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Rhys Foster climbs at the new Head Lake Park playground that opened Sept. 23. See more on page 3. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Urgent care clinic to be full-time

By Lisa Gervais

The urgent care clinic, at the site of the former emergency department in Minden, is going full-time effective Oct. 3.

Kawartha North Family Health Team (KNFHT) executive director Marina Hodson said the clinic will be open as usual this Saturday, Sept. 30, will close

for staff orientation this Sunday, Oct. 1, but reopen next Tuesday, Oct. 3 with the plan for now to be operational 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

"That's the plan for now," Hodson said. "I think we'll have to play it by ear to see if there's actually demand seven days a week, especially in the winter.

"We'll give it a month, maybe two, and see whether the demand is there in the middle of the week. It might not be busy enough and it might make more sense to have extra staff on the weekend and condense the week," she added.

Hodson said they are able to make the leap from weekends after hiring a full

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Highlands Cinema documentary hits the big screen

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

Hundreds of Highlanders had the opportunity Sept. 23 to finally see a documentary about Keith Stata and the iconic Highlands Cinema he built in the woods of Kinmount.

Filmmaker Matt Finlin and his crew presented a private screening of *The Movie Man* this past Saturday.

The documentary chronicles the creation of the movie house, dubbed, "the greatest theatre in the world," by Ed Robertson of the Barenaked Ladies, who was an executive producer for the project.

Stata said, "I was impressed with how many people came, and how many people I recognized that have been coming over the years."

As for the film, he joked, "I saw the rough cuts of it, and I like it much better now."

Stata said since news of the documentary came out, he had a number of people tell him how much the theatre has meant to them.

A short Q and A after the screening introduced the audience to executive producer Finlin, partner at Door Knock Media, Karen Barzilay, Robertson, and Stata.

A boisterous, and appreciative round of applause welcomed the filmmakers, and the star. Barzilay also announced *The Movie Man* has been picked up by Mongrel Media film distributors for release across Canada.

Finlin thanked those involved in making the film, and the audience, and said Stata was his inspiration.

"Keith has dedicated his life to providing a special experience to people for generations. In the film, we speak about how time is so important and what we do with it, so thank you, Keith, for giving your time to all of us for all these years."

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Marina Hodson in the urgent care clinic in Minden. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Clinic seeing 25 patients daily

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time registered practical nurse (RPN) and a full-time nurse practitioner (NP). They are also currently recruiting for a full-time administration person. They are also looking for part-time and casual staff for the two days the full-time RPN and NP will be off.

“It’s just people that reached out when they saw the advertising about the openings,” Hodson said. “We had lots of interest, which is really good.”

She noted one of the new staff has had a seasonal residence in the County and is now looking to move to the Highlands full-time.

Since opening June 30, the clinic has only had to close one day due to staff shortages. Hodson advised people to consult their website (knfht.ca) however, before travelling to the clinic, to always ensure it is open.

Hodson said they had been averaging about 25 patients a day, and had seen 650 in total as of last Friday.

“People have seemed to have gotten a pretty good idea of what is appropriate to present with. Two to three people

needed to be sent to emerge because it wasn’t appropriate but generally, I think people are understanding,” she said.

She noted the busiest day saw 30 patients, while the Mondays of long weekends have been quieter.

Urgent care clinics are between a walk-in clinic and an emergency department, dealing with things such as minor sprains, bruises, and people needing stitches.

Hodson added the urgent care clinic has to be having a positive impact on volumes at the Haliburton Hospital.

“If they didn’t come here, they would have gone there, so it would have had an impact.”

Hodson added she, and her KNEFT, are pleased with the progress they have made to date. She said they actually hired staff quite a while ago but had to wait for them to finish up at other jobs.

“I think we were quite pleased with the quick turnaround. We’re just hiring the admin staff full-time now. That will be the last piece for now.

“At this point what we have is one full-time RPN, one full-time NP, and then a full-time admin, and then casual staff to offset the two days a week that they’re off.”

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Dignitaries, including members of the Head Lake Park fundraising committee, Dysart manager of parks and events, Andrea Mueller, MPP Laurie Scott, Dysart councillor Pat Casey and deputy mayor Walt McKechnie, and a Rotary representative, cut the ribbon to officially open the new Head Lake Park playground. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

New park ‘reflects spirit of Haliburton’

By Lisa Gervais

Long before the ribbon was cut, the kids christened the new Head Lake Park playground Sept. 23.

As Jereck Stephens took a turn on the zipline, his mom, Valerie, said the new park was “great. I’m excited.”

She said the town was in need of a good children’s playground as the old one was “lackluster. This one’s a lot better.”

The old park was deemed structurally

unsound and taken down in June 2022.

The former Dysart et al council saw the need for a new playground, said manager of parks and events, Andrea Mueller, and committed \$300,000. The new council continued the project, with the help of a Head Lake Park committee and its robust fundraising, an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, financial help from Rotary, and in-kind support from Total Site Services.

Coun. Pat Casey said after COVID, it

took a bit of time to get the momentum going, but the committee got things rolling again. “Everybody dug in and progressively we made it work.” He said it was a great reflection of the spirit of Haliburton, thinking of an idea and getting it to where it is today.

MPP Laurie Scott commented, “this is a hub of activity. It’s beautiful... Haliburton is a wonderful community and we see the fruits of that today.”

Mueller added, “there were lots of kids

who emptied the change out of their pockets, or who had lemonade stands, or who took money out of their piggy banks. We appreciate every single penny that was given towards this project.”

The 9,000 sq. ft. accessible park was a Park N Play Design project, valued at approximately \$600,000. The committee raised \$150,000; the OTF grant was \$150,000, Dysart gave \$300,000 and Rotary \$50,000.

Musician: ‘Stata has made our lives richer’

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The film goes through the many transformations and additions. It is much more than just a multiplex cinema, but a testament to the passion of the man who built it. All the artifacts, projectors, displays, and memorabilia are memories, Stata said.

The film also explores the uneasiness of COVID and the possibility of not being able to re-open. “I sometimes think, where did

all the time go? The struggles to build the theatre, the nights I didn’t have two dimes to rub together, but I was just going to do it and see if hell would freeze over or not, or what would happen next. The theatre is important, I mean I put so much time and so much effort into this place, somehow it has to continue,” said Stata.

The audience also got a chance to thank Stata for what he has done for them

personally and for the community at large.

Ed Sharp, from CanoeFM, said it was a real pleasure knowing Stata, and the great things he does for the community. “Thank you for being the great person that you are.”

Another said coming to Highlands Cinema from a very young age inspired her to go to film school. She is now in the middle of shooting her first feature-length film. “My love of films and filmmaking comes from

this cathedral that you have built.”

Stata spoke about being successful and Robertson summed it up by saying, “what you are talking about is wealth, but you have been enormously successful. You have made the lives of everyone who has ever been here richer. You have created something unique, you created something beautiful. You celebrated the thing you love, and we are all so grateful.”

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AH to consider waste options for Hawk Lake

By Mike Baker

Algonquin Highlands council has committed to taking a deep dive into waste management options for Hawk Lake, two years after shuttering a landfill in the area.

The Hawk Lake waste disposal site was closed at the end of its life in 2021. No new landfill options were announced at the time, with the township opting instead to streamline services at other sites in Dorset, Oxtongue Lake, Maple Lake, and Pine Springs.

That proved a controversial decision. Many residents protested the closure, with council reconsidering its position last winter. During 2023 budget deliberations, council directed staff to investigate options to bring waste management services back to the Hawk Lake community.

At a Sept. 21 meeting, Melissa Murray, the township’s environmental manager, tabled five possibilities for council to consider. She said Peterborough-based consulting firm Cambium Inc. had assisted with the project.

“We’ve gone through a two-stage evaluation process and are looking at all options,” Murray said, noting the estimated start-up costs to establish a new service range from \$100,000 to \$515,000, with annual operating costs between \$40,000 and \$110,000. She said all five options could be brought online in the next two to four years.

To determine the appropriate scale of service delivery options, Murray and Heather Dzurko, representing Cambium, looked at past trends at the old Hawk Lake landfill, noting that, in 2019, the last year of statistics before the COVID-19 pandemic, 18 per cent of total waste site traffic township-wide was recorded at Hawk Lake. The pair said, based on previous numbers, around 600 residences

would benefit from a renewed service during the summer, with around 230 residences utilizing it during the off-season.

From 2015 to 2021, an average of 11,235 vehicles accessed the Hawk Lake waste disposal site annually. In 2019, almost 16,000 bags of garbage were collected at the site.

The first option, Murray noted, is to open a transfer station at the old Hawk Lake dump location. Bins would be placed to store garbage and recycling until it could be transferred off-site. This proved to be the most expensive option, with design and construction estimated at \$500,000, and annual running costs of \$60,000.

A second possibility is to develop a stationary collection program. This would see the township purchase a waste collection truck, or contract out the work, to pick up garbage and recycling at specific locations on designated days and times. Costs would vary depending on what council wanted, estimated between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Other options included contracting a local business to host containers for the collection of materials, estimated to cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to set up, and \$50,000 annually; look for possible community-based sites where bins could be placed in central areas and managed by a cottage association or other like-minded entity, at an estimated running cost of \$100,000 to \$200,000 per year; or stick with the status quo and make no enhancements to service.

Mayor Liz Danielsen said she felt uneasy designating authority to a community group to collect materials, seemingly ruling out Option 4. Coun. Julia Shortreed said she would be worried about the longevity of a community-led effort.

“Let’s say everything goes gung-ho at the start – great. Then after a couple of years



Algonquin Highlands is considering options for waste management around Hawk Lake. *File.*

nobody wants to do it, then what?” she asked. Murray admitted there were “several challenges” with that model.

Council spent the most time discussing Option 2, involving stationary vehicles. Danielsen wondered how solid the numbers outlined in the report were, with Dzurko saying they should be treated as estimates only, with an RFP required should council wish to proceed.

Murray noted the District of Muskoka had some success launching a lakeside collection model recently, which offers seasonal and year-round locations for residents to dispose of waste. Danielsen said she’d like to see a

breakdown of costs between seasonal and year-round options in Algonquin Highlands.

“We’re not going to make a decision on this today – this is something that would go to projects and priorities [later this year] and be balanced against the other things we have to do,” Danielsen said.

She asked if staff could reach out to Muskoka to see if a representative would be willing to share details about its new program, while also encouraging residents to reach out and state their preferred option.

“This is going to continue on for some time until we land on a solution that, hopefully, will work for everyone,” she added.

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Communal services key to housing crisis

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County CAO Mike Rutter believes communal water and sewer systems may be the missing piece to help leaders address the Highlands' housing woes.

Representatives from Frontenac County explained the potential solution to County council Sept. 13. Staffers Joe Gallivan and Kelly Pender said the plan, which took around seven years to develop, has helped the municipality progress three housing projects they say will bring more than 200 units over the next few years.

Communal services are made up of shared drinking water and wastewater systems, servicing groups of residences and businesses clustered together. Currently, in Haliburton County, most new developments utilize municipal services, in Haliburton and Minden villages, or are on private systems.

"We will never have municipal water and sewer in Frontenac – it's fiscally impossible for our four small municipalities to afford that kind of project. Just like in Haliburton, our settlement areas are small villages on relatively small lots," Gallivan said. "Planners have to think 25, 50, 100 years ahead. It's important we keep our villages sustainable long-term, and to do that we need to significantly add to our housing supply."

"We already knew we couldn't keep doing what we

were doing. We've been struggling to attract [investors] to Frontenac County," he added.

Gallivan said the Ontario government updated its provincial policy statement in 2020, identifying communal servicing as the second most preferred system behind typical municipal services, and ahead of private wells and septs, for new developments.

How it works

Through the program, Frontenac staffers work with developers to identify buildable land. Because single communal systems can be installed at a fraction of the cost of individual units, and don't take up nearly as much underground real estate, new subdivisions can be created quickly.

"One of the major benefits of this kind of a system in a rural setting is they are very scalable. The developer doesn't have to build expensive infrastructure for 50 lots at the start of the process anymore – these new systems are almost like Lego blocks."

You can start with a

system that can handle five, 10, or 15 lots, and expand on that over time," he said.

There are environmental benefits too – rather than establishing multiple connections to an underground aquifer, communal systems require a single hook up. In terms of planning, Gallivan said communal services allow municipalities to fit more units on an individual lot – whether within high population areas, such as the villages, or more rural.

"We have situations in Frontenac where we have developments [proposed] in our formal settlement area boundaries around villages, and further away. They stand alone with no integration with existing subdivisions, but with the potential for more units, creating much-needed living spaces for people," he said.

"There is no rental housing available in Frontenac, so this has been huge for us in helping to build our inventory," he added, noting he saw no reason why Haliburton County couldn't replicate the model.

"That's the best thing about it – it's very easily transferrable to any other jurisdiction in Ontario," Gallivan added.

Once systems are installed, developers enter into an agreement with the municipality, stipulating the township will take care of any maintenance. In Frontenac, they are in the process of developing their own utility corporation to take care of any issues. He noted the failure rate of units is around three per cent, and that replacement parts are cheap and can usually be fitted by township staff.

Haliburton 'fits' model

Pender, Frontenac's CAO, said the regional municipality hopes to have 10 new subdivisions, each with communal services, finished by 2033. He believes the benefits will be wide reaching.

"This is the answer we've been looking for. Kingston is growing... we're seeing pressures all over our community. We can't continue developing on two acre lots. All our good lots are gone, the bad lots are difficult to build on, service, and maintain, so this opens up a lot of doors," Pender said.

Echoing Gallivan, he said if

communal systems can work in Frontenac County, they can work in the Highlands.

"There probably aren't two counties in eastern Ontario that are any more similar than Haliburton and Frontenac," Pender said. "So, if it fits well with us, I think it can fit well with you, too."

Homeowners on the new lots in Frontenac will be charged monthly fees, expected to be around \$125 a month, for water and wastewater services. "You're in the same ballpark you'd be in if you needed to pay for new systems and amortize that over 20, 25 years," Pender added.

Rutter said the most important facet of communal systems is how attractive they make potential build sites to developers.

"Lack of municipal water and wastewater really limits the intensity of development and increases the operating costs for developers... if implemented, this will make development in Haliburton County much more attractive," he said.

"This could be one way we reduce the barriers that exist when developing housing. Municipalities are generally not developers. We can, however, stimulate the development of housing by allowing cost-effective servicing opportunities like this, reviewing land use approval processes to make it easier to do business in Haliburton County, and ensuring we use servicing systems that effectively protect the natural environment that we treasure. This model seems to check all those boxes."

Warden Liz Danielsen said she found the presentation "really exciting."

"This offers some food for thought on how we can meet the challenges of housing here, particularly in places like Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands where we don't have any servicing at all," she said.

Rutter said he would be circling back to County council before the end of the year to see if there is any desire to pursue the concept.

Mike Rutter, County CAO, said communal systems are a great way to make communities more attractive to developers. *File.*



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Smoke alarms have been legally required to be installed on every storey of a residence in Ontario since 2006. That includes vacation homes, cabins, trailers, RVs, and cottages. Landlords must test alarms annually, after the battery is replaced, and after every change in tenancy. Renters must notify their landlord as soon as they become aware that a smoke alarm is not operating.

For more information, contact the Minden Hills fire department at 705-286-1260 or go to [savedbythebeep.ca](https://www.savedbythebeep.ca)

Stolen ATVs

Members of the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating reports of two stolen ATVs in Minden Hills.

They say that between 7:30 p.m. Sept. 15 and 1 a.m. Sept. 16, an ATV was stolen from a residence on Stouffer Street. The vehicle is described as a red 2007 Honda ATV with Ontario license plate 65PL3.

On Sept. 18, overnight, an ATV was stolen from a residence on West Road. The vehicle is described as a red 2022 Honda ATV with Ontario license plate 4XR71.

To prevent these thefts from occurring OPP advise: use an ATV locking device; keep your vehicle stored away and out of sight; install a security system and a tracking device on your vehicle.

Anyone who may have information that may assist with these investigations is asked to contact 705-286-1431 or toll-free 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Kawartha Haliburton Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at khcrimestoppers.com. *(Fire/OPP news compiled by Lisa Gervais).*

The Minden Hills fire department did mutual aid training with all municipal fire departments in the County Sept. 24. The training took place at Minden Rotary Park. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*



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The 1 Million March 4 Children group walks on the path lined with LGBTQ+ supporters. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Rallies demonstrate divide

By Lisa Gervais

A 1 Million March 4 Children event in Head Lake Park Sept. 20 quickly led to Minden Pride organizing a counter rally, as hundreds demonstrated their ideological differences in the Highlands.

The 1 Million March 4 Children was a series of protests in cities and towns across Canada.

Local spokeswoman, Valerie Jarvis, said they were uniting diverse backgrounds and faiths who, “share a resolute purpose: advocating for the elimination of the sexual orientation and gender identity curriculum, pronouns, gender ideology and mixed bathrooms in schools.”

She said as a symbol of their commitment, students were encouraged to participate in a nationwide school walkout on the day, although few did locally.

“Together, we stand united to safeguard the well-being and innocence of our children,” Jarvis said. She added their mission is to, “free children from the bondage of indoctrination. Breaking the system designed to sexualize our children.”

While the approximately 50, 1 Million March participants started at the welcome centre in the park, they eventually marched on the path towards Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The walkway was lined by LGBTQ+ supporters, who outnumbered them approximately three to one. One of the 1 Million March 4 Children brigade called out “God bless you.” The Pride-organized supporters answered with “educate, don’t discriminate.”

Pride chair Alan Guinan said, “I think the idea of removing queer ideology from the curriculum in high schools is a very dangerous proposition because it’s been proven that people who are within the queer spectrum have to have some sense of belonging. If you remove it from the education system, I don’t know where else they’re supposed to get it from.”

“There’s this idea that there’s this sexualization of children, which is not what education is about, so from our perspective, we’re just here to say that there is a different viewpoint around education of children.”

Guinan added the opposition march seemed

to be part of a growing anti-LGBTQ+ movement.

“We’re starting to feel as though there’s other people who have maybe a different agenda, an anti-LGBTQ+ agenda. We really want to ensure that our voices are heard.”

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board’s Carolynne Bull said TLDSB believes in safe and caring school communities.

“It is important that all students, including our youngest students, learn to respect each other’s individuality. Students and staff need to see themselves reflected in the language used in classrooms and in the school,” she said.

“At TLDSB, Positive Space is only one component of the equity and inclusive education strategy. Since 2009, TLDSB has been working on a number of inclusive education initiatives, including religious accommodation, Indigenous rights, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status, to promote a safe and caring school climate for all.”

She shared two pages from the TLDSB website relating the board’s “commitment to equity, inclusion, and well-being for all.”



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A lost opportunity

Last week's 1 Million March 4 Children event - contrasted with a quickly-organized Minden Pride counter-rally - was eye-opening for a number of reasons.

First, I was surprised to see more than 50 folks turn up for the first rally and march - part of a cross-Canada movement concerned about sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) curriculum in schools. The locals joined with people across the County in calling for an end to gender-based pronouns, ideology and mixed bathrooms in schools.

A local spokeswoman added the movement's mission is to free children from the bondage of indoctrination, breaking a system they say is designed to sexualize children.

I noted some of the people attending the 1 Million March 4 Children were the same people I had seen at the Freedom Convoys during COVID, and anti-vaccination gatherings. The same Canadian flags that showed up there, showed up here.

In many ways, these protestors are fighting all things government. They are also battling what they believe is a shift to a far left-wing, woke, agenda.

On the other side of the park, they were

certainly outnumbered by the Pride-gathered folks. They argued that the idea of removing queer ideology from the curriculum in high schools is a very dangerous proposition, because it's been proven that people who are within the queer spectrum have to have some sense of belonging. If you remove it from the education system, they argued, they don't know where else they're supposed to get it from.

Here's one idea; how about their parents.

The other counter-argument was that education is not about the sexualization of children.

They called out "educate don't discriminate" as the 1 Million March 4 Children folk yelled "God bless you."

This division in Haliburton County - indeed this division across Canada - is a byproduct of COVID. When people live in states of fear, they do everything they can to protect their patch.

And that was the other telling takeaway from last week. Both camps stayed in their camps. No one ventured across the parking lot divide to have a discussion about their differing opinions. All said they were there for the children. However, there wasn't



By Lisa Gervais

much of an attempt to understand each others' differences.

For example, if one of the 1 Million March 4 Children lot had talked to 22-year-old Poet, they would have found out that what is being done in schools isn't classroom-based curriculum or 'gay class.'

Poet grew up queer, always struggling with her identity, and was bullied at school.

She wishes she had been exposed to the education, or staff telling her it was fine to be who she was. That didn't happen and she was at-risk. She thinks when resources are removed, young people fall through the cracks. Some commit suicide.

No one on either side of the Head Lake Park lot would want that to happen. The lack of discussion last Wednesday was a lost opportunity. Going forward, if we want to tackle the great divide that is growing in our County, we have to begin a dialogue to at least try to understand each others' differences.



By Mike Baker

A story from the heart

Last Friday, Sept. 22 was a special day inside the Baker household - my daughter, Emma, turned three months old, and with it shed the newborn moniker she had reluctantly worn since birth.

In some ways it feels like the time has flown by since I was sitting in an empty hospital bed at Peterborough Regional Health Centre, scared out of my mind, waiting for a nurse to come and get me so I could be with my wife in surgery - because of course Emma decided she just had to arrive via emergency c-section.

Absolutely nothing about the birth, pregnancy, and the six years leading up to it all, was straight forward. I don't think I'd have it any other way though.

I've known since I was a wee whippersnapper myself that I wanted children. My wife, Laurie, and I are very lucky in that sense - we started dating during Grade 12 at high school and were serious right away. By the time we were celebrating our six-month anniversary, we'd agreed on having two kids. A boy and a girl.

Life got in the way, of course. After I completed J-School and Laurie graduated from university, we packed up our three possessions worth more than \$20 and headed west. We were in Alberta for two-and-a-half years - living in a community four hours northeast of Edmonton. I thought I'd experienced snow before moving out there...

how wrong I was. We decided to show mercy, opting not to bring a baby into what must surely have been the North Pole.

It was after we moved back to Ontario, living in Orangeville, that, unknown to us at the time, we began the climb. We tried on our own for 18 months, but nothing. It was another year before we went to see a doctor. IVF, we were told, was our only option. And it was a slim chance at best.

I put on a brave face, but the truth is the longer things dragged on, the more depressed I got. By this time, we had moved to Lindsay, and I was working here in Haliburton. I had convinced myself that kids just weren't on the cards for us.

First, there was a delay because of a COVID-19 outbreak at our clinic. Then they wanted us to start the process about a week before we were due to fly to England for my brother's wedding. I felt as though the universe was trying to send me a message.

A few months after we got back, we got the first call. We had an embryo. I still wasn't convinced. I think it was my brain trying to protect me - before I got carried away expecting it to happen.

I had looked up all the stats - the best number I could find pegged our chances at about 35 per cent. I still remember getting up the morning we drove down to Toronto to find out if it had worked and giving myself a pep talk: "you've got to be the strong one,

man. For Laurie." I was dreading it.

Instead, I was treated to the most wonderfully cathartic moment of my life... well, up until I held Emma for the first time.

When I think back at everything we went through - the pain, the anguish, the anger... all I need to do now is close my eyes and picture that little face, it draws a smile every time.

I realize, though, just how lucky I am. Our first run at IVF, and it actually worked. It sounds strange considering you're literally along for the ride with another person, but I've never felt as alone as I did for that period when I thought I was the reason we couldn't start a family. That wears on you. As someone who never really struggled with mental health before this, it hit me like a ton of bricks. Fortunately, we came out the other side.

And the best part? There's still another embryo left. So, we still have that chance to hit a double homer after all. Life's a funny ol' thing, isn't it?

Correction: In the Sept. 21 edition of The Highlander, in the page three story 'Liberal hopefuls promise to reopen ER' we incorrectly identified Donna Aziz as the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberal association president. Judi Forbes is the association president, with Aziz serving as financial agent. We apologize for the error.

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LETTERS

No space for hate

Dear editor,

On behalf of Minden Pride, thank you to everyone who joined our peaceful counter-protest against the 1 Million March 4 Children on Sept. 20.

In under 24 hours, we assembled a large and spirited group of supporters to counter the anti-LGBTQ demonstrators.

The protestors’ stated goal is to eliminate Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) curriculum in schools, inclusive approaches to pronouns, gender ideology and mixed bathrooms in our schools across Canada.

The protestors claim SOGI leads to the sexualization of children. Under the guise of ‘parental rights’, they further claim to be protecting children’s innocence, and that they harbour no anti-LGBTQ sentiment.

Really? Organized messaging from their group spoke of a very different agenda. Hateful signage using language such as “grooming” and “indoctrination” proved otherwise.

A protestor identified us as “pedophiles” and stated we will “burn in hell” for our ‘lifestyle’. Their invoking of “family values” insults our entire community, as though we do not have families or carry positive values.

The protestors argue teaching kids about “queer ideology” will sexualize young children. Being gay, bisexual, transgender or anywhere on the gender and sexuality spectrum is not an ideology. ‘Indoctrination’ is not reality. To be queer is simply a biological fact.

Eliminating SOGI would leave all students, straight and queer, with no education in sexual and gender diversity, nor build on principles of an inclusive society. We believe this to be highly discriminating and especially dangerous to those youth in our community who may be struggling with their own sexual or gender identity.

For the past eight years, Minden Pride has proudly stood for a kinder, inclusive community. This demonstration has galvanized our resolve even further. There is no place for oppression and hate in our County. We will continue to fight to protect the rights of everyone to live an open and safe life in the Haliburton Highlands.

Allan Guinan
Chair, Minden Pride

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



A reader sent this photo of these Alliums.

Hunka visit questioned

Dear editor,

I have addressed the following inquiry to The Hon. Jamie Schmale, our parliamentary representative, whose response should be of considerable interest to local voters of all stripes.

As a member of your constituency, I would like to know if you applauded Mr. Yaroslav Hunka during his appearance before

Canada’s Parliament on Sept. 22?

Further, the fact that Mr. Hunka was party to mass murder has been known to scholars and other interested persons for almost a decade now. Were you at any time advised concerning this man’s grisly biography?

In this connection, may I draw your attention to a peer-reviewed article published in June 2014, “The Politics of World War II in Contemporary Ukraine”, in the Journal of Slavic Military Studies 27(2):210-233. [...] The author, Ivan Katchanovski, a

professor at the University of Ottawa, has recently expressed himself on the issue of our government’s hearty endorsement of a volunteer Galicia SS veteran, whose division took part “in mass murder of Poles, Jews and Ukrainians in Ukraine and Poland, including mass executions of about 100 Jews, Poles and Ukrainians in my high school in Pidhaisi near Lutsk...”

Douglas Smith
Haliburton County

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Respiratory season around corner: HKPR

By Lisa Gervais

The health unit is readying itself for respiratory season, medical officer of health, Dr. Natalie Bocking, told a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) board of health meeting Sept. 21.

She said the fall is an “incredibly” busy time for the health unit, and the media is now focusing on the fall respiratory season. She added the community wants to know what to expect and what the recommendations are.

“We’re preparing folks for what’s considered to be another atypical respiratory season,” Dr. Bocking said.

She said that means they are anticipating flu season to hit early, COVID-19, and other respiratory viruses to be somewhat higher than pre-pandemic levels.

As for readiness, Dr. Bocking said it’s about the health unit, long-term care homes, public education, vaccination, testing and treatment.

“We had a fairly intense influenza season last year, that happened earlier and peaked earlier, that had a number of implications for our health sector partners, emergency departments, hospitals as well as patients from the health unit,” Dr. Bocking said.

She added they take their cue from the southern hemisphere, which has already experienced a fall and winter 2023.

Australia and New Zealand saw “not quite as high” cases of influenza compared to last year, fewer deaths, but quite high hospital admissions, particularly among children up to the age of nine. She said the most at-risk are people 65 years old and older, and the very young.

As for COVID-19 locally, she said they’d had a long stretch of fewer hospital admissions. She is anticipating that will increase. She added the virus continues to mutate and evolve, with a couple of different variants that have mutated together. However, she said there are no new variants that have set them back. She said the variants remain contagious but do not cause more severe illness.

She suggested people keep an eye on things through reputable sources, such as the local health unit, Kingston public health unit and Public Health Ontario.

Dr. Bocking said in the past couple of weeks, they have been doing tabletop exercises with health sector partners, including in Haliburton County. They’re



The health unit has resumed meeting. File.

working with LTC homes. “Preparation for worse case scenarios should they arrive.”

They’re ramping up public education, reminding people to stay home if sick, and wear masks.

The health unit is also encouraging people to get both a flu and COVID vaccine (which can be given at the same time) and LTC and those over 65, an RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) shot.

Dr. Bocking said people in LTC homes and hospitals will be immunized first, followed

by at-risk groups, and then the general public, likely in late October. Vaccines will be available in pharmacies. The health unit will have vaccine clinics and primary care professionals will also give jabs.

As for testing and treatment, the region’s top doc said PCR test kits are still available and there is a test locator on the provincial website. Rapid antigen tests are still available.

She also encouraged people to go to their new website at hkpr.on.ca.

HIGHLAND EAST NEWS

Herlihey Park, roads update

Public works operations manager, Perry Kelly, said pre-work this fall should set the table for the completion of Herlihey Park in the spring of 2024.

He said staff had hired a contractor to clear and remove dead trees and small growth and prepare two parking lots and the park entranceway.

They will soon issue a tender for the remainder of work.

Kelly added, “as we move through the stages of completion, council will see a huge transformation of this beautiful property

while working to keep the natural heritage of the park as it is today.”

In road news, Kelly said Buxton Road has now been double surface treated. He added staff had met with the Miller Group to have Gem, Inlet Bay, Pioneer and Lakeshore roads, and a small section one way by the school in Wilberforce, completed this fall. He added brushing is continuing and work is underway towards fixing McColl’s bridge in 2024.

In addition, a small portion (0.172 km) of Hwy. 118, approximately 10 km west of Hwy. 28 will be under construction until Nov. 17. Leveque Bros. will be performing ditching, slope flattening and channel reconstruction along that portion

of the highway as part of an MTO contract. Highlands East advises drivers to expect delays as lane closures are required between sunrise and sunset, Monday through Friday.

Building activity down

Highlands East continues to see reduced building activity in 2023, compared to 2022.

In a report to a Sept. 12 meeting, chief building official Colin McKnight told council there had been 91 building permits issued to date in 2023. Nineteen were for dwellings and 72 other. By contrast, there were 140 in 2022, with 35 dwellings and 105 other. There have been no permits issued for secondary suites or dwellings of 45-65

sq. metres to date.

Sewage system permitting is also down, with 37 so far this year, compared to 68 last year. There have been 21 sewage system installation reports so far this year, in contrast to 29 in 2022.

Occupancy certificates and final inspections are slightly up, however, at 14 so far this year, compared to 11 last year. Under planning, zoning compliance requests are also down substantially, with 35 so far, compared to 56.

It means the value of construction is down to \$17,367,245 so far, as opposed to \$24,012,428. (Highlands East news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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‘Telling stories weaves net of solidarity’

By Lisa Gervais

After a hastily-organized Take Back the Night event in Minden Sept. 21, organizers are planning to be back bigger next year in what they hope to make an annual event.

With Rails End Gallery drummers in attendance, the YWCA Peterborough Haliburton gathered people on the grass outside Canadian Tire before leading them on a march on the river walk.

Director of philanthropy, Tina Thornton, thanked Haliburton County-based organizers and attendees.

“Thank you so much all of you. This started off as just an idea about a week ago and we managed to pull together, and I couldn’t be more excited. I am looking forward to hopefully having Minden as an annual event.”

She read an address from executive director, Kim Dolan, who was at another event on the night.

“We gather in solidarity knowing that our collective presence honours the experiences of women-identified people and girl children

who’ve experienced gender-based violence in our streets, workplaces, institutions, and homes for too long,” Dolan said.

“Despite our efforts, since the 1970s, gender-based violence is affecting more women, happening more often, and becoming more violent. This means that more women are afraid, more women are being harmed, and more harm is happening. The threat of violence silences us, but not tonight.”

Dolan added that gender-based violence does not discriminate, for perpetrators or women, no matter their gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, health, abilities, social and geographical location.

“The power of women telling one another their stories of violence and sexual assault weaves a net of resilience, defiance, outrage and hope. The telling of our stories speaks truth to power. The telling of our stories shines a light on misogyny, colonialism, racism, transphobia and societal and institutional systems that perpetrate violence. Telling our stories weaves a powerful net of solidarity.”



Top: Laurie Jones leads the Rails End Gallery drummers. Above: People walked the Minden Riverwalk Sept. 21 to take back the night. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

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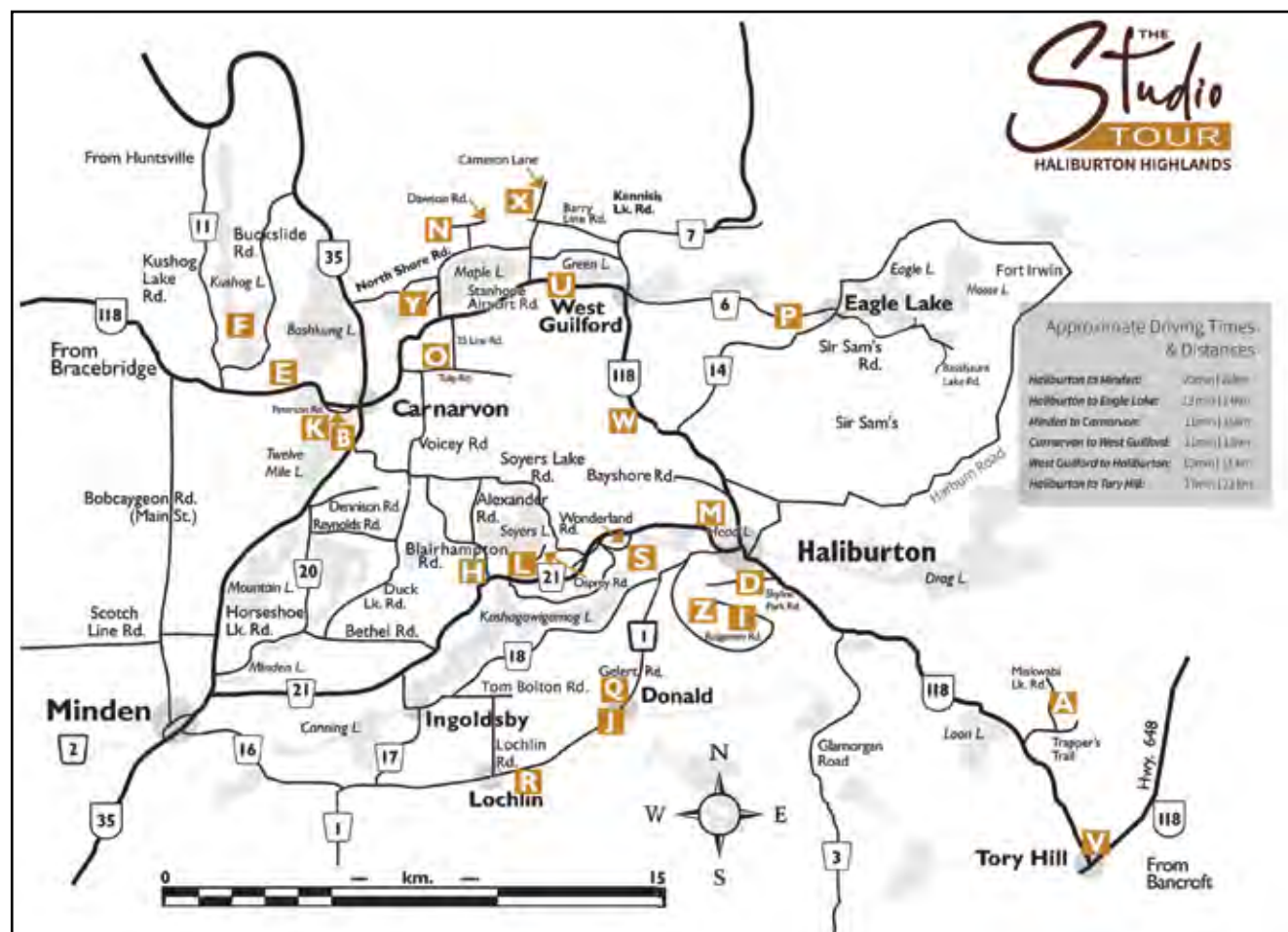


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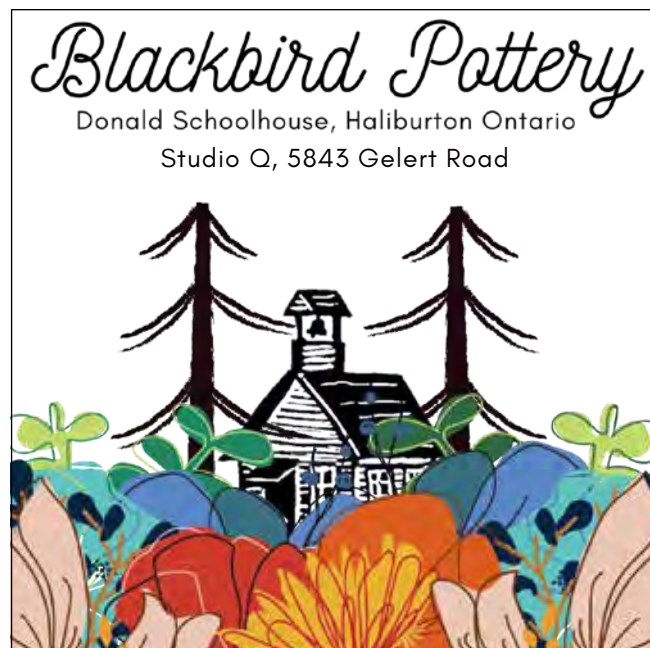


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Left: Cathy Taylor of Mosaics & Clay Works. Right: Paul Savage of Savage Knives does some leatherworking last year. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

Keeping The Studio Tour 'new and exciting'

By Lisa Gervais

The Studio Tour this year promises a mix of repeat and new artists, featuring 38 creatives at 23 locations.

Co-chairs, Peter Emmink and Joyce Pruyers-Emmink, have been busy helping to get the 36th annual event ready, as well as preparing their own Ivy Cottage Fusion Arts - Fused Glass studio in Algonquin Highlands.

Referring to the tour, Peter said, "we always try to keep it new and exciting to some degree. We're always going to have the old faithfuls, which is great. They're the ones that have been around for a long time. But seeing some new, younger faces is really nice."

New this year is an affiliation with Peterborough-based company, Toureka. They approached The Studio Tour last spring. "We looked into it and found it intriguing that

it's sort of a one-stop-shop for anybody that wants to look for things to do," Peter said. "It's everything from doing tours of the locks in Peterborough to various studio tours. We thought it was a good idea to get involved with it."

Peter added, "we're trying to make it easier for people to navigate it because it is a large footprint, and a lot of territory to cover. It's impossible to cover in one day, but possibly in a weekend. We always suggest the two weekends to spread it out and enjoy it a little bit."

For those who are old school, there will still be alphabetized signs on roads as well.

New artists

Joyce added she wanted to highlight some of the new artists this year.

They include Fernando Diaz de Leon

Rendon. He does metal embossing. "It's something different, not anything we've ever had on the tour."

There is a new photographer, Corin Ford Forrester. "She does this juxtaposition of different photographs and compiles them as one photograph," Joyce said.

Another newbie is Tracey Lee Green. "We just love her style of painting. It's beautiful," Joyce added.

This year sees Terry Lawrence join the tour, alongside his wife, Lyn, who was on the tour last year. Terry is a woodworker. "His woodworking is different. He paints the bowls that he makes. Some of them are just very unique shaped vessels." Lyn does the vessels out of pottery.

Another new artist is Isabel Neveu-Geene, who does ceramics. "She's new to the field and we always like to encourage new, young artists to join the tour and we'll mentor them

in any way we can. We're always trying to capture the young crowd," Joyce said.

The other exciting thing is The Studio Tour beer done by Haliburton Highlands Brewing. The label features The Studio Tour logo and has a QR code for the tour.

"We're hoping it's going to be out this week," Peter said.

He added the other major thing about The Studio Tour is that it's a learning experience, "where you get to see the artists in action. Many will be doing live demonstrations and others will be doing talks on their process or maybe PowerPoints or something like that. We always like to try and get the visitor involved in what we do, how we do it, and how we end up with the results we do."

The Studio Tour runs Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 and Oct. 7-8. For more information, go to thestudiotour.ca or Toureka.

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HHHSF executive director, Melanie Klodt Wong. *File.*

HHHSF in ‘quiet phase’ of CT fundraising

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director, Melanie Klodt Wong, said she and her board are currently in the “quiet phase” of a campaign to raise millions of dollars for a CT scanner and CT mammography unit for HHHS.

The Ministry of Health has approved the machines but does not provide funding for them. Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) interim president and CEO, Veronica Nelson, said she wants them in place by summer 2024.

Asked for a status report at the HHHSF AGM Sept. 21, Klodt Wong said, “we’re planning. We’re talking to folks who are interested in larger gifts.”

She said they know it is going to be a lot of money. “Even though we raised a million dollars last year, this is going to be a lot more than that. We need to make sure we have all our ducks in a row.”

She added that generally with these sorts of campaigns, the foundation will raise a certain amount “before the thermometer goes up.”

Pushed as to when they might launch a campaign, Klodt Wong said, “I think a good time would be when there’s a lot of people around.” She said it would not be before the holidays.

“The goal is to get to a certain amount, so however long it takes to get there, that’s when we’re going to look to have that launch.”

Responding to a suggestion that might be “aggressive” to have funding in place for the spring, Klodt Wong said it was. “But we’re hopeful. We want to support that (timeline) and we’re acting as quickly as we can to get funds. Anyone out there who is interested in supporting health care in a big way in this County, we want to talk to you.”

Last fiscal year

Klodt Wong said in the 2022-23 fiscal year, they’d had 1,934 donors, averaging \$509 per gift, had retained 27 per cent fewer donors; but saw 437 new donors give \$290,000.

She said the number of active donors is down from the previous fiscal year but closer to the historic average. She added the pandemic and economy had affected donations.

“We’ve seen less donors, especially at the lower levels. However, those who are giving, are giving more,” she said.

As a result, she said overall donations were up approximately \$400,000. She added their goal is to bring inactive donors back and retain more donors as they move forward.

She said they were able to transfer \$284,279 to HHHS for things such as a long-term care nurse call bell system, a blood bank fridge, emergency stretchers, park benches and gardens and replacing the engine on a community support services’ (CSS) van. They also transferred \$50,000 to CSS to subsidize its meals-on-wheels and medically-required transportation programs. Another \$12,506 went into the education assistance program.

Some of the highlights included the Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic golf tournament returning in 2022 after a two-year hiatus, and raising more than \$200,000 for “smart” IV pumps. The annual radiothon raised more than \$31,000. The winter holiday campaign garnered nearly \$275,000. The 50-50 lottery and the collectible bear puzzle, Mosely Moose, Haliburton cottage pack and reopening of the Haliburton gift shop all helped the effort, Klodt Wong said, as well as volunteers.

Klodt Wong said she is always impressed and grateful for “the generosity and care that comes from this community.”

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A group shot of the winners from the 2022 awards ceremony. *File.*

Chamber awards to celebrate business

By Mike Baker

County residents have just a few days left to get their nominations in for the 2023 Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce community and business achievement awards.

The event is being held Oct. 20 at Eagle View Wedding and Event Centre, at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride, and will bring a collection of the Highlands' finest entrepreneurial minds together to celebrate the biggest success stories of the year in business.

There will be 12 premiere awards dished out this year, recognizing: business achievement; top entrepreneur; best businesswoman; not-for-profit; industry and trades; tourism and hospitality; innovation and creativity; customer service – employee; customer service – business; best new business; and Highlander of the Year.

Chamber spokesperson Kirstley Dams said she has received 52 nominations to date. The submission deadline is Sept. 30.

"The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce takes great pride in delivering this annual event. Although glory is not the reason that the nominees get into small business ownership, it certainly feels nice when we can recognize and appreciate all the hard workers in our County," Dams said. "We encourage everyone to nominate a business or community member they feel goes above and beyond."

Asked what people should consider when making a nomination, Dams added, "don't

complicate it. We all know someone, or some place, that seems to always offer the best service, or always lead their industry. Find a category of the 12 available and give them a nomination."

She said she was particularly looking for nominations in the tourism and hospitality, young professional, industry and trades, and innovation and creativity categories.

"When submitting your nominations try to be as detailed as possible – our judges are completely unbiased, which means they are relying solely on the information you provide to make their decision," Dams said.

Liz Danielsen will also be presenting her 'Warden's Award', which has historically been awarded to those deemed to be exemplary citizens/organizations who go above and beyond for our County, Dams said. Local non-profit Point in Time was named the winner of last year's award.

Dams said she's looking forward to a great evening. Tickets went on sale Sept. 18.

"This achievement gala is the only Haliburton business awards [we have] and one of the few occasions where our business community can get a little fancy and gather to network and share their stories. We're really excited," Dams said.

The event will kick off with a 4 p.m. cocktail hour and complimentary chairlift rides. Dinner and awards ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, to make a nomination, or book a ticket, visit haliburtonchamber.com/gala.

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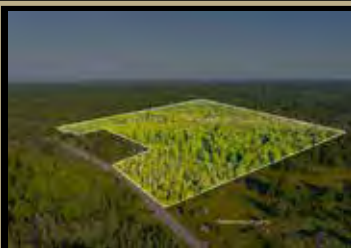
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Above left: Patty McIlveen and Judy Turner stuff a scarecrow. Above right: Remi Hayward has her face painted. Right: Louise Jackson gives Chloe a treat as the dog sits in Louise and John Jackson's 1967 Ford Ranger. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*





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Above: Competitors on the test track Aug. 22. Right: Gabriel Blain checks out a vintage motorbike. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*



**RFP-08-2023
Canteen Services Keith Tallman Memorial Arena**

The Municipality of Highlands East is inviting proposals from qualified professionals for the operations of the canteen in the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena for the upcoming ice season (2023-24).

A copy of the request for proposal is available upon request or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

Qualified professionals interested in submitting a proposal for the operations of the canteen, must do so on or before 1:00 p.m, Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023. Submissions are to be received in a sealed envelope clearly marked “**RFP-08-2023- Canteen Services**”. Interested proponents are to submit their proposal to the attention of:

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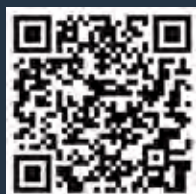
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Huskies can't quite get Tigers by the tail

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Huskies recorded their first tie of the new OJHL season Sept. 23 when neither the locals, or Aurora Tigers, could score during two overtime periods.

It ended up a 3-3 draw in front of more than 500 people at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

The tie brings the Huskies record to four wins, one loss and one tie for nine points in a tight East Conference (as of press time Sept. 26).

On Saturday afternoon, Ty Petrou scored his first goal as a Husky at the 1:32 mark, assisted by Johnathon Mead and Patrick Saini.

The Huskies roared out in the second, notching a 2-0 goal at 7:09. This time, it was Saini with his fourth of the season, with helpers to Mead and Petrou as that line was buzzing.

However, the Tigers answered back with two of their own. Carson Brown scored at 13:05 of the second and Keegan Decaluwe made it a 2-2 game at 17:50 with a shorty.

The Huskies did not squander the power play completely, though, as Ian Phillips scored his fourth of the season from Jack Staniland and Saini to give the Huskies a 3-2 lead going into the third.

The Tigers tied it up at the 6:52 mark off the stick of Ryan Evenhuis to send the game into a scoreless first, then second, overtime frame.

In the Huskies net, Vlad Visan turned aside 26 of 29 shots, while at the other end, the Tiger's William Goumas recorded 33 saves on 36 shots.

Coach Ryan Ramsay said, "I think we dominated pretty much the whole game. I think offensively we played really well. We had some lapses defensively. We hit, I think, five posts or crossbars. So, we're getting opportunities. We're playing really well."

Huskies 5 Spirit 1

On Sept. 21, the Huskies travelled to



Vlad Visan stops a Tigers shot in the second period. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Stouffville for a tilt with the Spirit and emerged 5-1 victors.

The locals recorded five unanswered goals before the Spirit could solve Visan.

Staniland opened the scoring at 13:41 of the first, assisted by Phillips.

In the second, Declan Bowmaster recorded his fourth goal of the young season, with helpers from Lucas Stevenson and Izayah Luddington. Then, Gavin McGahey-Smith potted his first Husky goal at 12:44, from Rhyse Brown and Antonio Cerqua.

The blue and white came out firing in the third. Mead scored at 7:28 from Ethan Wright and Cerqua. Then, Phillips bulged the twine, with assists going to Bowmaster and Stevenson.

Riley Pope slotted a late one for the Spirit, stealing the shutout from Visan, at 19:16.

Ramsay said, "we played really well. I

think the guys are really receptive with what we're trying to do. They seem to be coming together."

Governors' Showcase

The Huskies were back in action Sept. 27 against Oakville, and again Sept. 28 against the Toronto Junior Canadiens, at the Lecom Harborcenter as the team takes part in the OJHL Governors' Showcase in Buffalo.

All 24 teams are playing two games and they count in the regular season standings.

"It's a big time," said Ramsay, "It's an exciting opportunity. This is a big test. They are all obviously excited and nervous, which is good for a hockey player, but my message is 'don't overcomplicate it because then you just look like a kid that doesn't get it.'" He said his scouting friends tell him, "if I see

a guy that's just doing it all himself, he's a selfish hockey player. We cross them off the list right away"

OJHL commissioner Marty Savoy said, "the return to Buffalo, NY for the OJHL Governors' Showcase is three years in the making and they are extremely excited to bring back all 24 OJHL member clubs. The support that the league receives from the staff of the LECOM Harborcenter and the Jr. Sabres organization allows for the smooth execution of this important event within the OJHL season."

The Governors' Showcase annually attracts more than 200 scouts from various levels of the game, including the NHL, NCAA, CHL and U SPORTS.

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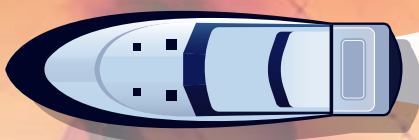
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Family of Douglas Ptolemy of Milton, Ontario are saddened to announce his passing on Friday September 15, 2023, in his 89th year. Forever loved by his wife of 64 years, Anne Ptolemy (nee Kilgore). Survived by his loving children; Suzanne (Steve) D'Eon, Ian (Joanne Ranger) Ptolemy, Diana (Brian) Reichert and Michael (Mary Chung) Ptolemy. Forever remembered by his grandchildren; Michelle D'Eon, Andrea D'Eon, Katie Reichert and Evan Reichert and his brother-in-law John Kilgore of Ireland.


Born in Niagara-On-The-Lake, Doug was raised in Milton by his parents, Florence and Roger Ptolemy, attended Appleby College, Oakville, and worked many years, lastly as Personnel Manager, at P.L. Robertson, Milton's largest employer where Roger had been President. Doug then owned and operated Minto Marine in Minden, Ontario in the early 1970s, helping extend the legacy of May Minto's namesake cedar canoe, in the lake country he cherished as his summer home from 1940 to recent years. He also worked several years with Sun Life Canada.

Doug was an avid Curler and was a founding member of the Milton Curling Club, an excellent Golfer, Skier (downhill and water) and a lover of Nature and Horticulture, evident in the beautiful gardens and natural landscapes he and Anne created and maintained in both Milton and at Lake Kashagawigamog in Haliburton. In his 75th year, Doug suffered a debilitating stroke. With God's love and the unwavering support and strength of Anne, along with community agencies, and with his strong determination, he continued to persevere with a smile and friendly "Hi" to all who visited him.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the LHIN (HCCSS) who provided homecare supports for the better part of 14 years, as well as the Bronte Team at Allendale Long Term Care who supported Doug during his final months. There will be a Private Family interment at Milton Evergreen Cemetery. A Celebration of Doug's Life will be arranged at a later date. Donations in honour of Doug can be made to Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton, or The Willow Foundation. Condolences and memories may be shared online at www.mckersieearly.com.

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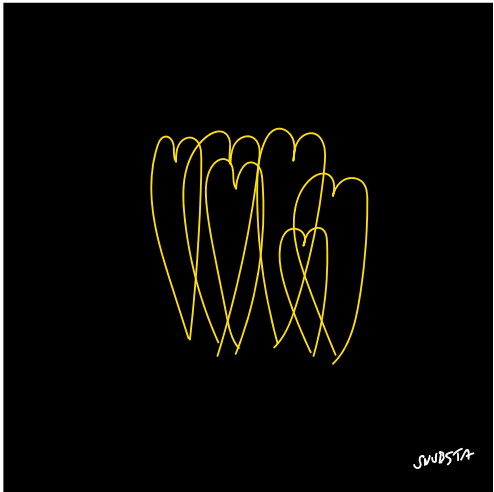
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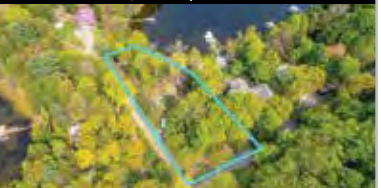
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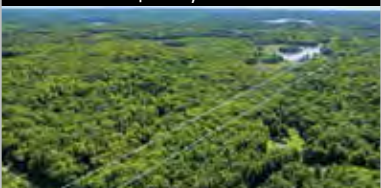
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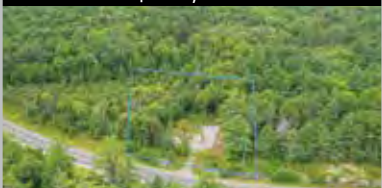
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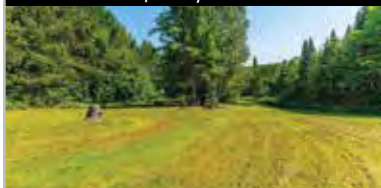
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