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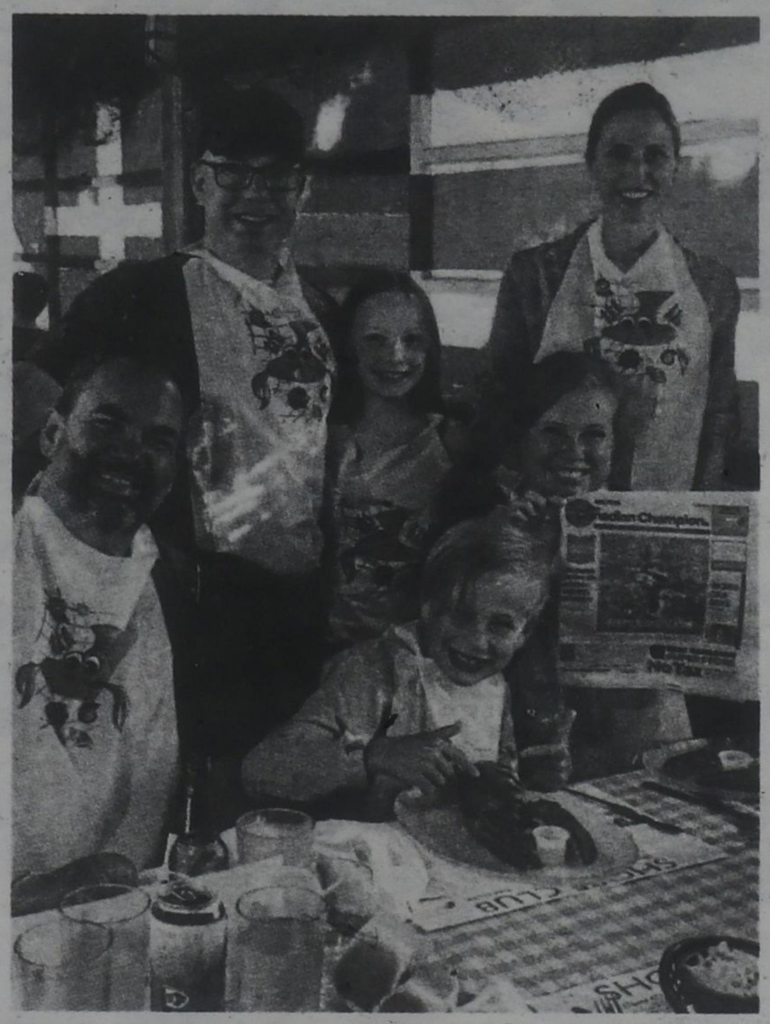

Courtney Montgomery-Hill

The Hill and Stevens families - including Jeff, Trevor, Maiya, Cooper, Courtney and Sonja - enjoy a lobster supper in Hubbards, Nova Scotia. Going on vacation? Be sure to pack a copy of your Metroland Halton newspaper and send us a photo with it to sleblanc@metroland.com. Please include destination and everyone's name left to right.

OPINION

CONNECTING RESIDENTS WITH CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS AVAILABLE, WRITES GARY CARR

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Column

If you're searching for a job or looking for new career opportunities, Halton Region is ready to help you find and maintain employment.

Each year, our Employment Halton staff assist more than 12,000 jobseekers at our resource centres in Milton and Oakville, and through our website halton.ca.

Services and supports available online and through our employment resource centres include job placement and training, hiring events and job fairs, local job postings, and addiction and mental health supports.

Our Employment Halton staff provide one-on-one support to help jobseekers identify a job or career that may match their skills and interests.

They can also help you create winning resumés and prepare for difficult interview questions.

Halton Region also offers specialized employment programs such as Youth Job Connection (YJC). If you are 15 to 29, looking for a job or career and not attending or returning to full-time school or training, YJC is a great opportunity.

Successful applicants receive at least 60 hours of paid training, support with interview skills and resumés, career assessments and guidance, and free professional certifications.

Employment Halton's supports are not only for jobseekers. We support more than 250 employers with recruitment each year by providing free job postings, job placement programs and opportunities to participate in our job fairs.

Our next job fair is on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the Oakville Conference Centre, 2515 Wyecroft Rd. I encourage jobseekers to take their resumés there, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and network with local employers from the technology sector, government, manufacturing, retail, hospitality, health care and more.

Halton Region will also be accepting resumés and interviewing candidates for a variety of roles in our three long-term care homes.

Halton Region remains committed to helping job seekers find meaningful work and to connecting employers with qualified jobseekers through

Employment Halton. We are fortunate our community has a low unemployment rate, skilled workforce and a thriving, diverse business community - just a few of the many reasons Halton is a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

For more information about our employment programs and supports, visit halton.ca or call 311.

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LETTERS & COMMENTARY

IT'S TIME TO REIMAGINE MOUNTAIN BIKING AT GLEN EDEN

My family recently completed a trip across Canada and brought our mountain bikes along to try the many biking parks and trails along our route.

We were quite surprised that many areas similar to Glen Eden have far superior mountain biking opportunities. For example, Calgary's Olympic Park ski hill, which has similar vertical to Glen Eden, has lift-accessed downhill mountain biking trails that were developed by the same people that made the world-famous Whistler bike park.

There are trails for all levels of riders and ages.

If something similar was developed at Glen Eden, it would be as busy (and profitable) in the summer as it is in the winter. Other examples, on flatter areas, are the Canmore Bike Park in Alberta, Bike Ranch in Kamloops and Steve Smith Bike Park in Nanaimo B.C.

All three parks could (and should) be replicated at Glen Eden or elsewhere in Halton Region. Glen Eden has had the same trails for years.

The top part of the only long downhill trail is closed due to lack of maintenance, and the berms on the remainder of the trail are eroding so as to make them unsafe.

As Glen Eden is going through a revisioning process I ask that Conservation Halton staff use the above examples as a guide to make mountain biking at Glen Eden as exciting and fun as it can be.

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