus building. Photo by Lisa Gervais

Teaching energy-efficient home building

By Lisa Gervais

When Abby and Angie-Horner Xerri first trained in building energy efficient homes, Abby had to go to British Columbia to learn while Angie went to New York.

The owners of Quantum Passivhaus in Minden last week trained people from 21 different companies across Ontario and Manitoba right here in Haliburton County.

"Really exciting stuff," Abby told *The Highlander* in an interview of only the second training course in Canada for international standard tradesperson training in the type of building they do.

The three-day course, which ran May 22-24, is for tradespeople to become certified.

The Quantum Passivhaus team collaborated with Peel Passivhaus and Mizu Passivhaus in BC to develop a curriculum.

They attracted a variety of

professionals to learn about the theory and practicality of the unique building style. Students worked with materials and learned about installation.

They ended up last Friday (May 24) at an actual build on Spring Valley Road, where they learned by doing some hands-on air barrier taping.

Heather Anne Popovich came from a company in Bradford.

She works for Eastern Construction that does ICI construction in Toronto. She said they've been approached by a number of owners who are interested in Passivhaus.

"So, we felt this was a good opportunity for somebody from our company just to learn a little bit more about Passivhaus and learn from some people who have firsthand experience so we can take that to some future projects hopefully."

Popovich said the training had been "incredibly helpful ... It's really interesting to learn from everybody, from different perspectives, people

on the design [side], trades who have been doing the work, a very valuable experience for sure."

She added it was "super important" that they only had a short drive to access the training.

Emily Stonehouse, economic development, marketing and destination officer for the Township of Minden Hills said that from an economic development perspective, having Quantum Passivhaus in the community is exciting.

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Young athletes hit the track

Young runners from across the county raced to the finish line at the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's annual track and field meet at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School track on Sunday, May 26. Others participated in sports such as lacrosse. *Photos by Meagan Secord.*

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Left: Lynn Yamazaki and her dog Hiro participate in the Lions Club annual Walk for Dog Guides May 18. Right: Echo prepares to walk alongside five other dogs to raise money. Photos by Joseph Quigley

Walk helps provide a new leash on life

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton and District Lions Club annual Walk for Dog Guides raised \$1,751 despite attendance struggles which saw only six hounds take to the streets.

The event raises funding for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and is part of a national campaign with hundreds of walks across the country. Members of the Haliburton Lions sold baked goods, books and other items to raise money at the Haliburton United Church.

Organizer and club service chair Mary Lawr said dog guides remains an important cause to support. “It costs \$25,000 to train a dog,” Lawr said. “It gives people that normally wouldn’t be able to do things what we call a new leash on life.”

The fundraiser has carried on in Haliburton for more than 15 years, raising more than \$15,000. But Lawr said it has recently lacked participants. This year only had six, an improvement from two in 2018.

“Haven’t been a lot of people out but those that have

come have supported us really well,” Lawr said.

Club member Jack Lawr said he would like to see a better turnout for the event.

“It’s not as good as I’d like to see but it’s been better than other years,” Lawr said. “I don’t know whether it’s better advertisement or maybe we’re going to have to find a different venue to do it.”

But the walk’s participants were aware of the importance of the cause. Lynn Yamazaki took part with her dog, Hiro. She regularly fosters puppies for guide dogs and said it is rewarding to see them help others after their training.

“I recognize how difficult it is for someone with a disability and if they have a dog that can help them, it makes their lives just a little bit easier,” she said. “It’s a good cause.”

Mary Lawr said she hopes next year might be different.

“I’d like to see more people come out,” she said. “I just hope they’ll come out and support us next year, big time.”

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Turbulent Storm the Trent weekend

Competitors in this year's Storm the Trent adventure race had a little bit of everything thrown at them this past weekend. On Saturday, they endured rain and on Sunday, it approached summer-like weather for the hundreds who came out to compete on the water, ski hill and roads. It resulted in a successful second year of the now annual event in the Highlands. (Lisa Gervais)

Top: Participants kick off the first canoe race of the weekend at Head Lake Park. Left: Sunday's Storm the Trent race brought people of all ages to Sir Sam's Ski / Ride to compete. Right: Storm the Trent competitors taking off for the second part of their race. Photos by Meagan Secord.

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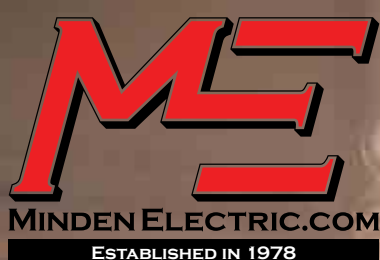
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Watercross Racing

Despite Saturday's rain, the Pinestone Resort was home to Ontario Watercross Racing May 25-26. There were 30 racers in six divisions, ranging from amateur to professional and women's racing. Racers were ready to take on the weather as they fired up their engines and pulled to the start line Saturday. Kelly Hall-Bidan, Ontario Watercross Racing Association president, says the race is just one of many that watercross racers will be taking part in at six different circuits across North America this summer. "It's a pretty tight-knit group that you just enjoy having a passion together with," she says when talking about the dedication racers have to the sport. (Meagan Secord)

Competitors from across Canada and the U.S. came to Pinestone Resort to race. Photo by Meagan Secord



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What's on



Turtle advocates are taking to the streets again to advocate for their shelled friends. The second annual turtle walk takes place in Haliburton June 8. *File.*

Turtle Walk returns to help protect nesting season

By Joseph Quigley

Turtle advocates will go slow and steady in an effort to help the creatures with the second annual Turtle Walk series June 1, 8 and 15.

People across the region will walk to raise awareness and funding for turtle protection. The first walk takes place in Gananoque June 1, while Haliburton's walk takes place June 8.

Organizer Leora Berman said the event is a way to educate people about the plight of the shelled animals.

"The walk is for families and kids and anyone who loves turtles," she said. "To show people on the roads that we care about turtles and watch out for turtles."

Berman said turtle populations are struggling due to vehicle traffic and their inability to reproduce at a high rate.

This is a problem given how important turtles are to lake ecosystems, she added.

"Turtles can clean our water. They clean lakes and wetlands," Berman said. "Turtles

in our lakes means we have healthier lakes. Without them there, we are going to suffer."

This year's event is adding more activities for kids, Berman said, with face-painting, crafts and prizes. Live turtles will also be on hand to teach people. The theme this year is the tartan turtle.

Walks will also take place in Bancroft, Peterborough and Foxboro June 8. Fenelon Falls, Bracebridge and Lindsay are hosting walks June 15.

Funds raised will go towards the 10 charities participating in the walk to help the cause through research and facilities for injured turtles.

Haliburton is right in the middle of a region filled with them Berman said.

"If there's hope to save turtles, it's in Haliburton. The walk takes place during peak nesting season," Berman said. "This is their most vulnerable time and this is why we have the walks now."

Haliburton's turtle walk will begin at 10 a.m. from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School grounds.

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In Loving Memory of
Bonnie Elizabeth Faber (nee Ranstead)

Passed away suddenly at her home in Hampton, Ontario on Friday, May 24, 2019 at the age of 70 years.

Beloved wife of the late Rudy (2015). She was a devoted mother to her son John and to her daughter Heidi.

Bonnie will be greatly missed by her mother-in-law Jessie Faber and sisters-in-law, Eleanor (the late Gary), Betty (John), Mini (Scott), brothers-in-law Ed (Debbie), Bert (Ada) and will be fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and many friends.

In keeping with Bonnie's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral service.

Memorial Donations to the Make A Wish Foundation or to Sick Kids Hospital, Toronto would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Ute 'Uta' Bangay (nee Kuhn)

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Friday morning, May 24, 2019 in her 74th year. Beloved wife and best friend of Alan Bangay. Loving mother of Todd Tofflemire (Kelly) and Tim (Melanie), Linda Bangay (Marty) and Robert Bangay. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Miranda, Danica, Lance, Tyler, Rowan, Gage and Ivy. Dear sister of Albert Kuhn. Predeceased by her son Troy (Cheryl) and her former husband Craig Tofflemire. Uta enjoyed music, singing, skiing, camping, canoeing, travel and most of all her family. Uta was mostly remembered for her knitting and making sweaters for family and friends.

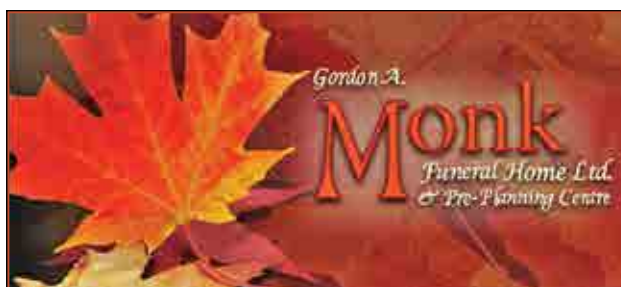
Visitation, Celebration Of Life & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Wednesday morning, May 29, 2019 for a Celebration Of Life Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Reception to follow in The Community Room. Interment later St. David's Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Vankoughnet. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or Community Living Trent Highlands would be appreciated by the family.



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EVENTS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - WE CARE Meetings:
 Wednesdays, noon – 1 p.m., Sundays 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. St. Anthony's, 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All welcome. 705-324-9900.

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WANTED TO RENT: MBC and its affiliated contractors are looking for short and long term leases in the Minden Hills area during construction of the S.G. Nesbitt Arena. Please contact us with details. info@mbc.ca

GARAGE SALES

YARD SALE: SATURDAY JUNE 1st. 1068 Providence Drive, just off Fader Drive in Algonquin Highlands. Lots of Estate items plus antique dresser, carpets, new travel bags, dehumidifier, party ware, picture frames, etc. Rain date – Sunday.

YARD SALE SAT. JUNE 1ST - 13482 Hwy 35 Minden. Ping pong table, dining table, toys, games, tea cups, furniture, electronics, patio table and much more.

MOVING SALE – Sat, June 1, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 1340 Cranberry Lake Rd. Lamps, pictures, dishes, antiques, pottery, wicker, furniture, collectibles, tents, tools, books, records, turntable, games, crafts, much more. Make an offer.



In Loving Memory of
Gerald Bain

Age 79, passed away after a long fought battle on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at the Haliburton Hospital with his loving family by his side.

He will be dearly missed by his children, Marsha (Travis), Craig (Amy), Tricia (Robert) and by their mother Pat. Much loved Poppa of Lauren, Macy,

Gabe, Will and Brooke. Predeceased by his companion Dianne Tigert. Lovingly remembered by his siblings Rick (Joyce), Wanda (Jim - deceased), Pat (Pat), and by their families. Gerald will also be missed by his second family, Jim and Eleanor Harrison, Michelle and Greg, Wanita and Steve and their families. Son of the late Ruth and Clarence Bain.

Gerald had a distinguished career, serving as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Township of Algonquin Highlands for 35 years, until his retirement in 2004. He was a proud member of the North Entrance Masonic Lodge #463 Haliburton, having served many roles including Master. He was also a member of the Peterborough Lodge of Perfection.

Gerald was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing on Lipsy Lake, and hunting with friends on an annual basis. He loved to play cards and spent many happy times at Casino Rama with friends he had made. Even with many hobbies, Gerald's greatest enjoyment was spending time with his children and grandchildren.

As per Gerald's wishes, cremation has taken place. Private Family Arrangements have been made.

As an expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Lakeridge Health Oshawa, Cancer Centre or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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by Barbara Olson
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Across

- 1 It may be in the hole or up a sleeve
- 4 Country-wide: Abbr.
- 8 City now amalgamated with Ottawa
- 14 Reach the limit, with "out"
- 15 Company name formed from "Standard Oil"
- 16 "Beware the ___ March"
- 17 Where "vous êtes", on a mall map
- 18 Double exposure?
- 20 Waist material?
- 22 Adorable child
- 23 Double cross?
- 29 Innocently charming
- 30 ___ even keel
- 32 "Caught you!"
- 35 Part of "the matter"
- 36 Artistic output
- 38 With 40-Across, double digits?
- 40 See 38-Across
- 41 Building extensions
- 42 Fisherman's wharf
- 43 Gains for Lions or Tiger-Cats: Abbr.
- 44 Brand of contact lens solution
- 45 Old birds?
- 47 Double time?
- 53 Was defined as
- 54 Definitely no Joe Cool
- 55 Double play?
- 61 Keats subject
- 62 Mickey Mouse's gal
- 63 Windy forecast word
- 64 W.C. for Winston Churchill
- 65 Sowing machine
- 66 "Crikey!"
- 67 Response to a 22-Across

Down

- 1 Powerless people?
- 2 Chocolate bean
- 3 Have a life
- 4 Videogame initials

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- 5 Blonde shade
- 6 Classical music grp. in Ont.
- 7 Affordable, as housing
- 8 Beethoven's oft-played symphony
- 9 Conrad's lawyer Greenspan, to pals
- 10 Dwindle slowly
- 11 Ending for Taiwan or Vietnam
- 12 "You've Got Mail!" co.
- 13 Super Bowl assn.
- 19 Giller Prize winner, e.g.: Abbr.
- 21 Canadien on ice, informally
- 24 Hen party rule
- 25 People who change colours
- 26 Political slant
- 27 One sent on a diplomatic mission
- 28 Had the audacity (to)
- 31 Monster's loch
- 32 Way off
- 33 Part of HDTV, briefly
- 34 "All work ___ play..."
- 36 Tie ___ (party hearty)
- 37 English king, 946-55
- 39 Well-fed foodie
- 40 Verdi masterpiece
- 42 ___ and Main (Winnipeg's iconic hub)
- 45 China's leader after Mao
- 46 Like "Lassie"
- 48 Word in deciding who's "it"
- 49 Darth of the dark side
- 50 Birthing coach
- 51 Avro ___ (scrapped military jet)
- 52 "Hear what I'm sayin'?"
- 55 Radio bands
- 56 180° turn, slangily
- 57 180° from SSW
- 58 Hold up in an alley, say
- 59 That girl, in Guatemala
- 60 Not auto., as a transmission

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What's on

MAY/ JUNE 2019 • EVENT LISTINGS

April 9 – June 25 – Free Falls Prevention Course for Seniors. Registration required. Contact HHHS Community Support Services at 705-457-2941, or email infocc@hhhs.ca. Running Tuesdays and Thursdays in Haliburton (11 a.m. – noon, Lakeside Church), Wilberforce (1 – 2 p.m., Keith Tallman Arena) and Minden (10 – 11 a.m., Fireside Lounge, Hyland Crest).

Monday May 27

1 – 4 p.m. – Social Recreation drop in program for seniors, at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. Join us for colouring, board games, euchre, communal cooking: granola bars. Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for more info.

Tuesday May 28

Noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Haliburton, Head Lake Park, every Tuesday until October 15

7 – 9:30 p.m. – Pickleball, Tuesday nights at Haliburton Secondary School Gym, \$2/person, racquets provided. For more info contact Jennifer 705-749-3787 jboates@xplornet.ca.

Friday May 31 – Sunday June 2

41st Annual Haliburton Home & Cottage Show, at Haliburton, at Haliburton Arena and Curling Club. 150 vendors, large outdoor displays, free parking, food, snacks and beverages available in the Curling Club lounge. Admission \$3/adults, children free. HOURS: Friday: 4 – 9 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday June 1

10 a.m. – The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association AGM, Saturday June at 10 a.m. at the

HCSA Clubhouse, 171 Mallard Rd in Haliburton's Industrial Park. For further info email info@hcsa.ca or call 705-457-4263. Everyone welcome.

10 a.m. until sold out! – Haliburton County Master Gardeners' plant sale. Entrance #s are available at 9 a.m. New location this year is Haliburton Head Lake Rotary Park. Perennials, daylilies, sedums and more...

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

2 – 5 p.m. – Gord Kidd & Friends, featuring Ian Pay & Scott Russell, the Minden Legion. Light lunch available noon-2 p.m., meat draw 1 p.m. No cover charge.

Tuesday June 4

Noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Haliburton, Head Lake Park, every Tuesday until October 15

2 – 4 p.m. – Diabetes Support Group, meets 1st Tuesday of each month, in the St. George's Anglican Church library, 617 Mountain St. Contact Community Support Services 705-457-2941 ext 2922 infocc@hhhs.ca.

7 – 9:30 p.m. – Pickleball, Tuesday nights at Haliburton Secondary School gym, \$2/person, racquets provided. For more info contact Jennifer 705-749-3787 jboates@xplornet.ca.

Thursday June 6

7 – 8:30 p.m. – Highlands Storytellers Circle is meeting in the Canoe FM Radio Hall. Bring a story to tell or just come to listen. All welcome, no charge. For more information call Bob at 705 457 8617.

Friday June 7

5 p.m. – Haliburton County Fair Beef

BBQ, at S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden. 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. Beef BBQ Dinner, 7 p.m. entertainment with Rhythm & Grace. Dinner \$25/adults, 12 and under \$15, Under 6 free. For more info call Wendy 705-286-1225.

7 p.m. – 7 a.m. Sat. – Bancroft Relay For Life – We encourage all cancer survivors and their loved ones to join us for the Survivor Victory Lap to kick off this event. Contact Canadian Cancer Society Jessica.Klein@ontario.cancer.ca, 613-962-0686.

Saturday June 8

Haliburton Turtle Walk 2019 – help raise awareness and funds to save turtles, from prevention to cure: Turtles, teaching, tunnels, tracking, and trauma care. Crafts, live turtles and prizes at walks for the best costume, signs, fundraisers and for answering skill-testing questions. Walks are taking place on June 8 in Bancroft, Peterborough, Haliburton & Foxboro, and on June 15 in Bracebridge, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay and Orono.

10 a.m. – noon – Food Gardening Series – Drop in to Abbey Gardens any time to learn about gardening in the Haliburton Highlands. This week: Healthy Soil and Composting, with Deb Barnhart.

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

7 p.m. – Elvis Impersonator Will Young, most authentic tribute to Elvis in Canada, playing at Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden. Tickets \$20, available at Minden Pharmasave, or call Tom Parish 705-457-1424.

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Tuesdays: Tuesday night dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre, 1 p.m. start, Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays: General meeting, third Thursday of the month, March through December starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend and ladies auxiliary, last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

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 rc129@bellnet.ca or visit 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.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Friday - Pool 1:30 p.m. Honours & Awards – cocktails 6 p.m. – presentations 7 p.m.

Saturday - Meat draw 2-5 p.m. - Early Bird 3 p.m. sharp **Sunday** - open 1-6 p.m.

Monday - bid euchre 7 p.m.

Wednesday - fun darts 7:30 p.m.

If you are planning an event book with the Legion – Our L.A. do an excellent job of catering. Call the branch to arrange 705-448-2221

Upcoming events - Saturday June 8, Rick Rowe Annual Horseshoe Tournament; \$15/player, register 10 a.m.-noon.

Play 12:30 p.m. sharp – Food available for sale - music on the deck, cash prizes 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Saturday, June 8th – Endangered Species playing at the Legion 9 p.m. to close – no cover



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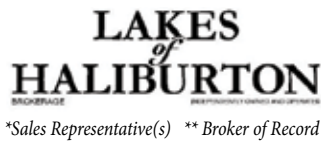
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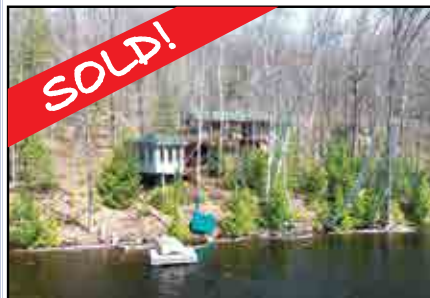
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