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A person carries a case of bottled water to a home in Kinmount after a twister ripped through the village Aug. 2. See the full story and more photos on page 8. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

School board maps safe pandemic opening

By Joseph Quigley

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) is preparing to begin full-time instruction at all of its schools in September with significant changes to manage risk and contact.

Staff reported to the board of trustees

during a special meeting Aug. 4. Director of education Wesley Hahn detailed plans to limit interactions between different groups, or cohorts, of students to safely reopen amidst the pandemic.

Hahn said everything from classroom setup, hall movement, building entry, lunch hours and recesses will be scheduled to

make sure kids are not mixing in large groups.

"The health and wellbeing of staff and students is key," Hahn said. "We're going to be looking at every possible scenario to make sure we're doing the right things to keep kids and staff safe."

The province unveiled its plan July 30

to have most schools reopen to a normal schedule in September. Masks will also be mandatory for staff and Grade 4-12 students indoors and on buses.

Students will take full course loads, but Hahn said the strategy is for elementary students to stay with homeroom teachers in the same classroom, rather than move

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Trillium Lakelands District School Board is preparing to return to full-time, in-person learning in September. *File photo.*

Parents can choose remote learning

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throughout the building. Meanwhile, secondary students will take only two credits at a time.

Masks, cleaning supplies and sanitizer will be on hand. Staff and parents will also be asked to do a daily assessment process to check for COVID-19 symptoms.

"Still things we need to put in place, but we think we have a really good plan right now," Hahn said.

Parents will have the choice to have their children do remote learning instead. To accomplish that, TLDSB is asking all students to re-register for school, with emails being sent by the end of the week.

Hahn said parents will have about a week to respond. He added the delivery of remote learning is

dependent on the makeup of students opting for it.

Trustee John Byrne asked about re-entry for students who initially opt-out of classroom learning or bus transportation. Hahn said although that will be allowed, there may be three or four week delays to limit how often students move through cohorts.

"We do realize things may change and parents may want to opt back in," Hahn said. "We just don't want it to be happening weekly."

Contact sports are out

Student trustee Kaylee Kelly asked about the return of clubs and sports. Hahn said they'd offer clubs virtually where possible, but anything requiring close contact is not happening.

"Sports or clubs that may involve students coming into contact, we're not prepared to put people at risk," Hahn said.

Schools will also be limiting visitors. Kelly asked about continuing breakfast programs, often run with outside volunteer groups. Hahn said staff are working that out, possibly by having groups deliver food without entering schools.

Trustee Gary Brohman said those programs need to continue.

"We must, must support these vulnerable kids," Brohman said.

The board thanked Hahn and the administration team for the effort.

"I'm very optimistic," trustee Stephen Binstock said. "But I like hearing that we're preparing for the worst."



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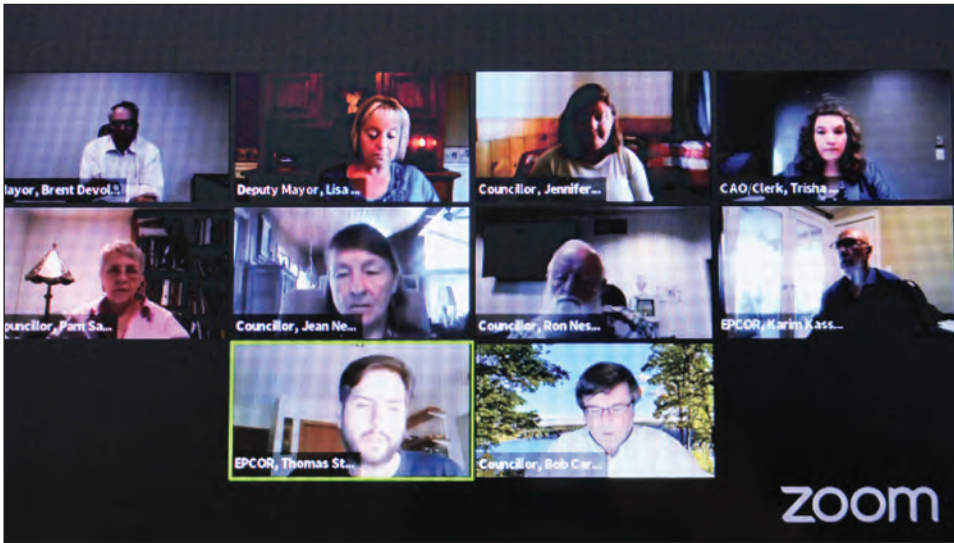
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Thomas Stachowski and Karim Kassam of EPCOR present to council July 30. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Company wants to bring natural gas to Minden

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills councillors have agreed to provide a letter of support in principle to utility infrastructure developer EPCOR, so it can apply for an Ontario government grant in hopes of bringing natural gas to the region.

Thomas Stachowski, commercial services, and Karim Kassam, vice president of business development, made a presentation to council's July 30 meeting.

Stachowski said the province is providing \$130 million in grants as part of its phase two natural gas funding initiative. He said the deadline for applications was Aug. 4.

Both he and Kassam indicated that with just \$130 million available, and Enbridge also expected to apply, it would be competitive.

Stachowski said the company had been looking across Ontario for areas that don't currently have natural gas and could benefit from it.

He said in Minden, which has been flagged as being difficult to bring a pipeline to because of its geology, "gas would be trucked to a central depot. From that depot, a distribution system would be constructed within the central part of Minden that's looking to get connected to natural gas."

"We're looking for the ability to bring alternative fuels to communities, that are hopefully competitive with the current fuel that's available for the lowest price. In many of these communities, that's typically propane," Stachowski said.

He said they are also looking into the prospect of delivering fibre optic while bringing natural gas to homes and businesses.

"Many of the communities we've spoken with, although fibre is available in the areas, it's a challenge to bring it to the homeowner or end user and it's something we're trying to simplify and improve that ability," he said.

Stachowski added although they were talking to council just six days before the application deadline, they felt they had enough information to put the grant application together for the Ontario Energy

Board and the Ministry of Energy.

He said a letter of support was crucial but "doesn't commit the community to moving forward with the project." Kassam said to work, they'd need a 60 to 80 per cent subsidy and people to agree to convert to natural gas. The two said they had a letter of support from Bancroft.

Council voted 6-1 in favour of providing the letter.

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell said it is a low-income community. She said she had just converted to propane from oil and the cost savings is significant.

"So, going to a natural gas option for people in our community would save them a lot of money ... Considering there's no commitment, I'm fully prepared to support this at this time."

Coun. Pam Sayne voted against. She said the community was looking into local energy options. For example, she said there was water power if the federal government would allow it. She also felt there should be community consultation, as well as balancing environmental and development needs.

Kassam said there would be future environmental review of the project and public consultation.

"If we do not get the support of the community at large, and we do not satisfy the environmental requirements of the project, then the project will not proceed anyway," he said.

Coun. Jean Neville said after hearing the presentation and the answers to questions, "I really don't see the harm in the letter of support ... I think we should give the people of Minden that opportunity to be able to choose this."

Coun. Bob Carter, who initially did not support issuing a letter, said he would do so "as long as we have the option of saying no, we don't think this is good for our community."

Coun. Ron Nesbitt said his concern was that ratepayers already struggling to make ends meet are not further burdened, while Coun. Jennifer Hughey was in favour of giving them an option to choose alternate energy sources.

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Deep Bay Road closed until Aug. 12

The County of Haliburton says Deep Bay Road, in the vicinity of an Aug. 3 washout, will remain closed to all traffic until at least Wednesday, Aug. 12.

"In the meantime, please use the Highway 35 detour," the County said Aug. 4.

It said that during the early morning of Monday, Aug. 3, a portion of approximately 400 metres of County Road 2/Deep Bay Road was washed out, between Devil's Lake Road to the north and Forster's Road to the south.

In an update, they said County staff provided access to those residents who were directly affected. However, the road is now closed.

"While there hasn't been visual confirmation, it is still believed that one or more beaver dams letting go due to heavy rainfall is what caused the washout," the County said.

Clean audit reported for Minden Hills

Minden Hills received a clean audit opinion from its auditor, Oscar Poloni, of KPMG in Sudbury.

The auditor presented to council July 30 and found the municipality's financial statements were presented fairly and its

cash flows follow Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Poloni said the audit was for the year completed Dec. 31, 2019.

"The audit has gone well this year.

During the course of our audit, there were no audit differences above our posting thresholds ... There were no difficulties with management, there were no limitations on our scope, we were basically able to obtain all the information that we requested and we were able to execute our audit as planned."

He added he's been doing municipal audits for 29 years and this is the first time he has done an audit without having to step through a municipality's doors.

He said Director of Finance Lorrie Blanchard had done "a phenomenal" job of adapting to the pandemic and remote auditing.

He said she and her staff provide documentation that's among the best of KPMGs clients.

AH consultation on short-term rentals

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is currently looking for public input on short-term rentals.

In a news release issued July 31, they said a webpage has been developed and the public is encouraged to review the background information found there prior to



Deep Bay Road washed out on Aug. 3. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

submitting their comments.

The website and directions on how to submit comments can be found at the following link:

algonquinhighlands.ca/government/shorttermrentals.php

Comments are requested by Aug. 31, 2020.

Recreation remains closed in AH

All recreation facilities in Algonquin

Highlands will remain closed until further notice, the township said July 31.

It said the factors contributing to the decision include staffing, logistics, resources and "most importantly, the safety of employees and the public in keeping with public health recommendations."

The decision means all existing restrictions remain in place.

This affects the Dorset Recreation Centre, Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall, Oxtongue Lake Community Centre and The Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower, which will remain closed for the 2020 season. (News briefs compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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Fire destroys vacant cottage on Boshkung Lake

By Lisa Gervais

Julia Lewis said she was awoken in the middle of the night July 30 by her daughter, who had heard sirens.

Overlooking Boshkung Lake, Lewis said, "We looked outside and the whole bay was lit up by the flames.

A cottage under renovation "was fully engulfed and the firefighters were already there."

She said Stanhope volunteer firefighters did a great job of preventing the fire from spreading to any other buildings, but the cottage was unfortunately lost.

Algonquin Highlands fire Chief Jonathan Wilker said his department got a call around 2.30 a.m. July 30.

"Someone from across the lake saw the fire," he said. He added they didn't know what the exact nature of the call was and paramedics were first on scene followed by firefighting volunteers.

They soon knew it was a structure fire. He said it was a cottage under renovation with no contents. He said the owners were not home and there were no injuries.

He confirmed that upon arrival, it was fully engulfed. He said volunteers were able to set up a pump on a dock on the lake to draw water and took about one hour to extinguish the blaze but the building was a complete loss.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.



A cottage under renovation was destroyed by fire in Algonquin Highlands early July 29. Photo submitted by Julia Lewis.

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Stay safe out there

Environment Canada has now confirmed that an EF-2 tornado touched down in Kinmount about 4:50 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 2.

While there is a certain romance with the weather phenomena, spurred by movies such as *Twister*, seeing the destruction left by a tornado is not for the faint of heart.

An EF-2 tornado - in this case winds up to 190 km/h, does "considerable" damage.

By contrast, an EF-1 does "moderate" damage, an EF-3 "severe" damage and an EF-4 "devastating" damage.

With a swathe of snapped trees and Hydro poles, and some damage to structures, this tornado packed a wallop.

For some residents of Kinmount, it wasn't the first time they'd experienced a twister, either.

It was 14 years ago to the day that a tornado touched down in the town. Minden, West Guilford and Drag Lake, near Haliburton, were also hit that 2006 day.

A *Kinmount Gazette* article from August 2010 reported that Kinmount tornado was an F0, on the former scale, meaning it mostly affected farmland. In fact, it took out a lot of old barns on the 11th line of Somerville and on the Galway and Crystal Lake roads.

A seemingly random pattern of destruction downed trees. There were no true funnel clouds, just strong winds. Power lines and Bell lines were downed. County Road 121 was closed then, too, due to debris and downed power lines blocking the road.

Residents of Bobcaygeon Road indicated they'd been there, done that, before this past weekend.

While the fallen trees, seemingly laying everywhere, made it look like a war zone, there was a response that is so typical of county folk.

On Monday, there were people everywhere. There were chainsaws and log splitters. There were chipper trailers. It was obvious that neighbours had come out to help neighbours. Friends had rallied to the cause. Acquaintances were on the ground, willing and able to assist.

Just as some people in this region respond when a moose or deer is struck to ensure the animal is removed and properly prepared for food, people swarmed to help the residents of Kinmount not only clear their land, but put in the firewood for many winter seasons to come.

Families had driven from the Greater Toronto Area to lend a hand. The Hydro trucks were out in force on a holiday

Monday, with crews from Newmarket and beyond.

Perhaps residents were somewhat in shock, but there was a no-nonsense approach to getting the job done.

They also readily stepped in to assist those Hydro One crews to remove trees from roads so they were soon passable.

We've now had a couple of tornado watches and warnings this summer. There's sure to be more before August is out. If the Kinmount experience is anything to go by, people have to have a plan when the warning reverberates on their phone. Most of the people we talked to in Kinmount headed for the basement.

If you haven't already, we urge you to have a plan in preparation for bad summer storms that have the potential to become tornadoes. Make sure you have a safe place to go and ensure it has food and water and other essentials because once the storm leaves you are likely to be without power and water for a few days, if not longer.

In other words, stay safe out there.



By Lisa Gervais

Hats off to Harcourt

The many times I have visited the hamlet of Harcourt, I have found a sleepy little collection of homes, a few businesses and, well, not much else.

Tucked just over the southeastern border in Dysart Township, on a county road linking Wilberforce and Highland Grove, it is the quintessential back country hamlet - until two weeks ago.

This quiet village sprang to life when the harassment of one member of the community by another galvanized a response worthy of a place much larger.

Homophobic slurs, shouted at a teenager in the community by a neighbor were documented on line by his mother.

The Facebook post was the catalyst that motivated members of this small community and beyond to rally to the support of the target of the abuse.

It was heartening to read that more than 60 marched with rainbow colours flying, in

support of their neighbor.

The spontaneous demonstration was amazing. It was heartening to see the support from within the community as well as that which flowed from outside Harcourt.

High profile gay athletes voiced their support and encouragement. As significant as that support was, the fact that members of this small community chose to stand with this young man and publicly rebuke harassment was more than telling.

One would think that people in this country, including the hamlets and villages dotted throughout the Highlands, have come to realize there is nothing to be gained by hurling derogatory remarks at others.

It was my hope that we had moved past that kind of abuse motivated by hate and supported by ignorance.

I like to think we have come a long way, but I am also aware we as a society haven't emerged completely from the era when

intolerance was allowed to be the order of the day.

We all must sharpen our vigilance and welcome everyone in the big tent that is Canada.

There is a place here for everyone who intends no harm to anyone else, no matter what their race, colour, creed or sexual orientation.

We must stand ready to protect those who are harassed and demonstrate they are included and have allies in the broader community.

Bravo to Harcourt. Let their action stand as a lesson for us all.



By Jack Brezina



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Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Left to Tell

Dear editor,

I follow *The Highlander* on Facebook and was thrilled to see your piece Left to Tell, part 2 referenced two of my relatives, Frank Barnum and Ray Scott.

I don't personally know Mabel, but the fact that she knew, or knew of my Uncle Ray, is so heartwarming.

Both Ray and Frank married two of my mum's sisters during the Second World War while they were in Edinburgh, Scotland.

During this time of COVID, it is so comforting to read articles like this. There are so few veterans left – they are treasures.

I am looking forward to reading on.

Deb (Veitch) Scardamaglia
Dundas

Too late for the Wigamog

Dear editor,

As someone who has lived down the road from Wigamog Inn for 48 years, I was glad to see the article about the sad condition of what was once the main centre for celebrations in Haliburton.

Weddings, birthdays, retirements, concerts, fashion shows, conferences and holidays were all enjoyed in this beautiful venue by the water.

Sadly, once it changed hands, it was totally neglected and on my drives and walks past it I saw the roof caving in, trim hanging, grass not being cut, windows breaking, animals wandering in and out, etc.

How sad for Keith to see this beautiful building, built by his father, being allowed to just slowly fall apart. I, too, watched the Youtube video and, knowing it was bad, had no idea until I saw it of the condition inside.

Not only has the building been destroyed but also everything inside which could have been used by so many in the area.

My concern now is all the new appliances, furnishings, mattresses, lamps, etc. in cottages that were renovated but never used. Many items are still in boxes or plastic. Surely something can be done so these useful items can be used by people who need them before they, too, are destroyed once the outside elements get in.

I think this is a situation of someone with unrealistic plans overextending himself. Yes, as time moves on, things change but in the right hands this resort could have been brought back to its original beautiful condition.

Too late now.

Leona Carter
Dysart et al

All lives matter ... too

Dear editor,

I'm responding to an opinion shared by Kim Defoe titled "Black Lives Matter."

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Guenter Horst sent this photo of the week submission for a photo he simply titles 'Fog.'

First, to say Lois's opinion was tone deaf and seems to come from a place of "privilege" was insensitive and rude. Does she even know Lois to say that?

I think some people are justifiably offended by constantly seeing and hearing the yelling "Black lives matter" because it's non-stopping and yes, "All lives do matter" too.

Now you are saying that only BIPOC (black, indigenous, people of colour) lives are not valued. You need to add the letter "W" (white) as it now appears, we're not valued as well. It's like we don't exist or should be embarrassed to be born white. Not all white people have perfect lives and are born with or get "white privilege."

To the BWIPOC (black, white, indigenous, people of colour) or race, who are born or immigrated to Canada or the USA, they all have the same rights and freedoms.

How they choose to live their life is up to them. Some choose to respect the laws and have a good life; some choose to break the laws or hang with the wrong people and have authorities constantly at their door. There are bad people of all colours and race. That will never change.

I will not bait people between one race or another and keep it going by yelling only "black lives matter." If you have a good life because you worked hard for it, regardless of your colour or race, then are you considered as having "privilege?"

Then again, why just "white" privilege. I think we need to drop the "white" as I'm sure it must be irritating to some. It's racist to me. And to use the word "genocide" (murder of a nationality or ethnic group)

so lightly is offensive, disturbing and disrespectful to those that actually experienced that in Germany.

That is not happening here and never will. I have family and friends of all colours and race, so for me, I'm with Lois. All lives matter and deserve to feel safe, valued and equal in this country and as far as I know most do.

D. McCluskey
Haliburton

We are all in this together

Dear editor,

Angie and Mervin Steckle express the view in their letter (July 30) that mask wearing is a personal choice.

The mask is primarily to protect others, not the wearer. We help our community every time we wear a mask near others; and every time someone goes into the community without a mask, one is, in effect, saying "I care more about my inconvenience than your safety."

Remember that we are all in this together. Let's not talk about our "rights not to cooperate; let's instead work together to control the spread of this pandemic. Let's not feel that our personal inconvenience is too great a price to pay for everyone's safety (including our own).

Bob Killey
Clear Lake

Seeking to get the balance right

Dear editor,

In the July 30 edition of *The Highlander*, Minden Hills Coun, Bob Carter is reported to have taken a stand against allowing people to refuse to wear a mask for religious reasons. I applaud Mr. Carter's position for religious reasons.

The wearing of a non-medical face mask is not for the safety of the wearer but for the protection of others. It follows that those who do not wear a mask because of serious and verifiable health issues must weigh their health issues against the welfare of others. This is a difficult decision but I think it would be considerate of them to let people know about their situation and to adjust their behaviour as much as possible.

I have a relative who has serious and verifiable health reasons not to wear a mask but puts one on anyway for short periods such as grocery shopping or being driven to appointments.

It follows that those who refuse to wear a mask because they find it to be uncomfortable or see noncompliance as an expression of their social freedom have less regard for others than for themselves.

This is where our governing authorities are mandated (by God according to my religion) to legislate for the welfare of the society. This, too, is difficult but I think Mr. Carter, whom I do not know at all, is seeking to get the balance right.

Don Wood
Irish line Road

Highlander news



Top Hydro crews work along Highway 121. Bottom left: A man walks through a cemetery littered with fallen trees. Bottom right: A twisted TV antenna. *Photos by Lisa Gervais*

Devastation as twister tears through Kinmount

By Lisa Gervais

Lorraine Turcotte was already in the basement of her Kinmount home when her husband shouted for her to head there in the early evening of Aug. 2.

Confused, she ran upstairs as a tornado ripped through the area in about 30 seconds.

"It was horrible," she told *The Highlander* on the afternoon of Aug. 3 while family helped her and her husband remove downed trees from their property.

She added it was "unbelievable."

"We had a huge pine tree in the front yard. It was gone. It ripped all the Hydro and the Bell lines down."

The storm left a swathe of devastation

as it tore up trees, snapped Hydro poles, and damaged rooves and sheds. It closed a section of Highway 121 for several hours.

Environment Canada confirmed on Aug. 3 that an EF-2 tornado with a maximum wind speed of 190 km/h hit Kinmount.

Turcotte said she and her family also worked with Hydro One to remove downed trees as their road - Bobcaygeon Road - was blocked at both ends.

Alison Haecock lives along the highway. She recalled what it was like around 4:50 p.m. Sunday night.

"It was over so fast. There was this tremendous crashing and thumping and then this noise ... like a train going through."

Like many, they had helpers using chainsaws and chippers to clean up the mess the next day.

"My husband belongs to the Haliburton trail riders. He put out the call, 'hey, we need some help.' And I'll tell you, many hands make light work."

Gord Domik, who also owns a home along County Road 121, said "it was a sound that I could never describe. It was the weirdest thing. You hear the normal wind and then all of sudden, you hear the tornado wind. And it was like a whole different ball game. I said to my daughter, 'I think we should get in the basement.' I said, 'that doesn't sound right.'"

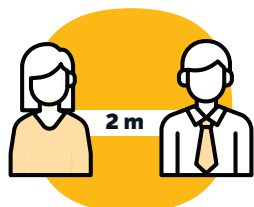
Domik said he was surprised houses were not completely destroyed especially since "some of these trees are actually huge, too, just ripped right out of the ground. I've never experienced a tornado in my life."

OPP tweeted Sunday night that County Road 121 was closed due to storm damage.

Hydro crews worked to reopen the highway and remained on scene to repair snapped Hydro poles and downed lines. Enormous trees were pulled from the ground and laying across roads, in yards, and in cemeteries.

The sounds of chainsaws and chippers reverberated across the village and some small fires were set to burn brush.

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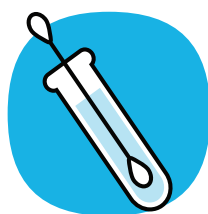
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Store owner Jonghee Lee said he decided to resign his store from being a Canada Post office due to the workload and a lack of support. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Harcourt losing village post office

By Joseph Quigley

Harcourt is losing its post office out of the South Algonquin County Store Aug. 14, but Canada Post is replacing it with community mailboxes.

Canada Post is installing them at the Harcourt Community Centre Aug. 17. However, parcel services and stamps are being moved to the Wilberforce Post Office in Agnew's General Store.

South Algonquin County Store owner Jonghee Lee said the move came after he decided to resign from having the outlet. He said he made the decision given the difficult workload and years of failed attempts to negotiate with Canada Post for more support, such as a postage scanner to reduce paperwork or a new contract.

"It's a pity," Lee said. "But it's out of my hands."

When asked about Lee's concerns, Canada Post media relations spokesperson Hayley

Magermans declined to respond directly.

"The Canada Post outlet in the South Algonquin County Store will close due to reasons beyond our control," Magermans said. "We do not disclose details of Canada Post contracts and agreements."

Lee said the workload took too much time between filling forms and sorting packages, even though he did not mind helping postage customers. He also noted it was difficult finding space for all the packages.

"I can't hire just one person here (at the post outlet) all day long, it doesn't make any sense," Lee said, adding his staff are occupied with other parts of the store such as the LCBO outlet. "I don't have time for this."

Lee said there is a positive to the move, in that the mailboxes will be more constantly accessible for smaller mail compared to his store.

"It might be better. They can use a key

24/7," he said.

Dysart council addressed the change briefly at its July 28 meeting. Mayor Andrea Roberts said it is good that people will not have to change their mailing addresses, which can happen with these transitions.

"They do have compartments there for fairly small and medium-sized parcels," Roberts said. "Any larger parcels for delivery will be in Wilberforce, which will work, I think."

Anyone with questions on the change can contact Canada Post customer service at 1-866-607-6301.

Lee said he offered to at least continue providing a space for packages only, but Canada Post would not go for it.

"Canada Post, they're a big company. I'm just a small guy, in a small business, in a small town," Lee said. "Sorry to my neighbours for my resignation."

Dabbing for radio and food banks

By Lisa Gervais

Canoe FM radio bingo players in Haliburton County have helped the community radio station donate \$31,775 to area food banks.

The station said in a press release that when people play radio bingo, they not only support the work of the station but other not-for-profit organizations in the County.

Canoe FM's radio bingo license indicates that proceeds must be split between other not-for-profits, and that Canoe can only use their portion for expenses directly related to broadcasting.

Station manager Roxanne Casey said all listeners who played from January until the end of June were supporting both Canoe FM and the Haliburton County food banks.

"Thanks to you, Canoe FM was able to give the Minden food bank \$31,775," she said.

Casey said that food bank will now bulk purchase food which will be split and distributed to all Haliburton County food banks according to their expressed needs.

Since radio bingo began in 2012, Canoe FM has given \$317,815.78 to not-for-profits throughout Haliburton County.

Canoe FM has also paid out \$338,402 to weekly bingo winners.

100.9 Canoe FM is a not-for-profit, volunteer-based community radio station serving seasonal and permanent residents in Haliburton County.

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Government officials and Rotarians attended the ground-breaking of a new welcome centre at Head Lake Park Aug. 5. Front row left to right: MPP Laurie Scott, MP Jamie Schmale, Rotary Club of Haliburton president Ted Brandon, Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Welcome Centre breaks ground

By Joseph Quigley

Rotarians and government officials held a ground-breaking ceremony on a new welcome centre being constructed outside Head Lake Park in Haliburton Aug. 5.

The facility was initially proposed by the Rotary Club of Haliburton in May 2019 as its 75th-anniversary project. The club is donating \$75,000, but the project received a huge jumpstart with a \$375,000 federal grant.

"It's exciting. It's happening sooner than we kind of dreamed that it could happen," Rotary president Ted Brandon said. "It will just be a great addition to the park."

The centre will offer washrooms accessible from the outside and tourism information. Some work has already started on a sewer hookup.

Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy, who headed the committee overseeing the project, said it is a milestone for the community that has been talked about

for a long time.

"It's critical for our tourism," Kennedy said. "This new welcome centre is going to be opened year-round, rather than just seasonally. It's going to attract more people to the area."

Kennedy said COVID-19 delayed construction, but they hope to have it complete by the end of December. If not, it should be finished early next year.

Respect people's property: business owner

By Lisa Gervais

Finding eight bags of garbage picked through by animals and strewn across the back of their business had Vallerie Pagnello and David Harrison seeing red.

The owners of Highlands East Storage in Wilberforce said they were informed by employees that someone had left the mess the July 18-19 weekend. It was discovered July 21.

"I had my girl that cuts the grass, and the Highlands East Storage, call me and someone - I can only presume it to be a renter, I do not think anyone who resides in Wilberforce would do such a thing - dumped the garbage," Pagnello said.

She said they had to pay someone to clean it up.

In addition, she said the garbage contained items such as corn on the cob husks, melon rinds, masks and

gloves, as well as household waste.

She said they are the types of things people would have handled and could have been carrying the coronavirus.

"I just couldn't believe someone would do that," Pagnello said. "Especially with COVID-19. The girl I paid to clean it up had to wear personal protective equipment."

At the end of the day, Pagnello said, "respect people's property."

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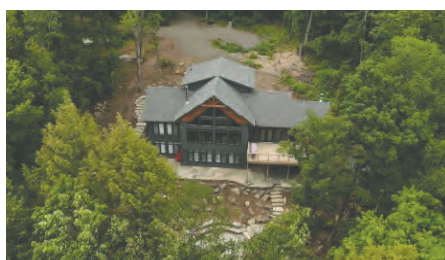
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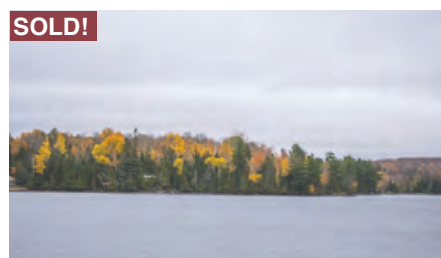
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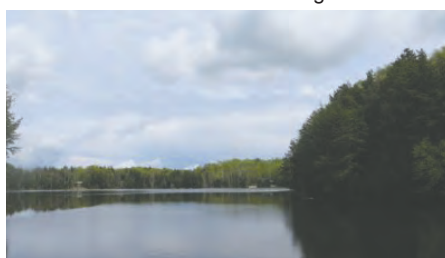
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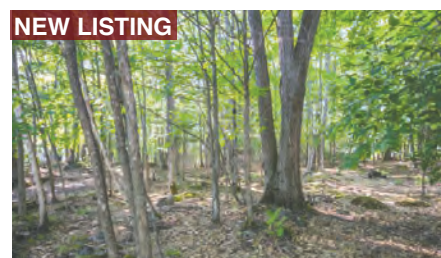
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The do's and don'ts of pandemic yard sales

By Lisa Gervais

Summer is synonymous with yard and garage sales in Haliburton County.

However, with COVID-19, both sellers and buyers have been wondering if they are allowed, and, if so, what the rules and regulations around them are.

With The Painted Porch in Carnarvon closing to make way for a new business, Elegant Events, Cynthia Kocot said with Stage 3 of provincial reopenings, they were intent on holding a sale over the Civic Holiday weekend.

Kocot said they just made sure to move everything outside and space it out.

In addition, Kocot estimated 90 per cent of bargain hunters had worn masks.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit says it's now okay to organize and advertise yard and garage sales.

Manager of health protection with the health unit, Richard Ovcharovich, said they are allowed under Ontario's Stage 3 reopening plan.

However, he cautioned, "like anything during the current pandemic, the health unit encourages organizers and attendees to take precautions to prevent the spread of the virus."

"If you have any concerns about your health or potential exposure to the coronavirus, you may want to hold off on organizing garage sales at this time," Ovcharovich said.

He said that if you decide to go ahead with a garage sale, take COVID-19 precautions.

Here is what to do if you plan to organize one:

- If you or anyone in your home is feeling ill, do not go ahead with organizing the sale.
- If selling clothes at the sale, ensure they are well-laundered first.
- Be aware of the limits on large gatherings currently in place during COVID-19 – 100 people for outdoor gatherings and 50 people for indoor gatherings. Keep an eye on the number of people attending the sale, and stagger the number of people coming and going to allow for physical distancing, especially if the sales area is small.
- Encourage attendees to practise physical distancing as much as possible. Remind them to stay two metres (six feet) apart.
- Space out sales items and tables to allow for/accommodate physical distancing.
- Consider holding a sale outside on your driveway or in your garage, never in your home. It is safer to hold sales in outdoor or well-ventilated areas.
- Have hand sanitizer available for people to use.
- Ask people not to attend the sale if they are feeling sick or have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water (or hand sanitizer if soap/water is unavailable).



The Painted Porch held a yard sale in Carnarvon this past weekend. Pictured is Cynthia Kocot. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

For people thinking of visiting a garage sale, the health unit advises:

- Stay home if sick.
- Avoid unnecessary handling of items.
- Maintain physical distancing as much as possible at sales.
- Wash hands with soap and water after attending a sale, or use hand sanitizer if soap/water is not available.
- Practise proper respiratory etiquette. Cover your cough and sneeze into your sleeve.
- Consider wearing a cloth mask or face covering to sales, especially when physical distancing is difficult.
- Clean and disinfect any items you

purchase and wash hands after handling any goods. Avoid buying items that are difficult to clean.

Ovcharovich added that when holding a garage sale, also be aware of other safety considerations. For instance, baby walkers, infant self-feeding devices and other items are banned products in Canada. There are also common second-hand items such as car seats, cribs, helmets, playpens, strollers, children's jewellery and kids' sleepwear that must meet certain federal regulatory requirements before they can be bought or sold in Canada.

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Highlander business

Gardens of Haliburton begins selling units

By Joseph Quigley

The Gardens of Haliburton opened a business office Aug. 1 to begin filling spaces for its 70-unit retirement residence due for completion early next year.

The Highland Street office aims to provide a space for people to ask questions and figure out if the Haliburton facility will work for them, according to company partner and marketing head Phil McKenzie.

The office will only be in place until the facility opens in May 2021 but features floor plans and a display of room configurations for people to choose from.

"It's a decision that you need to research and ask questions about," McKenzie said.

"It's more than just a real-estate decision.

You really want to have a spot where people can drop in and talk about it.

"This is not an impulse buy. This is something you typically have a few conversations before people decide this is right for them," he added.

McKenzie said the new building seeks to fill a need for something between regular apartments and long-term care for senior living. The all-inclusive facility will include meals, housekeeping and recreation. Demand is high – McKenzie said they usually expect it to take a year-and-a-half to fill such a building, but he does not think it will take that long in Haliburton County.

"Certainly, with the response we've gotten, it looks like it will be significantly less time than that," he said.



Gardens of Haliburton director of community relations Patti Lou Robinson (right) shows Diane Burtchert different room configurations for the new retirement residence. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

With the office opening came confirmation of the price point for rooms. They will range from \$2,995-\$5,000 per month, based on room size, balcony inclusion and whether it faces Head Lake.

McKenzie said the prices are good value in the retirement residence world and justified by the number of services on offer. He added the prices are needed to cover the building cost and the labour, with

approximately 50 employees expected.

"Everybody that's in the health and wellness department, everybody that's in the food and beverage, activities, maintenance," McKenzie said, adding about 60 per cent of a person's room cost goes toward funding labour.

The model is also open to provide more care as people's needs may increase, allowing seniors to age in place.

McKenzie said the model does not work for everyone, but they want to work with people to give them confidence about whether it will work for them.

"What we really want is for them to be able to come here and determine with some certainty whether we can be the solution," he said.

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Michael Bainbridge interviews Bill Pinch at the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show on February 14, 2014. Photo by Neil Prens.

Story of Pinch a real gem for Bainbridge

By Lisa Gervais

It's been 10 years in the making, but Minden's Michael Bainbridge has written and photographed one gem of a book.

Titled *The Pinch Collection at the Canadian Museum of Nature*, Bainbridge wrote and photographed the 278-page book.

It's been printed in Utah and has now been sent to the bindery.

That milestone, marked on Facebook by Bainbridge and his wife Brigitte Gall, "represented the end of my ability and need to do anything more," he said.

The only mineral photographer of his calibre in Canada, and one of only a handful in the world, Bainbridge said he embarked upon the project in about 2008.

He was working on a contract to photograph the national mineral collection at the Canadian Museum of Nature, or CMN, and was regularly submitting photographs to Lithographie for publication in their Mineral Monograph series. Lithographie is this book's publisher.

Bainbridge said publisher and editor Gloria Staebler noted that William W. Pinch of Rochester, New York, and his collection fared prominently in the work. She suggested his collection might be a worthy subject for a book.

Bainbridge met Pinch in early 2010, and by the end of that year had an agreement with the museum to allow access to photograph his collection for a book. The Ottawa museum had purchased Pinch's collection in 1989.

"The collection itself is spectacular and well worth the photographic treatment it received in the book," Bainbridge said of the 535 colour photographs.

"But it wasn't until much later, after many hours of interviews with Bill and others, that the full interest and importance of the story became clear," he added.

"In addition to being Bill's story, in many ways it is also the story of the hobby and science of specimen mineralogy itself."

Bainbridge said high points of his research

include: the founding of the Smithsonian Institution, and the Canadian Museum of Nature, cloak and dagger intrigue behind the Iron Curtain, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) investigations, and a 60 Minutes exposé.

Bainbridge began work in earnest in January 2011 but there were setbacks, such as Pinch being ill, Minden floods in 2013 and 2017, a death in the publisher's family, and COVID-19.

In addition, he had to work on the book in his spare time, away from his paid job and family. There were interviews with people from all over the world, many done over nine years of visits to the Tucson Gem & Mineral show.

For the photographs, he had to travel to the museum in Ottawa. "I would pack up my gear and spend weeks at a time going through the drawers at their collection facility in Aylmer, Quebec and photographing the best." He estimates he spent several months at the museum.

Work highlights museum collection

"I easily spent at least a full year working on the book," he said.

Bainbridge said he's been fascinated by minerals, gems, and fossils since childhood. In 2007, he started experimenting with photographing gems and minerals in his basement. Soon enough he got pretty good and started submitting his photos to hobby and trade magazines. He then answered a tender to photograph the national collection. He made a name for himself in the broader mineral collecting and museum community.

With the book nearly done, plans for a launch have been largely scrubbed because of COVID-19.

"As it stands, I'm afraid we don't have a plan as to how to launch the book, but I imagine we'll start trying to figure that out ..."

"Of course, Brigitte and I plan on hosting

some sort of an event in Minden or Haliburton as well."

He's also pondering an online event for the larger mineral community.

Mineral curator at the museum, Erika Anderson, said the work is of great significance.

"His work is important as it highlights such a significant part of the National Mineral Collection. The acquisition of the Pinch Collection had a great impact on the museum as it provided fantastic specimens for display in our Earth Gallery and as well as specimens for scientific research. The Pinch Collection made such an impression on the public that I still get asked about it during our annual open house. I'm happy to see a publication that will show more great specimens from the collection that are not on display," she said.

Staebler said there's no doubt that for Bainbridge it was a labour of love.

"Absolutely. But Michael is an empath and through his work he felt Pinch's triumphs and failures. But he also felt the disappointments shared by Pinch's family; the adoration felt by the people Pinch mentored; and the bitterness of Pinch's rivals. In addition, Michael was surely pressured by his own advisors and by me.

"All that empathy made for an emotional 10 years, and it stalled Michael sometimes, but it also forced him to stretch as a writer, to focus on the objectives, and find creative ways to express Pinch's humanity. I don't think it is insignificant that Michael turned in his draft of the manuscript in June 2017, two months after Pinch died."

Pinch passed away in April 2017.

Asked how he feels now that his part is done, Bainbridge said, "I haven't really taken a moment to step back and soak it in. It's been right on to the next thing."

That next thing is a puzzle factory in Haliburton County.

"But I promise I will allow myself a proper rest and celebration and a good sniff of the book when I get the first box," he said.

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Artists back on tour

The Tour de Forest Summer Art Tour returned for its 14th year Aug. 1-2, with 10 County artists displaying their work, for one of the first art events in the pandemic. "I figure we can't stay in our bedrooms all year," participating artist Barbara Hart said. "To open up and have people see the art is fabulous ... There's no point in being terrified. We can be careful but we can enjoy each other and the art." (*Joseph Quigley*).

Left: James Goodliff stands next to his landscape paintings at his stand in the tour. "People, they need to get out. And if they can't go away, maybe some of this work can make it onto their list," he said. Right: Barbara Hart showcased a series of paintings from her home studio on the tour. *Photos by Joseph Quigley.*

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Pop-up market brings people back to schoolhouse

Blackbird Pottery hosted a pop-up art market at its schoolhouse-based studio July 31-Aug. 1, attracting hundreds of patrons for the selection of six artists. “People have come out, which is amazing and the support has been, I think heartfelt,” Blackbird Pottery owner April Gates said. “People have actually said thank you for having an event. It feels like people are hungry to have experiences.” (Joseph Quigley)

Left: Rod Prouse brought his paintings to the market. Middle: Leslie Howchin of Moth Jewelry had decorated masks at her stand in the market. Right: Samantha Vanderwyst and Ollie Vanderwyst of Woodsmoke and Wool stand in their booth, featuring wood carvings. Photos by Joseph Quigley.

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Making the best of your space

By Lisa Harrison

Renovations are on the rise, and the primary reasons appear to be increasing housing costs, increased time spent at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the desire to create short-term rental opportunities.

"People are turning to renovating current homes," reported Wendy Pringle, owner of design store Cordell Carpet in Haliburton, in an email interview.

"Lots of painting going on now, and renos, as people are staying close to home as travel is not an option, so they are changing their home environment for a positive option in their lives."

Painting and installing new flooring are popular quick upgrades, according to Pringle, but when it comes to renovating for short-term rental use, current trends differ in the types of materials used.

"Generally, people use more entry-level products and commercial materials such as flooring for renos to create short-term rentals," said Pringle. "These more commercial products tend to hold up better in a rental situation."

"When people are renovating spaces and structures that are not a rental space, they tend to go more to our higher end products that will last longer than some other products. [However] luxury vinyl plank

[flooring] is becoming very popular in both rentals and non-rentals as it is a very durable product that stands up to kids, pets and water."

For short-term rental renovations, Cordell recommends commercial-level products for materials such as flooring and paint, said Pringle.

"The best time of year for rental [renos] really depends on the person, however painting renos would be best done in the summertime if they are doing exterior painting and anytime would work for interior painting."

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Fireplace trends: hibernating in warmth and style

By Lisa Harrison

It may seem early to think about fireplaces, but the market's already heating up.

A report on the global market for contemporary fireplaces alone shows it has been "growing at a steady rate" this year and is "anticipated to rise at a considerable rate" over the next five years, according to a May news release by Research Reports World.

Retailers are also factoring in the negative impact the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to have on winter travel this year.

For example, Kawartha Home and Hearth Ltd. (KHH) in Bobcaygeon is currently offering a "Grounded Snowbirds" discount for those who want to create a snug and stylish cocoon for hibernating at home or to extend their cottage season.

"The fireplace has become the main area for family and friends to gather ... [creating] a cozy, warm and relaxing area to unwind

and spend time together," said KHH owner and technician James Barrieau in an email interview.

"[It's] a focal point in the home with large glass viewing areas, a variety of colours and different styles to suit your home."

The family/great room is the primary location for a new or updated fireplace, according to Scott Neilson, owner and technician at Walker's Heating & Cooling Systems (WHCS) in Haliburton.

"People make a point to invest in these rooms and invest in creating ... memories for years to come," said Neilson in an email interview.

The kitchen and bedroom are runners-up; however, "in our neck of the woods, screened-in Haliburton rooms are also in the discussion," said Neilson. "They are a mix of functionality and relaxation, extending your home or cottage's social and entertaining space usually with a wow

factor fireplace centered in the middle. The idealistic Northern Happy-Place!"

Current fireplace trends range from wood stoves to frameless gas fireplaces, and outdoor fire tables are increasingly popular.

Wood stoves are much more efficient and come with more options compared to previous versions, said Barrieau. Gas stoves are available in a greater variety of styles, such as the Regency Contura gas stove with a curved design that enables owners to enjoy the flame from any angle.

"Linear fireplaces with contemporary finishes are a popular way to update the look of any room," said Barrieau. They include a frameless gas model with cool walls that enable the owner to use any finish right up to the edge of the firebox.

"Another popular choice is the large zero-clearance wood burning fireplace with a guillotine door providing an unobstructed view of the fire," added Barrieau.

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Propane fireplaces are gaining in popularity over wood versions because they're easier to use and more efficient, usually require a smaller footprint, and are safer and less worrisome for both owners and renters, according to Neilson.

With so many choices, a selection tool such as the online fireplace design studio offered by WHCS can be helpful.

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Andrea Hagarty, owner/operator of Minden's Bonnie View Inn, is "crazy excited" about winning a \$25,000 lobby makeover for the inn. *Photo submitted*

Bonnie View Inn wins lobby makeover

By Lisa Harrison

The Bonnie View Inn has won Haliburton's Big Lobby Makeover - a new contest that drew more than 4,200 online votes from around the world in just three weeks.

The announcement was made live via Facebook on Aug. 4 by Andria Cowan Molyneaux, owner of ACM Designs, which spearheaded the contest.

Bonnie View will receive a lobby area makeover valued at up to \$25,000. The contest was designed to bolster local accommodators in the face of great losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is supported by partners ACM, Cordell Carpet, Emmerson Lumber, Hodgkinson Enterprises Ltd., Up River Trading Co. and Yours Outdoors, which will provide a team-building experience.

Molyneaux also announced that finalists Miners' Bay Lodge and Oakview Lodge and Marina in Algonquin Highlands did so well that ACM will provide them with complimentary space plans.

Given the timing of the winner's announcement, interviews were held with the finalists via email in advance to meet *The Highlander's* publication deadline.

"Crazy excited," is how Bonnie View owner/operator Andrea

Hagarty predicted she would feel about winning, and she let that stand during a quick phone call from *The Highlander* after the announcement.

Hagarty said in the earlier interview she felt "really special and honoured and excited" to have made the finals.

"Oh my gosh, I need this," said Hagarty. "COVID kicked my butt bad, so what an amazing opportunity to feel fresh and back on track."

Originally planning to be a phys-ed teacher, Hagarty switched goals and began working and living onsite at Bonnie View in 1991. She started as a waitress and became general manager in 1995. In 2005, she and her ex-husband Monte, a former chef at the inn, bought Bonnie View, and in 2015, she bought Monte's share to become sole owner.

"The Bonnie View is a super magical place and where I wanted my kids to grow up," said Hagarty, whose children are now 21 and 17.

"I love the job and I love the life my kids experienced. I am extremely lucky."

Then came the pandemic.

"With COVID I had lost all of the weddings I spent five years working on getting, and [was] really needing to pay winter debt down. As [with] almost everyone, this has been a super tough spring where I actually had

thoughts of just walking away after all the hard work I have put into the inn creating the awesome [inn] it is, and the lifestyle I gave my kids."

The Bonnie View lobby is quintessential cottage style, with plenty of wood. Until last winter, it also had more than 2,000 decorative pigs which guests have given to Hagarty over the years, but Hagarty removed them.

She described the space as "old, not inviting, super cluttered" and said she hopes to declutter it and "make it more personable, useful and inviting. Classier."

Hagarty said she's grateful to the contest partners.

"They are so wonderful and what an amazing idea, opportunity they present. I am extremely thankful."

Of the total votes received by the finalists, 90 per cent were from Canada and 94 per cent of those were from Ontario, according to ACM.

"The lobby makeover contest is meant to provide hope amid the COVID 19 pandemic and seeing the voter turnout from all over the world is heartwarming," said Molyneaux via email.

ACM plans to begin work on the Bonnie View lobby immediately with a target for completion after Labour Day.

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When septic tanks function properly, the enzymes inside break down wastewater. If you use antibacterial products, the enzymes are killed and the bacteria can use the resulting clean water (effluent) to break down the waste where it percolates into the soil -- the clean-

fixtures that will save money over time. Look closely for hidden assets, such as old hardwood that can be refinished. Gather design and product ideas so you can budget wisely and give your designer, engineer and/or contractor a clear idea of what you want.

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Part 4: A year of despair

By Mabel Brannigan

After the conquest of Poland, whose people were forced to surrender on Sept. 27, 1939, things were quiet for a while, but on April 9, 1940, Hitler proved his mighty power by attacking Denmark and Norway and confiscating their food.

On May 10, 1940, the Nazis launched a massive ground attack on Western Europe by sweeping through the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg to slash through the Anglo-French armies reaching the English Channel on March 21.

The year 1940 saw sweeping and devastating victories for the Nazis with the Netherlands surrendering on May 14, Belgium on May 28, Norway on June 8 and France on June 14. Italy wanted to join the winner so they joined the Nazis on June 10 and before the end of 1940, invaded Egypt and Greece.

By June 18, Canada announced obligatory military training for home defense. Britain started evacuating children to Canada before the Battle of Britain which began on July 10, and the London Blitz on September 7. Canadians recall George VI's wife, Queen Mother Elizabeth, as they walked through the bombed rubble in London, saying, "The children will not leave without me. I will not leave without the king, and the king will never leave."

Queen Juliana was sheltered in Canada. I remember the day that the Canadian government declared a floor of the Ottawa Civic Hospital Dutch territory so that Margriet, Juliana's baby could have dual citizenship. The Dutch people are forever grateful to Canada.

Despite the despair and hopelessness of the Allies in 1940, a significant event



John Welch sent Mabel Brannigan a photograph of this flag, sent to him by The Municipality of Apeldoorn, Netherlands. His uncle, Haliburtonian Lyle Boice was killed there. Brannigan went to school with him. Their 75th anniversary flag shows their motto on the left, a Maple Leaf on the right, the red stands for Canadian bloodshed, the white for Canadians liberating their country, and the blue for the sea. "The Dutch people will never forget Canadians for liberation and keeping their queen and family safe during the war," Brannigan said. *Photo submitted.*

occurred on May 10, 1940. Sir Winston Churchill became Britain's prime minister.

No doubt, 1940 was the darkest year in the history of Canada and of the world. Eighty years later, the names of towns evoke a surge of pain and sorrow mixed with pride as people recall Dieppe, Adrano,

Cassino, Ortona, Caen, Falaise, Boulogne, Calais, Ostend, Antwerp, Arnhem, Hong Kong. Once they were wild horrible places filled with fear and sudden death. But they mark the place to victory as courageous Haliburtonians who, with their Canadian comrades, marched bravely into war.

A few veterans from Haliburton County are: Max McCracken, George Simmons, Phillip Graham, Russel Bain, Leslie Bain, Eldon Cowan, Murray McGuire, Hugh Lester, Murray Hewitt, George Hewitt, Garnet Coulter, Elmer Covert.

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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:

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.

Hazardous Waste Collection Event

The next Household Hazardous Waste collection event is Saturday, **August 8, 2020** at the Scotch Line Landfill from 8am to 11:30am. Please visit mindenhills.ca/landfill/ for a list of accepted items.

Disposable Masks and Gloves

Please ensure you deposit your used disposable masks and gloves in the garbage. These are not recyclable.

Committee of Adjustment Meeting

The Committee of Adjustment hearing scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2020 has been cancelled.

Employment Opportunity

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is hiring! The MHCC is currently seeking summer students for the 2020 season, ending August 22. Duties include (but are not limited to): assisting with developing and delivering public programming, wearing time period clothing while demonstrating living history activities, public speaking while touring, working with the permanent collection, gardening and cleaning. The rate of pay is \$14.00 per hour. Students must meet Young Canada Works (YCW) Eligibility Requirements.

Highlander events



Top: Doris Brown accepts birthday cards from great-great granddaughters Blaeklynn (centre) and Harlee July 31. Left: The Brown family filled family matriarch Doris Brown's lawn with birthday cards. Right: Doris Brown (left) with her family left to right Blaeklynn, Paula, Paul, Brooke, Harlee. Photos by Joseph Quigley

Five generations celebrate Doris

By Joseph Quigley

Doris Brown's family greeted her with love and a lawn full of cards as they celebrated her 90th birthday outside her home July 31.

Five generations of the Brown family visited and honoured their matriarch, providing gifts and a large display of decorations. The family is well-integrated in the community, with people from all the generations living within one mile of each other.

Brown said she was a little nervous seeing her family set it all up, but it was nice to have them around.

"Some days, it seems like a long time and other times, it seems like a relatively short time, this 90 years," she said. "But it's nice to see the little ones coming along and we know that life goes on that way."

The family has been in Haliburton

since 1957, according to Paul Brown, Doris's son. Her late husband, Homer Brown, worked as an operator at the local railway station until it closed. The Browns raised a number of generations, with eight children, 25 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

"It's not every day that you're 90, so we thought we better hold a celebration," Paul Brown said. "To us, who are a close-knit family, it's very important that we celebrate this day."

The family was somewhat limited to gather due to COVID. But they felt secure for a smaller outdoor event given all the members living in the low-infection Haliburton area, Brown said.

Doris Brown said she could not recall living through anything quite like this pandemic, though added polio was a serious disease that took some of her classmates in her childhood.

"No antidote for it, that's for sure, but of course just about eradicated now which is wonderful," she said. "As far as this (COVID) goes, they haven't got the answers yet it seems. But they're working on it, so they likely will."

Paul Brown said his mother is a very strong-willed person.

"That likely gives her the energy to keep going. She has an unbelievable mind," he said. "She loves a good argument."

The elder Brown said life used to be a lot simpler and the newer generations have a lot more to deal with. But she added faith remains important.

"God's still in control and he is always waiting for us to recognize that he is in control and he will bring us through if we look his way," she said. "I'm thankful for family and friends and Haliburton. Haliburton's a lovely place."

WHAT'S ON

Every Monday via Zoom, online art classes by Carole Finn. Must register one week in advance 705-457-2404 finn@halhinet.on.ca

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

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.

AUGUST 8

6th Annual Art on the Dock at Kennisis Lake from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 416-720-6415. Please wear your mask.

AUGUST 9

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AUGUST 12

Wisdom Wednesdays: Creative gatherings for women offered online. From 10 a.m. – noon. Email imagenthyme@gmail.com

AUGUST 13

Environment Haliburton! summer speaker via Zoom at 7 p.m. Russ Christianson, author, activist, and economic developer will speak on a just and green economic pandemic recovery. Terry Moore at 705-306-9254

AUGUST 17

2nd annual Abbey Gardens golf tournament. The organizing committee will modify the tournament to be sure that participants are able to follow all current government regulations and social distancing rules. Contact janis@parkerpad.com or heather@abbeygardens.ca

UNTIL SEPT. 7

The Haliburton Lions Club's virtual toll bridge fundraiser. Go to haliburtonlions.com

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

Chapter 3: Self improvement Harp in the Dark

Detective Harry Harp and Constable Terry Becker drove out of the Golden Villa Retirement Centre's parking lot. They had left George Maclem, the original detective on the Pines End missing person case, to his troubled accounting.

"How do we reach into the past to find out what happened to this Carlyle guy?" Becker said as he drove the car down the slope towards the village.

"If Carlyle is our guy. We're only assuming he is," Harp said.

The detective looked out the window at the passing street lined with single-family dwellings. As the car descended, newer homes with tidy front yards were replaced with original structures, some over a hundred years old and showing their age. Just then, a teenager shot past on a skateboard. At a red light, she neatly flipped the board into her gloved hand.

Half-formed ideas of old houses, skateboarders and missing killers swirled through Harp's mind until the buzz of his phone broke his concentration. The high-pitched voice of Boyce Williams, the Spruce County Coroner, blasted from the device and made Harp jerk his head away.

"My report is complete and I have sent it to your office but I thought you might like the highlights."

"Shoot," Harp said.

Williams paused then said, "Your fridge man died sometime in the late 1960s or early 1970s."

Harp nodded. "We thought so. We have a missing persons case from August, 1970 and we're pretty sure it's him."

Harp could hear Williams sigh. "Would you like some facts to add to your conjecture?" the coroner said.

Now it was Harp's turn to sigh. "Go ahead," he said.

"The deceased was wearing a signet ring with the initials RAC engraved on it," Williams said. "Sound familiar?"

Harp turned to Becker. "What's Carlyle's middle name?"

"Albert," Becker said, steering the car onto the main street.

"That's our man," Harp said and gave a 'thumbs up' to the constable.

Williams said. "Would you like to know how he died?"

Harp smiled. "Yes, please."

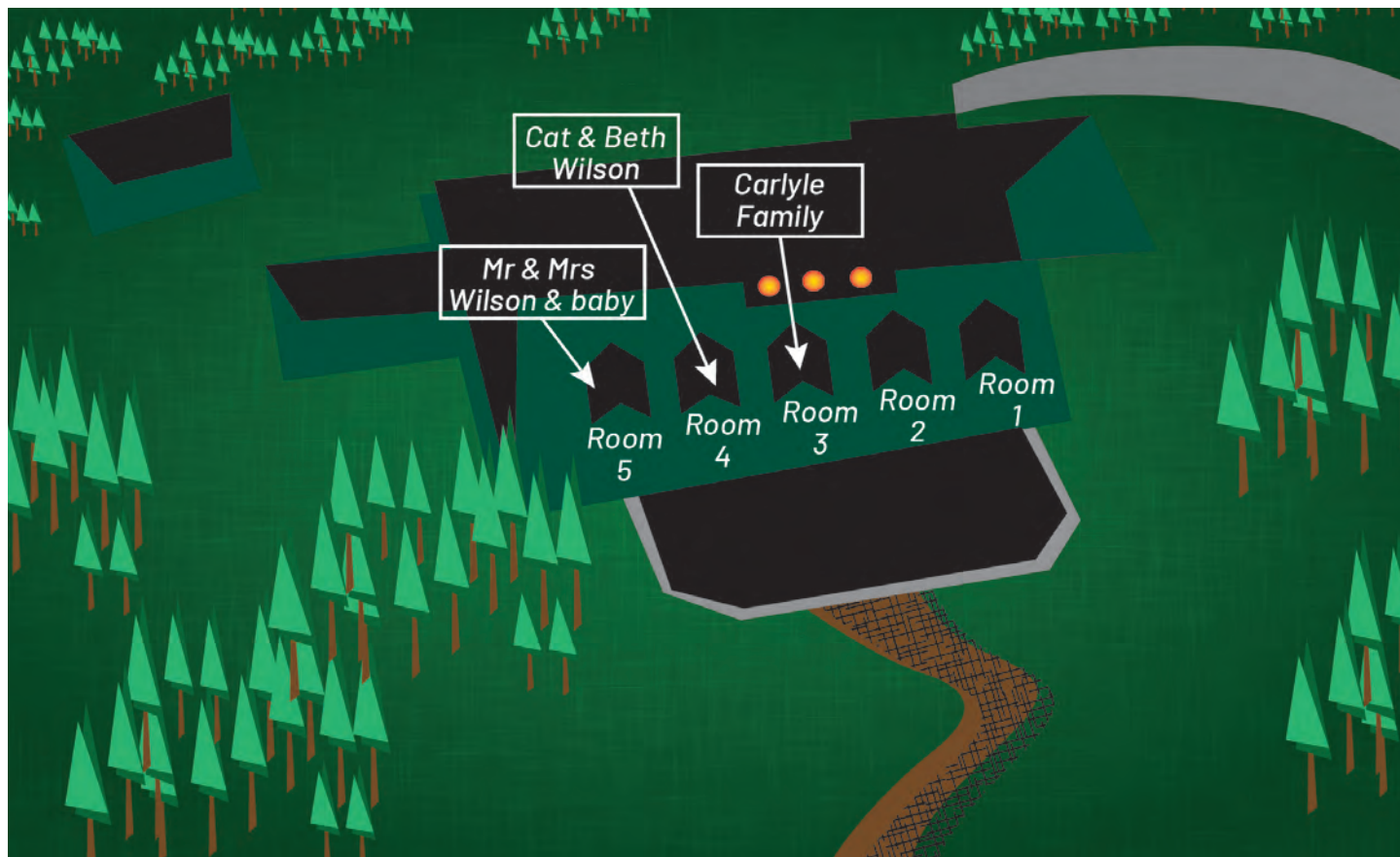
"He was stabbed once, with an ice pick." The line went silent for a second then Williams added, dramatically, "In the back."

After Harp ended the call, he shared the coroner's information with Becker and the young constable winced at the brutal details.

"Would Pines End have been using ice picks in 1970? It seems like a tool from the past," Becker said.

For a moment, Harp thought of going to the public library and asking the attractive librarian, Brigitte Cave, and his mind drifted.

"Where to?" Becker said.



"Huh? Oh—back to headquarters," he said, pushing the librarian from his thoughts. "We've got our man, now let's build out a picture of Pines End—ice picks and all."

Ten minutes later, both men were back in their office in the Spruce County Police Department building. At his desk, Harp perused the original case file.

Across from him, Becker peered at his computer screen. "You know what's odd about the propane fridge Carlyle was buried in?"

Harp looked up.

"Electric fridges were on the market before 1970. So why was the lodge using propane?"

"Good question," Harp said. "It's not WAO like the Calvert place."

Becker smiled. "Now you're starting to sound like a local."

The phone on Harp's desk buzzed and he picked up the receiver, listened then said, "Put her in the meeting room."

The detective stood up. "Your news story worked. One of the Pines End guests wants to talk."

A few minutes later, Harp and Becker sat across from a deeply tanned woman in her mid-60s. She wore the sport-casual attire of a retired person, suggesting she was ready for anything from a long hike to a drinks party.

"Catherine Wilson," she said, holding out a toned arm. "But everyone calls me Cat."

Harp introduced himself and Becker, and thanked her for coming in.

"I just saw the story on the internet and my god," she said, tossing back her streaked blonde head of hair. "As soon as I

read about the body, I thought, 'I wonder if that's Mr. Carlyle, after all these years?'"

Harp leaned forward. "What do you remember about Rand Carlyle?"

"Well, I was 16 that summer and my sister Beth and I spent all our time at the dock. I didn't see much of him. To be totally honest, we were interested in boys our own age." She smiled widely. "We would rush through breakfast, put on our swim suits and take our transistor radio and just hang out with the boys all day long. It was teenage girl heaven!"

Harp frowned. "What were you doing on that Saturday night? Do you remember seeing Rand Carlyle?"

Cat bit at her lip for a moment, thinking. "I remember someone had lit a fire on the outdoor hearth and a lot of people were sitting around it—a lot of the older people." Becker cut in. "Was Rand there? What time was that?"

"It's hard to say." She held her chin in the palm of her hand. "But it was dark—or getting dark. Probably around 8PM. I know Rand was there. And probably his wife and daughters, too, but I don't recall."

Harp nodded. "What makes the memory of Rand so clear?"

"It was his clothes." She smiled. "He always dressed in white, like a tennis player, and he was wearing this sweater with a deep V-neck. My sister and I were very giggly girls and something about that V-neck made us go into hysterics."

Becker said, "Can you describe the sweater?"

"I just did! It was white with a V-neck." She shrugged dismissively. "There may have been a border around the neck, there

usually is in those sorts of sweaters. In fact, I'm sure there was. A blue border." Her face lit up. "Of course, it was his chest hair! It showed through the V-neck and we just couldn't contain ourselves."

Harp's eyes narrowed. "Think carefully, Cat. Did you see anyone talk to Rand that night, or anything out of the ordinary?"

Cat frowned. "No," she said. "I'm sorry."

Becker scratched his chin. "Do you remember anything else about that weekend? Anything at all?"

"It's all a haze."

"Except the chest hair," Becker said, drawing his shirt collar tight.

Cat Wilson looked away.

Harp pulled a photograph from a file folder and slid it across the table.

"Do you remember seeing this at Pines End?" He said.

She looked at the photo of a rusted out and empty propane fridge then looked up at him and shook her head.

August 1, 1970 – 11:59 PM

In Room 4, Cat Wilson lay in bed. The cries of her baby brother drifted in from the room next door where her parents slept. Across from her, her sister Beth snored, oblivious to the noise. Cat stared up at the beams on the ceiling thinking deeply about herself and how she was about to commence a program of self-improvement. She would start tomorrow, which was, of course, the best day to start any program of self-improvement. Cat thought to herself: Your days of being cruel are over.

Then she closed her eyes and wondered if they really were.

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- 4 Bottom fl. of a 22-Across

5 Bull-in-a-china-shop types

6 Worldwide workers' grp.

7 "Get off the stage!"

8 Unfair verdict, slangily

9 "____ the opinion that ..."

10 Mowgli portrayer in 1942

11 Discombobulated

12 Nail-biting periods in hockey, briefly

13 Word before fink or after rink

18 Butcher buy for Bowser

19 Barre girls' garb

24 Alphabet with Quebec and Lima

25 Goal of French immersion, say

27 "There ____ guarantees"

28 Try out, as a pickup line

29 Danger

30 Three-letter song of ABBA

31 Try to bum from

32 Sister of Peter Rabbit and Flopsy

33 ____ worse than death
- 34 Islands on which Darwin studied

38 Verbal finger-wag

40 Homer Simpson cries

43 Believer in karma and dharma

45 "No Thru Road" indication

48 Seat at the Calgary Stampede, for some

49 Aberdeen affirmatives

52 Beat by at least 31 points, in cribbage

53 Former NHL ref Fraser

54 Concepts, in Québec

56 Sounds of silence?

57 Deserve a dog treat, say

59 Gov't. spy agcy.

60 "Verry interesting"

61 Short note?

62 Faddish disc of the '90s

63 Shallow inlet

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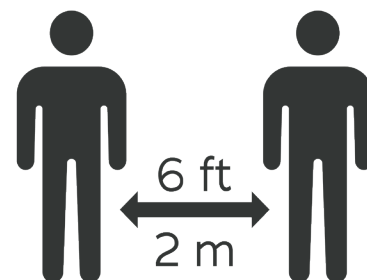
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It was Sharon's wish for cremation and a Celebration of her Life will be announced at a later date.

For those who wish to make a donation in memory of Sharon, they can be made to the SPCA would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



In Loving Memory of Hazel G. Elliott

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A Memorial Service will be held at Huron Chapel Missionary Church, Auburn on Wednesday August 5, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Ernest Dow officiating. Interment of ashes at Ball's Cemetery to follow. Due to covid pre registration is required by calling 519-482-9521. Memorial donations to the MS Society, Ethnos Canada or Parkinson Canada would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Arrangements entrusted to the Falconer Funeral Homes, Clinton Chapel. Livestreaming link and condolences for the family may be found at www.falconerfuneralhomes.com

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