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Treehouse builders have lofty resort plans

By Lisa Gervais

When Cam Green spent summers at the family cottage on Balsam Lake, he and his friends built tree houses using found materials.

"That was something that was a big part of my childhood," the co-owner of Fort Treehouse Co. says. Now, he and wife, Lauren, are embarking upon building a multi-unit treehouse lodge in the Haliburton Highlands.

Minden Hills council approved their rezoning request at an Aug. 31 meeting. The Greens can now apply to build three tree houses around a lobby building that is close to completion. The lodge is on Geeza Road,

abutting the Dahl Forest. It will be off-grid, with a propane back-up generator.

"All the sites have been chosen, and we've done advanced tree assessments for all the trees we're building in, so we've got everything set up and ready to go," Cam said. The Greens hope to start construction this fall, with the lodge being slated to open

Autumn 2024.

Cam said it is a different concept that will bring great benefits to County tourism.

"It's unique in that they are tree-supported structures of significant size, which is uncommon, especially in Canada. We're placing these structures in the forest canopy

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Lauren and Cam Green are excited about their treehouse resort. Photo by Danielle Meredith.

'You're in the canopy of trees'

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with special care taken to avoid damaging the natural landscape and ecosystem. Rigging and mechanical advantage pulley systems are used in place of heavy machinery to help protect the trees.

"We can't risk damaging the roots by using heavy machinery, or anything that might compact the soil. There are some challenges that come with that but finding creative solutions is something we enjoy. We really have to think through how we're going to get the materials, the building, and the people working on it, safely into the trees."

Cam added they view the lodge as an access point to everything that Haliburton County has to offer.

Cam moved to the Highlands permanently in 2007, and he and Lauren bought a home in 2011. They've since had two children. They completed their first treehouse build in 2020 and have maintained full occupancy ever since.

After moving to Minden Hills, their friends came from the GTA year-round to visit, and in winter were surprised at how much there was to do outdoors. "That really sparked a realization that this is something that could be beneficial

to everybody. As much as treehouses are a passion of ours, they're truly an access point to everything else we have available here. We're building unique places to stay but from the treehouses you can get out and hike, bike, ski and get onto the lakes." Cam said.

Two of the units will be one-bedroom, the other two-bedroom. Two will be accessed via ramp or bridge and another by spiral staircase. They will range from 15-feet to 40-feet above the forest floor. There is also the 900 sq. ft. ground level lobby building.

Cam said they're excited about the modern design they've developed with architects from Toronto. They'll feature single story green roofs, with rooftop decks, "so you'll be right up in the canopy on the open-air deck." He added that they will incorporate abundant glazing and openness, sunken living rooms and the main viewpoint will offer floor to ceiling windows.

"They are architecturally-fascinating structures. The most unique and exciting component is that you're in the canopy of the trees, immersed in nature, wholeheartedly. It's a pretty wild experience. I think people walk away with a feeling of calmness and having had the chance to slow down and relax."



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Food drive supports 'huge need' at 4Cs

By Mike Baker

Judy MacDuff, manager of the Haliburton 4Csfood bank, said after a bounce-back year in 2022, demand for service is on the rise again as inflation and high interest rates continue to hit Highlanders where it hurts most.

The food bank served 185 households in May, and MacDuff expects similar numbers for June and July once her reports are completed. That's unusually high, especially when compared to pre-pandemic levels, she

"Normally, during the summertime, our numbers go down quite a bit. This year it hasn't gone down an awful lot, and we're starting to see our numbers climb again," she said. "Before COVID, we used to help about 80 households per month. Now we're way more than double that."

Because of the need locally, the 4Cs moved to a twice monthly model. That has substantially driven up food costs, and demand, while bills such as gas and hydro have also creeped up.

"Until now, we've been able to get by on donations that come into the food bank, and money raised at the Lily Anne Thrift Store to cover our regular ongoing expenses... Now, with demand going up, we have no choice but to turn [to our community]," MacDuff said.

She was at Todd's Independent Grocer Sept. 2 to support a food drive organized by Haliburton resident Mark Savin. He partnered with Purolator, his employer, to run 'fill the truck' events at Todd's and Haliburton Foodland Sept. 1 and 2. The event was a "tremendous" success, Savin said, bringing in 4,246 pounds of non-perishable food and \$2,104 cash to the 4Cs.

Savin told *The Highlander* he organized the event after watching a dozen or so people queue in the rain to get into the Haliburton food bank in April.

He reached out to MacDuff to see if she was interested in the event. The answer was unequivocally yes, Savin recalls, so he applied to Purolator to have the food drive sanctioned. The company sent two delivery trucks to Haliburton over the weekend to carry and store the donated food.

Such is the current need, MacDuff and other 4Cs volunteers unpacked donations received on Friday in time for people to stop in on Saturday.

"We had seven clients through on Saturday



before noon, which is busy for us... they took some of the stuff we had just stocked home. We're seeing that a lot now, as soon as something comes in, we're sending it right back out the door," MacDuff said.

While Savin is hoping to make this an annual event, he isn't finished yet. Again, partnering with Purolator, Savin will join volunteers in dropping off red bags at 660 homes in Haliburton village Sept. 23, encouraging locals to fill the bag and then leave it on their porch for pickup Sept. 30. That's part of a nationwide Purolator Tackles Hunger effort.

"When you hear from Judy how great the need is, we just have to keep going. It's been overwhelming already seeing the response to this first drive. I'm excited to get out there and do it all over again," he said.

Above: Haliburton resident Mark Savin organized a food drive at Haliburton Foodland and Todd's Independent Grocer. Right: Terry Brooks, Leslie Banner and Sandra Brooks collected donations at Haliburton Foodland. Photos by Mike Baker.



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Former HSAD dean off to Loyalist College

By Lisa Gervais

Sandra Dupret has left Fleming College to become the new senior vice-president, students at Loyalist College.

Dupret started her new role Aug. 28. She was with Fleming for 17 years, including 12 as dean of the Haliburton School of Art + Design. After that, she worked at all three campuses as a vicepresident of student services.

While maintaining a home in West Guilford on the weekends, Dupret said she is renting in Prince Edward County for work during the

"It's a nice college and the people and community are great," Dupret said.

She added she made the career shift as she felt it was time for a change.

"I've been at Fleming for a long time. Of course, I'll always have a piece of my heart at the Haliburton campus but it was just time for a change, and it's an exciting time for Lovalist.

"They have a new president that just started this past spring and he's got some really great community-focused ideas for the college.

She added the work itself has not changed; other than the way it gets done post-COVID. "It's changed for sure but it's not like I'm

learning a new job from scratch."

She concedes it's bittersweet.

The campus in Haliburton is an amazing campus. I know the college is truly invested in keeping the campus here, alive and vibrant. And they're starting to build a residence, which is a sign of their commitment to continue to offer programming here."

Dupret added HSAD is lucky to happy Xavier Massé as dean.

"He's got great experience and is a great people person. He has a design background but is excited to work within the visual arts and craft field as well."

She said she'll miss all of the staff at the Haliburton campus, saying they are some of the best people she has ever worked with.

"They're really invested. It's not just a job. They really care and they're members of our community. Those are the fondest memories. But also, the way the community has really invested in Fleming, having a college campus here, donating the land, putting the infrastructure in and now extending those donations so the college can now build a

Dupret added, "that example of true community and college partnership is



Erin Lynch, Shelley Schell, and Sandra Dupret (right). File.

something that I think I've learned a lot

She looks forward to many more years of great activity and arts happening in the Highlands. She's looking forward to taking some courses herself.

"I learned so much about how to be a leader that embraces not just your workplace, but the community that surrounds where you work. I'm really looking forward to bringing

all that I've learned into my new role."

Loyalist president, Mark Kirkpatrick, said in a communique, "with a passion for fostering a nurturing and inclusive learning environment for all students, Sandra looks forward to working collaboratively across the college to support learners on their journey from application to graduation."

OPP NEWS

School buses on roads

The Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police reminds motorists that school buses have returned to area roads.

Motorists are reminded to exercise caution due to the expected increase in pedestrians, cyclists and school buses, and to give themselves extra commuting time.

"Students will no doubt be excited and may forget some of the safety rules required for

safe travels," OPP said.

OPP officers will be watching for drivers who disobey traffic laws in relation to school bus safety. A zero-tolerance approach will be taken. In accordance with the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), motorists encountering a stopped school bus, that has its red safety lights and equipment activated, must stop before reaching the bus and shall not proceed until the bus moves or the safety lights and equipment have been deactivated.

This applies whether you are meeting or following a school bus and includes multilane roads. The only exception is when driving on a road with a median - traffic coming from the opposite direction is not required to stop. Vehicle owners can be charged if their vehicle illegally passes a stopped school bus, even if they weren't

The fine for failing to stop for a school bus is \$400 to \$2,000 and six demerit points for the first offence. Subsequent offences carry a fine between \$1,000 and \$4,000, six demerit points and possible jail time (up to six months).

Drivers should also be prepared to yield to student pedestrians and cyclists. Parents of students who will be walking or cycling to school are encouraged to speak with their children about the rules of the road that apply to them.

(OPP news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca

The Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm until Saturday, October 7. This week features hands-on activities taking place every day from 3-4 pm including mini scarecrows, rock painting and ice-cream making. The Heritage Village is also open for self-guided tours. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca

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To help keep residents safe, the Township of Minden Hills Fire Dept. has partnered with Ontario's Office of the Fire Marshal's Saved by the Beep program. As part of the program, Minden Hills residents are encouraged to learn more about

smoke alarms fire safety, and home fire escape planning, which can save the lives of you and your loved ones.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Fall Drop-in Programs start September 5, 2023, at the arena Registered Programs registration September 11 at 9:00am in person at arena or online https://townshipofmindenhills.perfectmind.com/, registered programs start September 24, 2023,

VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipality Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless nerwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

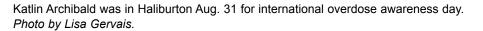
September 14 - Regular Council Meeting September 28 - Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or 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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Opioid overdose rates 'skyrocketing'

By Lisa Gervais

In July, the health unit reported six suspected drug-related deaths in the County of Haliburton, City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County.

In addition, in the second week of August, on the border of Haliburton County, the HKPR health unit also issued a media release in response to increased drug poisoning activity in the City of the Kawartha Lakes.

Katlin Archibald was in Head Lake Park Aug. 31 as part of international overdose awareness day.

While she could not provide statistics related to Haliburton County directly, she said the Highlands, CKL and Northumberland are part of a trend of skyrocketing global overdose rates in the last 25 years.

In 2020, an estimated 184 million people worldwide had used a drug in the past 12 months, a 26 per cent increase from 2010.

Archibald said the intent of the now annual day is to remember those who have died or suffered due to drug poisonings and overdose.

She added it, "seeks to create a better understanding of overdose, reduce the stigma

of drug-related deaths, and create change that reduces the harms associated with drug use."

Community members were invited to pay their respects and commemorate those lost to drug poisonings.

"By holding an event this year, the people of Haliburton County have joined themselves to a global movement for understanding, compassion and change," Archibald said.

She added, "we stand together to say that more needs to be done to end drug poisonings in the community. We encourage members of the community to speak up and to stand in solidarity with anyone who has been personally affected by overdose."

The day came about thanks to Penington Institute, an Australian not-for-profit. This year, for the first time, they announced a campaign theme; recognizing those who go unseen.

The institute said, "we honour the people whose lives have been altered by drug poisonings and overdose. They are the family and friends grieving the loss of a loved one; workers in healthcare, first responders and support services extending strength and compassion; and all the true folks out living on the front line."

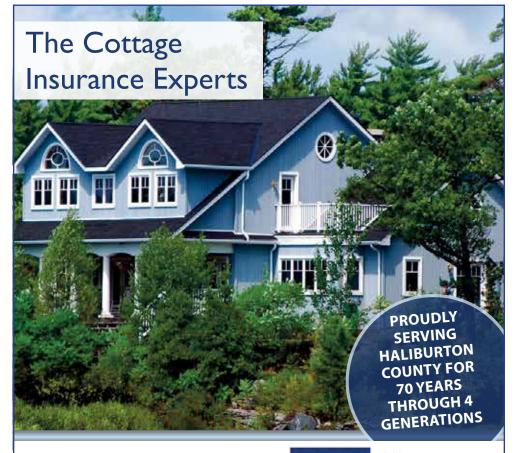


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MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Carter reports on AMO

Mayor Bob Carter said he and Coun. Pam Sayne went to the AMO conference in London Aug. 21-23.

He said he was part of a County delegation that met with the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to discuss the use of Crown land that abuts municipal or private

"We have had some difficulties in the past with those two melding together nicely. We were there to discuss with the MNRF if they'd be willing to help us to work out something to improve that situation."

Carter said he had private discussions with ministers and MPPs, and met with a group of mayors to discuss healthcare issues in their communities. He said the mayors were from areas that had experienced temporary emergency room closures and reduced hospital services.

"We are trying to get together to put together some united front, to have enough of a say that we may be able to influence people to make some changes."

Carter added he'd also talked to mayors having challenges with Transport Canada. He said a community to the north has seen someone put in a 4,000 sq. ft. dock with no municipal or MNRF involvement because it was listed as an airport hangar with approval from Transport Canada. He said there was a dock in Minden Hills done in the same way.

He said the other issue is sea cans put on barges parked on lakes.

He said the province passed legislation

allowing for houseboats, but there is a loophole, in that people can get things listed as a vessel. He said people are putting them on lakes and using them or renting them out as summer residences.

He said they also have a problem with speeds and wake boats, since these are federally regulated.

"We're trying to get together to influence Transport Canada... because what they are doing impacts us down at the municipal level... is very difficult for us."

Council revisits waiving dock fee

Council reversed a July 27 decision, to not waive tipping fees for a couple that rescued an abandoned dock from the middle of their lake, at its meeting last week.

Rick Thurston and Wendy Coulson asked that the hundreds of dollars in fees be waived, but council knocked them back July

However, Thurston and Coulson asked for a revisit of that decision, Aug. 31, saying, "your decision, it appears, was based on setting a bad precedent that you might have to do this again, which in our opinion is good precedent and legitimate requests based on 'doing the right thing' should be met with appreciation and consideration. We ask that you reconsider your decision in this matter to show that the actions of 'bad actor' taxpayers does not penalize 'good actor' taxpayers.

Coun. Ivan Ingram agreed with them. "I do have some concerns that we're



Preparation continues for the resealing of Scotch Line and Bobcaygeon roads. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

charging these people for trying to do the right thing." He said people who pick up garbage on the sides of roads under the adopt-a-road program are not charged. He added it was not their dock. Going forward, he said staff should be able to decide on legitimate claims. Council reversed the decision.

Road update

Director of public works, Mike Timmins, said Fowler's work on Bobcaygeon and Scotch Line roads is coming along "nicely."

He said he's pleased with ditching, and most of the culverts are in.

He noted with pulverizing Scotch Line, it is already "much better to drive on," even without a surface.

One thing noted by Fowler's supervisor on the project is drivers "are flying through there." Timmins said the township may have to look at traffic calming options once the roads are completed this fall. (Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais).



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Aging well committee now retired

By Mike Baker

After 15 years of advocating for seniors' issues across the Highlands, the Aging Well Haliburton County volunteer committee has ceased operations.

The organization has struggled to attract new members in recent years, forcing the executive into a decision it didn't want to make, says long-time volunteer Margery Cartwright.

"It's been a struggle these past few years. Through the pandemic, we've been down to five or six members. We knew this was coming unless we could find some new people to join, who could bring some fresh ideas to the table," Cartwright said. "We're hoping the fire will go on elsewhere now, for someone else to pick up the baton."

Aging Well Haliburton County was formed in 2008, and was initially a collaboration between the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) district health unit and the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team. Its mandate was to tackle fall prevention in the community, but quickly morphed to include a slew of senior-related issues.

Cartwright joined in 2009, shortly after the group published a community survey looking for feedback on local issues that needed to be addressed. Even back then, a lack of housing was identified as a primary concern.

The organization made connections with non-profit Places for People (P4P) to see what work could be done collaboratively to boost the Highlands' housing supply. The two groups joined forces to host a housing forum in Minden in 2018, which Cartwright believes was a success.

Because of that connection, Aging Well decided to donate the remaining balance of its bank account, almost \$1,000, to P4P to assist with ongoing housing projects. President Jody Curry said the money



Margery Cartwright, left, Heather May, second left, Carol Browne, third right, and Sarah Levis, right, of Aging Well Haliburton County present a \$1,000 cheque to Places for People representatives Fay Martin, third left, and Jody Curry, second right. Photo by Mike Baker.

would likely be used to pay off some of the organization's debt.

The money was originally earmarked for a retirement workshop Aging Well was planning to host in the fall of 2020, but the event had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Heather May has been an active member since 2009, telling The Highlander the organization led various educational and fundraising campaigns over the years, helping to bring money in to pay for outdoor rest benches in downtown Haliburton, encouraging organizations like LifeLabs to install automatic doors, and advocating for 'stop the gap ramps' and 'assistance request' buttons for downtown businesses.

The group is also responsible for the installation of handrails at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, while

Cartwright has helped shape new "seniorfriendly" policies at the Haliburton County Public Library.

"We had our fingers in so many pies because the pie was broken," May said. "We did what we could over the years to serve this community, and suggest improvements that would benefit everybody."

While saying the dissolution of the group was bittersweet, Cartwright felt it was inevitable given the lack of community engagement in recent times.

"The community is moving on. There has been some backsliding with some of the things we've done, but I still look back at many, many things with a lot of pride. This community is full of movers and shakers, I have full confidence things will go on, and important issues will continue to be addressed," she said.

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'Telling our Stories' returning this fall

By Lisa Gervais

The 2023-24 speakers' series returns Sept. 13 with a presentation by Stephan Lukacic called 'Better Living in 4,289 Easy Steps.' Organizers of 'Telling our Stories' said it's

a look at the many paths toward sustainable living and self-reliance.

"Our guide will be a guy who's in the process of figuring it all out. Topics include diet as medicine, developing sustainable habits via trial and error, and removing oneself from the toxic stew of the modern world one step at a time."

The Oct. 11 speaker is Jowi Taylor and several guitarists playing the Yoyageur.

"The tale of Six String Nation - a story of a guitar called Voyageur made of 64 different pieces of material - wood, bone, metal, stone and others – each piece has a story to tell about Canada," organizers said.

On Nov. 8, Wil Andrea will share her experiences working with victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. "Learn how the Dr. Denis Mukwege Foundation supports survivors' demands to

rid the world of sexual violence as a weapon of war and has consequences for individual perpetrators and the states that support them," organizers said.

Johnny Waite and Andrea Hagarty take the stage on Dec. 13 with their presentation 'Sailing Back in Time... An Adventure on Remote Philippine Islands.' "Their stories, photos, and videos of a trip on a traditional 74' Paraw wooden sailboat may have you wanting to strike out on your own adventure," organizers said.

Now in its eighth year, the monthly speaker series have featured a variety of topics - travel, adventure, entertainment, politics, art, social and environmental issues - presented by interesting, knowledgeable, engaging speakers. Many have been from our community including Carol Moffatt, Barry Devolin, Peter Bowers, Mary Anne Barkhouse, John and Thea Patterson and Mike Jaycock, to name a few. Speakers from away have included such notables such as Ted Barris, James Raffan, Kevin Callan, Kurt Browning, Grit Laskin and Robert

Originally an initiative of Yours Outdoors, 'Telling our Stories' will now continue under the auspices of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative.

"We are very pleased to be able to present this speaker series," said Jim Blake, president of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative. "It supports our work to contribute to the social, cultural, environmental and economic well-being of Haliburton Highlands and its citizens.'

The series happens on the second Wednesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association Fish Hatchery. Admission is \$15/person payable at the door. A portion of the ticket sales goes to a charity or local non-profit organization.

The speaker series crew - Sean Pennylegion, Jack Brezina, Tammy Rea, Eric Lilius and Barrie Martin - is searching out more presentations for the winter and spring. If you would like to receive updates or have a story you would like to tell, email barrieinthehighlands@gmail.com or call 705-457-7557.

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I watched a Minden Hills council meeting on Zoom Aug. 31 and couldn't help but be frustrated.

Yet another lower-tier municipality in our County discussed an issue - fireworks - that has been talked about by other municipal councils and the County - with no action

Once again, a staffer was tasked with gathering information and presenting a report that no doubt lives somewhere else in this County. It surely lives elsewhere among the 444 municipalities in Ontario.

Such a monumental waste of staff time and money. It happens at just about every local council meeting.

It has to stop.

When the service delivery review was launched during the last term of County council, I had hope. There was some positive forward momentum, such as the hiring of a procurement officer. Household hazardous waste days are now open to any taxpayer across the County. You don't just have to go to a landfill in your home town.

If work is progressing on the services delivery review now, we're not hearing anything about it. I know the five CAOs continue to meet regularly. However, I'm not privy to any recommendations made by the consultant advancing.

To be fair, some key files are taking up staff and councillors' time. For example, the short-term rental portfolio is now making its rounds of the lower-tier governments to see if they will endorse it going forward. More importantly, they are trying to figure out what resources they will have to apply to it. There is also time being spent on the municipal accommodation tax. The County is also implementing the first stages of its shoreline preservation bylaw, while Dysart just passed a site alteration bylaw.

All of this is important work, but it should not force the service delivery review from that envelope on the corner of staff desks to

Even more troubling is the apparent split between Dysart et al and the other townships on some key issues, namely the shoreline preservation bylaw. It was even suggested at a recent Dysart et al council meeting that they have their own tree preservation bylaw.

This is the exact type of silo attitude that I thought would be finally kicked to the curb during this term of council. Instead, it seems to be sliding back.

Once some of the big-ticket items, such

as the shoreline preservation bylaws, site alteration bylaw, short-term rental policies and regulations, and a potential municipal accommodation tax,



By Lisa Gervais

are implemented, we hope County council and its four lower-tier townships can get back to the work of greater efficiency for the taxpayers of Haliburton County.

If a council has an issue with fireworks or a councillor actually has the guts to suggest they be banned - then the staff of all four townships has to sit down, write one report, not four, and petition the province, if necessary, to get it done. Better yet, Google townships that have banned fireworks and there is likely a cut and paste report already out there somewhere.

Far too much time is being spent talking about the same issues, having staff produce duplicate reports, only for councillors to receive them as information, and not do

This must stop. Taxpayers deserve better.

CLIMATE CORNER

Hopium: the danger of optimism

Our behaviour is influenced by the actions and attitudes of people around us. We are programmed to conform, not stick out in a crowd. Solomon Asch's Conformity Experiments in the 1950s demonstrated the degree to which an individual is influenced by others; subjects chose answers that were obviously incorrect, in order to align with the majority view.

The "bystander effect" is the phenomenon where people are less likely to help someone in need when there are others present. The theory is that because the responsibility for action is shared by all the onlookers, when nobody makes a move, there is group inertia.

Optimism bias is the tendency to overestimate the likelihood of positive events, choosing to ignore the possibility of negative outcomes. Optimism bias is a default position that can have disastrous outcomes but is a preferred human position because it allows a pleasing emotional state. **PROBLEM**

Authors are commenting that society has not encouraged conversations about the realities of climate change. Instead, there is a preference for "hopium addiction," and the suppression of thoughts or feelings that do not align with the status quo.

Researchers have been examining roadblocks to the societal change required for reducing climate change disasters. Studying the effects of group conformity and optimism bias on motivating attitude and

behaviour change, they are finding that too much optimism leads to reduced perception of risk, and therefore population inaction. Optimistic messages that give a false sense of hope are less motivating than is emotional distress activated by a perception of urgency. It seems human survival mechanisms kick in when danger is imminent and threats are immediate.

One study sums up the research by distinguishing intellectual from emotional reactions, demonstrating that emotions trigger motivation to act (buy house insurance, get an emergency response kit, save electricity, avoid air travel, write to government officials, join activist groups), while thinking about and intellectualizing risks fails to motivate action.

SOLUTIONS

Because activating emotions is shown to be an important predictor of our behaviour change and action, environmentalists and scientists are appealing to our personal risk: food costs (shortages), wildfires, fuel prices, power outages, mass population migration, extreme heat, storms. "Worry" about climate change was identified in studies as the best predictor of our willingness to recognize climate risks, adapt our behaviours, support government policy, and accept new technologies. Worry was the "driver" for personal behavior change because it stimulates feelings of personal risk and responsibility. Worry was shown to activate

problem-solving and self-regulation processes in people, prompting adaptive behavioral responses needed to reduce the



By Dr. Nell Thomas

Humans are programmed to act when feeling threatened. Climate-change hope based on denial is "false hope" that leads to inertia. But constructive hope is different. Researchers found that by activating emotions that inspire physical action, we trigger a reinforcement mechanism (the 'virtuous cycle' of positive mood) that may help sustain the behavior change needed to fight climate change over the long haul. Seeing the benefit of taking action is a motivator that inspires us.

Major adaptations are ahead for humanity. A quest to find effective ways to educate and activate individual and societal change is underway. The positive relationship between behavioural willingness and pro-environmental behaviour is shown to be influenced by constructive hope that involves emotional engagement (worry). This catalyzes us to act, feel productive instead of defeated, and this promotes positive feedback loops, inspiring further action.

These findings should be particularly useful for environmental educators, policy makers, and communicators.

NEXT WEEK: WHAT YOU CAN DO.









Correction: In our Aug. 31 edition, The Highlander said the Haliburton Highlands Long-Term Care Coalition is taking a busload to Queen's Park Sept. 20. The date is Sept. 25. We apologize for the error.

LETTER

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK





Top: Mike Young sent this photo of a Goosander and her chicks. Above: Young sent this photo of an Osprey landing in a tree, commenting "an amazing wingspan for a small raptor."

Optimistic markets will return to Head Lake Park

Dear editor,

I have listened to many council meetings where events held at Head Lake Park are praised for attracting droves of visitors to Haliburton.

Council clearly understands the economic and social value of these events and the significance of keeping them in Head Lake Park for maximum exposure, accessibility and benefit to local businesses.

Thousands of dollars have been spent on consulting firms to prepare the Head Lake Rotary Park Master Plan and the Haliburton Highlands 5-Year Destination Management Plan. Past council approved both of these plans, which strongly support a farmers market in Haliburton. The plans also designate a permanent area within Head Lake Park in which the farmers market and other events can operate.

Unfortunately, current council continues to single out the farmers market as the only event causing issues with traffic and parking in the downtown. Everyone is familiar with traffic issues in summer and on holiday weekends. Most events in Haliburton also cause traffic back-ups and quickly occupy the limited parking spaces. These are long-term issues for Haliburton, and not unique to the farmers market.

Council must provide fair and equal treatment to all groups and events who use Head Lake Park.

I am optimistic that the farmers market will return to Head Lake Park. I also strongly support the notion of a public and stakeholder meeting to address all of councils concerns for this to happen.

Marchand Lamarre Highlands resident and farmers market vendor



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Brey Woodward, who is going into Grade 1 at Stuart Baker Elementary School, flashes a thumbs up for his first day back, pictured with his mom, Paige. Photo by Mike Baker.

TLDSB NEWS

Summer learning

It has been a busy summer for Trillium Lakelands District School Board, with 510 students enrolled in some form of summer learning or co-op placement.

Jay MacJanet, superintendent of learning at the elementary level, said 175 students from Grades 1 to 4 participated in a threeweek program that focused on numeracy and literacy. Camps ran July 10 to 29 at eight schools across the district, including in Haliburton County, Muskoka, and Kawartha Lakes.

"Some of our learners might struggle in the time off. We know reading is a big indicator, as are math fundamentals. We want to bridge those fundamental gaps," MacJanet said at an Aug. 30 TLDSB meeting. "We did targeted instruction based on assessments and individual student need."

He noted 86 per cent of students experienced growth in phonics, with 88 per cent improving their math skills. Following the camps, 92 per cent of students reported liking summer learning, MacJanet said.

"When students feel confident, they get excited. When they get excited, they become engaged. When they become engaged, real learning happens," he said. "We had a lot of success with this program.

"Report cards will be shared with schools, and they will take data and start implementing a new course of action for these students. Because they've had three weeks of [additional] learning, they're ahead of where they would usually be starting from."

Tanya Fraser, superintendent of learning at the secondary level, said 240 students completed co-op placements over the summer, earning a total of 438 credits. There were 23 students enrolled in Haliburton County, she noted.

"Our students gained lots of experience in various sectors and trades, earning credits while also being paid," Fraser said.

Half credits for careers and civics were virtual, with 39 students passing the careers program and 37 completing the civics course.

The board also ran a learning strategies credit for incoming Grade 9 students, Fraser said, with 19 youth enrolled. They each earned a credit and developed skills in numeracy and self-confidence.

TLDSB director of learning Wes Hahn said he was pleased with the learning opportunities presented to students over the summer, and the progress participants had shown.

"Not only are kids engaged in summer learning, but we're already seeing the learning transfer, in a very short period of time, into actual results. That, to me, is really encouraging," Hahn said.

Strategic plan update

In providing an update on the TLDSB's fiveyear strategic plan, Hahn said he feels "really confident" the board is on the "right path."

Introduced in January 2022, the plan outlines two goals that Hahn said were designed to create a future where students develop the competencies, understandings, self-confidence, and resiliency to lead healthy, successful, and fulfilling lives. The first goal surrounds supporting meaningful learning and success for students, while the second focuses on creating learning environments and experiences that foster equity, inclusion, and belonging.

He noted teachers and principals board-wide had engaged in professional development over the summer, ensuring they can meet the educational needs of students. Hahn said, in listening to voices throughout the TLDSB system, that things are moving in the right direction when it comes to student learning.

There were some concerns, though, around mental health. Hahn said students are reporting an increase in anxiety related to the pressures they face in school.

"That is a real concern for us," Hahn said. "We're working with administrators to help them deal with everyday social and academic pressures." (TLDSB news compiled by Mike Baker).





Art on blast

Corner Gallery in Haliburton debuted a new exhibit Sept. 1 – Art Blast, featuring painters Vanya Ryan and Rob Croxford. The pair appeared at a kick-off event Sept. 2 at the gallery, discussing their work with local art enthusiasts. Ryan, who has a studio in Guelph, said she, "loves to create whatever her inspirational mood demands of her," and is currently focused on the details of light, shadows, and colours of her favourite florals. She has 16 pieces displayed in the exhibit. Toronto-based Croxford uses acrylics to create intentionally upbeat and humorous pieces, with his vintage-inspired work drawing largely from pop culture. He has 10 pieces featured in the exhibit, which runs until Sept. 27. Corner Gallery is located at 123 Maple Ave. For more information, visit cornergallery.ca.

Top: Rob Croxford beside one of his original pieces 'Adversity', a 36x60 acrylic painting on canvas. Bottom: Vanya Ryan shows off a selection of her favourite floral paintings. Photos by Mike Baker.







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Celebrating 50 years of fire service

By Mike Baker

Algonquin Highlands cottager Jimmy Holmstrom was one of dozens to stop by the Stanhope Firefighters Hall Sept. 2 as the station celebrated 50 years of fire and rescue in the community.

Volunteer firefighters were on hand at the station, located on North Shore Road, for the open house and BBQ Saturday, celebrating the special milestone. Robert Sargent, who has 18 years of service, took visitors on tours of the facility, showing off old and new firefighting equipment. He said the event was a nice way to honour the department and its members for the years of service.

"This is a major milestone, and we had no intention of just letting it pass by without some sort of celebration," Sargent said. When this department was launched, it was run by the community for the community, and I think that still rings true today."

Holmstrom said he was visiting to show his appreciation after firefighters saved his property from certain destruction in 2020.

"A Hydro One transponder blew on the corner of Hwy. 35 and North Shore Road. The bush on three sides of my cottage was on fire – I got a call from a neighbour telling me my place was up in flames, and that I'd lost it," Holmstrom, who lived permanently in Toronto at the time, told *The Highlander*.

He immediately hopped in his truck and made a beeline up Hwy. 407. He called the Algonquin Highlands Fire Department for an official assessment of the damage, but all firefighters were out tackling the blaze. When chief Mike French returned his call a short time later, Holmstrom was fearing the

"I almost didn't want to pick up, but when I did, the chief told me 'we've saved your place'. They were able to contain the fire before it reached my property. I have no idea how they did it, but there wasn't a mark on the place. The land all around was scorched, but the building itself was untouched," Holmstrom said.

"I'm very grateful to the wonderful firefighters we have in this community," he

A brief history

The department was established in January 1973 at the direction of the old Stanhope et al township council. The first chief was Dick Kinsman, who trained and worked with an initial group of 20 volunteer firefighters. By June, the first fire truck had arrived, and the fire hall finished.

Back then there was no 911, so an emergency fire dispatch system was

launched, with phone lines put in at the fire hall, the township office, and five private residences – operated by a group of women who became known as the 'fire phone ladies'. These women were never paid yet handled all emergency calls until 2004.

Former Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt, whose husband, Tony Aymong, has been a volunteer at Stanhope for more than 40 years, has compiled an extensive history of the department, some of which is currently on show at the Stanhope Heritage Museum.

During her research, Moffatt found the township had been budgeting for fire services since 1968, committing \$1,800 between then and 1971. The department's first fire truck was purchased for just over \$28,000, with a second three-quarter ton panel truck added





Top right: Robert Sargent showing an old oxygen tank firefighters used, on the left, and the new equipment on the right. Above: John Hogg has racked up 45 years of service at the Stanhope station. Photos by Mike Baker.

for \$2,950 in 1975. By 1985, the annual budget had grown to approximately \$38,000.

That money covered operational expenses only, with the firefighters themselves raising additional funds to pay for equipment. Potluck dinners, fundraiser dances, and popular events such as the Stanhope Triathlon were held to bring in money for things like uniforms, helmets, and breathing

The Stanhope department was amalgamated with outposts in Dorset and Oxtongue Lake in 2000 under the umbrella of the Algonquin Highlands Fire Services.

'Making a difference'

The fire department is a much different place today than when John Hogg joined in 1978.

"I've seen lots of change, but it's all been good. This station has always been very good in terms of maintaining staffing, and making sure it's very well equipped," said Hogg, who was chief in Stanhope from 1998 to 2000, and then of the amalgamated Algonquin Highlands department until 2013.

While he retired from regular service a decade ago, Hogg still maintains a presence at Station 80. He volunteers at open houses and will attend the odd medical emergency.

"My promise is I will not get in the way," Hogg says with a chuckle. "I still enjoy being involved, and doing whatever I can to make somebody's day a little better. Almost always, you're responding to people in their greatest hour of need."

Sargent said one of the better changes to

have been implemented in recent times was the introduction of a new mental health

Years ago, people were encouraged to deal with things themselves. You weren't supposed to talk about the things you'd seen, how it might have impacted you. Now, everything is wide open. We tell all new recruits if they have any problem at all, to talk to us and we will get them the help they need," Sargent said.

Earlier this year the township brought in a grief counselor after a former colleague passed away, which helped several people, Sargent said.

Captain Ken Cox has been with the department for seven years. He said being a volunteer firefighter is his dream job.

"I'm fortunate that I get to work with some amazing folks here - you open yourself up to a whole new life when you become a firefighter. It broadens your social bubble and, for me at least, has enhanced so many parts of my life," Cox said.

He was more than happy to volunteer at the weekend open house, feeling it's important to connect with the community and show them what goes on behind the proverbial curtain. He said it was mostly young families that attended. He felt it was important, too, to recognize the work of those who came before him and celebrate 50 years of fire services in Stanhope.

"It's a lot of years of heartaches and bad times, but the fire department is here to make folk's bad times a little less negative. I think we do a good job of that," he added.

The Stanhope department is looking for new volunteers. Anyone interested can learn more at algonquinhighlands.ca/ourcommunity/fire-services.

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14 Highlander events



Fun at the fair

The Kinmount Fair was the place to be this past Labour day weekend. The fair marks the traditional end of summer for County families as children returned to school this past Tuesday. The three-day event was packed with everything a fair should have: a midway, fair games, fair food, animals, and plenty of musical entertainment.

Top left: Owen Hamblin and Josh Rawlings get spun out. Top right: Charlotte Patterson pets an elk from Elkridge Farm. Above: William Battan bites into a corn dog. Right: Getting her ribbon. *Photos by Lisa Gervais*.







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Stories - and so much more - in the park

The Haliburton and District Lions Club held its annual stories in the park fun fair Aug. 31. It is a free community event for children and families, and gives every child a new book. There were games, photo boards, painting, free hot dogs, popcorn and juice boxes. Featured children's author Irene Davidson Fisher read from Robbie Raccoon and the Big Black Blob and her newest book, Percival Penguin Goes Skating.

Top left: A huge bubble blurs out a visitor to the Lions stories in the park Aug. 31 in Haliburton. Top right: Cousins Jayla Prentice and Clarkson Gadway do some beading. Above: Stories in the park. Right: Charlee Ingram Munro with her painting. Photos by Lisa Gervais.





Notice of Fee By-Law Amendments

Dysart et al Council, at their September 26, 2023 meeting, will be considering changes to By-Law 2023-43, being a by-law to impose fees and charges. This amendment will reflect a \$25 increase to marriage licensing fees.

Further information on these fee changes will be available on https://www.dysartetal.ca/.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Above: Kaylee Tugak proudly holds up her graduation certificate Aug. 17 at the School's Cool commencement. *Submitted*.

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SIRCH Community Services was "thrilled" to receive a donation of nearly \$5,000 from Gary Bouwmeister, raised at the annual Rock on the Dock event Aug. 26. The lakeside concert, which is held on Kennisis Lake and organized by Bouwmeister, featured live music by Tim Magwood. This was the fourth year for Rock on the Dock, which has raised more than \$10,000 for SIRCH since its inception. This year's funds will go towards supporting Community Kitchen, a program that distributes 1,400 meals, plus soups, every month for free to residents throughout Haliburton County and Bancroft. Pictured with Bouwmeister is SIRCH board president Barb Fawcett, centre, and board director John Herald. *Submitted*.

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The start of last year's Hurtin race. File.

Gruelling Forest races returning

By Lisa Gervais

Hundreds of participants will descend on Haliburton Forest over the next couple of weekends, looking to push the pain threshold.

They will be competing in the trail race the Sept. 9-10 weekend, followed by Hurtin in Haliburton Sept. 15-16.

General manager tourism and recreation, Tegan Legge, said they are expecting 600 people for this weekend's running races alone.

She added 2023 will mark the 30th annual

occurrence of the event, which saw its inaugural race take place in 1993.

The race has grown steadily since its inception and once again offers racers the choice of 12K, 26K, 50K, 50 mile, and of course, their signature event, the Haliburton Forest 100 Miler.

"There is a certain primal beauty found along the trails at Haliburton Forest and the absolute best way to experience it is by foot as you run on the rugged trails. Heavily forested, hilly and filled with lakes and streams, it represents nature at it's best," the Forest's website says.

For this year's Hurtin in Haliburton, they have added a fat bike category. Participants that have a bike that has tires at least 3.8 inches wide are competing in this category.

It's also now a weekend long event. Participants are expected to arrive Sept. 15 to pre-ride the course, pick up their race kit, meet sponsors and community partners.

Legge said on Saturday, after a long day in the saddle, participants can celebrate their accomplishments over food, beer and live

In its fifth year, the Hurtin in Haliburton gravel relay race has become recognized

for its relaxed and beginner-friendly format featuring a 27km backcountry gravel loop. There are 330m of climbing per lap and people will be racing solo or in teams of two, alternating throughout.

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Huskies head into season on winning note

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Huskies wrapped up their pre-season with a 3-2 win over the Stouffvillle Spirit in a dominant display Sept. 2 at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

Around 100 fans were in attendance as the Huskies sought revenge over the Spirit, who inflicted a 4-2 defeat on the blue and white in exhibition action last month. Winger Ian Phillips, a new recruit after playing the previous two seasons with the Ontario Hockey League's Saginaw Spirit, impressed for the Huskies, helping himself to a pair of goals, with fan favourite Lucas Stevenson also getting on the scoresheet.

After a disappointing result last time out against the Central Canadian Hockey League's Renfrew Wolves, the hometown team started well on Saturday. Captain Patrick Saini and Stevenson led by example in the early goings, chasing down every loose puck. When in possession, the team confidently moved the biscuit across the ice.

After hammering at the door and forcing Spirit goaltender Matteo Gennaro into a series of early saves, it was Stevenson who gave the Huskies the advantage halfway through the opening frame. Assisted by Aidan Yarde, Stevenson made no mistake, beating Gennaro with 9:46 on the clock.

The lead didn't last long, with former Husky Cameron Kosurko coming back to haunt his former team. The 20-year-old, traded to Stouffville midway through last season, tied the game at 10:14, beating Huskies netminder Vlad Visan, who was making his debut on home ice.

Undeterred, the blue and white pushed back, forcing the Spirit to take a pair of penalties - Julian Demiglio was given two minutes for hooking at 12:14, with Adamo Zingaro handed a cross-checking minor at 13:39. The lengthy five-on-three opportunity paid dividends, with Phillips tickling the twine at 14:16, assisted by Stevenson and Saini. He added a second marker, unassisted, at 18:35.



Huskies captain Patrick Saini leads the celebrations after Saturday's 3-2 exhibition win over the Stouffville Spirit. Photo by Mike Baker.

"I thought we played really well during that first period. We wanted to start strong and try and get the fans into the game as they're almost like a sixth man for us once they get going. They exert so much energy that the guys feed off," said Huskies coach Ryan

He reserved special praise for Phillips' game-winning performance in that opening

"I thought he could have had two or three goals in each of our [other exhibition] games, so it was nice to see him get a couple and boost his confidence. He's going to be a guy we lean on to provide some offence this year," Ramsay said.

Both teams were more reserved in the second period, but it was the Huskies that went closest to scoring – Declan Bowmaster drawing a smart save from Gennaro after a breakaway at the 12 minute mark.

The Huskies took control again early in the third, creating several chances on the man advantage after Demiglio was again assessed a two-minute hooking minor. There were some unsavoury scenes a few minutes later after Lucas Marshall crashed into a Spirit forward against the boards, earning a boarding call. The teams came together and there was some pushing and shoving, but the officials quickly regained control.

The home side killed the penalty, limiting the Spirit to just a single shot on goal.

Saini came within a whisker of finishing the game with four minutes left on the clock, hitting the iron with an instinctive shot from the slot.

After pulling their goalie, the Spirit piled on the pressure in the closing moments. Nathan Twohey made it a one-goal game, notching for the road team at 18:59. The final 30 seconds were played six-on-four after

Huskies defenceman Raine Nadeau was sent to the box for interference, but the team held on, thanks to three huge stops from Visan, who was named first star of the game.

Speaking post-game with *The Highlander*, the 17-year-old was delighted with the win.

"The boys are buzzing after that one, we feel we gave a good account of ourselves and played well," Visan said. Asked how he felt during those final 30 seconds, when the Spirit really applied the pressure, the goaltender added, "I was just doing whatever I could to hang on... I was a little nervous, but I feel like I'm built for those sorts of situations. When my team needs me, I'm there for them."

The Huskies will kick off the 2023/24 OJHL season on the road Sept. 8 in Lindsay, before welcoming the Pickering Panthers to Minden Sept. 9. Puck drop is set for 4 p.m.











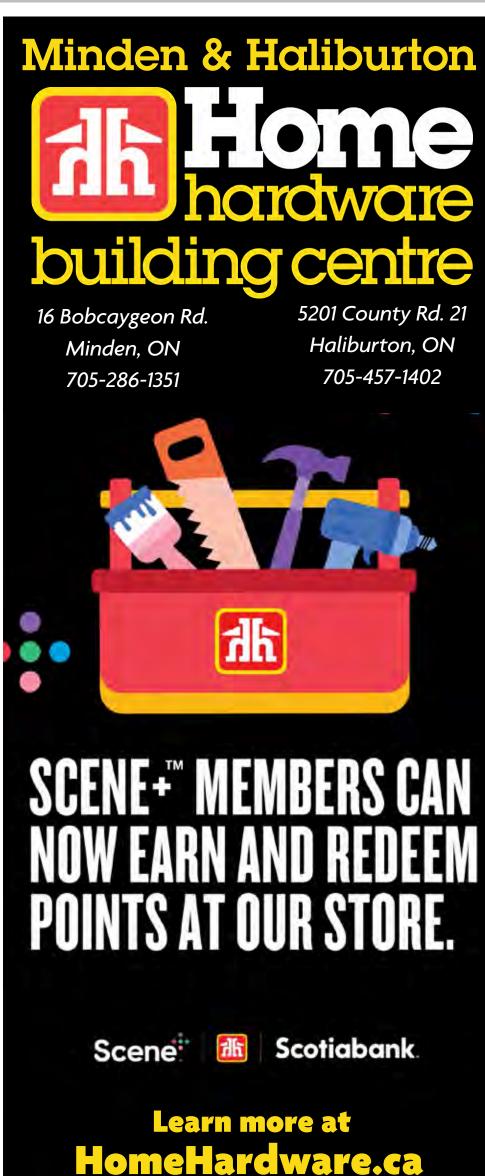




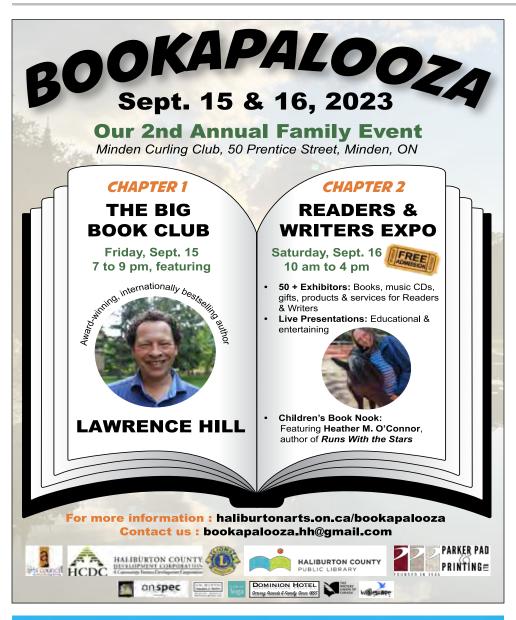




Top: Huskies goaltender Vlad Visan celebrates the win with captain Patrick Saini. Middle: A Huskies player chases down the puck. Above: Saini looks to make a play from behind the goal. Photos by Mike Baker.



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Top: Nightly bonfires gave campers - including Quebecois visitors Patrick Kakou and his twins, Ryan and Joseph - the opportunity to sing, dance, and use AAC in a fun setting. Photo submitted. Middle: A group photo of camp attendees. Photo by Karen Keith. Above: Allison Rumball, who organized HUG Camp this year, takes a pontoon boat ride with young campers Oscar from Toronto, and Harper and Lennon Tiffin from Minden. Photo submitted.

Opera studio gives grand piano to church

By Lisa Gervais

Highlands Opera Studio completed its 17th year in the County by donating a Heintzman upright grand piano to St. George's Anglican church for community use all year round.

Co-artistic directors, Valerie Kuinka and Richard Margison said, "we are so very grateful to Fr. David Barker, organist William (Bill) Gliddon, churchwardens Louise Sisson and Curtis Eastmure, and the members of the parish for welcoming us into the church, and for everything they do to support us during the five-weeks of the summer opera

They said they wanted to give back and hope the piano will encourage and support the joy of singing and music throughout the

Fr. Barker added, "we are always delighted to have the Highlands Opera Studio fill the building each July and August with the sound of music. The gift of this piano comes at an opportune time for us. We have begun new work among seniors in our community, creating opportunities for people to explore their own creativity in new and fun ways.

"Music will be an important part of that outreach, and this piano allows us to extend our music into other rooms in the church building. It is exciting to think of the possibilities."

The majority of HOS activities, including nine to 10 paid concerts and free community events, take place at the church every summer. Along with the concerts and



Rodrigo Urrutia sings in front of the grand piano during a HOS performance Aug. 21. File.

educational events open to the public, internal activities include top industry professional development for a select group of young professional singers chosen annually through competitive national and international auditions.

The 15-20 highly accomplished artists

travel from across Canada and beyond to work at the church with industry leaders on-site and online seven hours a day, six days of the week, while in residence in Haliburton for five weeks.

Year-round HOS activities include the Highlands Opera Club and online pay-

what-you-can singing lessons (all styles of singing). HOS is operated by Highlands Opera Theatre, a registered charity dedicated to music education through operatic training and community engagement.



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Julian Taylor and the band. File.

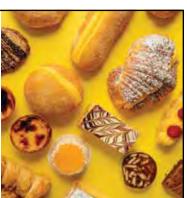
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'Perseverance' key to success after 25 years

By Lisa Gervais

Julian Taylor is hoping for wonderful weather as he and his band make their way to Haliburton County for a Sept. 9 gig. Taylor and his band last performed in the Highlands in

2019, at the Haliburton Legion. The Haliburton County Folk Society will place him at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion this time around.

"We come up there because I do know how pretty Haliburton is, and it's always nice to take a stroll around town and maybe even into the woods in the fall because of the changing colours. It's really pretty," Taylor said Aug. 31. He added he is looking forward to the "tranquility" before getting up on stage.

Taylor has a good working knowledge of the County, having gone to Kilcoo Camp as a boy and playing the Northwood earlier in his musical career. He said they used to do three sets of cover music there. "I've always had a good time in Haliburton."

Since 2019, Taylor has received his fair share of awards and recognition. "I can't complain," he said of the accolades.

He attributes the recent success to "perseverance. Maybe Eddie Cantor was right, it takes 20 years to make an overnight success."

His album, The Ridge, earned him his first two Juno award nominations, along with a Canadian Folk Music Award for solo artist, and nomination for English songwriter of the year. The album was also nominated for Canada's most prestigious music accolade, the Polaris Music Prize. In 2022, Taylor won best male artist at the International Acoustic Music Awards and scored five Native American Music Award nominations. He has just been nominated for the 2023 Folk Music Ontario awards for performing artist of the year and song of the year (for S.E.E.D.S).

Prefers playing theatres

He is looking forward to playing in a theatre this time around, versus the Legion, or a bar.

"I've been trying to perform at theatres ever since I started this. I ended up in bars, and certainly the Legion was the last time I was there. I do remember it was lovely. I really do like performing to people who are really attentive to the show and theatres seem to lend themselves to that a lot more than any other venue that I've experienced in my career. And it's certainly where I'd like to be. So, I'm really pleased and honored that I get a chance to perform at the pavilion."

Taylor is bringing a five-person band this time around. He said during the pandemic, he put out solo work. Some in his band circa-2019 have pivoted and found other things

"It's been an interesting couple of years trying to piece the puzzle together in terms of who wants to play, when they want to play, if they want to play, and if it's worth it for everybody. Because, when we first got back, not everybody was really excited to jump at the opportunity to go out there and be in a crowd. Some others were very into it.'

He added it felt like he had a nucleus pre-COVID "and now I'm sort of searching for it."

Nevertheless, he is just excited to play with people, and in front of people, again.

As for the concert, Taylor said, "I'm actually diving into my entire catalogue that's spanned about 25 years. I don't play too much of the heavy, heavy stuff but some of the funky stuff comes out, some of the rock and roll stuff and R&B stuff comes out, and to me the folk stuff of the latter two records comes out. So, a lot of storytelling, and hopefully some dancing,"

Tickets are available online at haliburtonfolk.com. Youth age 18 years and under can reserve a seat for free.

Shifting Lens coming to the Agnes Jamieson

By Lisa Gervais

While many members of the Eastern Hub of the Ontario Society of Artists remain focused on traditional media, and subject matter that can be traced to influences of earlier members, others have shifted their visions, responding to their own environment and experiences with media and techniques beyond painting.

The result is an upcoming group at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Multiple pieces of artwork from 16 individual artists will explore the diversity of visions and approaches that exist today among the Eastern Hub artists.

Shifting Lens will be on display at the Agnes Jamieson

Gallery, from Sept. 7 to Nov. 25. The opening reception will be Sept. 9 from 1-3 p.m.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is a public gallery with year-round visual exhibitions of local and regional art. The gallery is part of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, which also includes the Museum, Heritage Village and Nature's Place Interpretive Centre.

The cultural centre is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., and is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission

For questions about this exhibit, call the community services department at 705-286-1260 x 542. For more information, visit the Township of Minden Hills website at mindenhills.ca.

EVENTS

Sept. 8, 3 to 4 p.m.Butter in a jar at Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Be prepared to get your hands dirty! All are welcome.

pt. 9, 1 to 3 p.m.

Shifting Lens exhibit opening reception at The Agnes Jamieson Gallery. The show is being put on by the Ontario Society of Artists, Eastern Ontario. All are welcome. The exhibit will be on display until November.

Sept. 9, 1:15 to 4 p.m.Afternoon tea at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum in Wilberforce. Enjoy old fashioned tea, bring a friend and make new ones in a special place. There is no charge for refreshments.

Sept. 9, 2 to 4 p.m.

Adults are invited to join staff and volunteers for a fun craft using old books at the Minden Hills library. This month, people are encouraged to make a folded book acorn.

Sept. 12, 9 a.m. to noon.

Contract bridge has resumed weekly in the basement of the Minden United Church. All skill levels welcome. For more information, contact Linda Taylor at 705-455-7475.

Sept. 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

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Sept. 12, 7 to 8 p.m.

Live music and uplifting conversation contributing to personal wellbeing and that of the community. This week's topic will deal with the importance of truthfulness. Light refreshments available. Free admission, welcoming people of all backgrounds. Taking place at Castle Antiques in Haliburton. Sponsored by the Baha'i community of Haliburton.

Sept. 13, 3 to 4 p.m.

Ice cream making at Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Be prepared to get your hands dirty! All are welcome.

The Speakers Series continues at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association on Gelert Road, with a presentation from Stephan Lukacic, who will be discussing the paths towards sustainable living and self-reliance. Admission is \$15 per person. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a local non-profit. To reserve a seat, call 705-457-7557, or email barrieinthehighlands@gmail.

Sept. 14, 7 to 9 p.m.

Do you love board games? Join others at SIRCH Community Services to get social and play with friends new and old. Bring your favourite games to play, or use one of ours. All are welcome.

Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The Kinark Outdoor Centre is hosting an open house to showcase the range of programming it has for children and youth with complex needs. Activities include outdoor rock wall, high ropes, archery, hiking and water sports. Pre-registration is required. Contact Elisha Weiss at 705-320-0045, or elisha.weiss@kinark.on.ca to reserve a spot.

Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bookapalooza 2023 at the Minden Curling Club. This annual celebration of storytelling is designed for all ages and abilities. There will be live presentations throughout the day, with more than 50 exhibitors featured.

Sept. 16, 11 a.m. to noon. Planting 101 at Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Join volunteers at the heritage garden to learn gardening basics, including seed planting and

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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton weekly activities

Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield

Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall & bingo, doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. \$1,000 jackpot - first Wednesday of the

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.

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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

Weekly activities:

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Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce

Sept. 7: Open 2 to 6 p.m.

Sept. 8: Open 2 to 9 p.m. Seniors 55+ lunch, everyone welcome. Call Denice at 705-448-8865 to register. Fish and chips from 5 to 8 p.m.

Sept. 9: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Meat draw at 3 p.m.

Sept. 10: L.A. breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m.

Sept. 11 & 12: Closed

Sept. 13: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts at 7 p.m.

Upcoming event: Sept. 16, golf tournament at Pinestone Resort. Cost is \$90 per person. Sign up at the branch, or call 705-448-2221 for more

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519

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

- 1. File No. PLSRA2022068: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of 1017 Minstrel Court within Part Lot 13, Concession 11 in the geographic Township of Minden.
- 2. File No. PLSRA2022079: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of 1059 Nawautin Lane within Part Lot 10, Concession 7, in the geographic Township of Minden.
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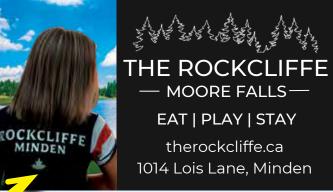
The Council meeting to consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey the parcels listed above will be scheduled for September 28th, 2023.

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience. If deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills.

Amanda Dougherty, B.A. (Hons) Manager of Planning 705-286-1260 Ext. 506 adougherty@mindenhills.ca





WHAT'S HAPPENING SEPTEMBER 7- SEPTEMBER 13 this week

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Sunday September 10

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Tuesday September 12

Dominion Hotel, Tiki Tuesday with Jeff Moulton 5-8 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Brewing Patio, CanoeFM Radio Bingo 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday September 13

The Rockcliffe, Wing Night 5-9 p.m. The Rockcliffe, Motorcycle Meet & Ride 6 p.m. Boshkung Social, Patio Euchre, contact for information









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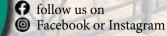
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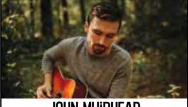


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Robert "Bob" McIvor

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Ajax Hospital on Thursday afternoon, August 31, 2023 in his 87th year. Beloved husband of Ann McIvor

(nee Rubidge). Loving father of Jay, Laurel (Tyler), Gayle and Lisa (Mark). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Jessahra, Dagon, Sydney, Indigo, Freya, Gwen, Brianna, Callum and by his great grandchildren Clara, Avery and Calvin. Dear brother of Sandra. Robert worked as a math teacher in the Hamilton Board for many years. He enjoyed reading, playing cards and most of all, spending time with his family at the cottage

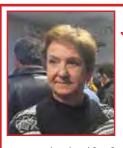
A Remembrance Gathering

Friends and family are invited to join the family at **THE COMMUNITY ROOM** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, September 9, 2023 from 1-3 p.m. A time of sharing will take place at 2 p.m. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Haliburton County Library 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.



THANK YOU



On behalf of my family, I would like to express our gratitude and thanks to everyone who visited Saundra in the hospital, and attended her celebration of Life.

We would also like to thank everyone who offered their support, brought food and sent their prayers.

It is comforting to know the memory of Saundra, her humour and caring personality will be kept alive by all those who knew her.

Mike Legge, Melanie & Terri

In Loving Memory of

Scott Andrew Mitchell

Sadly, the family of Scott Andrew Mitchell lost their son/brother on Sunday, August 27, 2023. Scott was enjoying a swim after a hot day near

his house in Lac la Biche, Alberta when he succumbed to a medical emergency. Scott had spoken with Doug and Ruth, and Duff in separate calls earlier that very day. Scott was born in a Cornwall, Ontario hospital and adopted at birth by Doug and Ruth Mitchell. Scott was born on October 23, 1965. Doug and Ruth raised Scott with their three other sons and daughter, originally in Chesterville, Ontario, and then in Haliburton, where Scott spent most of his youth. Scott was a fun-loving son. He loved to play sports, especially hockey, where he was an excellent defenceman. Scott was known to be a prankster and loved a good laugh. Scott moved to Alberta two decades ago, where he worked for different trucking companies. He enjoyed time on his boat and driving his corvette. Many of Scott's friends in Lac la Biche have called to discuss their friendship with Scott. It has been heartwarming to hear these stories. Scott last visited Haliburton four years ago and spoke regularly about how much he enjoyed visiting with friends. He had great memories of living in Haliburton. Scott was able to find his birth mother and family in Akwesasne recently. Scott, a status Indian, had only started to understand his heritage at the time of his passing. Scott is survived by his loving parents, Doug and Ruth Mitchell, brothers Duff, his daughter Ruby and spouse Vesna, Kelly and wife Shirley, Drew and wife Lee Ann and sister Krista, husband George and daughters Emma and Georgia.

Visitation & Celebration of Life

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME at 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday, September 29, 2023, at 2 o'clock for a Celebration of Life Service in the Chapel. (Visitation two hours prior). We ask that in lieu of flowers, if you are so

inclined, please make a donation to your local food bank. Scott would have liked that very much...



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- Coordinating the staffing and volunteer needs of all programs
- Overseeing the implementation of facilitator training
- Ensuring best practices for program delivery and evaluation

A full job description can be found at abbeyretreatcentre.ca/ join-our-team

Interested indivduals are invited to email a cover letter and resume to:

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30 Highlander classifieds

HELP WANTED



The Municipality of Highlands East Is Currently Seeking A

Full-Time Executive Assistant to the CAO/Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Salary Range- \$33.40- \$39.30 35 Hours Per Week, Monday to Friday

A copy of the detailed job posting, and description are available upon request or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca.

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk"** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m, Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Brittany McCaw, Deputy CAO/Treasurer Municipality of Highlands East P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0 E-Mail: bmccaw@highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Municipality of Highlands East is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring accommodation are asked to contact the Deputy CAO/Treasurer.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for candidate selection purposes only. Questions about this collection should be directed to Shannon Hunter, CAO/ Treasurer



The Corporation of the County of Haliburton Requires a Manager of Tourism

The County of Haliburton is accepting applications from qualified candidates for the position of Manager of Tourism.

The Manager of Tourism is responsible for promoting and enhancing the tourism experience within the destination. With a keen focus on sustainable tourism practices and visitor satisfaction, this position leads strategic planning, destination development and execution of tourism initiatives. Successful candidates will possess post-secondary education in a related field and 2-3 years of experience in a recognized and well-developed marketing environment. Annual salary for this position ranges from \$92,696.29 - \$108,441.54 with a comprehensive employed paid benefit package and participation in the OMERS defined benefit pension program.

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Please forward your resume to shume@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than September 14th, 2023.

We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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The Municipality of Highlands East Is Currently Seeking A

Full-Time Environmental Supervisor Salary Range- \$40.24-\$47.34

Hours of Work: 40 hours per week Monday to Friday

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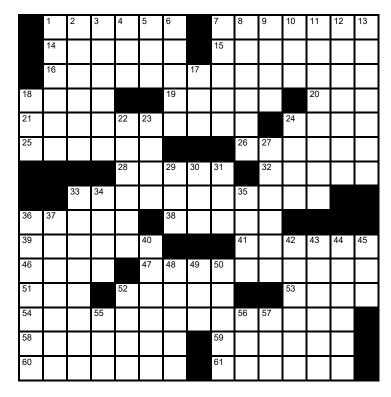
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- 20 Prefix meaning "egg"
- **21** Smallish car engine, in garage
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- 25 Fictional crumb dropper
- 26 Malik's "This Is Us" portrayer Blackk
- 28 Colourful cola brand
- **32** Serpentine mouldings
- 33 Words on a VW van, maybe
- **36** Like green roof panels?
- 38 Embarrassing fracas
- 39 More moth-eaten, linguistically
- 41 "You get the idea"
- **46** Reeking to high heaven
- 47 Gen Z-er's "whatever, old man'
- 51 "Lucky Man" three-named band, for short
- **52** ___-Potty
- **53** UBC's Sauder School degs.
- **54** Cocktail with amaretto, Southern Comfort, sloe gin and orange juice
- 58 Trifling detail
- **59** "My heart's on fire for ___" (Oak Ridge Boys lyric)
- 60 Murse, essentially
- **61** Superlatively shrewd

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- **1** Thane of ___ (early title given to Macbeth)
- **2** Street crosser, often

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- **3** The result of good intentions, per Oscar Wilde
- **4** Mun. title replaced by Councillor
- **5** "___ most certainly did not!"
- **6** Kofi who led the U.N.
- 7 "___ bleu!" (French "#*@!!")
- 8 Start of the northern lights?
- **9** The nanny in "The Nanny"
- 10 "___ for Evidence" (Grafton book)
- **11** Vessel for a skipper or a stout
- 12 Take to a higher level
- 13 Runs off at the office
- 17 Prankster's antic
- 18 Alphabet trio
- 22 Pre-botox photo, maybe
- 23 "There oughta be ___!"
- **24** Hockey face guard type
- **27** Anti-apartheid hot spot **29** Zombie Nation console
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- 33 Recklessly sassy
 - 34 Dead adjective
- 35 Downer for a straight-A
- 36 Watches on Hulu or Gem
- 37 Stephen Leacock's Ontario birthplace
- 40 College cohab
- 42 Leftist, to Archie Bunker
- 43 Signs of burnout?
- **44** Eagerly rip open
- 45 Bookkeeping "ins": Abbr.
- 48 Rural village, from the Afrikaans for "corral"
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- 55 Tampa Bay tackler, for short
- **56** It might follow y'
- 57 1006 etched in stone, maybe

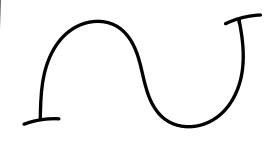
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