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Breaking out the books

Anne-Marie Borthwick was the first person to pick up an order of books as the Dysart et al library branch began curbside pickup June 25. County library CEO Bessie Sullivan said all of their available timeslots were filled for their first day of the service. Patrons can now order a book order ahead and pick it up in front of the library branch while keeping distancing.

Anne-Marie Borthwick walks away from the library with books in hand. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

County mulls online store for businesses

By Joseph Quigley

County of Haliburton council is considering a proposal to bring area businesses into one, locally-based online storefront.

Local web developer Donna Enright presented to council June 24 to pitch a centralized e-commerce and marketing platform for the Haliburton Highlands. She sought County support and council agreed

to submit questions and hold a meeting to discuss the idea in more detail.

Enright said with the pandemic hitting businesses hard and online shopping booming through the likes of Amazon, it would be best for local businesses to unite with a centralized e-commerce site.

"This is not a time, in my opinion, for each business to have to promote itself,"

she said. "But instead for the community to pull together and support each other."

Her site would have a combined view of all products and services from all participating businesses. Each vendor or association would pay a \$235 set-up fee and a monthly usage fee of \$40, as well as standard merchant account fees for each transaction, which she said would be about

three per cent. Each vendor's section would include links back to their own websites and any social media accounts.

"I laid awake at night thinking, 'I know this solution could work'," she said. "If I didn't find a way of getting it into the hands of people, I'd totally regret this forever."

She cited her business, TechnicalitiesPlus, as being experienced enough to head this,

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TechnicalitiesPlus CEO Donna Enright. Photo via Facebook

Council supportive but still has a lot of questions

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having developed e-commerce sites used by print media companies across Canada. She said her business would cover the website redevelopment costs, which she estimated at \$24,850.

Enright said she wanted the County to establish a pandemic recovery plan, adopt the new site as a primary tool to support businesses, help

source funding for those who cannot afford the start-up fees and promote the platform through its tourism department.

Coun. Brent Devolin said although the details need to be worked out, he thinks it is a great idea.

"I'm supportive in principle," he said. "I would like some time to think about it ... It'd be a private enterprise

and we'd need to determine, as the County and other organizations, how we can participate to be fair."

Coun. Carol Moffatt also said she had a lot of questions that would need to get answered first.

"I won't ask them all right now," she said. "The idea, in theory, is really great and something you can really move forward in this County."



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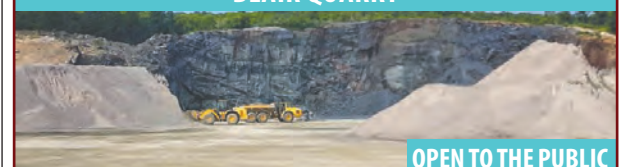
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The interior of a vehicle in the Drag Lake area was reportedly destroyed by a bear searching for food. Photo submitted by Susan Meiorin.

Bear damages cars, homes at Drag Lake

By Joseph Quigley

Susan Meiorin awoke June 21 to find her car door open, with the perpetrator leaving an unusual calling card: bear paw prints.

The bear had made its way around the Drag Lake area throughout that week, breaking window screens and opening car doors in search of food. In one case, the bear destroyed the interior of a car, which Meiorin said likely occurred when it got trapped inside after the door closed behind it. She said the bear then had to be released out the back by OPP.

The neighbourhood went on alert, Meiorin said, locking doors, closing windows and posting regular updates. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) put out a live trap June 25 in hopes of capturing the bear, but took it down June 29 after the bear was not captured and reports of its activity in the area stopped.

“Everyone’s quite aware and being very diligent,” she said. “Just the sheer shock that a bear can open your car door. It’s amazing.”

MNRF senior media relations spokesperson Jolanta Kowalski said the ministry is working with Haliburton Highlands OPP to be responsive to the situation. He said every year, they receive reports of bear break-ins, including cars, which happen when a window is partly down, and doors are unlocked.

“Bears are quite clever at figuring out how to open unlocked car doors and can do a lot

of damage to the interior of a vehicle when the door closes behind them and they are unable to escape,” Kowalski said.

He said the most important step to preventing such encounters is to remove items that attract bears from the neighbourhood: garbage, bird food, barbecue odours and ripe fruit left on trees or on the ground.

“When bears cannot gain access to non-natural foods, such as garbage, they will not stay in the area,” he said.

Meiorin said the neighbourhood took those steps. She said authorities have told her the bear is young – likely one or two years old – and probably struggling as seasonal conditions mean berries are hard to come by.

Her family has also given the bear a name: Lola.

“Trying to make light of it, but at the same time, everyone’s on edge,” she said. The Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners Association reported June 29 the MNRF was taking the trap down due to the risk of attracting other bears into the area. With the amount of time passed, the association also said it would be difficult to determine if they caught the right bear.

“MNRF staff are currently removing the trap this morning and will continue to closely monitor the situation for new reports, and work with our partners on outreach and education,” the association said.



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Pinestone accused of firing whistleblower

By Joseph Quigley

The Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre is facing an allegation of firing an employee who blew the whistle about a pay delay amidst the pandemic.

Cook Heather Allan Reid spoke with The Highlander about the resort's ownership, the Aurora Hotel Group, missing a payday March 27 as they laid off her and other workers due to COVID-19. Ownership said the delay was caused by its payroll management firm closing its offices and did eventually pay April 3.

But with the hotel rehiring people as the province reopens, Reid alleged she was ignored. When she confronted management about it, she alleged she was explicitly told she was being let go because she aired her grievances to the press and social media, which supposedly violated the employee code of conduct.

"I'm tired of living in a town where employers think they can get away with treating employees like this," Reid said. "It's ridiculous."

The Highlander sent an email to Pinestone general manager John Teljeur June 15, asking for an interview about the allegations, and any documentation the company had about rules for employees speaking to the media. The Highlander reached out via email again June 19. The Highlander never received a directly reply to either email. The Highlander connected with Teljeur by phone June 26. Teljeur said

he had raised the interview request with ownership and they had decided that the organization would not respond.

Another member of the kitchen staff, Michelle Delaire, also spoke to The Highlander about the pay issue in March. She alleges she was also ignored for days when she reached out about Pinestone rehiring this month. Five days later, she alleges she was told Pinestone wanted her back, but they would need to discuss her quote to The Highlander.

"After not hearing anything, to feeling bullied. Not a professional work environment," Delaire said, adding she has opted not to return to the Pinestone. "I don't want to go back to that hostile work environment."

Andrew Monkhouse, an employment lawyer in Toronto, says the Employment Standards Act prohibits delaying the payment of wages to employees.

"If an employee doesn't get paid, they can make a complaint to the Ministry of Labour, who could then order compliance," he said.

But he also notes there is an enforcement gap with the government and few fines for breaking the rules.

When it comes to being fired for speaking to the media, Monkhouse said it's very likely the employee would be entitled to damages for wrongful dismissal, in the range of three-to-five weeks per years of service. An exception would be if there



Heather Allan Reid alleges she was fired from the Pinestone because she spoke out about owners delaying pay in March. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

was another, genuine cause for termination. Monkhouse says employees are generally permitted to speak to the media, and attempts by employers to stop them are likely without legal merit.

Reid said she still expected to be rehired after speaking out. She said she believes if she was not vocal, owners would not have paid the next week.

"Whether or not I put it out, it was wrong for them not to pay money that I worked

for. It is not against the law for me to put it out there that a company refused to pay us," she said. "If I didn't do that, (Pinestone) would have kept putting it off."

Reid said she has retained a lawyer and is pursuing legal action. She said the Pinestone gets a lot of community support, but its workers need that support too.

"They don't support us," she said. "But they can support a guy who can do that to his workers."

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Septic re-inspection trial for the fall Full program to commence in 2021

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills councillors said they'd like to see a trial of their septic re-inspection program this fall if COVID-19 allows.

In doing so, they voted against a recommendation from chief building official Colin McKnight and consultants' WSP Canada, who were advising not to proceed with inspections in 2020.

WSP's Paisley McDowell tabled a memo on the program's plan in response to COVID-19 at the June 25 meeting.

"WSP recommends that the 2020 program be limited to program preparation, data sorting and the program information letter being sent to property owners," she said. Paisley added the steps would allow WSP to sort the township-provided data and receive septic permits from owners for the township's risk assessment.

She noted the two in-person public information sessions planned before inspections began are no longer possible under COVID-19 restrictions, and WSP felt they were critical for the public to talk to WSP, learn about the program, and understand their responsibilities.

She said with the current state of paperwork, they couldn't start until August 2020 at the earliest anyway.

"WSP believes the limited inspections that could take place in the remainder of 2020 under the COVID-19 restrictions are better suited to be transferred to 2021 where the program may be able to be completed as outlined in the agreement."

She added the building department is



Council met with CBO Colin McKnight and Paisley McDowell of WSP Canada via Zoom June 25. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

experiencing an additional workload and there's some financial risk in carrying out a program during the uncertainty caused by the pandemic.

She proposed continuing with preparations and the program information letters in 2020, and plans to host two public sessions in early 2021 with inspections following.

However, Coun. Pam Sayne said she was disappointed in the proposed setback.

"I don't want to see any more delays," she said, noting council had been discussing a septic re-inspection program for years.

"There will always be a reason for delays ... so, I think to find more reasons to delay is not the direction we want to go. We want to say 'how do we start this as soon as possible' and get someone out there in the field and just starting doing it."

Coun. Bob Carter said he was disappointed in both the delay and COVID-19. He felt about 50 per cent of taxpayers were "eager" to get going, while the other half "not so

eager." He felt public consultation is something the township must do as part of due diligence.

He wondered, "whether it would be worthwhile to pick a small district of 20 or 25 locations, a small lake or something like that, and just actually at least go through the process this year so that we learn what the issues are going to be in doing all of this."

Coun. Jean Neville added she thought the township could take advantage of social media in getting the word out. She said they're lucky to get 20 people at a public information meeting anyway.

Mayor Brent Devolin asked McDowell if a test run was doable so the township could then "hit the ground running in the spring of 2021."

McDowell said barring provincial government directives about COVID-19, they could "run a smaller area." She said they would still send information out and have the township set up an information page on its website.

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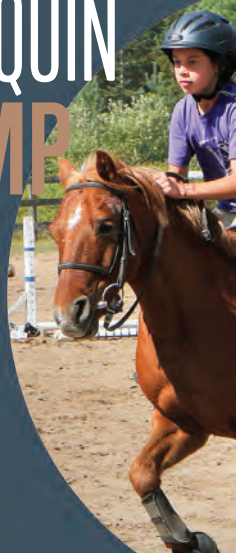


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What's the plan, Pinestone?

It was nearly five years ago - on Sept. 28, 2015, that the new owners of the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, and the Wigamog Inn, announced big plans for the development.

Ravi Aurora, of the Aurora Hotel Group, told Dysart et al council the family's intentions, including investing \$2 million into renovations, and adding a gas station, car wash, plaza and medical facilities on the property.

He said they wanted to create more jobs, not just at the Pinestone, but in other sectors. They also wanted to make the resort more welcoming to local residents.

There was talk of renovating the hotel's lobby areas and restaurants, and expanding the ballroom to accommodate 500-600 people.

Aurora said he wanted it to be head office for his company and there was discussion about rebuilding the relationship between the resort and locals.

He presented sketches to councillors of the day, pointed out that the new additions were just concepts at the time. He added his design team worked hard to ensure the additions fit well with the surroundings.

Plans for the plaza included a financial institution and some sort of medical facility not currently in Haliburton. The plaza and the other new enterprises were to be located on a section of land adjacent to County Road 21, the former home to Coneybeare Motors. There was even talk of a sculpture competition.

It was all supposed to happen in time for the resort's 40th anniversary. In 2016.

While Pinestone remains a major employer in Haliburton County, the 2015 plans have gone virtually nowhere. There have not been major renovations at the resort. While the land was cleared for the promised gas station and mini-plaza, it remains empty. There've been complaints about the property at the Wigamog, where long grass grows untended, as the once stately inn falls into disrepair.

Unfortunately, the Aurora Hotel Group, has not reached out to the community to tell us what is going on.

There are reports that despite the best intentions of general manager John Teljeur - who has brought the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships and live entertainment to the resort pre-COVID-19,

as well as housing for frontline medical staff - all is not well.

There have been guest complaints and grumbling among staff for years.

Now, the resort has come under fire from two of its former employees. One says she wasn't reinstated after the COVID-19 shutdown because she spoke to *The Highlander* about a late wage payment issue in March. Another says she has opted to not return because of the employment climate at the resort.

Unfortunately, the Aurora Hotel Group declines to talk about any of this. They are letting their relationship and reputation with locals go to seed.

It's time Dysart et al council asked some questions about the future of the resort, and the inn, and what the Aurora Hotel Group's intentions are now. It's okay to hold their feet to the fire about promises made, and that remain unfulfilled, five years down the track.

The public would like to know.



By Lisa Gervais

It's good for you

Please slow down

I've travelled 2,500 km across West Africa from Nigeria to Sierra Leone riding in Mammy Wagons (small open sided trucks); been a deck passenger on a freighter piled high with kola nuts from Freetown to Dakar, Senegal; perched atop the Train du Desert for 700 km in Mauritania.

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However, several times a day when I cross Water Street in Minden to walk the dogs on the Riverwalk I feel like I am crossing a speedway.

While the speed limit is posted at 40 km/h, most people drive between 55 km/h and 80 km/h, according to my informal Speedclock app measurements on the weekend.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the people who were driving the speed limit. I appreciate both of you.

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In all the years I have lived on Water Street, I have never seen radar speed enforcement used by the police.

Perhaps council could consider using some of the 2019 revenue surplus to purchase speed display devices, and to install crosswalks, stop signs, and/or traffic calming systems.

Speed bumps or road narrowing planters are two common measures used for slowing

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The speeding problem is not restricted to Water Street.

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I soon learned to attend to the posted speed signs and because everyone drove at, or even a little below the speed limit, there were fewer accidents and driving was actually more relaxing, without people racing to pass.

Slow down. Be mindful. It's good for you.

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



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Editorial opinion

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Left: Tammy Nash recently captured this image of a fawn on her property in Algonquin Highlands. Right: April Martin sent this photograph of a toad. It was in this plant when she planted it and it just dug its way out. “Nature is so amazing.”

LETTERS

Taxpayer didn't like Square decision

Dear editor,

Thank you for covering Minden Hills council's vote regarding options to opening the Scotch Line municipal dump operations.

I was astounded to read it and see how much lack of business acumen exhibited by six of the councillors. Staff at Minden Hills presented good reasons to install cash management at the dump. Similar to those used at other counties and other businesses.

By voting down the initiative to install cash management at the Scotch Line dump it would appear the councillors have:

- lost the chance to improve the business of the town and install better accounting procedures.
- lost the moral support of town staff.
- lost the support of many voters.
- lost the chance to show the council has good business decision capabilities.
- lost the chance to help stop roadside dumping and wasting town employees' time to go and pick up this illegal dumping. Not to mention the extra cost associated with this.

The list can go on and on. At the very least why wasn't the vote postponed and sent back to staff in order to research the question of cash management and operational changes?

Any well-run corporation would have explored these questions and provided good answers to their employees and shareholders. Why are the taxpayers of this county not treated with the same respect?

The councillors are running a corporation and such should be held accountable for their lack of willingness to do the extra work involved with running a better municipality.

There are solutions to the questions regarding cash management. Simply saying you are afraid of being sued because the town is not capable of better cash management and implementing change makes for mistrust amongst the voters and employees of the town.

Kelly Sinclair
Minden Hills

(Editor's note: A special council meeting has been called for Thursday, July 2 to reconsider the previous decision).

Enjoying Harp on the Water

Dear editor,

My entire family has been so much enjoying the 'Harp on the Water' series.

We're collecting the hard copies as a gift for friends that visit us at the cottage because it's just a great summer cottage read.

As a matter of fact, reading a series story in the paper reminds me of when I was a kid.

I think *The Highlander* is an exceptional weekly publication and I rely on it to know what's going on in the community. I enjoy reading about the going-ons with council, special events, community concerns, the arena project, etc. Grabbing *The Highlander* at the local grocer is the way I start every weekend. Thank you for producing such a quality paper every week.

Kelly Mathews
Minden Hills/Aurora

COVID-19 masks

Dear editor,

It has become abundantly clear that the most effective, positive, immediate efforts the general public can make to help stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus are; wash your hands, respect social distancing outside of your household bubble and ... wear a mask.

Yet we still see so many people out and about in circumstances that don't easily permit a six-foot perimeter, not wearing a mask.

What part of this do people not get? Perhaps the recommendation to wear a mask is not strong enough.

Seat belts are not a recommendation, nor are speed limits or no smoking regulations. Everyone has seen a no shirt, no shoes, no service sign.

Perhaps the directive needs to be better understood by all. Everyone on these premises must wear a mask. This includes customers and staff. Period.

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The last time the County of Haliburton council met in-person March 17. *File photo*

Councils hold off on in-person meetings

Prepare for more broadcasts

By Joseph Quigley

County council agreed to spend up to \$15,000 to broadcast future in-person meetings but are not returning to them yet.

Staff brought forward a proposal June 24 to install two cameras in the council chambers and prepare computers and software to stream future meetings. This comes with the province allowing groups of 10 people to gather as of June 12, which means councils can meet in-person again. County council meetings have been held electronically since March.

Councillors spoke positively about the idea of broadcasting meetings to improve accessibility both during and after the pandemic. But Coun. Carol Moffatt voiced concern about starting in-person meetings, noting the difficulty of distancing in the tight corridors around the County council chambers.

"We're all right to be concerned," Moffatt said. "Just want to make sure that everyone is 100 per cent comfortable and confident that reconvening in person right now is the right thing to do."

Some municipal councils have resumed in-person meetings, including the neighbouring City of Kawartha Lakes. But County councillors agreed to delay until at least after their July meeting.

"I don't know what the hurry is to get back in-person," Coun. Dave Burton said. "I certainly support doing another council meeting by Zoom."

Director of IT Mike March said he does not expect the equipment to cost more than \$10,000 but wanted an upset limit in case additional purchases are required to address issues. The money will come from municipal modernization funding from the province.

Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands

March also spoke at the Minden Hills

council meeting June 25, saying they could resume in-person meetings with a maximum of 10 people. He said they would need a similar system as the County, at a cost of an upset limit of \$15,000.

Coun. Bob Carter said with seven councillors, the CAO and clerk, they were up to nine people. He didn't think council should rush back. "Let's do some testing ... wait on the County to see how that works. I don't see this as any rush. I'm not getting in a room with a whole bunch of people before that, so this is probably sometime later this year at the earliest."

A majority of councillors expressed some concern about hesitating, making it difficult to get the equipment, or at the price it is today. They added there are limitations with Zoom and YouTube.

"I'd like to go back to having live council meetings however possible," Coun. Jean Neville said.

Coun. Pam Sayne wanted to know about delegations and committees of council. March said they could continue to use Zoom for delegations. Clerk Vicki Bull said the County's clerks were discussing committee meetings going forward.

March said they could first use the County as a "guinea pig" and then go from there.

The council voted to have March the green light to acquire equipment. Councillors Carter and Jennifer Hughey voted against.

Meanwhile, Algonquin Highlands is preparing to hold virtual public meetings, primarily by phone.

Members of the committee involved with a public meeting could attend via video. However, given the varying levels of internet service and technical expertise in the community, public attendance at the meeting will be arranged by phone to ensure the largest number of people have access.

Public notices will include detailed information on how to participate.
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Work is continuing on the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena project. *File photo.*

Arena project finishing mid-August

By Lisa Gervais

Minden's \$12.7 million arena complex should be finished the second week of August.

Greg McLachlan, of Tatham Engineering Limited, provided an update to councillors at their June 25 meeting.

McLachlan reminded councillors that due to the pandemic, the site was shut down for a month with work resuming May 6.

His written report itemized work still to be done, including facility signage, additional electrical and plumbing, elevator installation, flooring, and exterior work, such as fencing, curbs and sidewalks, and paving the parking lot.

"Overall project schedule prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and government implemented restrictions on non-essential services was meeting the compressed schedule completion of June 2020," McLachlan said. "As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and government implemented restrictions on non-essential services, which resulted in the required shutdown of the site for approximately one month, the project has been delayed and schedule for completion has been

revised to August 2020."

He reminded council of the successful Ontario Trillium Foundation capital equipment grant of \$150,000, which he said was approved for fitness equipment, gym roll-up divider curtain, posts and net systems, retractable basketball backstops, portable stage, mobile storage racks, sports balls and rackets, tables and chairs.

He added that to his knowledge, they budget remained at \$12,744,570, including the \$250,000 contingency allowance council granted in December 2019.

He further indicated, builders, MBC, "are chewing up the \$250,000 contingency balance" and it would be "close to exhausted by the time we're at completion." He said they were at 83 per cent of the construction value of costs, saying "the meat and potatoes" were done and they were now on "finishing touches."

Coun. Bob Carter said while people would not be lining up to get into the new complex due to COVID-19 restrictions, it would be nice to have the project complete.

Mayor Brent Devolin said Stage 3 of reopening would come eventually.

He and McLachlan said one bit of

good news was that the elevator was now on site, after being held up at the Canada-USA border.

During the meeting, there was also a follow-up discussion on the so-called value-added items for the project.

Council passed a resolution to go ahead with Ontario Trillium Foundation-funded items as well as a projector and screen. They will make a decision on further value-added items after CAO-treasurer Lorrie Blanchard comes back with a consolidated report on arena costs. The issue of fundraising and a fundraising committee will also be discussed at a future meeting.

Council also heard from County director of IT, Mike March, on the IT-related needs of the new arena.

He said the total cost for all items is \$43,161.17 (which includes non-recoverable tax). Of this total, \$15,143.73 is considered to be a mandatory expenditure, and \$28,017.45 is considered to be discretionary costs.

Council approved the purchase of: a public Wi-Fi network; voIP phones; a door access system for the fitness facility; computer equipment for staff; security camera system and networking equipment.

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Video surveillance planned

The County is adopting a new video surveillance policy as municipalities plan to up security.

Council approved the policy June 24, which will help allow for video surveillance in the future, director of IT Mike March said. He added the policy was necessary given the privacy issues and liability risks. He said the policy passed legal review.

Coun. Carol Moffatt said it is a step in the right direction, adding Algonquin Highlands was one of the townships who asked for surveillance help.

"Couple occasions where grumpy folks have said some things they shouldn't have said perhaps and gotten ourselves in a bit of trouble," she said.

The policy specifies that data would only be collected when authorized by a statute, law enforcement or when necessary to the "proper administration of a lawful authorized activity." The policy said data collection will be minimized and it will only be used for the purpose which it is collected. It also said video recordings will be deleted in a seven-day, one-week cycle.

Affordable housing progressing

The County and City of Kawartha Lakes

are forming a steering committee to assess expressions of interest for new affordable housing developments.

Council voted in favour of the committee, which would be made up of staff from both municipalities. The committee is part of the municipalities' Affordable Housing Target Program, which aims to help guide developers through a process to take advantage of all available government financial incentives.

The City's human services manager Hope Lee said the pre-submission process got put on hold with COVID-19, but there are 10 pre-submissions coming for the County.

"It's important to get this process in place because we know there are private and non-profit groups out there that are interested," Lee said.

Rail trail help

The Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) are trying to give the walkway a boost amidst the pandemic.

The group presented to council to discuss a \$3,000 grant application it had submitted to the Haliburton County Development Corporation to help the County improve the trail by considering it as a linear park.

The FoRT project would see it improve informational signage, hire a consultant to plan for future improvements and establish a network of partners to promote the trail.

FoRT management committee chair Pamela Marsales said people will be



Pamela Marsales pitched a new project to improve the rail trail. *File photo.*

seeking out the space, but it lacks many of the features and dedicated personnel that other trails like it have.

"It is a precarious situation for this season, particularly because there will be a wide range of people seeking time in nature as never before," she said.

Council agreed to convene a roundtable of

staff and interested councillors to develop a recommended process for a comprehensive review of the trail.

"We need a nudge and you have given us that," Warden Liz Danielsen said. (County of Haliburton news compiled by Joseph Quigley)



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Minden Hills news

Townships pass the buck on policing plan

Minden Hills, along with the councils of Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, and Highlands East, are passing resolutions to get the County's help with a provincially-mandated Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

Part of that assistance includes pooling modernization funds for the development of an RFP for the creation of the plan, which will lead to the development of a detachment board.

In a written report to the June 25 meeting, a resolution said the purpose of the plan is an integrated approach to the service delivery of a wide range of community sectors, agencies and organizations, to develop strategies and programs for local priorities.

For example, risk factors, vulnerable groups, protective factors related to crime and complex social issues.

It's been discussed at Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) meetings attended by mayors of all four municipalities and the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment commander.

Municipal representatives took part in a March 21 webinar, after which it was determined the plan was beyond the resources of municipalities.

CPAC met again June 1 and it was agreed the County should be asked to take the lead.



The lower-tier municipalities are looking to the County to lead a new policing plan. *File photo.*

Digital payment system discussion coming back

Council passed a motion to reconsider its June 11 decision not to proceed with a digital payment processing system for waste disposal sites.

In providing notice of its intention, the township said councillors will deliberate and shall reconsider its final decision at a future special council meeting.

The meeting is being held July 2.

Fire department gets new equipment

Fire chief Nelson Johnson came before council to get formal approval for the purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and cylinders for his department.

The cost was \$23,850.27, including freight and HST.

He also wanted council to waive the requirements under its procurement policy for the emergency purchase.

He said he took inventory at the beginning of COVID and found the department had 12 SCBAs, one of which was broken, leaving 11. He said none of the 11 were up to standard. He said the department was required to have 18 units.

Johnson said he was shocked at the cost of new units, but was able to source refurbished supply. He ended up getting eight SCBA units and 17 cylinders.

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Highlander health

No walk-in clinic this summer in Haliburton

By Lisa Gervais

There will be no walk-in clinic at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre this summer.

Dr. Norm Bottum said it's to minimize COVID-19 risk.

"However, we want to remind all residents and visitors to the County that virtual care support by phone or video is still being supported by the government and we would encourage everyone to use those services if they have concerns that do not require urgent care," he said.

He added that those visiting the County from elsewhere should be calling their own physician for support as they know them best and are only a phone call away.

In an update to mark the beginning of summer, Dr. Bottum added that Haliburton's COVID-19 assessment centre has seen "a huge increase" in demand for asymptomatic screening.

He said a lot of this is being driven by requirements for screening before visiting long-term care homes.

"We have responded with support from EMS and HHHS (Haliburton Highlands Health Services) to improve our capacity and efficiency. Despite these changes, we may not be able to respond as quickly as some might like. We will continue to endeavour to get individuals in as quickly as possible or direct them to another assessment centre. Results are still taking

about three days to come in," he said.

Dr. Bottum further noted that with summer and summer visitors, there will be increased demands for urgent care. He said ER wait times will be longer due to the screening and cleaning demands to reduce COVID-19 spread.

HHHS reminded residents and visitors that things such as the physical separation of hospital and long-term care sites, reducing the number of access points to their facilities, and actively screening everyone who enters one of their buildings, will remain in place until further notice.

CEO Carolyn Plummer said they'll also continue to accept all emergency and urgent care needs at the Haliburton emergency department (ED), including those who may have COVID-19 symptoms. The Minden ED remains open to accept all emergency and urgent care needs, but those with COVID-19 symptoms should expect to be re-directed to Haliburton.

Plummer further reminded the public that if they have at least one symptom of COVID-19 (see Ontario.ca/coronavirus for a list of possible symptoms), are concerned they've been exposed to COVID-19 because they have been in contact with a confirmed or suspected case, or are at risk of exposure because of their employment, they can be tested. Testing is still by appointment only. Call the centre at 705-457-1212 (press 6) during business hours or Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-000.



The Haliburton Family Medical Centre and HHHS has put out some summer information
File photo.

For more information about the services and supports available to the community, including mental health supports and community services, visit haliburtoncares.ca or call the Community Support Services Response Team at 705-457-2941 or text them at 705-457-0016, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"We all have a responsibility to keep ourselves, our friends and family, and our neighbours safe from COVID-19. Please continue to be diligent about protecting yourself and others from COVID-19 by staying home if you are feeling sick, maintaining physical distancing, using a cloth face mask when distancing isn't possible (such as when you are out shopping), and washing your hands

frequently and for at least 20 seconds. If we look out for one another in this way, I know we can all enjoy another wonderful summer in the Haliburton Highlands," Plummer said.

The health unit also announced this week it is reopening its Haliburton office effective July 6. It'll be open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Each office will have safety protocols in place to ensure both staff and members of the public can remain safe.

"While we are pleased to be able to open our doors again, our first consideration is everyone's safety," said Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, Medical Officer of Health for the HKPR District Health Unit.

Offices have been closed since March.

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Of Sound Body staff, from left to right: Tara O'Sullivan, RMT; Jacqueline Ziorjen, owner, RMT, certified reflexologist; Sue Bowe, hypnotherapist, leadership alchemist (life coach); Alana Coty, osteopathic manual practitioner. Absent is Howie Owens, naturopath, acupuncturist. *Photo submitted.*

New vantage point for Minden business

By Lisa Harrison

A Minden healthcare business has some happy customers following its move to an advantageous new location.

Of Sound Body (OSB) officially reopened June 15 in its new home at 126 Bobcaygeon Rd. in the former Sassy Digs space at the corner of Water Street.

OSB's staff are settling into the freshly renovated space slowly and carefully in the face of COVID-19, said owner Jacqueline Ziorjen in an interview. There was no grand opening, appointments are spaced further apart, and the doors remain locked except to allow clients to enter at their appointed treatment times.

Still, clients are thrilled about the move up the street from the old site at 114A.

"The feedback I've been getting from people has been just phenomenal, and that's before opening doors," said Ziorjen, a registered massage therapist and certified reflexologist. She said clients are glad to be done with the alleyway and climbing to another floor, even though the old space had an elevator.

Ziorjen started her business in that location 26 years ago. A former pharmacy technician, she had decided to change careers after receiving a massage in a practitioner's home.

"Leaving her that day, I just thought, 'Wow, that'd be kind of cool, and I think this area would be able to support something like that'."

By the next fall, Ziorjen was enrolled in a

massage therapy training program.

OSB services now include registered massage therapy, reflexology, osteopathic manual treatments, naturopathy, acupuncture, hypnotherapy, and life coaching.

Ziorjen began searching for a new home for OSB when she learned the original site would be rezoned. She said she's finding the new location "surreal," almost as though seeing it for the first time.

Thankfully, a contractor had already been secured and the renovations were able to proceed with proper distancing and on time for reopening, said Ziorjen. The new design includes four treatment rooms. She chose to keep the interior doorway between OSB and its neighbour, the Organic Times health products store, in hopes of cross-business customer traffic in post-pandemic days.

It's not business as usual at OSB due to pandemic precautions mandated by the industry college, said Ziorjen. In addition to following the optional locked door policy, OSB requires staff and clients to wear masks. Pandemic screening must be done for both clients and staff. Fewer clients can be seen due to the time involved with sanitation.

"We do the best we can," said Ziorjen. "We want our clients obviously to feel as safe as they can be and trust that we are supplying them that space. And for our own protection."

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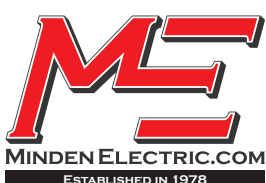
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Kevin E. Buckley and his new book. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Electrician by day, writer by night

Kevin Buckley finishes third book

By Lisa Gervais

By day, he’s a mild-mannered electrician. But when Kevin E. Buckley packs up the tools at the end of a shift, he begins to do what he really loves: write.

Buckley is about to release his third book; a crime novel entitled *The Secret Sign of the Lizard People*.

Buckley said self-promotion has never been his forte so many Haliburton County residents wouldn’t know he’s actually written three books to date. He’s self-publishing and hopes it will be out in early July.

“I am the black sheep of the family,” Buckley told *The Highlander*. “While my three brothers found success in middle-class careers as engineers and company executives, I had a misspent youth playing guitar and trying to be a rock star. Unsuccessful rock stars become electricians - if they survive. I have always written. It is in my blood. And, it is now my passion.”

Buckley was born in Lancashire, England, to a stevedore and a homemaker and brought up in the working-class suburbs of Liverpool. He studied for a time at the University of London before moving to Haliburton County.

He recalls writing his first two books by squeezing in time before work, writing entirely in longhand between 3:30 and 6:30 a.m. by the light of a slow-burning woodstove, his canine pal, Tucker, at

his side. Now, he writes whenever, and wherever he can.

“I have long been fascinated by storytelling, the way that people perceive and grapple with their experiences and surroundings. I have always been a creative person, having dabbled in music. I now find writing to be the most passionate artistic outlet. I want my work to make people laugh while simultaneously being able to look critically at the complex world around them.”

He describes *The Secret Sign of the Lizard People* as mysterious, fantastical and humorous. The story follows the work of two detectives on a murder trail. As they travel across California attempting to solve a twisting case, they unmask something far more sinister: the most captivating conspiracy theory of human history.

Buckley said he and his publisher were just waiting for the final pre-publication reviews to arrive.

He added it is to be featured at the Frankfurt International Book Fair in October, “so it had better be ready by then.”

Buckley said he’s been told the book is somewhat male-oriented, “not exactly your Jane Austen sort of story. But that was not really my intention and my editor and proof reader are females and both said that they enjoyed it immensely. Unless they’re just buttering me up.”

See more on Kevin E. Buckley and his books at kevinebuckley.com

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Unearthing the story of a ring of promises

By Lisa Gervais

Children's author Marie Gage has spent 10 years researching and writing her debut novel, *A Ring of Promises*.

Officially released June 30, she said "the whole process of taking the facts of my grandparents' immigration and weaving it into a compelling fictional story has been quite the journey."

Gage said *A Ring of Promises* is a fictional saga of romance, tragedy and adventure that parallels the truths of her paternal grandparents' experience immigrating to Canada.

It takes the reader on a journey with Will Parker, a former footman to an English Earl, as he sets out with a simple plan to get settled in Canada and send for his fiancée.

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"Follow Will as he transitions from footman to logger in the woods of New Brunswick, travels through the Northern Passage to the wilds of Hudson Bay to help build the Hudson Bay Railway, canoes against the flow of water along one of the wilderness routes of the fur trade before moving on to the farmlands of the

prairies as the First World War erupts.

All this for the love of the woman he left behind with a promise ring expecting a short separation. Meanwhile, Will's fiancée and her sister, Mary Ann, face their own battle in the Highlands of Scotland," Gage says of the plot.

Gage said the poetry and music of the real William Parker, written during this interval of separation from his true love, are woven seamlessly into the story.

Gage said her ancestral research uncovered some very interesting facts about her grandparents' journey from England and Scotland to Canada in 1912 to 1916. Family artifacts and tales passed down through the family had always suggested an interesting story; her research confirmed that many aspects were true.

The detail available was not sufficient to write a memoir so instead she wove fact and fiction into a unique blend creating a compelling story.

Gage is planning to hold a social distancing book signing at Masters in Haliburton July 11.

A free copy of the prologue can be found at mariegage.ca/a-ring-of-promises

People can get copies of the book at Master's bookstore or the Author Marie Gage website. The book is also available from any Amazon site in both e-book and print format.



Marie Gage wears the ring of promise, and the book that tells its story. Photo submitted.

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Governor general's award winner Charlotte Paton crosses the stage with her diploma June 25, vice-principal David Waito applauded. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Graduates overcome adversity

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) 2020 valedictorian Rebecca Archibald reflected on challenging circumstances as she addressed her classmates in a pre-taped ceremony broadcast June 24. Due to the pandemic, she spoke from the school standing alone on stage, with no immediate audience to respond. But Archibald said she has admired her class's ability to keep a positive mindset when faced with uncertainty through the entirety of the year. "I am so proud and inspired to see the strength, the decision to choose joy and the amazing adaptability put into action by my fellow students," she said. The commencement ceremony recognized this year's graduates with the usual flourishes, including music, speeches, awards and video montages. Graduates were also able to attend school in person June 25 on a scheduled basis to walk across the stage with their diploma and get

photos. Vice-principal David Waito said staff wanted to preserve as many traditional elements of the ceremony as possible to honour the right of passage. "We recognize that this year's ceremony is not what any of us envisioned it would be," he said. "But this doesn't change how proud we are of your achievement, or how proud you should be, or how significant this graduation can be to you and your lives." The ceremony also featured remote video tributes from alumni. NHL forward Matt Duchene offered congratulations to the class. "What you guys have been able to accomplish this year is incredible," Duchene said. "Be the leaders the world needs and make this world a better place. I know you guys can do it." Principal Chris Boulay reflected on the difficult circumstances and said it would be unfair to ask students to find the silver linings but he also spoke to how youth can change the world.

"This graduation class exemplifies strength, resolve, determination, empathy and voice. It is abundantly clear for all of us, to navigate out of these times of darkness, sadness, and worry, we will need to lean on our youth. For youth to write the wrongs, to put an end to social injustices, to bring us hope," Boulay said. Archibald said the class will do well by choosing to find joy in life. "There will be struggles and changes in plans. But because of your joy and resilience that you witnessed and practiced at Hal High, I'm confident you will go on to be joyful leaders wherever you are."

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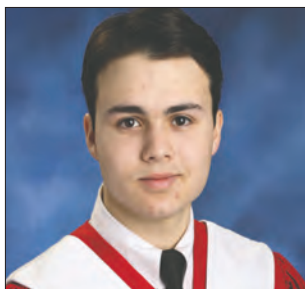
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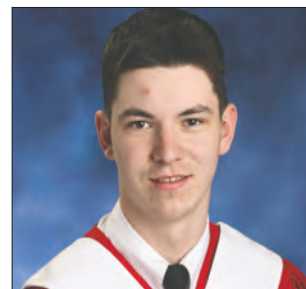
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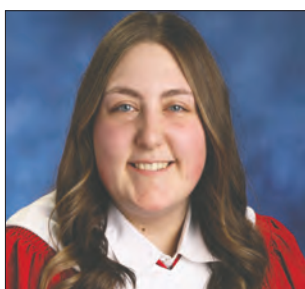
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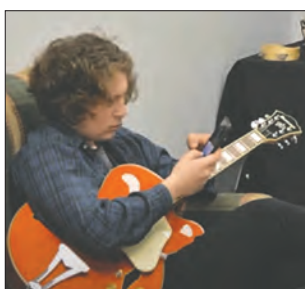
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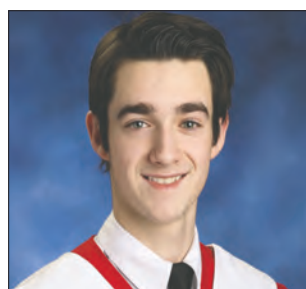
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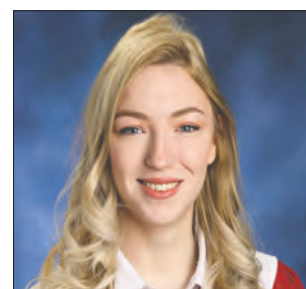
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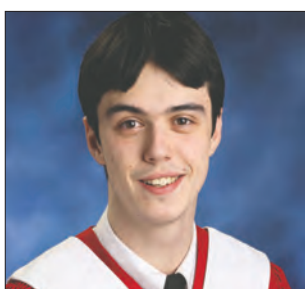
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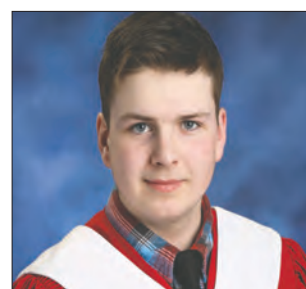
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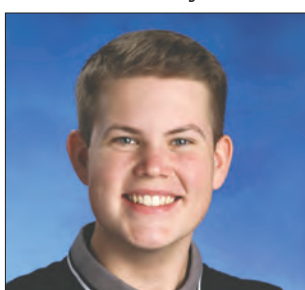
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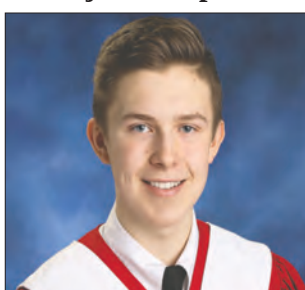
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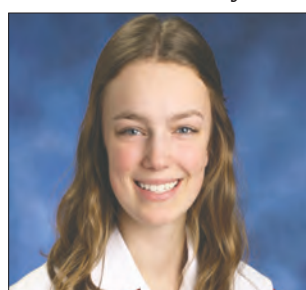
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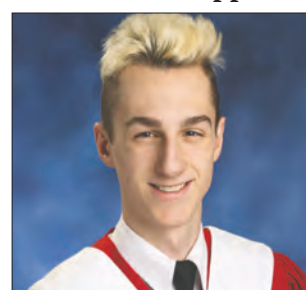
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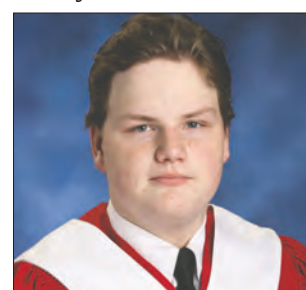
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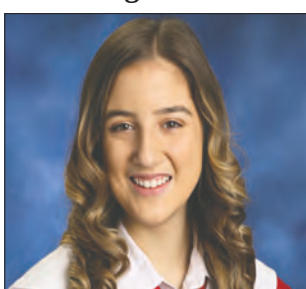
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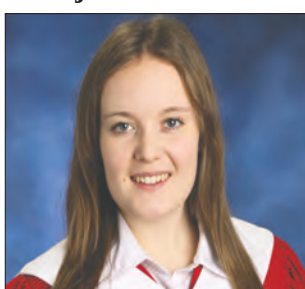
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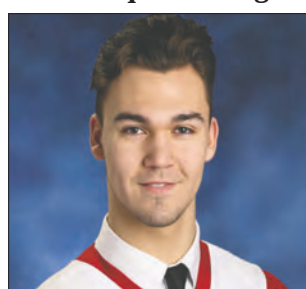
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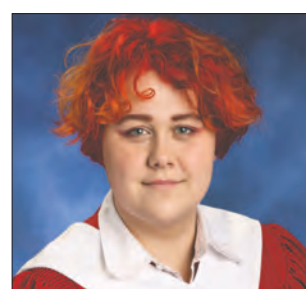
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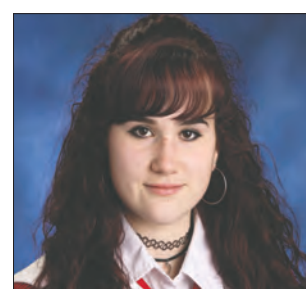
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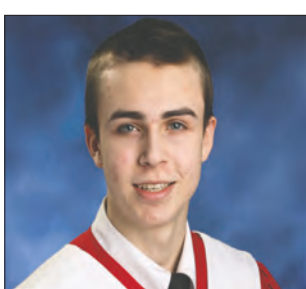
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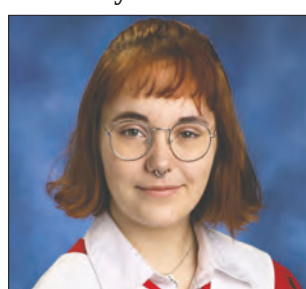
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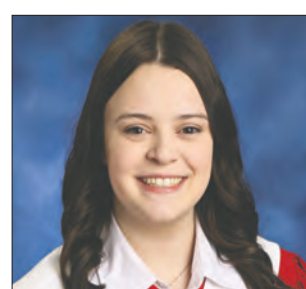
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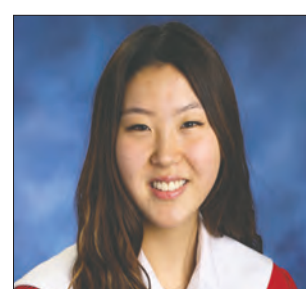
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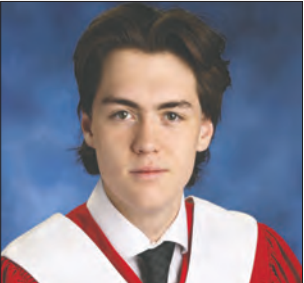
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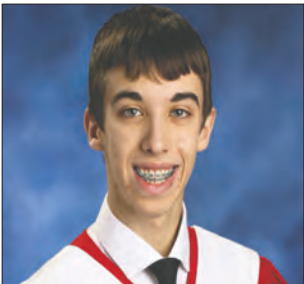
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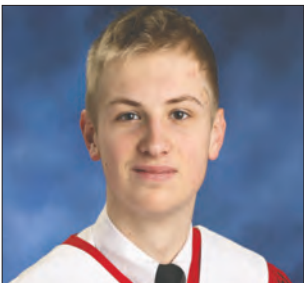
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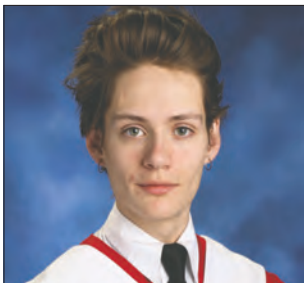
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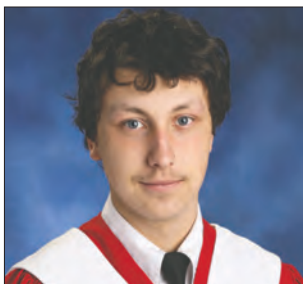
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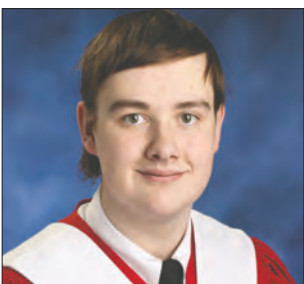
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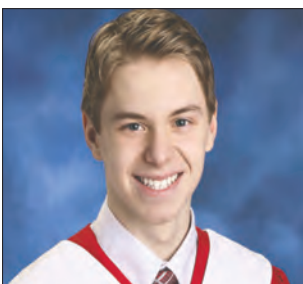
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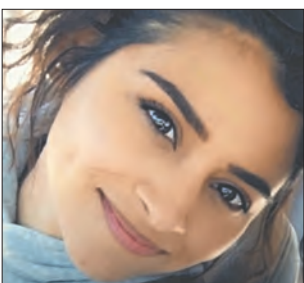
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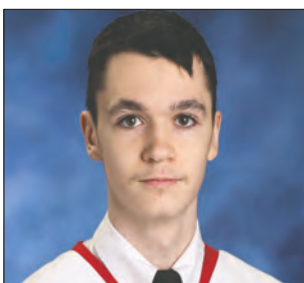
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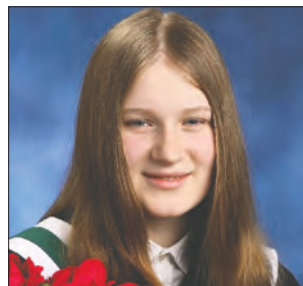
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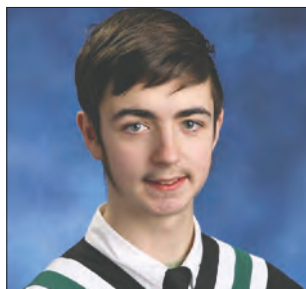
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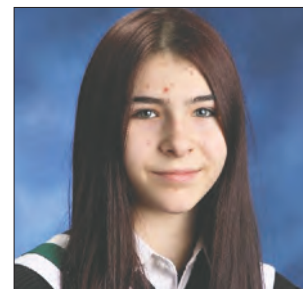
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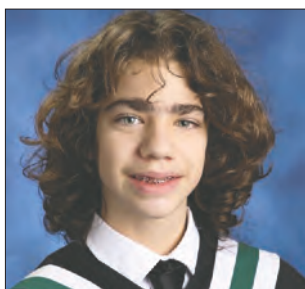
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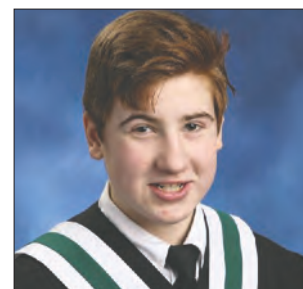
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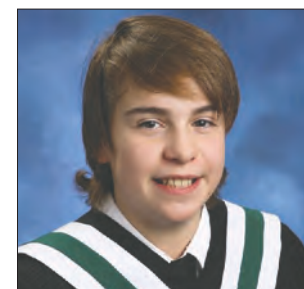
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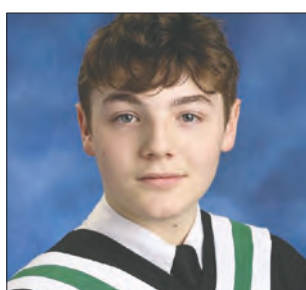
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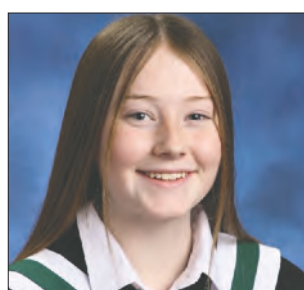
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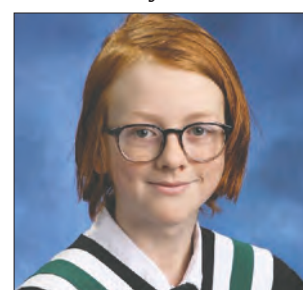
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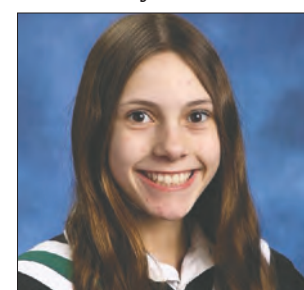
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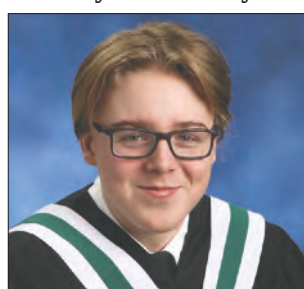
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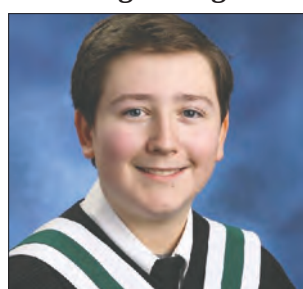
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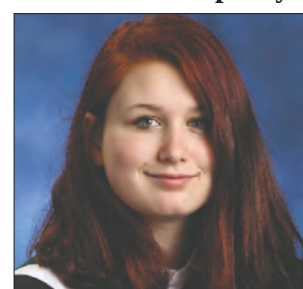
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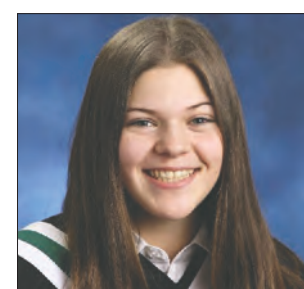
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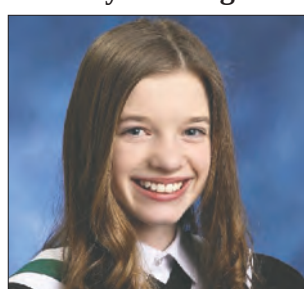
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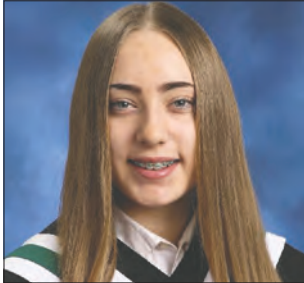
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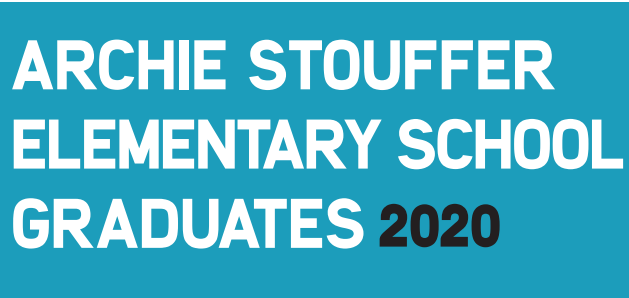
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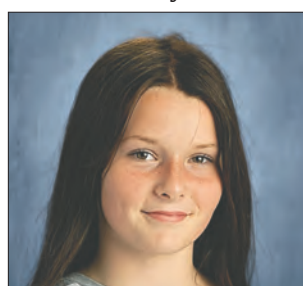
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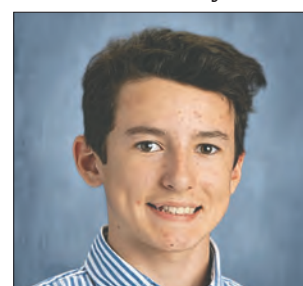
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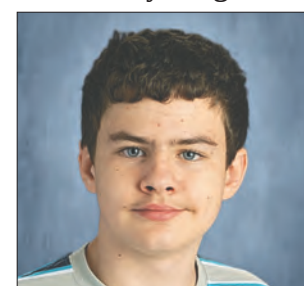
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Highlander grad



Ella Plumb, daughter of Gillian Metcalfe, was one of the Wilberforce Elementary School graduates. *Photo submitted.*

Wilberforce grads hold online party

By Lisa Gervais

Wilberforce Elementary School celebrated its Grade 8 graduates online June 24.

"The entire 'celebration' was held online using Google Meet with students, their families, and some guests in attendance," Grade 8 teacher Amy Hodgson said.

She said that prior to the celebration, principal Elaine Fournier and vice-principal Bard Davies delivered surprise bags full of goodies assembled by Hodgson and her EA, Kim MacKay, "much to the delight of our students."

This year's valedictorian was Veronica Beynon.

Speakers included Fournier and Hodgson, and they shared a pre-recorded video message from trustee, Gary Brohman.

Hodgson said all Wilberforce staff were in attendance, including MacKay and Davies and all staff members helped with supervision of students during their online "after party."

Following the formal celebration, the students were able to engage in planned activities online, including games within a Minecraft world created by students and

spearheaded by 8th grade student Caiden Sprague.

Their slideshow was created by 8th grade student Chairidy MacDonald.

Hodgson said parent, Gillian Metcalfe, compiled all the photos from the school's collection and those of parents and students and created a memory book for all of the grads capturing their elementary years from K-8. It has been shared digitally with the students and their families and will be delivered both on a USB stick and in print form in the next few days, Hodgson said.

Fleming College celebrates virtual convocation

By Joseph Quigley

Fleming College recognized its Haliburton School of Art and Design (HSAD) graduates with a virtual convocation ceremony June 25.

The school prepared a pre-taped video for this year's graduating class due to COVID-19. Paired with the General Arts and Sciences and Health and Wellness Courses, the video featured speeches, music and a roll call of graduating students.

HSAD valedictorian Hannah Sadlier said their creations can be part of driving social change.

"Protests for justice reform have emerged and people are shouting 'enough is

enough'," Sadlier said. "Just like the world around us, our creations can be motivation for real change."

As with schools throughout the province, Fleming suspended in-person classes in March due to the pandemic. President Maureen Adamson said the circumstances made for the most unique convocation in the college's history.

"This is not the most preferred method of celebration for any of us," Adamson said.

Former HSAD Dean Sandra Dupret said the class overcame a year of adversity with resilience.

"We know you will go out into the world and do such amazing things and we can't wait to hear from you," she said.



Haliburton School of Art and Design celebrated a virtual convocation ceremony June 25. *File photo.*

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Participating is fun and easy to do. Simply pick a category (or categories) from the supplied list, get creative with Canada Day themed ideas, take a photo and submit it, along with a completed Photo Submission form to the Township. Entries will be judged on creativity, and how they tie in with Canada Day within the chosen category. Contest closes July 10, 2020.

Visit www.mindenhillsonline.com/events/ for contest rules and how to submit.

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La fête du
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On July 1, Heritage Canada wants you to unite virtually and share our national pride. Heritage Canada is hosting a virtual component to celebrate Canada's 153rd birthday, and invites all Canadians, from coast to coast, at home and abroad, to celebrate from the safety of their own homes on July 1st.

Follow the festivities on any of these platforms:
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CdnHeritage>
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Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/o_canadiana/?hl=en
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CdnHeritage>
Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/canada-day.html>

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

- **Canada Day Daytime Show** - Start the day by checking out a virtual tour of celebrations across the country and highlights our country's cultural diversity, sporting excellence, Indigenous culture and languages, and the resilience of front-line workers.
- **Canada Day Celebration Kit** - explore the variety of interactive, creative and educational activities for the whole family. Have fun exploring each activity pack and share your experience using the hashtag #CanadaDay.
- **Canada Day Evening Show** - Finish the day with an entertaining show featuring original artistic collaborations between performers from coast to coast to coast, including stops in Halifax, Toronto and Vancouver. The night winds up with a montage of the best Canada Day fireworks from past years.

For more information, visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/canada-day.html>

Recycling Guide

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT An electronic meeting will be held Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. to consider these applications.

AND FURTHER THAT this meeting will be held through remote electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended by Bill 187, the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 and an Order in Council of March 28, 2020, which amended the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and prohibits organized public events of more than five people.

The media and the general public can view the Land Division Committee meeting webcast via the County of Haliburton YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/x9STHVq_vMk

AND FURTHER THAT these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

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| 1. File No. H-006/20
Applicant: Paula Jenkins
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 6 & 7, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Harcourt, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
Nature of the Application: New Lot | 3. File No. H-008/20
Applicant: Andrew Tyrrell and Anita Wenzel
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 21, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Guilford, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
Nature of the Application: Easement for Bell Services |
| 2. File No. H-007/20
Applicant: Annemarie Harriet Graham
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 1, Concession 2, and Pt Lot 5, Concession A, Geographic Township of Snowdon, Now in the Township of Minden Hills
Nature of the Application: Easement for Right-of-Way | 4. File No. H-009/20
Applicant: Ed Grant & Patricia McCarey-McInerney
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 11, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden, Now in the Township of Minden Hills
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition |

Additional information regarding the above applications is available for public inspection electronically by request during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 30th day of June, 2020.

Lisa Gillan, Secretary-Treasurer, Haliburton County Land Division Committee
11 Newcastle Street, P. O. Box 399, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
Telephone: (705) 286-1333 or 1-866-886-8815, Ext. 248. Fax: (705) 286-4829
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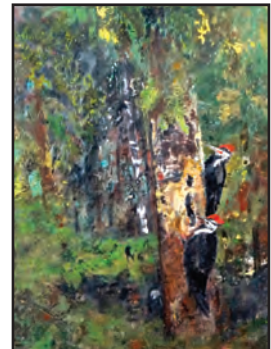
Shooting abandoned places

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club recently held a competition entitled Abandoned Places. Winners were: 1st Advanced: "Old Homestead" by Fred Pyziak; 1st Intermediate: "Horror Movie House" by Julie Jones and 1st Novice: "Abandoned Barn" by Anne Hodgson. The club meets the third Wednesday of every month, alternating between Minden and Haliburton. It's free and everyone is welcome. Whether you are a professional with high end gear, or just starting out with a point'n'shoot camera or smartphone, there are opportunities for everyone to learn how to improve their images. See the website at highlandscameraclub.ca for time and location of their next meeting. (Submitted)

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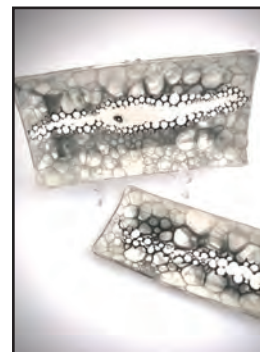
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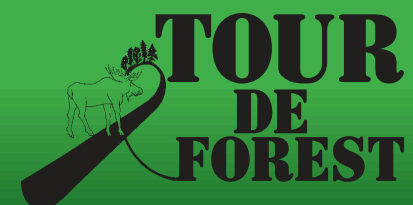
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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PLEASE DIAL 9-1-1. FOR ALL OTHER MUNICIPAL EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL 1-866-856-3247.

Township Service Provision Reductions

A reminder that all Township facilities remain closed to the public, until further notice. Administrative call answering services will remain available between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday to Friday, 705-286-1260 listen carefully to the full message and follow the message prompts or admin@mindenhills.ca. Please provide your name, contact information (phone and/or email) and a clear and brief message regarding the reason for your call.

The public can be assured that essential services will be maintained as much as possible.

We are asking the public to restrict inquiries to Township priority requests only and please understand that it may take longer to reply to messages as Staff handle increased phone and email inquiries.

We are also asking the public for their patience during this time and to observe our request to contact the Township for municipal related inquiries by the following methods only:

Telephone: 705-286-1260 listen carefully to the full message and follow the message prompts

Email: admin@mindenhills.ca

Please do not call or email the various Departments or their related extensions or submit inquiries through the Minden Hills website Contact Us form.

For information on COVID-19 please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>. For information on creating your Social Circle please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/create-social-circle-during-covid-19>. To report instances of non-compliance you are encouraged to contact your local police department or the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 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/

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:

July 30 – Regular Council Meeting
August 27 – 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.

DISCLAIMER: The information provided on this page is considered current and valid on as of June 26, 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.

Fundraising Committee

The Township continues to seek individuals interested in being a member of the SG Nesbitt Renewal Project Fundraising Committee. For further information regarding this committee, including terms of reference and application process, please contact Shannon Prentice, Deputy Clerk at sprentice@mindenhills.ca.

SG Nesbitt Renewal Project

The Township of Minden Hills is seeking monetary donations or donations of time, skills or efforts in the completion or purchase of the following items related to the SG Nesbitt Renewal Project.

These items will enrich and provide additional value to this significant and extraordinary project. Council would like to extend this opportunity for enhancement to all individuals, residents, businesses, visitors, artists, and organizations wishing to be part of this historic and exciting undertaking in Minden Hills.

If you are interested in making a monetary donation; or in completing or purchasing any of these items, please contact Shannon Prentice, Deputy Clerk at sprentice@mindenhills.ca for further details, including the availability of donation receipts.

- Canopy at Rear Entrance of the Facility
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- Projector Screen & Projector (Ceiling Mounted)
- Paving Parking Lot - Secondary Area
- Artistic Murals & Reproductions
- Lobby Furniture (Chairs, Tables, etc.)
- Office Furniture & Equipment
- Exterior LED Message Centre

Summer Recycling

Now that summer is here, please remember that camping fuel cylinders are **not recyclable** and should never be placed in your blue box. Please bring these to a hazardous waste event.

Fireworks Safety

- With many municipalities cancelling Canada Day fireworks displays due to physical distancing measures resulting from COVID-19, the Minden Hills Fire Department would like remind the public of the fire and burn hazards that can result from holding private or neighborhood fireworks displays at home.
- In Ontario between 2009 and 2018, there was an average of approximately 20 fires per year caused by fireworks, resulting in an average of approximately \$640,000 in property loss per year;
- If you still choose to have a family fireworks or an informal neighborhood display, contact your local fire department about regulations regarding fireworks.

Here are some important safety tips to be followed:

- Appoint a responsible person to be in charge. Only adults who are aware of the hazards and essential safety precautions should handle and discharge fireworks.
- Carefully read and follow the label directions on fireworks packaging.
- Always keep a water hose or pail of water close by when discharging fireworks.
- Discharge fireworks well away from combustible materials like buildings, trees and dry grass.
- Keep onlookers a safe distance away, upwind from the area where fireworks are discharged.
- Light only one firework at a time and only when they are on the ground. Never try to light a firework in your hand or re-light dud fireworks.
- For dud fireworks, it is best to wait 30 minutes and soak them in a bucket of water. Dispose of them in a metal container.
- Discharge fireworks only if wind conditions do not create a safety hazard, 30 km or less
- Keep sparklers away from children. Sparklers burn extremely hot (sparklers burn at 649°C (1200°F)), hot enough to cause serious burns and can ignite clothing, cause blindness and result in severe burns. As the sparkler wire remains hot for some minutes after burnout, it should be immediately soaked in water to avoid injury.
- If someone gets burned, run cool water over the wound for three to five minutes and seek medical attention, if necessary.

Employment Opportunities

The Community Services Department is looking for **Seasonal Operators** to join their team. This position is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the parks, cemeteries and facilities. This seasonal position is for a maximum of eight (8) months per year. Rate of pay is \$19.00/hour. Deadline to apply is July 9, 2020 by 12:00 noon. Visit www.mindenhills.ca/employment-opportunities/ to view the posting and job description and how to apply.



HAVE AN OPINION?

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO EDITOR@THEHIGHLANDER.CA (300 words max)

Highlander events

Cancer retreat launches movement challenge

By Joseph Quigley

The Abbey Retreat Centre is challenging people in the highlands to get moving however they can in support of people with cancer.

The cancer patient retreat is launching a new fundraising campaign in July: The Haliburton Highlands Challenge. The event invites participants to set an achievable movement goal to complete throughout July and August, whether it be running, walking, swimming, biking, paddling or anything else.

Executive director Doug Norris said the event is inspired by the importance of exercise to cancer patients, which helps their healing process and stress.

“Exercise helps liberate the body’s own strength and immune systems,” Norris said, adding it benefits non-cancer patients too. “COVID is a massive source of stress for people who aren’t necessarily dealing with cancer and exercise can be a great source of resilience for us in that stress.”

The centre will ask participants to collect pledges to fundraise. Norris said the event is completely scalable, with people able to choose whatever exercise and goals they want.

Norris said he plans to paddle across his local lake 10 times, representing approximately 10 kilometres, which he said represents the distance he used to drive to see his father, when the man was dying from cancer.



Lou and Marianne Fenninger are taking part in the Haliburton Highlands Challenge for the Abbey Retreat Centre. *Photo submitted.*

“He taught me how to canoe,” Norris said. “Every person will have their own story and their own goal.”

The fundraiser is important for the organization, which has seen its revenues drop significantly due to the pandemic, he said. The organization relies on donations and renting its facility out, and although that is still happening, Norris said it has

dropped.

Meanwhile, the organization has had to halt its usual free group retreats, particularly considering cancer patients’ vulnerability. But Norris said they have still been able to provide the occasional retreat for lone families experiencing cancer to get some respite. The organization is also delivering its therapeutic programming online.

But Norris said they want to be ready when gatherings are allowed again.

“That’s the whole point of this fundraiser,” he said. “We have a waitlist of 35 people waiting to come on retreat and we want to be ready as soon as conditions permit.”

More information and signups are available at haliburtonhighlandschallenge.com.





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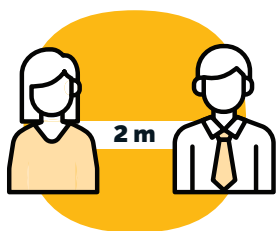
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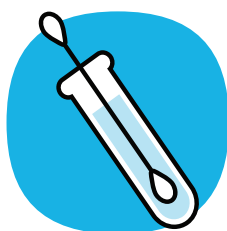
Practice physical distancing, stay two metres apart.



Wear a face covering when physical distancing is a challenge.



Continue to **wash hands frequently.**



Get tested if you are worried you may have COVID-19, or have been exposed to the virus.

Inside or out, stay safe. Save lives.

Highlander events



Hitting up the Stanhope markets

The Stanhope farmers market opened its doors for the first time this season June 26. Visitors were encouraged to wear masks and hand sanitize before entering. There was one-way traffic and the booths set far enough apart for social distancing. There were a variety of items including meats, vegetables, beeswax products, treats for dogs, wood creations, fruit, herbs and maple syrup. The markets are continuing at Stanhope every Friday from noon to 4 p.m. (Lisa Gervais)

Top: Maryssa Danilko brought Oskar. Middle: Ron Lofthouse with his Loft House Candles booth. Bottom: Rylin Cormier and Rachel Wormald at J and C Phoenix Black Angus Beef. Photos by Lisa Gervais.



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Highlander outdoors

Turtle guardians take on egg hatching duties

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton's turtle guardians are taking the safe hatching of eggs into their own hands.

The Land Between charity began its first-ever turtle incubation program in June. The group has gathered 2,000 eggs for Haliburton, with another 13,000 amassed at Scales Nature Park through a partnership.

Founder and chief operating officer Leora Berman said the odds of a turtle hatched from captivity reaching maturity is four times greater than a turtle hatched in the wild. With human centres and traffic devastating turtle populations, Berman said it is an important program.

"Turtles are essential agents of biodiversity ... If we don't have turtles out there, we're basically screwed," Berman said. "We're giving the turtle population a little boost."

Berman said the program is going well so far and they are pleased with the number of eggs they have gathered. She added it is important for the area, given the bioregion houses about 30 per cent of the provincial turtle population.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created difficulties for the charity, Berman said, with funding sources drying up. It has also caused it to cancel its day camp

programming. But she added the organization still has a strong volunteer base that has helped it continue its operations.

"It's forced us to look at new ways of reaching people," Berman said. "There are stronger relationships with our volunteers, so we are relying more on our volunteers because of the funding cuts."

Part of that volunteer base is getting involved in the charity's citizen scientist programs, launched this year to engage people in helping further local research. Activities include turtle nest sitting, watching for reptiles on roads, and recording evening bird calls.

"With more bodies on the road and more eyes on the road, we can help more turtles," Land Between senior conservation technician Meredith Karcz said. "To create sustainable change for turtles and wildlife, you need to get people interested. We wanted to create a program that's fun for kids, fun for families, fun for retired people."

The turtle eggs are due to hatch around September. Berman said they hope to continue the incubation program in perpetuity.

"We want to continue this forever, until turtles are not threatened. Until our fish and wildlife are stable," she said.



The Land Between senior conservation technician Meredith Karcz holds a container of turtle eggs for the charity's new incubation program. Photo by Joseph Quigley.


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

Chapter 7: Twisted Party

Harp on the Water

Two officers held up their phones and showed Harp evidence that the shore path had been used recently—broken branches, stirred-up pine needles, impressions of shoes.

All roads lead to the point, thought Harp.

Becker notified everyone to assemble for a re-enactment of the previous night's events. Just after 7:30 the cottagers arrived and assumed the approximate spot they had been in during the fireworks. Bob Mackenzie-Wilson stood on his dock and Ariel and Heather Froome sat on chairs next to Heather Mackenzie-Wilson. Heather's boys sat at her feet. In their canoe, Sally and Nibbles drifted to the left of the dock—to suggest their actual position by the point. Harp had requested the Maladees' presence and their speedboat bobbed to the right of the dock. Gill's boat was steady between the two and near the Calvert property line, Grace sat in her boat—away from the group but close enough to hear.

Everyone waited in uneasy silence.

"Can we get this started?" Bob snapped. Harp and Becker stood on the dock facing opposite directions—Becker eyeing the water-bound guests and Harp the others onshore.

The detective smiled. "Thank you all for your patience. We just want to make sure we understand where everyone was last night. As we proceed, speak up if you recall any changes around you. We're looking for the truth." Harp winked at the two kids. "Easy—right guys?" They grinned, all ears.

"Marc and Marie, you were in the city, correct?"

They nodded.

"And Grace, you were on the path in the woods. And Frank, you're at your cottage. It's 11:00 and Bob lights the first firecracker." Harp turned to Bob. "Name?"

"Spiral Daisy," he said, looking at his watch, bored already.

"Everything the same?" Harp received a round of nervous nods in reply.

Bob continued, "Barn Burner." Harp gestured to keep going. "Spiral Staircase, Flower Power, A Message From Mars, Purple Petunia—" The group kept on nodding.

Bob said, "Twisted Party, then—."

"Stop," Ariel interrupted. "Mimi, I think you went to use the bathroom at this point." Mimi's eyes darted and she forced a smile. "Yes."

"Stand up and step a few feet away, please," Harp said to her then signaled Bob to continue.

"Cherry Bomb, Symphony of Colour—" Becker said, "Nibbles? When did you see the light in the trees?"

"Huh? Oh, yeah..." Nibbles scratched his head. "Which one spins orange?"

"Cherry Bomb, of course," Bob said. "Jerk," he added under his breath.

"During that one," Nibbles said, "For sure, man, and right there." He pointed at the Calvert shore then turned to Sally and



whispered, "Right before we—."

Sally hissed, "Shut up." He looked at her, hurt, then turned away.

"So. Someone was in the woods and turned on a flashlight." Harp spoke slowly and let his words sink in. He asked Ariel. "Is Mimi still in the bathroom?" She nodded then glanced at her wife.

"We just want the truth. Simple, remember?" Harp said. The group stared back at him. The minutes ticked by.

In their boat, Marie started to cry and Marc patted her on the shoulder. She flinched.

Harp noticed and said, "Time for the truth, Mr. and Mrs. Maladee. We know you were on the lake last night. We saw the sparklers you bought in town yesterday. Were you on your way to the point? Wanted to have a word with Ida? Is that it?"

Marie stifled a wail.

"You've upset her," Marc said sternly.

"TELL THE TRUTH—," Marie screamed.

Everyone turned, eyes wide.

Marc gulped, looking between his wife and the waiting crowd. "Fine—we just went to have a word with her."

Harp roared, "We?"

"Myself, Mimi—and Sally."

"YOU'RE LYING!" Sally screamed.

Harp pointed at Sally. "Ah—that light was a signal for you to paddle around to the Calvert dock. To meet on the point and to kill an innocent woman."

"Ridiculous." Sally spat in the water.

Ariel's eyes widened. "Mimi this isn't true, please god—."

"WE JUST WANTED TO TALK TO HER." Mimi cried. "But—she was already dead."

Someone gasped.

"That's right," Marc said breathlessly.

"Someone had bashed in her face."

Harp clarified, "Someone—here."

The group shifted uneasily. Bob scowled. Mimi fidgeted. Ariel rocked, eyes closed. Heather looked out at the lake. The boys kept their eyes on Harp. On the water, the boats bobbed silently.

A mosquito drilled into Harp's forearm.

Marc snapped, "Are we done here?"

Harp ignored him.

Hot, rustling silence filled in around them—until it was broken by a nasally voice Harp had never heard. The voice said, "You went away."

The detective looked around.

Another high-pitched voice murmured in agreement.

All eyes turned to the two boys sitting at Heather's feet.

They pouted, eyes cast down.

"Huh?" Bob said, eyeing his progeny.

"When was this?" Harp demanded.

"Before," the two boys said in unison.

"Before—the fireworks?" Becker said.

The kids nodded.

Heather looked out at the water. Her skin had taken on a blotchy paleness. Harp felt his heart banging in his chest.

The group's eyes turned on Heather.

Suddenly, Marie Maladee cried, "...You're bleeding."

Heather gasped.

A dark stain oozed through the left knee of Heather Mackenzie-Wilson's yellow pants. She quickly placed her hand over it but the pressure made a thick line of blood roll from under the cuff of her pants and run down her ankle.

Pain, knee, recent—Harp's eyes shot open.

He said, "You hit your knee? ... You hit your knee—on Ida Calvert's steel bed frame—after you killed her with the log! You had to hurry back before the fireworks started. It was dark in her room. You couldn't see. After what you'd done—you panicked and hit the sharp, steel corner." "GARBAGE!" Bob folded his arms over his oiled belly.

Harp pointed across the lake. "The boat launch is clearly visible from here. You saw Grace and realized her boat was gone and that she'd have to walk. You knew this was your chance, isn't that right, Heather?"

Her face twitched. She rubbed one foot against the other to clear the blood but instead, it spread over both feet.

"Isn't that right?" Harp said quietly.

Bending down, she wiped ineffectually at the blood, smearing it on her hands, too. "Bob always wanted the point. ... Always. Every single day all I hear...." She mimicked her husband's booming voice, "'Forget this place. I want the point!'" She looked up at Bob. "Now you can have it."

"Oh...Heather," Bob gasped.

She stood up and limped towards him, her voice cracking. "I just want you to be happy. Having the point will make you happy. And if you're happy—well, you'll be nice to me." She held up her blood-covered palms. "...You'll be nice to me, won't you, Bob? Say you'll be nice—."

Just then her knee gave way but he caught her in time and held her in his arms. The two kids clung to their parents and they all cried—but not Heather. Her eyes were closed and a peaceful smile had settled on her face.

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TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Friday, July 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. conducted electronically via web conference.

The purpose of the Special Meeting will be for Council to begin its discussions related to Short Term Rentals within the Township as part of the Zoning By-law review.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found in the Special Meeting Notice posted on the Township's website under the News and Notices at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

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

Walkers Heating & Cooling Systems Open 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. for phone and email inquiries. No walk-in appointments. walkershvac.com. For emergency service, call 705-457-2375. Full services and annual maintenance appointments resumed.

Russell Red Records Open for curbside pickup and free Haliburton delivery Thursday – Sunday. russellredrecords.ca.

Hilary's Trim'n Floor Open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., curbside pickup and delivery available 705-448-3394.

Minden 50s Diner Open for patio and takeout 7 days a week. a a.m. – 6 p.m. 705-286-2626.

Louie's Car Care & Detail Centre Open. 705-455-3691.

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Buckley Electric Open. buckleyelectric.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Hot Shop Open for bike repairs. Call 705-448-9522.

Mill Pond Restaurant Open for take-out from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Check menu on Facebook or Instagram.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cordell Carpet In-store traffic by appointment only. Open for curbside pick-up with 24 hour notice. Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 705-457-2022. cordellcarpet@bellnet.ca.

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

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

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

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

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

Generator Solutions Temporarily closed to public but staff still available at monica@generatorsolutions.ca or telephone 705-286-1003 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.

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

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.

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

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

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-ins 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 Open by appointment. 705-457-4673 **Stone 21** located at Pinestone. No longer offering takeout.

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

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

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.

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

And There's More

by Barbara Olson
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- Across**
- 1 Chaos that's "wreaked"
 - 6 More suited
 - 11 Place for a pooch's pad
 - 14 "I am just ___ boy..." ("The Boxer" lyric)
 - 15 Prefix meaning "time"
 - 16 "There's an ___ for that"
 - 17 Dog with a nose for clip-out deals?
 - 19 "Super juice" in a curvy bottle
 - 20 Private cooks?
 - 21 "Educating Rita" star Michael
 - 22 Kind of centre or room
 - 23 Is a loyal Victoria's Secret shopper?
 - 27 Sign of life
 - 29 With a spinning action
 - 30 Hockey's Ducks, on a scoreboard
 - 31 Dull film for a costume designer
 - 34 Olive in the funnies
 - 35 "Tell me we're not having minestrone!"
 - 39 Purch. duty in most of Cda.
 - 40 Happy-sounding laundry brand
 - 41 Gold wts.
 - 42 British postwar P.M.
 - 44 Devil-may-care binge
 - 46 Building dome shaped like a maraschino fruit?
 - 50 Tolkien tree creature
 - 51 Occupied, as a restroom
 - 52 Prefix with -tope or -bar
 - 55 Third degree?
 - 56 "That makes sense now" ... and a hint to this puzzle's theme
 - 59 Nunavut strait named for explorer John
 - 60 Cook under a hot grill
 - 61 Easy-peasy crossword clue, say
 - 62 Until now, to CPAs
 - 63 Spritz sprays
 - 64 Keep an ___ (monitor)

- Down**
- 1 Computer break-in
 - 2 Per item
 - 3 "Tu" for two?
 - 4 Alley-___ (Raptors pass)
 - 5 Spring bulb
 - 6 ___ off the old block
 - 7 Audio-jack label
 - 8 Less likely to have an affair
 - 9 Timeless time
 - 10 Ring-shaped: Abbr.
 - 11 Job for a bag-toting kid on a bike
 - 12 Dystopian movie subject
 - 13 Keyboardist's stat
 - 18 Neck part near a shirt tag
 - 22 Ballpark fig.
 - 23 Do in, Bible-style
 - 24 Brainless boob
 - 25 "___ So High" (Tal Bachman hit)
 - 26 Word div.
 - 27 Take up a collection
 - 28 Left without supervision
 - 31 Turndown from a lassie
 - 32 One-eighty on the highway
 - 33 ICU patient's "leave me be"
 - 36 Cake decorator
 - 37 Those guys
 - 38 Cajun stew veggie
 - 39 School PTA grp., in Canada
 - 43 Track syst., as Calgary's CTrain
 - 44 "Slammin' Sammy"
 - 45 Sworn oath
 - 47 Torino ta-tas
 - 48 Like a smokeless cigar, maybe
 - 49 Opens some doors
 - 52 "Woe ___!"
 - 53 It means "wrestle" in Japanese
 - 54 Golf or tennis competition
 - 55 Use a crowbar
 - 56 "Think" computer brand
 - 57 "Three" prefix
 - 58 Handy-Andy's letters

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Spruce Lake



Custom built 3 bR, 3 bath waterfront home/cottage. With 25 acres, 225 ft of frtg and Southern exposure. This private and peaceful property. open concept living with beautiful maple cabinetry. Cozy sunroom, gorgeous gazebo and stone patio with firepit. 2 BR guest cottage. Wheelchair accessible. \$1,399,000

Otter Lake



Privately situated on 67+ acres sits your dream custom built waterfront home or cottage. 4 bdrm, 3 bath home finished w/ high-end finishing's. 462ft of frontage. Cherry cabinetry, granite counter-tops, large island and oak flooring throughout. Main floor master w/ 5pc ensuite. Lovely living room w/ grand cathedral ceilings & granite fireplace. Full finished lower level. Excellent property for children and pets to run and enjoy nature. \$979,000

Colbourne Lake



Enjoy being close to nature in a quiet, private and peaceful setting. 4 BR, 2 bath log home/cottage. 25 acres of mature trees. Stunning open concept living. Engineered hardwood flooring, granite countertops and walk-out to covered wraparound deck. Heated workshop with loft. \$969,000

Wenona Lake



Looking for a quiet, calm and peaceful four season cottage or waterfront home? Look no further. This 3 BR, 3 bath immaculate cottage sits on a private lot. Large open concept living, excellent for hosting family gatherings. 125ft of frtg with stunning western views. \$662,000

Kennisis Lake



It's all about the lot!! Enjoy the gorgeous sunsets from this west facing level lot. Amazing rock shoreline, deep water entry is great for the avid swimmers. 125 ft frontage and year round road. Looking for a fixer upper this one is for you! 3 bdrms 2 with balconies. 3 product pellet stove and back up solar system. \$569,000

Carroll Road



Every nature lovers dream! 3 bdrm, 2 bath rustic log home perfectly situated on 92 acres. Deck around the front & side to enjoy your lovely yard, gardens & forest. Complete and utter privacy! Open concept kitchen-dining finished with wood cabinetry and grand wood cookstove. Large sunken living room with propane stove. Large 3 bay garage. \$559,500

Airport Road



We found the perfect starter or retirement home for you! 1.10-ac level lot surrounded by mature trees. Cozy 2-bdrm, 1 bath home with open concept kitchen and living space. Kitchen is finished with Pine cabinetry and beautiful views of the backyard. In-floor radiant heat and recently installed vinyl flooring throughout. Attached oversized single insulated garage. \$259,000.

Long Lake



Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy. Endless possibilities. \$499,900

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- DRAG LAKE \$349,900. 3.51 AC
- WEST LAKE \$349,000 0.60 AC
- COLBORNE LAKE \$289,000. 4.83AC
- PADDYS BAY \$259,000 45.72AC
- HARBURN ROAD \$99,000. 44+AC
- NORTH DRIVE \$74,900. 2.11AC
- IRONDALE RIVER \$65,000. 3.22AC
- BASSHAUNT LAKE ROAD \$47,000 2.36AC
- FRED JONES ROAD \$34,500. 6.59AC
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