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Golfer Wendy Miller pays green fees at Haliburton Highlands Golf Course May 25. She is assisted by owner Randall Wood. Golf courses across Haliburton County have now reopened. See the full story on page 17. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Frustration as renters defy restrictions

By Joseph Quigley

Short-term rentals are still mostly banned across Ontario, but professional cottage rental agencies are concerned about people on online platforms, such as Airbnb, breaking the rules.

The province has heavily restricted short-term rentals as of April 4, only allowing them for people in need of housing during the COVID-19 emergency. Despite the restriction, Airbnb is still allowing hosts to list in the province, with several local hosts continuing to do so in April and May.

All-Season Cottage Rentals owner J.T. Lowes has suspended his company's listings during the pandemic. But he said he knows of at least one online rental that has continued while flouting the restriction and he believes there are more.

"It's really frustrating to see," Lowes

said. "The professional agencies are doing their part and not allowing bookings. It's annoying to see other people aren't.

"I don't think it's very widespread. It's probably a small number of people that are still renting, but it's definitely going."

Airbnb said it updated its platform to

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Around the County news

Hike Haliburton cancelled

Haliburton County council voted unanimously May 27 to cancel the 2020 Hike Haliburton Festival due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Municipal staff presented several options, including trying to go ahead with the full festival, running a smaller version and creating a "packaged" hike program through partnerships with local businesses.

Director of tourism Amanda Virtanen said they would have to finish most of the preparations by the end of June. Councillors were concerned with running the September event, given the costs and the impact of possible restrictions. Only \$7,107 of the \$46,500 budget has been spent to date. "I'm not in favour of spending any more money for something that really just won't be what our event should be," deputy warden Andrea Roberts said.

The unspent budget will be put in a reserve to be spent on future Hike Haliburton events. (Joseph Quigley).

Province, high school teachers ratify deal

The province and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) have ratified a new collective agreement with some contentious items present.

The province announced the finalized three-year deal May 22. The agreement will feature several elements the union sought to prevent, such as average class sizes staying at 23, up from 22 in 2018/19. The deal will also mandate two online credits for students to graduate, though provides an opt-out option.

OSSTF said the deals were not perfect, though added it "would have been much worse" without its efforts. The province initially proposed raising average class sizes to 28 and mandating four online credits.

The deal also includes an annual one per cent increase to wages for teachers. It also introduces a \$44.7 million fund to create additional teacher positions to help address special education. (Joseph Quigley).

Call to book a coronavirus test

The Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team is reminding people to phone ahead to make an appointment for a coronavirus test.

They said on May 26 that following Premier Doug Ford's announcement May 24 about expanded testing across the province, they've seen an influx in requests.

"Our assessment centre is open, but we do require an appointment to help control volume and maintain the safety of our team," they said in a media release.

They are asking the public to call 705-457-1212 and press 6 to book an appointment.

"You will not be 'turned away,' but we may not have capacity to test you the day you call," the family health team added.

They further ask people to continue to follow social/physical distancing protocols. (Lisa Gervais)

Airbnb advises against leisure travel

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advise guests to check local travel restrictions, which they see before booking. It said it has communicated with hosts to check local orders as well. The platform has also prohibited listing titles that reference pandemic-terms, to prevent marketing around escaping from COVID-19.

"Leisure travel should not occur right now, and we have encouraged our host and guest community to follow all restrictions," a spokesperson said. "We're glad the Province of Ontario recognizes the many situations where short-term rentals remain an available resource during this crisis, including for frontline responders, other workers requiring isolation and those sheltering in place during this crisis."

But leaving the onus on owners to find and follow the rules is an issue, Lowes said.

"Unfortunately, owners are not always up-to-speed on current rules

and regulations."

The issue has also garnered County attention. Council voted May 26 to direct the warden to write a letter to the province asking for clarification on when short-term rentals and cottage resorts are allowed to open and encourage a level playing field for all levels of accommodation. It will also be raised at the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus.

"I'm not prepared to watch our resorts struggle and possibly fail when private cottage rentals are in full swing," Coun. Carol Moffatt said. "There are many, many people visiting Haliburton County through private cottage rentals that are not supposed to be open."

Cottage Care Rentals, another professional agency which has stopped listing, also expressed concerns.

"It would be a shame to hear that landlords using Airbnb would put our community at risk," owner Don Critchley said.

Lowes said he is concerned that rogue renters could further increase vocal opposition against the sector.

"The vast majority of owners are responsible and following the rules, but their (Airbnb's) system allows for some of those bad apples," he said.

Although Airbnb did not address a request for local booking data during the pandemic, many Haliburton-area hosts on their site have halted listings while the restriction is up.

OPP Sgt. Jason Folz said Airbnb is not mandated to close. He said OPP is enforcing orders surrounding gatherings of more than five people and specific businesses opening in contravention of the order.

Lowes said it is still too soon to restart rentals. But he thinks they could open by the start of July, with restrictions.

"For us to recover and the economic recovery to begin, I think it would be beneficial to allow rentals under certain circumstances," he said.



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Dysart et al will pursue funding to build a new septage treatment facility, to replace land application as its way to deal with septage. *File photo.*

Dysart pursuing funding for new septage facility

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al is pursuing funding for a new septage treatment facility at its Haliburton landfill site.

Clearford ASI vice president of engineering John Levie presented to council May 26 about the completion of phase four of the municipal class environmental assessment process. The wastewater management company recommended a new facility with a dewatering system to deal with municipal septage, with an estimated capital cost of \$2 million to \$2.5 million and an annual operating cost of approximately \$130,000.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said the assessment process went well and the landfill was an ideal location compared to explored alternatives.

"We've been at this for Dysart for a long time now," Roberts said. "Using the location of the Haliburton Landfill off Industrial Park Road, that's where large trucks are meant to be."

Dysart et al has undergone a class environmental assessment process since 2017 to explore alternatives to land application for septage, due to difficulty acquiring sites and provincial government changes. The municipality has now completed its Environmental Study Report

and can proceed with searching for grant funding.

In his report, Levie said he found constructing a new treatment facility to be better than alternatives such as continuing use of spreading fields, hauling to outside municipalities, or retrofitting the Haliburton Wastewater Treatment Plant. Levie said a new plant would address municipal septage issues and provide a "reliable, long-term solution."

Roberts noted there would be some revenue with charges on pumpers to help offset the operating costs.

Coun. John Smith said the federal government could be making money available in the coming months.

"I'd like to see us pursue the next stage of this in terms of the feasibility study and opportunities to secure a grant," Smith said. "This could be a project that's sort of ready to go and would provide a service we badly need."

There is no definite timeline to build the facility yet and the environmental assessment must still be accepted by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Council unanimously passed a resolution to direct staff to pursue funding opportunities to construct the new facility.

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AH to accept card payments at three landfills

By Lisa Gervais

COVID-19 has dragged Algonquin Highlands out of “The Stone Age” as council voted May 21 to implement a Square Terminal digital payment system at three of its waste disposal sites.

Operations manager Adam Thorn told councillors via a Zoom meeting that, “definitely through this COVID pandemic, we’ve really noticed some shortfalls in accepting cash at our sites and not having digital payments set up.”

He submitted a joint report he’d written with environmental coordinator Melissa Murray.

Thorn said he and Murray had researched and felt Square Terminal is the best system for what they would like to see put in place.

“Digital payment helps us track sales,” Thorn said, and, “also helps with reporting, and will decrease staff time for changing those receipts from paper to electronic.”

The report went on to outline a number of advantages to the township of implementing a digital payment system for processing and reporting of tipping fees at waste disposal sites.

Now, people can only pay by cash or cheque. A small number of contractors have charge accounts and receive monthly invoices, which are paid by cheque or in-person at the township office.

The report said the system is more efficient, can be contactless, offers an

expanded service to residents, could result in more sales, could lead to more on-line sales, such as for cottage kits, save printing and receipt book costs, allow for instant receipting, and is easy to use.

The report acknowledged transaction fees but said these be offset by things such as reduced staff time for data entry and reporting.

One-time costs are estimated at \$3,100 with annual costs of \$1,940. The money would come from provincial government modernization funding.

Thorn said the idea is to trial the system at the Maple Lake landfill. He said once they get it up and running, and get the bugs out, they will then expand to Dorset and Oxtongue Lake sites.

“This is a terrific idea,” Mayor Carol Moffatt said. “We are somewhat in The Stone Age regarding our ability to make online transactions.”

She said she had raised during the Emergency Operations Centres meeting about fanning out from this to include other things, such as an online shopping cart for other township services, such as building permits.

“I think it’s a really good step to modernization and exactly what the modernization money provided by the province is for,” she said.

Coun. Lisa Barry asked about the Dorset Tower. CAO Angie Bird said it has a point



The Township of Algonquin Highlands will implement a Square Terminal digital payment system as soon as possible at three of its landfills. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

of sale machine, though not Square. Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen asked about using the same system across the township.

“I think it’s a great initiative and I was also wondering about the wisdom of having, if we’re going to expand this kind

of system beyond the landfills, for them all to be the same system.”

Thorn replied, “we could definitely look at other options if it’s something other department heads would like to morph into what works best for them.”



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Schmale, Conservatives push for better internet

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale hosted a virtual town hall to highlight his party's plan to speed up the process of improving connectivity.

The Conservative Party has released a call to action on rural internet access called Connect Canada, a series of recommendations for the federal government to improve connectivity across the country. Schmale invited his constituency May 20 to discuss the plan and field questions about rural internet access.

Calgary-Nose Hill MP and Shadow Minister for Industry and Economic Development, Michelle Rempel Garner as well as Cypress Hills-Grasslands MP Jeremy Patzer attended.

Rempel Garner highlighted the government's commitment to connect 95 per cent of Canadians to high-speed internet by 2026, and all Canadians by 2030. Instead, she said her party hopes to achieve that by the end of next year.

"We believe there are structural reforms that are needed," Rempel Garner said.

The call to action includes 14 recommendations, including developing a Canadian Broadband Strategy, alleviating short-term bandwidth shortages, improving telecom reporting and transparency, giving municipalities the funding to build and own the infrastructure, and more. The party has started a working group to get feedback on

their ideas.

"While investment is important and is going to be a key component of any strategy, it's not the be-all and end-all," Rempel Garner said. "We need a framework in which investment actually delivers results."

Other recommendations include creating local connectivity infrastructure funds people could pay into for their region, limiting regional price differences for national providers to 10 per cent and simplifying the language in Internet Service Providers (ISP) contracts to be more easily understood.

Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) communications director Lisa Severson was also in attendance to provide an update to the organization's government-backed project, a \$213 million initiative to address dead zones and improve mobile broadband through eastern Ontario.

The organization released a request for proposals to build new infrastructure April 20. Severson said they hope to begin construction in Spring 2021.

"In many areas of Eastern Ontario, there is zero cell coverage at all, which in today's times is absolutely unacceptable," Severson said.

When asked about how to get urban people to care more about this issue given their connectivity tends to be stronger, Rempel Garner said COVID-19 has helped bridge that divide.



Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale speaks during a virtual town hall on rural internet access May 20. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

"It (internet access) has become a bit of a barrier to equality of opportunity not only in rural Canada, but urban Canada as well," Rempel Garner said. "This has been a wake-up call for urban Canada."

Rempel Garner said an expedited plan is

necessary.

"It needs to be done in a very short period of time because if we don't, we're going to see even more of a divide between rural and urban Canada, and frankly, poor and rich Canada."

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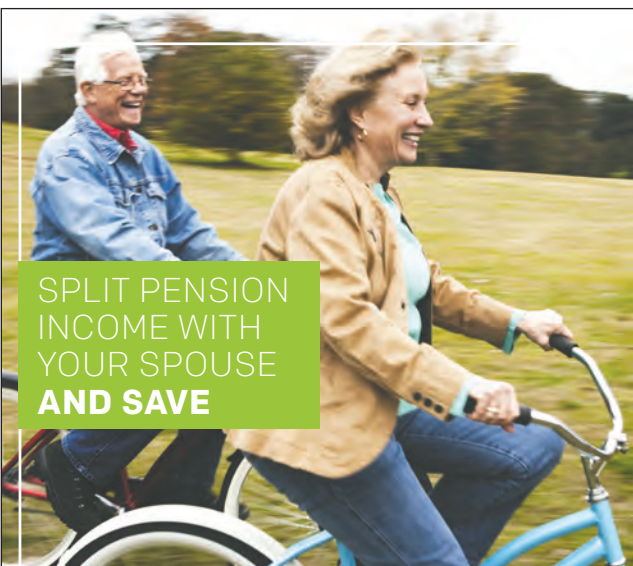
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Pandemic can't stop accountability

By Joseph Quigley

Some windfalls come with being a politician in a crisis.

It is certainly not enviable to have to deal with difficult decisions during a pandemic. But, as long as leaders do the logical thing, of listening to health experts, they can at least enjoy a surge in poll numbers, a public disinterested in partisan bickering, and media preoccupied with writing about the crisis.

Canadians generally have faith in government and are willing to give them a lot of leeway amidst COVID-19. However, as we progress through this, we must be mindful and willing to hold our officials to account.

Both provincial and federal leaders have seen their approval ratings soar. According to the *Toronto Star*, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was at a 65 per cent approval rating at the start of May, up from 31 per cent last October. Premier Doug Ford has had an even bigger swing, going from a 20 per cent approval rating in July to 76 per cent in May. Though not all of that is pandemic-related, their handling of the situation has earned them marks.

Though such polling does not exist for our

municipal leaders, they have at least had headaches stalled by the crisis. Issues such as a controversial shoreline bylaw or the budgetary woes of the Minden arena cannot stand out as prominently when people are just trying to figure out how to get by. The biggest controversy in two months locally has been the return of seasonal residents, but most of the ire was not towards governments, but individuals sniping at each other and a generalized "other."

Activism is harder, too. For instance, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation effectively caved in their attempts to stop class size increases or mandatory online credits. They acknowledged that, but recognized the need for some stability given the pandemic. It is hard to pick a fight with the government when no one has much energy to spare.

Media, including *The Highlander*, has also been preoccupied. Though there is plenty of questioning of government, our plates are filled with pandemic coverage taking priority over anything else.

But as the country begins to open, we must be ready and welcoming of efforts to hold people in power accountable.

Our leaders are still making vital decisions that will impact us. More and more, local

council agendas are shifting from crisis management to regular business. All those issues that got sidelined before the pandemic are still there and will have to be dealt with.

That also goes for our venerated health care sector, rightfully applauded for weathering this storm. That should continue, but some attention will need to be paid to how this pandemic was handled, and what flaws it exposed in our health care system. Long-term care needs scrutiny especially after the failure of Highland Wood's roof last year.

If we do our jobs well, you will see more of that accountability in our pages this summer than in recent weeks. We may risk coming off as unkind in a difficult time, but we cannot hold back forever.

COVID-19 is not going anywhere anytime soon. It will not be easy, but our media and public must get back to government scrutiny. It is good we have faith in our governments, but even in a long-term crisis, it cannot be boundless.



By Joseph Quigley

Good for you

Be nice, be kind, be grateful

Submitted by Dr. Diane Duff,
PhD, RN, Minden

As weeks of pandemic measures turn into months, and perhaps become a year or more while we wait for a COVID-19 vaccine or herd immunity, this health crisis will test our mettle.

As Canadians, we view ourselves as kind, friendly, respectful, helpful, and nice. We have a strong social safety net and universal hospital and medical care. Historically, Canadians have always pulled together to overcome adversity.

We have been lucky in our region. As individuals, families, and communities, we are getting by and perhaps even enjoying family time, catching up on chores or creative projects, and being essentially COVID-19-free. Government emergency grants to individuals, businesses, and farmers have helped us weather work restrictions, at least in the short term.

As with most communities that rely on the spending of seasonal residents and visitors, we have a love/hate relationship with the tourist season. For many of our local businesses, the season is essential for their continued existence and locals benefit for the rest of the year from the boost this gives

our local businesses.

The difference this year is that many members of our local community have expressed anger at seasonal residents for coming up to their cottages. So, while we continue with our expectations to go down to the city to access everything from big box stores to specialists and ICU beds in Lindsay, Peterborough or Toronto, some of us do not see this as a two-way street.

What complicates a reasoned conversation on public safety and how and when seasonal residents and visitors should come to our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic is the use of social media as a vehicle for bullying. How can we tell that the conversation is going too far? Perhaps it is when people start spying on their seasonal neighbours, counting the number of people and cars and outing people's addresses on social media. It is the use of denigrating language and rhetoric to stir up others to join with them in their bullying. Our seasonal residents have been called Citiidiots.

US President Donald Trump uses this tactic when he calls COVID-19 "the Chinese virus." When you get enough folks onside with the anti-other message, it becomes an extreme form of bullying.

On the bridge beside the Gull River in Minden, someone has used sidewalk chalk to print "be kind", "we've got this", and "stronger together." Fortunately, there are countless instances and actions in our community that give us hope. People volunteer their time, donate money, goods and services, sponsor refugees, create conservation parks, help with sandbagging, run food banks and community gardens, and are members of our service organizations. Essential workers show up for work every day to grow and sell food, service our infrastructure, and provide emergency response and health services. Hopefully, it will be these acts that will define us in 2020.

In the meantime, with or without a COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to create healthy relationships and meaningful ways of spending time. Anger, self-entitlement, and envy negatively impact the immune systems. Instead, count your blessings and say thank you. Wellness and gratitude research has shown that you will feel happier; it will boost your energy, and make you more resilient. Paying it forward will not only make you a nicer person, it is good for you.



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Editorial opinion

LETTERS

We are all equal

Dear editor,

Enough about the constant, disparaging remarks, and the us and them finger-pointing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Regardless of your status, seasonal, occasional, part-time or full-time resident, no one wants to get the coronavirus.

Social distancing is in place to help protect us all, however, I am sure we have noticed people who do not abide by the rules. There is no deciphering between seasonal or permanent people who are the culprits.

With the numbers of cases in cities, in relation to rural areas such as Haliburton, fear prevails, with an influx of people trying to escape urban centres to their cottages. It was the Province which stated 'stay home, stay safe, isolate' for our protection, no matter whom you may be.

Ongoing rhetoric that cottagers pay most of the county's taxes, are envied and how difficult it must be to live in one of the poorest counties in Ontario while cottagers enjoy their second homes, does not display integrity and cohesiveness, only an upper-class attitude.

As for doing your shopping where you live, prior to going to your cottage at this time, it is meant to help stores in Haliburton and area to have merchandise in stock to supply as many people as possible.

We can all control what goes on around us. Yes, we are all in this together and can enjoy the benefits Haliburton and area has to offer if we respect one another, treat each other with dignity, shed this 'we are a superior group' attitude and realize we are all equal.

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham

Concerns with LTC home review

Dear editor,

Dr. Diane Duff starts her column on long-term care homes (*The Highlander*, May 21, 2020) with an assurance that "without notice inspections" are carried out regularly. But Premier Doug Ford, in one of his daily announcements about the COVID-19 pandemic, confirmed that LTC home inspections were now on a "complaints only" basis and that only nine full inspections (of the total 626 homes) had been done in the previous year.

Not much fanfare had accompanied the transition last year of long-term care to its own ministry with Dr. Merrilee Fullerton as the new minister. But the history of the relative importance accorded to LTC homes in the previous administration of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is particularly significant in the case of Highland Wood LTC Home.

During the particularly bad sequences of freeze/thaw in February 2019, the flat roof of Highland Wood developed large leaks and forced the evacuation of the residents, most of whom went to other LTC homes as much as two hours drive away.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Maggie Lawrence had a rare visit from a Baltimore Oriole that showed up at her hummingbird feeder May 17.

During the major extensions to the Haliburton Hospital of over 20 years ago, both the new part of the hospital and Highland Wood shared flat roofs. The actual structure of Highland Wood was completed first and served as the acute care department of the hospital during the re-development of what became the emergency and physiotherapy departments.

But about 15 years later, as is common with flat roofs in Haliburton, leaks were occurring. Haliburton Highlands Health Services, who manage both hospitals and both LTC homes in Minden and Haliburton applied for emergency relief funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for the repair of the complete flat roof. But this emergency funding was specific to hospitals and the ministry forced a line to be drawn between Haliburton Hospital and Highland Wood LTC and only the hospital part of the flat roof was repaired. Hence the extreme vulnerability of Highland Wood during the winter of 2019.

Nobody, least of all the insurance company, had considered the extensive risks of evacuating 28 LTC residents. This total lack of foresight within the upper management layers of the past Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has given me much concern about future prospects for high quality LTC, even with its own ministry. I fear the proposed review of LTC will not look deeply enough into past prejudices.

Peter Brogden
Member, Highland Wood Family Council

Food banks thank community

Dear editor,

It is hard to believe how different all our lives are today than they were just a couple of months ago. While lots of things have changed, one thing has not changed – the generosity of donors. As our

community became aware of the needs for assistance, they responded with donations to the food banks.

Over the years, we have been impressed with the generosity of individuals, businesses, organizations and the media in our community. We also wish to recognize the significant response from cottage associations and individual cottagers. It is difficult to express adequately the appreciation from the Haliburton County food banks; Central Food Network (Wilberforce and Cardiff), Minden Community Food Centre and the 4Cs (Haliburton).

The donations have helped relieve the initial financial pressures we felt when so many people began losing their jobs and began turning to us for help. We experienced increased demand but so far it is manageable. It should be noted we have all remained open (with slightly modified processes) and encourage anyone who needs assistance to contact us.

As for the future, just like so many people, we simply are not sure how long the current situation will last or what the ongoing needs will look like. Our plans are to continue to meet the needs to the best of our ability.

Again, on behalf of our clients, thank you for the continued support we receive from our community – especially during these uncertain times.

Central Food Network
Minden Community Food Centre, 4Cs

Short-term rentals happening

Dear editor,

We are cottagers near Wilberforce.

Sadly, we haven't been there yet because we are trying to do our best to stop the spread of the virus and keep our friends and neighbours in Haliburton County safe.

When we do get up there, we will take our

provisions with us, and make it up to our local businesses soon.

It is incredibly difficult for us to make these decisions, they are not ones that we take lightly.

Unfortunately, we've heard that cottages on our lake are still using Airbnb and other online services to rent their cottages on a short-term basis.

It is so frustrating to us that others with no investment in our lakes or community's long-term health are able to enjoy what we feel we can't right now.

Unfortunately, the OPP, Airbnb and our municipal politicians are aware of what is going on and they have all assured us that it is perfectly legal. That doesn't make it right. We hope that *The Highlander* can help spread the word and encourage property owners to hold off on the short-term rentals until it is safe to share our beautiful lake with others.

Aelish McCreary
Wilberforce/Toronto

Only trying to keep safe

Dear editor,

I have been reading all of the "rants" from cottagers re: staying home or bringing your own supplies when you come.

Only once has it riled me, so I must comment. Bob Killey's letter in the May 14 issue seems childish to me. "Be careful what you wish for."

There is a pandemic, Mr. Killey. We shop with masks on. We are social distancing. We don't get to hug our grandchildren. A lot of us have lost our jobs or had our hours cut drastically. We are not intending to offend anyone by asking you to bring your own supplies and avoid shopping here. We are only trying to keep safe. As is Toronto.

Joann Burke
Haliburton County

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Dysart et al news



Summer traffic count going ahead

Council approved a summer traffic counting and speed survey through Wards 2-5 to address future resurfacing needs despite concerns about the pandemic impact on traffic.

The municipality had begun surveying in March but that was discontinued due to COVID-19. Director of public works Rob Camelon said he did not know what impact the pandemic might have on summer traffic but with the municipality planning for resurfacing in 2021, any new data is valuable.

Coun. John Smith questioned how valuable data collected this summer would be. Camelon said the data available is seven-years old and they could do another count in 2021.

"I agree with Coun. Smith, the data may not be excellent," Kennedy said. "But it's

better than seven-year-old data." The municipality has budgeted \$33,700 for traffic counting this year.

COVID task force coming

Dysart et al council approved the terms of reference for a new COVID-19 Community Recovery Task Force at its May 26 meeting.

The group will not be a committee but instead a collaborative initiative with government and community representatives. The group's mandate includes being the focal point for recovery ideas and making recommendations to council.

Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy said they wanted to expand the scope beyond just economic recovery.

"What we want to do is take the pulse, find out how everyone's doing," Kennedy said. "It's a great first step for Dysart and it will help to highlight some of the areas that need some focus."

Tire collection maintained

The municipality is deferring the end of tire collection at its landfills.

Council decided to wait until at least September, after initially planning to start discontinuation June 1. Although six private businesses in Dysart are registered as collection sites, staff identified several outstanding issues with ending municipal collection, including backlogs for haulers, storage issues at businesses and roadside dumping.

"It's a fight we should consider taking," environmental manager Mallory Bishop said. "But I'm not sure if right now is the appropriate time."

The province moved to producer responsibility for tires in 2019, but the municipality has continued to collect tires to give time for implementation.

Backyard hens to be allowed

Dysart et al is planning to allow backyard hens as part of a zoning bylaw update.

Council reviewed a list of proposed amendments. They include several clauses to permit the use of backyard hens with a maximum of four, narrow the scope of private cabins and expand urban agriculture.

Council did not make any final decisions on the bylaw and agreed to meet further. A draft bylaw is expected in July, with an open house in August.

If approved, the update would allow for backyard hens housed in a fully enclosed coop and runs, as initially proposed by Harvest Haliburton.

Another planned change is to narrow the scope of private cabins and forbidding them from being used as rentals. (*Dysart et al news compiled by Joseph Quigley*).

Algonquin Highlands news

Moving toilet at Oxtongue Lake CC

Council is considering moving the vault privy behind the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre Pavilion to an adjacent piece of land that it owns, and is currently vacant.

Planner Sean O'Callaghan and parks, recreation and trails manager Chris Card presented a report to the meeting. Callaghan said while the existing privy was only installed in 2019, it's been identified that the existing location is not ideal due to its close proximity to the newly-installed pavilion.

He suggested the township sever a portion of the vacant lot to be added to the developed lot, resulting in the construction of two separate lots.

"Maintaining two separate lots would allow for a greater number of future development considerations with Council approval," he said.

There'll have to be a path to the new privy

and input from the County accessibility committee, Card noted. He added there may have to be a rest area on the way. He said the project will cost about \$3,750.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen asked what the path would be made of, noting there would be a demand from people in wheelchairs. Card suggested a crushed granite, which meets accessibility standards.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux, who represents the area, said her constituents had given her two thumbs up on the option being recommended. She also reminded council the land is used for various events, such as an artists' festival. Card said they would ensure the land is used properly in terms of space.

Recovery strategy tabled

Like all municipalities, Algonquin Highlands is planning the recovery phase of COVID-19.

Fire chief Jonathan Wilker and CAO

Angie Bird tabled a report to the May 21 virtual meeting.

Referring to the lengthy document, Wilker said it was, "an overview of the planning we've been doing as an emergency operations centre (OEC) as we move from this response phase into the overlapping recovery phase."

He said he had looked at public health, and some 50 guidelines from the province, and 23 Ontario recommendations are applicable to Algonquin Highlands.

Bird said staff had provided their input with respect to how each department will tackle their recovery, since "each department is different for sure." She added it is a continuing, and flexible, plan.

Christmas hours extended

The public will have extended hours to use the Dorset Recreation Centre over the Christmas holidays.

Council decided May 21 that the centre would be open Dec. 28-30, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

In a report, Card said they should give it a try, as "this will allow us to review the attendance and success of opening for these additional hours and will give us a basis of understanding as to whether or not finding solutions to open for the other days would be viable."

He said the centre would not open on Dec. 27 or 31 due to staff unavailability.

Coun. Julia Shortreed said, "I think this will work great. Thank you, Chris."

Slurry seal contract

Miller Paving has been awarded the contract for supplying and applying surface treatment on township roads.

Council formalized the agreement and bylaw at its May 21 meeting.

The cost for slurry seal and surface treatment is \$456,087.77. (*AH news compiled by Lisa Gervais*)



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Algonquin Highlands council met via Zoom May 21. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Mayor skeptical about full producer responsibility

By Lisa Gervais

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt expressed some of her concerns about the transition of the Blue Box Program to full producer responsibility during the May 21 meeting.

She made her comments after operations manager Adam Thorn presented a report he'd done in conjunction with environmental coordinator Melissa Murray.

Murray said The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has asked that councils pass a resolution outlining their township's preferred date to transition if provided the opportunity to self-determine. She said transition timing could be between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025.

While the province has not yet determined what mechanism will be used to choose when municipalities transition, Murray said AMO believes it is in the best interest of councils to make their preferred transition date known. She noted a date did not mean a commitment or that it was final. She said AMO was looking for resolutions to be passed by June 30, 2020.

Council went on to pass a lengthy resolution with a date of Jan. 1, 2023.

However, Moffatt said while the transition had been discussed at a number of conferences, "the question that still cannot be answered, is there's no logistical confirmation as to how producers are going to get their stuff back."

For example, she asked what happens if someone lives in Guelph, goes to Best Buy there to purchase a Samsung television,

and brings it to their cottage on Kawagama Lake. They then have a box to dispose of.

"How is Samsung going to get their stuff back from small rural communities all over the province of Ontario?" she asked. "They can't quite identify that."

"If we agree to become a collection service, does that mean we are becoming the depot and we have to figure out with Samsung how to get their stuff back to them?"

"None of those details have been provided by anybody so it is a process under discussion."

Nevertheless, Moffatt said she was willing to support the recommendation, "knowing we can change our minds."

She said she recognized it was some attempt to move forward as long as it is not a trap.

Coun. Lisa Barry said from a session she attended at ROMA, it's more of a fact-gathering exercise now rather than putting anything in stone.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux agreed, saying, "as long as what we're offering now does not tie us into any particular role, I see no harm in giving a strong indication of when this transition would be convenient for us."

Murray said in her report, "it is expected that a transition to full producer responsibility for the Blue Box Program will help to ensure the economic viability of waste diversion programs for the future. An economically-viable program will allow for continued development of robust environmental and sustainability plans and initiatives in the Township."

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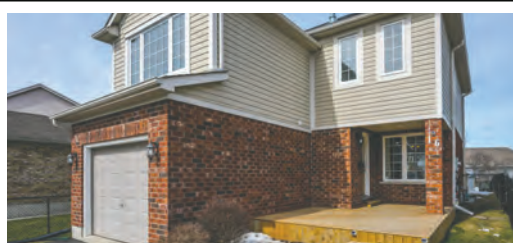
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Molly's co-owner Molly McInerny is happy to be recognized as a certified bicycle friendly café by Explore Ontario By Bike! Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Wheely good news for Molly's

By Lisa Gervais

Being named the top bicycle-friendly café in the region has pumped up the tires of the owners of Molly's Bistro Bakery as they deal with the economic downturn that's ridden in with COVID-19.

Explore Ontario By Bike! wrote up Molly's as a favourite among the two-wheel set.

Molly McInerny, who owns the Minden restaurant along with Guy Dumas, said it was a bit of good news during the pandemic.

"It was nice to be chosen as the best in this region," McInerny said on May 22.

She said she sent a write-up to the bicycling publication, detailing their experience with bicycle clubs coming to their establishment.

She said she often jokes with cyclists when they come, saying she is going to call the Ontario Provincial Police to say, "I think there's a bike gang." She added, "I do offer them a ride home every time they come. I never understand why they're riding a bike."

She said they get a lot of cyclists who ride in, have a food or beverage break, and then head back out on the road. She added the riders reflect all age groups.

"A lot of them come in and park their bikes. Some sit at the picnic tables out front to get the sun. Some come in to get the shade."

McInerny said the Haliburton Highlands

does offer good cycling, ranging from challenging to relaxing, and there is some beautiful scenery along the way.

She said even with the coronavirus, bicycling is a good social distancing sport and people can still drop by for takeout.

The distinction is a boost during a difficult time, she said, and the publicity "will help once people aren't afraid to go out."

She said their takeaway business "has not been stellar" and is probably down 80 per cent. However, she said their pre-cooked freezer meals and desserts remain popular and have been keeping them going.

"I'm hoping by the 29th (of May) Dougie (Premier Doug Ford) might be hungry." She hopes the Province of Ontario will allow restaurants to reopen to sit-down customers. The Province, though, has extended closures to June 9.

For now, she said, "there just isn't the business. The long weekend featured some of the slowest days since this started, since public health officials and politicians told people to bring food with them and stay where they are. And, yet, we have had no new cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County. If people behave, we should be allowed to reopen. This is our livelihood. I want to make sure it continues."

"We would make sure our customers are safe. Before the shutdown, every other table was closed off. If people come together in a group, they are likely a family unit. The only people at risk are my staff, not my customers."



Janine Papadopoulos stands outside her new food truck. It opened May 22 at the Eagle Lake County Market, and will be open Thursdays through Sundays. It's also open for drive-in radio bingo Tuesday nights. Photo by Simon Payn.

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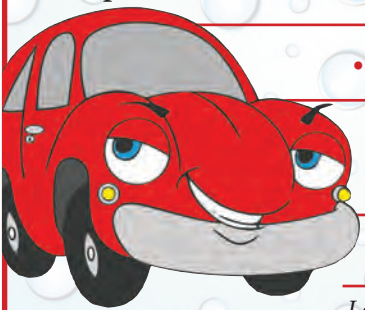


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Rotary car draw to go ahead

By Lisa Gervais

The Rotary Club of Haliburton said COVID-19 has made its services more important than ever before - which is why it is going ahead with this year's car draw.

"Given the importance of our many initiatives, like the Good Food Box deliveries, our Rotary Grocery Delivery service to the vulnerable during the pandemic, and our financial support of the various food banks, heat banks and many other community supports, we felt continuing with our major fundraiser was vital," a media release sent out by Ted Brandon said.

Brandon added that if past supporters are unable to participate this year due to the current situation, Rotary "totally understands and looks

forward to reconnecting in the future."

This year's grand prize is a 2020 Riverside Blue Metallic, Chevrolet Camaro LT Coupe (valued at \$39,090) or, if the winner chooses, \$30,000 cash.

Brandon said those who purchased tickets last year will receive the usual order form in the mail and it is strongly encouraged that people purchase their tickets using the ordering directions in the letter.

Historically, many tickets are sold at local events, many of which will not be happening this year, so remote purchasing of tickets will be crucial to the success of Rotary's major fundraiser, Brandon said.

He said the grand prize

draw will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 10 p.m. The first early bird draw will be Tuesday, June 30 at 8 p.m. and the second early bird draw on Tuesday, July 21 at 8 p.m.

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Watch for stolen 'watch 4 turtles' signs

Leora Berman of The Land Between says people are stealing 'watch 4 turtles' signs. "We've been working with landowners in prone crossing areas to put up signs but someone is stealing (them) ... this theft is concerning," she said.

Berman said many signs had gone missing along Gelert Road, and others on Highway 118 between Haliburton and West Guilford.

"Turtle season is here and turtles will be on roads and nesting starting (this) week. It takes more than 30 years for one turtle to replace itself. Meanwhile, without turtles, our lake health and fish habitats would diminish," Berman said.

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Highlander outdoors

Campers disappointed as getaways cancelled

By Joseph Quigley

Victor Surkos was planning for his third year at Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp this summer.

The 11-year-old Scarborough native said he had a lot of fun there and was looking forward to seeing friends and trying out the new soccer field.

But with the province cancelling overnight summer camps May 19 due to COVID-19, Surkos will be missing out this year.

"Pretty sad that I can't see my friends or my counsellors," Surkos said. "They taught me a lot, how to play sports ... I was going to play soccer and I was really excited."

Camps both locally and across the province have scuttled their planned programs after the provincial announcement. That includes Hockey Haven and Camp Medeba.

In a statement, Hockey Haven and the Binnie family said their sympathies go out to everyone whose lives and health have been impacted by COVID-19. It further said they had hoped to provide for children this summer.

"We so very much wanted to provide the outlet for your children this summer and bring them the physical activity and mental stimulus that they so desperately crave," Hockey Haven said. "Unfortunately, that is not meant to be this summer and we couldn't be more disappointed."

Camp Medeba executive director Steve Archibald said he was not surprised by

the provincial decision, but it is still unfortunate, especially for campers and staff.

"To miss out on a summer which is so life-giving to so many of them, it's just really disappointing," Archibald said.

Although the province is still allowing day camps, Archibald said with the restrictions that would be necessary, the camp decided not to proceed with their day camp programs.

Although Camp Medeba is a year-round facility, Archibald said the charity makes 70-75 per cent of its funding from May to October. Losing that is a financial hit, but Archibald said they remain optimistic.

The organization is also starting a Medeba-in-a-box program to send out regular activity boxes to campers.

"For any camp, it's a vast financial challenge," Archibald said. "We're hopeful. We're doing everything we can to make sure we come out the other side of this and are able to carry on."

Sarah Surkos, Victor's mother, said it is a difficult situation for energetic kids who are normally much busier.

"He's going crazy without being active," she said. "They're going stir crazy."

Both camps have seen outpourings of support, with dozens of comments online lamenting their closure.

"We're a Christian organization, so for us, we're praying and trusting that God will see us through this," Archibald said. "Very



Kelvin Lee, Charlie Campbell and Victor Surkos enjoy time at the pool at Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp. The residential camp is not going ahead this year due to COVID-19. Submitted photo.

thankful for people, to see just how they have responded."

"This is a hard time for a lot of people,"

Surkos said. "We just hope these camps survive and last."

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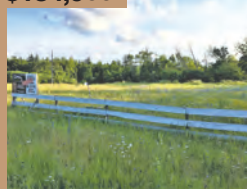
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Highlander outdoors

It's game on as recreation facilities reopen

By Joseph Quigley

Skateboards, sports balls and recreation all got rolling again as locals flocked to reopened outdoor facilities starting last week.

Municipalities have begun opening outdoor recreational facilities with Ontario lifting COVID-19 restrictions May 19. The province allowed for certain facilities to open if proper distancing is followed, including outdoor courts and tracks.

Dysart et al began opening its facilities May 20, including its skate park, ball diamonds, basketball and tennis courts.

"It's great," tennis player Nico Haedicke said as he entered the courts May 21. "We've been anxious to get back out again. A place like this, it's easy to socially distance, so we're all for it. As long as everyone follows guidelines, we'll be fine. Get us out there, get us exercise, get us off the couch."

Other facilities opening included outdoor shelters, picnic areas and park benches. Algonquin Highlands also announced it's reopening outdoor facilities and Highlands East said it would open them once signage is in place.

Minden Hills has yet to make an announcement.

But playgrounds, beaches and outdoor fitness equipment remain closed. Group sizes at facilities are also still supposed to stay limited to five or fewer people per provincial order.

Skateboarder Joshua Donnelly welcomed the facilities opening after weeks of being unable to use them due to the pandemic.

"It means I can get back into shape. It's hard to just sit aside for months and do nothing. So, now that they are open, everyone can go out, get their sunshine, get their daily activity," Donnelly said.

Although physical distancing is still supposed to be in place, the openings also offer a chance to see others in person.

"It's heartwarming," Donnelly said. "Some people, you only talk to for sports. The fact that you get to see them again is good."

Jan Haedicke, Nico's brother, said he felt a sport such as tennis is safe because of the spacing involved. But although facilities have opened, he said things are still not the same.

"You have to be careful still. It's not over. So, take precautions no matter what," he said.



Joshua Donnelly does a trick at the Haliburton Junction Skate Park May 21. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

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May 28 - Regular Council Meeting
June 11 - Committee of the Whole Meeting

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Highlander sports



Haliburton Highlands Golf Course owner Randall Wood shows the devices being used in cups on greens. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Teeing off during COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

About 9:30 on a weekday morning, a face-masked Wendy Miller strolls into the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course clubhouse to pay her green fees.

In addition to the cloth mask, things look decidedly different. There's a big sign at the entranceway, telling golfers which direction to walk in. The chairs and tables are gone. There is hand sanitizer and wipes everywhere.

The golf course has undergone a number of modifications since Premier Doug Ford announced they could reopen as part of the provincial government's first phase of economic recovery.

"The golf course was ready to go because we were allowed to do that part during COVID-19," owner Randall Wood said in an interview. "The concerns were about how, logistically, the clubhouse was going to work. So, we scrambled to get all of the sanitizing equipment."

He said, "literally, I have sanitation within two or three steps of every location so we're covered that way. Now, it's a case of following people around and being on top of it."

He limits the number of people in the clubhouse at any time. One person comes to pay for green fees or make other purchases before someone else enters.

He's removed the tables and chairs on the patio, too. He makes the coffee, rather than self-serve. People can access the cold drink cooler and snacks but he wipes them down directly afterwards.

Outside, Wood said the golf carts have

never been so clean. There are signs around the course reminding people of the new rules. The benches, garbage cans and ball washers have been removed. There are plastic covers in the cups on the greens so people don't have to put their hands into them to fetch their balls. Most scoop them out with their clubs. No one is touching the flags.

"I think the important part is golfers need to understand the rules have changed and they need to help us a little bit as well," Wood said. For example, one thing he is asking is that people call ahead, and not just drop in, so he can manage numbers better.

"My biggest worry is we were included in phase one but if golf courses mess this up, Ford can pull the strings at any time and say, 'you know, this isn't working, you're closing down and might not open until malls and restaurants'."

He's even designed a COVID-19 binder for staff, including symptoms to look for in golfers.

For the most part, golfers have been following the rules, Wood said.

Miller said she played her first round May 21 as part of a ladies' golf day.

"It worked out really well. All the ladies were very respectful. We're not letting the ball go into the cup and we're not touching the flag. I felt very comfortable as far as the COVID problem. And it was wonderful to see all my friends."

Wood said it is going well, considering. "I've been pleased so far by the turnout. Most of the golfers are respecting those rules. I'm sure they're trying to keep themselves safe as well."



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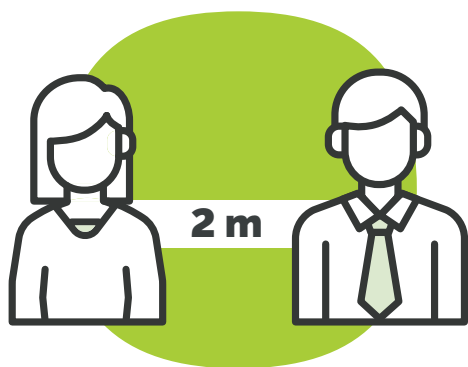
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Highlander people

The 'kid from Carnarvon' has left the ball

By Lisa Gervais

Jan Scott-Wood says her cousin, Ronald Sinclair Russell, was out in the bush foraging a couple of weeks ago and told her he felt "absolutely great."

"I live on Twelve Mile, and he walked through the woods looking for wild leeks. He had his knife in his pocket to collect them. And he came up and had a cup of tea with us. We just sat and had a real nice visit, because I'd been away all winter in Florida. He said 'I feel really good'," Scott-Wood said on May 26 as she and cousin, Wendy Connelly, helped to clean out Russell's apartment.

The two said Russell got an infection, which contributed to his passing May 23.

Following a chat outside the Wedgewood Inn, the two emerge from the flat overlooking Twelve Mile Lake with images of a young Russell, looking dashing in a black and white photograph, and an older Russell, posing at one of the Brazilian balls he decorated.

"He was a very attractive young man," says Scott-Wood.

"And he had a great sense of humour," chimes in Connelly.



A young Sinclair Russell. Photo submitted.

Tributes have been flooding in this week for Russell, a character-filled individual who touched the lives of many in Haliburton County.

Russell grew up on the family farm in Carnarvon, which he would go on to buy from his parents and name "The Springs." He had two brothers, Neil and Colin, and a sister, Barbara.

They said since his father was named Sinclair, he was just Ron or Ronnie in his younger days.

"When he became a designer, he liked the posh sounding name," Scott-Wood says with a chuckle.

Connelly grew up nearby and recalled how Ron played with his cousins, brothers and other boys in Carnarvon and went on to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Scott-Wood lived in Toronto so didn't see him as much.

They recalled how he moved to Toronto to finish high school and then embarked on a high-flying, around-the-world career, before



Sinclair Russell at the Mill Pond Restaurant in Carnarvon. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

coming home to Carnarvon and Minden.

They said he worked with many top designers in Toronto, New York, California and all over Europe, rubbing elbows with celebrities. He decorated many storefronts and helped to plan large events such as the Brazilian ball and the Griffin awards in Toronto. Several years ago, he decorated the vice president's office at the White House. More recently, he decorated the streets of Minden at Christmas and Thanksgiving. He was an organizer of the Festival of Trees as well as Pride Week in Minden.

Scott-Wood comments on the sewing machine and bolts of material in the flat and his "beautiful sewing."

Because he travelled so much, the cousins said they really became re-acquainted with him in his later years.

"He was such an easy guy to talk to," says Scott-Wood, saying they knew "the flamboyant guy that loved tartans ... and he loved heritage and his memory was amazing."

Connelly laments, "we should have written it all down, because he knew all of our history and everything and he would tell you, 'so and so's related to so and so' and 'they're related to you and ...,' she trails off with a laugh.

Scott-Wood adds, "his wit and charm will be missed by all of his family and friends far and wide."

Friend Mary McCrae nominated Russell for a municipal award in 2017.

She said, "having worked with Sinclair during our career years and more recently on Minden volunteer projects, I can attest first hand to his ability, dedication and professionalism. There was no one quite like him. Sinclair has made an amazing contribution to our community, helping to make it an exciting shopping and event destination for locals and visitors. Anyone who has worked with him would agree. "The Stanhope Museum said local history had lost another champion.

"Related to almost everyone via the Russell/Nesbitt families, he had a story about almost everyone, and rattled off names and dates like they were yesterday,"

they said on their Facebook page.

David Rankin of Minden Pride honoured Russell, who was Pride's co-founder and past chair, in a Facebook post.

"Almost every message of condolence that we have received has described Sinc as 'a character'," Rankin said. "And that he was. While we will mourn, his is a life that should be celebrated. He was a small-town boy from Haliburton who ventured into the City of Toronto at a young age, and then ventured further into the world making his mark before returning home. Big personality, big-bellied, colourful in language and attire."

Rankin remembered 'Sinc' for his side-splittingly funny story-telling, and said many would remember trips into town with Russell, after picking him up on Twelve Mile Lake.

"Sinc was part of the group that took the very politically correct, positive and forward moving action of establishing Minden Pride. He will be missed; his absence will be felt; the world was a more interesting place because he was here. We hope that somewhere over the rainbow you find that land that you heard of ... safe travels."



A photo of Sinclair Russell at one of the Brazilian balls he organized in Toronto. Photo submitted.

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Highlander people

Getting a smile to fill out your prescription

By Joseph Quigley

Brenda Watson did not expect a special message when she picked up her prescription.

After coming back from Todd's Independent pharmacy May 22, she discovered a note printed on a small, green card in her prescription bag from the pharmacy team: "Wishing you good health. We shall get through this together. Stay kind, stay patient, stay home."

"I almost was in tears. It was so kind of them to do that," Watson said. "It just took me by surprise, and it turned a very mundane thing – picking up your medication – into a special treat."

It is a gesture the pharmacy has extended to all its clients throughout the pandemic. Pharmacy manager Lauren Wilson said when the pandemic started, the messages were a way to provide some comfort.

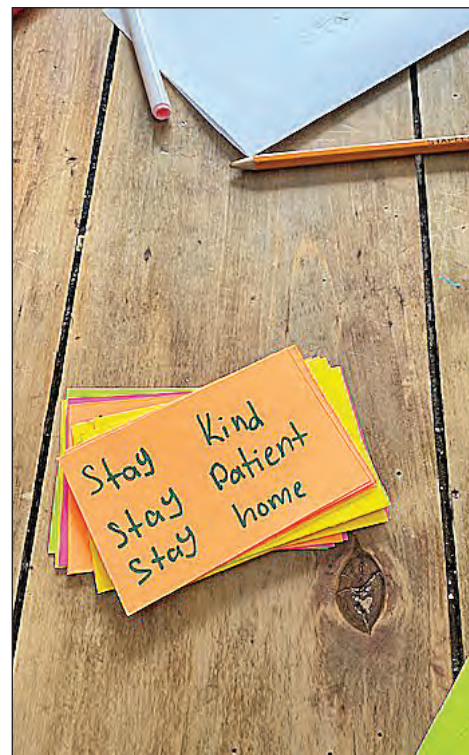
"I know a lot of patients probably feel very isolated at home. Some people, they're not able to see their family, and when they get their prescription and open their bag and they see these messages, even for a brief moment, they can take comfort in knowing people are thinking about them," Wilson said.

Wilson's four children have also gotten into it, and started handwriting the "stay kind, stay patient, stay home" message onto new cards getting sent out.

"I just wanted to teach them that small,



Left: Harper and Sophia Gooley handwrite cards with kind messages to be placed with prescriptions at Todd's Independent pharmacy. Right: A handwritten card. *Photos submitted*



simple acts of kindness can be very powerful," Wilson said, adding the handwritten cards have gotten more comments. "I know that helped them feel like they're making somewhat of a difference in people's lives."

Watson said it is an important message in today's circumstances.

"Every little, extra feel-good moment is worth 100 times more," Watson said.

"It's a very unsettling time for everybody," Wilson said. "It's also brought hope and the

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Editor's note: This is the second installment of a series entitled Harp on the Water. It's written by Hope Thompson, who lives in Algonquin Highlands.

Chapter 2: Fireball

Harp on the Water

Spruce County Coroner, Boyce Williams, was a small, bird-like man with an enlarged sense of confidence. He followed Detective Harry Harp and Constable Terry Becker behind the Calvert place where the ground dropped sharply down to the water. Becker stopped and pointed at a length of birch firewood, its bark smeared with a dark red substance. After kneeling down and sniffing, Williams wriggled his nose then pronounced the substance to be, indeed, blood.

"How long to get it tested?" Harp asked, gazing down the slope. He could hear the sound of outboard engines and laughter in the distance. The lake was waking up.

"Three days to a week," Williams thrust out his chin. "But in 37 years on the job, I have never been wrong." He marched back to the cottage. "Now, to see if the bloody log and the deceased fit together."

Harp knew they would. He had been wrong before, but he felt sure about this.

"Looks like we've got ourselves a murder weapon. Good work, Terry," Harp said then started down the slope with Becker trailing behind him. After a few steps, the detective peered past a clump of scrawny maples. "Looks like a path—." He noticed some broken branches, like someone had grabbed at them. "Grace said she walked around the lake..."

"Think she did this?" Becker asked.

"Her—or the killer."

"You're ruling her out?"

"No—everyone's a suspect." Harp felt his face suddenly redden.

Just then, Frank Gill appeared, ghost-like, from behind a tree. "That's the shore path," he said like he'd been listening in on their conversation. "Goes right around the lake but it's not used on account of the shore's private. Cottagers don't like people walking on their property."

Harp said, "Does the path cross your property?"

Gill nodded. "Right past my front window."

"Did you see anyone using it last night? Did you see Grace?"

"Like I said," The old man folded his arms across his chest. "It's not used anymore."

Harp frowned. "You got a spare boat we can borrow?"

Twenty minutes later, Becker rowed and Harp sat in the stern of a beat-up tin boat. On his left, Harp watched the Calvert cottage pass behind a veil of foliage.

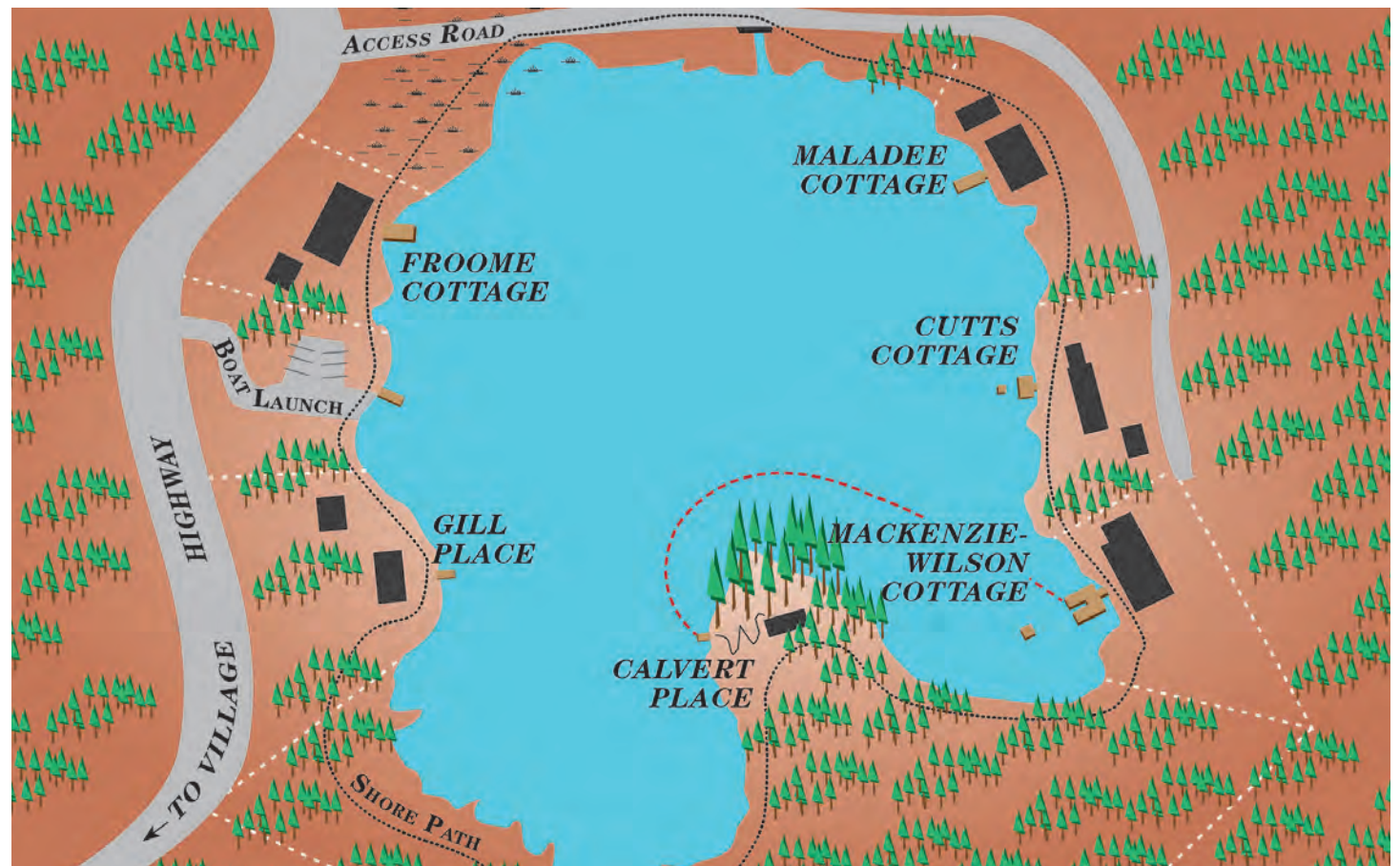
"What do you think of Grace Calvert?" Harp said over the splash of oars.

Becker shrugged. "She seems bushed. Like she's been in that cabin playing 'pioneer' too long. Enough to make anyone crazy."

Just then, the coroner appeared through the trees, waving. He yelled, "I had a gander at your victim. Time of murder's between 10:00 and midnight. And remember ..."

Harp shouted, "You're never wrong?"

The little man nodded sagely then



disappeared behind the trees.

Harp and Becker tied up at the cottage in the bay. A neat garden banked the property and in the middle of it, a woman in yellow pants and a long-sleeved shirt was bent over, blond curls hiding her face. Her gloved hands attacked a spiky weed, fiercely pulling at its root.

Harp introduced himself. After recovering from her surprise at seeing two strangers on her property, the woman said her name was Heather Mackenzie-Wilson—and led them into the cottage.

The Mackenzie-Wilsons' living room was the size of the entire Calvert home. A flat screen TV hung over a fireplace and next to it, a set of shelves held players, consoles, cords and stacks of DVDs and in front of the TV, a U-shaped sectional wrapped around a glass coffee table. The table was bare except for a spray bottle of hand sanitizer and a row of remotes.

"Bob? We have guests," Heather said to a man walking into the room holding two beach towels.

"Huh?" Then he noticed Harp and Becker. "Who are you?"

"They're detectives," she said crossing to the kitchen and washing her hands.

"Detectives?" He peered at them. "You guys want to sit down?" His black hair was shoveled straight back off his forehead mobster-style and he was wearing orange swim trunks under a tanned and oiled belly. On the floor, two 6-year-olds played with toy cars.

Bob Mackenzie-Wilson glanced at Harp's suit jacket. "You must be hot," he said, smirking. "Say, you want coffee? A drink?"

"No thanks," Harp said pulling at his damp collar.

Heather sat down near Bob. "I can handle this," he snapped. "You're supposed to be taking the boys swimming, anyway, not messing around in that garden." He pushed the towels at her. "Go put on your bikini." "I don't feel like swimming."

"And I don't feel like seeing you in pants! Go change. This is a cottage, for Christ's sake. Show some skin."

Harp said quickly, "Actually, I'd like to speak to both of you."

Becker opened his notebook. All eyes turned to Harp.

He said, "We're investigating Ida Calvert's murder."

Bob's head fell back against his seat. "Are you frickin' serious?"

"Oh my god—." Heather's trembling hands covered her mouth.

The boys looked up, eyes wide.

"Scram, you two. The deck. NOW—," Bob pointed at a glass door. Reluctantly, the pair left the room.

Harp rubbed his temples and sighed.

"Where were you both last night?"

"Right here," Bob Mackenzie-Wilson barked. "We had dinner then everyone came over for fireworks like they always do."

Becker said, "And what time was that?"

The man shrugged. "Finished dinner about when—?"

"Eight-thirty," Heather said quietly.

"Yeah. That's right. The kids watched a movie, the wife cleaned up and I got the fireworks ready. We always start the show bang on eleven."

Harp frowned. "That seems late. Aren't

people sleeping?"

Bob's face stretched into a toothy grin. "Nobody's sleeping because everyone is right here enjoying the show."

Becker looked up from his notebook. "Except the Calverts."

"Look—those two broads wouldn't come to an afternoon tea party if they were invited. They don't like anyone on the lake and quite frankly, nobody likes them."

Heather said, "But you love their spot on the point, don't you, Bob? You always say how much you love—."

Bob's face turned purple. "Jesus Heather—everyone loves that goddamn point—."

He drove his hands through his hair then muttered, "Sorry fellas."

Heather picked at her nails.

Popping the button on his collar, Harp flapped it for air. "Heather, tell me—how long have you had your cottage?"

She glanced at Bob, then at the floor, then back to Harp. "We bought here three years ago—with the help of my mother and, I mean, this is all we could afford even with her gift. It's not perfect, not like the point—."

Bob Mackenzie-Wilson cut in. "Her old woman wouldn't give us the cash unless we hyphenated our names. Can you believe it? Said it would remind me that the wife and I are in an 'equal partnership'. Now I gotta wear this surname like a goddamn cross." He grinned at the men.

Harp ignored him and turned to Heather. "When did the fireworks end?"

"Midnight on the dot. Right after 'The Fireball.' Bob always sets it off last because it's the loudest. He says that one day, it'll scare Ida to death. Isn't that right, Bob?"



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(May 15, 2020. Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

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Bernstein's General Store Not open to walk-ins. Call Marty at 705-457-1777 or email bernsteinsgeneralstore@gmail.com to order for curbside pick-up. FedEx drop offs available by appointment only 705-457-1777. FedEx pickups – you will be called to arrange curbside pickup.

Lockside Trading Company Free virtual interior design and online shopping at lockside.com. Open daily 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 1-888-0484 or by appointment, or email shop@lockside.com, 24/7.

Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast closed until July 1. Taking reservations into the summer and beyond. 705-286-4922, sunnyrockbb.ca. Sew What Free washable fabric facemasks for anyone who needs them. Call or text 705-457-8764.

Edilicious Teamed up with Nourished to offer a falafel meal deal on Saturdays. Delivery available. Contact Nourished at 705-775-0525 to order.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Minden Wine Store Closed.

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

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

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

Up River Trading Co. Open from 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Hawk River Construction Open for business but closed to public. Payment, statements and

invoices through email or mail.

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

Stone 21 located at Pinestone No longer offering takeout.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Courtney @ Bruce's Barbershop Closed until further notice.

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

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

Riverview Furniture Open with extra safety precautions. Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 705-286-3167. riverview-furniture.com

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

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

The Beer Store Minden and Haliburton locations will be closing at 7 on Fridays.

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

Stamp Carpet & Duct Cleaning Open. 705-457-4715. 705-306-0704.

For a free listing or any changes, contact admin@thehighlander.ca (25 words max)

Highlander puzzles

We're Heading to Overtime!

by Barbara Olson
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- Across**
- 1 ___ Genesis (video game name)
 - 5 Something set in the kitchen
 - 10 Simba's uncle
 - 14 Russian range
 - 15 Halifax rockers with the album "12"
 - 16 D'Azur, d'Or or d'Ivoire
 - 17 Urging to a hate group newbie?
 - 20 Brick, or house of brick
 - 21 "What ___, chopped liver?"
 - 22 Cried "foul", say
 - 23 Was impatient with the doorbell
 - 25 Squirt the turkey
 - 27 Brigitte doing door-to-door makeup sales?
 - 32 She played Carla on "Cheers"
 - 35 Tic-tac-toe dud
 - 36 Use sneakily, as software
 - 37 Hockey mom's wheels, maybe
 - 38 Aficionado, casually
 - 39 Clunky PC monitor
 - 40 Smartphone side control: Abbr.
 - 41 Bick's pickle rival with a stork mascot
 - 43 Ctry. born on the 4th of July
 - 44 Montreal-born comic Mort
 - 45 "Remove all grigio inventory!"?
 - 48 Tom Petty's "___ Back Down"
 - 49 Take issue with, in court
 - 53 Stripe-legged safari sight
 - 56 Part of TGIF
 - 58 Teeny bits
 - 59 Fortune teller's house of cards?
 - 62 Suffix with cyclo- or cosmo-
 - 63 Athletic best effort
 - 64 P.M. time, hastily-written
 - 65 Cutlass maker, once
 - 66 Brand name that came to mean "copy"
 - 67 Didn't get a grip

- Down**
- 1 Product from canes
 - 2 Chew away at
 - 3 Zsa Zsa or Eva
 - 4 Woodcutter with a good opening line?

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- 5 Classical grp. in Ont.
- 6 Prov. with coulees and chinooks
- 7 Sound system on a shoulder
- 8 Rodeo rope
- 9 E.S.L. subj.
- 10 Shebang, with "the whole"
- 11 Farm house with layers?
- 12 "Look ___, I'm Sandra Dee"
- 13 Bassoonist's buy
- 18 Rowlands of "The Notebook"
- 19 Provide with gear
- 24 A Marx man
- 26 TV mob family name
- 28 One of five in Kijiji
- 29 "___ vroom!" ("Hubba hubba!")
- 30 "Then again, ...", in a tweet
- 31 Title role for Jodie Foster, 1994
- 32 Reply to a party planner
- 33 TV streaming service
- 34 Assessment: Abbr.
- 38 Dolt
- 39 Forensics show inits.
- 42 Easily-donned shoes
- 43 Passing muster
- 44 Nfld. home to Memorial University
- 46 Connect, as gears
- 47 Kimono ties indicating marital status
- 50 Computer sales?
- 51 Prickly plants
- 52 Verbally finger-wagged
- 53 "The Simpsons" bus driver
- 54 A Marx man
- 55 Slugger Alex Rodriguez, to fans
- 57 Here's-how presentation
- 60 Peace, to the Pope
- 61 Man's name meaning "king"

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