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Carnarvon-based artist Harvey Walker paints the Gull River, Sept. 25. Walker is one of more than 30 artists taking part in the Highlands' annual Studio Tour, during the first two weekends of October.
Photo By Sam Gillett

Cottagers speak out on shoreline bylaw process

By Sam Gillett

More than 100 Lake Kushog cottagers have signed a letter voicing concern over the County's draft shoreline preservation bylaw consultation process.

According to the letter sent to County councillors Sept. 22, certain cottagers and residents are "very concerned that [their] views are not being adequately represented" in the consultation process, currently facilitated by J.L. Richards (JLR) and Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. (HES).

Thomas Moch, spokesperson for the group and writer of the letter, said there's been a widespread surge of concern among cottagers across Haliburton as the consultation process enters its final stages.

"Everybody on these lakes works extremely hard to have a second property. We all sacrifice a lot, to afford this," said Moch, vice president of a Canada-wide contracting company. "For someone to come in and say 'we're going to take the first 30 metres of your property and essentially expropriate it from you: everyone's question is how can you

possibly even consider that?'" Moch expressed concern the process was weighted in favour of lake associations and stakeholders like BeShore Haliburton. As of press time, BeShore did not respond to three emails asking for comment.

There is currently no bylaw actively being considered by County council. A previously proposed draft bylaw, being reviewed by JLR and HES, suggested restricting development and native vegetation removal within 30 metres of a shoreline's high water mark. It did allow property owners to clear access paths and submit permits

for development projects such as the installation of docks, fire pits and decks.

Brian Atkins, a Kennisis Lake cottager, has similar concerns to Moch. He put out a call on Facebook for property owners dissatisfied with the direction of the review process to contact him.

Atkins said he's been "slammed" with messages of people voicing their support, collecting nearly 200 email addresses and names. He's formed an unofficial group, Concerned Haliburton Waterfront Property

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Parts of Minden's riverwalk were under water as of Sept. 24. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Local flooding after downpour

Scotch Line Road West, Upper Dutch Line and parts of the Minden Riverwalk were closed due to high water on Sept. 24 and 25 after days of heavy rainfall. The Trent Severn Waterway management said in a press release some areas on the waterway have received 150 per cent of the normal

monthly precipitation in September. As of Sept. 25, water levels had receded, however, the township of Minden Hills urges caution around rivers, lakes and streams which may still experience high water volumes. As of press time all closed roads are reopened. (Sam Gillett).

OPP investigate fatal ATV accident

A man from Fergus, Ontario, has been pronounced dead after a single-vehicle collision on County Road 121 in Minden on Sept 26.

At approximately 6:04 p.m., Haliburton Highlands OPP, along with the Haliburton County Paramedic Services and Minden Hills Township Fire Department, responded to the crash involving an ATV.

A single 45-year-old male rider, Tom White of Fergus,

Ontario, was transported to a local hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

County Road 121 at Rice Road was temporarily closed while Technical Collision Investigation officers investigated the scene.

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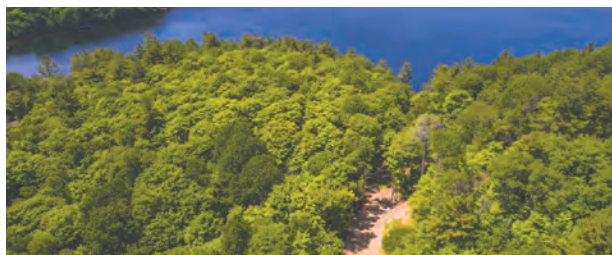
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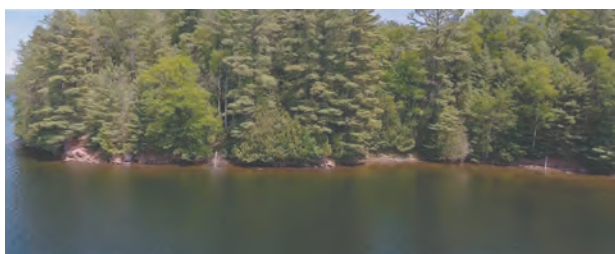
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Future of municipal airport at a 'crossroads'

By Mike Baker

While there was little in the way of tangible developments, Algonquin Highlands council spent another couple of hours discussing the long-term viability of the Stanhope Municipal Airport last week – coming to an agreement that a new, updated plan needed to be devised for the site.

In what has long been one of the most contentious and controversial issues in the municipality, the airport took central stage during a special meeting of council on Sept. 23. Algonquin Highlands CAO Angie Bird had asked council for direction on the facility as part of an overarching look at the township's infrastructure priorities.

Tentative discussions over a number of big ticket items and projects took place in September of last year, and were revisited in July. It was determined that the airport required special attention given that plans for the site have changed drastically over the past decade.

"We're here today because we have had a number of deferrals [on this issue]. We need to assess where we are, what the opportunities are, what's changed externally and internally and what direction we can either continue to take, or [discuss] a different direction to take around items [relating to the airport]," Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt informed council. "Basically, I'd say we're at a bit of a crossroads."

The airport first came online in 1967, after the township approved the development of a 2,680 ft. grass runway, apron and taxiways and commissioned the construction of a public building, aviation fuel facilities and a hangar building to store aircraft. In 1989, after receiving funding from the federal and provincial governments, the municipality installed a paved 2,500 ft. runway.

Shortly after the turn of the millennium, in 2001, the council of the day launched a plan to develop a new 4,000 ft long runway after being convinced that the airport served as one of Haliburton County's "strongest opportunities for increased investment." Those plans were shelved in 2010, with the proposed runway project coming in for significant criticism from the local community.

In 2014, the municipality commissioned a land use and development plan for the



Algonquin Highlands council agreed last week that a long-term vision needs to be adopted for the Stanhope Municipal Airport. *File.*

airport. Since then, the municipality has developed a partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources that saw a new 20,000 sq. ft. forestry firefighting headquarters constructed and the development of a new access road, new hangars and improved taxiways at the facility. The township has also discussed the development of 10 new lots on municipal property adjacent to the new MNR headquarters. In September 2020, municipal staff presented a report highlighting the cost to build a new 1,500 metre square access road to service those lots would run the municipality approximately \$100,000. Due to financial difficulties and uncertainties brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, those plans were shelved.

There is a clear divide among council regarding the airport, with some elected officials believing it to be a significant asset to the community, lobbying for continued investment at the site, and others questioning the benefits of pouring more money into it.

"I'm a little more pro-development and proactive about the airport," said deputy mayor Liz Danielsen, who spoke in favour of an eventual rekindling of the runway project, and the benefits of carrying out work on the proposed new service road to bring those 10 lots – slated for industrial development – online.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux is firmly on the

other side of the fence.

"I would not feel comfortable putting taxpayers' money towards further development of that space ... until we know for sure if we build it they will come," Dailloux said, referencing the 10 lots in question. "I think the big thing that was missing from [the 2014] study was the half of the market analysis that is not 'here are the things you can do', but are 'here is what the people want.' When it comes to the development of the industrial lots, for example, we knew from the study that it was possible to do that, what the study was not mandated to do was to find out if there was a demand for an industrial lot in a space such as our airport.

Referencing the land the municipality owns that was originally intended to house the previously proposed 4,000 ft. long runway, Dailloux said she would be more in favour of using the land for other purposes.

"I do not believe an extended runway is a good idea for the benefit of the taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands. I think there are other ways of using taxpayer money to directly support our community," Dailloux noted.

Moffatt was quick to clarify that the municipality has no intentions of building a new runway anytime soon – saying there would be no way they could afford such a project. Instead, she is focused on making sure the airport is as viable as it can

possibly be right now.

She asked for an update on the cookshack – built at the airport by volunteers a number of years ago. CAO Angie Bird noted the facility had some fire code challenges. She also pointed out the main terminal building required extensive work to ensure it met new accessibility requirements (set to come in by 2025), and that many of the hangars also required attention.

Bird said the municipality may be able to secure federal funding to bring the terminal building up to code.

While discussing the cost of these projects, Dailloux suggested that Algonquin Highlands reach out to the regional council in the hopes it will take on some of the financial burden.

Danielsen suggested that would be a hard sell. Moffatt said she would raise the topic at a future meeting of Haliburton County council. In the meantime, council again delayed making any substantial decisions for the site. Danielsen though was adamant in her belief that the township had a responsibility to make the airport "the best little recreational airport it can be."

Dailloux immediately retorted, "I would love to see this airport be the best little municipal recreational airport it can be, but not for its own sake. If we're going to make a go at this, it has to be for the benefit of our township and the taxpayers that are funding it."

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HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer updated the services' board of directors on Sept. 23. *File.*

HHHS says no to vaccine mandate

By Sam Gillett

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) will not mandate vaccines for employees.

"It was not an easy process going through the decision-making for how to proceed," said CEO Carolyn Plummer at a Sept. 23 HHHS board meeting. "We took into consideration a number of factors including choice, including the availability of human resources in our organizations."

Workers who are medically exempt from the vaccine or those who choose not to be vaccinated will be routinely tested and must partake in a vaccine safety training course.

Many hospitals in Ontario, including Orillia's Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (OSMH) and hospitals in Toronto, Windsor and Kingston, have recently announced staff must be vaccinated or risk termination.

"Patients and families expect those who take care of them to be vaccinated," said Carmine Stumpo, OSMH CEO, in a Sept. 1 press release. "Many of our team members will also be greatly relieved and reassured to know their colleagues are fully vaccinated."

Plummer said in rural areas like Haliburton, the decision to enforce vaccinations hinges on staff availability.

"The hospitals that have gone forward with policies that lead to termination for those who aren't vaccinated have the capacity to fill the gaps if staff do leave the organization," she said in response to a question posed by *The Highlander*. "We certainly don't have that same kind of capacity."

The ruling will apply to all HHHS workers in the service's hospital, direct care and end-of-life care programs and more.

In her CEO report Plummer wrote that "some members expressed concern over having some staff who remain unvaccinated and whether they should wear full PPE at all times."

Enforcing selective PPE wearing, she said, would be an infringement on privacy rights.

The decision is consistent with other similarly-sized healthcare services. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare's Pandemic Command Team announced in early September staff unable to be vaccinated or choosing not to would have to undergo regular screening and take vaccine safety training courses, but will not be terminating the employment of unvaccinated staff.

According to Plummer the decision also ensures "folks have a choice" about taking the vaccine. Currently, 85 per cent of HHHS staff are fully vaccinated, and Plummer added that no instances of staff to patient spread have been reported.

However, there have been instances of COVID-19 in HHHS locations. In February, Hyland Crest long-term care home in Minden declared an outbreak of COVID-19, after two staff members tested positive for the virus. One further caregiver tested positive in March.

All COVID-19 safety protocols will remain in place at HHHS locations.

Widespread staff shortages

Healthcare centers across Canada have been experiencing nursing and physician shortages and HHHS is no different, Plummer reported last week.

"It continues to be an ongoing challenge for us to cover all the areas that need coverage," she said.

Besides nurses and other primary care staff, HHHS has struggled to fill physician roles. Plummer said many doctors choose to specialize in one role, as opposed to working in multiple capacities at once, "which is historically how physicians in this community and other small communities function," she said.

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County receives service delivery update

By Sam Gillett

Working groups tasked with researching service improvements across the Highlands are discussing uploading aspects of municipal services, such as waste management, infrastructure planning, bylaw and IT, to the County level.

In a Sept. 22 committee of the whole meeting, working groups headed up by municipal CAOs, delivered progress reports to councillors.

“We’re not asking for a final decision on some of these things,” said County CAO Mike Rutter. Instead, he said the meeting was to determine if councillors were “generally supportive” of concepts each working group is researching.

Since June, they’ve been discussing policy improvements proposed by StrategyCorp, a firm hired to review the efficiency of Haliburton’s services.

While the discussion was not about amalgamation of the four municipalities, it was a topic which emerged in council discussion after each working group presented their progress.

“The ‘A word’ was not something that was supposed to form part of the conversation but I don’t see how we can separate the two,” said Warden Liz Danielsen. “Especially when it comes to these big-ticket items, like roads and bridges and waste management and really any of these topics.”

StrategyCorp, in a report presented to

council in Nov. 2020, estimated increased collaboration between municipalities could save the County up to \$1,193,000 annually. The suggestions include large projects, such as a master transportation plan, which Highlands East CAO Shannon Hunter estimates would cost between \$250,000 - \$500,000. It would chart the course for road infrastructure, sidewalks, and even public transportation, over the next decades.

Another focus area was waste management. Council expressed interest in continuing to investigate how waste management could be more efficiently dealt with, including the possibility of centralizing the service at the County level.

However working groups aren’t just focusing on big ticket items. CAOs heading up each group outlined ideas ranging from centralized employee benefits to software procurement. Multiple councillors expressed interest in centralizing communication initiatives to ensure consistent messaging about government activities across the Highlands.

For Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall, the suggestions of closer collaboration reflect the challenges the County faces, and only might ease the way to amalgamation. If it happens, “...the ‘A word’ becomes a lot more compatible,” he said. “It’s a direction we’re probably going to be going in, it’s just a question of when.”

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he will support initiatives proposed by



Working groups of County staff are currently brainstorming how Haliburton can improve the delivery of services. *File.*

the working groups that move towards amalgamation.

“I have been firmly convinced, and far more so in the last couple years, we need to go that direction,” he said.

Council made no formal decision on the working groups’ interim reports and will receive an update on the progress of each file in November.

COUNTY NEWS

Marking ‘orange shirt day’

Staff from the County of Haliburton and all four municipalities are marking the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30 through cultural training, flying an orange flag and providing educational resources online.

“I think for us it’s really about making sure we all know the truth because really that’s the first step towards reconciliation,” County CAO Mike Rutter said.

The Catholic Church operated 140 residential schools in Canada up until 1998. Survivors of the institutions, many forcibly removed from their families, recount instances of physical and sexual abuse.

A joint press release from the County and its lower-tier municipalities states their “hope is that by acknowledging past wrongs to Indigenous Peoples in Canada, we will all work together to ensure wrongs such as these never happen again and that Indigenous cultures will continue to thrive.”

Neither county nor municipal staff have the day off.

“We recognize truth and reconciliation, we do what we can to educate and promote and get everyone speaking,” said Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall at Sept. 14 meeting of council. (Compiled by Sam Gillett).



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Urging County for 'concise' draft bylaw

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Owners. "We're not hiding behind a media budget, we're out there. Anyone can contact us," he said.

Atkins said neither the consultants nor County council seem to be receptive to their concerns.

"Here we are with our hands up in the air going talk to us, talk to us," he said in an interview.

Warden Liz Danielsen said while not every email councillors receive, of which there have been hundreds related to the bylaw process, is replied to, they are passed on to the consultants.

In an interview before the letter was submitted to council, Jason Ferrigan of JLR said his team will receive and take seriously the Kushog residents' letter.

Ferrigan said he's been impressed by the variety of opinions expressed by property owners and stakeholders around the county.

"It demonstrates to us how much folks in Haliburton care about the quality of their lakes," he said.

Polling lake associations

Both Moch and Atkins, as well as signatories on Moch's letter and those who commented on Atkins' multiple Facebook posts, expressed concern that it seemed as though the opinions of official lake associations were valued higher than individual property owners in the consultation process.

"The problem right now we're seeing is the bylaw itself and the selective and subjective input," Atkins said, mentioning how many lakes have 40 per cent or more cottagers not a part of lake associations. He claims the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA) has voiced support for the draft bylaw as it was stated



Kushog Lake cottager Thomas Moch said individual property owners have been underrepresented in the shoreline bylaw review.

Photo by Sam Gillett.

before the consultation process began, and has not been transparent with members about interactions with consultants or its connection to BeShore, of which the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA) is named as a member. BeShore has published advertisements in local media sources which include the phrase "show your support" in regards to a shoreline protection bylaw.

Debra Wratschko, KLCOA president, said the association pays a small yearly fee to the CHA to access webinars, and online tools. Approximately 50 property owners associations are part of the CHA.

Wratschko said she isn't aware of any information about the consultation process being held back from members. She said her group has posted on the association's website each opportunity to get involved with the draft bylaw consultation.

"We did express our support to the county for a public consultation process," said Wratschko.

"We recognize we can't represent all opinions, so for us it was important that everyone had a chance to say their piece to the county."

She said they supported the objectives of the previous draft bylaw "in principle," in

the goal of achieving good water quality and healthy lakes, but have not spoken in favour of a final bylaw direction, such as the 30-metre vegetation buffer.

She said she urges the County to "provide a clear, concise and easy to understand version of the bylaw."

Moch and others said the Kushog Lake Property Owners Association was accused of supporting the draft bylaw without member consent. However president Norma Goodger said while she supports the drafting of a bylaw consistent with science, there's currently no bylaw on the table to support. It's impossible to support a

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 28, 2021 during its Meeting of Council via web conference regarding its Fees and Charges By-law. More information will be provided at a later date.

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(Virtual) Council Meetings

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document which is not currently available, nor being considered by County Council, Goodger said. She said she seeks to inform members about opportunities to get involved.

"We have no intention of dividing the community, our role is to inform," she said.

"I believe that the council members are asking very intelligent questions that are building their ability to make the right decision."

Danielsen said council has "recognized all along that lake associations don't necessarily represent the entirety of a lake. She said municipal officials have "tried to offer opportunities whether it's through email or through surveys or through the online open houses" for people to be able to have their say individually.

"We've tried our hardest to ensure everybody has a voice," she said, mentioning that all concerned about the draft bylaw the consultants might propose in October will have many more chances to speak up before it is passed into law.

The vegetative debate

While the debate surrounding shoreline preservation bylaws in the County has been ongoing for nearly four years, Moch, Atkins and other cottagers who signed the letter take particular exception to the previously proposed 30-metre vegetative buffer, a rule they expect to see in the next draft bylaw. What that buffer means, writes Moch, is unclear as it did not specify what vegetation was considered native.

The previously proposed bylaw allowed an application process for a long list of

development projects within the buffer, which Moch argues would still decrease property value and overly restrict property owners.

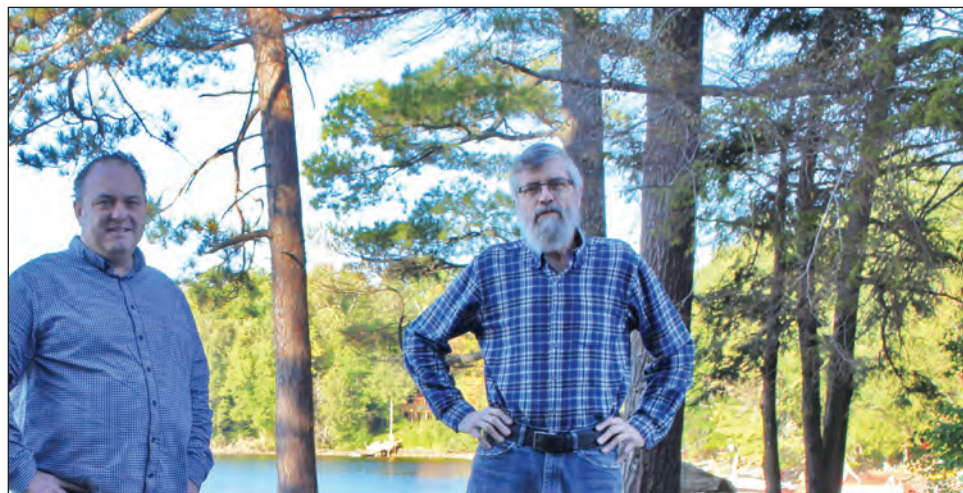
However a scientific literature review from consultant HES states the longer the vegetative buffer, the more effectively a shoreline will keep sediment from entering a lake.

Yet if the draft bylaw, to be presented to County Council Oct. 28, recommends a 30-metre setback for all lakes, Atkins said "It imposes a one-size-fits all solution," which unfairly targets properties with unique topography. Varying assessment criteria is a suggestion JLR proposed to council at its progress report in September.

Moch, claiming Kushog Lake is "above the 75 per cent natural shoreline level considered to be a measure of lake health," writes that the previously-proposed bylaw will target lakes which already are protected."

However a 2015 report from Watersheds Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Federation scores Kushog much lower, at approximately 35 per cent naturalized shorelines. The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA) of which the KLCOA and Kushog Lake Property Owners Association are members, reports that 92 per cent of lakes in Haliburton do not meet the 75 per cent threshold.

While Moch, Atkins and the many who support their views in Moch's letter support the current shoreline tree preservation bylaw, Environment Haliburton vice-president Terry Moore said



Brian Atkins, left, has been "slammed" with emails and facebook messages after putting the call out for cottagers who are concerned over the review. Fellow Kenissis Lake year-round resident Rod Dobson agrees with Atkins' stance. Photo by Sam Gillett.

it's not adequately protecting Haliburton's shorelines.

"It's an after-the-fact, complaint-based way of dealing with trees only, not shoreline vegetation writ-large," he said. "It's been manifestly unsuccessful to begin with, [doing nothing] to stop the degradation of the trees and vegetation around Haliburton County."

With many speaking out against the previous tenets of the draft bylaw at town halls, online and through lake associations, Moore said he's aware of a large community that supports stricter measures on their shoreline.

"People understand that there's a relationship between what happens on the shoreline, and what happens on the lake,"

he said. Moore said he's received rude and threatening messages online due to his support of aspects of the previously-proposed bylaw.

"They want to see that protected. What they don't want to do is be subjected to ridicule and attack on social media. It's been ruthless," Moore said.

Both Moore and Danielsen urged caution when discussing the future of the draft bylaw.

"If people think that there's a draft bylaw that's on the table at County council, they're wrong," Moore said. "I think it's misleading for people to start from that perspective."

The Highlander will provide a full online report of the second public town hall, hosted Sept. 29 by JLR and County Council.

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Artists shape communities

By Sam Gillett

The term “small business” has been a fixture in Canadian news and community discussions since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

It's for good reason: the pandemic and associated health measures only boosted the bottom lines of Amazon, Wal-Mart and Loblaws, while decimating revenues of restaurants, gyms, clothing stores, cafes, hotels and the hundreds of other small businesses that make Haliburton County a good place to live. We can only hope that the attention small business owners have garnered from provincial and federal governments continue.

Artists and creators are small businesses too.

Aside from the fact many of us use art to make our houses feel more like homes or find comfort in uncertain times, the industry contributes around \$25 billion to Ontario's GDP, according to a 2019 Ontario Council of the Arts review.

It's a sector of the economy with wide

ripple effects, and the people who work within it are often those working the hardest to make communities beautiful destinations.

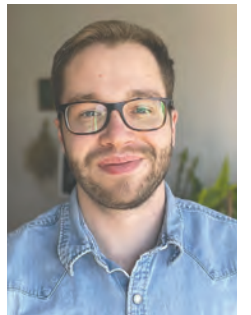
International tourists flock to Haliburton's Sculpture Forest and artists from around the province install sculptures on Haliburton's main street each summer. Students and cottagers enroll in degrees and summer classes at the Haliburton School of Art + Design, and creatives host multiple cross-county art shows each year. That's not to mention the vibrant performing arts organizations which perform top-class operas, plays and concerts. There's a good chance each and every person who comes to Haliburton for any one of these experiences spends more than a couple of dollars at cafes, restaurants, shops and stores around the Highlands. A county with a healthy arts sector draws people in and can help define its character.

This weekend, artists from Minden to Carnarvon to Haliburton will open their studio doors for the 34th annual Studio Tour. They'll showcase work that often

takes many hours to make; pieces of pottery molded from clay using techniques that they've practiced for decades; watercolour depictions of the County's lakes and forests and much, much more.

It's valuable work. It's work that reflects our surroundings and encourages us to take time to observe, feel, and marvel. I, for one, need that encouragement these days.

Getting takeout or sitting down for dinner is a way to support the future of our favourite restaurants. Buying art and engaging with artists who have gone nearly two years without a normal show and sale schedule shows support for a valuable, and I'd say integral, part of the county's cultural and economic fabric.



By Sam Gillett

Land Back movement challenges settlers

By Valerie Hunnius

On Sept. 8, Environment Haliburton! presented Dr. Jen Gobby of Concordia University in conversation with two First Nations activists, Jaydene Lavallie, a Two-Spirit Michif-Cree woman, and Sakej Ward of the Wolf Clan within the Mikmak Nation with respect to the Land Back Movement.

The notion challenges assumptions we rarely confront with respect to reconciliation. Reconciliation is so positive - who could possibly disagree?

The conversation was provocative. How is it we can harness the resources to confront a pandemic in less than one year, yet fail to ensure clean drinking water to many First Nations Reserves over multiple government administrations?

Indeed, the whole notion of “reserves” is as tinged with cultural genocide as is our legacy regarding residential schools. We know that the land we call Canada was never ceded by its original inhabitants; yet, there is no discussion about whether the reserve system can co-exist with reconciliation.

Many who seek to repair this fraught relationship think in terms of symbolic reparations, not in terms of actually releasing land back to Indigenous peoples for their governance.

Officially, the notion of Nation to Nation governance is given lip service with no actual plans to dismantle the Indian Act and to develop respectful relations with our first peoples.

Most intriguing about the Land Back movement is its connection to the current climate emergency, and the origin of both of these as casualties of the industrial revolution, supported by exploitation of fossil fuels.

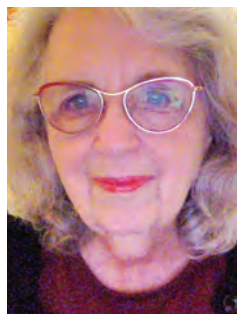
Highlighted in the discussion was the fundamental difference in approach to managing the land between private sector exploitation and that of Indigenous people. The former seeks to increase wealth for the powerful in the current generation; the latter seeks to protect the resources of the land for future generations. Indeed, the whole notion of private property ownership, rather than collective management of the land is called into question.

So many of us think of private property as natural, indeed as sacrosanct. But is it? Is it sufficient to reduce emissions in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, or is it necessary to also address the enormous contradictions and inequalities within our current economic model.

For so many generations, we could argue that a rising standard of living, bringing more people into the marketplace, could justify this model. Each generation could claim to be more “successful” than the last. Today this is much less clear. Not only are generations becoming poorer in relative terms: fewer opportunities exist, labour rights and economic security are threatened and life expectancy rates, over and above the impact of COVID-19, are currently declining in first world countries for the

first time. These are the disturbing questions of our day, and typically, they were not addressed in the recent election, by any of the Parties - hardly surprising, since these are revolutionary concepts. I have only touched on the connection of indigenous rights and the climate emergency. The conversation contained many other observations that may help us light our way to a grounded understanding of the issue. Go to environmenthaliburton.org to learn more about this important discussion.

Apologies and accommodations are symbolic actions which cannot substitute for restoration of rights, including land rights. Not everyone is ready to take more than incremental steps toward mitigation of the climate emergency and I certainly support all such efforts. Accountability for carbon budgets and emissions reduction is important. However, it is my hope that through deeper analysis, more people will become more comfortable and committed to fundamental change on a more urgent timeline. (Valerie Hunnius is a resident of Paudash Lake in Highlands East and was one of the original founders of Environment Haliburton! in 1997.)



By Valerie Hunnius

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Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Concerned by Grass Lake development

Dear Editor,

Your Sept. 16 edition reported a proposed development adjacent to the wetlands at the west end of Grass Lake. Subdividing the property and building 88 housing units adjacent to wetlands certainly does not sound to me like good environmental stewardship.

Dysart's own map lists these wetlands as an "Environmental Protection Area," and the Township's Official Plan lists the lake as already way over its "carrying capacity" (as are Head and Kashagawigamog Lakes).

The proposed removal of half of the trees adjacent to the wetland and installation of a dock at the wetland's edge endangers Grass Lake marine life. Should Dysart approve the application it will have no control over the further degradation that will arise from ongoing use and occupancy of the site.

Provincial legislation obliges municipalities to protect water quality and fish habitat through its land management decisions. So is Dysart finally going to meet its obligations on this site? I have seen in the past that Dysart, and the Province, have turned a blind eye to the owner's filling in much of these wetlands and blocking a watercourse in order to create a pond in these "environmentally protected" lands.

I believe its time for the township to actually protect the environment, and follow its own Official Plan. It would be appropriate for Dysart council to refocus the owner on developing his nearby property on the north side of Highway 21 at Peninsula Road.

John Cowan,
Grass Lake Road

On the question of vaccine rights

Dear Editor,

There was an interesting post from David Suzuki that deserves serious consideration. He said something like this - "There is an aspect of anti-vaxxers (I hope they're not coming at it from a conspiracy perspective) that I have to rant about. A lot of folks are saying it's their right to decide whether or not to get a shot. It's all about freedom. The thing that bugs me is that freedom comes with responsibility otherwise it's just license to do anything. If people resist vaccinations as a constitutional right, what about the right of everyone else who is sharing the same air and medical facilities? Should the resisters be allowed to pre-empt public medical facilities if they get sick since they've opted out of the system by abrogating their responsibilities'.

Yes, this is a loaded statement, but doesn't it make sense? Why should patients (like those suffering from cancer or needing an organ transplant) who were scheduled for medical interventions be told to wait in order to treat anti-vaxxers who defied medical advice and then contracted COVID?

Why should those anti-vaxxers be given priority over those who followed medical advice? Most of the patients-in-waiting will have their conditions worsen. Some may not survive the delay. Isn't it time to rethink the triage system that politicians have instituted? Shouldn't anti-vaxxers be informed that they certainly have the legitimate right to deny vaccinations, but with it comes the possibility of delayed medical services?

Dennis Choptiany,
Koshlong Lake

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Sherri Patterson captured this photo of a Great Blue Heron when canoeing with her dog on Ross Lake.

AstraZeneca frustration

Dear Editor,

In the spring I was injected with AstraZeneca, as recommended by our country's leader and medical personnel. Then they tell us, "oh, you should not get that vaccine." Then I was injected with the Moderna as my second vaccine shot. Again, as recommended by our great leaders!

Now here I am, not able to travel as it is not identified outside of my country.

We have followed all requests and recommended practices during the pandemic and canceled a number of

arranged trips. But as it turns out now, we will need to cancel upcoming plans because we followed what our governments have advised.

I don't wish to read anymore that Canada is trying to have this recognized throughout as "acceptable." I want a booster of Moderna so that I may travel when the U.S. border opens, as they are/will be doing in Saskatchewan.

How, in the "NOW" and not a year from now, is this going to be addressed??!

Sue Freake,
Wilberforce

Rural communities need art space for all

By Darian Maddock

Have you ever wondered where to find local, young artistic and creative talent in your rural community? Have you ever considered checking at your local arena? Let me tell you my story. Growing up I realized that in my hometown everyone really prides themselves with our athletic culture. I really love that our community, and most rural communities, have this passion, but I later discovered in my high school years that there is another component to our community that often gets put on the backburner - the arts!

When I was in elementary school I hated the thought of anything to do with the arts. I dreaded going to those art classes, and in rural schools I don't think I was an isolated case. All throughout elementary grades my friends and I despised the arts. Luckily In Ontario you are required to take an arts credit in Grade 9, so I joined drama and I quickly realized I actually like this.

And my career in the arts confidently grew from there. In the summer when

I was 15, I decided to try guitar class instead of drama, and once again, surprised myself when I fell in love with music. I sat in my room for hours practicing songs and learning chords. In Grade 10 I was acquainted with Camexicanus through the guitar program. That summer I was asked to join the organization of Camexicanus as their assistant director. During my time working for Camexicanus I have learned incredible amounts about myself as an artist and I have fallen more in love with the arts.

Last summer we toured Northern Ontario and visited a town that really struck me, a small town called Wawa. In this past year getting to know Wawa I have met so many passionate young artists that struggle to find their way due to the same roadblocks that all rural artists face. I have learned that it is a common theme for rural artists to experience challenges, such as not having enough public support and not having proper funding. These types of issues are enormous "show stoppers" for young

artists in rural areas.

It usually begins with a lack of interest. Often in rural communities such as Haliburton there is a stigma that the arts are reserved for retired folk and cottagers, but my own experience proves that this is simply not true. Once young artists can realize their initial potential they quickly run into yet another roadblock. Rural communities do not invest heavily in local arts and culture. There are very few significant arts programs/facilities that are able to be funded by the municipal governments for kids.

Without these spaces where youth can grow and pursue their art, they will struggle to become accomplished artists or feel good about themselves and be proud of who they are and what they create. On a larger scale I have also learned that there are a lot of artists in my hometown of Haliburton that I didn't even know about. Artists that are great mentors for youth and young adults. I have come to believe that the arts in small towns like mine and



Maddock filming for Camexicanus. Submitted.

Wawa are not normalized enough. I believe that it is so important that we expose youth to it from an early age. I consider myself very fortunate to have been surrounded by such amazing artists and role models, and my passion is to help bring more attention to rural arts so that other kids like me can have life-changing opportunities. The arts have changed my life and I believe it can change so many more. (article initially published by Supporting Performing Arts in Rural and Remote Communities (SPARC))

Highlander news



Passing cars honked at activists hoisting signs on Minden's main street.
Photo by Sam Gillett.

Strike for Climate

Up and down Water St. in Minden, climate activists participated in the Global strike for Climate. Founded in 2018 by youth climate activist Greta Thunberg, hundreds of thousands march each year across the globe to bring attention to the increasing threat of climate change.

The Minden event was organized by Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County and Environment Haliburton!

Dr. Scott Phipps, CEO of Clean Development Group, was in Minden visiting his parents. His company consults government and multinational corporations on clean energy initiatives, and he's noticed

a shift in mindset. "Now governments and policy makers are starting to get a little more on board," said Phipps. "The one thing that's taken me back is it's been a very slow shift."

For Phipps, and those at the strike, it's important to realize how urgent the threat is.

"Some are frightened by the potential of climate issues. They're a little apprehensive to engage," Phipps said. "But it's become so much of the public psyche now we're realizing we can't just hide away from it, we do have to address it head-on."

(Sam Gillett).



The SIRCH for apples

It's apple season in Haliburton County, and SIRCH Community Services invited the Highlands to drop off their property's bounty on Sept. 24 to be made into applesauce.

They collected 420 pounds of apples, which will make over 1,000 cups of apple

sauce, to be distributed to community members in need this winter. (Sam Gillett).

Lynn McGillivray, left, SIRCH director, and Barb Fawcett, president, accepting donations outside SIRCH on Maple Ave, Sept. 24. Photo by Sam Gillett.

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Chris Stephenson, new HPL CEO, said he's had a busy week, but felt warmly welcomed into the community. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

New library CEO aims for community 'connections'

By Sam Gillett

Before Chris Stephenson began studying to become a head librarian, his sister gave him a book, *Riding with Rilke*. In it, an English professor delves into the worlds of libraries, archives and travel via motorcycle.

Turns out it was a fitting gift.

Stephenson, originally from Gravenhurst, has just been appointed as CEO of the Haliburton Public Library. Not to mention he's an avid reader, researcher and motorcyclist as well.

"I didn't know until after I read it that it was so appropriate for me: I became a librarian, I love motorcycling and I love books and archives," Stephenson said in an interview at his new office.

Replacing interim CEO Anna Babluck, Stephenson said he's had an exciting, if tiring, first week in the role.

"I don't feel overwhelmed because I've received such a warm welcome," he said. "When the door is open and my job is to walk through and make people feel comfortable and excited about the library... half the work is done."

He joined the field later in life, after working as a senior set carpenter in Vancouver's film industry for 10 years.

The life of a set carpenter means long hours and physically taxing work, and Stephenson began charting a career pivot. He invested in a masters of library and

information sciences degree from the University of British Columbia. Next, he gathered experience from multiple librarian roles, including a stint in Bancroft. It was a journey to get him to the point where he could jockey for the role of CEO, the most senior position within a library system.

"I was prepared it would take some time, and it has," he said.

He was also excited to move to the community of Haliburton, where he spent much of his childhood at a family rental property in the Haliburton Forest.

"I knew there is a very strong arts community [in Haliburton] and that's something I was looking for in a community," he said.

Building partnerships

Libraries aren't just places for book loans. Now, spots like Haliburton's Public Library are vital access points to the internet, life-long learning, community meetings, news and more.

Libraries, said Stephenson, have had to "actively advocate for themselves to stay relevant" by connecting community members with resources they enjoy, and resources they need; community being the key work.

"I'd always been good with people, caring about community and community building. One thing I noticed in libraries is that you're well poised to be one of the

community builders."

He's already made strides in ensuring the libraries he works in consider diversity and inclusion in their programming. In 2020, Stephenson and a colleague at the Okanagan Regional Library in Kelowna hosted a drag queen storytime, despite negative feedback online and concerns from the library's CEO. The two librarians were awarded the B.C. Library Association's Champion of Intellectual Freedom Award in an online ceremony for their advocacy for the program.

It's still early days in Stephenson's role in Haliburton; he's moved into the office and has been setting up email, meeting with staff, and will soon discuss the library's strategic plan with the board. But once he gets his footing, he hopes to focus on partnerships with community groups.

"The strength of the community is here, we just need to tie it to the focal point of the library to make things happen," he said. He mentions the arts community and the teen population of the Highlands as a special focus. "I hope to make these connections; restore connections that may have fallen by the wayside."

Maybe it's just a bit like his former career, another type of construction. "Building sets and building houses is rewarding in a certain way, but the feedback you get from working with the public is powerful," Stephenson said.

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Haliburton Huskies coach Ryan Ramsay is confident his team will be competitive in their inaugural OJHL season. Photo by Mike Baker.

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Huskies aim for playoffs in debut season

By Mike Baker

Expectations are high as the Haliburton County Huskies get set to kick off their inaugural season in the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL), with head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay laying down a marker and challenging his young squad to push for a playoff spot this year.

After months of behind-the-scenes planning and preparation, the Huskies are now just a day away from making their competitive debut. The team will take on the Lindsay Muskies in a home and home series this weekend, beginning Friday night on the road and culminating with a match-up at SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden on Saturday.

Ramsay was bullish when discussing his expectations for the season, noting that, having worked with most of his players throughout the summer, he knows they have what it takes to make an impact in the OJHL.

"I really like our team. I think we have a really young, exciting team," Ramsay said, noting his roster was among the youngest in the league. "From what I've seen so far, we're a team that loves to compete."

"Our goals for this season ... we want to make the playoffs. I [will] judge success on at least making playoffs," Ramsay added. Pre-season was a bit of a mixed bag for the Huskies. The team started out with a pair of wins over the Aurora Tigers, where their top scoring line – particularly Bryce Richardson

and Oliver Tarr – impressed. The pair combined for 17 points against the Tigers.

This past weekend, the Huskies went head-to-head with the Collingwood Blues – a perennial challenger for the OJHL championship. Ramsay said those games would give a good indication of where his team is at heading into the regular season. On Friday (Sept. 24) in Collingwood, the Huskies battled hard but ultimately succumbed to a 6-1 defeat.

The very next night in Minden, the team rallied and were impressive for large stretches of the game. Despite an improved performance, the Huskies gave up a 3-1 decision.

"I know the game in Collingwood, the score didn't look too great for us, but we started off that game really well. We out-chanced them the whole first period, but still found ourselves down 3-0 by the end of the first period," Ramsay noted, saying the Blues scored on their second, third and fifth shots of the game. "By then, the game was pretty much a wash, but I was pleased with our compete level and the speed of our play. Even in that final period, when the game was obviously gone, the boys didn't give up."

"On home ice, we were better again, but Collingwood is a top team," Ramsay said. He also reserved special praise for the local community, who came out in droves over the past couple of weekend to support their new team. Both home exhibition games were sellouts, and Ramsay expects



Speeding down the rink during a preseason scrimmage. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

that trend to continue well into the regular season.

Earlier this summer, it was reported that the Huskies had sold well over 200 season tickets to excited fans – giving them access to all 27 home games during the regular season.

"We couldn't be happier about the support we have received from the community – we've seen it from people wanting to buy tickets, businesses looking to sponsor, and families [volunteering to serve as billets]. The Haliburton County community has really welcomed this team," Ramsay said.

He would go on to admit that, given the level of interest in season tickets and capacity restrictions brought on by COVID-19, single game ticket availability for seats in the rink will likely be limited for the foreseeable future.

The Huskies will compete in the OJHL's East Division, against the Muskies, the Wellington Dukes, the Trenton Golden Hawks and the Cobourg Cougars. While a playoff spot is the eventual goal, Ramsay said it was difficult to predict where his team would land given the unknowns surrounding some of the other teams.

"Looking at previous seasons, Wellington, Trenton and Cobourg tend to bring in a lot of older players. But it's tough to predict how everyone is going to look right now – the OJHL didn't play last year, so there's not really much to go off. We don't know if Cobourg is losing five players, or if they're losing 15 players. I think it's going to be a bit of a weird year," Ramsay said. "I think it's going to take the first month to really judge how we're going to stack up against some of the other teams."

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Highlander sports



Top left: Riders wheel their dirt bikes from the locked compound to the starting area. After each day of racing, riders can't access their bikes or perform maintenance. Top right: Pro rider Alexandre Legault rockets out of a turn at a course near Salmon Lake Road, south of Gooderham. Bottom left: Friends, family and support crews met up with riders before technical portions of the course to provide gas, snacks and support. Bottom right: Veteran B-Class rider Nathan Stewart climbs a rocky trail near Crystal Lake in the municipality of Trent Lakes. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*

The Corduroy roars back into Gooderham

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nearly 300 kilometres. The riders this year contended with roots, rocky hills, river crossings and rain showers. On Sunday, pro riders then took to a motocross track to finish off the weekend. Trystan Hart of Asheville, NC placed first in the Men's Pro Class, with Shelby Turner of Barons, Alberta taking top spot in the Women's Pro Class. *(Sam Gillett).*

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Highlander education



Dawn Sudsbury is Archie Stouffer Elementary School's new principal. Photo by Mike Baker.

New principal at ASES

By Mike Baker

The very first day that Dawn Sudsbury stepped through the front doors of Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden, she knew she had landed somewhere special.

Taking over as principal from the recently departed Jane Austin, Sudsbury says she's "incredibly excited" to join a school that is known across the region for its community spirit and academic excellence.

"First and foremost, what an opportunity," Sudsbury said when discussing her motives for moving to ASES. "There are a lot of reasons why I'm excited to be here. First off, this is a really big school for our area. I love interacting with kids, and there are a lot of them here. I also like the fact that there's a great staff in place here, and a vice principal that I can work with."

She moves to Minden having most recently served as principal at Langton Public School in Fenelon Falls. In total, Sudsbury has more than 20 years of educational experience.

"I've heard many great things about this school during my time [as an educator]. I've seen already just how welcoming this community is," Sudsbury said.

A big part of that energy has been generated by the students themselves,

who were happy to return to school under somewhat normal circumstances following close to two years of interrupted learning.

For Sudsbury, a return to in-person learning for the vast majority of the student body this year is being viewed as a major positive for a variety of reasons.

"I think that school is an important place for kids socially. You can feel the energy in the building – the kids are happy to be back, and the staff are happy and excited to have kids back in front of them," Sudsbury said. "I know that I, for one, love the interpersonal piece of being in the school and having that interaction and personal connection with students."

Having students back inside the classroom will help academically too, Sudsbury said.

"I really think there's an opportunity here, after having a couple of years totally interrupted by COVID-19, to work on academic achievement ... We need to try and accelerate that – identify where our students are, and what we need to do to help and support them get to where they need to be," Sudsbury noted. "I'm really passionate about early reading. That is, I think, a strength that I bring to the school, and is something I'm looking forward to working on."



Terry Fox run

Students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School participated in the annual Terry Fox Run on Wednesday, Sept. 29. The students walked a route from the school down to Halbiem Crescent. Pictured are top, Magnum Moshenko and Samuel McMahon, and bottom Cole Boisvert and Ethan Volochkov, who were all smiles as the event returned to Haliburton for the first time in two years. Photos submitted.

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The Studio Tour



Left: For the first time this season visitors will be able to experience the art of photography, by local photographer Pete Bowers, on the Studio Tour. Right: Rose Pearson demonstrates how she takes a picture of inspiration and turns it into a large painted work of art. (Photos by Hannah Sadlier).

Studio Tour returns to the Highlands

By Hannah Sadlier

After a small but mighty 2020 season the Studio Tour - Haliburton Highlands is back in full force for its 34th season.

This year 34 artists, in 23 studios across Haliburton County, will be opening their doors to visitors from far and wide.

"The Studio Tour - Haliburton Highlands, welcomes returning and new visitors back to our studios," said Peter Emmink, the tour's co-director. "Our 34 artists have been

hard at work to bring you a huge selection of their works this year, and to make their studios as safe as possible for you to enjoy."

Not only will visitors be able to take in the fall colours that Haliburton is known for this time of year, but they will also experience an array of media. This year visitors will experience: fabric, pottery, painting, woodwork, glass, jewellery, mixed media, silversmithing and for the first time, photography.

"Again this year, many studios will be

conducting demonstrations of their craft, skill and techniques, which is not only informative but fun to watch for young and old alike," Emmink said.

All studios will be following COVID safety protocols as outlined by the Ontario government and the HKPR health unit.

"Also due to COVID we have had to forgo the snacks and treats that have been synonymous with the Studio Tour but hopefully that will all return next year," Emmink said.

The Studio Tour takes place this weekend, on Saturday, Oct. 2 and Sunday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and again Oct. 9 and 10.

Copies of the 2021 Studio Tour - Haliburton Highlands, brochure are available at many local businesses; or download a digital copy online.

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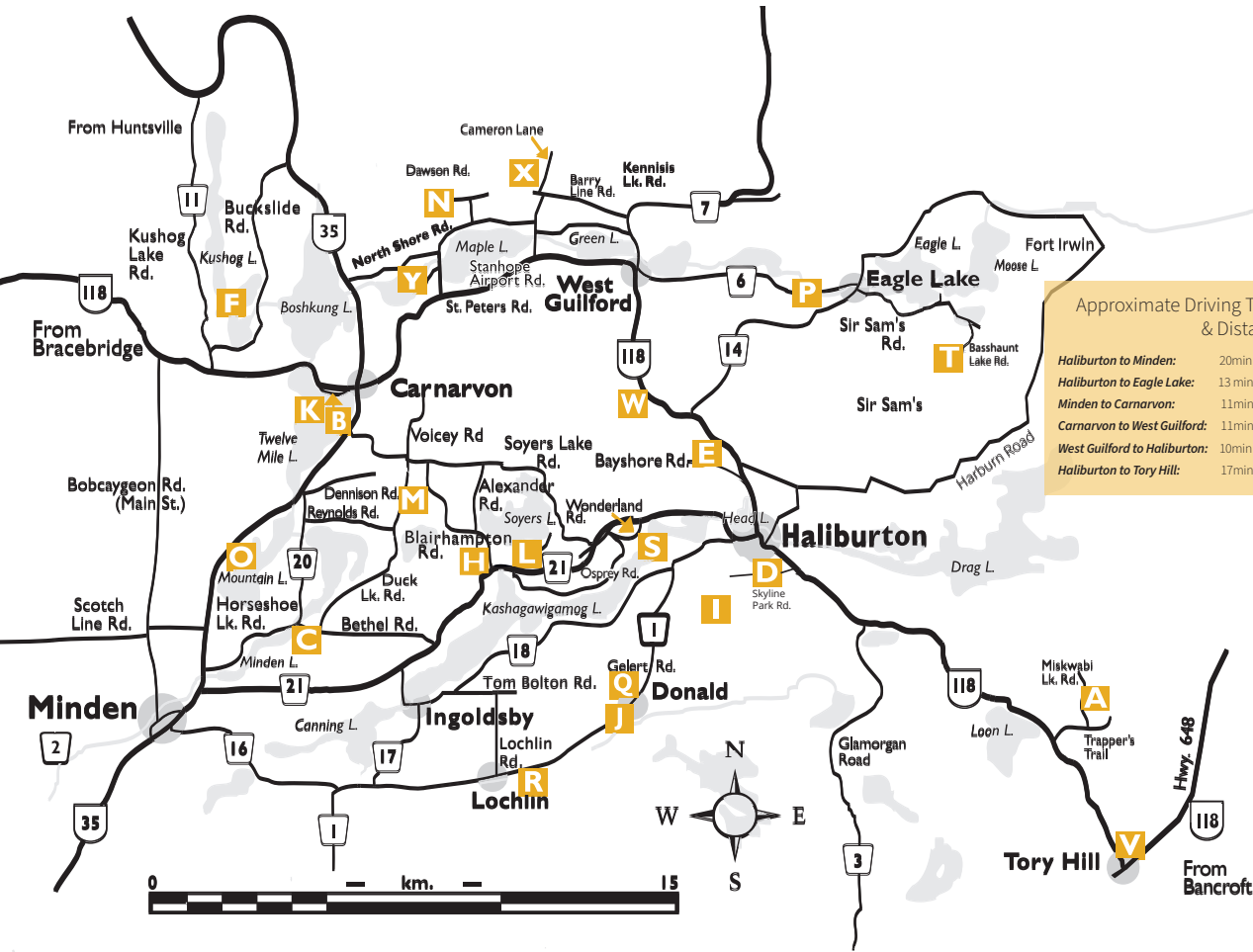
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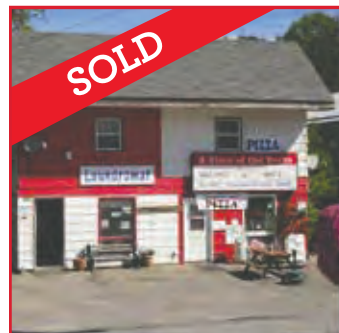
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Highlander arts

Local pair showcase art with a scream

By Sam Gillett

After moving to Haliburton in January, artist and music producer David Partridge often strolled past Tiffany Howe, outside her studio space, How(e) Creative, in Haliburton Village.

"We'd see each other and be like 'that looks like my kind of people,'" said Howe.

They were right. And now half a year later they're co-hosting an art exhibit, "You Make Me Wanna Scream," opening Oct. 2.

The exhibit is Howe's first partnered show in the century-old former store, which she renovated in 2020 and opened in 2021.

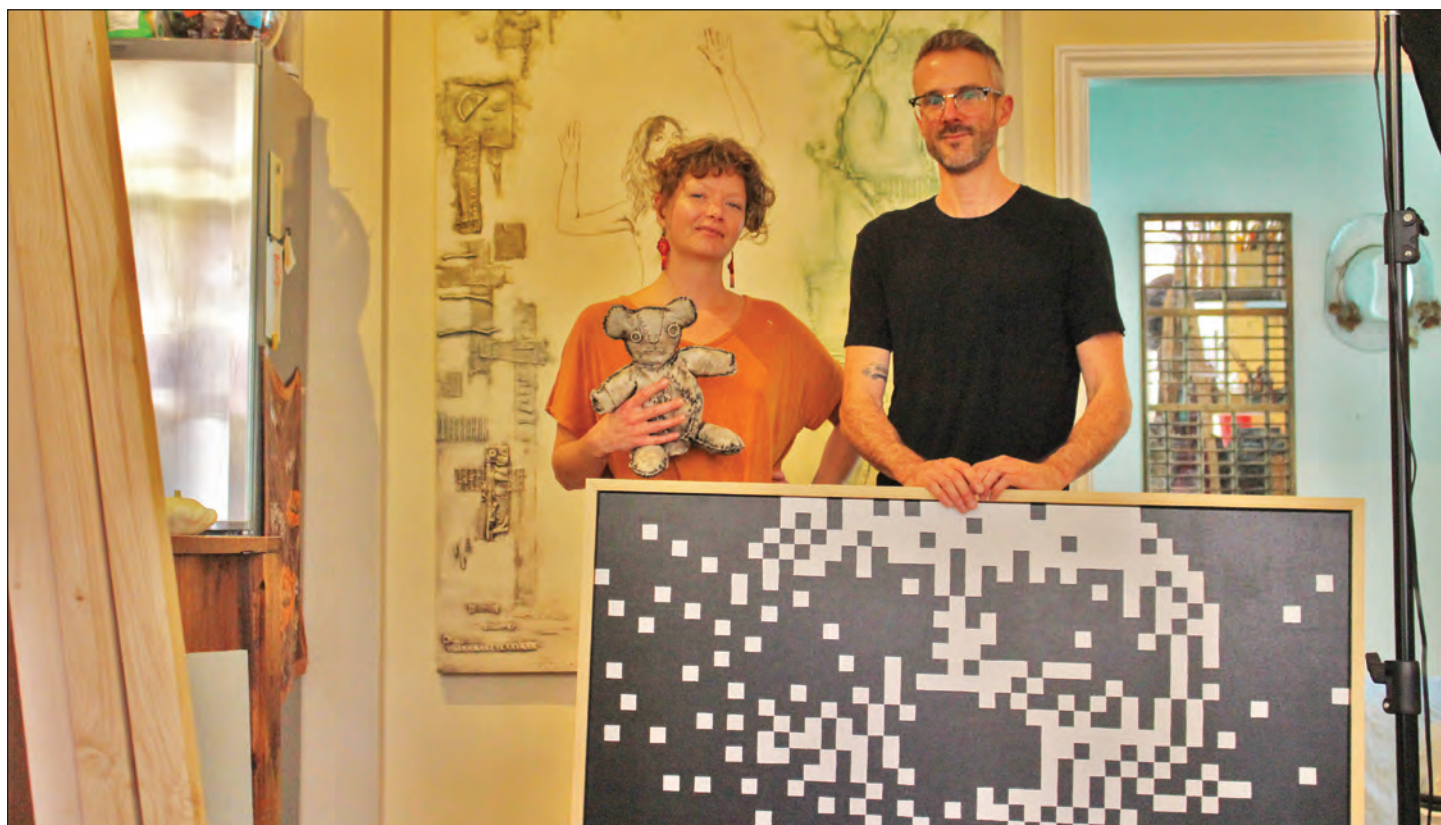
The name of the show is mostly for fun. It's a nod to Partridge's paintings and Howe's recent work which she says explores a bit of "inner turmoil."

The "screams" in question are all silent; characters rendered onto canvases in splashy blocks of acrylic colour by Partridge, some letting loose howls. And Howe's recent work might spook the unprepared: she's been creating creatures in paper-mache, purposefully a bit weathered and worse-for-wear. On the table in front of her, a crumpled teddy bear stares forlornly out into the sunlit studio.

"Our art is so different. Hopefully we'll bring in people who like different things... and who cares if they don't!" she said.

Don't take it too seriously though, because Partridge and Howe don't. Even calling the show "You Make Me Want To Scream" seemed a bit too pretentious, Partridge said. Howe chimed in "It has to be 'wanna.' That makes it more fun!"

It's also Partridge's first time exhibiting in a formalized show, hanging up large-scale paintings that explore a blocky, pixelated style he began exploring when he was 17.



"You Make Me Wanna Scream" will feature original paintings and sculptures from Haliburton-based artists Tiffany Howe and David Partridge. Photo by Sam Gillett.

The show's closing coincides with the scariest night of the year, Halloween, Oct. 31. That means there could be an impromptu block party, featuring a witches' dance to celebrate the end of the month-long exhibit. "It's gotta be a 'closing ritual,' not a 'closing reception,'" Partridge said. And the space might suit an art show experience tinged with a healthy dose of the unexpected.

"I have this incredible space that's also

super creepy," Howe said with a laugh, gesturing to the high ceilings and victorian-esque facade outside. "Let's just have another event and throw some other fun things on top of it."

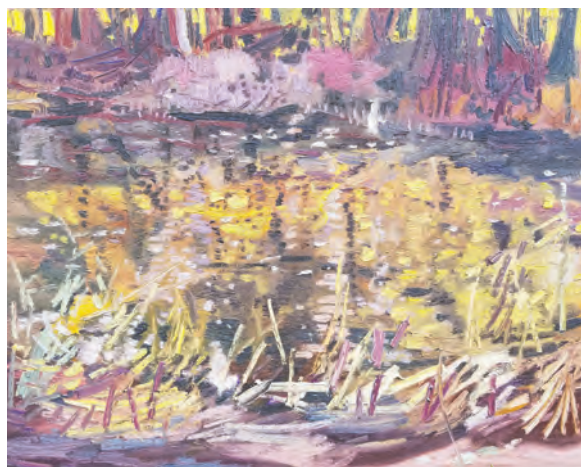
It's a space that she lives in too, so all those coming to the show after it opens must call ahead to book a viewing. "It is my space to live and work: this is my living room, dining room, office and studio."

The gallery's purpose might just reflect

that of the upcoming partnered show: it's a celebration of art and community.

"Without having it being a store, I wanted to make it a more easy-going space," Howe said.

The pair are hosting an opening reception on Oct. 2 from 1-4 p.m. at How(e) Creative, located across from Haliburton United Church.



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Left: Executive director Barb Smith-Morrison addresses the crowd of supporters. Right: ARC founders Thea and John Patterson walk through the symbolic finish line of this year's Highlands Challenge. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Highlands Challenge soars past fundraiser goal

By Sam Gillett

The second Highlands Challenge fundraiser has raised \$75,794.10 for Abbey Retreat Centre's cancer care programming.

Marianne Fenninger, a facilitator with the centre, thanked supporters for "all the possibilities that are now open to the Abbey Retreat Centre (ARC) because of the generosity of you and all our donors," at an outdoor celebration on Sept. 26.

The centre set a goal this year of \$50,000, and for a while, they worried they might not hit it.

However after a plateau in donations mid-summer, the challenge gathered momentum. "I'm feeling very humbly grateful," said executive director Barb Smith-Morrison. "I marvel that this happened and I'm so humbled by it."

The challenge was for Highlanders to get moving in return for donations, but it was open to all interpretations, skill levels and interests. Participants ran, walked, biked and paddled in spots around the County.

Bob Stiles, a past participant in the centre's cancer retreats, set out to paddle the Kash chain of lakes and rivers with his friend Greg Roe, under the team name "Stroe Coureurs des lacs."

The pair paddled Roe's 54-year-old canoe, reminiscing about spots on the lakes they remembered from their childhoods and zigzagging from shore to shore to say hello to friends.

"I was a canoeist while I was young," said Stiles. "There's something elemental about it. I'm hopeful we'll do it again."

Roe agreed, saying there is "something

spiritual about canoeing, something spiritual about [this] event."

All together they gathered \$9,224.50 in donations, more than tripling their initial goal.

Stories shared about the challenge at the celebration ranged from Smith-Morrison's parents walking 86 kilometers, nearly 10 times their goal, or the Haliburton Rotaract Club becoming keenly aware of the centre and avidly supporting the challenge.

One group of friends made a goal of walking two or three times a week, all while sporting their bright green fundraiser T-shirts. Many who participated said passerbys would offer donations on the spot.

"Our work of creating a safe, loving and healing community that supports people

living with cancer and also supports their loved ones is meaningful work, it's inspiring work and it's even sacred work," Smith-Morrison said to the participants. "And I believe it's made all the richer by being part of this community together."

Each dollar raised helps the centre continue the work of providing those living with cancer a space to talk, learn, and heal, along with their support person.

The challenge also exposed the centre to people who may benefit from its services, Smith-Morrison said.

"People are wanting to come to our retreats," she said. "Not only have we raised money, we've raised awareness."



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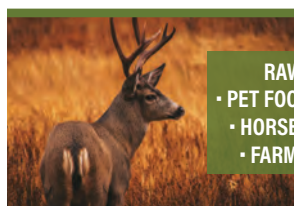


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Highlander community

FUNraising bursary empowers nursing student

By Mike Baker

As Hailey Alden settles into her new life up in North Bay, she does so having received a little helping hand from the Wilberforce FUNraising Group (WFG).

The recent Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate, and long-time Wilberforce resident, made the difficult decision to leave home earlier this year in pursuit of post-secondary education. She is currently enrolled in a two-year practical nursing program at Canadore College.

Just prior to her move to the 'Gateway of the North', Alden was the recipient of the 2021 WFG Bursary Award. Launched last year, the initiative was designed to assist promising students as they prepare to head off to college or university.

"This is just one of the delightful sort of Highlands East kind of things where there's a group of people who like each other, and have got together with very little structure for years and years and years to do regular community events. Then, the money that we made [would go towards] the betterment of the community, and we have, historically, tended to focus on youth," said WFG member Joan Barton.

The group, in the past, has raised money for projects such as the development of Herlihey Park. When COVID-19 hit, however, they were severely restricted by what they could do.

"We had money just sitting in the bank.

This was money people had given to us thinking we would do good stuff with it. So, we decided we wanted to continue doing good stuff, hence the bursary," Barton continued.

Last year, HHSS graduates Sydney Little and Chelsea Flynn each received \$500 through the bursary fund.

Originally, the WFG wasn't sure they'd have enough to match that total for this year's bursary. Then, Barton recalls, one member received a call from Elaine Fournier, the recently retired former principal of Wilberforce and Cardiff elementary schools. Rather than receiving gifts from the community, in celebration of her retirement, Fournier asked that area residents instead donate to the WFG bursary fund.

The money, Alden says, was used to offset the cost of some "very expensive" materials that were required for her course, including two text books and an online computer program.

Aside from her "ground-breaking marks" at high school, Barton said the WFG were most impressed by Alden's community work throughout her teenage years. She was far and away the standout candidate for this year's bursary, Barton reiterated.

"One of the things we ask for in our application, is for students to tell us about their community service. Hailey's service was exemplary – she assisted yearly with one of our events that we put on, the penny



Hailey Alden, from Wilberforce, is currently enrolled in the practical nursing program at Canadore College in North Bay.

raffle. She had also done volunteer work with the Wilberforce Figure Skating Club and the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair," Barton said.

While the bursary was established, in part, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Barton says the group intends to keep it going for years to come.



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Highlander community

'Everyone has a right to live their life' says CCHC

By Mike Baker

More than 40 area residents provided their thoughts and opinions on the potential implementation of a nationwide basic income program during a special day-long presentation at Head Lake Park on Sept. 21.

Organized by the Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County (CCHC), the event was designed to "get people talking, and get people thinking" according to Bonnie Roe, one of the activist group's leading volunteers.

Since their formation in January 2019, CCHC has been one of the community's lead advocates when it comes to social justice issues. The idea of a basic income has been prevalent, in Ontario at least, for several years. Back in March 2016, the Liberal government of the day launched a pilot project designed to test a growing view that a basic income could help to reduce poverty in a sustainable way.

The program was rolled out in Hamilton, Thunder Bay and nearby Lindsay. More than 4,000 people were signed up, with individuals receiving up to \$16,989 per year, and couples slated to get \$24,027. The program was intended to improve outcomes in food security, stress and anxiety, mental health, health and healthcare usage, housing stability, education and training, and employment and labour market participation.

"We believe having a basic income is vital to helping individuals who may be struggling get their lives back on track. When we saw the positive outcomes that people who were enrolled in this program were having, it was incredible," Roe said.

The program was later discontinued in 2018 after Conservative Doug Ford assumed office.

"When it was shut down, many people's hopes and dreams were totally destroyed. These people had started to do things such as no longer rely on the food bank for food, going back to school, or even starting their own business," Roe said. "Once that level of support was removed, a lot of these people found themselves back at square one."

Carolynn Coburn, another volunteer with



On hand for the basic income event were, from left, Greg Roe, Carolynn Coburn and Bonnie Roe. Photo by Mike Baker.

CCHC, set up a chart at last week's event and made a note of every specific thing an individual stated they would need to live a happy life. She said the group will be using that information to broach the issue of a basic, livable income with provincial and federal politicians in the near future.

"A lot of the responses we received related to housing, having enough food, being surrounded by family and friends. Then there was a community component too – that was important, because people felt they would be more inclined to get involved in their community, and be good, active citizens if they felt more secure financially," Coburn said.

Given the situation that many people across Canada found themselves in last year when the pandemic first hit, Coburn feels there's more compassion out there now for individuals who do need an extra helping

hand. Approximately 8.9 million people applied for support through the Canada Emergency Response Benefit last year after being financially impacted by the onset of COVID-19.

"It was pretty interesting to see what the government thought people who lost their jobs needed to survive, to get by month-to-month – they each got \$2,000 per month," Coburn noted. "Considering the pilot project for basic income was at \$16,900, that's a big increase."

The major stumbling block many people have difficulty with when it comes to a universal basic income is the reported costs associated with implementing such a program. According to the Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer, a guaranteed basic income would cost \$87 billion in 2022, rising to \$93 billion in 2025.

Coburn says that money would be offset

by a decrease in monies paid out through other social programs. Roe said she'd like to see some of the country's richest residents dip into their pockets to help pay for the program.

"In my view, a basic income would come from our taxation system, the same way that healthcare does. If you turn around ... and look at the very, very wealthy, and if you tax them even a minimal amount, you would have all the extra money needed to be able to allocate to something like this," Roe said. "If people know they have this secure amount of money coming in every month, that could change their life. They will be able to plan and know they have enough for a comfortable life and have all of their basic needs met."

She concluded, "It would be a win-win for all involved."

WHAT'S ON

Oct 1: Open mic night 'at the D'

The Dominion Hotel and Pub invites singers and musicians of all sorts to its monthly open mic night. 7-10 p.m.

Oct 2: Returning show opening

Photographer Barbara Brown and sculptor Cynthia O'Brien will introduce their collaborative art exhibit at the Agnes Jamieson art gallery in Minden. Their exhibit is inspired by their experiences working as artists in long-term care residences. Artist talk and opening reception 1-3 p.m.

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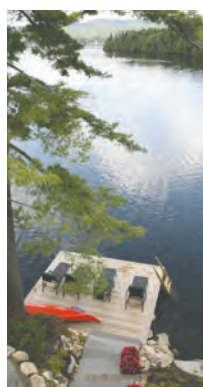
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In Loving Memory of Verna Russell

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Friday, September 24, 2021, in her 99th year.

Beloved wife of the late Dalton. Dear mother of Martha, Judy (deceased), Dalton, Stan and his wife Kim. Loving grandma to Nick and his wife Steph, Noelle, Naomi and great grandma to Inga and Ruby. Predeceased by her brother and sisters. Fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews.

A Private Family Gathering will be held at a later date, cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation for Hyland Crest Residents Council (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.



In Loving Memory of Gloria Ann Tomlinson (nee Ziegler)

(April 23, 1939 – September 23, 2021)

Passed away peacefully at Victoria Village, Barrie, at the age of 82.

Beloved wife of the late Warner Tomlinson (1994). Dear mother of Jim (Sharon) of Harriston, Jennifer (Jeff) of Fenelon Falls, Lisa (Ted) of Barrie, Aaron of Haliburton, Anna (Darren) of Barrie, Adam (Jessica) of Haliburton. Loving grandmother of Tim (Tenille), Jeremy (Kate), Elisa, Brandon (Meghan), Will (Mandy), Alysha (Tyler), Samuel, Aiden, Owen, Isaac, Elijah, Charli, Warner, Sicily, Taya, Jack, great grandmother of Mariska, Korbin, Chloe and Paisley. Dear sister of Dorothy (deceased), Jewel (deceased), Fred (deceased), Milt (deceased), Albert (aka Happy-deceased), Ruth (deceased), Irene (deceased), Mary, Wyn and sister in law to Sharon and June. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Lakeside Church, 9 Park St., Haliburton on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. A Service to Celebrate Gloria's Life will be held at the church at 1:30 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Please Note # Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, a limited amount of visitors will be allowed in the Church at one time and all remaining visitors will have to line up outside of the Church. For the Memorial Service there is a limit of 80 Attendees. Social distancing with face coverings and lists of attendees, names and phone numbers are required for contact tracing.

Memorial Donations to the West Guilford Baptist Church or 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. Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



In Loving Memory of Glen Alexander Kernohan

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at the age of 72.

Beloved son of the late Roy Alexander Kernohan (1995) and Elizabeth Ethel Ferguson (2000). Dear brother of Elizabeth Jean Kernohan. Glen is lovingly remembered by his Stamp Family, Bud and Gala (2011), Jill and Bill Brown, Boomer Stamp (Jill), Jason Stamp, Paige Milburn, Jessica Brown, Logan Brown, Jessie Stamp, Tyler Stamp, Shelby Stamp, Kaydence Brown, Mackenzie Milburn, Liam Milburn, and also by Carol Hill and Irma Walker.

Glen was a farmer his whole life.

A Graveside Interment Service will be held at the Minden Cemetery on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 11:00 am.

Please Note # Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, a maximum amount of attendees (100) will be allowed on the cemetery grounds, with social distancing, face coverings and lists of attendees, names and phone numbers will be required and recorded for contact tracing.

Memorial Donations to the Hyland Crest Residents Council (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.



In Loving Memory of James Clayton Harrison

It is with great sadness that the family announce the peaceful passing of James "Jim" Harrison at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, with his loving family by his side. Jim was in his 84th year.

Beloved husband of Elinor (nee Sherriff) for over 57 years. Loving father of Michele and her husband Greg, Wanita and her partner Stephen. Cherished Poppa to Duncan, Ben, Jaime, Kelsey and his great grandson Mason. Son of the late Norman and Velma Harrison and predeceased by his 6 brothers and 3 sisters. Fondly remembered by his "sister" Merlyn Stoaite, her husband Tom Sr., his godson Tom Jr. (Hiedi) and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Jim was born and raised in Haliburton. After a brief time in Toronto, Jim returned home to Maple Lake with his wife to raise their family.

Jim spent much of his working career at Carnarvon Building Supplies. Following in his grandfather's footsteps, he held various positions on both the local and County Councils. Jim also served as an auxiliary OPP Officer with the Minden detachment and was a proud member of the Arcadia Masonic Lodge #440.

An avid outdoorsman, Jim enjoyed fishing and hunting, and spent many hours sharing this past time with family and friends. He believed there was nothing more important than helping others which he did at every opportunity.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, October 1st, 2021 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Please Note # Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, a limited amount of visitors will be allowed in the Funeral Home at one time and all remaining visitors will have to line up outside of the Funeral Home. Social distancing with face coverings and lists of attendees, names and phone numbers are required for contact tracing.

A Private Memorial Service to Celebrate Jim's Life will be held at the funeral home. Jim's three grandchildren; Jaime Moore, Benjamin Livingstone and Duncan Livingstone will be serving as honorary bearers.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.



Gladys Connelly (nee Smith)

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Highland Wood in Haliburton on Saturday morning, September 25, 2021 in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of the late Giles Connelly. Loving

mother of Susan (William Sinclair) of Oshawa and Peter (Gail) of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Brian (Carol), Angela (Isaac), April (Chad), Shay (Kal), Lindsay (Geoff), Douglas and by her great grandchildren Storm, Felicity, Kaine, Colby, Cassidy, Xavier, Keyaira, Remy, Griffin and Hazel. Dear sister of Jessie Crowels. Predeceased by her daughter Carolyn and by brothers John, Fred and sister Joyce. Also fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Gladys was a member of the Haliburton United Church. She enjoyed cooking, baking, knitting and most of all her time with family.

Private Visitation & Memorial Service

A Private Visitation & Memorial Service will take place on Saturday October 16, 2021 at 1 o'clock. For those who wish to view the Memorial Service virtually, please click the following link on the day of service 5 minutes prior to service time <https://join.skype.com/nn5LZSFjHqL>. Interment later Calvin Community Cemetery at Eau Claire, Ontario. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Highland Wood Resident Council would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is looking for trail groomer operators for the coming season. As a team member you will help care for the County's premier winter outdoor experience, the care of our 370 kilometers of trails

Candidates should possess the following:

- Work independently
- You are a team player
- Able to work nights, evenings, and weekends
- Working remotely and outdoors
- Knowledge of heavy equipment and being a snowmobiler are considered assets

We provide complete and comprehensive training with ongoing support.

Interested? Or have questions?
Email your resume info@hcsa.ca or call us 705-854-3107.

You'll see Haliburton like never before grooming for tourism!

The volunteer owned and managed Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is a not-for-profit equal opportunity employer www.hcsa.ca



NEW PLACES TO PICK UP YOUR PAPER IN HALIBURTON

- Tory Hill, near mailboxes.
- We also have boxes outside Todd's Independent & Haliburton Foodland & in front of REMAX/Century 21.
- We are also available at Rexall, Shoppers Drug Mart and other locations around town.

**\$8 PERSONAL
CLASSIFIEDS**

Highlander puzzles

You Gotta Be Kidding

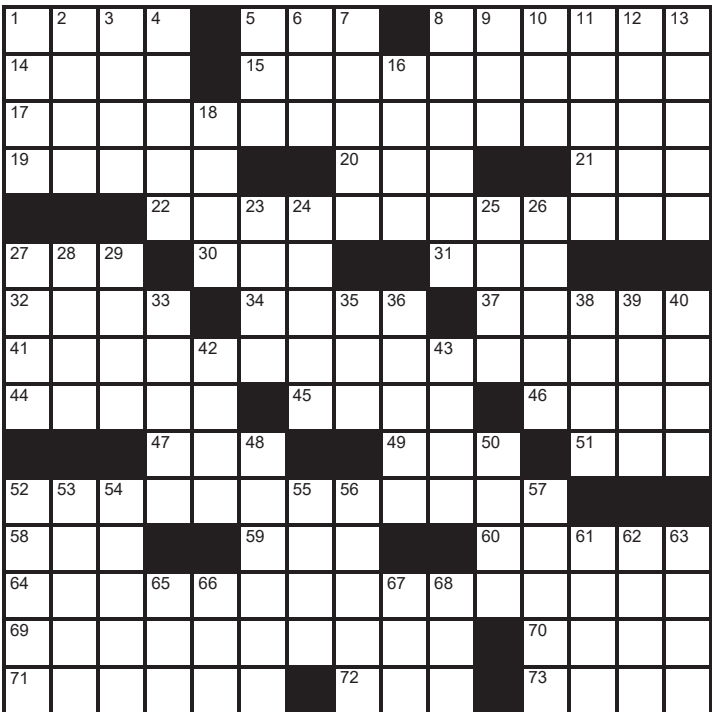
by Barbara Olson
© ClassiCanadian Crosswords

Across

- 1 Cold cuts counter
- 5 Stack of platters on a hi-fi
- 8 Bedelia who drew the curtains, literally
- 14 Not a repro
- 15 Unrealistic plans
- 17 Showing annoyance, as a teen toward a parent
- 19 Goofballs
- 20 Squeak silencer
- 21 Mark with permanent ink, briefly
- 22 Henry and Jane Fonda film, 1981
- 27 False start?
- 30 La-la lead-in
- 31 "Moving right along ..."
- 32 1973 Toni Morrison novel
- 34 Husky competitor
- 37 Spokescow for Borden
- 41 Chicken Little's doomsday cry
- 44 Canada's "Omertà" rapper
- 45 Vancouver-born funny man Rogen
- 46 Annoyingly self-satisfied
- 47 "Uno + due"
- 49 Kosovo's continent: Abbr.
- 51 Be a peeping Tom, with "on"
- 52 Department store honcho
- 58 Flamenco dancer's cry
- 59 Mouse battery size
- 60 Absorb, as with a sponge
- 64 Situations that elicit the response in 57-Down
- 69 Basemen and shortstop
- 70 Move about like a moth
- 71 Math subgroups
- 72 Grave message?
- 73 It's more, in a writing rule

Down

- 1 Flat-bottomed boat
- 2 Buck tail?
- 3 Tomlin of "Grace and Frankie"
- 4 Arctic dome home



- 5 Res. care worker
- 6 Slop-py eater?
- 7 Sewing basket item
- 8 "Hello" singer and others
- 9 One who's no longer a miss?
- 10 Extra-wide, shoewise
- 11 ___ rest (bury)
- 12 "In other words ..."
- 13 Like chocolates in a box: Abbr.
- 16 Title girl in a Barenaked Ladies song
- 18 Ain't proper?
- 23 Ominous cloud colour
- 24 Camel's filling station
- 25 Coward, or Christmas
- 26 Pre-election pulse takers
- 27 Founded, as a town: Abbr.
- 28 '80s Oilers goalie Grant
- 29 Pet peeve?
- 33 Request one's attendance at
- 35 Calgary-to-Lethbridge dir.
- 36 "It's not my cup ___"
- 38 City dwellers in a video game
- 39 ___ to one's ears (swamped)
- 40 Like quiche or custard
- 42 Canning jar brand
- 43 Give ___ (embrace)
- 48 Sends by hitting "send"
- 50 Breath-taking symbol, to a musician?
- 52 Acid found in green veggies
- 53 Gaucho's grassy plain
- 54 You have to break these to make "une omelette"
- 55 "Duck Dynasty" channel ___ E
- 56 To swim: Fr.
- 57 The first word of 17-, 22-, 41-, 52- and 64-Across, in text shorthand
- 61 Brazilian soccer great
- 62 Leon who wrote "Exodus"
- 63 Levies not paid in Alta.
- 65 Give, to Robbie Burns
- 66 All worked (up)
- 67 Test taken lying down
- 68 Nile biter

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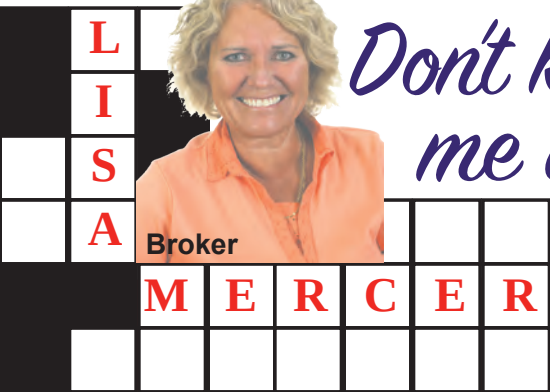
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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In the market to buy a home or cottage? Feel free to give me a call

705-457-0364 | lisa@lisamercer.ca



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SOLD

Kushog Lake



A Southwest facing point of land, on Kushog Lake – with 275 feet of shoreline. Experience beautiful sunsets. This 2,300 sq ft Classic cottage is situated on 1 acre. Level lot and includes a hill at the rear rising over 100 ft where you will find a Gazebo with a 3-mile view of the lake. The hill property goes back over 400 feet to Crown Land. **\$1,175,000**

NEW LISTING!

Wenona Lake



4-seasons, classic 2 bdrm, 1 bath cottage offers 120 ft of frontage and deep, rocky shoreline. Open concept kitchen, dining room, and living area. Enjoy the sunsets from your lakeside dock. Detached single garage, shed and outhouse. This move-in-ready cottage is waiting for your family to start creating your cottage memories. **\$625,000**

Main Street Rez



A one-of-a-kind unique investment opportunity currently filling a great need for affordable housing in the community. "Main Street Rez" offers two residential condo units and comes fully rented and provides a substantial income per month for the owner. The 24-hour inhouse maintenance is a bonus, this will keep you stress free from the daily coordination and maintenance of condo ownership. **\$529,000**

Glamorgan Road



This 100+ ac off-grid Hunt Camp is abound with wildlife & beautiful vistas - there's a little something here for everyone! Scenic walking trails, marshes & ponds. With Crown Land all around, this property is a gateway to thousands of acres of wildlife & a beautiful large pond on the abutting Crown acreage. Rustic yet comfortable amenities including a cistern, outhouse, grey water pit and is wired for a generator. This secluded and private property is a rare find **\$509,000**

NEW LISTING!

Kawagama Lake



Stunning south views across the lake. This property has a fantastic shoreline of mixed sand/gravel gradual entry to the water. Hydro is at the lot line and there is good cell service. This is easily accessible from either marina on the lake. Enjoy this affordable lot in the summer while you make your plans for your new cottage. Great fishing year-round and fantastic snowmobiling in the winter. **\$279,000**

Minden Hills



This stunning 99+ acre parcel is surrounded by mature trees and provides excellent privacy. This secluded property is the perfect location for the avid hunter and an excellent spot to ATV. Enjoy the great outdoors while camping off grid. Access by ATV only through Crownland. **\$149,000**

Stills Road



This beautiful 1.2-acre building lot is located in the heart of Eagle Lake. Driveway installed & building site is cleared & ready for your year-round home or getaway. Many apple trees throughout the property. Stunning park-like setting. Surrounded by mature trees in a quiet neighbourhood. Paved year-round municipal road. Walking distance to Eagle Lake Country market, Eagle Lake public beach, & boat launch. Stop dreaming and start building your dream home or cottage. **\$149,000**

County Road 503



This beautiful 0.82ac parcel of land is a great location to build your year-round home or cottage. Abuts TB&O railway trail for endless walking, ATVing, and snowmobiling. McCue Lake on the other side of railway trail with great fishing and recreational park. Surrounded by mature trees providing ample privacy. Conveniently located on a year-round highway close to Tory Hill, Gooderham, and Wilberforce for your amenities and a short 20-minute drive to the village of Haliburton. **\$69,000**

Testimonial

We are highly pleased with the way Linda handled the recent sale of our cottage. She is most professional and communicates efficiently. All aspects of the sale were dealt with well. Linda knows the market and represented our property fairly to the new owners. Her excellent reputation has been well earned. S & L Leschinsky

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We have a lovely couple looking for a year-round home on acreage within Haliburton County. If you're thinking of selling, contact our team today!

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- Osprey Road | 2.47ac | \$79,000 **SOLD**
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