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Kim Emmerson says windows are one of the items on backorder in the Highlands. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Supply woes hit Highlands businesses

By **Lisa Gervais**

Haliburton County residents will continue to experience the effects of supply chain issues across the world as the pandemic continues and other factors come into play.

Whether it's a decrease in new vehicle inventory at Highlands' car dealerships, delays in getting materials for your build, renovation or do-it-yourself project, or even a takeaway container for your favourite lunch, businesses are asking for patience.

Kim Emmerson of Emmerson Lumber

said despite being 18 months into COVID-19, there are still supply issues.

"Which goes to show how fragile our world economy is," he said.

Emmerson said it isn't just the pandemic either. For example, he said cold weather early in the year in Texas affected the resin market. There have been other natural disasters, including hurricanes. He said COVID is certainly a big factor but it's not the whole story.

He said throughout it all, "some things

have gotten better, some are the same, and some are worse whether it's cars, appliances or building materials."

For example, he said his business and its customers are now experiencing a 16 week wait for kitchens, 12 weeks for windows and six months for insulation. Hardware hasn't been as much of an issue. Lumber prices peaked but have now crashed.

"I don't see this chain being rectified until next year," Emmerson added.

He said in a world of instant gratification,

"people just simply have to be patient. You will get your product."

Baked and Battered co-owner Craig Gordon said it's been a challenge this year. He said that at different times this summer, the eatery has had trouble getting items, including ketchup, takeout containers, paper bags and even pickles. He said with COVID-19, people are not completely back to work, which is affecting the chain.

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Owners ask for patience

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It means several trips to Lindsay every week to get stock.

Gordon said it's the same with food shortages, including fish and flour, which are essential to their business.

"We go through a lot of fish. This year, for the first year, we've been tapped out because there are not enough people catching, processing and packaging so therefore there is less of all of that stuff." For example, he said they could not get halibut until early August and the price increase was astronomical.

With the province well into stage three of its roadmap to reopening plan, he said despite shortages and increasing prices, there is a huge demand for product. On top of that, like many Highlands' businesses, there aren't enough staff.

Like Emmerson, he calls for patience as people line up at the takeout counter.

Mike Hamilton of Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. in Haliburton and Tran LaRue of Minden Subaru said the reason people are seeing fewer and fewer vehicles on the County's car lots is due to a global microchip shortage.

Hamilton said when COVID hit, there was a rush on electronic purchases and demand outstripped



Baked and Battered was a busy place on Labour Day. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

supply. China cut back on its exports and a key factory was also hit by the virus.

Because they are a key component in modern vehicles, the impact is being felt in the Highlands. He added it's not just cars but everything from appliances to watercraft.

He said car plants have thousands of vehicles stockpiled awaiting chips.

Hamilton said he has stopped estimating when people can get new vehicles; is trying to figure out

how they can be made without chip-supported features, selling demo and lease vehicles and watching used vehicle prices go "through the roof."

LaRue said while it appears the lots are empty, dealerships are still selling cars. He said when a shipment comes in to Subaru, they are usually picked up by customers in a day or two.

Like other businesses in the County, he said people will get their vehicle, they just have to be patient.



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Businesses navigate next COVID hurdle

By Sam Gillett

At Haliburton's Kozy Korner, owner Ann Gordon greets two masked customers at the door, sending them to a freshly-sanitized table six feet from the next diners inside the bustling restaurant.

After navigating changing public health rules the past 18 months, the province's upcoming vaccine protocols, which take effect from Sept. 22, aren't too much of a concern, she said.

"It's all worth it to keep everybody safe and force people to get vaccines. We were hoping it was coming, we wanted it to come," she said, adding her staff will be fully vaccinated come October.

On Sept. 1, the Ontario government announced a vaccine certificate system which will mean people entering restaurants, bars, gyms, and other non-essential indoor gathering spaces must show proof of vaccination.

"Our government is taking action to minimize disruptions to the daily lives of Ontarians, help keep businesses open and kids in school by protecting the health and well-being of all Ontarians," wrote MPP Laurie Scott in an emailed statement.

For some business owners such as Terri Matthews-Carl, mandating vaccines means one more safeguard against going takeout-only or closing completely as they have in the past.

"It will allow us to stay open indoor all year, and increase our capacity," said Matthews-Carl.

The details are scarce. She and Gordon are unsure what enforcement will look like. On Oct. 22, Ontario is set to roll out a QR code

app which will scan phone information to confirm vaccine status.

"I think that for the first month without the app, it's going to be a bit more of a hassle, checking every person's ID is going to be time-consuming," Matthews-Carl said.

In certain places, such as Haliburton's legion, vaccine requirements will serve to protect an at-risk population with most of the legion's members being elderly.

President Don Pitman said he's been in touch with the provincial legion governing body to determine a strategy.

He supports the restrictions, but said it adds complications to running programs.

"It makes it a bit difficult for us.

We don't have a branch cell phone so someone's personal cell phone is going to have to be used for that," he said.

"[the plan] is so light on details, frankly, we're just waiting for more information."

Pitman said "it may not be a problem at all, but we won't know until we have the opening night, and then we'll iron out the bumps."

The new rules will also apply to gyms and fitness centres such as Meghan Cox's Just Movement Fitness.

Cox is concerned the new rules will have a negative impact on people's overall health.

"All I can say in regards to my business is that mandating a vaccine passport for a venue that promotes actual health and offers long term benefits to reducing the load on our health care system, is kind of contradictory, don't you think?"

"The divide in humanity this is causing is both sad and disheartening," she wrote.

Concerns over privacy, rights

Some business owners and political representatives across Canada claim the certificate program to be an infringement on Canadians' rights.

MP Jamie Schmale said in August that while vaccines are the way to end the COVID-19 pandemic, he does not believe vaccines should be mandatory for healthcare workers and federal employees, and favours education over enforcement.

Many medical professionals, such as HKPR's chief medical officer of health, Dr. Natalie Bocking, have said the certificate program is not as unusual as people think.

"For example, I can think of travel to other countries. In other countries you need vaccination against Yellow Fever," she said. Bocking also mentioned how the certificate program does not limit access to essential services such as pharmacies, grocery stores and healthcare centres. Across the HKPR area, 76.4 per cent of people are fully vaccinated, and the health unit is planning mobile pop-up clinics which will target specific areas amid what many are calling a fourth wave of COVID-19 in the province.

And the vaccines are working: Bocking reports that among confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the region, only 10.9 per cent were fully vaccinated.

Neither Gordon nor Mathews-Carl said they are confident most patrons will willingly comply with the new rules. A few guests have mentioned they are currently unvaccinated or do not plan on attending



Ann Gordon of Kozy Korner.
Photo by Sam Gillett.

restaurants past Sept. 22.

Gordon said enforcing the rules is a matter of safety, and she's not too concerned about the possibility of customers angry about showing proof of vaccination.

"I think you just say 'sorry, I'm keeping my restaurant safe'."

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NDP candidate Zac Miller. Photo submitted.

Fixing broken long-term care an NDP priority

THE HIGHLANDS VOTES

By Lisa Gervais

Federal NDP candidate Zac Miller was a teenager when he ran in the 2018 provincial election, placing second to Progressive Conservative Laurie Scott and helping the party garner 26.5 per cent of the vote.

Miller is back and hopes the local party can capture 20 per cent of the federal vote this time around by targeting key polls in Haliburton County as well as in Lindsay.

The City of Kawartha Lakes resident was working on his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science when he ran four years ago and is now completing his Master of Information.

He will be beginning his online studies Sept. 13 while contesting a federal election.

"Over the last five years, I've learned to be myself and hold firm what I actually believe," Miller said in an interview.

For example, he got involved with the Kawartha Lakes Health Coalition and "for the last three years, we've been knocking on people's doors, talking to them and really understanding their issues."

He said the NDP values resonate even more with him as a young adult, especially throughout and coming to the end of a pandemic. He believes government and the public don't interact anymore.

"Over the last 30 years, we've become accustomed to the government not helping us and I really think that coming out of COVID-19 it shows that the government needs to be there for us. We can do so much more and be so much better."

Asked to identify three core issues, he said: climate change, long-term care and health care in general; and more federal funding to municipalities.

"Long-term care needs to be something that's addressed immediately and it's something the federal government should do quickly."

As for funding for towns and cities, he said Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock is made up of small villages "that don't necessarily have the tax base to fund service costs or new development in the areas so the federal government should step in and provide grants to our riding so smaller areas can get services."

He said money can be found by not subsidizing corporations, taxing the rich with a one per cent wealth tax and closing tax loopholes.

"It's about realigning our priorities."

Miller is realistic that it is an uphill battle to defeat the Conservatives in the riding. He said his personal goal is to get at least 20 per cent of the vote. "That would be a win for us." He added he wants to take a few polls in Haliburton County. He said there are "sympathetic areas" in the Highlands they are strategically targeting in a short election race.

"I have maps all over the walls. It is interesting for me."

Miller said people can call him on his cell phone or email him if they have specific questions.

"We have a wide variety of policies that do speak to a lot of our needs in Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes, specifically our housing policy."

He noted their plan to build 500,000 affordable homes, rework the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to help municipalities build housing units, and have the Bank of Canada set favourable interest rates.

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Man pleads guilty to manslaughter

By Highlander staff

A Haliburton man has been found guilty of manslaughter in the June 17, 2019 death of his housemate in the village.

Norman Hart, 33 at the time of his arrest, pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder in the death of Robert James Brown, 49, but guilty to manslaughter during a court appearance Sept. 7.

Justice Michelle Fuerst, in a trial by judge alone, found him guilty of the lesser, included offence.

Hart, who appeared via Zoom from the Central East Correctional Centre in Lindsay, will be sentenced at a later date.

Rebecca Griffin, representing the Crown, read out an agreed statement of facts.

She said that Hart moved in with Brown at his rented house at 34 Highland St. at the end of May 2019.

She said the two got into an argument and then a fist fight over a \$500 cheque from the City of Kawartha Lakes Housing Corporation that Hart - who had been drinking and using cocaine - brought home June 17.

"Norman Hart and Robert Brown got into an argument over how the money from the cheque would be split. The argument turned physical and Norman Hart, while still under the influence of alcohol and drugs, lost control and beat Robert Brown, causing multiple injuries, including serious head and

chest injuries that led to his death."

She said the cause of death, two or three hours after the fight, was multiple blunt force injury.

Hart then went to a friend's apartment in the village where he borrowed a pair of pants and left some of Brown's identification and the envelope and stub from the cheque. She said he tried to cash the cheque at Foodland but could not do so without ID so got a friend to cash it at a Bank of Montreal ATM for him.

He told a friend he had been fighting with Brown, and had knicks and blood on his knuckles. For part of the afternoon on June 17, he was in the park drinking with friends. "During that time, he made comments to the effect that he had hurt someone bad and might be in trouble."

Griffin added that at 6:30 p.m., Hart spoke to his father on a borrowed cell phone, telling him he had some bad news. "He had been in a fight and hurt someone really bad."

Hart returned to Brown's residence some time after midnight June 18. Brown's ex-girlfriend and another man came to the house. They saw Brown lying on the floor in the hallway, "cold to the touch and obviously deceased." They called 9-1-1 and waited at the town docks.

Police arrived and Hart eventually stepped out. When the officer asked if everything was okay, Hart indicated it was not,



The site of an OPP investigation on Highland Street in Haliburton in June 2019. File.

"pointing inside and told the officer to go check it out."

Police found Brown's blood under Hart's fingernail and noted his hand was so swollen there was no definition to his knuckles.

Defence lawyer Rob Chartier said supplemental facts indicated that on June 14 Hart and Brown had come to an agreement that Hart would get \$400 and Brown \$100. However, "sometime after Mr. Hart's return to Mr. Brown's residence with the cheque

on June 17, Mr. Brown told Mr. Hart the cheque would be split equally. A verbal argument on that issue started between the two." He said Hart was on the couch and Brown in the kitchen and Brown came to Hart where the two began to fight.

Dressed in CECC orange coveralls, Hart told Justice Fuerst he accepted the statements of fact. Chartier asked for a pre-sentence report and the matter is scheduled to be spoken to on Nov. 15.

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Davidson runs for 'rights and freedoms'

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By Sam Gillett

Alison Davidson became a candidate for the People's Party of Canada two days after the federal election was called.

She said the process so far has been "very stressful, but also encouraging."

Davidson doesn't have election experience. She wasn't a party member until she submitted a candidate application, realizing there was no representative in the riding.

On the last day to apply, Davidson said, "I thought 'you know what, somebody has to do it and sometimes that somebody is you'."

"We sit around our porch and complain and complain about what's going on," she said. "And then I knew I liked the PPC, I really liked that they were really standing up for our rights and freedoms."

Davidson, who runs a log home building business and cabinetry shop with her partner in Kawartha Lakes, said the most important issue for her is "respecting our

constitution" in regards to health mandates such as lockdowns and COVID-19 passports.

For Davidson, lockdowns in particular caused more damage than good. She said while COVID-19 deaths are tragic, "the suffering caused by lockdowns outweigh the risk of COVID-19."

For Davidson and the PPC party, health advice from Canada's chief public health officer Theresa Tam (who they propose to fire) has spread fear and division.

"I'm tired of all this fear all the time," she said. "We need to work, we need to get back to school, we need to get back rolling. And then we can start working on the economy."

The PPC party opposes vaccination requirements for healthcare workers, as well as the recently announced vaccine passport system which will be introduced in Ontario Sept. 22.

She said "crazy spending" by the Liberal government has directly contributed to high living costs and the current housing crisis in Haliburton. She also suggests lowering

immigration levels to "a more reasonable number," to help decrease competition for housing in Ontario.

The PPC party takes a skeptical view on climate change, claiming "none of the cataclysmic predictions that have been made about the climate since the 1970s have come true."

The PPC party also proposes to leave the Paris Agreement, a collection of 190 countries who have pledged to reduce emissions and work to adapt to climate change.

Davidson said Canada should look to what it already does well in conservation and environmental protection. "Part of it is we just talk doom and gloom instead of [saying] there are some things we've done that are good, and we should celebrate."

She said if Canada commits to reducing CO2 emissions, it would "devastate" the economy while high emission countries wouldn't be impacted.

"If we really want to do something about the global environment, we have to do something about China and India," she said.



Alison Davidson said she was inspired by the PPC party's stance on rights and freedoms in Canada. *Submitted.*

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The intersection of North Shore Road and St. Peter's Road is problematic for highway rigs. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

AH moves to stop heavy truck traffic

By Lisa Gervais

GPS telling transport trucks they can take a shortcut have been causing issues at the intersection of St. Peter's Road and North Shore Road in Algonquin Highlands.

It's resulted in damage to the guardrails at the tight intersection by the bridge and the trucks have been forced to rattle down North Shore Road and Stanhope Airport Road before hitting a provincial highway once again.

Algonquin Highlands council moved to tackle the issue at its Sept. 2 meeting by having 'no heavy truck' signs posted at St. Peter's Road, North Shore Road and Stanhope Airport Road.

Council will also tidy up signage at the intersection to make it compliant with the

Ontario Traffic Manual.

Operations manager, Lyell Bergstrom, tabled two reports to the meeting.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said the heavy truck traffic report was "a long time coming." She said there is a problem with GPS and the township has been unable to contact anyone about it.

She said one mitigation measure is posting signs telling truckers coming off of Highway 118 or 35 that no heavy truck traffic will be allowed on the three roads.

Bergstrom said, "the intersection is very tight ... too tight for big transports to get around corners." He said council could look at expropriating land or reconfiguring the bridge but doesn't want to do that. He said the better option was stopping the bypassing from 118 and 35.

It was noted the ban would not apply to delivery trucks or local trucks for building, cement trucks or dump trucks. In emergencies, he added trucks could still access the roads.

Deputy mayor Liz Danielsen said the township had reduced the speed limit on North Shore Road to reflect the fact there are a lot of walkers and cyclists as well as children so it is not ideal for transports. She said truckers need to know, "it's faster to stay to the highways and easier to navigate."

Moffatt added nor is it in keeping with the usage of the area.

"Long haul truckers ... they're the problem. I've followed a number of them across and you can see their minds are spinning. They get to the bridge and can't

navigate a right-hand turn so they slowly go down North Shore Road until their GPS recalibrates to Airport Road. I just think they shouldn't be on any of those roads. They are big trucks, going too fast, using air brakes where there are a lot of walkers."

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux said she was hopeful that truckers would report no heavy trucks are allowed on the roads and contact GPS to ask for changes. "It might be more impactful than council staff calling once a month."

Danielsen commented "residents would celebrate the decision."

Moffatt agreed saying people ask her, "Geez, is there nothing you can do? Big trucks are rattling down here, thinking it's a short cut when it's not even a short cut."

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Freedom and rights

Freedom, claimed French philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau, is attained by giving it up.

That might sound laughable to our 21st century ears; maybe even a bit problematic. But Rousseau's ideas, as laid out in his 1700s The Social Contract, are central to every part of life as a Canadian; as a citizen in nearly every country in the world.

A woefully paraphrased version goes something like this: without sacrificing certain freedoms (my freedom to drive on the left-hand side of the road or take a pet lion for a stroll down Highland Street) we are less free.

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In some ways that applies to the conversation of vaccines. Many claim that being unable to dine in a restaurant without a vaccine is an infringement upon our rights. However, others argue that dining in private restaurants is a privilege, which can't trump a worker's right to a safe workplace, cause undue risk to the health of other diners nearby or hospital workers called to treat a COVID-19 outbreak.

Showing proof of vaccination is a different injustice, protesters argue, than having to have a driver's license to drive a car you bought, legally being required to wear a seatbelt in that vehicle, or having a social insurance number to be employed at the job you're driving to.

And vaccination requirements have existed for years. Right now, children in Ontario schools must be vaccinated against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningitis, whooping cough and chickenpox. To many Canadians, the new vaccine certificate seems a perfectly reasonable way to keep people safe as we navigate an uncertain fall, while still protecting the personal rights of those who don't want to be vaccinated.

But if only the conversation was that simple. Besides chatting about rights and privileges, there should be a lot of talk about how any of these rules impact businesses and our community's most vulnerable people.

Business owners, especially in Haliburton, know their customers. And a few that I've talked to say it's likely some people won't dine in or pick up the barbells at the gym because of the new restrictions. As well, for people without ID, a smartphone or internet connection, maintaining vaccine certification could be difficult.

All three levels of government must continue to ensure everyone has the ability, not only to get vaccinated, but to easily navigate how to attain a certificate or proof of vaccination.

In what's been one of the most difficult years on record to own a small business in the hospitality, personal care or fitness sectors, we can only hope any who might not have been vaccinated on Sept. 22 are as

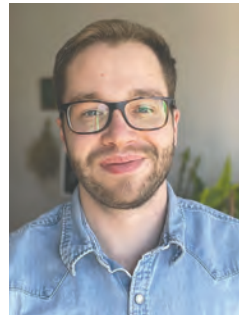
respectful as the business owners who will be forced to turn them away.

As well, the Government of Ontario and the province's media outlets, *The Highlander* included, must be prepared to examine how the certificate works and whether it makes a difference in case counts, hospitalizations and vaccines (public health officials are noting an uptick in vaccine appointments after the announcement).

With unvaccinated people making up the vast majority of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Canada, some might argue for a different interpretation of freedom than those at recent protests across Ontario.

Some might say freedom is preserved by getting the jab and wearing a mask; ensuring we do everything possible to keep our friends, neighbours, coworkers and kids safe from COVID-19.

There is no vaccine mandate: no one is forced to get the vaccine. However, our freedom to enjoy good health, from what I can tell, is a fair bit more weighty than an unvaccinated person's right to endanger that freedom while enjoying a tasty restaurant-cooked breakfast.



By Sam Gillett

COVID CORNER

When to get a booster vaccine

While some countries in Africa have less than three per cent of people vaccinated, Canada and the US are proceeding with a third booster COVID vaccine, starting now with anyone whose immune system is compromised (people receiving chemotherapy and those on immune suppressing medication).

While the World Health Organization is asking for a pause on boosters to allow other countries a first dose, the questions being asked here are, "How effective are boosters?", "Are boosters needed?", and "How long do the current vaccines provide immunity?"

Answering these questions is challenging. Accessing vaccines for academic research is not easy because every vaccine manufactured is critically needed; nobody wants to take from someone who hasn't yet been vaccinated. Gathering data from the real world is tricky also because different approaches were used. Some people had mixed mRNA vaccines, or a viral vector followed by mRNA. Some people had natural immunity from infection, then got vaccinated. Many had two shots 21 to 28 days apart, yet other people had eight to 12-week intervals. Data so far does show strong immunity six to eight months after two shots. Evaluating the optimal regimen or how long immunity lasts is like "reading the tea leaves," to quote one scientist.

Vaccines and acquired immunity are the way through the pandemic. The 1918

influenza pandemic was the deadliest respiratory virus pandemic recorded, with 50 to 100 million deaths estimated. With no vaccine until 1942, deaths did not slow until enough population had acquired immunity through infection. Or died. Judging by the suffering and death from the 1918 influenza pandemic and the deadly Delta surge in India in spring 2021, natural immunity is a terrible way to get through a pandemic.

Attempts to extinguish the virus with lockdowns have taken a toll. Thankfully the rapid development of vaccines that reduce severe illness, hospitalizations and deaths, has served to defang SARS-CoV2, reducing it to the severity of a common cold for most people.

What do the vaccines provide? They generate neutralizing antibodies that prevent the virus from entering our cells. But those antibodies will wane over time since we cannot keep antibodies in our bloodstream for every infection and vaccine ever encountered (our blood would thicken). Luckily the vaccines generate "memory B cells" in our immune system memory banks, able to produce high levels of antibodies to fight the virus if they see it again. What is amazing is our memory B cells produce antibodies adapted against the COVID variants, not just original antibodies against the original strain.

Fully vaccinated people (two shots) generate some antibodies against every variant, thanks to their bank of memory B

cells. Memory B cells, generated by either natural infection or vaccination, are long-lasting. A 2008 Nature study found that survivors of the 1918 influenza pandemic were able to produce antibodies from memory B cells when exposed to the same influenza strain nine decades later. On July 30, 2021, a third (booster) dose of Pfizer-BioNTech was given to over one million adults over 60 years in Israel who had received two doses at least five months previously. Starting 12 days after the booster dose they found an 11.4-fold decrease in the relative risk of confirmed infection, and a greater than 10-fold decrease in the relative risk of severe illness, concluding the third vaccine reduces transmission and severe disease.

Without randomized controlled trials showing whether three shots versus two changes the important outcomes (hospitalization and death), many argue for giving surplus vaccines to poor countries to combat severe disease and save lives. In the US, only about 6,000 individuals are reported to have had severe breakthrough infections among the over 175 million fully vaccinated.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Security and other County problems

Dear editor,

An overlooked and underlying factor with respect to County security concerns (and other current issues such as increased littering or unwelcome fireworks) is the surge in cottage rentals.

Renting brings strangers into our community. Despite any arguable economic benefits that such might generate, though usually and mostly for just the individual property owner, renting brings in transient outsiders who have no vested interest in the community and often display little knowledge of, or regard for, local values, or bylaws, or residents.

More precisely, renting provides outsiders with opportunity to familiarize themselves with our community, see its upsides, as well as note its vulnerabilities which include security levels and enforcement practices which are much less than are experienced or expected in the city.

The laid-back, friendly experience that makes Haliburton welcoming unfortunately is seen by a few as an opportunity for disrespectful and sometimes anti-social behaviour. Clearly it would be naive and exaggerating to blame renters as the cause of all our problems, but certainly, going forward, they now need to be factored into all of our serious conversations.

Garry Lamourie
Sharon Lake, Minden Hills

So many problems

Dear editor,

I would like to respond to the recent letter to the editor and editorial about banning all fireworks.

I agree wholeheartedly with Jan Graham. They need to stop.

I am another person that is sick to death of fireworks being let off any time, any day and the remains landing in our lakes.

So many people I know have dogs and when the fireworks start, they are absolutely terrified and traumatized. Fireworks should not be sold in stores and have no place on private lawns or lakes. Yes, we miss the West Guilford display on July 1. This past July 1 was horrendous and the fireworks went on for four nights.

As for rubbish, garbage bags and Tim Horton coffee cups have been strewn on our roads this past few months. It's a disgrace and continues to get worse. I pick up garbage constantly in my daily travels. When did people become such inconsiderate slobos by tossing garbage wherever?

Airbnbs and rentals have not helped this situation, especially owners not informing their renters properly. This along with the increasing traffic, noise and strangers week after week is a problem.

Speeding is always a major issue and is the worst ever. We have 'slow down' signs lining our road the last few years and our

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Hilary Morrin sent in this photo titled 'His Majesty.'

road is very popular with walkers, cyclers, children playing, seniors, pets etc.

The speeding is unbelievable and dangerous and it's happening everywhere. Our road is a worry instead of being enjoyable. Rarely do we see the OPP which is much needed especially on weekends. We need photo radar.

Robberies in the County and break-ins are more frequent and how many street lights and security cameras do we need to feel safe?

Margo Ross
West Guilford

Election poker

Dear editor,

Here we go again, another poker night, Sept. 20. Lots of wild cards.

Will the Afghanistan fiasco trump the lost graves of indigenous school children? Or will some wildfire or calamitous weather event tip results? Will COVID deaths focus concern on health care? Hopefully some deluded anti-vaccine or anti-mask protestors won't create furor.

Only one thing is reasonably predictable. Some party will emerge a winner with a bloated percentage of seats as compared

to the percentage of their votes. Oh yes, winners! But the best way to ensure good policy is to start with fair results where every significant point of view is fairly represented. Winning is a distraction at best.

Oh well not this election and something better was promised last election in Oct. 2019.

To review, the Bloc won 9.5 per cent of the seats, 32 all in Quebec with 7.6 per cent of the vote.

Conservatives won 35.8 per cent of the seats, 121 nationwide with 34.3 per cent of the votes.

Greens won 0.9 per cent of the seats, three nationwide with 6.5 per cent of the votes.

Liberals won 46.4 per cent of the seats, 157 nationwide with 33.1 per cent of the votes.

The NDP won 7.1 per cent of the seats, 24 nationwide with 16 per cent of the votes.

Jim Milne
for fairvote.ca in Haliburton

Cancer not taking a break

Dear editor,

The official Terry Fox Run will be Sunday, Sept. 19.

It will be virtual again this year, due to the continuing COVID threat.

The theme, as it was last year, is One Day Your Way, encouraging people to plan a personal event to help keep Terry's legacy alive.

Cancer is not taking a break during this pandemic, so if you can possibly make a donation please go to terryfox.org and give generously. Many thanks,

Minden Terry Fox Committee

Mandated vaccine

Dear editor,

Since when did unvaccinated become synonymous with infected?

I personally know a number of unvaccinated people that are perfectly healthy.

As it appears that vaccinated people can become infected and infect other people, why are they treated differently?

Politicians mandating against Canadians earning a livelihood or entering certain public and commercial premises is unconscionable and totally unacceptable.

Peter Epps
Haliburton

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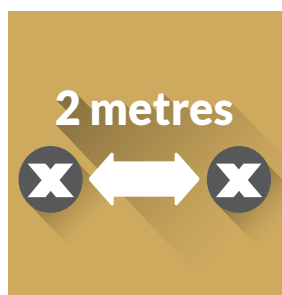
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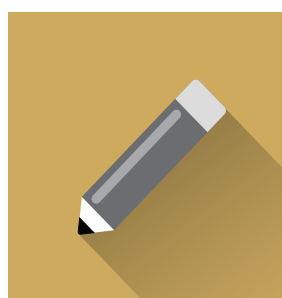


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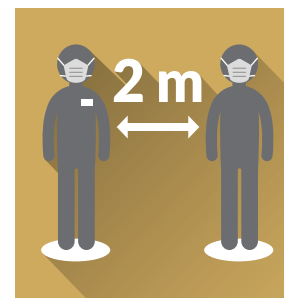
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Highlander news

Sending a Libertarian 'suitcase' to Ottawa

THE HIGHLANDS VOTES

By Sam Gillett

He might be running as a candidate for the Libertarian Party of Canada, but Gene Balfour said he isn't a politician.

"I see myself as an advocate for ideas that are affecting the political realm," he said.

The former People's Party of Canada candidate from Fenelon Falls has run as a Libertarian before, most recently in the 2018 provincial election.

He spent more than 40 years working in the IT sector in professional recruitment. Running for the Libertarian Party, said Balfour, lets him focus on freely spreading his ideas and message of limited governance and personal freedoms.

"If the public can begin to understand those ideas, and begin to see the value in pulling back the size of our government to something that's more sustainable and more purposeful, they'll start putting pressure on the people we send to Ottawa," he said.

That's why he said he supports Conservative candidate Jamie Schmale, who he said has a proven track record in advocating for a reduction in government size. He said he'd like to provide Schmale with a "suitcase full of requests from citizens" who want to reduce the size and scope of the Canadian government.

Key fixtures of Balfour's conservative libertarian approach would have on the ground consequences for Haliburton's healthcare, social services, environmental protection measures and even COVID-19 protocols.

On housing, Balfour claimed Canada's government spending and legislative restrictions have contributed to sky-high housing costs. In an area with limited, and expensive, rental opportunities, Balfour suggests lower rental and housing costs can be achieved through decreasing government spending and lowering the rate of inflation and living.

Balfour criticizes what he calls the "nanny state," which refers to the funding and operating of a suite of social programs and bureaucratic systems. In an area such as Haliburton, many regularly access programs that employ professionals to assist people living with addiction and other mental health conditions, seeking housing stability and more. Balfour said he approaches the issue with "community-centred values," which he describes as putting the responsibility of social care to "neighbours," instead of publicly-funded professionals. With less government spending Balfour said limited taxation will put more money in peoples' pockets. He said decreased regulations on industries will stimulate the economy, providing more opportunities for work and betterment.

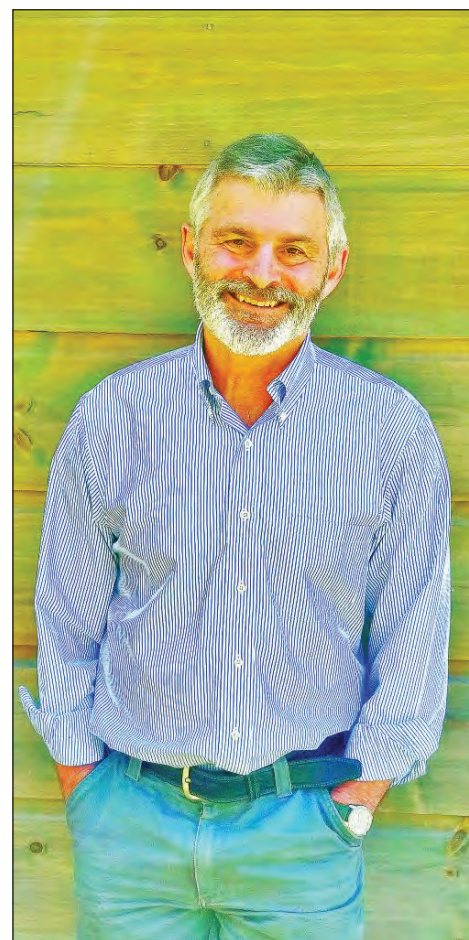
Balfour said he supports regulations that protect wildlife and lake quality in areas such as Haliburton County.

"There are laws and regulations that need to be in place to protect those things that are so valuable to us, but we don't need all the other ones," he said. "Let's strip away the regulations that have been built up over many years over partisan political concerns to give certain special interest groups power over people at the expense of taxpayers."

Balfour said the response to COVID-19 should be an individual one without restrictions such as mandated mask-wearing or lockdowns. He referred to the Great Barrington Declaration, a COVID-19 response strategy penned by scientists which promotes herd immunity. It's an approach criticized by many health professionals, who say it would result in even more deaths than COVID-19 has caused so far, which amounts to more than four million.

He mentioned how lockdowns have resulted in high rates of mental health distress, as well as limiting job opportunities for people desperate to work.

"You can't throw those people under the bus. You've got to give them the freedom to look at their own situation, their own risk" he said. He thinks mainstream media "fear mongering" has overstated the seriousness of COVID-19 infection. The virus has caused 26,977 deaths in Canada.



Gene Balfour is the Libertarian Party of Canada's Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock candidate. Submitted.

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For further information or to arrange for an invitation, please contact the HHHS Foundation at 705-457-1580 or foundation@hhhs.ca

Highlander business

New enterprise lighting up the Highlands

By Lisa Harrison

Brandi Hewson is shining stylish light on design for local consumers and trades through her new company, Kohara + Co.

Hewson will officially launch the interior/exterior lighting, décor and design business on Sept. 16 and 17 with grand opening events at the showroom and store on Industrial Park Road in Haliburton.

"It is our mission to deliver exceptional lighting solutions and a very tailored experience to our clients," said Hewson.

"We work very hard to collaborate with designers, trades, consumers, or homeowners to provide functional and elegant lighting enhancing interior and exterior spaces," in addition to high-quality lighting fixtures, Kohara features home décor pieces, candles and lamps and provides free design consultations.

"We will also be offering select custom furniture and already are looking at other items to expand into as our vision to provide a full home solution."

The name Kohara is rooted in Hewson's beginnings as an entrepreneur in New Zealand. In the Indigenous Māori language, it means "to gleam, to brighten, to shine, to be passionate," said Hewson.

Kohara is a division of another Hewson business, WAI Products Ltd. Hewson said WAI's customer base has been "95 per cent non-local," distributing water supply, irrigation, and landscape lighting products

throughout Canada to trades and the country's largest national retailers. WAI also operates a business development consulting division for international manufacturers.

When COVID-19 hit, Hewson saw potential for both risk and opportunity in her field and the Kohara concept was born.

"Having been in the landscape lighting industry over the past eight years, we were being asked by our valued trades for interior and exterior lighting solutions. The challenge of supply to local trades and consumers presented the gap we needed to dive in. It is important to me that we contribute to our own local economy and support so many local talented trades as well."

Hewson thoroughly researched the market before taking the plunge, including considering client input, local contractor and designer needs, competitors and the best quality manufacturers to ensure the right selections for every budget and style.

"Haliburton has drastically expanded over the past couple of years as the dream of lakeside living and cottaging grows but also as COVID hit our market, and [that] lifestyle is very much desired. The contractors are all overwhelmed with work and opportunity so what better time for Kohara to provide full support on quality lighting solutions?"

While business at WAI dipped as predicted at the start of the pandemic, it "took a major growth leap" a few months later, creating a



Tamara Bain, lead accounts and office manager, and Brandi Hewson, owner of Kohara + Co. Photo by Sam Gillett.

juggling challenge with the Kohara start-up. Hewson credits Tamara Bain, lead account and office manager, with helping to keep things on track and aligned with the Kohara + Co. vision.

"I am very grateful to have someone equally as committed, excited and passionate on my team," said Hewson. "No matter what style of fixture or spec of ceiling fan you need, Tamara will find it for you on your budget."

Kohara design consultations will feature not only Hewson's WAI experience but also her 10-year background as owner of Elegant Details Wedding Event Planning and Decorating, which she sold just over two years ago.

"I have always had a passion for interior and event décor and a vision to fully transition spaces. I have built and

personally designed two of my own homes and our cottage and just have a love for every aspect."

Kohara + Co. will host an invitation-only event on Sept. 16 for family, friends and customers who supported Kohara's creation, and a public grand opening on Sept 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both events will include gift bags for the first 40 guests, display discounts, draws, and giveaways for new lighting fixtures such as a Kichler chandelier, a Monte Carlo ceiling fan, a Matteo wall sconce and more. Visitors to the public event can take advantage of the chance to sign up for free in-house consultations.

Kohara + Co. is located at 175 Industrial Rd., Haliburton. Phone 705-455-9417; email info@koharaco.com; visit koharaco.com.

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Highlander arts

Live dance returns to Sculpture Forest

By Lisa Gervais

Live dance is coming back to the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

Forest spokesperson Youkie Stagg said on Sept. 2 that the Throwdown Collective and five other dancers have devised and choreographed dances inspired by the art of the Sculpture Forest.

From Sept. 13-18, visitors will have a chance to see Brian Solomon, Noriko Yamamoto, Phylcia Browne-Charles, Madeline Friel, and Throwdown Collective's Mairéad Filgate, Brodie Stevenson with Irvin Chow perform.

Stagg said, "these selected artists have been invited to take an existing work or idea perhaps halted by the pandemic and to re-engage, re-configure, and adapt it to the outdoor environment, exploring it through a new lens."

The event has been dubbed Re-emergence and Re-engagement.

Stagg added it coincidentally occurs during the week of Hike Haliburton, so hikers taking a guided tour of the Sculpture Forest will be able to see the dancers at work.

The artists will be in the Sculpture Forest (weather permitting) from noon to 4 p.m. each day. Community members are welcome to come and see their work in progress. There will also be a community forum on Friday, Sept. 17 for people to talk with the artists about their process. In light

of COVID-19 restrictions, organizers are asking the public to bring a mask for when social distancing is not possible.

Stagg said the dance event aims to bring back collaborative dance to Haliburton after a year and a half of lockdowns. The Sculpture Forest is working with Dance Happens Here Haliburton.

Stagg added there will be an event later this winter as well, called Re-connection. She said the dancers and choreographers will reconvene for a live event to discuss their work, sit in for a question-and-answer session and possibly perform their work live depending on pandemic restrictions.

She also encouraged the public to visit the Downtown Haliburton Sculpture Exhibition, an exhibit of six sculptures in downtown Haliburton. The sculptures are available for purchase until Oct. 28.

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest is home to 38 outdoor sculptures and six unique sculptural benches by indigenous, international, and Canadian artists.

People can find guides for both the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and downtown exhibit at the Haliburton Welcome Centre on York Street, at the entrance to the Sculpture Forest, or online at haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

For more information on COVID-19 guidelines and tours go to: haliburtonsculptureforest@gmail.com or call 705-457-3555.



An image from a Throwdown Collective performance at the Sculpture Forest. Photo submitted.

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 PO Box 359, 7 Milne Street
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 Email: sprentice@mindenhills.ca

Highlander people

Forever 'Mrs. Walling' to thousands of students

By Lisa Gervais

Known as Mrs. Walling to thousands of kids, a woman who taught at the Victoria Street School in Haliburton for 36 years has passed away.

Bonnie Walling was in her 89th year.

Her daughter, Susan Baszczyński, returned to the school that is now home to Community Living Trent Lakes Sept. 6 to reflect on her mom.

Sitting at a picnic table overlooking what would have been Mrs. Walling's Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms, Baszczyński said her mom spent the bulk of her career there and was also a student herself.

"It's a reminiscing spot. She has a picture of the school that was painted for her when she retired. I brought it to the funeral home and I'm going to hang it in my home. It's a nice print."

Baszczyński said there is no doubt her mother had an impact on the community. She said it's been "heartwarming" having former students reach out in tribute to the woman who lived in the village until she was 85.

"I think she truly gave a lot of kids a very positive start with their school education. They began in a happy spot. I think it carried a lot of them throughout their years. Anybody I've talked to that had her [as a teacher] has fond memories."

Many have commented how Mrs. Walling would recognize them.

"She amazed me how she remembered names. Not only would she remember the child, she would remember other kids in the class and the year the kid was in Kindergarten. She had it all down. That was up into her 80s she was still doing that."

By the end of her career, she was teaching kids of kids.

Bonnie Walling (Lee) grew up in the village, just up the hill from the former school. The family had a cottage on Drag Lake they would go to the day after school ended right up until Labour Day. They would come into the village for the annual Rotary Carnival parade.

Baszczyński said her mother showed her and other kids at the cottage a good time every summer. For example, she would set up treasure hunts and hide clues. "And it always included a treat at the end."

Although she lived to be nearly 90 her life was not without its health challenges. She was a three-time cancer survivor, had Crohn's and in the end died of congestive heart failure. Despite that, she remained a caregiver, undergoing radiation for breast cancer in Kingston while caring for her husband who had Alzheimer's in the early 1980s.

Baszczyński said she would joke with the doctors that her mom's nickname should be "lucky" for all that she had survived.

With her dad being a road surveyor, Baszczyński said she and her mom were close growing up.



Bonnie Walling with children at her retirement. Photo submitted.

"She was my rock. We did a lot together growing up. And we share a similar sense of humour so we got along. She came to anything I ever had or did. That was always nice to know she was there."

Of the many tributes on the Haliburton County Funeral Home website, Jacoba

Lilius wrote, "Forever Mrs. Walling to me. What an impact a caring teacher can have and she certainly did. She nurtured my love of learning and reading and inspired me to become an educator too. Sending my sincere condolences to her family."

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Notice of Virtual Regular Council Meeting – September 30, 2021 9:30 AM

TAKE NOTICE that the Thursday, September 30, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council will be held virtually, via web conference, at 9:30 AM in the Council Office, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

Notice of Tax Sale

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills is selling land by Public Tender. Deadline for submission is Friday, October 1st, 2021 on or before 3:00 PM. For more information visit www.mindenhills.ca/tenders/, contact the Tax Collector at 705-286-1260 ext. 501.

Hazardous Waste Collection Event

The next Household Hazardous Waste collection event is Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the Scotch Line Landfill from 8am to 11:30am. Please visit mindenhills.ca/landfill for a list of accepted items.

(Virtual) Council Meetings

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

September 9
Regular Council Meeting

September 30
Regular Council Meeting 9:30 AM

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.

Highlander sports



Two teams battle it out during the rookie camp. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Huskies getting ready

By Lisa Gervais

Locals Kaine Brannigan, Dylan Keefer and Isaac Little have been invited to the Haliburton County Huskies Blue versus White game scheduled for Sept. 11 in Minden as the club finalizes its roster for the Ontario Junior A Hockey season.

Head coach and general manager, Ryan Ramsay, said the three impressed during the team's rookie camp in late August.

The Huskies are offering free admission for fans to watch the intrasquad match which is scheduled for noon at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

Another two Highland Storm alumni, Braeden Robinson and Colin Glecoff, will be affiliate players with the club, Ramsay said.

Robinson will play for North Kawartha Knights and Glecoff will lace up the skates for either North Kawartha Knights or a Central Ontario midget AAA squad.

The late August rookie camp featured 49 skaters, including 16 goalies.

Ticket prices and availability for the other home games, as well as remaining preseason away games, will be announced shortly.

The Huskies are home to the Aurora Tigers, Sept. 18 at 4:30 p.m., and the Collingwood Blues, Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m.

The Huskies regular season home opener is on Oct. 2 versus Lindsay.

Season ticket holders can pick up their tickets at the arena on the dates of the Blue-White game and the two exhibition games.

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Roll # 46 16 042 000 41200 – Township of Minden Hills
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This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001, and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act.

Further information about this matter is available online at www.mindenhill.ca/tenders/, or you may contact:

Jane Leavis, Tax Collector

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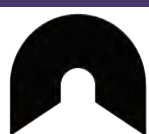
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Highlander events



Good times in Gooderham

The streets of downtown Gooderham came alive Sept. 4 during the annual 503 Street Sale Event. The Gooderham Community Action Group hosted a street sale with sellers filling Gooderham and Mill streets with tables and chairs to peddle their wares. *(Lisa Gervais).*

Top photo: Vendors line Gooderham and Mill streets. Bottom photo: Susan Keshen buys chutney from Barbara Kraus. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*





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What's on



Participants pose before the 2020 Terry Fox race. *File.*

Terry's committee calling for volunteers

By Sam Gillett

Since 1994, Minden's Terry Fox run has motivated runners and walkers to raise more than \$329,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation and its efforts to cure cancer.

While this year will, again, be a socially distanced and solitary affair, the committee behind the run hopes to motivate fundraisers and new volunteers to ensure the event's future is just as bright as its past.

"We have people who do it every year. They go around to all their friends and relatives and they collect sponsorship money. They're proud to wear their Terry

Fox shirts. I guess it's just part of the small town mentality," said Minden's Terry Fox committee chair Barb Millington.

This year the run is titled 'Terry Fox Run. One Day. Your Way.'

Participants still raise money and submit pledges, but can take part wherever they are, for whatever distance they want.

"Terry had to stop his Marathon of Hope 41 years ago when his cancer returned," said Fred Fox, Terry's brother, in a foundation press release. "He asked Canadians to keep fundraising for cancer research without him so that his dream of finding a cure would one day be realized,

and that is exactly what we need to do."

Besides this year's virtual event, Millington is hopeful a new generation of organizers will energize fundraising efforts for future runs.

"The main thing we need to keep things going is someone to look after it, to chair it," she said. But anyone can volunteer; they need people to fill in for jobs like working the registration table, putting up signs and more."

Millington has been a volunteer on the committee for 19 years. She said each year she sees the community come together in a special way for the usual 10 kilometre run

or walk down Deep Bay Road.

"It's tradition and we've been doing it for so many years," she said. It's a tradition she and the rest of the committee intend to keep alive, even through two years of COVID-19. For many, it's also a way to pay tribute to Terry himself, who gave hope to thousands of Canadians through his 5,373 kilometre run, Millington said.

"I think he just captured people's hearts when he did that."

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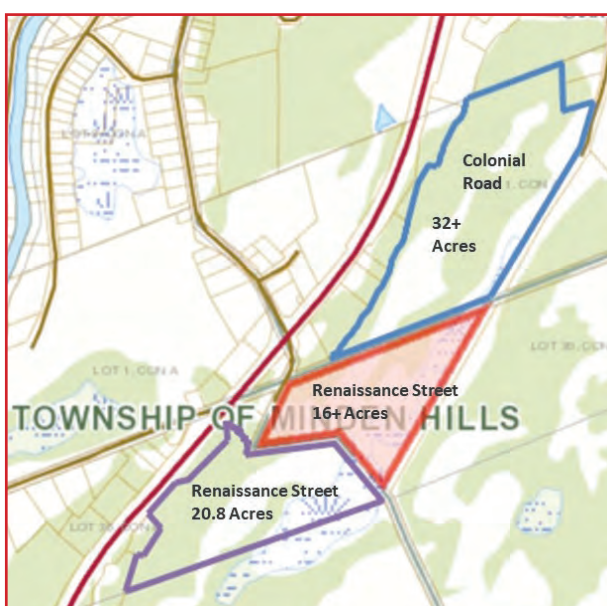
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Byron Hodgins

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Byron Hodgins plein-air-painting practice has led him to experience, what is typically considered to be a common place, as a transformational opportunity to be in the present and focus on the self. He gravitates to forms—rough and unkempt—for his rich and vital sources for pure abstract painting. Hodgins received a B.F.A from Nova Scotia School of Art and Design, and lives and works in Ottawa, Ontario. Hodgins is the founder and director of the Corner Gallery in Haliburton, Ontario.

Gary Blundell

Meet at the Irondale Church

The Irondale Church was built in 1887 by Haliburton County's great iron and railway baron Charles Pusey. Gary's drawings of the building were showcased in his 2020 exhibition *Navigations of Iron* at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery which highlighted the mining history of the area. This session will be spent drawing and painting, with quick drying water based materials.

Gary has been a professional painter for nearly 30 years with over sixty exhibitions across Canada and the UK. Trained as a geologist, Gary's work encapsulates the liminal worlds of Earth's surface. His paintings can be found in many public and private collections. Recently Gary worked with the Canadian Space Agency on a project celebrating Canada's terrain from space. His work can be seen at hotspurstudio.com

Harvey Walker

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He is survived by his three children Jaime Abbs (Jim), Cory Abbs (Mitch), and Brodie Abbs (Cassie), his brother Rob Abbs (Vicky) and his sister Terri Curry (Dean). He is awaited by his parents, Brian and Iris Abbs (née Harrison), and will be missed by his grandchildren Damian, Jacob, and Baylee, as well as all his nieces and nephews.

Raise a glass for us, Papa Brad, and keep the bottle on ice. We'll get together again soon.

In accordance to Brad's wishes, cremation has taken place and due to COVID-19 Restrictions a memorial gathering to celebrate his life will be held at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Ronald McDonald House 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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A Private Family Graveside Interment Service will be held at the South Wilberforce Cemetery on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 12:00 o'clock noon. Cremation has taken place.

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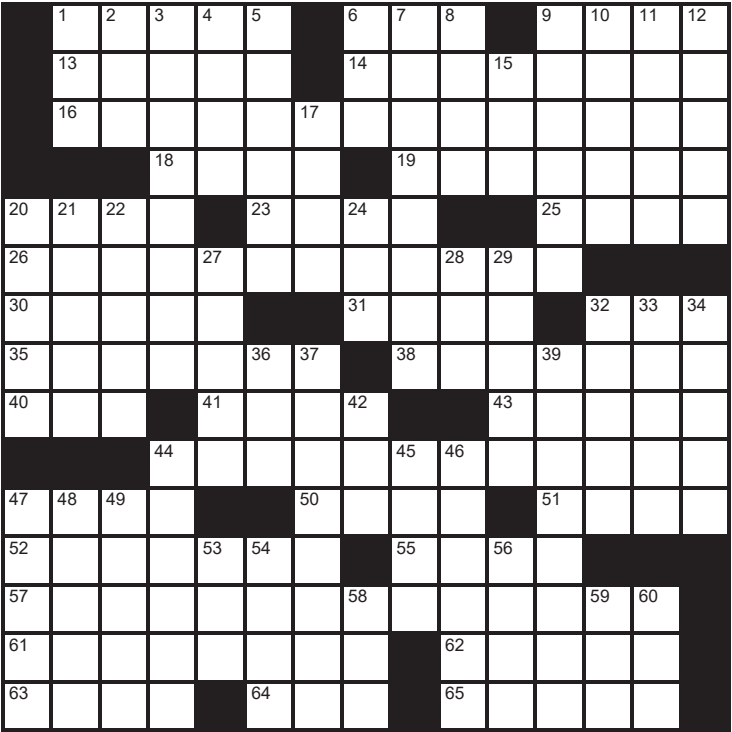
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Across

- 1 British Columbia's northern neighbour
- 6 Pah-pah preceder
- 9 Take orders from diners
- 13 Cat-__-tails
- 14 Extra tight friendship between two dudes
- 16 Visibly awed Motown singer Stevie?
- 18 "___ I" ("Me too")
- 19 Dangles a carrot, so to speak
- 20 "Up and ___ !" (wake-up call)
- 23 Perry Mason portrayer Raymond
- 25 Something that smells
- 26 Folk singer Neil who's been cryogenically preserved?
- 30 Words after bend or lend
- 31 Prefix meaning "self"
- 32 Rapper with the album "Illmatic"
- 35 One-eyed giant of myth
- 38 Teapot contents?
- 40 Bit of body art, for short
- 41 Where music was burnt, once
- 43 Line from the heart
- 44 British punk rocker Billy on becoming a U.S. citizen?
- 47 Get an ___ effort
- 50 59-Down, to Ovid
- 51 It means "since," in a New Year's song
- 52 "Little green man"
- 55 Via, to Burns
- 57 Impersonator of Canadian country legend Hank?
- 61 Burton's band, with "the"
- 62 Happening
- 63 "Skedaddle!"
- 64 "Atlas Shrugged" author Rand
- 65 WWI Belgian battle town

Down

- 1 "Ouch!"
- 2 Verse opener?
- 3 Menu choice that might come with a toy
- 4 ___'clock (1300 hours)
- 5 As required, with "if"
- 6 U.K. award bestowed by the queen
- 7 Have dinner delivered
- 8 Clipped by a Toro
- 9 Losing intensity
- 10 Catchall ending for a bus. name
- 11 Slurpee rivals
- 12 Wasting no words
- 15 Word for word, in French?
- 17 Part of BYOB
- 20 "Is that ___?" ("You don't say!")
- 21 Ousted Olympic figure skater Harding
- 22 Straight up
- 24 Handwoven Scandinavian rug
- 27 Souped-up engine sound
- 28 Middle of SUV: Abbr.
- 29 "___ is an island": John Donne
- 32 Like Sheldon of "The Big Bang Theory"
- 33 ___ Martin (James Bond car)
- 34 Like air in a windowless room
- 36 Summer fair in Vancouver
- 37 Cloth-covered hair elastic
- 39 Aunt in "Arsenic and Old Lace," e.g.
- 42 Big racket
- 44 "Starving" career choice
- 45 ___ rug (dance)
- 46 Cape Breton fiddler MacIsaac
- 47 Paperless 'zines
- 48 Egyptian king until 1952
- 49 "Which do you prefer, coffee ___?"
- 53 Uncertainties
- 54 Electronics co. bought by Sony
- 56 SASE insert in an invitation
- 58 Particle with a plus or minus
- 59 Vowel's value in Scrabble
- 60 Newborns' stats: Abbr.



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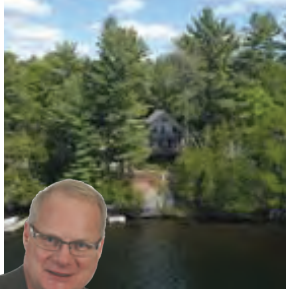
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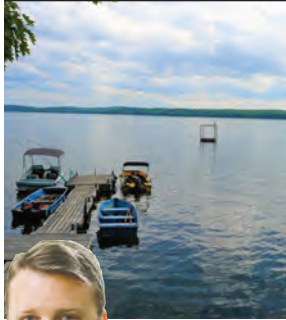
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