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Grade 9 student Jordanna Jennings is covered in pink powder while running the track during HHSS' Pride week celebrations. For more photos turn to page 19. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

New interim CEO and president at HHHS

By Mike Baker

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) announced June 12 president and CEO Carolyn Plummer is on an immediate medical leave of absence.

Veronica Nelson, vice president and COO at Ross Memorial Hospital (RMH), has been appointed acting president and CEO.

"The HHHS board of directors would like to thank CEO Plummer for her hard work and dedication, particularly during the past few months," said HHHS board chair, David O'Brien, in a press release. "We recognize the importance of looking after her health. We wish her all the best as she addresses her medical issues."

Nelson has been temporarily seconded to HHHS from her role at the Ross. She previously worked at HHHS as a medical radiation technologist and has been an executive leader at the Lindsay hospital since 2015, previously serving as interim lead there from March 2019 to April 2020.

Lauren Ernst, in her role as HHHS

communications lead, notes Nelson's strengths include, "leadership, community collaboration and project management." Ernst said Nelson will be working for HHHS, at the Haliburton hospital, full-time, but will maintain her role as co-lead of the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Ontario Health

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HHHS president and CEO, Carolyn Plummer, has taken a medical leave of absence. Inset: Veronica Nelson. *File.*

HHHS CEO on medical leave

Team. She will also continue leading the integrated diagnostic
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imaging and lab departments at the Ross.

Asked what made Nelson the chosen candidate, Ernst said, “HHHS and RMH have a great working relationship and many shared services, with the mutual goal of providing excellent care to our neighbouring communities. Nelson was invited by the HHHS board to assist with the continued delivery of services and implementation of the hospital’s strategic goals and directions.”

Ernst confirmed Nelson would attend the HHHS AGM on June 22.

O’Brien said the board has “the utmost confidence in [Nelson’s] ability to take on the significant responsibilities association with this position.” Plummer had been overseeing the amalgamation of healthcare services in the Highlands after the Minden emergency department was shuttered June 1. Ernst

said Nelson would continue that work.

Efforts to reach Nelson were unsuccessful as of press time. Asked for an interview with Nelson, Ernst said, “no further comments at this time, just our press release.”

Nelson indicated she is ready to hit the ground running in her new role.

“I know how incredibly important HHHS and its services are to patients, residents, clients, and the community,” she said. “HHHS and RMH are both organizations that mean a great deal to me. I am excited to bring my skillset and experience to working with the HHHS board of directors and team members throughout the organization.”

Ernst did not disclose details regarding Plummer’s leave. Asked if this was a potential first step towards amalgamation of HHHS and RMH, she said, “while [we] have an on-going partnership and shared services, we are not exploring the possibility of integration.”



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Public asks questions about clinic

By Lisa Gervais

It was the public's turn, on June 9, to ask Kawartha North Family Health Team executive director Marina Hodson about KNFHT's plan for an urgent care clinic in Minden.

During a meeting attended by hundreds at the community centre, Hodson said the application is before Ontario Health East – for funding for two nurse practitioners and two registered practical nurses.

Top of mind for many was how long it would take for a decision.

Asked by one attendee if it would be six months or 12 months, Hodson responded, “if it's approved, it will be much sooner than that ... I think they see the emergency, more than anything, the influx of community members who live here in the summer and to say ‘we need to really work on this so we can address this issue for summer residents’.”

She went on to tell the audience, “I really do have a good sense that they're very supportive of this because they have heard how concerned the citizens are. I honestly believe that they are looking at finding solutions. Let's be honest, they also want to look good in this. They want to be able to come up with a way to solve this and they can't provide a solution, any more than the politicians can, but what they can do is provide the money and I think they're very willing to do that and I'm very hopeful.”

She elaborated more on how KNFHT, which has clinics in Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon, operates. They are governed by a community-based board, and have Minden representation. She added they would be totally separate from HHHS, other than HHHS being their landlord if they were to move into the former ER.

Hodson said in addition to reaching out to the community, she planned to talk to Minden's former ER doctors to ascertain what is needed. She is also in talks with Haliburton County's paramedic chief and Minden Pharmasave. She said partnerships would also benefit residents of Hyland Crest long-term care home.

Asked how the community can become involved, Hodson said one challenge is recruitment, whether it is nurses or a secretary.

“If you know someone, mention it to them. If your granddaughter is going through



Marina Hodson of the KNFHT during a question-and-answer session at the Minden community centre June 9. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

school and is just finishing off writing her exams for nurse practitioner, which happens to be in August, maybe they'd like to come and work for us. Make sure that you put out the word. Word of mouth is how we traditionally hire most of our staff and it's been the most effective. I would encourage you, if you know somebody, to speak to them.”

Asked what would happen if the ER were to return, Hodson said they would have a lease agreement to vacate the space but she would want the urgent care clinic to also continue.

“We need both. The community needs a lot more than just an emergency room. I am hopeful we'd be able to work with the ER, to augment some of the staffing shortages they experience so they don't have to worry about

temporary ER closures.

“While we would be an urgent care clinic, we recognize there is a major lack of access to primary health care in this community. We are very much wanting to offset as much of that demand as we can.”

One audience member commented, “I'd like to say what you are proposing is a great idea.”

Other questions and answers:

- Can I go if I don't have a primary care provider? Yes.
- What if I have a primary care provider elsewhere? Can I be de-rostered for using the urgent care clinic? No. There would be no financial reason to do so. Doctors are

paid via OHIP. Nurses are salaried employees of KNFHT.

- Can the nurses ask patients to come back for future appointments? Yes, however it is not a permanent arrangement.
- Will there be access to X-rays? Yes
- What can the urgent care clinic do? It's not an ER, but somewhere between an ER and walk-in clinic. People can get stitches. They can have fractures attended to but won't get a permanent cast. They can get prescriptions filled. The clinic can call an ambulance for more serious issues. They can, in some cases, refer patients to specialists. They will send test results to your primary care provider. They can draw blood to send to a lab.
- The diabetic clinic is still attached to Minden Hospital.

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HIGHLANDS EAST NEWS

New township office

Highlands East council chose the current Wilberforce library property for the proposed location of its new municipal office during a June 13 council meeting.

The site will be included in a request for proposals' document for the design and build, deputy CAO and treasurer, Brittany McCaw, said.

In 2016, the municipality began putting money into reserves towards the construction of a new municipal office. The township currently has \$938,469. During the 2023 budget, money was included to complete the RFP.

Council also got a look at some preliminary site plans. It would be approximately 3,875 sq. ft. with 20 parking spaces.

McCaw said a new build would save money on utilities, be more energy efficient, take longer for future replacement, and reduce maintenance costs, as well as the number of municipal buildings.

She added, "it is also prudent to have all administration and managers work under one roof in order to properly manage and supervise, cross train and share resources.

"Having all services available at one location for the public would be a major benefit along with having a proper council chamber ... that would meet today's needs and provide easier access for the public to form part of meetings in-person and online," McCaw added.

She said, "the inability to meet future growth, including human resource requirements, improved administration, future cost savings, efficiencies and energy conservations, would support this proposal."

Senior of the year

Roberta Walsh was honoured for her history of volunteer work when mayor Dave Burton presented her with senior of the year 2023 recognition at the meeting.

Burton said some of her accomplishments included being president of the curling club; treasurer of the business association; Country Good Times; collecting Christmas presents for youngsters; fundraising for the arena; offering her motel to people burnt out from fires or stranded; the Legion auxiliary; cooking for the fire department; Brownies; the maple syrup festival and church committees, all while running a business and raising children. "You very much deserve it."

Walsh said she could not have done it all without the support of the community, her family and friends.

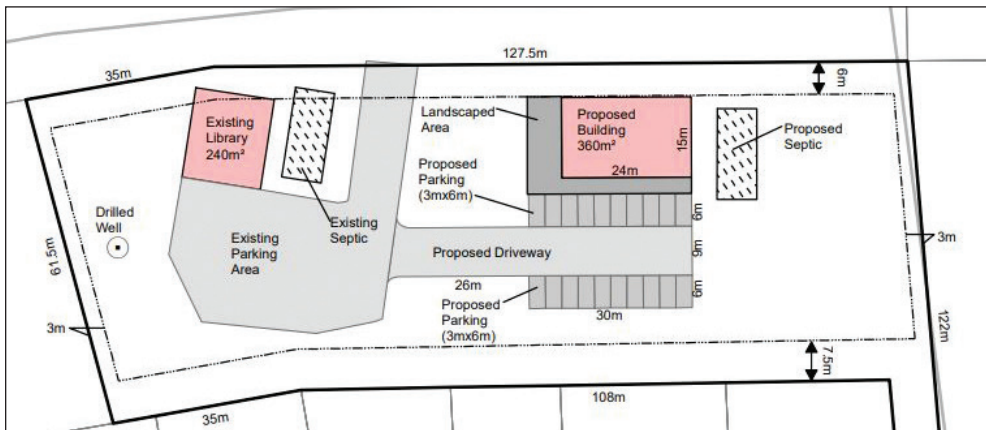
"I just want to thank everybody so much for being so wonderful to me and being there for me and hopefully I will keep going but, you know, I'm slowing down big time."

Burtch takes suites pitch to HE

Gary Burtch made a delegation to Highlands East council at the meeting, very similar to the same pitch he made to Dysart et al at its May 23 meeting.

With the County experiencing a dearth of housing, he asked why Highlands East isn't doing more to allow secondary units on properties.

Burtch thinks people should be allowed to put a secondary residence on a property if it's large enough.



The possible site of a new municipal office. *Highlands East agenda.*

He said it could be for aging parents, adult children wanting more independence, or a working professional looking for somewhere to live.

He suggested small suites, of between 800 and 1,200-sq. ft. with their own septic and well systems.

Council accepted Burtch's delegation for information.

Central Food Network in demand

Central Food Network executive director Tina Jackson and board chair Nancy Wright-Laking told council their programs have seen a substantial uptake. CFN supplies food, winter fuel, and provides income tax clinics.

"We really are seeing huge increases in the number of people needing access to our services," the two said. They added two-thirds of clients are either seniors or children.

"We actually had an impact of pretty close to \$600,000. Considering our revenue for 2022 was just over \$192,000, we basically have taken every dollar somebody has given us and been able to give back \$3 worth of tangible products and benefits, which I think is an incredible impact."

They said it isn't getting any easier. "Everything that we've heard would indicate we need to continue to prepare at least for sustaining these new numbers that we're seeing, if not preparing for more people requiring assistance. There is no one predicting stability in the months ahead."

They noted they must also replace their agency vehicle. They are being challenged by cost of living and a need to get more volunteers.

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall commented, "please don't stop doing what you're doing." (*Highlands East news compiled by Lisa Gervais.*)

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The Backwoodsmen will perform live outdoors at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday June 24 at 2 pm. The quartet featuring the Gallery's current artist Rob Niezen, Dr. Al Kirby, Rob Cory and John Bird, tells the stories and sings the folk songs documented throughout rural Ontario in the 1950s by song-collector/scholar Edith Fowke. Bring your lawn chair. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

Cross Cut, an exhibit by Rob Niezen, is on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until July 1. The exhibit features 24 linocuts illustrating traditional Ontario folk songs reimagined in a contemporary context. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information please look at the events calendar <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2023-05-04-1000-Cross-Cut-Exhibit-by-Rob-Niezen>.

Bateman Family: A Sense of Place will be on display from July 6 to September 2 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. This personal family exhibit features original paintings and limited-edition prints by Alan, Brad, Jack, Robert & Ross and photographs by Birgit Freybe Bateman. The opening reception will take place on Saturday July 8 from 1-4 pm. Pre-registration is required for the artist talk at 1:30 pm. For more information, please call 705-286-3763, email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or look at the events calendar <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2023-07-06-1000-Bateman-Family-A-Sense-of-Place>.

The Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place is now open for the season Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Join us daily for self-guided village tours and hands-on activities including Wildlife Sketching on June 15 from 3-4 pm, Rock Painting on June 16 from 3-4 pm and Butter-Making on June 17 from 11 am – 12 pm and 2-3 pm. Don't miss the amphibian exhibit in Nature's Place! Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

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The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

June 29 – Regular Council Meeting
July 27 – Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in July. Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in person or joining a live-stream link available on the township CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx. Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

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Architectural rendering of the housing project in 2020. *File.*

MTO contributes to Minden housing delay

By Lisa Gervais

A proposed affordable housing development on the shores of the Gull River in Minden continues to be delayed, with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) yet to sign off on it, despite it being officially on the books for three years, and first discussed in 2018.

Planner Amanda Dougherty of D.M. Wills told Minden Hills council at its June 8 meeting, the MTO is now requesting an update to the 2020 traffic impact study it did for the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation as the number of units has increased to 35, from 30.

Dougherty said the 2020 study, at 30 dwelling units, determined a right turn taper was not required. However, she said MTO, at the time, said it was needed. “However, the township has only very recently been advised that following further reviews, MTO has now determined (a taper) is no longer required.”

But, she added, “MTO has further advised that an updated traffic impact study is required to issue their permits, given that the number of proposed units has since been increased to 35, or by approximately 17 per cent.”

It was back in September 2020 that a public-private partnership was announced between long-time cottager, Bill Switzer, who donated the land, and the corporation. The 35 units are planned for the west side of Hwy. 35 at County Road 21, between Rotary Park and the Minden Legion, overlooking the Gull River. At the time, then corporation CEO Hope Lee, now retired, said the townhouses – valued at \$6.8 million in 2020 – would provide units towards affordable housing targets.

At last week’s meeting, mayor Bob Carter expressed frustration with the delays, saying, “I think there’s been two redesigns of the project, that were both instigated by the

MTO. And now the MTO has forced you to change your design, and wants you to change your study after they caused the issue.”

Coun. Tammy McKelvey asked if a recent federal government announcement to bolster housing stock across the nation could help the local housing project.

Carter replied, “any federal government announcement on housing is always layers upon layers of bureaucracy.”

He said the other thing that could help is the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus (EOWC) recent housing initiative, for which they are now negotiating for provincial and federal funding.

The EOWC appeared before County council this spring, about a new intra-regional housing initiative, aiming to bring almost 500 affordable rental units to the Highlands by 2031. The ‘Seven in Seven’ program aims to construct 7,000 new affordable rental units across 13 counties in

eastern Ontario over the next seven years, with a tab of at least \$3.1 billion.

Carter said, “one of the reasons the housing authority and the County will be trying to get this ready is that we want to have shovel-ready projects. Because the EOWC want to show that whatever the initiatives they are taking could be met with immediate success. Where they would come in and say, ‘hey, you guys are ready to go. Let’s go because we need an early win’ sort of thing. So, the idea is to get this done.” However, he said they need MTO permits first.

Carter added affordable housing is also being impacted by interest rates, the cost of building materials, and a shortage of labour.

“So, we may not even be able to financially make this work. Unfortunately, housing these days, there are no good answers. But we need to get this to the stage where it could get the money.”

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DYSART ET AL NEWS

Dysart offers recycling bags

Dysart et al is providing township residents with a new way to pack up recyclables. John Watson, Dysart’s environmental manager, told council June 13 he has purchased 3,000 reusable recycling bags after receiving a \$10,570 grant from the Carton Council of Canada. The bags are free to township residents and can be picked up at any of Dysart’s five waste disposal sites. The bags can hold up to 30 litres, or 18 kilograms, of material. There’s a divider inside, which Watson says will help keep materials separate. Artwork on the bags identifies to residents what items are accepted in the township’s recycling program. Watson hopes the bags will entice residents to recycle responsibly. “Communities with curbside collection, you can see blue boxes at the curb and so that helps to establish social norms and encourages people to recycle more. In a community that is depot based, like Dysart, this social norm is noticeably absent,” he said. “Dysart hasn’t provided blue boxes to residents for 10 years... residents are using all sorts of containers to bring recycling in. This inconsistency can lead to poor social norming and minimizes the awareness of recycling.” He noted staff at waste disposal sites are regularly asked by residents what should be used to transport recycling.

Landing spot

A new ORNGE helicopter pad will be installed on municipal land along Haliburton Lake Road. Dave Freeman, a member of the Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association, addressed council this week, saying property owners in the Fort Irwin area are concerned about potential wait and transport times should they require an ambulance to take them to the Haliburton hospital. The pad will be located on a gravel pit at 5177 Haliburton Lake Rd. A previous proposal, made in 2015 that included installation of hydro lines to service the site, was denied. Freeman said this latest pitch is for a grass landing pad, with no hydro required. He noted ORNGE was contacted in 2015 and supported the project.

New partnership

An agreement that will see Ontario non-profit Circular Materials (CM) take over hauling and processing of all recyclables at Dysart’s five waste transfer sites is slated to save the municipality around \$800,000 over the next two years. Watson said new rules that transfer responsibility of managing recyclables to producers will kick in Jan. 1, 2024. Council had to decide if it wanted to opt into a partnership with CM, which represents all producers provincially, allowing them to collect materials at Dysart’s landfills, or force the non-profit to open five new collection sites.

He estimated the agreement would see Dysart receive revenues of \$86,531 in 2024 and 2025 and allow them to save the approximate \$315,000 it currently spends annually hauling and processing blue box materials. “If we opt in, it is essentially status quo for residents... and we save ourselves a lot of money,” Watson said. The contract will run until Dec. 31, 2025.

Site alteration bylaw

Council will hold a special meeting June 22 to iron out final details of the township’s proposed site alteration bylaw. Karl Korpela, chief building officer, said the latest iteration removes a clause preventing any kind of work or development on lands abutting fish spawning or habitat zones. The bylaw calls for a 20-metre buffer for most new development on the water. Coun. Carm Sawyer said he felt the legislation is “just as confusing as the County [shoreline preservation] bylaw... I think it can be a lot simpler.” The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m.

Wigamog update

Bylaw officer, Rob Mascia, said demolition work at the Wigamog Inn site is set to restart later this month. Owners Aurora Group began tear down in early April but stopped work in late May after crews reported multiple loud bangs after demolishing one of the cabins. Mascia said hydro hadn’t been fully disconnected at



John Watson, Dysart et al environmental manager, shows off the township’s new recycling bags. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

all outer buildings. He told council workers would be on-site June 15 to disconnect, with Aurora Group planning to proceed with demolition June 26. *(Dysart et al briefs compiled by Mike Baker).*

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Auxiliary to stay the course

By Mike Baker

While Minden may have lost its emergency department, members of the local health care auxiliary say it has no plans to abandon the community.

Since 2000, the volunteer group has raised and donated well over \$100,000 to purchase new equipment at the Minden hospital and Hyland Crest long-term care home. Mickey Bonham, a member since 2009, said the auxiliary met in early May, shortly after HHHS announced it would be shuttering the Minden emerge, to discuss their future.

"We were all in a state of shock. We knew this decision was going to impact our ability to raise funds and attract new members... but we decided to keep going at least for another year," Bonham said.

"We couldn't abandon the 64 people [who live] at Hyland Crest. This isn't their fault," added Pat Bradley, a member since 2012.

The auxiliary held a sale at its gift shop in the main foyer at Hyland Crest, June 10. Bonham said it was to make way for new inventory, which will arrive next month. The store reopened last fall after being closed for two-and-a-half years due to the pandemic.

It's one of the auxiliary's primary revenue generators, alongside other staples such as the tag day fundraiser. Bonham admits it's going to be "a challenge" for the auxiliary raising money now, considering the bulk of funds came from people who had received treatment at, and wanted to support, the Minden emerge.

The group is hosting a summer raffle, with 48 bottles of wine and a wheelbarrow up for grabs. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the gift shop. The draw will be done in October. All proceeds will support projects at Hyland Crest.

"We're really hoping to focus now on beautifying that space. It hasn't been updated since it was built in 2000," Bonham said. "We want to have some murals painted inside, bring in some pieces of art, just make it more visually appealing for residents."

Bonham didn't rule out assisting any service that takes over the hospital space, with the Kawartha North Family Health Team applying to open an urgent care clinic. Bradley said the auxiliary is also planning to support efforts at the adult day program,



Pat Bradley, Irene Alexander, Marie Lennard and Fran Blake. Photo by Mike Baker.

which runs out of Hyland Crest.

"The big message we want to put across is all the money we raise will stay in Minden. Anyone who's afraid the money will be going to Haliburton now our emerge has closed, no – that's not our mandate," Bradley said. "Our money stays here. This just opens doors for other areas, other groups that perhaps haven't received support before."

The auxiliary has around 25 active members, half the number they had pre-pandemic. Bradley said it's a great group to get involved with.

"We need fresh blood. If you're recently retired and looking for something to do, it's a great cause. Promoting and furthering health services is one of the most rewarding things

you can do as a volunteer," Bradley said.

"It's easy for the people at Hyland Crest to feel abandoned, they can feel lonely. I feel strongly these are pillars of our community who are locked behind a door nobody seems to want to go beyond. Anything we can do to support these people, bring some smiles to their faces, it's well worth it."

The group meets three times annually for general meetings, with members required to complete at least one three-hour shift at the gift shop each month.

The gift shop is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from noon until 3 p.m.

For more information on the auxiliary, or to become a member, visit hhhs.ca or contact 705-457-1392 ext. 2927.

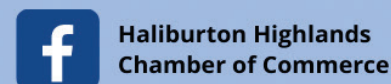


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Ford: get own house in order

Since the 2022 provincial election, we've heard a lot about how the Doug Ford government is going to build more housing in Ontario.

One key policy the province has put forward to help boost the housing supply is Bill 23, which sees freezing, reducing and exempting fees developers pay to build affordable housing, non-profit housing and inclusionary zoning units – meaning affordable housing in new developments as well as some rural units.

But if we look at a proposed affordable housing development for Minden Hills, the province has dropped its own ball.

Bill Switzer donated land to the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation to build affordable housing units along Hwy. 35 just south of the Minden Legion in a project that has been in the works since 2018.

Six years ago. One of the biggest hurdles, if not the biggest hurdle, has been Ford's Ministry of Transportation. Apparently, the MTO didn't get Ford's pro-housing memo as it has yet to sign off on this development.

First off, the MTO said the development needed a right turn taper.

Now, about three years later, it has

determined that is no longer needed.

However, now that five units have been added to the project size – taking it to 35 from 30 - it is asking that a traffic impact study done in 2020 be updated.

More time. More money. More inefficiency.

At a Minden Hills council meeting last week, mayor Bob Carter voiced his frustration with the process. He said there have been two project redesigns, both instigated by the MTO. And now, the MTO has forced another design change and an updated traffic study, he said.

There may be money for affordable housing projects at both the federal and provincial levels. The 2023 federal budget announced the government's intention to support the reallocation of funding from the National Housing Co-Investment Fund's repair stream to its new construction stream, as needed, to boost the construction of new affordable homes for the Canadians who need them most.

Another thing that could help is the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus (EOWC) recent housing initiative, for which they are now negotiating for provincial and federal funding.

The EOWC appeared before County

council this spring, about a new intra-regional housing initiative, aiming to bring almost 500 affordable rental units to the Highlands by 2031. The 'Seven in Seven' program aims to construct 7,000 new affordable rental units across 13 counties in eastern Ontario over the next seven years, with a tab of at least \$3.1 billion.

However, all of these funders will be looking for shovel-ready projects. Without an MTO permit, the Minden project is not shovel-ready.

At a time when Ontario's cost of living is making the building of affordable housing almost impossible – thanks to rising interest rates, the cost of building materials, and a shortage of labour – the MTO is doing Minden and its own government no favours.

So, instead of patting itself on the back for all of the housing the province purports it will build in Ontario, it's time to eliminate the bureaucracy in its own ranks to pave the way for projects such as the one in Minden to come to fruition.



By Lisa Gervais

CLIMATE CORNER

Building for climate change

The World Bank forecasts earth's urban population will grow by 150 per cent by 2045. In some cities, buildings are the biggest source of planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions.

In Canada, buildings are the third largest source of GHG emissions, after oil and gas and transportation (Environment and Climate Change Canada). Nearly two-thirds of energy use in buildings is for heating and cooling.

The European Union "green buildings pact" requires public and residential buildings to be more climate friendly by improving insulation and energy efficiency, with plans to double renovation rates by 2030. In November 2022, the UK announced £6 billion of funding to insulate homes and reduce energy used for summer cooling and winter heating. Investment in energy efficiency measures, such as heat pumps and insulation, increased 16 per cent in 2022.

In Sweden, nearly every home is now equipped with a heat pump.

Canada is developing a model retrofit code for 2024. The Pembina Institute will be working on Canada's Regulatory Solutions project to accelerate the electrification of buildings and achieve a net-zero grid by 2035. The project will provide the Clean Electricity Regulations (CER) to decarbonize and advance electrification in Canada's highest emitting sectors (buildings, transport and gas production). Canada's federal government plans to cut building emissions by 37 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. Currently, about half of Canadian homes are

heated with fossil fuels.

In 2021, British Columbia updated its building code to make all new buildings zero carbon by 2030, and all new heating equipment sold and installed greater than 100 per cent efficient (heat pumps use less energy than they produce).

For builders, new technologies must be included as new building codes are enforced. Solar panels, improved insulation and heat pumps are rapidly gaining ground, while other technologies are still in development. Ubiquitous Energy makes a transparent film that layers over window glass. Made from organic salts that absorb a non-visible portion of the solar spectrum, they have potential to turn every building into a solar generator.

MEER's Urban Cooling uses passive reflective cooling by installing solar reflectors on rooftops in countries where people are suffering thermal intolerance and have no means to regulate indoor temperatures.

Researchers at the University of Maryland have turned ordinary sheets of wood into transparent material that is stronger and lighter than glass with better insulating properties.

Passivhaus offers airtight designs that heat with energy produced by the humans and appliances inside.

The World Economic Forum recommends a tiered carbon reduction strategy: 1. build nothing (refurbish and repurpose old buildings); 2. build less (build only to meet community needs and maximize use

of buildings); 3. build clever (reuse materials and use low carbon materials); 4. build efficiently (minimize design loads, maximize material use); 5. minimize waste (prefabricate, reuse, recycle).

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Consider the federal government's home retrofit rebates: Canada's Greener Homes Grant covers \$5,000 on a heat pump, and Canada Greener Homes Loan incentives.
- Review the Climate Adaptation Home Rating Program and EnerGuide home energy audits designed to protect homeowners from the effects of climate change.
- Check out: reThink Green (Sudbury) Northern Home Energy Rebates; Canada Green Building Council Zero Carbon Building Standards (2022); Endeavour – the Sustainable Building School (Peterborough); local Passivhaus builders (e.g. Quantum, Above Board).

Analyzing Canadian household energy use shows most homes will be 12 per cent lower after transitioning from fossil fuels. The Canadian Climate Institute shows that even after investments into heat pumps, household equipment and electricity grid expansion, clean and sustainable electricity is cheaper than oil and gas. Benefits come from efficient passive forms of heating and cooling, insulating, and heat pumps, which, used for both heating and cooling, have a return of energy at least three to one.



By Dr. Neil Thomas

LETTERS

Nurses deserve better

Dear editor,

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has, for many years, focused solely on physician recruitment and satisfaction, without valuing or prioritizing hiring full-time nurses and retaining them.

Instead of new hires, there has been a reliance on overtime shifts and casual employment to meet nursing labour gaps. One only has to look at the average age of our nurses and the number of hours of overtime that has been increasing year-over-year, as evidenced by the Ontario Sunshine List, and the number of nurses who are off on disability or stress leave, to know that we are on the brink of additional service shutdowns. Word from staff is that the Haliburton emergency department came close to closing this past weekend due to a shortage of nurses.

New nurses join the nursing profession wanting to provide exemplary service and to be part of a satisfying and fulfilling work endeavour...instead they experience exhaustion, fear, and lateral violence due to excessive workloads and lack of mentorship.

Dr. Kathleen MacMillan observed that leaders and employers must re-vision and redesign the workplace. Transformational leadership, use of innovation and new knowledge, employee empowerment, continuous quality improvement, and use of outcome data are strategies to create a better workplace.

Closure of the Minden ED was a desperation move and is only a temporary stopgap. HHHS must demonstrate they value their nurses by providing work-life balance and flexibility, sufficient staffing for safe staff-patient ratios, organizational and manager support, autonomy and recognition, new staff on-boarding and transition support, and positions for nurses nearing retirement age. Workplace reform that starts with collaboration, communication, and cherishing our nurses, not slashing essential services, is the approach that is needed.

If doctors are offered perks, such as relocation bonuses and housing, then why not nurses? Maybe with Veronica Nelson from Ross Memorial Hospital at the helm, good things will begin to happen to health care in our County, including hiring full-time nurses.

Diane Duff
Minden

Nothing is unreachable

Dear editor,

How ironic KNFHT is open and willing to provide much-needed resources to the Minden Hospital because of the emergency closure and providing public meetings and participation in alternatives that could be available to assist people in need.

The HHHS board, in an irrational, irreverent and thoughtless decision will

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Tom Diblee photographed this Rose-breasted Grosbeak perched on a tree.

have a negative effect on health care for so many. It is refreshing to hear there is still an organization that realizes health care is a priority.

As far as the HHHS board revisiting its ill-fated Minden emerge closure, this will only happen if either an entirely new board is appointed or, if possible, KNFHT takes over health care decision-making for Haliburton County.

Perhaps another alternative would be to have all board members elected by the people in order to provide accountability for all, at least when it comes to Haliburton health care initiatives.

Let's remember nothing is unreachable.

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham

Lack of accountability

Dear editor,

I read the HHHS press release regarding Carolyn Plummer's placement on medical leave.

I see nothing has changed. It seems that

lack of transparency is an unshakeable part of HHHS' public communications policy.

It's time for a total shake-up at HHHS and it's time for it to reach into the bureaucracy beyond.

HHHS is a Crown corporation and, ultimately, it reports to the Ministry of Health and the Ford government.

Who lies between HHHS and Doug Ford? Who did Carolyn Plummer actually report to and why is that person not being held accountable for their part in this miserable mess? It certainly was not David O'Brien, as the HHHS org chart shows. No CEO of a Crown corporation reports to an unpaid volunteer. If Ms. Plummer did, we need to know who set up that incredulous arrangement.

Where is Laurie Scott in all this? Why is our MPP not standing up for her constituents?

It's time for serious change in how health care is delivered in Ontario. If the people in charge are not going to change it, we need to change them.

Peter Hynard
Minden

A note for County retailers

Dear editor,

While large swathes of our country burn, and while our own local municipalities have severe fire bans in effect, I think the floor space allocated to large S'more displays and related products are, at best, in extremely poor taste.

Locals perhaps have the sense to avoid fires, charcoal, fireworks, etc. but we sell to many cottagers and renters, too, who may be less aware...and fires don't discriminate against properties once they get started.

In truth, I struggle to understand why we would sell fireworks during a fire ban. It's not like you can claim to bake them into Rice Krispies. At minimum, can we please agree to erect signs around related product displays "while fire ban in effect, this product may be illegal to consume?"

Ian Middleton
Stanhope

Corrections: In the June 1 edition of *The Highlander*, in the ‘Grass Lake proposal taken to Ontario tribunal’ story that appeared on page 3, we stated Tony Usher, a lawyer representing developer Harburn Holdings, said four lots overlooking Grass Lake aren’t considered waterfront. The lots in question are waterfront lots. *The Highlander* regrets this error.

In the June 8 edition of *The Highlander*, in the ‘Around the County’ news, we stated the Haliburton Highlands Health Services AGM will be held June 23. The meeting will take place virtually June 22. *The Highlander* regrets this error.

Dimensions gets green light to work with vets

By Lisa Gervais

After taking part in a pilot program at Dimensions Algonquin Highlands, Scott Atkinson says former military personnel will benefit from Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) officially approving the initiative.

It means the retreat on the shores of Maple Lake will be able to offer its ELEVATE for Veterans-Only Program monthly to participants starting in July.

Atkinson was in the military for 25 years before being released in 2018. He struggled with opioids and alcohol, admitting, “I was in a horrible spot at one time.” He continues to work on himself and with volunteers at CannaConnect, a drop-in clinic for vets in Ottawa.

He said things such as the 10-day pilot at Dimensions, “helps me move forward in life, and to help other people move forward in life.” He added the Haliburton County location helped him connect mind, body and spirit to better understand himself. He said the space and program allows vets to get to the “next level of where your mind can be, just with breathing, just with meditation. It really works to show how important this is in life and in healing.”

Atkinson added veterans today are open to things such as yoga, and ceremony, and want to learn. “They want to get away from the alcohol, the pills, and they’re learning this is a better way to do it.”

Not only do the vets benefit, he said, but their families too. He is now getting to know

an estranged 29-year-old daughter and a granddaughter.

“It’s how much you put into it, right? I was in the army for 25 years. I was a rugby player. I was a drinker and now I’m becoming a yoga instructor. It’s not that every day is great, but you can learn to handle darker days.”

Co-founder and CEO, Chris Dawson, said getting the go-ahead from VAC is a game changer for Dimensions.

“It’s stabilizing for us as a new business. But more importantly, it really is a clinical landmark for the organization. And the group we’re looking to treat are amongst those most in need in this country, if not being right at the top of that list,” Dawson said. “So, for us to be approved by Veterans Affairs, which means that Veterans Affairs will pay for veterans to come for treatment, is also an endorsement of our program.”

Dawson said it’s a year-long program since there is thorough assessment and preparation for the 10-day retreat and follow-up. He said veterans can suffer from both mental and physical health issues, which can include pain management via massage. “We may weight things one way or the other, depending on the individual.”

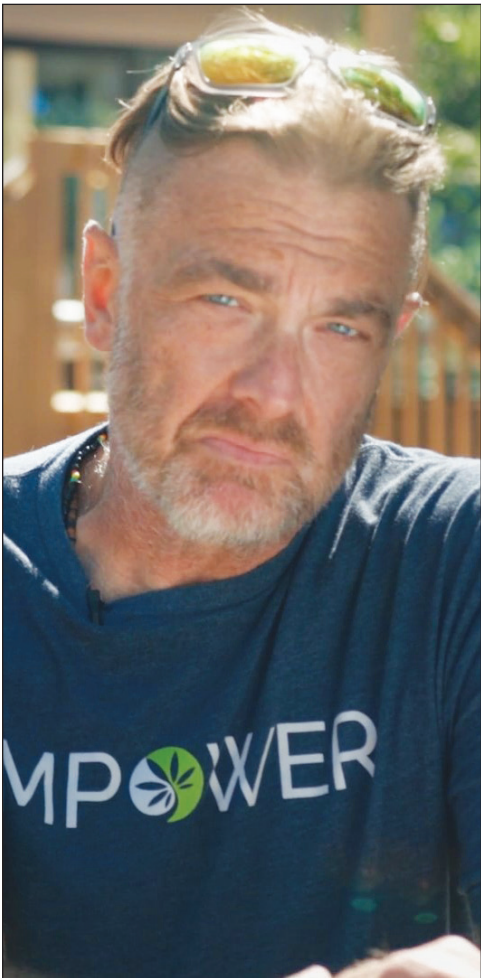
He added they emphasize somatic psychotherapy in their treatment, or what he describes as the recognition the role of the body plays in our overall mental health. It helps people process trauma stored in the body and nervous system. They have more than 20 psychotherapists and clinicians.

“You’ll see a lot of what might, on the surface, look like spa like treatments, but they are designed to prepare the body for the psychotherapy that they’re about to receive. And it’s a recognition that our body and our mind are connected on things like PTSD. If we’re only looking at one or the other, then, for example, the body might force the mind back into old behavioural patterns.”


Dawson said with 17 cabins, they will likely take 14-15 vets at a time and move them through the program together to form a community.

He said the program was developed over three years, with researchers and clinicians from Queen’s University. The pilot ran in the summer of 2022.

“The goal of the program is to improve outcomes in psychological functioning and well-being for the veterans, as well as eliciting improvements in their pain experience. With the support of a lakeside setting in nature; psychotherapy; nutritious meals; daily breathwork; and bodywork practices, such as yoga, Qigong, and massage therapy, veterans identify the sources and triggers of their mental health and pain challenges. Through the various healing modalities, their central nervous system is reset, and stress, anxiety, and depression symptoms are reduced. Meals are created around guests’ retreat schedule and dietary specifications and preferences. The ingredients and preparations optimize gut health and brain health,” Dawson said.



Scott Atkinson at Dimensions Algonquin Highlands. Photo by Brad Brown.

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Highlands’ experiences in Bateman exhibit

By Lisa Gervais

Last August, Ross Bateman, the brother of Robert Bateman, approached Minden Hills manager of cultural services, Shannon Kelly, with an “exciting” idea. The Bateman family wanted to do an exhibit at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden this summer.

“It would be based on their time at the family cottages in Haliburton County over several decades,” Kelly told a council meeting June 8.

The plan was for original paintings, and limited-edition prints, created by Robert Bateman, his brothers, Ross and Jack, Robert’s son, Alan, and Ross’s son, Brad, as well as photography by Robert’s wife, Birgit Freybe Bateman.

After that initial chat, Kelly continued to talk to Robert and Birgit, as well as Robert’s assistant, Kate Brochie, in the early fall of 2022, and now – an exhibit date of July 6 to Sept. 2 is set.

The title of the exhibit is ‘Bateman Family: A Sense of Place.’

In outlining the details, Kelly said it would feature 46 pieces that are part of Robert’s personal collection, including 21 originals and 25 prints. Four originals from the collection of Ross will also be included.

Approximately 12 photographs of Birgit will be curated; three original pieces from Ross; one original piece from Jack; four original pieces and four reproductions from Alan; and eight original pieces by Brad.

“The Bateman family cherish the memories

of their summer holidays spent at the family cottages in Haliburton County. Their experiences over several decades are captured in this personal family exhibit,” Kelly said.

She added an exhibit catalogue is being designed by Andrea Hilo, and printed by Parker Pad & Printing. “The catalogue will include images of all artwork included in the exhibit, as well as personal notes from the artists, on selected pieces,” she said.

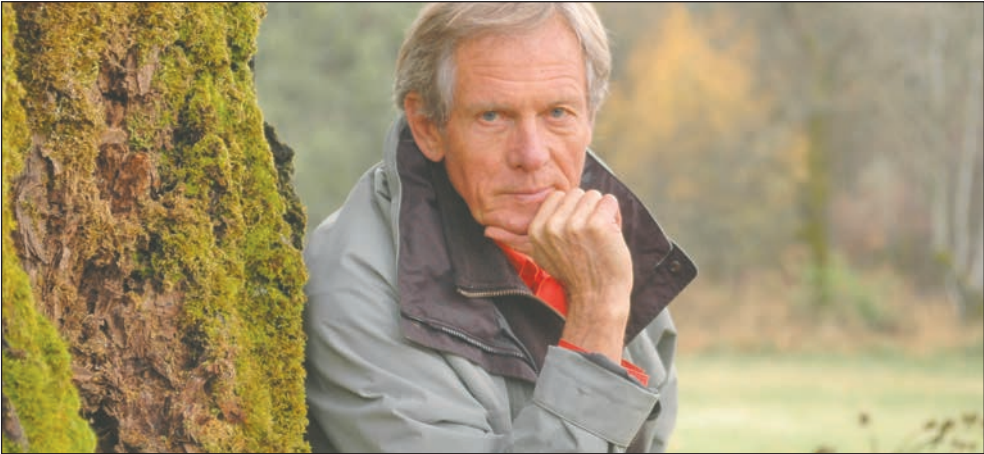
The catalogue will also include an original, personal, essay titled *The Haliburton Paintings*, written by Ross for the exhibit. The catalogues will be sold in the gallery throughout the exhibition, with proceeds going to the cultural centre.

Kelly said all art will be on site at the cultural centre the week of June 19. The exhibit will be hung the week of July 3 by staff and volunteers, with creative input from the Bateman family.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation will be holding a members-only preview July 6, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. “There will be some members of the Bateman family present,” Kelly said.

The public opening reception will be held July 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. “All contributing artists have confirmed they will be present at the reception,” Kelly said. An artist talk has been scheduled form 1:30 p.m.

Due to the limited seating in the Welch Room, pre-registration is required for the talk. General viewing of the exhibit is open to all at the reception. Alcoholic beverages



Robert Bateman, pictured, and his family are coming to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. File.

will be served at the reception on July 8. A Special Occasion Permit (SOP) has been applied for, and a bartender with Smart Serve has been booked for the event. Non-alcoholic beverages and light snacks will also be served.

Council designated the July opening an event of municipal significance during a recent meeting.

A selection of prints and books selected by the artists will be available for sale in the gallery gift shop. As per the exhibit contract, the gallery will receive 25 per cent of the proceeds from the sales.

In addition, the original painting, *Castor Canadensis*, will be part of the exhibit, and is the one original painting that will be available for sale. The sale price is \$50,000

U.S., or approximately \$68,000 CDN. As per the exhibit contract, the gallery will receive 25 per cent of the proceeds from the sale, Kelly said.

“This unique painting was inspired when Robert was driving home from his cottage in Haliburton and spotted a beaver on the side of the road. Growing up, he spent many summers at the cottage waiting patiently at the water’s edge, with mosquitoes buzzing around his head, hoping to catch a glimpse of the animal emerging from the water. During this chance encounter he pulled over quickly to the roadside and snapped a few photographs. The beaver’s wet, slicked back fur created a powerful image reminiscent of a bronze sculpture, which Robert enjoyed recreating in his studio.”



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Disenfranchised need space to call home

By Mike Baker

One of Ontario’s top homelessness and addictions advocates, Tom Regehr, says he has a long way to go to inspire real change in Haliburton County.

Through his new working group Voice Haliburton, launched in February, Regehr has been running weekly sessions designed to bring people of all backgrounds together in a supportive, non-judgemental setting to share their personal stories of struggle. The idea, he tells *The Highlander*, is to foster a collective atmosphere where people help and encourage each other to make change in their lives.

“Things aren’t quite working. We’re not getting the traction I thought I would. When I was first brought in, I was utterly confident I would have a successful group up and running by the summer or early fall. I’ve failed,” Regehr said, noting his sessions have attracted 10 people in four months.

That doesn’t mean there isn’t a problem. In his preliminary work in the Highlands, Regehr has learned drug use is rampant, particularly Class A substances like fentanyl and other opioids. The homelessness population is growing too, he said.

“I don’t have a way of giving you a number in terms of how many [people there are struggling], but I can say by percentage of population, it’s probably more [of a problem] here than anywhere I’ve worked,” Regehr said. “People out there are feeling lonely, they’re suffering. The most heartbreaking thing is they have no clue what help is



Tom Regehr said he’s still working to make a difference through his working group Voice Haliburton. Photo by Mike Baker.

available to them... There’s no trust.”

The biggest contributor to that, in his mind, is the lack of a designated community space people can go to during the day. In the six years he lived on the streets in Brampton in the 1990s, Regehr said he regularly frequented a Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) pop-up where people could go to grab a coffee, play pool and socialize.

While organizations like SIRCH have an open-door policy at the Bistro, Regehr said it’s important for the disenfranchised to have a space they can call their own.

“It needs to be comfortable. It needs to be somewhere they won’t feel threatened,

where they can connect with, or even just see people who are also suffering. Who also don’t fit in,” Regehr said.

He said most successful operations he’s seen in other communities are faith-based.

Making a difference

Regehr wishes he’d made greater traction on the County’s homelessness and addiction issues, but that doesn’t mean he isn’t proud of the work he has done.

“Most people bounce towards big change, and that’s what I’ve seen at the sessions here... the people that have come out and been exposed to this, the mutual respect and growth I’ve seen happen in that room is

unique. The people that have come out have been informed, engaged – I’m in awe of the natural, supportive, accepting, respectful atmosphere, and that’s been present since our second ever meeting. It usually takes months to build something like that.”

Of the 10 attendees, Regehr said they all presented with some form of addiction. None admitted to being homeless.

“Knowing you can talk, and you’re safe to do so opens so many doors. The one common denominator that helps people come to a point of change, and this is the key point I’m trying to communicate, is being actively valued and exposing yourself to live human interaction,” Regehr noted.

He’s anticipating a busy summer. Voice sessions will continue to run every other week, now taking place at SIRCH in Haliburton. Meetings run from 7 to 9 p.m, with one tonight (June 15) and the next June 29.

On June 27, Regehr will be at Abbey Gardens for a public event where he’ll share some of Voice’s initial successes and future plans. He’s planning two more events in July.

“Working here in Haliburton has reminded me how soul-fulfilling it can be to see people experiencing joy and laughter for the first time in a decade, or even in their adult life. My goal is to expand that, reach more people and help them get to their point of change,” he said.

For more information, visit voicehaliburton.weebly.com.

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There were clear skies and smiles all around as the Haliburton County Fair returned to the Minden Fairgrounds June 10. Hundreds came out over the course of the day, enjoying hot air balloon rides, live music, a classic car show and horse pull. There were plenty of children's activities, with pony rides, bouncy castles, arts and crafts and an exotic zoo.

Top left: Diane Armstrong of Washburn Island Soaps had a successful day selling her homemade products. Top middle: Sandy and Ray Moffatt, of Moffatt Creations, were selling stuffed animals and wooden cutting and charcuterie boards out of the Minden Curling Club. Top right: Seven-year-old Alayna Wiley had her face painted like a unicorn by Pockets the Clown. Middle left: Six-year-old Cara Jamieson got up close and personal with Finley, a three-year-old reticulated python while handler, Hailee Frey of Zoo to You, watches on. Middle right: Sisters Kinsley and Elsie Murdoch petting rabbits brought in by Orillia-based Dalrymple Rabbitry. Above: The Todd Nolan band was one of several musical acts to take to the stage throughout the day. Right: Mavis Heller, three, enjoys a pony ride while guided by dad, Marshall, and Angelo Quartzarone of Little Stirrups Equine. *Photos by Mike Baker.*



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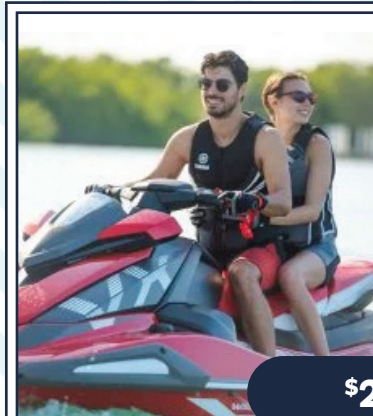
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Evan Backus on the podium at OFSAA. Submitted.

Red Hawk soars to silver at provincials

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School athlete, Evan Backus, made the podium at OFSAA June 10, garnering a silver medal in the 300m hurdles.

Coach Karen Gervais said Evan started the day strong by winning his qualifying heat to make the finals.

Evan said, "I thought I wouldn't do as well for the heats because I was put in lane eight, which I thought was a little bit of a disadvantage, but I ended up coming first in my heat."

For the finals, Evan was seeded third but ran a personal best of 42.01 to place second in the province.

Running the race, Evan said he was aware of the hurdler in front of him, "and was trying my hardest to catch him, but once I crossed the finish line, I just didn't care anymore, because I knew I got second place."

He added making the podium was an awesome experience.

"It was really cool. Once I saw that there was a podium, all I really wanted to do was stand up there and have my name announced. It was a really cool experience to be up on there."

Evan said making it required "lots of hard work." He added he had a lot of help from

coaches, senior athletes and friends.

Evan also finished 12th in the 100m sprint hurdles June 9.

Gervais said the top 24 athletes from the six different regions in the province compete at OFSAA.

"It has been many years since a Haliburton athlete has made the podium in track and field," she added. "OFSAA is dubbed the third most competitive high school track meet in North America."

Gervais said she asked Walter Tose, who used to coach at the school and keep records, when the last Red Hawk athlete to medal at OFSAA would have been.

Tose said, "I'm pretty sure that Matt Duchene was the most recent OFSAA medalist before Evan, winning bronze in the novice boys' discus in 2006."

"Kate Campbell won gold in the 300m hurdles in 1998 and followed up with a bronze in the 400m hurdles two years later. Nicole Manary won bronze at OFSAA in novice girls discus in 2002, and Kate Dawson won bronze in senior girls' javelin at OFSAA in 2005. And, of course, Lesley Tashlin won bronze at OFSAA in 1987. There are several other HHSS athletes who had top four to eight finishes at OFSAA as well over the years and several other 'should have been, could have been', Tose said.



Love on ice

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School drama club provided a modern, Canadian twist on Shakespeare's classic *Romeo and Juliet* with *Star-Crossed Hat Trick*, which ran for three shows at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion June 9 to 11. Written and directed by Rebeka Borgdorff, the play is set in Verona, ON and follows Romeo Montague, star forward of the Montague Monarchs, who meets, and falls in love with, Juliet Capulet – a prized figure skater.

Top left: Abe, a member of the Montague Mavericks played by Jordan Kovacs, manhandles a Capulet Colt. Top right: Romeo tries to break the ice with Juliet's best friend Nat, played by Annabelle Borgdorff. Middle left: Marc (Keith Bailey-McLeod), a Montague, tangles with Tabby (Marley Mariani), a Capulet. Middle right: Ms. Prince, mayor of Verona, unveils the town's new arena with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Above: Juliet, played by Brooklyn Sidsworth, says 'I do' as she weds Romeo, played by Brody Bolger. Right: Romeo hands Juliet a pink rose as he proposes. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

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Seniors games winding down

The Ontario Seniors' Games Association (OSGA) is winding up its 2023 summer season in the Highlands. Convenor Mary Johnson said the last scheduled events are pickleball June 20 at the Minden Community Centre and golf on June 21 at the Blairhampton Golf Club.

The Ontario Seniors' Games Association district 11 tennis event June 13 at the Haliburton Courts. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*



Rainbow shines over Hal High

Students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) got colourful June 9, concluding Pride week festivities with a buy-out event at Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field featuring games and a fun run. Teenagers donned white as they circled the track, being covered in pink, yellow and blue powder to show their support for the LGBTQ+ community. Teacher, Christine Carr, helped organize the festivities, saying “I am hoping... students took away a greater understanding of diverse voices and perspectives, and celebrated the differences that make them great.”

Top: Chris Rock, Allan Guinan, Greg Freeman and Justin van Lieshout were on hand, representing Minden Pride. Middle: Parker Pietryszyn and Ethan Hullah. Above: Over 100 students participated in the ‘Colour Run’, including this group. Photos by Mike Baker.



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Found treasures

The parent council at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School held a BBQ fundraiser June 10, raising \$670 for new playground equipment and devices students can use inside the classroom. “The ministry doesn’t provide enough money for these sorts of things, so the parent council is trying to step in and make sure our kids don’t have to do without,” said chair Renee Griffith. There was a yard sale for adults to browse and find new treasures, while JDH students created pavement murals with chalk and enjoyed free hot dogs.

Top left: Grade 8 students Harper Gooley and Madeline Hubbard show off their artistic skills. Top right: Catherine Wheeler was selling books, clothing and jewellery at the event. Right: Chair of the JDH parent council, Renee Griffith (left), high fives a volunteer. Photos by Mike Baker.



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Have an idea? U-Links might be a good partner

By Lisa Gervais

U-Links is again inviting community groups in Haliburton County to submit their research project proposals for the upcoming academic year.

“This call aims to foster partnerships between community organizations and student researchers from Trent University and Fleming College to address important issues impacting the social, cultural, environmental, and economic aspects of the County,” program coordinator Frank Figuli said.

Since 1999, U-Links has connected community organizations with student researchers, resulting in numerous research projects. Figuli said by participating, organizations gain access to valuable research insights that can inform decision-making processes, increase capacity, and contribute to the betterment of the County.

Even if you have no research background, Figuli said U-Links’ staff can guide organizations through the process.

“All you need is an idea or identified problem within Haliburton County, and our team will assist you in developing a comprehensive project proposal and identifying the appropriate research questions.”

Figuli added whether project ideas relate to community development, health sciences, forensics, environmental sciences, or any other field, ULinks’ professionals will provide the necessary support.



An image from a past U-Links celebration of research. *File.*

A few examples of ongoing community-based research projects include: assessing Haliburton for agriculture and vendor needs; an evaluation assessment for Abbey Retreat Centre programs; and an evaluation of Haliburton County Lake Associations on water quality testing data and protocols.

In addition to research projects, U-Links also offers opportunities for community-

service learning (CSL). This unique form of experiential education allows students and community members to collaborate on specific activities or events with tangible outcomes. One example is the annual Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children’s Water Festival, where Environmental Science students from Trent University and community members work together to

organize and facilitate educational activity stations.

The deadline for submitting project ideas or topics is July 14. U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research PO Box 655, Minden, ON K0M 2K0; 705-286-2411; admin@ulinks.ca; ulinks.ca . Figuli is at coordinator@ulinks.ca or phone the office.



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Hank hits the market

Haliburton Hank, Hank O'Reilly, strummed his guitar at the Haliburton County Farmers Market in Haliburton June 13. The market season has resumed: Tuesdays noon to 4 p.m. in Haliburton, Friday, noon to 4 p.m. at Abbey Gardens and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. in Minden. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*



Healing connections between youth and nature

In April 2023, 15 talented young people from Haliburton County engaged in a research-creation project with local artist, Noelia Marziali, and researcher Dr. Clara Juando-Prats from the University of Toronto and St. Michael's Hospital. Together they experimented with acrylic paint on wood and, following the lead of the artist, they created a large vibrant mural to be displayed on the Point in Time wall. "The art piece is a representation of the healing connections between the youth and the natural environment. It is an affirmation of a community thriving and caring for each other," said Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub manager Mary Sisson. She went on to thank the youth involved, and Nick Elliot of Mountain Customs who donated the marine grade plywood for the piece.

Mary Sisson and Brayden Grooms unveil the mural. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

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Committee of Adjustment - Notice of Public Hearing Application For Minor Variance

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: Monday, June 26, 2023
TIME: 9:30 AM
LOCATION: This will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public may attend either in person or electronically via Zoom. Details are provided below.

To Attend in Person:

Location: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting in person can do so by attending the Township Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden.

To Participate: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the public meeting must pre-register by emailing dssisson@mindenhills.ca by Friday June 23, 2023 before 4:00 PM or by registering the morning of the meeting before 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers.

To Attend Electronically:

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To attend the Zoom virtual meeting via Web, type <https://zoom.us/join> or <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85998313946?pwd=OVFjYk93LzVPeU9jQXE5MkNQZlQ5UT09> into your browser or attend by dialing the number below:
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Participants registering either virtually or in person after 9:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider Minor Variance Applications PLMV2022100 and PLMV2023027 and the proposed minor variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act as shown below:

PLMV2022100 - Part Lot 18, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1017 Canfield Lane and located on Canning Lake (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of a two-storey, 44.6 square metre addition to an existing two-storey, 69.11 square metre dwelling on an existing undersized lot. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in the ground floor area of the existing cottage by 64.5% whereas an increase in 25% is otherwise permitted. The effect of the application would also permit an increase in size of the dwelling, being a structure located in part within 15 metres of the high-water mark, where no size increase is otherwise permitted. The application would also permit a western side yard of 3.81 metres whereas the existing deficient western side yard is 4.27 metres.



PLMV2023027 - Part Lot 12, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden Hills; municipally known as 1080 Crest Drive and located on Little Boshkung Lake (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the expansion of a legal non-conforming dwelling on an undersized lot, more specifically in the form of a screened in porch. The application would provide relief from Section 4.8.4 iv) to permit the increase of size or height of a building or structure located wholly or in part within 15 metres of the high-water mark. The application would further provide relief from Section 4.8.4 i) and Section 5.2 to permit the reduction of a side yard from 4.5 metres as required to 3.5 metres.



Additional information regarding these applications will be available online. Links to meeting agendas and full reports can be found on our Minden Hills Civic Web. A copy of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

Any person or agency who is of the opinion that holding the hearing as a hybrid/combined in-person and electronic hearing is likely to cause them significant prejudice, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as hybrid is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing only. If a person or agency does not make a submission to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the hearing, and the person or agency does not participate in the hearing in accordance with this Notice, then the Committee may proceed without the party's participation and the party will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

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For more information about this matter contact at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or 705-742-2297 ext. 278

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The 'New to You' community yard sale is returning to the parking lot at A.J. LaRue Arena July 8. *File.*

Community yard sale returning to Haliburton

By Mike Baker

Christmas is coming a few months early for Haliburton-based thrifters as Dysart township prepares to host its second annual 'New to You' community yard sale.

The event debuted to much fanfare last summer, with over two dozen locals setting up shop at the parking lot at A.J. LaRue Arena, looking for new homes for items such as clothing, toys, furniture and more.

Organizer, John Watson, told *The Highlander* there has been significant demand for a second iteration.

"It was so well received last year – we had over 20 sellers, and hundreds of people stop by throughout the day. It's a great opportunity for people to find all sorts of new to you treasures," Watson, the township's environmental manager, said. "It's an important event for us because it helps to divert items from the landfill, supporting Dysart's reuse activities."

He noted the township has been recognized provincially for the event, winning a gold promotion and education award from the Municipal Waste Association. "We're really excited about that because it shows other places are looking at what we're doing here and can see that it's working."

The sale is taking place July 8 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There's space for 35 stalls, with registration costing \$30 plus HST.

Participants are asked to bring their own chairs, tables and cash float. If someone wishes to set up a tent, Watson said they must provide weights to secure it, as nothing will be allowed to penetrate the asphalt.

Having an event like this in a central location is appealing, Watson said.

"Because we're so spread out in Dysart, it makes it hard for people to hold yard sales on their own property. Bringing everyone together in one space makes it nice and convenient for both sellers and shoppers," he said.

"For me, it's neat seeing all the different things people are selling. Last year, I heard so many people walk up to booths and go 'oh, no way, I can't believe you have this', so it's a great opportunity for people to add to their collections or make nice finds."

Several other businesses and organizations are getting in on the action again this year. The Haliburton County Public Library is hosting a book sale at the Dysart branch, while the Lily Ann Thrift Store and SIRCH Thrift Warehouse are also hosting sales on the day.

Interested vendors can register until July 7 by visiting dysart.ca/newtoyou, or contacting the township at 705-457-1740.

EVENTS

June 16, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Bring your ukulele to the Minden Hills branch of the Haliburton County Public Library and learn with us. For children ages 7 to 15. Don't have your own ukulele? We have five for children to use during this program. No registration required. First come, first served.

June 17, 9:30 a.m.
The Lake Kashagawigamog Organization is hosting its AGM at Chateau Woodland, 3437 Kashagawigamog Lake Road. The event is open to members only. To become a member, visit www.lko.ca.

June 17, 10 to 11 a.m.
SIRCH Community Services is holding a Father's Day craft. RSVP at events@sirch.on.ca by June 15.

June 17 & 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Glass Eagle Studios is hosting its third annual Father's Day art and garden show. The event will feature eight artists, complementary food, and a presentation from the Haliburton County Master Gardeners.

June 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
SIRCH Repair Cafe, taking place at the Haliburton Legion. Want to surprise dad this Father's Day by getting his favourite item fixed? You're in luck. A full list of repairable items can be found at sirch.on.ca/repaircafe.

June 18
Hook, Line & Sinker is giving away fishing rods to some special dads at their Father's Day BBQ. The eatery will donate \$1 from every piece of fish sold to the Haliburton fish hatchery to help cover costs with restocking local lakes. There will also be a draw for Toronto Blue Jays tickets.

June 19, 7 p.m.
Haliburton Highlands Land Trust welcomes all to join us for our AGM. Members in good standing have voting privileges. In order to receive a Zoom link, you must register in advance at haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

June 20, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Gillian Taylor from Snaffle and Mane plant store will be at SIRCH to teach us how to propagate a plant cutting, which you can take home. Cost is \$10. Please RSVP at events@sirch.on.ca.

June 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Upcycled demo: how to make a bucket hat at SIRCH Thrift Warehouse. This DIY demonstration will inspire and show you how easy it is to upcycle. Watch an experienced fabric crafter as he turns used material into a trendy bucket hat.

June 21, 1:45 p.m.
Bocce with the Haliburton Red Wolves Special Olympics. Everyone is welcome. There are no fees to participate. Please come and give a new sport a try. No prior experience or skill is required. Volunteer coaches will be available to assist. Contact haliburton@specialolympicsontario.ca for more information and location.

June 22, 2 to 3 p.m.
Learn how to use your device that uses Android software, such as Samsung, Lenovo, LG, or Google tablets and phones at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. For adults and seniors. Please bring your own device. Visit haliburtonlibrary.ca or call 705-457-2241 to register.

June 22, 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Aging Together as Community (ATAC) is hosting an event at Haliburton United Church to celebrate the organization's efforts and successes over the past year, and plan next steps for the future. Light supper will be provided. For more information, contact Bonnie Roe at 705-457-6579.

June 23, 2 p.m.
Open house at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum at 2314 Loop Rd. in Wilberforce. Visit us and see our museum after significant renovations and new displays. Refreshments provided.



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Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton weekly activities
Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall & bingo, doors open at 6 p.m.
Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each available in the Clubroom.
Clubroom hours: Mon 3-6 p.m., Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call the Legion at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com.

June 23: Adverse Conditions performing in the main hall from 7 to 11 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20. All funds go towards the Legion's lift program and SIRCH Community Services.

June 24: Bill Black and Dan O'Neil in the clubroom, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 2 p.m. Chili and a roll, or chili dogs for \$5.

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden
Monday - Thursday: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' Tuesday.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.
Saturday all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11:30 a.m. Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541

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Monday: Rug Hookers every second week.
Tuesday: Euchre 1-3 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce
June 16: Wing night and jam session from 5 to 8 p.m.
June 17: Meat draw at 3 p.m.
June 18 to 20: Closed
June 21: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts at 2 p.m.
June 22: Open 2 to 6 p.m. HHHS social recreation 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
June 23: Opening ceremony at 2 p.m. Pool, poster contest display, wings, nachos and cake available, music with Phil O'Reilly.
June 24: Music with Half Tuned BBQ, popcorn, games, giveaways, and poster judging, with MP Jamie Schmale, MPP Laurie Scott and Highlands East mayor Dave Burton in attendance.
June 25: Pancake breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m.

Help us celebrate Branch 624's 50th anniversary. T-shirts available for \$20.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Coboconk
Second Monday of the month: General meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays: Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.
First Wednesday of the month: Big Buck Bid Euchre from 10 a.m. \$15 per person.
Saturdays: Music & Meat Roll - Music starts 2 p.m. Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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CORNER GALLERY

GALLERY MANAGER

The Corner Gallery is a contemporary fine art gallery located in the historic Lucas House in Haliburton Village. Opened in 2020, the Corner Gallery's mission is to showcase Ontario artists and to contribute Haliburton County's reputation as a destination for collectors.

The Gallery Manager is responsible for daily operations, including: sourcing and arranging individual and group shows with qualified artists; organizing events such as exhibit openings; art sales; and promoting the gallery.

The Corner Gallery is open 18 hours per week in the shoulder season (May-June and Sep-Oct), 30 hours in July and August and closed from November through April, making this position perfect for a (semi)-retiree or snowbird.

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- Across**
- 1 Word after first or financial
 - 4 Entertainment industry, casually
 - 10 ___ Millions (lottery)
 - 14 Long-jawed toothy fish
 - 15 Biblical Pontius
 - 16 Leaf-branch angle
 - 17 Suffix with lip- or amyl-
 - 18 Opposing forces on a "Smart" TV sitcom
 - 20 Stupid ___ stupid does
 - 22 Half of a rhyming cocktail
 - 23 "___ Mio" (aria once sung by Pavarotti and Bryan Adams)
 - 24 One who does the math
 - 28 "The spuds are big on the back of Bud's ___" (Stompin' Tom lyric)
 - 29 Sticky sprinkles on DQ Blizzards
 - 30 Chosen one
 - 32 Morning coffee break time, maybe
 - 33 Peaty places
 - 35 Made a tax valuation: Abbr.
 - 36 Paris, Prague and Port-au-Prince
 - 39 Deserve
 - 42 "Le 14 février" word
 - 43 Song words before and after "is just"
 - 47 Most salt-and-pepper, as hair
 - 49 Trimmed to size in advance
 - 50 "The Bug Man" Grissom on "CSI"
 - 51 Steve McQueen film set in a POW camp
 - 54 ___-Sky Highway (Vancouver-Whistler route)
 - 56 Rink ___ (arena attendant)
 - 57 Sirius or Polaris
 - 58 Dimension in much time travel sci-fi
 - 62 Alka-Seltzer competitor
 - 63 Bumblehead
 - 64 "Guess that's that, then"
 - 65 "32 Flavors" singer Difranco
 - 66 Parched
 - 67 Smartphone beeps, maybe

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- Down**
- 1 "... ___ a sea of troubles": "Hamlet"
 - 2 "It would seem to me"
 - 3 Crushing reply to an optimist
 - 4 U.S. toll rd.
 - 5 Break in the action
 - 6 Online mortgage source
 - 7 "___ Instinct" (Michael Douglas/Sharon Stone thriller)
 - 8 "Make ___ double, bartender"
 - 9 ___ garden (peaceful refuge)
 - 10 Job's creations
 - 11 Gets by threats
 - 12 Little ladies, cutesily
 - 13 Said to be
 - 19 Canadian comedian Jon ___
 - 21 Like the runt of the litter
 - 25 San ___ (Riviera resort)
 - 26 Thus
 - 27 "Frozen" snow queen
 - 28 Clarence Clemons' instrument
 - 31 Things some people will go to the grave with
 - 33 Top-___ (golf ball brand)
 - 34 City with Canada's largest mall: Abbr.
 - 37 Ill-considered
 - 38 Prefix meaning "beside"
 - 39 Pouches of future spiders
 - 40 "Love Island" host Vandenberg
 - 41 Tale teller
 - 44 Summer quaffs: Var.
 - 45 Girl told not to cry by a banjo player in song
 - 46 Island also called Santa Cruz
 - 48 Boris Johnson's boarding school
 - 49 Take pointers from a friend for a while?
 - 52 Loon lookalike
 - 53 Worth more to a collector
 - 55 Flak, in modern jargon
 - 59 Iguana on "Dora the Explorer"
 - 60 Remote button
 - 61 Area 51 concerns, it is said

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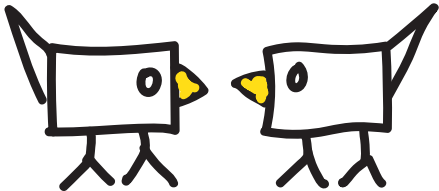
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