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HORSING AROUND: Max Cooper catches the attention of Flapjack at Abbey Gardens on Aug. 19 as the pony takes interest in the food in the child's hand. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Majority of families opt for back-to-school

By Joseph Quigley

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) is preparing for the school year with 85 per cent of its students opting for in-person learning.

Director of education Wesley Hahn spoke to the board of trustees Aug. 18 about back-to-school plans. After the board received a

92 per cent response rate for re-registration, Hahn reported that 85 per cent across the district are choosing in-person learning.

Hahn said the virtual school will be fully staffed with the expectation for much more rigorous learning compared to remote classes this past spring.

Superintendent Katherine MacIver said staff will learn from improvements made

during virtual summer schools.

"We've made great gains in delivery of remote learning and we're going to use those learnings," MacIver said.

TLDSB is one of the boards that will be returning to full-time in-person learning in September. Hahn said they are planning for issues, including washroom procedures, schedules and outbreak protocols.

Vice-chair David Morrison thanked staff for their efforts but added there is concern around crowded classrooms and buses. He said the number of students returning will make that challenging and asked whether the extra funding provided by the province for back-to-school could help address that.

"Social distancing is pretty difficult with 25 kids in a classroom," Morrison said.

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Parents of 85 per cent of TLDSB students are opting for in-person instruction. *File photo.*

Board criticizes provincial plan

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"That's a reality."

Hahn said staff are examining all areas for that funding, but it will go quickly towards extra staffing, procedures, and supplies.

"We're going to be looking at those hotspots or areas requiring additional attention or staffing," he said.

The board of trustees voted to write a letter to the province addressing their frustrations with how it has handled back to school.

Morrison said it is important that boards speak out about issues in the plan. He said the government has failed to ensure class sizes are within parameters recommended by public health officials.

"What our kids and our families and

our staff deserve is a situation where they feel absolutely safe because they know we're following things that the health people have recommended," he said. "This government has just not managed it that way."

Trustees were also critical of the province unlocking board reserves for back-to-school, versus providing more funding.

The province has allocated \$309 million for additional staffing, cleaning and equipment. They added another \$50 million for improving ventilation and \$18 million for online learning Aug. 13. But education workers' unions have criticized the plan as not being enough to ensure safety and reduce class sizes.

Trustee John Byrne said rural boards should have had the option

for the adapted model - with students attending in-class instruction on alternating days - that designated schools in urban centres are doing.

"My frustration as a trustee, and probably as staff will attest to, is they keep changing the yardstick they're using to whip you with," Byrne said.

Trustee Louise Clodd said she agreed with sending a letter, but added it is important to recognize the help the province has provided.

"I'm looking to say we appreciate your support," Clodd said. "But I would like to also ask, keep us better informed and ask us for our opinions."

"We do have to compliment where it's due," chair Bruce Reain said. "But we also have to suggest shortcomings we see as a board."



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County council met to discuss internet service provider proposals Aug.18. Flickr.

County backs plans for better internet

By Joseph Quigley

The County of Haliburton is supporting two proposals that could provide thousands of people with better internet.

Council held a special meeting Aug. 18 and directed staff to prepare letters of support for each of Bell and Xplornet for them to apply to the first intake of the provincial Improving Connectivity for Ontario program (ICON).

Each of the internet service providers (ISPs) is proposing to build more fibre connectivity in the County with help from a \$150 million grant funding pool.

“This is awesome,” Coun. Cec Ryall said.

“This is a move forward and something we desperately need.”

The Bell proposal is for \$20 million to build a combination of fibre-to-home and fixed wireless at 50 megabyte-per-second (Mbps) download and 10 Mbps upload speeds. They would service approximately 4,000 homes in the County.

The Xplornet project is part of a larger, \$200-\$220 million proposal to build 2,650 kilometres of fibre across central and northern Ontario. It would bring 100 Mbps service to 5,400 underserved premises

within the County.

There is no limit on how many applications a municipality can make for the grant, so staff recommended supporting both.

“Both of these have a very significant benefit in Haliburton County,” CAO Mike Rutter said. “We have between 18,000-20,000 households, so there’s still lots of work to do, but they are significant.”

Jonathan Black from Kuro Partners, an Ottawa-based consulting firm hired to help the County with this process, added the proposals would not cover all of the County.

“This is not ubiquitous coverage,” Black said. “Both proposals are covering a lot of territory, but they are not covering the whole of the area.”

Rutter said four ISPs are interested in working to develop cases for the second intake of ICON. Council also voted to retain Black’s services for that process.

Rutter also said there is a need for data to better identify precisely where the coverage gaps in the County are. He said Black could help source and implement software for that purpose, with a report to come later.

“We think that information would really help County council identify where your money would make the biggest impact,” Rutter said.

“This is awesome. This is a move forward and something we desperately need.”

Cec Ryall
County Councillor



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Nearly \$3M in COVID relief for Haliburton County

By Lisa Gervais

The County of Haliburton and its four lower-tier municipalities are getting a combined \$2,870,500 from the provincial and federal governments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott made a visit to the County of Haliburton offices in Minden Aug. 12 for a photo opportunity to accompany phase one of a \$1.6 billion investment across Ontario's 444 municipalities.

"This is new money for our communities that will provide municipalities with the support they need to protect the health and well-being of Ontario residents," Scott said in a later media release. "This assistance will continue to deliver needed public services as the province continues down the path of renewal, growth and economic recovery," she added.

Warden and Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen, Minden Hills Mayor and county coun. Brent Devolin and Dysart et al Mayor and county coun. Andrea Roberts were on hand for the photo op.

The County is getting \$1,435,300; Algonquin Highlands \$275,900; Dysart et al \$475,400 plus \$14,293 in transit funding; Highlands East \$281,700 and Minden Hills \$402,200.

Devolin said in Minden Hills, they had moved personnel throughout the building and modified entrances. He added electronic meetings come with a price tag.

"We have more needs than there is money," he said.



Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, County of Haliburton Warden Liz Danielsen, and Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts give COVID funding a thumbs up as Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott makes the local announcement. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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MINDEN HILLS NEWS

New fire dispatch contract needed

Minden Hills council had to call a special meeting Aug. 13 after the township learned the company that does its fire dispatching is getting out of the business effective this past Monday, Aug. 17.

Fire chief Nelson Johnson has arranged for an alternative temporary service but council had to act quickly.

The township has been using TAS-Paging (NetCom) since 1996. The new chief said he could not find an official contract and the old, original contract stated the service could be cancelled with 30 days written notice.

He said with the government mandating the NextGen911 system, TAS-Paging has found the cost to be prohibitive and informed council it is getting out of the business. However, Johnson said they had talked to another company, Northern911, to provide 60 days service.

He said the cost would remain the same, at monthly payments to a total of \$24,800-a-year.

In the meantime, Johnson hopes to hear back from two other companies he reached out to, so council can make a final decision.

"As time is of the essence and we must continue our dispatching service; an economical choice is to switch to Northern911 for the 60-day period and then report back at the next council meeting with options for permanent service," Johnson said.



Minden Hills fire chief Nelson Johnson and his department were the subject of a special council meeting Aug. 13. *File.*

Township spends \$389,800 on vehicle

Council gave Johnson the go-ahead to purchase a vehicle, known as an initial attack wildland apparatus.

There is \$470,000 in a capital reserve for the project in this year's budget.

Johnson said he had three bidders for his request for proposals.

He said Commercial Emergency Equipment Co. was the lowest and was the vehicle he would also recommend.

He said it "meets many needs that would be beneficial to the department."

For example, he said it is a smaller truck that will fit more roads, lanes and allow for better access to bodies of water. He added it has no air brakes and can be driven with a G class license. Further, he said it will be easier to maintain, and has the largest pump

of the proposed units.

Johnson said the other pluses are it has self-contained breathing apparatus storage seats; has a hitch to tow a rescue trailer or boat; is a 4x4; can be used for structure, wildland and vehicle fires; and can be utilized to relay water and for rescue and medical response.

(Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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Good internet our basic right



By Lisa Gervais

Joe Mukherjee and his family live on Haliburton Lake, close to the Fort Irwin Marina. He works from home so internet connectivity is pretty important to him. Add COVID and the need to stay virtually connected with loved ones and the essentialness of good internet intensifies.

Joe's with Bell and they have two DSL internet lines running to their house. That's right. DSL ... over the phone lines.

He says the speeds are terrible, way less than the advertised 5MB/s, instead averaging about 400 KB/s.

After many calls to Bell, Joe said he went with a technician to the pedestal box behind the marina.

Inside was a note dated 2018 saying the area is severely congested so not much can be done about customer complaints.

Sadly, there are a lot of Joes in Haliburton County.

Over the last couple of years, we have heard about service improvements coming to the region. Some believe NRTC has brought relief to people in the villages of Haliburton and Minden. The rest of the County is still waiting.

We are not unique. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) says only about 40 per cent of rural households in Canada have

access to 50/10 Mbps, compared with 97 per cent of urban homes.

There are three projects on the books that we are keeping an eye on.

On Aug. 18, The County of Haliburton supported two proposals that could provide thousands of people with better internet. Councillors directed staff to prepare letters of support for Bell and Xplornet for them to apply to the first intake of the provincial Improving Connectivity for Ontario program (ICON).

Both are proposing to build more fibre connectivity in the County with help from a \$150 million grant funding pool.

The Bell proposal would service approximately 4,000 homes in the County. The Xplornet project would assist 5,400 underserved premises.

The other projects include The Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) proposing a new \$1.6 billion project to deliver faster internet across eastern Ontario, including Haliburton County.

EORN is also working on a project to improve mobile broadband coverage in the region, a \$213 million public-private partnership that is funded and has a request for proposals process underway.

With an estimated 18,000-20,000 households, many rural, we remain a little

skeptical about how widespread these improvements will be.

Without federal, provincial or municipal money, the big internet players in Canada have not been all that interested in improving internet in rural and regional Canada. Many Highlander readers have shared stories of how a technician or someone at head office has told them, 'sorry, it doesn't make economic sense to run that fibre to your house.'

In other words, getting so-called last mile service down every gravel road is a major challenge.

With all three levels of government now prepared to pony up money, however, we can only hope that the promises actually come to fruition and that residents of Haliburton County can finally get the type of Internet that the CRTC says is our basic right.

In companies such as Bell and Xplornet, which have a very stable oligopoly in this County, cannot deliver the goods, the federal government has to lift restrictions on foreign ownership which prevents new companies from coming in and competing.

ENVIRONMENT HALIBURTON!

COVID-19 and threats to food supply

Submitted by Susan Hay
EH! president

This spring, my husband and I installed two raised beds to grow some veggies in the sunniest spot on our property. Like many, we are part of a rising movement of people attempting to grow our own food in a climate of pandemic-induced food insecurity; much like the 20 million home gardens that produced 40 per cent of America's food during the Second World War.

We've witnessed the impacts of the world's vulnerable food systems and disrupted supply chains in our grocery stores this spring even though we are some of the luckier people in the world. Millions of people living in countries already susceptible to food insecurity, malnutrition and natural disasters are impacted far worse than we are.

"This global health crisis will test our food and trade systems in ways never experienced before," says Francesco Fiondella, in an article entitled, COVID-19 disrupts food systems; global hunger crisis looms, posted in April, 2020.

Those most likely to be impacted by a spike in food prices are families who were already financially vulnerable and families of colour. According to FoodShare Toronto's executive director Paul Taylor, Black and Indigenous Canadians are more likely to experience barriers to affordable food.

"In a poorly-regulated capitalist food industry, hardwired to make

as much money for shareholders as possible, many slaughter-house and migrant farm workers were left unprotected and became infected with COVID-19."

Fruit rotted under trees due to labour shortages or low price and milk has been poured down sewers. Millions of livestock had to be euthanized due in part to the closure of meat packing plants. Thousands of acres of produce have been plowed under due to cancelled orders.

Eric Holt-Gimenez, former executive director of the Institute for Food and Development Policy, says, "to fully appreciate the challenges we face in transforming our food system, we need to explore the economic and political context in which food is grown, sold and consumed in the world today. We have a capitalist food system. And yet, relatively few people recognize this. Our food system cannot be changed in isolation from the larger economic system."

There are many other factors outside the forces of the pandemic that are adding to food insecurity and one of these is a lack of pollinators. Pollinators such as bees, birds and bats underpin the global food system but their populations are dwindling due to development, pesticide use, monoculture farming and climate change. It may seem like we've got more than enough bugs in Haliburton but insect populations are actually in global decline. The root cause of the coronavirus pandemic was habitat destruction and diseases which are transmitted from animals to humans. Not surprisingly, pollinators are being

threatened by similar problems.

Other notable challenges include climate change, which intensifies storms and weather patterns, causing crop damage from hail, high winds, flooding and drought. Alberta has suffered severe crop damage this year, due to an unprecedented number of tornadoes and heavy rain.

The fact that only 60 years of farmable soil remain is an alarming topic not given nearly enough attention. 1.3 billion tons of wasted food around the globe is not returned to the soil through composting, although the soil is starving for organic matter. It ought to be a crime to landfill anything organic. That over 800 million people go hungry when over a billion tons of food is wasted exposes the deep fault lines of our food and agricultural system.

Another is the dwindling biodiversity of seeds. This "genetic erosion" threatens to destroy the system of food and farming that has been built on plant genetics for over 10,000 years. Why is seed biodiversity important? Because it allows adaptation to climate change. Today, only a tiny fraction of Canada's crop genetic diversity is available to farmers. Most varieties are forgotten and all but abandoned in seed banks.

In summary, our food system needs to be examined from the ground up, starting with an exploration of its capitalist roots. Until we have a system that values people and our planet over profits, we will likely continue to see increases in food prices and disruptions in supply.

Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Expand views and inform opinion

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to an opinion shared by D. McClusky titled: "All lives matter too."

My opinion stands that Lois' response to the BLM movement was tone-deaf and came from a place of privilege. It seems your opinion is misinformed. To say all individuals having encounters with the police are "asking for it" or are criminals, speaks to limited and stereotypical ideas many have about people of colour. That's systemic racism in a nutshell.

I invite you to read the recent report by the Ontario Human Rights Commission that "confirms black people are disproportionately arrested, charged and subjected to use of force by Toronto police." You'll never convince me that anyone deserves to die because they might have used a counterfeit \$20 or should lose an eye because they might have stolen a pair of sunglasses from a car.

White privilege doesn't mean you didn't work hard to accumulate your wealth or haven't suffered hardships. White people move through society more easily. We experience fewer barriers; we benefit from the colour of our skin. I'm sorry you don't feel valued as a white person but can you imagine 400 years of being devalued as a human! As a white woman, I don't need a W added to an acronym; every institution in my country confirms to me that white lives matter to the detriment of the BIPOC community.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission confirmed that government-run residential schools were a cultural genocide. The goal was to forcibly separate aboriginal children from their families, traditions, language, and culture to assimilate them into Canadian society. The term "final solution" was used first by Duncan Campbell Scott in 1910 to describe the goal of the Department of Indian Affairs in dealing with the "Indian Problem." Sound familiar? *21 Things You May Not Know about the Indian Act* by Bob Joseph should be required reading for all Canadians.

Talking about racism and our part in it; even if it's passive is uncomfortable. But let's get over our insecurities and our bias to work together towards true equality. I encourage you to expand your views and inform your opinion.

BLACK LIVES MATTER!

Kim Dajoe
Toronto/Haliburton

Lake level concerns

Dear editor,

The Maple, Beech & Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association has written MP Jamie Schmale.

We told him we strongly believe we are being negatively impacted by the management of Parks Canada and the Trent Severn Waterway.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Kevin K. Pepper sent in this photo Aug. 16 after the sun broke through the clouds following a rainy day.

Two of our lakes, Maple and Beech, and the connecting Gull River, are known as flow through lakes. In other words, the flow and level are dependent on dams above us and the management of them. Water is fed into this particular watershed from the controlled reservoir lakes Percy, Redstone, Oblong and Eagle. Eagle is the last lake above us that is controlled by a dam. Out of Eagle Lake, the water flows into the Gull and into the lakes Cranberry, Pine, Green, Maple and Beech and beyond.

Many of those folks above us are not represented by a property owners association but we believe they are struggling with the lack of water concerns too.

MBC recognizes this is a complex system to operate with multiple levels of government involved. The TSW claims the flow through lakes are recognized as equal. While it is a nice note in a mission statement, it simply is not true. At best, we are an afterthought, a source of water to pass further down stream to satisfy the needs of other demands.

We understand that the lakes and rivers that make up the canal system are regulated to within inches for the purpose of safe navigation. Understandable. However, what about the safe navigation of our lakes and rivers for the members of MBC and those folks who are not represented by a lake association?

Perhaps the thought is that there is no need to worry about navigation issues when our boats are sitting firmly on the bottom of the lake.

We have had notes complaining about watercraft stranded, docks broken, plumbing intakes exposed, pumps and filters damaged.

Many wonder about the environmental impact on wildlife and waterfowl, aquatic

plants that are fully exposed, fish habitat and slime washing on to the shore that leaves an obnoxious odour.

They wonder about diminished property values.

Members are upset that the boating season is cut even shorter when watercraft cannot be launched. It is simply wrong.

We have had heavy rains over the last few weeks but the lakes appear to be rapidly shrinking again.

The Peterborough area is growing, the demand for water, hydro generation and of course the TSW canal system itself, which is a major tourist attraction. Yet, it strikes us that the flow through lakes are paying a steep price for that.

This seems a phenomenon that started 10 years ago, along with Parks Canada/TSW management and operating process changes. Perhaps it's time for a review.

We asked Mr. Schmale to meet with us and offer some guidance towards a solution as the status quo is unacceptable.

Murray Adam
The executive of MBC and the environmental committee

(Editor's note: this letter was edited for space. Letters should be 300 words or fewer.)

Flow through lakes suffering

Dear editor,

In response to "Dry start to summer crashes lake levels" *The Highlander* – Aug. 13, 2020

I would like to respond to some statements by Mr. Ted Spence, chair CEWF. I have lived on Maple Lake for 19 years and

throughout those years have become accustomed to variable water levels due to decisions made by the TSW to either withhold or release water from the reservoir dams above us.

As a result, we rarely achieve a consistent water level throughout the summer season. I appreciate the fact that we have had to this date less than average rainfall but this is not unusual – we've had dry summers before.

What is really concerning the property owners on Maple Lake, and I would assume the other property owners on the flow through lakes in our chain, is the number of times, the extent, and the length of time our lake levels have fallen to below minimum levels this summer.

On Maple Lake, not only have boats been grounded for weeks at a time but we are experiencing algae growth and in some cases stagnant odours which we have never experienced before.

A number of us on the lake are trying to adhere to the CHA's recommendation of naturalizing our shoreline to benefit water quality but this is hard to achieve if TSW's decisions continue to counter our measures and deteriorate our water quality even more.

I firmly believe that both the TSW and the CEWF's main emphasis is on controlling levels in the reservoir lakes with little regard taken to decisions affecting flow through lakes and this has to stop.

The flow through lakes and their lake quality is just as important to the property owners on these lakes as reservoir lake owners.

I know that the Trent System is complicated to manage but surely it can be done so without us having to contend with the severe detrimental effects that we are experiencing this year.

Don Wetmore
Maple Lake

Highlander news

Algonquin Highlands cracking down on fireworks

By Lisa Gervais

If you live, or cottage, in Algonquin Highlands, the days of free-for-all fireworks are coming to an end.

The township discussed a stand-alone fireworks bylaw at its Aug. 13 meeting. It would restrict usage as has been done in the neighbouring municipalities of Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills.

Director of building and bylaw enforcement, David Rogers, brought a report to the meeting.

He said as it now stands, fireworks fall under the township's noise bylaw. He said they are basically banned between midnight and 7 a.m. but can be discharged any day of the year and between 7 a.m. and midnight.

"We've been getting more and more requests now - can we bring our bylaw more in line with what is happening in Dysart and Minden, which restricts the discharge of fireworks to certain days of the year," Rogers said.

"So, both of those bylaws limit to four times a year other than for Canada Day. They allow the weekend before and the weekend after because sometimes Canada Day falls in the middle of the week."

Rogers said that in the past, they'd received two to three complaints a year. However, if they move to a holiday weekend-only model, they will have to step up enforcement and that comes at a cost.

Rogers added he did not know if it was COVID-related but it had been "an

exceptional year ... We've had numerous complaints from all the lakes this year regarding fireworks." He added people were even setting them off during fire bans.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said there appeared to be more of an appetite for change than in the past.

"So, there's been a whole bunch of emails. I have an email file called fireworks and years of complaints in there," she said.

She acknowledged enforcement would be a challenge and "lots of people will say 'you'll never catch me up here'."

Deputy mayor Liz Danielsen said it would be a deterrent and lawful people would fall into line. She said she was pleased to see the report as she's had complaints, too.

She said another problem was the impact of fireworks on the environment, including debris in lakes.

Moffatt said they had to consider banning flying lanterns as well.

Coun. Julia Shortreed wanted to know if there had been a reduction in complaints with the changes in other townships.

Rogers said "no, they're still getting lots of complains ... and trying to deal with them as best they can."

The mayor concluded, "of course, some people think we are being spoil sports and taking all the fun away."

But Coun. Lisa Barry disagreed, saying, "unfortunately the overuse of fireworks has taken the specialness of them away. You hear them on a Monday night in March. It



Fireworks are set to be limited in Algonquin Highlands. Flickr.

was inevitable it has come to this."

Danielsen asked if people would be able to apply for permits for special occasions and Rogers said that would be part of the

bylaw coming forward.

Council received the report for information with a bylaw expected to be tabled at a future council meeting.



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Highlander business



RE/MAX Professionals North celebrated the grand opening of a new office in Minden Aug. 13. Left to right: Mayor Brent Devolin, Coun. Pam Sayne, co-owner Leah Ambler and broker Lisa Mercer. *Photo submitted.*

RE/MAX Professionals celebrate grand opening

By Joseph Quigley

After months of waiting, RE/MAX Professionals North celebrated the grand opening of its new office in Minden Aug. 13.

The pandemic delayed the official opening for the new real estate company. It was created in April and is made up of agents from RE/MAX North Country, which had its registration revoked in January amidst a Real Estate Council of Ontario (RECO) investigation. Ownership from RE/MAX Professionals in Toronto came in to start a new brokerage in Haliburton and agents have been working under them since January.

Owner Christopher Alexander said it feels incredible to finally be able to have a grand opening after the difficult year agents have gone through.

"It's such a great feeling to be back in business in Haliburton County again," Alexander said.

RECO revoked the registrations of RE/MAX North Country and one of its owners, Ray Jarvis. It also froze the brokerage's bank accounts due to a trust account shortage, where consumer deposits are held. RECO said they have taken no additional action against them since January. But Alexander said there are ongoing court proceedings involving ownership of the old brokerage.

A struggle with that ownership meant they could not use its old offices, Alexander said. It was difficult getting the new brokerage started, but he said he appreciates the community for its support during that process.

"I want to thank all our agents and the community sort of sticking by us while we sorted through what was really a mess to start the year," Alexander said.

Alexander co-owns RE/MAX Professionals North with his sister Leah Ambler, who heads the original Toronto-based RE/MAX Professionals. Ambler said in February what happened with North Country would never happen with them.

"RE/MAX Professionals is a very long-standing company with a brand. We've been around for 40 years," Ambler said. "We run a strict and good real estate brand. We have a lot of products and experience that we offer our agents that allow them to operate properly in the marketplace."

Alexander said the real estate market is going strong in Haliburton amidst the pandemic, with demand very high. He said they are excited to be part of the community and plan to get involved in local events.

"We see a really bright future for Haliburton County," Alexander said. "Haliburton, Minden and the surrounding areas offer so much, and we just really want to be a part of it."

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Highlander business

Country Rose blooms again at new location

By Lisa Harrison

Everything appears to be coming up roses for Shelley and Doug Stiles in their latest business venture.

The new owners of the Country Rose Garden Centre in Haliburton have renamed it Country Rose Flowers & Garden and moved the business to the former site of Marty's Health Foods on Highway 118.

The Stiles held a soft opening on the Aug. 8 weekend and were delighted with the results.

"Everyone I had the pleasure of meeting has made us feel so welcome and proud of the work we have put in to get the new Country Rose up and running," said Shelley in an email interview.

"I was honestly amazed by the community response ... We are so excited with such a positive response from community, friends and family."

Parents of five children and grandparents of 13, the Stiles currently live in Sutton. Doug specialized in bioengineering and stream bank erosion control early in his career and the couple has worked in landscape construction for 25 years. They own and operate Eagle Ridge Tree Movers, which installs and relocates mature trees.

The Stiles have wanted to move to Haliburton, and they bought Blake Storage last fall. They were considering the former health food store's future when they learned Country Rose was for sale.

Shelley began visiting the Country Rose staff to see if they would move with the business if the Stiles purchased it.

"And lucky for me they all agreed," said Shelley. "Joanne [Nichols], the shop manager, had been with the original owners for over 30 years and Kim [Pockett], the greenhouse guru, not too many short of that ... there was no way we would have moved ahead without them."

Lynn Cox, Susi Dennis, Denise Standing, Colleen Wilson and Dianne Woodcock were then asked to join the new Country Rose team and all agreed. With staff in place, the Stiles began renovating the new site.

"[We] created a new gift shop area with a lot of garden accessories, house plants and giftware. And of course, our floral area is now fully operational, ready to provide the community with all their fresh cuts and arrangements ...

"By next spring, the greenhouse will be fully operational, and with more area to fill I'm sure Kim is going to be pretty busy."

Country Rose is located at 13513 Highway 118 north of Haliburton Village. Summer and fall hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday to Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, with some exceptions for holidays. The store can be reached at 705-457-3774 or countryrose@bellnet.ca. The new website is expected to launch soon.

Shelley said she and Doug are looking forward to moving to Haliburton full time "in the very near future."



The gift shop at the new Country Rose Flowers & Garden, located on Highway 118 beside the Haliburton Community Funeral Home in Haliburton. *Photo submitted*

"I would like to thank our amazing Country Rose team and family for their patience and hard work during this transition. We're looking forward to a fabulous future together."

"I am so excited and looking forward to doing something in the fall with the community members ... Keep an ear out for upcoming events and specials."

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Highlander arts

Puzzling over Heaven on the Hangdog Channel

By Lisa Gervais

Puzzle makers Michael Bainbridge and Brigitte Gall say they craft for “art geeks and science nerds” so it seemed only natural to do a Canadian Artist series.

They will kick it off at their business, The Occurrence, Aug. 21 with first artist, Wendy Wood, on hand to sign puzzle boxes.

Until now, they have focused on earth sciences and Canadian cultural images but, according to Gall, “we chose the umbrella of ‘Canadian Artist Series’ to capture a diverse range of art that we also wanted to include.”

Wood, who has a studio in Carnarvon, is a landscape artist, and the first artist in the series.

“We really love her work, and asked her last year if she’d consider working with us. Heaven on the Hangdog Channel is a gorgeous image that we all thought would make a beautiful puzzle,” Gall said.

From there, Gall said they are keen to cast the net far and wide for other artists.

“We’ve got a couple of other Haliburton County artists in mind that we’re talking with, but we’ve also reached out to artists in Toronto, Newfoundland, and BC. We’d like to include tag artists, Asian and Indigenous artists, as well as text and graphic artists.”

She said the images not only have to be compelling, but also have to make a great jigsaw puzzle.

For her part, Wood said it’s a completely

new experience. She said Gall approached her with the idea and she didn’t hesitate in saying yes.

“I’m really looking forward to it,” she said. “It’s good exposure for me and will hopefully be a good seller for them.”

She added that she likes doing puzzles so it will be “kind of cool” to do a puzzle of one of her own paintings.

Gall said The Occurrence, at 130 Industrial Park Rd. in Haliburton, really got started this past July 1.

She said although they took possession of the space last October, due to COVID-19 they didn’t get their new machine delivered and wired in until nine months later.

Initially, they were only focusing on fossils, minerals and gems but when shelter-in-place started to happen, they saw a huge upsurge in jigsaw puzzle sales. They decided to start designing and exploring Canadian historical pieces such as Dutch Bulbs, and Uncanny Robot. Dutch Bulbs is the cover of the Steele, Briggs seed catalogue from 1905, and Uncanny Robot (1943) is the cover of Canada’s first pulp-fiction magazine.

Gall said it’s been going well.

“Being located on Industrial Park Road has been a huge bonus. Everyone has to go to the landfill. We’ve had really fantastic response from lodges and lake associations looking for custom puzzles, local and seasonal residents stopping in because

they can’t believe there’s a jigsaw puzzle manufacturing company here in Haliburton, and online sales. No one knows what’s going to happen this fall, so people are starting to stock up and getting ready to hunker down,” she said.

She added that with COVID turning the world upside down, jigsaw puzzles offer a way to make order out of chaos that doesn’t require Netflix, competition, or a Zoom meeting. It’s also something people can do alone, or with family.

“Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison referred

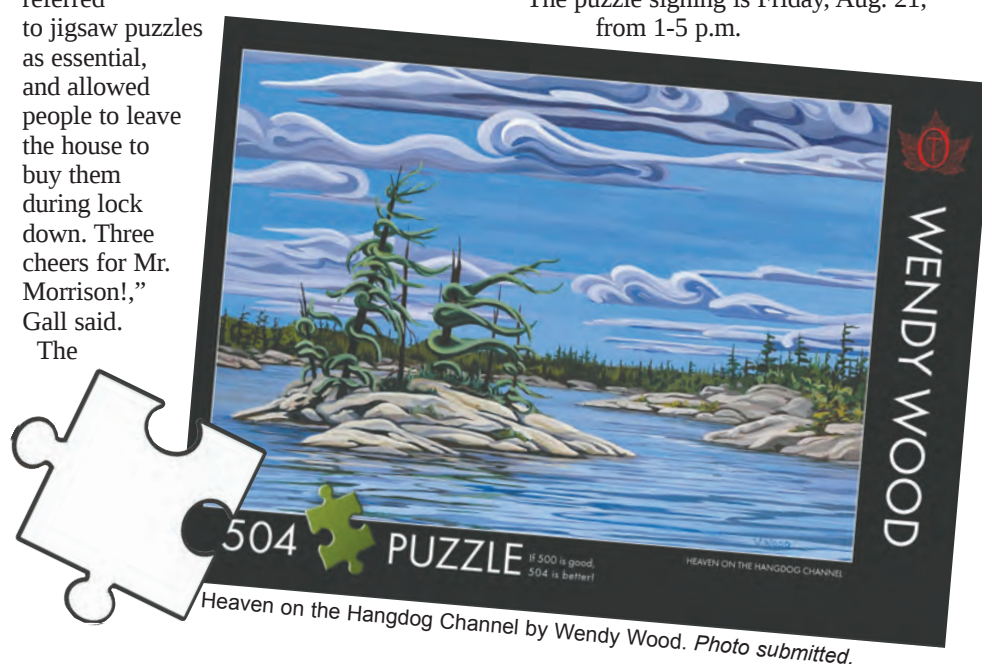
to jigsaw puzzles as essential, and allowed people to leave the house to buy them during lock down. Three cheers for Mr. Morrison!,” Gall said.

The

Occurrence also offers tours of the factory.

“When we show people how we make puzzles from start to finish, people ask ‘how the heck did you learn how to do this?’ It was a lot of trial and error, sheer stubbornness, mentoring from local business owners Jenn and Terry Craig of Artech Studio, and financial help in the way of matching grants and government programs offered through HCDC. None of this would have been possible without the outside help of family, friends, and HCDC,” Gall said.

The puzzle signing is Friday, Aug. 21, from 1-5 p.m.



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Highlander people

From Trump to racoons at Stanhope Airport

By Lisa Gervais

Algonquin Highlands' new airport coordinator says that depending on your politics, his "one claim to ill fame" is having worked for Donald Trump.

Steve Dewey said the now-US president kept helicopters at Teterboro Airport, where he worked, and which specializes in business aviation and charter operations, just 12 miles from midtown Manhattan.

"Everything they say about him is true," Dewey says with a chuckle. He said he saw him on many occasions but the two never spoke. "You don't talk to The Donald."

The airport is close to the Old Meadowlands Entertainment Facility, so celebrities came and went, Dewey said, including Robin Williams.

"He was a wonderful guy. He spent time, when he was waiting for his ride, and hung out with the guys for awhile. Just a crazy, manic, friendly, super nice guy." By contrast, Dewey said he encountered some VIPs who were "genuinely evil."

It's a long way from Teterboro Airport to the tiny, municipally-owned and operated Stanhope Airport in Haliburton County but Dewey couldn't be happier to be here.

Although he has lived in Canada and the US, Dewey said he's always had a connection to the Highlands, spending summers with aunt and uncle, Karen and Bruce Turner in the Donald area. He moved here permanently in 2015. His wife is local artist, Rossana Dewey and the two have

made West Guilford home.

"I've always had a special place for Haliburton in my heart," he says. "With all the places I've been, I always seem to come back here. It's wonderful."

He's been at the airport about a month now.

"I think the biggest conspiracy here," he says as he glances out the airport window "is how to keep the racoons from getting into the garbage." He goes on to share how just that morning he had a whole bunch of geese "partying on the runway" so they had to scare them away with the screamer.

"So, I woke up the neighbours and got rid of the geese at the same time."

There's also a family of foxes.

All joking aside, he said there is plenty to do at the small airport to keep him busy. He brings with him the experience from Teterboro and stints at Toronto Island Airport and Pearson International Airport. His background is business aviation and his speciality is fuels. He said there is an older plant at the airport they want to upgrade and he is assisting with that. In addition, "I'm a bit more nuts and bolts. I'm a bit more ground-oriented. Not so much the high management level but more the customer service, the product quality, the airport maintenance, that sort of thing."

"So many things have to be done on a daily basis, fuel quality, and the buildings don't take care of themselves. I just changed a light assembly on the runway."

He is also keen to ensure good



Steve Dewey is the new airport coordinator at Stanhope Airport. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

communication with, and reporting to, the municipality.

"I'm used to this," he adds of Stanhope Airport. "I'm used to small field operations but not at the municipal level. Coming here was a treat, actually. I'd been out of aviation for awhile but it's like putting on an old pair of shoes again. It just feels right and there's a lot of potential at this airport."

With COVID grounding a lot of airport traffic, he said he has been considering ways to attract more pilots and make the airport more of a tourism hub post-COVID. He said it used to be "hopping" with weekend fly-ins, and a kids' program,

"If we could just start to generate more traffic into the area, it'll be good for tourism, it'll be good for the airport," he said.

"I think what it really needs is the people. The COVID thing kind of put everything belly up. Traffic is starting to come again. I've got things on the burner I have to bounce off the actual airport manager and see if they want to play ball."

Some of those things are a deal with Enterprise for car rentals. One idea is a pilot painter weekend, where they set up tents for plein air painting. Another is a foodie fly-in, with local restaurants coming out to the airport. Having events in conjunction with antique cars is yet another idea.

"With my own promotions background, I can bring to the table what they need to make the airport a little more shiny ... to make it a little more attractive to pilots to come in here. It's more that just saying we're here, it's what do we have here."

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The Highland Storm are planning to return to the ice in the fall with many changes due to the pandemic. *File photo.*

Highland Storm returning to the ice

By Joseph Quigley

The Highland Storm is preparing for a new hockey season this fall with significant changes to allow for play amidst the pandemic.

The organization discussed the season during its AGM Aug. 17. They are preparing a plan for approval by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) under the Ontario Hockey Federation's (OHF) Return to Hockey Framework. The Storm appointed a new COVID lead onto its executive and formed two subcommittees to address return to play.

President Jason Morissette said they will follow recommendations from the OHF and health officials to make it as safe as they possibly can.

"To not try, that's really not good. We're not just going to quit on it," he said.

The OHF is planning to open on-ice activity starting Sept. 1, according to the Storm's OMHA Rep Amanda Manning. She reported after two weeks of on-ice training - with a maximum of 30 people on the ice at

once - games could start.

But games will be limited to the public health unit area and either 3-on-3 or 4-on-4 with no physical contact, according to the OHF framework. With a limit of 50-people inside a facility, there will be no local league or rep programming, no tryouts, and no tournaments. Team rosters are tentatively nine skaters and a goalie, with a coach and a trainer.

"It's certainly going to be a different year," Manning said.

She added although ice training will open in September, the Storm does not expect to be ready by then, and an October start is more likely.

Morissette said it is an opportunity to give kids something positive for their physical and mental wellbeing in the pandemic. But he added people will have to dial back competitiveness.

"Our Highland Storm adult partners, as competitive as many of them are," Morissette said. "We have to basically take a step aside this year to make this work. We

really want to have fun ... It's not about winning games and trying to make the NHL and that sort of thing. This is the new normal for now."

The organization will be working out more details in the coming weeks. Local arena partners will also have to make safety plans for the facilities, Morissette said.

He added they will need more volunteer support for both coaching and COVID protocols.

"We're going to need adults to step up," he said.

Manning said they have about 130 registrants so far, with the deadline extended to Sept. 1. She said it is important for parents to register by then for organizing purposes.

Morissette said he thinks players will be eager to return. He said people should ask questions as more details are released.

"You don't really realize what you have until it isn't there," he said. "There'll be a new appreciation for the sport and some of the things we maybe took for granted."



Hole-in-one at Blairhampton

Timothy Rider poses next to the 17th hole at the Blairhampton Golf Club after getting a hole-in-one July 29. The hole is a 168-yard downhill, Par 3. "As it lands, I said you might as well go in," Rider said. "First ball that has listened in ages." (Joseph Quigley).

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The County unveiled a draft Corporate Climate Change Mitigation Plan Aug. 12. Above, people at a climate protest. File.

County advances climate change plan

By Joseph Quigley

The County of Haliburton unveiled its plan to combat climate change and reduce emissions within the organization Aug. 12.

Climate change co-ordinator Korey McKay presented to County committee of the whole about a draft Corporate Climate Change Mitigation Plan, detailing how it and its four townships could reduce emissions. The plan sets a 15 per cent target for greenhouse gas emissions reduction from 2018 levels to 2030 for the County, as well as different township targets decided by their respective councils earlier this year.

Coun. Brent Devolin said it is a wonderful report.

"For those that think big things don't happen in the middle of COVID, I

think this report and this milestone is a testament today that there are lots of good things going on, even during these challenging times," Devolin said.

For the County, the plan seeks to address building energy use by conducting energy audits, retrofitting, and developing a new green building policy. The plan also details ways to make the County fleet greener by purchasing low-emission vehicles, implementing electric vehicle charging stations at municipal parking lots and pushing anti-idling.

The plan also calls for climate change considerations in existing plans, policies, and decision-making. A joint municipal working group will be established with representatives from each municipality to provide ongoing input.

Coun. Carol Moffatt asked about whether the working group would only include municipal staff, or if it could possibly include members of the public. McKay said that is a council decision but for this plan, she figured the group would have municipal staff, with public members more likely for a community-based plan to come later. "Staff who work with our buildings, fleet and waste who can provide me with the knowledge and input," she said.

The committee accepted the report as information and asked McKay to present it to the townships and update it based on comments received.

"You've done a good job. A lot of work on this and we have a lot to think about here, about how we'll go forward," Warden Liz Danielsen said.

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The Chris Collins Trio from Peterborough performs for the Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association. Photo submitted.

Soyers Lake hosts music on the water

Submitted by Susan Bardwell

For many years in August, the Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association celebrated a long-standing tradition with their ‘more than a corn roast’ summer event for members. COVID-19 put a damper on that possibility this year. However, the association was determined to hold a pandemic-safe social function that

still allowed members to have fun as a community and celebrate our beautiful lake. When a member proposed a music event, the association jumped on the idea and hosted the lake’s inaugural ‘music on the water’ concert. On Saturday, Aug. 15, numerous families on their docks and 45 socially distanced water crafts including kayaks, paddle boards and even swimmers with noodles

gathered to make the most of our ‘music on the water’ concert. With the benefit of spectacular weather, all rocked and sang to the energizing music of the talented Chris Collins Trio from Peterborough. Earlier in the summer, the SLRA held a contest inviting members to write lyrics for a Soyers Lake song that could become a new tradition for the lake. The band played a broad range of upbeat songs and lead a sing

along of the winning Soyers Lake Song ‘Daydream.’ It was heartening to have a memorable event that allowed our SLRA members to come together as a community and enjoy some much-needed fun in the face of the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2019019:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 2, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10381, registered June 3, 2020.
2. **File No. PLSRA2019036:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10380, registered June 3, 2020.
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The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection and additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 705-286-1260 (x206) or by e-mail at iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed by-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration, and if deemed advisable for passing, at its regular meeting being held as an Electronic Meeting, on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 AM. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies in advance to be heard.

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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/.

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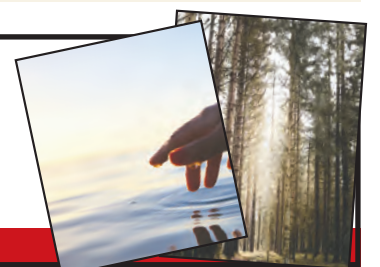
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

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Highlander community



Small Town Heroes help food bank

Left to right: Boshkung Brewing's Ryan Shotbolt and Olivia Daechsel hand over \$3,000 to Tina Jackson and Ken Mott of the Central Food Network Aug. 18. The money came from proceeds from the sale of Small Town Hero craft beer. The Boshkung owners matched the funds to bring the donation to \$3,000. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*



From left to right: Pat Bradley, Donna Monk, Nancy Garbutt, Anica Sabel and Barb Millington begin their walk to the Minden water tower. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Walking for Terry and cancer research

On Saturday, Aug. 15, Pat Bradley, Anica Sabel, Nancy Garbutt, Donna Monk and Barb Millington joined the Terry Fox Foundation's 2020 Mt. Terry Fox Trek by climbing the hill up to the water tower in Minden, and walking around town.

They all belong to 'Nancy's Fun Fit Team,' who collect funds for the

foundation each year. Since 2004, they have raised more than \$4,000.

Minden Terry Fox Run organizer, Barb Millington, said The Terry Fox Foundation had announced their virtual run will be on Sunday, Sept. 20, when Canada can be together but apart, because of social distancing. They are calling it 'One

Day. Your Way.'

Millington said the foundation wants people to get sponsors and pledge on line this year, and this can be done online from now until the end of the year.

The website for donations is terryfox.ca/terryfoxrun/minden. *(Lisa Gervais)*

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Highlander reads

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

Chapter 5: Dogsbody

Harp in the Dark

Detective Harry Harp opened the envelope containing newspaper clippings that librarian Brigitte Cave had collected for him. The photocopied articles spilled out onto his desk and he flipped through them until a photo caught his attention. Staring at him was a black and white image under the headline: Pines End Guest Disappears. A circle had been graphically placed around Rand Carlyle's head. And sure enough, he was wearing a white V-neck sweater with a border. Nylon threads from that same sweater had been found on his partially mummified body. Harp had seen photos of Rand Carlyle in the original case file but seeing him with the other guests suddenly brought the half-century-old world of the crime into sharp focus.

The photographer had posed the group formally with the adults standing in a row. Trudy Carlyle stood next to her husband, both hands clinging to his arm. Beside the couple stood two men, then a couple holding a baby. Teenagers sat cross-legged at the adults' feet and Harp could easily spot Cat Wilson by her haughty, upturned chin. Next to her was a smiling girl, then four boys, including Brett Penzler, who, as a teenager had shaggy, centre-parted hair under a flowered headband. Next to him sat the two Carlyle girls. On the photo's white margin someone had written in cursive: Simcoe Day, 1970.

Harp grabbed the original case file and pulled a yellowed piece of paper from it that was covered in a scrawl of numbers. He laid the page next to the photo and peered at both, as if trying to decipher some hidden meaning.

Just then Constable Terry Becker walked into the room.

"Look at this," Harp held up the photo.

Becker looked at it then at the scrawled page.

"There's our man," he said. "But what's with the numbers?"

Harp said, "George Maclem's notes. I think he was trying to solve the case through numerology."

"I hope we get further than he did."

Harp scratched his jaw. "Just seeing this photo with all the guests gave me an idea—."

Becker's phone buzzed and he answered it.

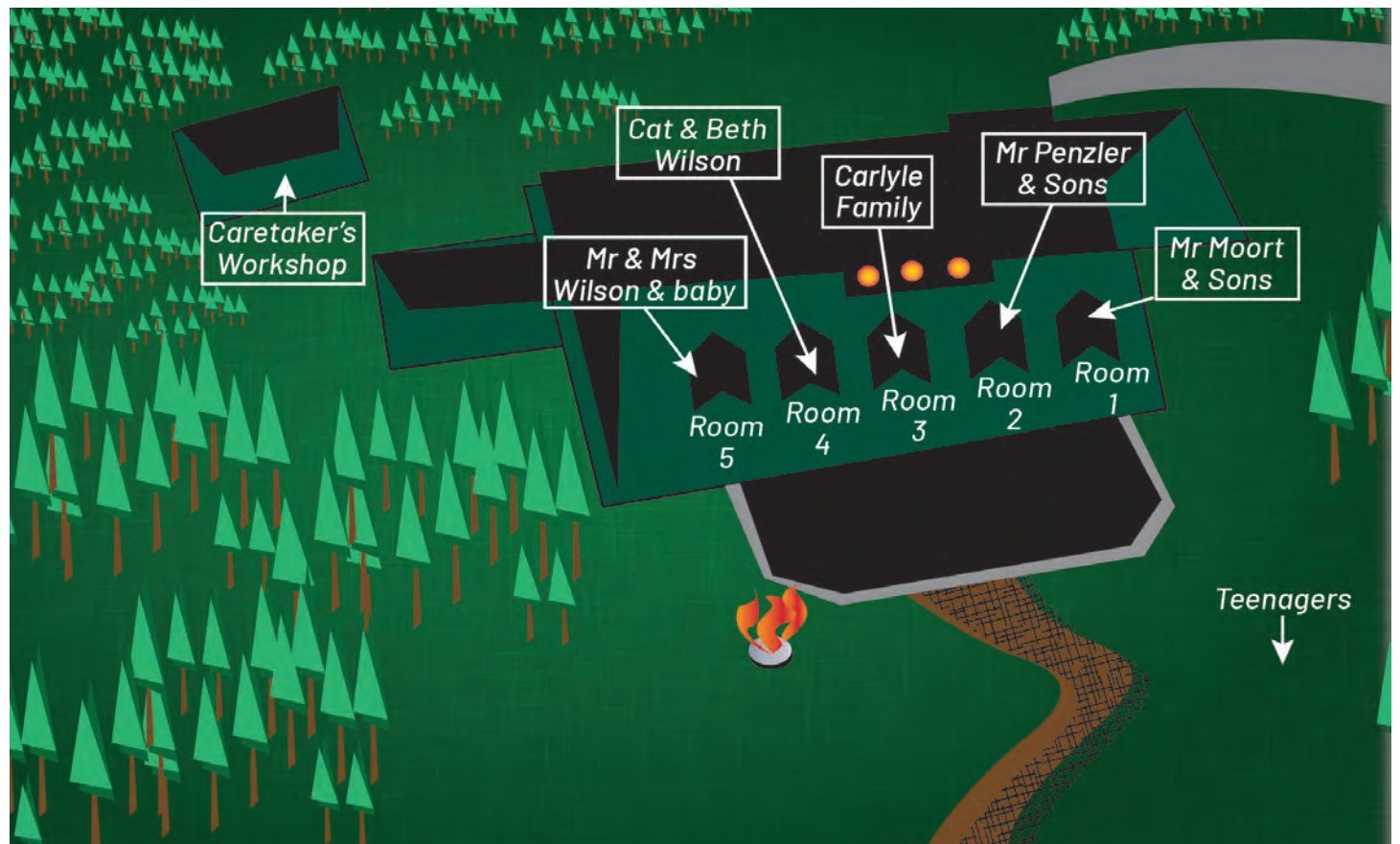
"Hi, Brett. Thanks for calling back," the constable said as he dropped into his seat. "In the interview, you said someone took Mr. Carlyle fishing. Do you remember who that was?"

Becker nodded, frowned, then thanked Brett Penzler and hung up.

"What did he say?" Harp pushed aside the numerology project.

"Apparently there was a kid on staff they called 'dogsbody' because he did all the lowest-type jobs. Penzler said the lodge owner even had a whistle he used to blow to get the kid's attention."

"Sounds humiliating," Harp said. "What was the kid's real name?"



Becker shook his head. "Just 'dogsbody'."

The constable added the nickname to his white board diagram showing the lodge, its guests and the only staff that had been named in the original case file—the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Muir.

"So what was your idea?" Becker said. "About the numbers?"

But Harp's phone buzzed before he could respond. The detective answered it, listened, then thanked the caller and hung up.

"Numbers later," Harp said, standing up. "A staff member wants to talk."

A few moments later, Harp and Becker sat across from a woman in her late 60s. She had black hair pulled back in a tight ponytail and was wearing black tights and a black sweatshirt.

"Crystal Corrigan," she said. "I waitressed at the lodge that summer. Saw your call for help though I don't know how much help I can be. And how's your mom keeping, Terry?"

Becker said that his mother was well and after some preliminary discussion, Harp asked her if the expression 'dogsbody' meant anything to her.

"Oh gosh. The poor Barley boy. I haven't thought of him in years. That was his job and it became a nickname, I guess. Cruel," she said.

"What was the boy's full name?" Becker asked.

Crystal looked up at the fluorescent lights then back at the two men. "Adam, I'm pretty sure. Yes, Adam Barley." She nodded. "Irene's boy, as I recall. She worked in the kitchen and doted on him. Always sneaking him treats." Crystal smiled.

Becker showed her the picture of the

fridge. "Have you seen this before?"

Crystal laughed. "Seen many of those old clunkers. But yeah, there was a pair of them in the Pines End kitchen before Muir finally splurged on a big electric fridge."

Harp said, "Two fridges? Who would have disposed of them?"

Crystal shrugged. "Stan likely."

"Stan who?"

"Stan Barley. He was the caretaker. Dogsbody—I mean, Adam's dad. And you can ask him yourself. He's in Golden Villa."

Half an hour later, Harp and Becker found Stan Barley in the Golden Villa dining room. Sitting in a wheel chair, the man was hunched over a plate of meat and potatoes.

They introduced themselves and Barley peered at then, watery dark eyes narrowing imperceptibly.

"Mr. Barley, we're investigating the disappearance of Randolph Carlyle from the Pines End Lodge in 1970. You worked there at the time," Harp said.

"Yes," the man said.

He had white hair brushed back from his forehead and though he was physically diminished by age, he was a large man. "Your wife and son worked there, too."

"Yes," he said again then steered some potatoes into his mouth.

Becker said, "Where are they now? In town?"

"Wife's dead." Barley put down his fork. "Son's god knows where."

Harp said, "Mr. Barley, what happened to the two old propane fridges?"

Stan Barley looked confused.

"We found Rand Carlyle's body in a propane fridge. You disposed of the fridges. Did you kill Mr. Carlyle and stuff his body into one of the fridges?"

"I read the paper," Barley sniffed. "I know what you found." He wrestled a piece of gristle from between his teeth and dropped it on his plate. "Muir took the fridges to the dump."

"Muir? The owner of Pines End?" Harp said, eyeing the old man carefully.

"You heard me."

August 1, 1970 – 10:30 PM

Stan Barley unscrewed the back plate from a transistor radio. It was Cat Wilson's and she'd dropped it in the water and had demanded that he fix it.

"You're a caretaker. Take care of it," she'd said laughing.

"Little brat." He blew on the damp insides. "Shouldn't have a radio near water in the first place. That'll teach her. Though some there's no teaching—."

Just then, a crying sound caught Stan's attention and he started from his seat. Opening the doors of his workshop, he took a few steps then stood still, listening. Quick footsteps behind him made him swing around and suddenly his wife, Irene was in his arms. Her face was chalk white and a garbled stream of words poured from her mouth.

Gripping his arm, she pulled him into the woods a few paces, then a few more. Stan's eyes didn't need to become accustomed to the dark—to see white. Rand Carlyle lay on the ground, his clothes ghostly bright though punctured and seeping darkness.

Irene's small, pleading hand gripped Stan's and just then Cat Wilson's words came back to him. "You're a caretaker. Take care of it."

Highlander events



Top: Rick and Connie Wood and Roger and Janet Trull hit the links for Abbey Gardens Aug. 17. Bottom: Eldon and Dale Bull and Teresa and Glenn Evans supported Abbey Gardens. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

Teeing off for Abbey Gardens

Charity golfers made their way to the Blairhampton Golf Club Aug. 17 for the second annual Abbey Gardens golf tournament fundraiser. After a fun afternoon of golf, participants headed to Abbey Gardens for awards, dinner and beer tasting. The net proceeds of the event will go to Abbey Gardens' education programming. *(Lisa Gervais)*

WHAT'S ON

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AUGUST 21

The Occurrence is launching their Canadian Artist Series. There will be a puzzle signing with Canadian Artist Wendy Wood from 1 – 5 p.m. at 130 Industrial Park Rd. – Unit 2.

AUGUST 22

Dinner and concert at Abbey Gardens featuring John McDermott, Jason Fowler and Mark Lalama. The organizing committee will provide an environment that allows participants to enjoy the concert while following all current government regulations and social distancing rules. Contact Janis Parker (janis@parkerpad.com), Brenda Smith (b59smith@yahoo.ca), Barb Bolin (bolin.barb@gmail.com), Marianne Fenninger (marianne.fenninger@gmail.com)

AUGUST 24 – 28

Honey Week at Abbey Gardens - workshops and activities for all ages happening every day. Pre-registration is required www.abbeygardens.ca

August 24-30 Minden Pride is happening! Help celebrate diversity and inclusiveness in the Haliburton Highlands. Join online or in-person for a week of amazing events. Check out their website for details and times: mindenpride.ca

AUGUST 26

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

SEPTEMBER 5

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

SEPTEMBER 12

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Part 6: Hong Kong

By Mabel Brannigan

In another part of the world on December 7, 1941, when the Japanese ruthlessly attacked the United States, Canadians were sent to help defend Hong Kong.

One Hong Kong veteran I talked to was angry that he and 1,974 other Canadians were sent as "lambs to the slaughter." He said, "A million of us could not have held Hong Kong."

The Canadians were isolated and hopelessly outnumbered without aircraft support, and lacking ammunition fought gallantly for 18 days before being forced to surrender to a life of beatings and starvation.

There were 290 killed, 493 wounded and more than 300 died in captivity. Comrade Reg. Schofield of Wilberforce came home after the war in bad shape after being held in captivity. Comrade Elzie Henderson of Haliburton was dragged out and shot in front of all of his comrades.

Looking back, I remember some people did not like the way the government handled the Japanese on the West Coast. My purpose is not to tell you what was right or wrong. It is to present facts and for you to

decide what was right. Hong Kong was a disaster, and as Canada assumed the role of a major military power, thousands more were destined to die.

Back to the West Coast and a Japanese Canadian I knew as the Kamloops Kid. He went to Japan as an interpreter and stayed on as a prison guard. As a prison guard, he was guilty of horrendous and despicable war crimes against Canadians. After the war, he was hunted down and captured. He was brought back to Canada and is the only Canadian to ever stand before a tribunal accused of atrocities against fellow Canadians, and he was put to death. His name was Kanao Inouye, but I knew him as the Kamloops Kid.

A few more veterans from Haliburton County: Mel Robertson, Roy Windover, Sinclair Nesbitt, William Rogers, Arthur Oliver, Reg Schofield, prisoner in Japan, Elzie Henderson, shot in captivity in Japan, Frank Madill, Cecil Madill, Ken Teasdale, Elatin Teasdale, badly wounded in Italy, Russel Neville, John McGuire.



Elzie Henderson. Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

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Living well



Moose FM radio host Rick Lowes helped support the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation radiothon Aug. 13-14. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Foundation radiothon raises \$32,234

By Joseph Quigley

The 13th annual Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) radiothon raised \$32,234 Aug. 13-14 towards new vital signs monitors at local emergency departments.

The event ran with 93.5 Moose FM, with hosts calling for donations on air. Supporters were able to call in or donate online, as well as bid on items in a new online auction added to the event.

"We're grateful for the generosity of the community," HHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins said. "And very grateful to Moose FM and community partners."

Tompkins said the event was quite different this year, with street presence

and the number of volunteers scaled back due to the pandemic.

"We're certainly trying to make sure that we are following health protocols and social distancing," Tompkins said on Aug. 13. "We made the decision we really need to be as virtual as possible."

Like many organizations, the foundation has lost revenue through cancelled events. But Tompkins said they are thankful for how people have supported healthcare throughout the pandemic.

"We recognize that this has been a challenging year for many people, especially those in our community," Tompkins said. "We're sensitive to the fact that many people have already supported healthcare."

The vital signs monitors will be for the emergency and acute care departments in Haliburton and Minden. They allow medical workers to access and monitor a patients' vital signs including blood pressure, heart rate, temperature and more.

Tompkins said the foundation is working towards helping purchase 10 of them, with a total cost of \$65,000-\$70,000.

"We will be updating these to state-of-the-art," Tompkins said, adding the devices will help reduce the workload on medical workers in a difficult time due to the pandemic. "This new equipment helps to consolidate and make it a much more efficient action for nurses and doctors."

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The Personal Support Worker provides resident care in relation to activities of daily living, quality of life, environment management and continuous communication. She or he, as a member of the health care team, has a significant role in promoting health, preventing illness, and helping residents attain and maintain the highest level of health possible in situations in which a resident's condition is relatively stable, less complex and the outcomes of care are predictable.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Successful completion of Personal Support Worker program which meets one of the following: The vocational standards established by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities OR The standards established by the National Association of Career Colleges, OR The standards established by the Ontario Community Support Association; and Must be a minimum of 600 hours in duration, counting both class time and practical experience time.
- Experience in working with the acutely ill, chronically ill and/or palliative clients preferred
- Understanding of MDS RAI an asset.
- Problem solving
- Organizing own work
- Excellent recording and reporting skills
- Personal care skills
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively in English
- CPR

In addition, the successful candidate must be available to work day, evening and night shifts, along with weekends and statutory holidays. An ability to attend work on a consistent basis is also a requirement.

SUBMIT APPLICATION AND RESUME TO:

Human Resources
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
Box 115, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
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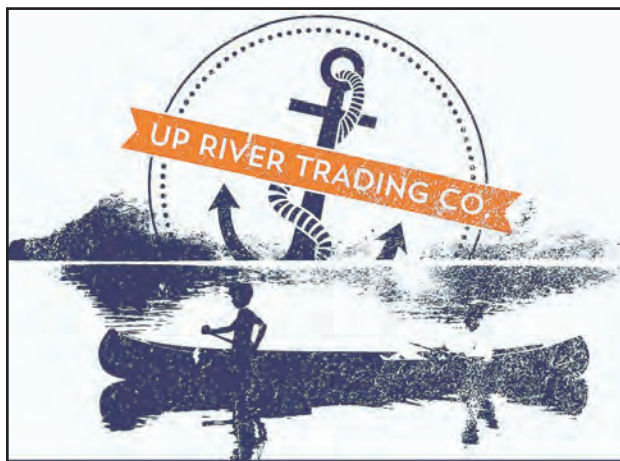
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QUALIFICATIONS:

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- Understanding of basic principles of cleaning procedures
- Health Care Institution Housekeepers Certificate (OHA, or equivalent) within 3 months from date of hire
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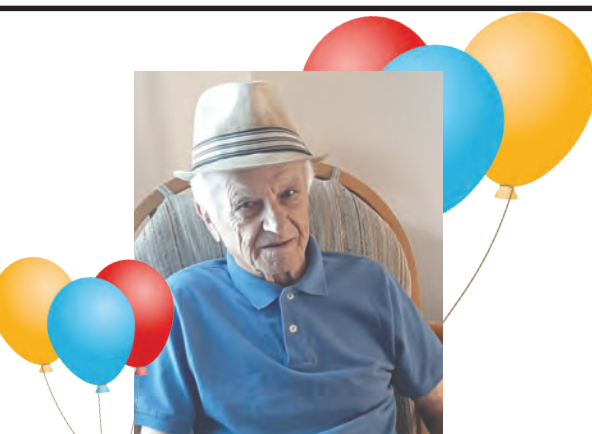


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Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Jim's Life will take place at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) 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.



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Township of Algonquin Highlands
NOTICE - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

NOTE: As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, as well as the requirements for social distancing, Council Meetings will be conducted electronically via web conference until further notice. We thank the public for their understanding as we work toward keeping our community safe and healthy in this uncertain time.

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 9:00 AM conducted electronically via web conference.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is as follows:


- To Discuss the following items as part of the Zoning By-law review:
 - Cannabis Production;
 - Minimum Dwelling Size;
 - Backyard Chickens;
 - Legal Non-Conforming structures; and
 - Additional matters.
- To Proceed into Closed Session in accordance with Section 239(2) (f) regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- To Discuss the Hardwood Lake Landing Project (Clinto Lake)

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

Dated this 19th day of August, 2020.

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- 1 Regal residence
- 7 Have only one ___ in the water (be a little dim)
- 10 They're big on boosters
- 14 Stella ___ (Belgian beer)
- 15 Andy Capp's wife
- 16 Silicon Valley specialty
- 17 Winnie-the-Pooh musing, part 1
- 18 Word before fire or diving
- 20 Boredom in French class?
- 21 Hitchcock film walk-on, e.g.
- 22 Cross-shaped Greek letter
- 23 Dance class topic
- 24 Pooh's musing, part 2
- 26 Dirty film?
- 28 Pale-faced
- 29 Heckled teacher, maybe
- 32 Cranks (up)
- 34 George Burns flick of 1977
- 37 Pooh's musing, part 3
- 41 Fixes a fixer-upper
- 42 A rule-breaking French verb
- 43 Date enders, often: Abbr.
- 44 White-tie wingdings
- 47 "Can ___ you a favour?"
- 49 Pooh's musing, part 4
- 52 Release, as CO2
- 56 Bible book before Esth.
- 57 Tea party setting?
- 58 Texan site to "remember"
- 59 Loafers at work
- 61 End of Pooh's musing
- 62 "..., ___ tête, Alouette, ..."
- 63 Angling accessory
- 64 Brosnan character Remington
- 65 Small at Starbucks, oddly
- 66 Jack in a barn
- 67 Calgary Sun alternative

Down

- 1 Tie-ons for toreros
- 2 "Well, ___ you smart!"
- 3 Something to skip at the beach
- 4 They make a half glass full
- 5 She played Lisa on "Six Feet Under"
- 6 Common language suffix
- 7 Break ___ (dawn)
- 8 Former sorority member, say
- 9 Lovers of Shakespeare?
- 10 "Little green men," for short
- 11 Making ends meet
- 12 Singer Billy's watery surname
- 13 Show no knowledge of?
- 19 Pitfalls of driving?
- 21 Base places on Everest
- 24 "Big" wrestling style in Japan
- 25 Sneaky snicker
- 27 Typing key for "yelling"
- 29 Address for a knight
- 30 Find a purpose for
- 31 Place with a caller and cards
- 33 Sudbury-Toronto dir.
- 35 Third word of Canada's anthem

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- 36 "The shakes"
- 38 Don't suffer in silence, maybe
- 39 "Private Dancer" singer's book
- 40 Rub it in, say
- 45 Goddess named for the Acropolis city
- 46 English counties
- 48 "Out of the Dark" author Helen
- 49 Atlas mini-map
- 50 Aptly-named city at the mouth of the Fraser River
- 51 Schs. like SAIT and NAIT
- 53 ___ mad dash (bolted)
- 54 "___ ears" ("Talk to me")
- 55 Trifled (with)
- 58 Senior in Stuttgart
- 60 Diet food datum: Abbr.
- 61 Stain on Cinderella

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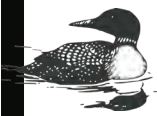


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