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Kosy Korner waitress and media consultant Alexis David and owner Ann Gordon open up the doors of the restaurant July 18. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

Businesses open doors after months of closure

By **Joseph Quigley**

People returned to playgrounds and indoor businesses July 17 as the provincial government began stage three of its reopening plan.

The phase allowed for most indoor businesses and public spaces to open their doors with safety measures in place,

including previously shuttered bars, restaurants and gyms. Haliburton County townships were also allowed to open playgrounds for the public.

The Kosy Korner in Haliburton reopened right away, after being closed since March. After renovating the restaurant during the hiatus, owner Ann Gordon said she felt ready.

"It's been hard times in COVID. We need to make money or else," Gordon said. "There was no need to wait. We had the glass barrier put up, we have the sanitizer, all the regulations are in place."

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit laid out those regulations, extending its mask mandate to include all newly opening indoor spaces.

The health unit advises continued physical distancing but also said people can take off masks when they are no longer "roaming," such as taking a seat at a restaurant or using equipment at an indoor gym.

"There is logic behind it," communications officer Bill Eekhof said. "As people walk around in indoor facilities, they are likely to walk into your space, increasing the

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Griffin Boucher enjoys the swings at the Head Lake Park playground July 18. Playgrounds across the County opened up for stage three of the provincial reopening. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Some hesitancy around reopening

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potential of transmission ... Once people are seated at the appropriate distance from others that are not within their household or social circle, the risk is significantly minimized.”

Parents and children also came to playgrounds over the weekend after townships reopened them.

Ron Boucher visited the playground at Head Lake Park with his grandchildren July 18.

“They’ve been asking me all the time, ‘let’s go to the playground’,”

Boucher said. “Just have to follow the rules and the guidelines and hope for the best.”

But there is some hesitancy. Some restaurants have opted to stick to takeout and not allow indoor customers yet.

Gordon said customers have also not flocked to dine-in right away.

“It’s not what we were expecting. On Saturdays, we would have lineups. There are no lineups,” she said.

“Hoping to get the word out there more.”

Kosy media consultant and waitress

Alexis David said being able to open indoor spaces is important for them, even with patio dining and takeout available.

“Indoor space is what people love about the Kosy. They love coming in, they love having that experience,” David said.

She added it is important to support local businesses during this period.

“Everybody was hit pretty hard and we want to be able to stick around,” David said. “We need our local support back. We’re open, we’re here and we’re ready to serve.”



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The OPP had a significant presence at Indian Point Road July 17. They were there to investigate the scene of a police shooting July 15. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

Suspect 'didn't want to talk to anybody'

By Lisa Gervais and Joseph Quigley

While police have yet to name the man they shot in an apparent confrontation July 15 in Haliburton County, neighbour Brian Nash thinks the 73-year-old was troubled.

Nash told *The Highlander* he and his family simply referred to their neighbour as "buddy" and didn't know his real name.

Nash said he'd lived next door for about 10 years.

However, he said that in all of that time he had only seen the man a few times and never spoken to him, although he appeared to be in great physical shape.

Nash said the man built a log home on the property using out-of-town tradespeople, and had a gate and no trespassing signs.

He said that while out walking the dog, he did encounter the man in his yard.

He recalled calling out, "hi," but said the man "wouldn't even acknowledge you were there, let alone look you in the eye or respond."

"Nobody saw him," Nash said in a telephone interview.

Nash added that he and other neighbours often heard guns being fired on the property.

"Big friggin' guns," Nash said of the sound.

He said they contacted OPP but were told they would have to make a formal complaint by name and they weren't willing to do so.

Nash said that in his opinion, "this man was a very disturbed guy."

He further conjectured he had gone through some sort of "major trauma. He just wanted to be in solitude. He didn't want to talk to anybody."

The OPP and the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) continue to investigate.

The SIU finished its on-scene work at the residence on Indian Point Road July 17. OPP then attended to do its own criminal investigation, according to central region acting sergeant Jason Folz.

Folz said next of kin notification has been an issue. SIU communications spokeswoman Monica Hudon said they are still working on positively identifying the man.

"Once that is done, and we have permission from next-of-kin to release his name, the SIU will do so," Hudon said.

Hudon noted a post-mortem was completed last week, but SIU considers the results evidence and will not release them during its investigation.

Meanwhile, police brought a significant presence for their own work at the scene, with several vehicles and a command post.

"Major investigation, so we will utilize all of our resources that we have available and bring people in to complete this as quickly as we can," he said.

The scene includes the man's residence but also extended onto a small section of the road leading into it.

Folz said the OPP is trying to get as much information as possible about the man.

"Looking at the totality of the situation," Folz said. "Looking for a cause, or triggers or any kind of history, or any kind of clues as to why this happened."

The man was involved in an altercation with a staff member at Easton's Valu-mart in Minden on the morning of July 15 before recklessly speeding away to his home on Indian Point Road, where he was involved in a shooting.

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Health unit board: 'be kind, be calm, be safe'

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Board of Health discussed the importance of non-confrontation and kindness after a man reacted with violent opposition to the health unit's mask mandate.

The board discussed July 16 the health unit's new instructions for businesses to require masks. The mandate, which began July 13, asks most businesses to have policies requiring masks in indoor premises, but not to deny service or get into confrontations with those who refuse.

But the board delved into a tragic incident July 15. Police said a 73-year-old man refused to wear a mask at a Minden Valu-mart and assaulted an employee there. The man later died in a police altercation at a Dysart residence.

"It's really important that store owners and those businesses in those places have the poster and have the policies," board member and Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts said.

"But, if for whatever reason, someone is refusing, to really not engage because we don't know where that person is coming from mentally. We don't know what the trigger is, and we can't ask an individual what their reason is for not wearing a mask

"But it was very sad and just goes to show the stress that a lot of people are under," Roberts added.

Central region acting staff sergeant Jason Folz said the man responded to a worker positioned at the front of the store to ensure



The Board of Health commented on a man violently opposing its mask mandate July 15. *File photo.*

people wore masks. He said the man refused and assaulted the employee before getting into a vehicle, driving aggressively at people, and leaving the vicinity. Folz said the employee was treated for minor injuries and returned to work that day.

The health unit's mask order offers exemptions to mask-wearing for medical and religious reasons. It also asks businesses to enforce in "good faith" and focus on education.

But the health unit also said non-compliant businesses may be liable for fines under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

Medical officer of health Dr. Lynn Noseworthy said the objective of the mandate is to help contain the spread of COVID-19 and start normalizing mask-wearing. She quoted from B.C. provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry on how people should respond.

"Be kind, be calm, be safe," Noseworthy said. "The pandemic has been a very challenging situation for everybody ... Everybody is very stressed.

"Acknowledge some people can't wear a mask for whatever reason – that's their business and we have to respect that," she added.

Board chair Doug Elmslie agreed with the sentiment and said it would be nice if people followed Henry's advice.

"Let's hope we don't have any more incidents like the one yesterday and we move forward," he said.

When asked to respond to concerns about employees being put into a difficult position managing people, Elmslie declined.

"We would decline to comment at this time and wait for police officials to do their job," Elmslie said. "I don't think it's appropriate for us to say anything right now."

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Health measures bring harassment fears

By Joseph Quigley

Baked and Battered co-owner Colby Marcellus said a strong majority of people have been following the rules put in place at the Haliburton restaurant due to COVID-19.

The business opted not to open indoor dining with stage three of reopening July 17, keeping to takeout and patio. But that has led to friction and harassment from some customers, prompting Marcellus to make a plea on social media.

"Our staff have endured being berated, lectured, harassed and even publicly humiliated by customers angry that we aren't fully open, or that we don't rearrange seating for them, thus compromising safe social distancing," Marcellus wrote in a Facebook post.

"They do not deserve being disrespected for doing their jobs and keeping you safe."

Concern has risen about the few who oppose public health rules after an incident at the Minden Valu-mart July 15. Police said a man refused to wear a mask and assaulted an employee. The man later died in a police altercation in Dysart.

Marcellus said although the conflicts at his restaurant have related to social distancing rather than mask use, the story has added to the discomfort staff feel approaching unruly customers.

"This really is a fairly sensitive social issue and we never know what the folks are dealing with," Marcellus said. "We are not

social workers. We are not police. We're not training in de-escalation and (co-owner Craig Gordon) and I, have the safety of staff in mind when we're instructing them on how to approach the issue."

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit mandated businesses have policies requiring masks indoors. But the mandate is educationally focused and offers exemptions. The health unit has said mask refusers should not be confronted or denied service.

Communications officer Bill Eekhof said it is hard to comment on the July 15 incident. But the health unit has regularly quoted Dr. Bonnie Henry, British Columbia's provincial health officer: "be kind, be calm, be safe."

"The current COVID-19 pandemic has been a difficult time for everyone," Eekhof said. "Many of us may feel stressed, challenged and on edge."

Mandate under scrutiny

The tragic event has caused people to question the pressure employees are under enforcing mask use.

Ian Duncombe is a mental health worker trained in de-escalation originally from Haliburton, who worked at a GTA hospital as a screener for three-and-a-half months during the pandemic. He said the Valu-mart incident concerned him, after relying

on his specialized training to manage the occasional person who protested the rules at his job.

It is "something that takes a little more training and a little more expertise," Duncombe said, adding there are people who will take gentle encouragement the wrong way. "People that come through, who are distressed people, you're setting up a conflict."

He said the rules should be black and white for the inevitable disputes that come.

"It would give everybody that reference," Duncombe said. "If it's a gray area and you're starting to fumble around with different facts, different ideas, if they know they can get through anyway, what's to prevent them from bullying their way in?"

Marcellus said they have provided staff with a script to follow and can ask people to leave if needed. They also have a dedicated person to disinfect tables and watch the crowd.

He said the mask messaging from public health has been a "little inconsistent at times" and he would have liked the mask order to come sooner, though he is thankful it is here now.

"We appreciate the challenges they're also facing in trying to keep folks safe," Marcellus said. "We're all going to make mistakes as we make our way through the summer – including them, and we all need to give each other a bit of latitude."

Marcellus's initial Facebook post attracted



Baked and Battered co-owner Colby Marcellus pleaded for more understanding on social media after his staff experienced harassment over social distancing protocols. *Photo submitted.*

more than 100 supportive comments.

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It's about respecting community

It's been a challenging time for Haliburton County.

Last week's incident involving a 73-year-old man assaulting an employee at Easton's Valu-mart in Minden over a mask got things started.

The man then drove recklessly to his home on Indian Point Road in Dysart et al.

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) said police shot the man. He died soon after in hospital.

As usual, the trolls took to local social media to speculate, denigrate, pontificate and make a bad situation much, much worse.

It wasn't until press time last Wednesday that the real story came out in *The Highlander*. By then, the social media damage had already been done.

Without people knowing the facts, there were wild rumours. One portrayed trigger-happy cops taking down a poor senior citizen all because he was exercising his constitutional right not to wear a mask.

On the flipside, people had this man dressed in camouflage, brandishing two guns, and coming out with all guns blazing.

We'll learn the truth when the SIU report comes out. Of course, that takes patience. And, why would we let facts get in the way of a good social media frenzy so some people in our county can make themselves feel important by writing themselves into a story.

They should be ashamed.

So should the people who have apparently been harassing staff at local businesses.

Baked and Battered took to social media as well this week in the hopes of getting their patrons to behave a little better.

They said they have had people criticize their decision to not fully open their restaurant during Stage 3 of provincial reopenings.

Folks, restaurants are not public spaces. They are privately-owned. You have no right to demand a restaurant open just because the province says that they can. You have no idea of the nervousness of owners and staff when it comes to their personal health and safety, not to mention your own. Nor do you have any idea of the required health and safety precautions these restaurants must employ, nor the cost. If they don't want to fully reopen, that's their choice. Respect it.

Baked and Battered also said people have been annoyed when the restaurant has not contravened public health requirements to move tables for them. Simply put, the health unit could come in and close them down. So, get over yourself.

And, when it comes to masks, they've been told you must wear them. It is not the restaurants' choice. If you don't like it, stay home.

I had an elderly gentleman and his wife phone me last week. They wanted to know

all about the mask mandate. They were skeptical of the impact wearing masks would have on curtailing the spread of the disease. I relayed the latest science but they scoffed, saying masks wouldn't make a difference. I told them anyone can find the science to back any opinion. I said we'd have to agree to disagree and I ended the call.

Dr. Diane Duff has an interesting column in today's *Highlander* outlining which demographics are most likely to refuse to wear masks. It seems middle-aged men and young people tend to buck the trend more than others but there's many skeptics in the county.

I'm personally not crazy about having to wear a mask. It's hot. It makes my glasses fog up. It's pretty hard to conduct interviews. Do I wear one when I go out? You bet I do. I don't want to get COVID-19 or unsuspectingly spread the virus to someone else.

At the end of the day, it's not about constitutional rights, people. It's about respecting yourself and your community. If you can't do that, well, fine, just stay home. You can spend your time working on that Facebook vitriol.



By Lisa Gervais

Avoid mask rage

By Diane Duff, PhD, RN, Minden

In a recent Statistics Canada poll, 65 per cent of Canadians (72 per cent of women and 60 per cent of men) supported wearing masks when physical distancing cannot be ensured to reduce the community spread of COVID-19. Young people and men under aged 60 were the least likely to endorse wearing masks.

While young people may feel fairly invincible, as 90 per cent of deaths in Canada to date have been in those aged 70 and older, community spread amongst young people is increasing, while outbreaks in long-term care homes (LTC), where the majority of Canada's cases have been recorded, are decreasing. Increasing access to personal protective equipment and better infection control protocols in LTC homes are helping to reduce spread amongst residents.

Statistics may be making Canadian men feel pretty invincible. Unlike the rest of the world, Canada has had proportionally more female deaths (56 per cent) than male deaths (44 per cent). Worldwide, 51-68 per cent of deaths from COVID have been in men. Canadian men will likely catch up with their global counterparts as community cases outstrip LTC. Most residents of LTC homes are women.

Men surveyed in a recent study noted they were reluctant to wear masks because it was seen to be "uncool," unmanly, or a sign of weakness. Donald Trump, comparing himself to the Lone Ranger, certainly did

not up the cool factor. However, in addition to refusing to wear a mask, wearing a mask incorrectly is also more likely to be a male thing. This seems to be a worldwide phenomenon reported from China, to the Middle East, to North America. Some men wear masks on their foreheads, just over their mouths with their noses above the mask, or under their chins. This affectation is not cool, brave, or effective.

When I was in a grocery store in Toronto last week, I encountered an angry young man who was swearing loudly that he was "f---wearing his mask so don't say anything to [him]" as he stomped around the store sporting his mask like a chin-strap. While his mask was not containing his respiratory excretions, all of the other customers, store employees, and I were at least warned by his antisocial diatribe to stay safe and keep physically distanced from him.

Unfortunately, we had an incident of mask rage even closer to home last week by an area resident that resulted in an altercation with store employees, the police, and ended in a shooting death. Mask rage has been defined as a feeling of primal rage brought about when an individual feels that their personal rights and freedoms have been curtailed by being required to wear a mask.

If you encounter a case of mask rage, try to de-escalate the situation by being calm and creating distance from the individual by yourself and others. Shaming and confrontation are not helpful. Some people cannot or will not wear masks. While most people gratefully accept the offer of a mask

if they don't have one or have forgotten theirs at home, be prepared to back off if you offer a mask and it is refused.

For young people who deny the seriousness of COVID-19 noting that 89 per cent of Ontarians diagnosed with COVID-19 are already listed as "recovered," it has become apparent as we are approaching the six-month mark of the appearance of COVID-19 globally, that some people are taking weeks and even months to fully recover.

Many people are reporting a persistent loss of taste, smell, feeling exhausted, and having a cough during exercise or during deep breathing. Still others have experienced pain, kidney issues, and neurological effects including dementia, agitation, and memory loss.

Many of these "COVID long-haulers" as they are being called, were not the ones who were hospitalized or ventilated, but may have only had fairly mild or moderate courses of the illness.

If you are a COVID-19 survivor who has persistent symptoms consider volunteering for a Canadian study by emailing cancov@uhn.ca

If you can, wear a mask. Whether you do it for yourself, your granny, your community, or simply to reopen the economy and resume normal life. Maintain physical distancing from people who do not wear a mask in indoor spaces. Share a clean, disposable mask if you have one, and if the situation is safe. It is good for you.

Good for you

Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Listen to scientists and engineers

Dear editor,

When the colder weather in October drives people inside, Canada will once again enter the annual influenza season. But this time it will be combined with an important new factor – namely the second wave of COVID-19 cases. People who have already contracted the flu will have weakened immune systems and may be more susceptible to the coronavirus. Yet little is being said about this pending situation.

The coronavirus is predominantly spread by respiratory water droplets (both large and minute) and poor air flow. That's why it is safer outdoors where infected water droplets are more easily dispersed. Canada needs clear direction on how to mitigate this inevitable second wave. Although it may seem contrarian, this direction should come from scientists and engineers (who are better schooled in dealing with the conditions of droplet trajectories and air flow) rather than public health officers (whose specialty is medical).

In hospitals there is no question that medical practitioners are best able to treat the flu, COVID-19 and other medical matters. But how much time in medical schools is devoted to understanding the dynamics of air-borne water droplets and air flow?

To mitigate the double whammy of flu and the COVID second wave, the focus should be on prevention measures (namely the indoor transmission issues) not the medical treatment (after infection).

In this case, the transmission issues are air flow from HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems and the physical travel of large and minute water droplets.

These issues are better understood by engineers and physicists. Politicians and public health officers must take direction from them to reduce contagion from both the flu and coronavirus.

Dennis Choptiany
Markham/Koshlong Lake

Internet maxed out in Fort Irwin

Dear editor,

I read your article dated April 30, 'Resident skeptical over connectivity promises,' and wanted to share some feedback with you.

My family and I bought a property on Haliburton Lake, close to the Fort Irwin Marina (South Bay). I work from home, so Internet connectivity is pretty important to me, not to mention the impacts of COVID forcing us all to leverage the internet to stay connected with our loved ones.

We had two Bell DSL Internet lines run to the house. DSL delivers internet over the phone lines.

The speed from each line was terrible, way less than the advertised 5MB/s. We are averaging 92 per cent less than 5MB/s (about 400 KB/s).

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Todd Veldhuizen captured this image of Comet Neowise over Lower Welch Lake.

To make a long story short, after the fourth Bell tech came to troubleshoot, he was kind enough to allow me to accompany him to the Bell Aggregation (Pedestal) box, behind the marina.

In the pedestal, there is a note, dated 2018, basically saying that the entire area is severely congested, and that customers who complain about speed are up the creek.

There are about 200-plus residents in the area, who only have Bell Canada as an option for terrestrial internet (Satellite is tricky for video conferencing, e.g. Zoom) which is what Elaine Cole was talking about in your article.

I have been in touch with Bell, but this doesn't seem to be a priority.

Joe Mukherjee
Dysart et al

All lives matter

Dear editor,

I had decided to stay out of this issue of Black Lives Matter and the defacing or removal of statues. Perhaps it is the escalating of these events daily on the news, the constant demands being made against the police and governments, the article in the paper re. the HHSS student who created a digital collage as an art project saying, "Our skin may be different but we all bleed red" or just the extreme heat we are experiencing that I decided to speak up.

We can't change history. It has passed. Let's learn from it. We weren't there when these people made the decisions that now upset some people. Place a plaque at the base of these statues explaining who the statue represents. Don't remove or deface it. Make it a present-day experience.

Let's look to the future with hope that we have learned that All Lives Matter. Stop shouting and start listening to each other. It doesn't matter where you came from, let's just be Canadians and move on with our lives. There are good and bad people in most societies. Let's look for the good and forgive the others. The future is ours. It is up to us what we do with it.

Lois Rigney
Minden

Looking forward to rental meetings

Dear editor,

It was great to see that Algonquin Highlands has finally decided to "wade into short-term rental waters." This is long overdue as it has been an ongoing problem for neighbours for years.

Public consultations are key to the review process, as several significant issues need to be addressed, specifically, limits on occupancy. Cottages have typically been developed as single-family units.

Occupancy should be limited to the number of bedrooms and bathrooms. Currently many Airbnbs promote sleeping on pull-out couches, etc. which double the cottage capacity from six to 12. In these situations, there is overcrowding on the lake, issues with parking and overtaxing of the septic systems.

In addition, commercial operations should be recognized for what they are, profit-making ventures. For cottages where the owners don't personally use the facility 10 months a year, the location should be classified as commercial. They should be in commercially-zoned areas, subject to the same regulations as any other resort, licensed and taxed accordingly.

There should also be a code of conduct established that renters must adhere to. This could simply outline cottage etiquette and current municipal regulations related to parties, noise, fires, fireworks, etc. For most Airbnb's or other short-term rentals, the owners are generally absent, and have no idea what their tenants are up to and it is left to the neighbours to deal with their behaviour.

Some food for thought as the local councillors meet. Unless they have an Airbnb or short-term rental as a neighbour, they may not fully realize the negative impact the rentals have. I'm looking forward to the public meetings.

Peter Willmott
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Tourist development proposed

There may be a future tourism development in Algonquin Highlands, with applicants coming before the July 16 regular council meeting.

The Cleroux family is looking to have land at 9734 Highway 118 in the former Stanhope Township rezoned from Rural (RU) Zone to Highway Commercial - Exception (C-1 Exception Zone) to permit the development.

Sylvie Cleroux attended the council meeting via telephone.

"We would like to have a small, family business where we have camping cottages, a camping ground, and a storefront where we would sell local handmade products, and service the campground," she said.

The application also calls for a farm. Planner Sean O'Callaghan said the township had not received written comments from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and asked that the matter be deferred to council's August meeting. He added that he had received two letters of objection to date.

Councillors said they were okay with deferring and voted to address the planner's full report, explanation note, letters of objection and MTO comments at a future meeting.

Carnarvon church sold

Without written comments from the MTO, O'Callaghan said a proposed zoning by-law amendment for the former Zion United Church in Carnarvon, will also be deferred.

O'Callaghan said the application had

been received as the church property has now conditionally sold and the buyers will need to have the property rezoned for their intended use.

The zoning bylaw amendment will rezone the subject lands from Community Facility Exception Three (CF-3) Zone to General Commercial - Exception Five (C2-5).

The application by buyer David Litt calls for a bakery and preserved food production sales and ancillary serving area, antiques and collectibles shop, and community meeting space.

O'Callaghan said there'd been no written objections to date.

Investing in digital payment

A digital payment system at the Maple Lake landfill "has been received very positively by the public and site attendants," a staff report to council said.

The new system began June 26 at the Maple Lake landfill, using solar power and a cellular modem.

It has meant people can drop off the materials they had been unable to under COVID-19 restrictions.

Environmental coordinator Melissa Murray said the COVID goal of a contactless system had been achieved.

She said the only challenges were with the power system. She said the solar system could not keep the battery charged through days of heavy use.

As a result, staff proposed installing Hydro at the site, at an estimated one-time cost of \$9,000 and annual costs of \$1,200-\$1,500. They also wanted an added \$1,500 for a cellular modem and WiFi. Staff approved the expenditure from modernization funding.

Planes were frozen in place

Council also approved a \$5,000 spend for an engineer to help prepare a tender for an eventual drainage project at Stanhope Airport.

Operations manager, Adam Thorn, said the township had missed out on its ICIP Green Stream application, but he felt a stormwater management system was still needed.

Thorn told council that in the late winter and early spring, water builds up. He added heavy rainfall and, or, snow and ice build up.

Combined with insufficient drainage, he said it's caused flooding of hangars.

In spring 2019, water backed up into the hangars. Thorn said it caused the doors to freeze to the ground, making them unable to be opened, and covered the hanger floors in ice ranging from half-an-inch to six inches thick which froze planes in place until warmer temperatures allowed the ice to melt.

He said that over the summer, staff has met with contractors on-site to review options and estimates for site alterations at an estimated cost of \$160,000 to \$180,000.

Thorn said it could be funded under the airport development reserve.

"Completing such a project will reduce staff time and increase the lifespan and condition of the township's infrastructure," he said.

He recommended that Tulloch Engineering be engaged to prepare the necessary drawings and outline the scope of work for the tender with an upset limit for the engineer's portion of the tender preparation \$5,000 plus applicable tax.

(Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais)



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Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association president Glenn Scott (left) and Fort Irwin Residents' Association treasurer Joe DiFrancesco stand next to a new (slow down) sign put up at Haliburton Lake Road July 4. Photo submitted.

Lake associations push for speed limit signs

By Joseph Quigley

Community organizations banded together to put up custom road signs to dissuade speedsters in the Haliburton Lake area July 4.

The Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association (HLCA) and Fort Irwin Residents' Association (FIRA) partnered with Dysart et al to put up "slow down" signs at Hodgson Road, Dunn Road, Curry Road and Haliburton Lake Road.

The effort came out of concerns about pedestrians potentially getting hit. FIRA president Andy Valickis said there are issues with traffic and the roads' limitations.

"A few people have had some close calls, so that's been raised," he said. "There still are concerns but this is a great step forward. Getting some signs, getting it in everybody's heads to slow down."

A County speed survey backs up the concern on the Haliburton Lake Road south of Ross Lake Road, which has a speed limit of 50 km/h. From April 4 to 14, 53 per cent of drivers travelling north went over 60 km/h, with another 32.2 per cent going between 50-60 km/h. Going south, 36 per cent of drivers went over 60 km/h, with

38.9 per cent going between 50-60 km/h. It has prompted calls from the associations for enforceable speed limit signs. But Valickis said the township is awaiting the completion of a road and speed study first, which they anticipate will be next year. "We still need that enforceable, 'here's a speed limit, the cops will get you for doing over the speed limit.' Right now, (drivers) don't know what the speed limit is," Valickis said. But the municipality agreed to let the slow down signs go up in the meantime and paid for the poles used for them. Ward 5 Coun. Walt McKechnie said it is great the associations are doing this. "They're trying to educate the people to slow down and that's what it's all about. We're all driving too fast. I think we're all guilty of it at one time or another," McKechnie said. "We're trying to accommodate them." Valickis said they hope to put up a couple of more signs to address other problem spots, such as a difficult sharp corner. Besides that, they plan to eventually have speed limit signs put up. "It's a good compromise but we're still not finished," he said.

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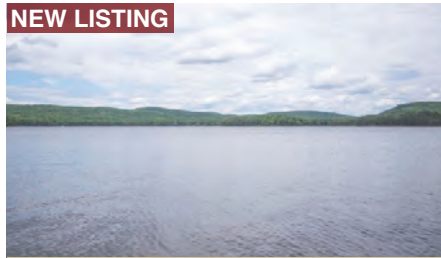
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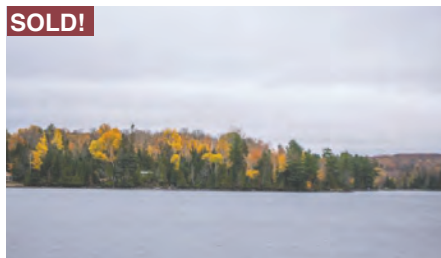
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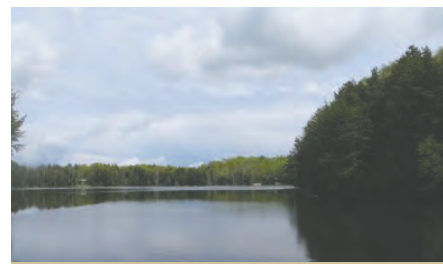
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Minden's public works director says some people think the result of brushing is "ugly" but it soon grows back. *File.*

'Ugly' haircut on Minden roads

By Lisa Gervais

Craig Gordon headed home from work last week, only to find a Minden Hills brushing contractor "doing a hatchet job" on the roadside trees and foliage. "It's a horrendous job," Gordon told *The Highlander* via email.

He said he was given various reasons as to why the township needed to do the brushing and he understands it has to be done.

"But it doesn't have to be done the way it's being done," Gordon said.

"We live in a beautiful part of the country and it's hard to believe that this is how they treat our roads. People pay a lot of property taxes so they can have some curb appeal to their property and I've seen (the County and its four lower-tier municipalities) do this all over the county." Hydro one also does brushing.

Travis Wilson, the township's

director of public works, said that to his knowledge there wasn't much, if any brushing taking place on Minden Hills' roadways prior to him starting with the township.

"From that, you can imagine our entire road network has become overgrown and in some situations overtaken the travelled portion of the road," he said via email.

He said they started a brushing program five years ago, although it didn't really become adequately funded until 2017.

The township has now placed its roads on an eight-year cycle, so that every eight years they will be brushed.

He added there is typically one or two residents every year that find mechanical brushing to be "ugly"; however, most are surprised that within a month or two of completion you wouldn't be able to tell the

equipment was through with the exception of not having to drive down the center of the road or hitting branches with your mirrors.

He said mechanical brushing is not special to Minden Hills and is widely used outside of the County as well.

"It is the most efficient and cost-effective form of roadside brushing and is necessary for daylighting, ensuring adequate width of road platform and in the case of many roads, allowing access to the ditch with equipment for ditch maintenance."

Warden Liz Danielsen also brought up brush removal at the July 22 County council meeting.

"Just a comment from a tree hugger, some of the brushing work is a little brutal looking," Danielsen said. "I know that's the case when its first done, but it's just brutal."



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A trailer was flipped over on Gelert Road.
Photo by Joseph Quigley

Flipped trailer leads to charge

Police charged a person with careless driving after a trailer flipped over on Gelert Road July 17, causing hours of traffic delays.

OPP said there were no injuries, but the driver of the truck carrying the trailer was charged. A police officer on scene said speed was a factor.

Traffic on the road was kept to one lane for several hours for the investigation.

CHA warns about algae blooms

With two nearby lakes reporting algae blooms, the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association (CHA) is concerned about Haliburton County lakes.

The Township of Muskoka Lakes reported its first blue-green algae bloom of the summer at Weismiller Bay on Lake Muskoka and The Simcoe Muskoka District Health unit also confirmed a small bloom in a shallow bay on the eastern end of Ten Mile Bay, Lake of Bays.

CHA chair Paul MacInnes said it's early in the year, since blooms usually occur later in the summer. However, he said the string of hot, sunny days, may have had some impact.

He advises property owners to know what to do if they see a bloom by going to the CHA website and looking at its fact sheets. See cohpoa.org.

Green burial society gets HCDC money

The Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society (HHGBS) has received a nearly \$5,000 grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

HHGBS president Terry Moore said the money will be used to upgrade the society's website to provide a complete array of end-of-life planning supports for individuals and families.

"Whether you're looking for information about the legal rules surrounding death and dying, to help with do-it-yourself funerals, to the location of green burial cemeteries, the HHGBS website will be a one-stop resource destination for links to everything you need to know," Moore said.

Green burial aims to remove barriers preventing the body from being absorbed

as quickly as possible into the soil through the use of simple biodegradable wooden caskets or cloth shrouds, the elimination of embalming chemicals and concrete burial vaults.

For more information, see haliburtongreenburial.ca, and the HHGBS Facebook Page at facebook.com/HaliburtonGreenBurialSociety.

Miners Bay road closure

The Township of Minden Hills has announced that effective July 13, Miner's Bay Road will be closed at Hwy 35. The closure will take place until Sept. 22. The township said it's to allow staging of construction equipment and materials for a Ministry of Transportation project to replace the Miner's Bay culvert. During this time, they said a detour will be set up for traffic and a safe pedestrian passage will be provided and maintained at all times. For more information visit mindenhills.ca for accurate updates.

HE COVID update

Highlands East CAO Shannon Hunter reported to the July 14 council meeting that the pandemic continues to evolve and with the provincial Stage 3 of reopening starting July 17, municipal policies and procedures will be adjusted.

Hunter said signage is a significant expense at municipal buildings so far. The municipal office is also now open as of June 23 by appointment in blocks of

30-minutes to allow for time to sanitize. Face coverings are also now mandatory inside municipal buildings as of July 13.

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall complimented the efforts of staff during the pandemic.

"Your staff are to be congratulated for what you've been able to accomplish and how you've been able to keep us stable in this time," Ryall said.

Lions toll bridge goes virtual

The Haliburton Lions Club is putting its annual toll bridge fundraiser online.

Spokeswoman Gail Stelter said the public can find them at haliburtonlions.com

"While our first choice would be to be out there on the August long weekend, greeting you at your cars as you drive up Maple Avenue, we know that in this most unusual year, a live toll bridge is not the way to go," Stelter said.

However, she said the club needs to raise money so that it can give it away.

They support most of the non-profit organizations in our area, from food banks and Food 4 Kids to children's literacy; from individual welfare needs to arts and culture; from childhood cancer to vision and hearing; from the environment to diabetes awareness and dog guides.

The virtual toll bridge will run until Monday, Sept. 7 at noon.

Last year, the Lions raised more than \$6,000 and this year's goal is \$7,000. (*News briefs compiled by Lisa Gervais and Joseph Quigley*).

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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/.

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Request for Tenders/Proposals

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RFP #ENV 20-06 Scotch Line Landfill Design and Operations Report Update

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Gelert Decoration Day

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Highlander news

HHHS making recruitment inroads

By Lisa Gervais

A new full-time emergency department physician has begun working for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), while another is in the works for the fall, HHHS CEO and president Carolyn Plummer told the board during its annual general meeting July 16.

On a day when the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation should have been staging its annual Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic, the board held its first-ever AGM via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Board president Jeff Gollob said it was the 24th AGM and, "I'm pretty sure this is the first time we've held a virtual annual general meeting."

Plummer told the board they'd collaborated with the physician recruitment coordinator that was hired by the County of Haliburton and had been able to recruit two emergency medicine physicians, one of whom has officially started and the other expected to start this autumn.

"And then a couple of additional locum physicians who have expressed interest in settling in this community. So, we're on a great path when it comes to physician recruitment and I think that's a huge accomplishment," Plummer said.

Chief of Staff, Dr. Keith Hay, also acknowledged the work with recruiter Cheryl Kennedy "and many other individuals in the community," in getting the full-time ER doctor, as well as anticipating other physicians joining the medical community in the near future.

"Having a new full-time emergency physician has reduced the number of emergency room shifts filled by Health Force Ontario's emergency department locum program which we've depended on



HHHS held its annual general meeting on July 16. *File photo.*

for some time," Dr. Hay said.

Although COVID-19 has dominated the health scene locally, the AGM was for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020 so was not the main focus of the meeting, although management and staff were praised for their reaction to it.

Plummer said the pandemic had delayed work on the Ontario Health Team (OHT) initiative but it was expected that process would resume, with a meeting scheduled for July 17. The province has mandated the creation of OHT's and HHHS and its partners have been deemed to be 'in development.'

Plummer said the OHT team had quickly changed focus, to become the Haliburton County Pandemic Planning Task Force.

Fiscally, despite its many challenges, including repairing the Highland Wood long-term care roof at a cost of \$247,267, HHHS recorded a surplus of just over \$20,000.

Auditor John West, of Grant Thornton, said "To realize a surplus on a \$27 million operation is a significant achievement."

It was acknowledged that the services could not have done that without the support of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, and the Haliburton and Minden Hospital auxiliaries, which brought in \$750,000 worth of equipment combined.

In her lengthy report, Plummer said it had been a busy year, with more than 11,000 visits to the Haliburton Hospital ER and close to 15,000 in Minden. She added that acute care numbers were on par with last year. Telemedicine received close to 1,500 visits, saving more than 465,000 kilometres, and more than 6,600 hours of travel time.

She said they'd put in a privacy screen in the palliative centre; added new beds in Haliburton thanks to the auxiliary; and new cardiac telemetry equipment thanks to the Foundation.

Plummer also highlighted the importance of HHHS volunteers, saying they had well over 300 active volunteers who had put in nearly 30,000 hours.

For more information on the AGM, visit the HHHS website.

Health workers await promised pandemic pay

By Joseph Quigley

Local healthcare workers are still waiting for the province to fulfill its promises of more pay to recognize their efforts during the pandemic.

The province promised a \$4 per hour top-up for workers in the health care sector at the end of April, retroactively from April 24 up until Aug. 13. Funding was supposed to roll out to employers starting June 15 in long-term care, with other care sectors coming throughout last month.

But the pay has yet to be seen anywhere, according to Service Employees International Union (SEIU), which represents workers at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS). SEIU head of strategic communications Corey Johnson said the province has delayed, frustrating workers.

"They're not in it for the money, they're in it because they love helping people," Johnson said. "They feel very slighted ... It was more of a respect and recognition thing instead of a motivation to keep working, but it has almost done the opposite. It's driven

the morale down."

The pay applies to a wide range of workers, including nurses, personal support, auxiliary staff, mental health and addictions. Non-management in long-term care homes and retirement homes are also eligible, as are the social services and corrections sectors.

But Johnson said answers are hard to come by. He said the province had issues determining eligibility early on, expanding it to include paramedics after pressure. The union has called for the payment to include all healthcare workers.

"They seem completely out of the loop and uneducated on what they were doing," Johnson said. "We were disappointed that frontline workers or their unions like us weren't consulted to begin with. I think it could have saved a lot of headaches."

President of the treasury board press secretary Sebastian Skamski said funding has already flowed to employers, including the entirety of the long-term care allotment. He added the program is massive, benefitting 375,000 employees from more than 2,000 employers.

"We are moving funds to employers as quickly as possible and are expediting the work required to get this money into the paycheques of eligible employees across the province," he said.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services president and CEO Carolyn Plummer said the organization is working to ensure as many staff as possible are eligible for the pay. She said with four sectors of health care at HHHS, the process "has been extensive, but it is well underway."

"We recognize that the delays with the temporary pandemic pay are frustrating," Plummer said. "HHHS truly values the extraordinary efforts of its staff, particularly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and wants to ensure it has done everything it can to be consistent and fair with all employees before proceeding."

Johnson said there is no excuse for the delay. He added employers have delayed because of the government, waiting for the money and direction.

"It's a simple payroll exercise," he said. "Don't make an announcement that you're not ready to action."

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Highlander arts

Folk Society to lend musicians a helping hand

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) says it's created a new musical subsidy program for County residents.

In a July 17 news release, it said the purpose of the program is to support and maintain the Haliburton Highlands vibrant music community during COVID-19.

The implementation of the program enables local musicians to use their downtime effectively by supporting them to enhance their performance skills, while providing an income for selected instructors, the society said.

"Subsidies are available to local artists who may appreciate financial assistance to pursue their musical training and knowledge," the society said, adding that training may include, but is not limited to, instrumental, vocal, song-writing, performance presentation and music technology.

"Each musician is able to evaluate their own personal needs and select the instructor who can assist them with their development. All forms of physically-distanced instruction will be considered and may include instructors who do not live in Haliburton County. Recommendation of appropriate instructors can be requested but the final decision rests in the performer's hands," the society said.

Subsidies will cover up to 80 per cent of costs. The applicant is free to propose any qualified professional instructor.



Albert Saxby performs during a recent Haliburton County Folk Society concert livestreamed from the Dominion Hotel. *File.*

Applications will be open until Aug. 15. Anyone interested in applying for a subsidy is encouraged to complete the application form found on haliburtonfolk.com. Questions can be directed to: haliburtonfolk@gmail.com.

"The closure of performance venues has severely impaired the ability of performing artists to earn a living and taken away a

source of pleasure and relaxation for the listening audience," the society said last Friday.

The HCFS has risen to the challenge, launching a successful online concert series that provided a source of revenue for artists and in-home listening pleasure for the public. A series of concerts was livestreamed from the Dominion Hotel.

As the community opens back up, the HCFS said it continues to look for innovative ways to support musicians while enhancing the vibrancy of the community.

The society said additional programs to support musicians and the listening public are in development and will be announced in the near future.

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He said people had to fish alone or in their social or family circles.

Normally, they have a weigh-in and barbecue afterwards, but due to COVID-19 that was impossible this year.

He said they changed things up instead and kids from two to 18-years-old could fish all day and post a photo of their catch on the PLCA website.

Thomas said they had prizes for the winners in various age groups and also for all participants.

"To support our marina, the prizes were gift certificates to buy anything in their store. We had great participation," Thomas said.

(Lisa Gervais)

Left: Jack Venner, in the three to five-year-old age group with the 26 fish he caught in the rock bass derby. Photos submitted.

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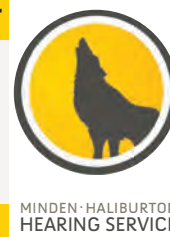
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A bench dedicated to Hilda Clark which will be placed at the new Herlihey Park. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

To Hilda Clark with love

By Joseph Quigley

Sitting outside Agnew's General Store is a bench crafted with love for Hilda Clark, awaiting its eventual home at the future Herlihey Park in Wilberforce.

Commissioned by the Wilberforce FUNraising Group Clark was part of the wide bench made by local artist Wayne Quibell is etched with black bears and a heart with Clark's name.

The former councillor passed away Aug. 7, 2019, and was well known throughout the community, volunteering with many different groups, as well as founding the Wilberforce Heritage Guild.

FUNraising Group member Kathy Rogers said they wanted to honour her memory within the upcoming new park, which she was a huge proponent for.

"She was quite involved in improving our community and keeping

it flourishing and moving forward," Rogers said.

Council approved the park master plan March 2019. Clark attended that meeting and spoke positively about the plan, though said she would like local history to be spotlighted more. The municipality is building the park in stages with a projected completion of 2022.

Rogers said Clark pushed hard to make the park happen.

"She really wanted to see it completed," Rogers said. "She regularly pushed (Mayor) Dave (Burton) along to get that park done. That's why I think it got done, because Hilda pestered.

"You do need someone to keep your spirits rolling. There's always too much on the go, you need someone else to say, 'hey, what about this?'"

Quibell said he knew Clark for many years and was happy with how the bench turned out.

"She was a very steadfast, determined, one-way lady and she let you know it. She had a great, kind heart as good as gold. Very community-oriented," he said. "It was a privilege to honour Hilda and honour this new park coming in at the same time."

Rogers said they hoped to celebrate the bench after it was completed over the winter and get it into the park, but the pandemic sidelined those plans. For now, it will remain outside Agnew's, but Rogers said they hope to commemorate it whenever that is possible.

She added Clark was an important fixture in their group and a fantastic person to work with.

"She always had great ideas and great experience," Rogers said. "You always knew she was going to do what she said. That's an important aspect in a volunteer."



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Part 2: Life in Canada in 1939

By Mabel Brannigan

In late August, 1939, Canada was still in the grip of the Great Depression with about 900,000 of Canada's total population of 11 million still unemployed.

Life in Haliburton County wasn't much different from other rural areas. On Saturday night, the boys stepped out in black and white Oxfords to dance to music made famous by big bands such as Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller, whose aircraft would be shot down in the Black Sea in the Second World War. At the Golden Slipper in Haliburton, Al Perrin interpreted big band music.

Roll out the Barrel was the favourite polka. Jitterbugs cut a rug to *In the Mood*, while Keith Brannigan got everyone on the floor to square dance when he called Darling Nellie Grey or Redwing and the girls showed off their pleated butterfly skirts in the swing.

People chuckled at the antics of Popeye and his spinach or Wimpy and his hamburger. Pork and beans cost three tins for 19 cents. Two tins of salmon cost 23 cents while a pound of coffee cost a quarter. In the rural areas in summer, mail arrived three times a week. Because of lack of telephone lines, it would take four or five hours to get a call to Toronto. Record crowds turned out at the Toronto Exhibition to see demonstrations of the coming of the

incredible television.

But, while the building blocks of war were being put in place in Europe, most Canadians did not believe the future included a war scenario. Since it was reported that Prime Minister Mackenzie King had already recorded in his diary that Adolph Hitler may rank with Joan of Arc someday, there seemed to be no need for pessimism. Their optimism was shaken when the British government transferred \$60 million in gold to Canada for safekeeping. But, when the explosive news came that the Nazi regime had bombed Warsaw, and that 52 army divisions had rumbled into Poland in September 1939, war was inevitable.

As in all of Canada, the shock wave hit Haliburton County. In West Guilford, 86-year-old great grandma Jane fretted that Frankie and Hazel's boy would have to go overseas. This was Frankie Barnum and Ray Scott. They did along with seven of grandma's grandchildren, two of whom did not return.

On Sept. 10, 1939, Canada declared war on Nazi Germany, not knowing that this war would last six years, a war that at the end of six years, would have claimed the lives of 50 million of the world's people, and would leave countless others wounded in body and mind - a war that would change our maps and history, our lifestyle and our destiny forever.



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

Chapter 1: Mummy

Harp in the Dark

Doug Benner's shift was nearly over. Two more shovelfuls and the site would be cleared. He brought up the arm of the backhoe, tilted the basket then lowered it, teeth first, into the earth. But earth didn't fill the basket. Instead, the claw pulled up a white box. Benner eased the thing further out of the ground then locked off the arm and climbed out of the cabin.

"Gord!" Benner shouted, pointing at the thing.

Gord Patz sat at the wheel of a dump truck parked next to the backhoe—the receiving end of the excavating operation. He shut off his engine and joined Benner and they both peered at the discovery.

"Looks like a fridge," Patz said brushing dirt off the white object.

Benner scratched the gray stubble on his chin. "Yeah, one of those old propane fridges." He felt around in the dirt for a handle. "Wonder if it's got a cold Billy Beer in it?" He heaved open the door. "I could sure use a—OH GAWD!"

Seven minutes later, Detective Harry Harp and Constable Terry Becker sped past Crystal Cove, a new development of townhomes perched on one of the largest lakes in Spruce County. The land sloped up sharply giving most units a view of the water and all were finished in a nautical theme—dove gray with white siding.

"I wish my mom would move into a place like this," Harp said as they raced past the development.

"Where does she live?" Becker said.

"In the city. Same house I grew up in. My dad died two years ago and she refuses to move. In my opinion, the place is too much for her. Anyway, my sister lives nearby and checks in on her." Harp winced at the thought of his mother and the time that had elapsed since his last visit.

"Where are your parents?" Harp asked, changing the subject.

The road turned to gravel and the car swerved. Becker slowed and regained control of the vehicle, then sped up again. "My mom lives in town. She's on her own, too, but, well, she's a little younger."

The view out of Harp's window turned to dense forest until the car rounded a corner and an open pit construction site appeared. A couple of pick-ups stood next to a pair of cop cars. Harp and Becker pulled up, cut the engine, and joined four men who were standing beside a backhoe.

"Sir." A cop with red, tight cropped hair said, stepping forward. "These guys found it." He gestured to Benner and Patz—then pointed at the ground.

Benner said, "It came up in my shovel. Thought we better call you guys when I seen inside."

"Looks like a Servel," Becker said.

"Servel?" Harp looked confused.

"It's a brand of propane fridge that was popular here in the 60s and 70s. Some off-grid cottages still use them," Becker said.

Silence filled in and the group looked at



Harp, waiting.

The detective took a pair of surgical gloves from his pocket and pulled them on then he took a breath, reached forward and pulled up on the handle. The latch released and he heaved open the door. The lines in his forehead deepened and the muscles in his face tightened. What looked like a man's body, dark green in colour and partially mummified, was stuffed into the fridge's cavity. His clothes had disintegrated except for bits of waistband and the baby blue remnants of a V-neck collar. As the men gapped at the corpse, a pea-green cloud of death and decay rose from the fridge's interior like a putrid belch.

The two cops recoiled. Becker's eyes widened and he stumbled backwards.

"Get Williams!" Harp coughed.

"We called him!" the redheaded cop blurted out through his hand-covered mouth.

As if on cue, Coroner Boyce Williams' vehicle pulled up. The little man walked purposefully towards the group with his two assistants trailing behind him.

"What's this I hear about a man in a fridge?" Williams snapped then peered down at the contents of the appliance. His nose wrinkled. "I see," he said, coolly, as he, too, pulled on surgical gloves.

After telling Harp that he would need some serious slab-time with the corpse and that he'd get them a report when he was good and ready, the coroner and his team set to work.

A gust of wind blew across the

construction site where majestic pines once stood.

"What's being built here?" Harp asked looking around.

"Condos," Benner said and pointed at the forest. "Part of Crystal Cove."

"With a forest between them? Nice." Harp said.

Benner shook his head. "Nope. She's all coming down. Once we get approval we're leveling the forest and the old lodge, too."

"Wait, what lodge?" Again, Harp looked confused.

Becker cut in. "You can't see it from here because it's so overgrown but there's a lodge in there."

Harp stared at the wall of forest, his eyes narrowing.

A few minutes later, the two men pushed their way through the undergrowth. Narrow trails zigzagged through the woods and Harp pointed them out.

"From animals—or kids," Becker said. "I used to hang out here actually."

Becker held back a large branch and Harp stepped forward into a clearing. An imposing two-story building loomed up before them.

"Pines End," Becker said, grandly.

Weathered by time and neglect, the building still held a hint of its majestic past. In front, a large stone terrace, cracked and overgrown with weeds, spanned the length of the building and Harp could imagine couples lounging in the sun and dancing under the stars. The building's cedar-shingled roof slanted low in the

front and was interrupted by a series of dormer windows. And in the centre, a stone chimney towered above the roof.

"We used to party here after it closed," Becker said. "When I was a teenager."

The constable crossed the terrace and pulled at the door. It opened with a loud creak.

The two men stepped into a large room with a stone fireplace in the middle. Graffiti marred the walls and a couple of logs had been dragged inside and used as benches in front of the fireplace. Beer cans, food containers and an old blanket lay abandoned on the floor. Harp and Becker looked through the rooms. They were empty of furniture and some of their windows were smashed and others had plywood nailed across them. Leaves and twigs were strewn across the floor. The place gave Harp an uneasy feeling, just like the corpse in the fridge and the more he explored the abandoned lodge, the more he was sure the lodge and the dead body were linked.

The two men emerged from the derelict building and stood on the terrace. Situated on the same sharp rise of land as Crystal Cove, Harp could see the lake sparkling in the distance through the veil of trees that had grown up over time.

He turned to Becker. "Somebody knows that man in the fridge. Someone must have reported him missing. He's someone's son, husband, father."

"Someone's victim, too," Becker added.

Highlander events



Let the good times roll

Haliburton Highlands Brewing kicked off a Friday Night Live music series with the start of stage three of provincial reopening July 17. Loney, Love and Love performed outside while patrons enjoyed food and beverages at distanced tables.

Top: Jim Love performs with the band Loney, Love and Love. Middle: Rick Rinkel, Ian Sullivan and Malissa Rinkel enjoy a drink at the show. Bottom: Barb Stead and Bill Parish drink together at the event. *Photos by Joseph Quigley.*

WHAT'S ON

Every Wednesday evening on Zoom – As We Find It Play Reading Group for anyone with a love of theatre. For more information email kbutler@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com.

Every Wednesday evening at dusk - The Little Pit Drive-In at Abbey Gardens. Book online at abbeygardens.ca/littlepitdrivein

'The Great Historic Bake Off' – a series of online baking activities is happening for the month of July. Full details: mindenhillsculturalcentre.blog/

Haliburton School of Art and Design for digital versions of some of the art talks and entertainment originally planned for summer school. See facebook.com/flemingHSAD

Until Aug. 8 - Interlace by Carolyn Wren at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Wren has been exploring themes of lost knowledge and metanarratives in her recent work of transcribing iconic texts to create her installations. In the past she has used relief print methods and processes in non-traditional ways.

Camexicanus day camps will run from July 27-31 in Wilberforce, August 10-14 in Haliburton and August 17-21 in Minden. Camp runs Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an hour of before and after care available. Youth ages 6-14 are welcome. Registration forms are available at camexicanus.ca, and can be sent to info@camexicanus.ca.

JULY 24
Farmers market at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall in Algonquin Highlands, every Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

JULY 25
Farmers market at the Minden Fairgrounds in Minden, every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

July 28 - Farmers market at the west end of Head Lake Park in Haliburton, every Tuesday from noon to 4 p.m.

JULY 28-31
noon – 4 p.m. Outdoor Kids Discovery Program for children ages 7–10 years. Contact Irene Heaven Irene@abbeygardens.ca or call 705-754-4769

AUGUST 1-2
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OBITUARY



Judith Ann Cole (Nee Heming) 1942 - 2020 (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 11, 2020, in Haliburton. Beloved wife of 52 years and cherished life partner of Bob, mother of Greg (Catherine) and the late Tanya Ann, proud grandmother of Madeline, Julia, William, Hillary and Jonathan, daughter of the late Paul T.W. and Mary Margaret Heming of Hamilton, sister of Rob (Grace) and Steve (Tammy), predeceased by brothers Richard (Barbara) and David (Carol), loving aunt and grand aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Judy had a remarkable zest for life and loved a challenge, recently taking up playing the oboe and still water skiing in her seventies. A talented musician with perfect pitch, Judy had the ability to play virtually any instrument placed in her hands. She shared this musical gift with those who knew her and will be fondly remembered for the joy she brought to others through it. Judy was deeply dedicated to her musical communities in Hamilton and Haliburton as a church organist, leader of the swing band, and a choir, orchestra and concert band member. She was also an active member of her curling, bridge, cuisine and book clubs, and the Friendship Force, through which she and Bob travelled the world and reciprocally hosted many international friends.

Judy earned her Bachelor of Arts (music) and Masters in Education, and had a long and rewarding career as a music teacher in Hamilton. She will be fondly remembered for her devotion to her students and passion for their musical development.

Judy loved her home with Bob overlooking picturesque Redstone Lake in Haliburton, where she found delight in entertaining family and friends, nature, gardening and sewing magnificent quilts.

A memorial service with immediate family members is planned. A celebration of life with extended family and friends will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, those who so wish may make memorial donations to:

Abbey Retreat Centre at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-abbey-retreat-centre/> or the Haliburton Highlands Palliative Care Centre at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E348416QE&id=4> and would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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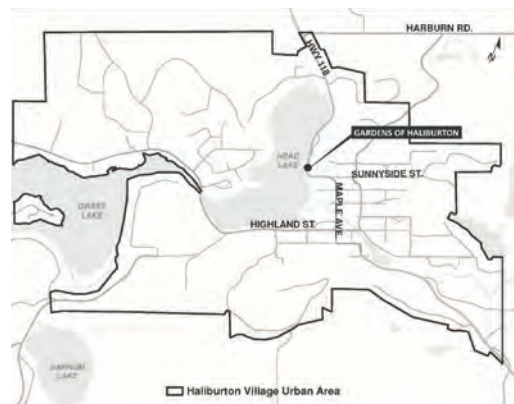
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NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Class Environment Assessment

Water System for the Gardens of Haliburton



The Gardens of Haliburton retirement lifestyle residences are being constructed within the Haliburton Village Urban Area at 1 Sunnyside Street on the former site of Fleming College. Municipal water supply is not available therefore a private water supply system is required.

The project has completed municipal planning approvals and secured site plan agreement, building permits for demolition, site servicing, and buildings, entrance permit, and entered into a drinking water system responsibility agreement. The project has also obtained permits from the Ministry of Transportation including Building and

Land Use Permits for Well Drilling, Blasting and Grading, Retaining Wall and Building.

Final approval by the municipality for the water system requires completion of an Environmental Assessment approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks.

The Water Supply Environmental Assessment for the Gardens of Haliburton will follow Schedule C of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. The Class EA will define the issues to be addressed, identify feasible alternatives, evaluate the technical, natural, social/cultural and economic impacts of the alternatives, and recommend a solution. The Class EA process provides members of the public and agencies with opportunities for input and ensures that all comments are appropriately addressed and documented for the public record. At the conclusion of the study, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be filed for 30-day public review.

The Class EA process includes public and agency consultation. Submission of comments is encouraged at any time during the study. Comments may be submitted to the proponent Gardens of Haliburton Inc. via their website at <https://gardensofhaliburton.ca/class-environmental-assessment/> or by email: ea@gardensofhaliburton.ca or via mail to 12 Kensington Drive, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 3M9.

As part of the consultation initiative, a project contact list will be compiled of persons or organizations that are interested in receiving further information on the study. Please submit your contact information if you wish to be added to this list. Further public engagement will occur during the study to present information and receive comments. Advance notice of these activities will be published in local newspapers, posted on the project website and issued to those parties on the project contact list. Key project documents will also be posted to the project website.

All correspondence will be maintained for reference throughout the project and will become part of the project record. Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in a submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this project and will be released, if requested, to any person.

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37 "The ___ Aquarius"

40 "When pigs fly!"

41 Throw in

44 Brightened naturally

46 Clover Leaf smoked item

48 Swear off going back to prison?

52 Lifts up a skirt?

53 Plato's promenade

54 Yearly physical, for one

55 Sex at a stag party

56 Way off

57 Prison proprietors?

60 Smelter stuff

61 Garfunkel and Carney

62 Bit in a Lowney's Glosette

63 Blog feed letters

64 '90s video game island

65 Daisy type or soft drink brand

Down

1 Mandela's pol. org.

2 Plant-based skin scrubbers

3 Circling, as a satellite

4 ___ disease (gluten-related illness)

5 Feta cheese milk sources

6 Many a -stan ctry., once

7 Go ballistic

8 "May ___ your order?"

9 Unwanted photography pupil?

10 Frowned-on suffix, these days

11 Singer with a sore throat, maybe

12 Noted Trump acquaintance Stormy

13 Study in great detail

18 "Game of Thrones" channel

22 Deckhand boss

23 Secretly keep in an email loop

24 '60s stereo system

25 Very thin, as onion skin

27 Go on foot, slangily

31 Armchair athlete's Cdn. channel

32 You might hit the dirt with it

33 Card carrying item: Abbr.

35 "... yellow ___ dot bikini"

36 Bottom-rung drudge

37 Demands, but nicely

38 Geddy Lee's 250 or so

39 Ovation rewards, often

41 Had smaller servings

42 Point that's a strike against

43 Titles for Ph.Ds

45 TV's "The Big Bang ___"

47 Twain with a twang

49 Areas noted by nervous flyers

50 Is able to, to Shakespeare

51 Cheque fig.

55 "Kisses, dahling!"

57 Photocopying snag

58 Places you leave in stitches, for short?

59 Winter fall, to a Scot

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