Fire destroys barn

Firefighters put out a blaze that destroyed a storage barn at a residence on Bethel Road June 6. Minden Hills fire chief Nelson Johnson said firefighters were able to control the fire and prevent it from spreading to the surrounding bush. He added there were no injuries reported. The losses were kept to the barn and its contents, with the home on the property undamaged. The cause of the fire is unknown and will require further investigation, Johnson said. (Joseph Quigley)

Minden Hills firefighters work a hose on the scene of a structure fire June 6. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

By Lisa Gervais

Barber Cody Nasby says he’s excited to get back to work June 12. He is just one local business owner who’s ecstatic they’ve been included in Stage 2 of reopenings across the province.

Other allowances announced by the Ontario Government this week, and effective Friday, include: gatherings of 10 people, up from five; places of worship; outdoor dine-in services at restaurants and bars; hair and beauty salons and tattoo studios; tour and guide services, including brewery tours; beaches; camping and outdoor recreation. The province also announced that staff can re-enter child care facilities and begin preparation for reopening. Yesterday it was announced some post-secondary education will reopen July 2.

Nasby was in his Traditional Barber Shop May 10 getting ready. He has masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer. He said he’s been closed about three-and-a-half months so, “I am extremely happy we are back in the shop chopping mops.” He added that due to COVID-19, he can only take clients by appointment and can only do hair-cutting, not facial hair.

He told The Highlander bookings are coming in fast and furious and “it’s going to be madness.”

The government put into action its plan of a regional approach to Stage 2, including Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit communities, saying it’s based on lower rates of transmission, increased capacity in hospitals and progress made in testing.

“We are able to make this announcement today (May 8) because of the extraordinary effort of our frontline workers and every other person in the province who helped to stop the spread of this deadly virus,” Premier Ford said. “Entering Stage 2 means parts of the province will see more people back on the job and an

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opportunity to get back together with friends and family. Although this is extremely encouraging, I urge everyone to exercise caution and continue to follow public health advice as we are not out of the woods yet.”

Ford said the province will soon release more details on: summer camps, post-secondary education, training centres and public transit.

Rhubarb Restaurant and Boshkung Social co-owner Terri Mathews-Carl is relieved at the news. “We’re definitely excited to welcome back our staff, locals and cottagers,” she said, adding their phone had been ringing off the hook.

They have set up their inside patio at the Carnarvon restaurant to seat 24 people, in two sittings. They plan to open Friday and Saturday for dine-in and takeout and delivery. They will see how it goes before committing to opening other days. The Social, meanwhile, will no longer have long, communal picnic tables, but individual tables to ensure people are six feet apart. The food truck is also reopening. Starting from June 12, they’ll be open Tuesdays to Saturdays.

As for Nasby, who said he’s social by nature, he missed his clients — though he has run into regulars on the street who look like completely different people to him. He anticipates correcting a lot of bad haircuts rendered by girlfriends and wives, and boyfriends and husbands.

Nasby said he was worried that barber shops wouldn’t be part of Stage 2 and that would have been trouble. “If it went too much longer, I was going to start getting worried about my shop, and if I would be able to reopen.”

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Hosts welcome opening of short-term rentals

By Joseph Quigley

Short-term rental businesses and hosts are welcoming the province loosening restrictions on them June 4.

The province announced June 4 that short-term rentals could resume with proper health and safety guidelines followed. The province had limited rentals since April 4 to only be allowed for emergency housing due to the pandemic.

Howard Hicks owns a cottage rental in the County and uses Airbnb. He said he is glad for smaller hosts being able to have guests again.

“I feel happy for a number of owners who are the small potatoes, they own maybe one cottage and they need the income to help with taxes and expenses,” Hicks said.

The change encompasses short-term rentals at lodges, cabins, cottages, homes, condominiums and bed and breakfasts.

“This decision follows additional actions the government has taken to support our provincial seasonal travel and tourism in Ontario,” MPP Laurie Scott’s office said. “The need for Ontarians to vacation is paramount for their mental health, for their kids that have been stuck at home,” McCombe said.

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“If a cottage owner or a short-term rental has a party, they’re breaking the protocol and have more than 10 people, then I think it is a serious situation and obviously the rules should be followed,” Hicks said. “I fully expect families will act responsibly, just out of self-preservation and respect for us.”

As far as public concerns about larger gatherings or parties at rentals, McCombe said the agency screens guests to avoid that.

“People break the rules that are in place, and have more than 10 people, then I think there should be consequences. Because this is a serious situation and obviously the rules have to be adhered to strictly,” Hicks said. “If a cottage owner or a short-term rental has a party, they’re breaking the protocol that is keeping us safe.”

“Were just cautiously moving forward and waiting till we get all the protocols that we need. We will follow all those protocols,” McCombe said. “That’s really important.”
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Governments speed internet connectivity plans

By Joseph Quigley

COVID-19 is causing governments to accelerate plans to improve online connectivity, according to the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN).

With the provincial and federal governments both more invested in internet improvements due to the pandemic, EORN is working on speeding up its own future projects, board member and Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said. The potential cost of EORN’s new projects could total over $1.2 billion, with plans to significantly improve internet speeds throughout the region.

In May, the Eastern Ontario Warden’s Caucus (EOWC) approved EORN to continue conversations with upper levels of government on those projects, Devolin said. EORN will look to do them concurrently with the already-underway $213 million cell gap project.

“We all need connectivity of reasonable quality and we need it as fast as we can,” Devolin said. “Federal and provincial governments have asked anybody that’s in this business how can we leverage and do these things in a more accelerated manner.”

The province announced the rollout of a $150 million fund June 3 to help unserved and underserved areas. The funding was not brand new – it was initially announced for this year with the unveiling of the $315 million Ontario’s Broadband and Cellular Action plan in July 2019.

But the announcement came with the province renewing calls for more help from federal partners. MPP Laurie Scott said with broadband being federally regulated, the feds need to come through.

“We need them to step up to the plate to help us deliver these dollars in order to get us all wired into the 21st century,” Scott said.

The federal government has yet to announce details on any plans to accelerate broadband funding. With 84 per cent of households at 50/10 Mbps speeds, the federal government has previously committed to bringing that to 90 per cent of households by the end of 2021 and 100 per cent by 2030.

Devolin said the governments will continue to have talks. What plans move ahead - and how much money will be involved - will depend on the results of those conversations. He added he thinks they will conclude before the end of the year, which should lead to more announcements.

“It might be both scale and speed are absolutely going to be accelerated,” Devolin said.

As projects get underway, Devolin said he will lobby for Haliburton County to be at the front of the line, given it is one of the most underserved areas in the Eastern region.

“For many of our residents within Haliburton County that have really either limited or basic dial-up, it feels like we’re in the Stone Age and it cannot happen fast enough,” he said.
I am racist
By Joseph Quigley

I am racist and that is not okay. It is not something I am proud of. It is not that I am a foul-mouthed bigot. I believe in equality and justice for all. I do not think anyone should be advantaged or disadvantaged in society based on race. Nonetheless, I am racist, for it is virtually impossible to exist in our world as a white person today and not be. Our system struggles when it comes to educating on racial injustice. The full scope of how prevalent it is today is rarely highlighted and the bad parts of our history get downplayed. But we cannot erase that history, nor can we ignore the racism of today.

This fight may seem far from Haliburton, but it is everywhere. We learn racism from a young age. From the disproportionate abundance of whiteness in our stories and media, and how they never add colour. From others, racing it along in a never-ending chain. From social media, where vile rhetoric is always two clicks away. From our rules and laws, made by overwhelmingly white people, to benefit white over all.

Privilege is a word that has become scary and charged because of how frightening it is to whites. It is not easy to recognize our advantages. We tell ourselves we worked hard to get ourselves through all the open doors of our lives, even if they are closed to so many others.

Nonetheless, we must recognize it, call it right against it and worsen it. We are the upholders of racism. We must join in tearing it down.

Racism can disguise itself, but it is always there. Maybe it appears in a cognitive bias we are not fully conscious of, which makes minds overvalue whiteness. Maybe it is in how willing we are to be complacent with these ongoing injustices when they are not in our face because they do not impact us regularly. Maybe it is an error in this opinion, where we can pursue truth but not reach it, for we will never fully experience racism.

Maybe it is in reading something like this and rejecting it, or thinking it does not apply, to protect a fragile ego.

Maybe it is in a call for justice and unity that falls short of calling out the police. We must do better and say it: police killed George Floyd because of his race. Police brutality on both sides of the border against Blacks, Indigenous and other peoples of colour must end.

There is hope. It is a myth that Canada is a beautiful, equal, multicoloured fabric. But it is a myth we may be slowly working towards. It may not be a real tapestry yet, but perhaps we have a few pieces.

We have seen local organizations recognize this moment in time and sincerely reflect. Trillium Lakelands District School Board, the Haliburton County Youth Hub, even a small restaurant like Nourished. This is positive and we need more of it.

There is no magic divide between being a racist and “not racist.” It is a spectrum - and our privilege pushes us away from the right side. I want to be anti-racist and that must be a constant fight against me, and the society that made me.

So, I am racist. That is not okay. But I am working on it. Listening. Learning. I always will be.

How about you?

No crisis should go to waste
Submitted by Diane Duff, PhD, RN, Minden

COVID-19 has highlighted many of the current gaps in health care services in Ontario, including inadequate health care system re-design.

In November 2019, the Ontario Ministry of Health announced planned changes to the delivery of health care, including proposing significant cuts to public health units through merging districts and replacing the Local Health Integration Networks, Cancer Care Ontario, eHealth, and other health organizations, with a single mega-health entity, Ontario Health.

By late February 2020, some 20 Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) had been approved, including ones in Muskoka and Peterborough. If you want to see an example of an OHT proposal that was approved, the North Toronto Group posted their application online http://northtorontogroup.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/NT-OHT-Full-Submission-191009.pdf.

The Haliburton Highlands’ proposal for an independent OHT was noted to be still in development.

The Ontario government was forced to suspend work on health system changes in April 2020 due to the pressures of COVID-19. This delay provides us all with time to reflect on what is important in our health care services and their delivery, and to carefully examine things that have gone well and not so well with health care in the past months.

In March, I attended many regional COVID-19 planning meetings with representatives from our three area hospitals (Peterborough, Lindsay and Haliburton), our public health units, emergency services, and other service providers. This integrated, regional approach to health service delivery is absolutely required, not only in times of crisis, but on an ongoing basis to deliver the best health care to members of our communities.

I believe that Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) pushes well above its weight in provision of health services with great staff and wonderful community support. However, to deliver even basic services such as pharmacy, laboratory and diagnostic services, human resources, informational technology, and central processing, HHHS must outsource to the Ross Memorial Hospital (RMH).

Specialty clinical services are provided by surgeons, respirologists, infection control specialists, cardiologists, endocrinologists, neurologists, obstetricians, and others, mainly from RMH, Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC), Muskoka, and Orillia, because we do not have the funding or population to provide these resources within our community.

They also provide our community members with specialty diagnostics and treatments, such as CT scans, dialysis, and cardiac catheterizations. Many additional doctors from outside the counties are needed to staff the emergency departments and are recruited from RMH, PRHC, and Health Force Ontario.

To ensure health services are integrated and seamless, shared organizational structures and strategic plans are needed to provide comprehensive regional coverage. As noted in the OHT preparatory documents “population sizes must reach a critical mass of people in order for integrated funding and accountability structures to function well and optimize value…” We simply are not big enough to meet these criteria on our own, either in relation to clinical or financial outcomes. We need to be realistic and join forces either with another OHT or proposed OHT that has these capacities and resources.

While our current rural health hub does its best with the resources available, it is not able to provide even primary care coverage (family doctors and nurse practitioners) to all members of our community, let alone more specialized health care. This, together with seniors, who are living with one or more chronic illnesses, results in high rates of emergency department use and poorer health outcomes for members of our community.

This is particularly true for unrostered patients who not only lack access to primary care, but also to other OHP funded services only available to rostered patients.

No crisis should go to waste. Get involved. The Ontario Health patient and family advisors’ network and Health Quality Ontario are looking for patient and family advisors. Ask the hard questions of politicians and hospital boards. Write letters to the Ministries of Health or Long-Term Care or our OHP and MPP sharing your expectations and concerns. Insist on a full service, integrated regional health system. It’s good for you.
Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Library board should reconsider

Dear editor,

I read Joseph Quigley's article in the June 4 issue of The Highlander and was very sorry to learn that the library board did not approve the proposed curbside pickup and delivery pilot, at the Dysart etc al location, as part of its reopening plan. I would very much like to see the library open in this manner.

Not everyone has a computer or has access to the internet from home, and many, like myself, are not comfortable with the eye-related symptoms of constantly being on the computer; symptoms such as eyestrain, dry eyes, headaches, fatigue, difficulty focusing, blurred vision etc.

I most certainly do not feel that “...we are all getting a little bit ahead of ourselves.”

It seems to me that the library staff’s proposal was well thought out and carefully considered every precautionary measure. I applaud their efforts.

As a Haliburton County resident, senior and avid patron of the library, I urge the library board to reconsider their position.

Editor’s note: The board voted June 10 to proceed with curbside pickup in Dysart starting June 25.

Noni Richardson
West Guilford

High expectations

Dear editor,

Five weeks ago I reached out to Mr. Jamie Schmale, our Member of Parliament, to express my concerns about the Federal Government and their seeming disregard for the political process.

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Resilient, resourceful and generous

Submitted by Judy Paul
Member, Haliburton County FoodNet

Being resilient, resourceful, generous, empathetic and brave is evident in Haliburton County as demonstrated by the following “good news” stories from some Haliburton County FoodNet members.

FoodNet agencies come together to address food security. Through sharing information, strategies, best practices and ideas, FoodNet members have been working hard during the pandemic to ensure access to food for all.

Agencies have been creative and nimble in their response to an increased demand for food while operating under COVID-19 protocols.

• Frozen meals have been effective, but the limiting factor in the past was storage space. Community partners successfully applied for government funding to purchase freezers. Lead organization, SIRCH, will be a supply hub for the storage and distribution of frozen meals, allowing more meals to be made and stored. SIRCH usually makes 350-400 frozen meals per month but between May 4-31, they made 2,371 meals and 674 soups. Unable to purchase the freezers, six community members loaned some to SIRCH and they are now stocked with meals and placed in non-profit, seniors and family housing complexes around the county.

• A generous donation to SIRCH meant that fruit could be provided with frozen meals and volunteers with Lakeside Church made at least 100 servings of fruit crisp each week. Over the past month, SIRCH has been able to give out 1,371 servings of fruit. Volunteers give out frozen meals on Saturdays and Sundays at SIRCH’s Victoria Street location.

• The Rotary Club of Haliburton donated grocery cards to FoodNet agencies and 16 club members have been volunteering to deliver groceries for Haliburton Foodland. The club has also continued to pack out the Good Food Box. In May, the club filled 300 orders and served four non-profit seniors.

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• The Minden Community Food Centre reports an increase in donations. They also have prepared frozen meals and are providing extra meals and snacks for children.

• In Highlands East, the Central Food Network (CFN) initially struggled to get enough food when local stores experienced shortages but they report an increase in donations. The Foodland in Wilberforce has been an amazing partner with CFN in offering food delivery service. The Highlands East Community Cooks have been busy in the kitchen preparing meals and fruit crisps to use up bulk donations of perishables they have been given. Free tax clinics are also back on. People drop their documents at the post office where a volunteer picks them up, and CFN mails the documents back to the client.

• New partnerships are struck in challenging times. Eagle Lake Community Church, for example, is working with Eagle Lake Country Market to provide extra grocery items to residents. Point in Time made up care packages with donated grocery cards, frozen meals and masks. With school closed, Food for Kids re-directed funds to community organizations like Point in Time for food for children and their families.

Food security is a long-standing concern in Haliburton County, and the pandemic has heightened the issue. We can celebrate the resourcefulness of our human service agencies and the caring actions of volunteers and donors. This crisis also gives us time to reflect on our core values. Let’s continue to work together to ensure that everyone has enough income with which to live a dignified life.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

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The Highlander
Insurance costs rise $65K for Highlands East

By Joseph Quigley

Highlands East’s insurance costs are spiking significantly for the second consecutive year in the wake of an unstable insurance market.

Council voted to renew its insurance with BFL Canada June 9 for $291,644 plus taxes – a 20.65 per cent increase over last year’s $226,644. This comes after the insurance rate increased by 47 per cent in the last renewal, rising from $159,184 in 2018/19.

The municipality had planned to go out to market for this year’s insurance, but deputy CAO and treasurer Brittany McCaw said that did not happen due to time constraints caused by COVID-19. The pandemic is also expected to have more of an impact on the insurance market in the future.

“BFL has worked hard on our behalf to make sure we received a fair renewal with all the different challenges we’re facing right now,” McCaw said. “But this was the result of a challenging market.”

McCaw said BFL has reported markets hardening the past two years, with insurers withdrawing from certain classes of business, increasing premiums, and restricting coverage to mitigate exposure before the pandemic even hit. The Lloyd’s of London’s insurance company is expecting an overall cost of more than $100 billion to the global property and casualty insurance industry due to COVID.

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he understands why staff could not go to market this year, but added the municipality needs to explore alternatives next year.

“I understand the market is what the market is, and everything goes up based on whatever drives overall costs up,” McCaw said. “It’s extremely important we get a state of the union here about what’s happening.”

McCaw said staff will be preparing necessary RFP documents at the end of 2020 to go to market for 2021. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario has advocated for changes to joint and several liability due to rising premiums, with the province launching consultations on the issue in 2019.

Ryall said the municipality could be facing higher costs due to BFL’s losses.

“They may or may not be managing their company as well as others might be,” Ryall said. “It’s extremely important we investigate this extremely thoroughly before the next budget.”
Boat launch repair warning

By Lisa Gervais

The public will be disrupted by planned construction at the township’s Hardwood Landing, parks, recreation and trails manager Chris Card told Algonquin Highlands councillors May 21. They’re replacing the retaining wall there at a cost of $181,000.

Card said staff are working with Fowlers Construction. He added the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has timeline limitations for in-water work of July 16-Sept. 30. The project will start July 16 and take up to two-and-a-half weeks.

“During construction, there will be a disruption to services in the form of no access to the boat launch,” Card said.

He said access to parking, and foot access to the shoreline and stored boats, will be maintained.

Signs and construction fencing will be installed so that users will be able to access boats that are already in the water or stored along the shore, he said.

Card noted there are 46 properties on Hardwood Lake, 31 of which are listed as water access. He said a number of property owners store their boat attached to shore adjacent to the boat launch and there are several boats stored on shore that will have to be relocated further down shore in order to be clear of the construction site.

Card said staff have compiled a mailing list and will be sending out mailers to all property owners on the lake describing the timeline as well as considerations surrounding restrictions to access during construction and the requirement to relocate boats away from the construction zone. He said on-site signage will also be put in place to inform users over the coming weeks.

Mayor Carol Moffatt asked if reference cards said there were not. Asked by Moffatt were other public boat launch sites and Card said there were not. Asked by Moffatt what would happen if boats had to be moved but cottagers not present, Card said municipal staff could float them the 20-feet or so out of the construction site.

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Given the delay in the cottaging season as it is because of the pandemic, restriction from properties right in the middle of the summer could be problematic for some folks. But this is what happens with construction.

Carol Moffatt
Mayor

Report crime online

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is encouraging citizens to report even more crime online.

In a June 4 media release, they said that from January 1 to May 20, 2020, there has been a 99 per cent increase in online reports, compared to the same period last year.

As online reporting usage has grown, the OPP said it has expanded the system to include more options for citizens.

Previously, reports made online were limited to crimes under $5,000. Now, crimes regardless of value; where there is no evidence or suspects, are eligible for online reporting, including: theft; mischief/damage to property or vehicle; lost/missing property; stolen license plates and/or validation tags; and driving complaints.

To see the list of less serious incidences for using online reporting,” the release said.

“The increased use of online reporting helps reduce the spread of COVID-19 by limiting direct contact between police and members of the public, while allowing frontline officers to focus efforts on urgent calls and crime prevention strategies within our communities.”

New transformer stops traffic

A new transformer for the Minden Transmission Station literally stopped traffic on June 10.

County Road 21, between Robertson and Caribou roads, was closed for approximately 30 minutes as the new transformer was backed into the station.

“Nearly two years ago, a transformer fire impacted equipment first installed in the 1950s, putting the station’s upgrade on hold,” a Hydro One spokesperson said.

“This week, construction continues to expand Minden Transmission Station and increase the amount of available power to support local economic growth.”

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Highlands East news

Fireworks bylaw passed
Highlands East council passed a new bylaw June 9 which will limit fireworks use to specific holidays. The new bylaw will only generally allow for fireworks on New Year’s Eve and the holiday weekends for Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Holiday and Labour Day.

Councillors voted 3-2 in February to proceed further with drafting the bylaw. Since then, acting fire Chief Chris Baughman added a clause to allow for consumer fireworks outside those holidays with permission from council.

“[I]t was one of the biggest concerns I had and why I voted against it the first time around,” deputy mayor Cec Ryall said.

The bylaw also details permit requirements for public fireworks displays. Flying lanterns are also now banned in the municipality. Anyone found contravening the bylaw is liable to pay a penalty of $100.

Operations back to normal
The municipality is beginning to return to some normalcy after dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Baughman reported staff and department employees are back at work in offices, practicing physical distancing and wearing personal protective equipment when distancing is not possible. Staff are also preparing to open municipal offices to the public again and resume regular council meetings.

Coun. Cam McKenzie said the day’s council agenda appeared routine, which is a positive. He thanked the efforts of the mayor, staff and emergency operations centre members for their efforts.

“Highlands East continued successfully to provide services to our residents as much as possible,” McKenzie said. “The COVID-19 pandemic is not over but I feel Highlands East has turned a major corner with this morning’s council meeting.”

Geocaching to return
Highlands East is working to return geocaching to the geocaching capital of Canada.

The activity is on hold due to the pandemic, but economic development coordinator Joanne Vanier reported working on a new, contactless version called an Adventure Lab. It relies only on smartphones and will take geocachers into parks throughout the municipality.

“It would be something beneficial in these particular times,” Vanier said. She added because the lab requires cell phone reception, they will not be available in Wilberforce’s parks at this time.

Vanier said she hopes to publish the new project next month. (Highlands East news compiled by Joseph Quigley).

COVID-19 news

page offers an online forum for parents/caregivers and health unit staff to exchange information, comments and resources on parenting and family issues.

• The Health Unit website features general health advice, as well as specific information on keeping your family healthy during COVID-19, preventing injuries during the pandemic, and ways to be active outdoors safely in the current climate.

• Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC), is a free, confidential and voluntary program for eligible pregnant women, new mothers, and families with children up to age six. HBHC provides advice and support immediately after a baby’s birth and at different stages afterwards to ensure children get the best start in life. While HBHC home visits are currently unavailable, follow-ups with families can be done by phone and video-conferencing.

“Life as we know it has changed dramatically over the past two months due to COVID-19, but the Health Unit is still here to support local families,” says Jennifer Kurpjuweit, a public health nurse with the HKPRDHU. (COVID-19 news compiled by Lisa Gervais)


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Highlands East news

Highlands East economic development co-ordinator Joanne Vanier is working to bring back geocaching in a contactless format.

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Highlands East long-term care update
President and CEO Carolyn Plummer said they are continuing with long-term care home surveillance testing for COVID-19.

Plummer said The Ministry of Long-Term Care has issued a directive that all staff be tested twice during the month of June. HHHS was planning to test on June 9 and 10. She added, as they have done previously, they will inform families, residents, and staff first, then the public.

With the nicer weather, Plummer said long-term care residents are getting outside, and to the gazebo, and there will be social distancing visits.

“When the provincial government continues to restrict visitors, we have put up a secondary fence to allow for outdoor visits to take place, so long as they follow the (ministry’s) and Public Health Unit directives of being physically distanced by at least six feet,” Plummer said.

She added that families are being encouraged to schedule a time for an outdoor visit with staff, “and we expect there will be many visits happening soon.”

Health unit programs
The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit continues to offer its Healthy Families support programs for new and expectant parents, as well as moms and dads with young children, the health unit said June 8.

They added that even though health unit offices are currently closed to the public due to COVID-19, services and support for local families are still available via phone and online in Haliburton County.

Services include:
• The toll-free Healthy Families intake line at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5003, that allows people to speak to a Public Health Nurse and receive support and answers on pregnancy, breastfeeding and parenting. Public Health Nurses are now able to provide infant-feeding support to parents via video-conferencing.
• The free online Prenatal Program gives expectant parents accurate and reliable information/resources on pregnancy, labour and birth, and caring for a newborn. The web-based, mobile-friendly format can be done from home.
• The Healthy Families Facebook page offers an online forum for parents/caregivers and health unit staff to exchange information, comments and resources on parenting and family issues.

The activity is on hold due to the pandemic, but economic development coordinator Joanne Vanier reported working on a new, contactless version called an Adventure Lab. It relies only on smartphones and will take geocachers into parks throughout the municipality.

“It would be something beneficial in these particular times,” Vanier said. She added because the lab requires cell phone reception, they will not be available in Wilberforce’s parks at this time.

Vanier said she hopes to publish the new project next month. (Highlands East news compiled by Joseph Quigley).

COVID-19 news

page offers an online forum for parents/caregivers and health unit staff to exchange information, comments and resources on parenting and family issues.

• The Health Unit website features general health advice, as well as specific information on keeping your family healthy during COVID-19, preventing injuries during the pandemic, and ways to be active outdoors safely in the current climate.

• Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC), is a free, confidential and voluntary program for eligible pregnant women, new mothers, and families with children up to age six. HBHC provides advice and support immediately after a baby’s birth and at different stages afterwards to ensure children get the best start in life. While HBHC home visits are currently unavailable, follow-ups with families can be done by phone and video-conferencing.

“Life as we know it has changed dramatically over the past two months due to COVID-19, but the Health Unit is still here to support local families,” says Jennifer Kurpjuweit, a public health nurse with the HKPRDHU. (COVID-19 news compiled by Lisa Gervais)
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- Lloyd Watson Community Centre – 2249 Loop Rd. Wilberforce
- Paudash Lake Fire Hall – 26538 Hwy 28, Paudash Lake
- Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre – 1043 Community Centre Rd. Gooderham
- Wilberforce Curling Club – 2273 Loop Rd. Wilberforce
- Wilberforce Library – 1101 Holmes Rd. Wilberforce

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Danielle Martin painting in her studio, working on commissioned pieces. Photo submitted.

New business hopes to colour the Highlands

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County entrepreneur Danielle Martin wants to splash a little colour across the Highlands. The owner of new business, Shape Shifter, Martin designs and illustrates products, including murals.

She’s originally from Newmarket, but her family has cottaged in the area for eight years. She graduated from the Haliburton School of Art and Design last May, completing the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma, Integrated Design Diploma, Photo Arts Certificate and Digital Image Design Certificate.

During the summers of her first two years at HSAD, she worked with her mom’s home staging and interior design company in Newmarket. In her third year, she worked as a freelance photographer for The Highlander, and last summer was the student for Rails End Gallery.

She believes all of that experience has led her to where she is today. "The past couple of months, I have been really thinking about how to pursue my passions while giving value to the world in my own unique way," Martin said in an interview.

She said her style is “very outer worldly with a fresh and funky twist.” She said she’s been illustrating designs for four years and has always had visions of seeing them on a grander scale, which led her to thinking about doing murals.

“I truly believe that murals, in both indoor and outdoor spaces, are extremely effective in how one perceives the world. They have the ability to enhance any space by bringing natural curiosity, wonder, joy, and sparking the inner child within all of us,” she said.

She is targeting businesses for her murals, “because if you have an intriguing piece that is a ‘showstopper,’ the more likely people will want to come check it out, and spread the word. It can be a great way to advertise by showcasing your upgraded and exciting space, which in the long-term, will greatly impact your customers’ overall experience and enhance the energy in the atmosphere,” she said.

Martin said she would love to do storefronts and office spaces, outdoor, indoor or on windows.

She said for businesses, it’s an ideal time, since many are closed due to the pandemic. “They can start advertising their new artwork in the meantime, giving their customers something to look forward to when they open.”

She added that for her personally, COVID-19 has given her the time to create the online building blocks for her site. “Currently, I am in the process of creating a colouring book, which will feature my own illustrations. I am selling apparel and products with my designs on them, as well as doing commissioned work for clients,” she said.

As for murals, she said she has an archive of illustrations and designs, or can collaborate with clients. For mural inquiries, or other commissioned work, contact Martin at: daniellenicolem@outlook.com

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Folk society concert music to ears of food banks

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton County Folk Society helped raise more than $2,000 for County food banks with an online concert fundraiser June 6.

Locals Gord Kidd, Shawn Chamberlin and Thom Lambert performed from the Dominion Hotel, live-streamed via Facebook as part of a concert series. Artists’ fees and donations for the show all went to the County’s three food banks.

Society member Don Gage said it was successful other than a couple of technical hiccups.

“A number of our local musicians, of course, don’t make a living from music, they do it as a hobby,” Gage said. “Instead of helping the musicians, help the community instead. That’s what we decided to do.”

Central Food Network chair Carol Greenwood said the support is much appreciated. She said food banks are bracing themselves for a difficult winter when they expect a spike in demand for their services as food prices increase due to pandemic-caused production issues. Haliburtonians will also be struggling with depleted savings and a decline in summer employment, she said.

“We’re expecting all of Haliburton to be in extreme crisis through the winter, so food banks now are already forward planning in terms of what we’re going to do,” Greenwood said. “So, we’re not taken by the same surprise as we did when COVID hit us.”

Kidd said he was honoured to be invited to perform and was happy with how it went despite the unusual circumstances.

“Just felt like I was doing a normal show with a good friend,” Kidd said. “I felt very comfortable.”

Gage said the society is one of the few organizations across the country who has still been organizing live concerts, with most other live-streamed shows being purely artist-driven. They have another concert planned for June 20 and though they would normally not do much during the busy summer, they are considering more with local concert series getting cancelled.

“We’ve been very happy with it,” Gage said. “The support has been great from the community, the donations, the tips that come through for the artists have been very good … Gives people a bit of a night out, see some of these folks without leaving their home.”
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Camera club focuses on nature

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club has released the winning images for its latest competition. Winners from the nature category were: 1st Advanced: “Focused” by Amin Shivji. 1st Intermediate: “Big Tom” by Julie Jones. 1st Novice: “Happy Birthday!” by Anne Hodgson.

Like most activities, the club’s meetings and outings have been cancelled, however, the club continues to be active online. Visit their website at highlandscameraclub.ca to view all competition images and follow them on Facebook.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. PLSRA2019002: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10261, registered July 9, 2019.

2. File No. PLSRA2019003: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Bogshkung Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10300, registered November 28, 2019.


4. File No. PLSRA2019031: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10338, registeredJanuary 7, 2020.

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8. File No. PLSRA2019044: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 22, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 5, 6, and 7, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10282, registered July 18, 2019.

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10. File No. PLSRA2019076: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10345, registered January 8, 2020.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection and additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 705-286-1260 (x206) or by e-mail at iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 AM. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard by contacting the undersigned. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on Thursday, June 25, 2020.

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Terry Goodwin remembered as an ‘exceptional person’

‘He wasn’t talk. He was action’

By Lisa Gervais

Terry Goodwin touched many lives in Haliburton County, whether through his work in the justice system and social services or his involvement in church, committees and societies.

Terry passed away suddenly on May 28, at the age of 59.

His daughter, Jen, said she and her brother were incredibly lucky to have Terry as their dad.

“He was a ‘doer’ and involved in so much of our lives: coaching tee-ball, soccer, and hockey; volunteering on the parent council at school; staying up late to help with over-the-top homework projects, and so much more,” she told The Highlander.

“We always knew that if we needed him, he’d be there, no questions asked. The same goes for his involvement in the community. He quietly served and we’ll probably never know the number of lives he touched - from helping turn a life around as a probation officer to mowing the lawn for a widow... he had the rare ability to meet a person wherever they were at, offering acceptance and kindness.”

Friend, prayer partner, and breakfast buddy, Pastor Brian Plouffe, said what he and many others appreciated was “Terry’s life was a practical life and he had a very practical faith.”

He said he was hands-on in helping others, and ensuring justice for all, and had a real heart for the people he worked with in probation. “He cared for them as people.”

“He wasn’t talk. He was action.”

He remembered Terry for being down to earth, with a good sense of humour. Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents executive director Marg Cox said they will remember Terry for his dedication to his work in probation, as well as for being co-chair of The Haliburton Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee, notably leading a sub-committee dedicated to tackling the rising Opioid crisis.

“He was an incredible support and volunteer in the community, with a wonderful sense of humor and passion for helping those in need, and in retirement continued to be a dedicated fundraiser and supporter,” Cox said.

His family said Terry began his career working for grocery chains A&P and IGA, before joining Corrections in 1987, working as a probation and parole officer.

He retired May 1, 2019, but according to his family, wasn’t one to sit around and thrived on keeping busy.

He took online courses from the University of Guelph to become a Master Gardener and in recent years became a beekeeper, or, as he liked to say, “a bee buddy.”

He was a member of the Haliburton Master Gardeners, where he thoroughly enjoyed his meetings with the “ladies,” the Minden Horticultural Society, and a buyer.

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Terry Goodwin is being fondly remembered by family, friends, colleagues and acquaintances. File photo.
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Lions donation helps secure park riverbank

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton & District Lions Club is celebrating the Canadian centennial of the organization by funding six trees to help with erosion at Head Lake Park.

The six, mature willow trees cost $2,500 and were requested by Dysart et al park staff. The club met June 4 to dedicate the trees, with a plaque marking the club’s commitment to be installed later.

The club said the gesture contributes to their commitment to the environment.

“We were looking for something to donate that would be rather permanent,” treasurer Betty Mills said. “We also have a passion for the environment and trying to do things that maintain the environment.”

The Lions began in Canada in Windsor in 1920. Mills said the club has continued for so long because of people’s natural desire to help others.

“We tell little children in daycare centres, ‘who wants to be a helper’ and they all come running,” Mills said. “We all like to help other people in some form.”

Dysart council approved the gift at its May meeting. Recreation program coordinator Andrea Mueller said the trees are part of their annual craft brewing festival and other fundraising efforts will be hampered.

“The fundraising is a huge challenge,” Mills said. “I think we’re going to end up with less to give … We can hope for a release.”

But despite the challenges, the club will still do what it can. The club also helped refurbish Abbey Garden’s Enchanted Forest children’s play area June 3.

“Even in these challenging times, we continue to meet online and carry on with our service work,” the club said in a press release.

Haliburton Lions Club members dedicate six trees they funded at Head Lake Park June 4. Left to right: Betty Mills, David Mills, Marilyn Frost and Jim Frost. Photo by Joseph Quigley.
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Please do not call or email the various Departments or their related extensions or submit inquiries through the Minden Hills website Contact Us form.

If you are aware of anyone who is not adhering to the Government’s order which prohibits organized public events and social gatherings of more than five (5) people, or who are not practicing appropriate physical distancing, you are encouraged to contact your local police department or the OPP at 1-888-310-1222 or online by visiting OPP.ca/reporting.

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

REQUESTS FOR TENDER
RFP #FIRE 20-01 Rapid/Initial/Wildland Attack Truck
The township is accepting bids from qualified Respondents for the provision of a multipurpose 4x4 rapid attack fire apparatus with pump-and-roll capabilities.

Submission deadline has been extended to June 19, 2020 by 12:00 noon.

Please visit www.mindenhills.ca/tenders/ to view the tender documents and for complete information on how to submit bids.

WASTE SITE ACCESS PASS
Please do not throw out your Waste Site Access Pass (“dump card”). New passes have not been distributed. If you did not receive one in your tax bill, this is not a mistake.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
We are seeking a Deputy Fire Chief and Safety & Training, Fire Prevention Officer to join the Minden Hills Fire Department. Please visit www.mindenhills.ca to download the full posting and job description.

DISCLAIMER: The information provided on this page is considered current and valid on as of June 5, 2020. While the Township of Minden Hills works diligently to provide the public with the most current information regarding service provisions and reductions during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are aware that, due to the rapidly evolving nature of outbreak, information can, and may, change on a daily basis. The public is strongly encouraged to refer our website at www.mindenhills.ca for current and up-to-date information. Anyone unable to access the website can call 705-286-1260 or email admin@mindenhills.ca for assistance.

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

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

June 11 - Committee of the Whole Council Meeting
June 25 - Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one meeting a month in July, August and December.

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

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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT
Minden Hills is hosting a household hazardous waste event on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at the Scotch Line Landfill from 8am – 11:30am. Please visit the Garbage and Recycling page of our website for more info.

Important Property Tax Information
The 2020 property tax instalments are due on:

• May 29th
• June 26th
• July 24th
• September 18th

However, late payment charges shall be suspended on all tax instalments that are unpaid by the due dates. Interest at the rate of one and one quarter percent (1 1/4%) per month shall be charged on the first (1st) day following December 4, 2020, on all due and unpaid 2020 taxes.

Interest at the rate of one and one quarter percent (1 1/4%) per month will continue to be levied against taxes owing for previous years (2019 and older).

Preauthorized payment plan withdrawals will continue as originally scheduled. Ten (10) month plan and Arrears plan payments will be deducted on the last business day of each month. The installment plan payments will be withdrawn on July 24th and September 18th, 2020. Post-dated cheques on file will also be deposited on the dates as indicated on the cheques.

If you have any questions regarding your preauthorized payment plan or post-dated cheques, please call (705) 286-1260, extension 201.

We encourage account holders to utilize the payment methods available, and to submit payments as soon as reasonably possible.

Payment Methods:

• Cash and debit payments are currently suspended.
• On-line or telephone banking.
• Payment at financial institutions.
• Cheque-by-mail or deposit in the drop box. The secure (locked) drop box is labelled and located on the north wall of the Administration building facing Pitchard Lane and the Municipal parking lot. It is accessed from the wheelchair entrance and is at the top of the first ramp.

Absolutely no cash is to be deposited in the drop box.

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Send your letters to editor@thehighlander.ca

(300 words max)
Glory amid challenges for Red Hawks

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School celebrated its athletes with a virtual awards ceremony beginning June 4.

With the pandemic preventing the usual in-person ceremony, the school has instead opted to highlight teams and players over two weeks, from June 4-19. A video highlighting different teams and players is being posted each weekday.

Coach and teacher Janice Scheffee began the ceremony and said it gives athletes and coaches a chance to reflect on sporting successes.

“We can’t let this unique and challenging situation take away from the success and glory that did happen at HHSS during our fall and winter seasons,” Scheffee said.

A summary of teams and awards winners so far:

**Jr. Boys Volleyball**

Most improved player: Matthew Wilson
Most valuable player: Jackson Wilson
Coach Mike Gaffney’s remarks: “Very proud of this group. Through practices, tight, nail-biting games, and long bus rides, we watched the boys grow and learn the fundamentals of volleyball … This group has a lot of potential.”

**Wrestling**

Most valuable player: Nick Graham
Rookie of the year: Levi Samson
Coach Dan Fokler’s remarks: “Well, what a year. Labour disruptions, pandemic and injuries. Lots of injuries. Regardless, we persevered, with pinch-hitting coaches … The team headed to COSSA and had a great showing. All wrestlers placing in the top-four of their weight class.”

**Field Hockey**

Most valuable players: Melissa Brinkos and Haley Boylan
Most improved player: Emma Miller
Coach Steve Smith’s remarks: “The coaches are very proud … Their cohesiveness, development and how they came together when the chips were down, and they won the Kawartha Championships. Girls,”

**Cross Country**

Most valuable player: Isaac Little
Coach Karen Gervais’s remarks: “It was a pretty wild ride. Thanks boys, really proud to be the coach of this team and I’m certainly grateful we had the opportunity to have this season together. I hope to stay connected with all of you guys. Keep on running and we’ll challenge each other to some virtual races. Way to go cross country.”

**Jr. Girls Volleyball**

Coaches’ Award: Emmerson Wilson
Most improved player: Emma Miller
Coach Dan Gimon’s remarks: “Thank you to the girls for their dedication and enthusiasm through this long and tumultuous season. Janice (Scheffee) and I were very pleased with the improvements we saw in the girls as the season progressed … Very proud of all you girls and your accomplishments towards your goals this season.”

**Football**

Offensive Most Valuable Player: Cam Marra
Defensive Most Valuable Player: Desi Davies
Coach Chris Boulay’s remarks: “We entered our school into the varsity division, which is sometimes an overwhelming task, especially with young players … We competed, we played very hard, many first halves had us in the lead or within striking distance of these clubs. A great season was had by all.”

**Girls Hockey**

Coach Courtney Cook’s remarks: “Due to our shortened season this year, I’ve chosen not to hand out awards, but recognize the team as a whole. Our number one goal with this team has always been to have fun. Seeing the girls come together, have a laugh, and play some good and not-so-good hockey has truly been an enjoyable experience. Over the past two years, you girls have shown true growth in your hockey skills.”

**Chapter 4: Wine o’clock**

The sun burned down on the little tin rowboat in the middle of the lake. Detective Harry Harp dipped his hand in the water and wiped sweat from his face - then removed his tie, folded it and shoved it in his pocket.

Meanwhile, Constable Terry Becker stopped rowing and pulled a stash of energy bars from one of the many compartments in his cargo pants and handed one to Harp. He consumed it in two bites. Becker put the empty wrappers in his pocket. “Do you believe that stuff about a curse?”

“No - really. But it’s given Sally Cutts something to blame for her problems. The more things go wrong, the more real the curse must seem.”

Ten minutes later, the two men arrived at the last cottage on the east side of the lake. The Maladee cottage was large and open-concept with a peaked roof and a wall of windows that gave a partial view of the water. The interior was roomy except that every inch of it was occupied. Ornaments, paintings, photos, plaques with amusing sayings printed on them, piles of books, magazines, dirty dishes, wine bottles, including the half empty one in Marc Maladee’s hand.

“Can I interest either of you gentlemen in a glass of fairly decent red?” He was in his mid 50s with wavy brown hair, a beard and a cheerful pair of boozy blue eyes. Harp suspected the other half of the bottle was already inside him. Both men declined and took a seat where they could find space among the debris.

Marc Maladee, ten years younger than his wife and wearing yoga pants and a black t-shirt, hovered near the window like she wanted to jump out of it.

“Nice view,” Harp opened with. Marc plopped down across from the two men, crunching a pile of newspapers. “You want to know the best view. The Calvert point. Incredible.” He drained his glass. “So? What can we do for you? Must be a business matter. Nothing particularly important.”

“Tell them, Marc,” Marie said, her hands flapping some more. Marc sat down and smiled resignedly at his audience. “Well, if you must know, I’m quite involved with the community here and I devised a rather ingenious plan to develop a seniors enclave on the lake - a half dozen homes ringing the unused end of the shore, and all interconnected. There would be a main lodge on the point with dining room, library, activities room - and it was to be called Cliffside.” He tossed back a mouthful of wine. “The county was in and we were cut in. But we’ll have another. You’ll see.”

Marc was up and re-pouring. “I was on the point once. Just the once.” He smiled and revealed a row of wine-coloured teeth. Becker, “What was the reason for your visit?”

“A business matter. Nothing particularly important.”

Becker’s glare assured him that it was. “Tell them, Marc,” Marie said, her hands flapping some more. Marc sat down and smiled resignedly at his audience. “Well, if you must know, I’m quite involved with the community here and I devised a rather ingenious plan to develop a seniors enclave on the lake - a half dozen homes ringing the unused end of the shore, and all interconnected. There would be a main lodge on the point with dining room, library, activities room - and it was to be called Cliffside.” He tossed back a mouthful of wine. “The county was in and we were cut in. But we’ll have another. You’ll see.”

Marc tilted his face up to her and whispered, “Everything’s going to be okay, you’ll see.”

Back in the rowboat Harp said, “Did you notice the brand new pack of sparklers on the deck? The receipt was stapled to the bag - bought yesterday. In the village. They were here last night.”

Becker whistled. “Listen to this.” The constable opened his notebook and started reading. “Plastic flowers, stuffed terrier in wicker basket, three broken clocks, carved birds in flight, framed family photos, two old phones, pile of cookbooks, how-to-juggle book, metal silhouette of a wolf set in a piece of stone, a bear driving a car, a half-full plastic bottle of eye solution, gold mirror, three empty tea candle holders, dirty sock, book about Corsica, Christmas ornament, tiny closed box.”

He shut the notebook. “That was one small shelf. Those people are hoarders.”

Harp shrugged off his suit jacket. “And liars.”

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**Editor’s note:** This is the fourth installment of a series entitled Harp on the Water. It’s written by Hope Thompson, who lives in Algonquin Highlands.
The gardens of Haliburton County

Some people have commented that plants are the new toilet paper of COVID-19, meaning people are hoarding vegetable seeds and plants for their gardens. Contributing photographer Justin vanlieshout captured some gardening-themed photos around town this past week.

Top left: Some gardens remain unplanted at Haliburton’s community garden as tending the plots is discouraged to stop the spread of COVID-19. Right: Anna Froebe grows fruits and vegetables with the help of her greenhouse to help minimize trips to the grocery store. Bottom left: Haliburton community garden is “closed until further notice” to help stop the spread of COVID. Photos by Justin vanlieshout.
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Passed away peacefully at home in Carnarvon on Wednesday, June 3, 2020. At the age of 65.
Beloved wife of Richard “Rick” English. Loving mother of Mike (Cathy) Rowden, Lisa Rowden (Scott), and Trisha (Matt) Watson. Loving grandmother of Christa, David, Josh, Luke, Kellsi, Jackson, Sydney, Mikhaila, and much anticipated baby girl granddaughter due in September. Dear sister of Marie Della Savia, Marlene (Pat) Buck, Kathy (Gerd) Baker, Joe (Lettie) Della Savia, Jerry (Sharen) Della Savia, Bruce Decoff, and Wayne Decoff. Beloved daughter of Lido (deceased) and Lois Della Savia, and Delores Decoff (deceased). Lovingly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

In keeping with Marilyn’s wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

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Baked and Battered

Into the Blue Bakery
Open at Eagle Lake County Market. Thurs, Sat, Sun 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. Friday 12 p.m. – 9 p.m. 705-854-2662. intothebluebakery.squaresite.

Abbey Gardens
Open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Cookhouse Restaurant – Haliburton
Open for takeout and limited curb side pickup. Call ahead or online order and remote order pick up from 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House
Open 6 days a week. Call 705-457-1333. dinneropen.com.

Minden Haliburton Hearing Service
Open. Remote videoconferencing available. Call or email at mindehaliburtonhearing.ca. 705-457-1411. email info@mindehaliburtonhearing.ca.

Minden Hair Design
Open 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Friday – Saturday 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Royal Lepage Trillium Team
Available locations will be closing at 7 on Fridays. 705-457-9434.

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

Generators Solution
Temporarily closed to public but staff still available at monica@generatorsolutions.ca or telephone 705-286-1003 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. Bernstein’s General Store Not open to walk-ins. Call Marty at 705-457-1777 or email bernsteinsgeneralstore@gmail.com to order for curb-side pick-up. FedEx drop offs available by appointment only 705-457-1777. FedEx pickups – you will be called to arrange curb-side pickup Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast closed until July 1. Taking reservations into the summer and beyond. 705-286-4922, sunnysrockbb.com.

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

Fleming CREW Employment Centre
Providing a free meal deal on Saturdays. Delivery available. Contact Nourished at 705-775-0525 or email info@highlands-storage.com.

Step of Grace Conditioning Studio
Open on-line training. Call 705-457-6749 or 416-707-4521.

GRCH
Open for business with enhanced protective tools for employees and public. 705-457-2156.

Transit Travel
Providing care to patients in the community.

Step of Grace Conditioning Studio

The Beer Store
Minden and Haliburton
Open for retail and take-out only.

WRD Cottage Rental Agency
Open as usual but working remotely. Call 705-457-8014 or email info@WRDCottageRental.com.

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

Courtney @ Bruce’s Barbershop
Closed until further notice.

Stand-n-Sip
Open 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. 705-457-3443.

Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast
Open for business with essential needs and the Pizza & Snack Shack fully operational and curbside pick-up.

AR Gift Baskets
Drop-off only. Call 705-457-1411 or email argiftbaskets@gmail.com.

Edilicious
Offers healthy, delicious, fresh and local frozen food options. Wed - Sat 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Snow Job
Offers healthy, delicious, fresh and local frozen food options. Wed - Sat 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Highlands Medical Supplies
Open for retail shopping no longer available. Available to take your orders by phone or email. Pre-paid orders can be delivered or via “Pick-Up Box”. 705-457-9395 (Mon - Fri 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.), info@highlandsmedicinesupplies.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 Peace and Justice 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.

Store 21 located at Florence No longer offering takeout.

Wes G Pizza & Grill
Open for take-out and delivery available. 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/cash-in-advance.

A&M/PI M Outdoor Gourmet
Special takeout menu. Open 6 days a week. Call 613-876-4839 or email ampiomoutdoorgourmet.com. apartmentgourmet.squaresite.

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

McKee’s for Open for take-out and online ordering Mon-Sat 12-7 p.m. Menu at mckeeks.ca/menu. Call 705-457-3434.

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

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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.

Rain fries and Art Gallery
Closes. Posting images from current exhibition on Facebook.com/rainfries.

Riverview Furniture
Open with extra safety precautions. Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 705-286-3167. riverviewfurniture.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. - 2 p.m. for takeout/delivery. 705-306-0526.

The Beer Store
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Century 21 Granite Realty Group
Available only through appointment. Call 705-457-1218 or email info@century21granite.com.

Stamp Carpet & Dust Cleaning

For a free listing or any changes, contact admin@thehighlander.ca (25 words max)
NEWLY BUILT HOME - $525,000

Newly-built 3 bdrm. Home or Cottage with deeded access to Hall’s Lake is the perfect way to get the lakefront without lakefront prices! The quality-built home is open-concept with a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace with wood insert. Large sliding doors to the deck, hardwood floors and beautiful vaulted ceilings. The deeded access across the quiet dirt road offers a fabulous sand beach and access to one of the area’s most popular lakes - deep, clean and excellent boating.

LEVEL BUILDING LOT - $39,900

A level, treed lot with the best of both worlds. Access is off a main highway, yet the lot is set back from the highway for privacy. Hydro goes right past the lot line. Access to the property is by a dead-end trail off Hwy 118 that used to be where the highway was once located. It is starting to grow in a bit new, but it is there! Lovely surroundings and close to Maple, Bend and Green Lakes for excellent fishing and boating. Build your new home or getaway on this easily developed property.

FABULOUS HOME OR COTTAGE - $460,000

This exquisitely built home is newly finished in the finest of details. Quartz countertops in kitchen, open concept, illuminated mezzanine, Napoleon fireplace in living room, 5 jet tubs, private entrance, huge kitchen for extended family their own use. 6 individual units give each of your guests their own privacy. Oversized double car garage. This year only - room for your dock and you have everything you need. Oversized double car garage and unfinished basement. Walk to the river or towns - the perfect location.

OUTSTANDING ACREAGE - $695,000

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

WALKERS POND ACREAGE - $339,000

Over 194 acres of bush surrounding 3/16ths of Walkers Pond, loaded with wildlife. Trails throughout. Hunt, ATV, or build that private home or getaway. A hydro cut line goes through the beginning of the property, foras, antique outlet for BBQ, storage/parking with carport gives you added space. Inground swimming pool, motel rooms, cottages, camp sites and much more. Everything here is turn key, in great condition. Modern detached two car garage. With a one of kind Bunkie, your guests will have more than enough room. The property has it all. Your playground awaits.

AFFORDABLE COTTAGE - $259,900

Don’t miss this opportunity to get affordable waterfront! This seasonable 3 bdrm 1 bath cottage has been well maintained, sits on a well treed lot, has a trail directly off the back yard leading to a gorgeous sand beach! Waterfront is deeded access, sharing with others - room for your dock and you have everything you need. Oversized double car garage and unfinished basement. Walk to the river or towns - the perfect location.

CARNARVON HOME - $235,000

This house is located on a prime corner lot in the heart of the community and walking distance to restaurants, a garden centre, hardware/hommer and more. Two bedrooms plus a 3 pct bath that needs your love and care, but what a great potential it has! The property also offers a partial basement with oil furnace, a 2 car garage, a bunkie, two sheds, garden space, and a lovely treed and paved driveway that feels quite royal to drive through.

LOWE LEVEL LOT - $6,900

Quiet 40 by 120, 1/2 block from town and close to public beach. 101 ft. of frontage and sand beach on Benoir Lake, 105 ft. of frontage with only a small mud bog, inground swimming pool, huge deck, huge kitchen for entertaining, huge master bedroom with ensuite, modern detached two car garage. With a one of kind Bunkie, your guests will have more than enough room. The property has it all. Your playground awaits.

LODGE & CAMPGROUND $1,149,000

Ray’s Place is a combination of motel rooms, cottages, camp sites, trailers and bunkies. Catering largely to hunters and fishing enthusiasts, the 131 acre property sits on the edge of an official trout stream in Haliburton County. On the property - kilometers of trails, a mud bog, inground swimming pool, playground and elevated grounds. Ray’s Place is the host to several special events attended by hundreds each year and has an excellent reputation for being the place to be! A lovely 3 bdrm/3 bath brick home provides living quarters.
$1,500,000 EAGLE LAKE
• 5 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3700 Sq.Ft. Custom Built Home
• Short Walk to Sir Sam’s Ski & Bike/Sir Sam’s Inn & Spa
• Sunset Views, 180 Ft Sand Frontage, Screen Porch

$839,900 HORSESHOE LAKE
• 5 Bedroom Renovated, Energy Efficient Home
• Child Friendly Shoreline, Deep Water Off Dock
• Sunrise Views, Fireplace, AC, Custom Kitchen and More

$749,900 BAT LAKE
• 3 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom Hobby Farm Just Outside Minden
• 4402 Sq Ft Living Space with Potential In-law Suite
• Waterfront Access, Docking Area, 95.5 Acres

$750,000 WHITE LAKE
• 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bathroom Condo in Gated Community
• 2,280 Sq.Ft. Luxury Living Space with 2 Fireplaces
• Cathedral Ceilings, Custom Kitchen with Quartz Counter top

$624,900 SILVER BEACH
• 2 Bedroom, 2.5 Bathroom Gated in Great Community
• 2,190 Sq.Ft. Luxury Living Space with 2 Fireplaces
• Cathedral Ceilings, Custom Kitchen with Quartz Counter top

$569,900 MINNICOCK LAKE
• 3+1 Bedroom, 2 Bath Cottage With 12’ x 16’ Guest Cabin
• Double Lot With 455 Feet Frontage, 1.93 Acres
• Includes Shares in 88 Acre Backland for Extra Privacy

$389,900 QUEENS LINE ROAD
• 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 1.5 Storey Home Close to Amenities
• 38 Acres Includes 27 Orchard Trees, Partially Cleared
• Extensive Decking, Screened Porch, Nature Lovers Paradise

$339,000 HALLS LAKE
• 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom, 4 Season Home/Cottage With Garage
• Close & Easy Walk to Deeded Access to Lake, Expansive Views
• Golden Rippled Sand Beach, Private Setting on Cul-De-Sac

SOLD!
$750,000 LINDSAY HOME
• Bright home on a sunny lot
• 1957 sq.ft, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. AC.
• Convenient location, close to all amenities.
• Heated pool
• Full home inspection report available

SOLD!
$575,000 SALERNO LAKE
• 513 ft OWNED shoreline on Salerno Lake
• 127 acres – fabulous lot – very private
• Original cottage built in the 40’s

SOLD!
$479,000 LINDSAY HOME
• Bright home on a sunny lot
• 1957 sq.ft, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. AC.
• Convenient location, close to all amenities.
• Heated pool
• Full home inspection report available

Contact Steve to discuss listing your cottage. There are still many buyers looking for waterfront properties. As a Realtor I am deemed Essential Service and am therefore authorised to visit your property even if you can’t join me on site initially. I can give you a no-charge, no-obligation opinion of value and selling strategy. I am authorised to buy and sell during this pandemic. Stay safe and keep your distancing. This will end and we will get back to better times.

- Cheers, Steve.

We’re avid campers and have been dreaming of owning a cottage and thanks to Chris Smolarz he helped us find exactly what we needed and helping us with the mortgage process! We’re so happy with our purchase!

– Britney Stewart