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## LARGE ART MURALS IN HBM

HBM recently ran a mural art contest to form the basis of a large mural for the side of a brick building on George St. The Hope is if Council approves the mural will get painted on the wall in the Spring of 2027.

However Ed Roberts out on Baker Road jumped the gun and has been busy painting large murals for the side of his barn and garage. If you drive out for a look, you can also pick up some farm fresh eggs!



### WHAT'S INSIDE

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Look for news and updates from local community groups

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## ELMER'S EDITORIAL

The word of the month for September is "Prevention". Have you ever heard any government of any political stripe or level promote the idea of prevention of a problem? The answer is "no". Given that in a democracy, we elect our leaders and in order to be reelected and by nature of election cycles, any attempt to prevent a problem from happening is difficult to prove or take credit for. Thus politicians fall back on tax cuts and funding announcements that have virtually no impact on preventing the problems our society faces.

Health Care is a good example of the short sightedness of governments and a lack of prevention. We have endless talk and funding for treatment of numerous health afflictions but how often do you hear about funding or government actions to prevent heart disease or diabetes. The campaign to reduce smoking took years of battling the tobacco industry may be the exception. The health care industry has become a financial vacuum for government dollars to treat the symptoms of all the diseases. Prevention of disease through tougher regulations of chemicals in our environment, sugar, plastics etc in our food have no corporate lobbyists and no means of politicians getting credit.

The same principle applies to climate change with extreme weather and wildfires. Governments spend on water bombers, cooling rooms and carbon capture projects but no initiatives to prevent the causes of a warming climate, namely an increase in carbon dioxide and methane in our atmosphere.

Prevention of an activity is difficult for politicians to prove or get credit for or for voters to understand.

The next time you encounter a politician, ask them how they are going to prevent a problem of your choice from happening in the future when they are no longer in government!



# Need help finding services?



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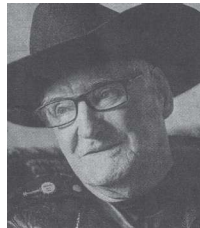
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## BLAST FROM THE PAST: MICHAEL T. WALL, MR. NEWFOUNDLAND 99

By Laurie Deshane



Michael T. Wall, known as Mr. Newfoundland 99, takes us back to his original hit song "The Recycling Song" heard around the world on YouTube. Written and sung by Michael and his daughters Sarah and Sabrina, this song has received several awards and accolades over the years.

They call him "The Singing Newfoundlander" and he hopes that you will check him out on YouTube. He had been a guest at the Havelock Jamboree for several years. He grew up in Newfoundland but now resides in Pickering, ON.

If you're looking for a true "blast from the past" Michael continues to shine as one of Newfoundland's memorable musical storytellers. Michael and his daughters record their songs in Oshawa at Ambassador Records. You can listen to his songs "Caroline" and *Good Ole Country Tonks* on YouTube; both showcasing his easygoing style and love of classic country sound. Beyond performing Michael has also written songs for educational children's books including the delightful *Pee Wee the Wonder Worm*. If you'd like to reconnect with Michael, you can reach him at Mr.NFLD99@gmail.com.

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# COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 10TH ANNUAL INCREDIBLE DOCTORS' COOK-OFF BY RAISING MORE THAN \$145,000 FOR CAMPBELLFORD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

By Shari Gottschalk

The Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) Foundation and Auxiliary are pleased to announce that the 10th Annual Incredible Doctors' Cook-Off raised more than \$145,000 (net) in support of Campbellford Memorial Hospital.

One of the evening's most inspiring moments was the Foundation's Fund-A-Need, where guests responded with extraordinary generosity by contributing \$100,800 toward the purchase of:

- A Combination Triple Deck Baking/Roasting Oven
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"To witness our community come together with such generosity was truly inspiring," said Martha Hunt, Chair of the Campbellford Memorial Hospital Foundation. "The Incredible Doctors' Cook-Off has always been about more than exceptional food. It brings people together to support outstanding healthcare close to home. As we celebrated our 10th Anniversary, we were reminded of just how deeply our community believes in supporting exceptional healthcare close to home."

The sold-out event welcomed hundreds of guests beneath the marquee along the Trent River for an evening of exceptional food, live entertainment, spirited competition, auctions, raffles, and community celebration. Local physicians teamed up with talented culinary partners to create an unforgettable experience while raising vital funds to support patient care at Campbellford Memorial Hospital.

"The Auxiliary is honoured to once again partner with the CMH Foundation on this incredible event," said Liz Mathewson, President of the Auxiliary to Campbellford Memorial Hospital. "The generosity shown throughout the evening was truly heartwarming. Seeing our community come together to support exceptional healthcare close to home reminds us of what can be accomplished when we all work toward a common goal."

The Foundation extends its heartfelt appreciation to its generous sponsors,

whose support helped make this milestone celebration possible, and to its valued event partner, the Auxiliary to Campbellford Memorial Hospital, whose dedicated volunteers played an essential role in planning and delivering another outstanding event. We are also deeply grateful to the Incredible Trent Hills, organizers of the 2026 Incredible Edible Festival, for their ongoing support and collaborative spirit. Special thanks are extended to the Campbellford & District Horticultural Society, whose generous donation of beautiful floral arrangements and natural greenery created an elegant and welcoming atmosphere that enhanced the experience for our guests.

Special recognition is also extended to the incredible Doctors and Culinary Partners who donated their time and talents, along with the auction donors, judges, entertainers, volunteers, photographers, event suppliers, and the hundreds of guests whose enthusiasm and generosity made the evening such a memorable success.

This year's event also paid tribute to the memory of Chef Mark Andrade, whose passion, generosity, and unwavering commitment helped shape the Incredible Doctors' Cook-Off into one of the community's most cherished fundraising events. His legacy was honoured throughout the evening and will continue to inspire the event for years to come.

As the Foundation celebrates ten remarkable years of the Incredible Doctors' Cook-Off, the success of this milestone event is a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished when a community comes together with a shared commitment to exceptional healthcare.

On behalf of the Campbellford Memorial Hospital Foundation and Auxiliary, thank you to everyone who helped make our 10th Annual Incredible Doctors' Cook-Off an unforgettable success. Together, you are helping build a healthier future for our community.



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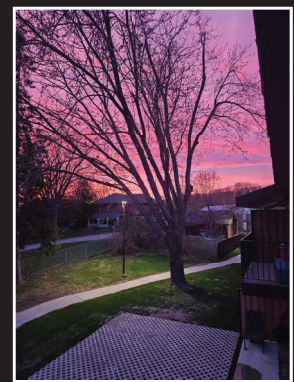
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## PEDAL FOR HOPE AT HBPS



Havelock-Belmont Public School (HBPS) was proud to take part in the Pedal for Hope initiative, a meaningful community event that brings schools and local first responders together to support children and families affected by cancer. Students had the opportunity to welcome visiting police officers who biked into the school as part of their journey through the community. The riders shared important messages about resilience, teamwork, and the power of helping others. Students showed their support by cheering, asking questions, and learning more about how communities can come together to make a difference.

The visit was both inspiring and memorable, reminding students that even small acts of kindness and support can have a big impact. HBPS is grateful to the organizers, participants, and community members who helped make this event possible. Pedal for Hope continues to be a powerful reminder of the importance of hope, compassion, and working together to support those in need.

## HBPS MONTHLY ASSEMBLIES: FUN, LAUGHTER, AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION



At HBPS, our monthly assemblies are always filled with fun, laughter, and excitement. One of the highlights of each assembly is Mr. Huffman's challenge, where staff and students take part in entertaining competitions. These challenges have included stacking cups, flipping water bottles, blowing cups off tables, etc. These activities provide staff with an opportunity to showcase talents and skills that students may not otherwise see. They also give students a chance to step into the spotlight and compete alongside, and sometimes against, staff members.



At our most recent assembly, participants raced to see who could blow 10 cups off a table the fastest. Students featured in the challenge were Brooklyn Shier, Fiona Vettor, Eli Geen, and Leopold DeMille. Staff representatives Mrs. Weatherup and Mr. Naumann also took on the challenge. After several exciting rounds, the competition came down to a final showdown between Mrs. Weatherup and Leopold DeMille. In a close and entertaining finish, Mrs. Weatherup was crowned the champion!

These assemblies help build school spirit, strengthen relationships, and create lasting memories for both students and staff. We are thankful for all of the fun and entertaining challenges Mr. Huffman has brought to our school!



## CORDOVA CORNER NEWS

By Laurie Deshane

Some great news: **The Cordova Mines Recreation Association (CMRA)** dinners are returning. Mark **Saturday, September 26** on your calendar for a hearty home-cooked meal served at the **Cordova Community Centre**. Enjoy a delicious pork dinner served with creamy mashed potatoes and fresh local vegetables. And of course, you can round out your meal with a scrumptious slice of some home-made pie for dessert! Please reserve ahead! For more information or tickets call Lisa at 613-472-3650 or [lisa.howie2@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.howie2@gmail.com)

can't afford to pay exorbitant fees. Many also face mobility challenges that limit their ability to access these transportation services. Your time, even in small amounts, can make an enormous difference. And remember volunteering can add up to 8 years of your life! Why you say, because helping others brings joy, purpose and connection! Simply key in "*Volunteer Opportunities in your Community*" online, and let's all try to make a difference!



I inadvertently neglected to congratulate the **Belmont Lake Brewery** of Belmont Lake on their 10-year anniversary in July! The owner's Julie and Norrie Bearcroft, who immigrated here from England in 2011, celebrated with an afternoon of music and camaraderie shared among friends and customers; old and new! Everyone enjoyed some unique English brews such as *Just Julie*, *Scott's Dam* (a strong amber), and *Summer Night* (a light pale). Popular anniversary shirts were available, highlighting the 10 years of their signature brews. More than a 100 people stopped by throughout the day. You can travel here by kayak, canoe, or boat, take a drive with your side-by-side or jeep down the dirt road to the Pine Clad **Belmont Lake Brewery**. Once again, Congratulations Julie and Norrie on your 10-year anniversary.



I just wanted to reiterate how very important it is to volunteer! Many non-profit organizations are desperately seeking help. In a time when most families rely on two incomes just to maintain a basic lifestyle, volunteering has become a luxury that fewer people have the time or the capacity to offer. This shortage places a heavy financial strain on seniors who need rides to medical appointments and

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## LIBRARY NEWS

*By Nancy Law, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Public Library*

What a great summer we had at the HBM Libraries. A big thanks to our summer student Zoe for running our TD Summer Reading Club. Have fun at school next year! We would like to say a big thank you to Stone Hall Sessions for partnering with the libraries this summer.

### New books on our shelves

Last Night was Killer by Mary Pauline Lowry  
 And the Corpse Wore Tartan by Stuart MacBride  
 Beach Thriller by Jamie Day  
 Country Road Murders by James Patterson  
 My Killer Vacation by Tessa Bailey

For our younger readers we have a new set of books by Connie Colwell Miller, that shows how to deal with different emotions, with aspects on encouragement, respect, how to deal with anger and following rules.

As always check out our webpage at [www.hbmlibrary.on.ca](http://www.hbmlibrary.on.ca) or our Havelock and Cordova Public Libraries Facebook page or you can follow us on Instagram for our programs and upcoming events.



## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

**KAREN PEARCE** October 21 1951 - June 5 2026

Family and friends are welcome to join our celebration of life for Karen Pearce on Friday September 11 from 2pm to 5pm. The celebration will be held at: The Havelock Legion Branch 389, 8 Ottawa St E., Havelock ON K0L 1Z0.

(Dress is Casual)

## OBITUARY



### IRENE BLANCHE FLEURY NEE DUPUIS

At Station Place Long Term Care, Havelock, on July 26, 2026, Irene Fleury in her home community Havelock, at the age of 91. Pre deceased by her loving husband Albert Fleury (1929-2011). Dear Mother of MaryAnn of Havelock, Patricia (John Curry) of Norwood, Lucy (Gary Brown) of Havelock, Jim Fleury of Havelock & the late Beatrice Fleury of Little Britain.

Nan will be sadly missed by her grandchildren & great grandchildren Eric Michel (Dianna) Harrison of Kanata, Paul Mitchel (Jessica) Lucas & Wesley of Stittsville, Jody Huggins of Peterborough, Ian Huggins (Denise) Brody, Candice Brown (Wagner Gutierrez), Rachel Brown (Kyle Ginter), Nickolas Fleury (Hayley) Natalie, Caleb Fleury (Julia). Predeceased by grandsons Aiden Huggins of Havelock & Robby Steenburg of Marmora.

Sister to Aline Unelli (late Louis), Liliane Ethier (late George). Sister-in-law to Grace Dupuis (late Leo), Merelda Dupuis (late Bobby), Denis Rivest (late Alice), Bobby Fleury (Carol), Rolande Fleury (late Leonard). Predeceased by her brother Léo Dupuis (Grace), Sister Jeannette Camirand (late André), Sister Alice Rivest (Denis), brother Bobby Dupuis (Merelda). Irene will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends whom she loved dearly.

A celebratory mass will be held on SEPTEMBER 5th, 2026 at 1 PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 10 Victoria St., Havelock. Interment to follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery on Norwood Road, Havelock. Following the interment, at 2:30 PM, family & friends will be received for a Celebration of Life at 17 Smith Drive, Havelock. In Memory of Irene, donations may be made to your local Community branch of choice (e.g. Community Care, Seniors Associations, Legion etc.). Online condolences may be made at [www.brettfuneralchapels.com](http://www.brettfuneralchapels.com).

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# THE TOWING BUSINESS

By Ken Westlake

Let me introduce myself, I am Ken Westlake, Director of Operations for multiple local Family Run automotive businesses. I have been in the automotive field for 45 years. I am knowledgeable and skilled in everything that you are dealing with in regard to your vehicles from the smallest car to a big rig. We own Towing Operations, Auto Service, and Auto Sales and have a family member with a Scrap Yard.

I have decided that YOU need information in this Crazy high speed world that we now find ourselves in. I am writing this to help YOU, not to promote me. I have seen too many of you ripped off trying to save a couple of bucks. With the information that I am going to provide in my Opinion segments, I hope to save a few of you from the despair associated with owning a vehicle.

We are going to look at Towing, Auto Service, Auto Sales and Scrapping your vehicle. Each segment will help you make informed decisions, and will help you understand each step you need to take and what to watch for, so you do not get financially exploited.

Those members of the community that know me, know that I am as straight forward as can be, giving the best advice to the best of my ability with the information that I am provided. I am not 100% correct, none of us are. But I will straight up tell you if either of us are wrong.

Towing is a difficult and expensive matter to deal with when your vehicle has let you down when you are least expecting it or can least afford it. Tow trucks now cost \$250 000 for the Little Ones. They can cost into the millions. The fuel for them is now well over \$2.00 per litre, massive insurance bills, the maintenance is terribly expensive and then there is a driver that needs to make a living for his family, saving yours in the middle of a dark road in the middle of the night.

Small town tow companies are all going to be closing, and new companies will not open due to the new government regulations, the cost of trucks, training ...they cannot survive in the new world on one or two calls a day. When they are gone, they are gone forever. This is the reality of the next few years. Try using a repair facility that has tow trucks first and if they are too busy for you then move on. If those tow trucks are gone due the previous explanation, they are not going to be able to tow you to the other guy that does not have tow trucks anymore either.

My best advice to ALL of you is to obtain a membership in an Auto Club; there are many CAA and Canadian Tire Auto Clubs are the biggest and

best. If I am going to choose, I would go to the Canadian Tire Auto Club. They pay your local tow company well and you will find a happier driver as a result. They both cost the same and provide the same services. CAA is bigger of course and offers a lot of extra services with their wide range of businesses, but on the side of the road, you want a happy tow driver, and when using these services, please tip, they may have just saved your life.

When paying out of pocket for a tow, buckle up, it is going to be expensive. Gone are the days of your local guy coming for \$50, No just to show up, you are looking at \$150 MINIMUM. (the cost of a club membership) Then there could be extras...km fees, hookup, winching etc. If it is an accident tow, it is best to let the tow company take it to their yard and let the insurance company take care of everything, that is of course if you have collision coverage. You are looking at \$500 to \$1000 for easy tows, and the cost can get much higher. If you are in trouble with the Police, these tows will cost you thousands and there is no help from the Clubs or insurance and no mercy for breaking the law. You can't just walk away. There is legal action the tow company can and will take to ensure that you pay the bill. Get that vehicle out of there as soon as you are allowed to. But remember, it was not the tow company that broke the law, they just did their job, pay the people... It is cheaper in the long run.. WAY CHEAPER!!!!

When a tow truck shows up and you do not recognize the name, tell them to move on and call someone that you know or call the auto club. There are a lot of crooks out there that will rob YOU Blind and smile trying to be your friend while doing it. If you have not received a quote over the phone previously, they must get you to sign for the cost and give you a copy of your signed permission form... you do not need this with Auto Clubs. If you Google for a tow truck, be sure to check into them, and make sure they are Actually where they say in the Ad... there are a lot of companies that get you pay them for a tow by credit card and then they phone around to tow companies trying to get them to tow for half the rate. When they cannot find that Tow, they hold your money as long as possible hoping to keep your payment...

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## HBM MUNICIPAL ELECTION NEWS

The Rail was going to do a profile of all the candidates running in the election on Monday, October 26, but there are eleven people running as of the writing of this article and we just do not have enough space to do a proper profile of each candidate so we have decided to sponsor an all candidates meeting at the Royal Canadian Legion on Sunday September 27th from 2-4 pm.

# THE BURIALS OF TOM THOMSON

By Gene Canning

Last month we talked about Tom Thomson's death and some of the theories surrounding it. This month, his burial or burials. Oh the mysteries! So here we go...

It was 8 days before they found Thomson's body floating in Canoe Lake. A doctor cottaging on the lake pronounced his cause of death as drowning. He noted a skull fracture on his right temple.

Because of the July heat, Thomson was buried in Mowat Cemetery on Canoe Lake without an autopsy. Afterall, a doctor had examined him.

Thomson's family wanted him buried in their family plot in Leith Ontario. A gravedigger from Huntsville came to Mowat to dig up his grave and ship him "home". Upon arrival, the man was taken to the gravesite, offered help, but said it wasn't required. A few hours later he came to the train with the sealed coffin. Locals suspected he hadn't actually dug Thomson up; that he had just thrown some rocks in the casket and said job done! He'd have to have thrown a few rocks in his head to try it, but that's what they said. Logically, I think it was a fresh grave so the digging would be relatively easy.

In 1956, a man by the name of Judge Little and 3 friends decided to see if Thomson was actually at Mowat. Rationale; it wasn't illegal because there wasn't to be a body. 3 holes later they hit a wooden casket. They had found Thomson! He hadn't been moved.

The body was sent to Toronto for autopsy. It was determined the body was not Thomson, but rather a twenty something indigenous male that had been buried in that same place without anyone being aware of it. Oh, and he had a hole in his head on the same side and area as Thomson. Coincidence or coverup? My thoughts; the family wanted him to be in Leith, the government didn't want the publicity, so a story had to be developed.

The mystery could be solved if they dig up the grave in Leith, but the family continues to say no. The rationale; the mystery and Thomson have become one. I agree. We always have to know. Sometimes a good mystery makes for a better story.

To learn more, pick up one of the many books on Thomson. My go to is Northern Light, The Enduring Mystery of Tom Thomson by Roy McGregor.



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## FOR THE LOVE OF MONARCHS

*By Kathy Reid, Norwood and District Horticultural Society*

Over the last couple of weeks, I have had the pleasure of meeting two women who are doing a remarkable thing ~ they are raising monarch butterflies for release into the wild. Each of them, on their own, search for and collect monarch eggs and larvae on their property and provide a safe place for the young to mature to adulthood.

The eggs, which are barely visible to the untrained eye, and young larvae are kept either indoors or outdoors in a safe enclosure where they can feed on milkweed plants (common or butterfly milkweed) and be safe from predators (spiders, wasps, assassin bug) or parasitized by flies. And, have lots of room to spread their wings when they emerge and are then tagged and released.

Tagging monarchs was originally used by Dr. Fred Urquhart of the

University of Toronto to help locate overwintering monarchs and later to determine where monarchs came from that wintered in Mexico. Today, the Monarch Watch Tagging Program, initiated in 1992, operates from the University of Kansas. If you are interested in learning more about monarch butterflies, how to create habitat for them or how to rear and tag them for release, be sure to visit [www.monarchwatch.org](http://www.monarchwatch.org).

Both women agree that rearing monarchs is fun and challenging but perhaps more importantly it's the satisfaction of rescuing vulnerable immatures with the notion of adding to the population in a way that contributes to the conservation of the species. And based on what I witnessed, more than 400 monarchs will be released this season from our area and make their journey to central Mexico where they will overwinter.



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## SPORTS

# HAVELOCK U15/U18 GIRLS SOFTBALL: A SEASON OF TEAMWORK AND GROWTH

By Madison Smith



As the softball season came to an end, the Havelock U15/U18 girls softball team reflected on a year filled with determination, team work and a positive attitude on and off the field. With a final record of 2 wins, 13 losses and 1 tie, the girls may have not achieved the results they hoped for, but the season represented far more than what appears in the standings. Every game in the 2026 softball season served as an opportunity for the girls to learn, improve and support each other. Each teammate took the chance to learn about the other players, create new friendships and memories, thereby helping the players to come together as a team.



The Havelock Express U15/U18 team consisted of 11 players including: Alivia Turner (63), Dakohta Danford (19), Jordyn Stevenson (6), Lexi Creasy (62),

Lana West (65), Madison Smith (21), Maeve Keogh (15), Oakleigh Sharpe (31), Paige Whalen (17), Sydney Colling (73), Vivian Stapleton (64). Each girl represented the Express organization well, showing improvement

and determination in every game until the end as well as exceptional sportsmanship. Coaches Adam Turner and Jackie Turner devoted their time and energy to the team focussing on maintaining positivity and ensuring a fun season regardless of the outcome.

The team's two wins were proud moments, as they showed what the girls could achieve by working together and demonstrating their best baseball skills. Their one tie demonstrated their ability to remain competitive and fight until the last call. Despite their losses, the girls gained valuable experience that will help each player become stronger after the season's end and into the next. Beyond the game, the girls created lifelong memories and

friendships. They learned the importance of encouragement, perseverance, teamwork and keeping a positive attitude. These lessons will stay with them for the rest of their lives. While the final record may only show part of the story it does not measure the hard work, growth and determination that the girls exhibited throughout the season.

The Havelock Express Softball Association highlights the strength of our community. It brings many players from different backgrounds and towns to one to represent the small town of Havelock on and off the field. Havelock Express softball allows people to form connections and it creates a sense of belonging for our local youth. Although players come from different communities and towns once they step on to the field they become one team, with one goal. Youth should be encouraged to engage in baseball for all that it has to offer from physical skills to character development. Any individuals who are willing to volunteer their time to the organization would be greatly appreciated as well. It will be a positive experience for all!



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## GIRL'S HOCKEY IN HAVELOCK

By Brooke Wrightly

This is written from my memory so I apologize for incorrect information.

I believe I was in grade 7 (1968/69) the year the 1st Havelock Girl's Hockey team hit the ice. We were not allowed to play on the boy's teams and in fact our team could not even be part of Havelock Minor Hockey. Our coaches approached local businesses and got them to sponsor one hour of ice time.

The 1st night on the ice we were all informed we had to switch to boy's skates, so no more pics. After a couple of weeks adapting to the new skates we were ready to start playing games. I believe for a number of years we played against Norwood, Campbellford, Marmora and Keene.

By the second year on ice Minor Hockey accepted our team into their organization. Coaching staff I remember were Doug Miles, Lois McNeely, Chum Woodbeck and Earl Reynolds. I know there were more. If I missed you please let me know.

For a number of years the girl's team traveled to the Women's National Tournament in Toronto. In 1970 the team won their division. The team also connected with a team from Pittsburgh and later participated in a cross border game exchange.

After a few years we had enough girls interested in playing we were able to ice a junior and a senior team. My sister Bindy Barr and I both played the position of goalies

If you have more memories or corrections please contact me at [brookewrightly@gmail.com](mailto:brookewrightly@gmail.com).

On a side note I even coached one of the girl's teams and became the 1st female to be a member of the formerly all-male executive committee.

If you wish to view some of the hockey paraphernalia you may contact Belmont Methuen and Havelock Historical Society 705-768-4895 to arrange an appointment.

### THE TEAM WAS REFERRED TO AS THE "DIRTY DOZEN"



**Back Row:** Coach Chum Woodbeck, Eileen McFaul, Deb Wrightly, Deb Emory, Janice Newton, Gwen Taylor, Judy Gerow, Hazel Hamilton, Bev Watson

**Front Row:** Bindy Barr, Linda Taylorm Gale Ellis, Roxanne Woods, Brooke Barr and Coach Lois McNeely





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## RECIPE

### DEEP DISH APPLE

By Kathy Clement

Fall is that wonderful time of year that vegetables and fruits are abundant from either our gardens, groves or your local farmer's market.

Every fall I purchase a bushel of apples and then I prepare them in bags for the freezer.

Each bag will make a pie, can be used in apple crisp or even stewed to serve with ice cream.

Here is what I prepare for each bag. Cut up your apples and then place 6 cups in each bag. Add the remaining ingredients. Shake well, lay flat and seal the bag. Freeze until ready to use.

- 6 cups of peeled and sliced apples
- 1 tsp. of cinnamon
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 tbsp all purpose flour

To prepare the pie you do not need to thaw the apples. Take one bag and let it just barely start to thaw and put it in the prepared pie shell. Top with the streusel.

#### Topping:

- 2/3 cup flour
- 6 tbsp. brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp salt



Mix together and put on top of the pie. Bake on the bottom shelf of a 400 degree oven for 10 minutes. Turn the oven down to 325 and bake for about 50 minutes or until apples are tender. I bake it on a cookie sheet because it usually boils over on me. Enjoy.

## HBM MUNICIPAL ELECTION NEWS

**All Candidates Meeting**  
**Sunday, September 27th**  
**2:00 - 4:00pm**

Sponsored by the Havelock Rail and  
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Approved By Jerry Doherty

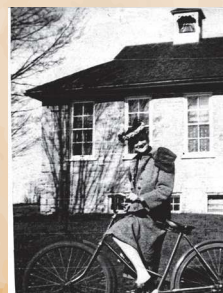
## BELMONT-METHUEN AND HAVELOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As school begins, let's remember to appreciate our teachers. Most adults can still recall their favourites.

In early days, small one-room schools were scattered around this township. Each was the responsibility of one person, usually a woman. The education of children of all ages and abilities, plus the management of the building, was an enormous job.

We came across the story of Mrs. S.L. Sleep, the teacher at South Lake SS#14 when WW2 began. Feeling the call to serve her country, she enlisted with the Air Force - Women's Division. Fortunately her grandmother Marian Pollock volunteered to teach in her place. Happily, Mrs. Sleep returned safely from her military posting. She remained at South Lake until it closed in 1958, then moved to Round Lake SS#7. Perhaps someone remembers Mrs. Sleep and her remarkable grandma?

The original South Lake schoolhouse now sits in Lang Pioneer Village and welcomes visitors. We also invite you to visit us on Saturday, September 19th from 10am to 2pm.



Mrs. Sleep in front of  
 Round Lake School.

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026

- Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an Agreement with John Blakely and Catherine Blakely to allow the Sugarbush Bluegrass & Country Music Festival.
- Council authorized staff to advise the Peterborough County Land Division that the Township endorses the application to cancel severance applications B-332/86 and B-333/86.
- Council authorized staff to advise the Peterborough County Land Division Committee that the Township endorses an application for consent B-44-26 to sever lands.
- Council approved a Merger Agreement with the applicants and purchasers of Consent Application B 13-26 to merge the severed parcel with the abutting benefitting lands.
- Council approved additional funds in the amount of \$46,807.37 for the omitted taxes on the purchase of the Single Axle Dump Truck from Winslow Gerolamy Motors.
- Council provided approval to award the purchase of baseball diamond LED lighting in the amount of \$88,632.96 to Conrad Lighting Solutions.
- Council approved the Environmental Grant Application submitted by Theresa O'Kane to a maximum of \$1,000.00 to fund the purchase and installation of turtle crossing warning signs.
- Council approved the Private Road Grant Program application received from the Fire Route 8 and 8B Road Association.
- Staff informed Council Members that this is the first year that Elections Ontario is managing the voters' list and encouraged residents to check the voters' list in order to ensure that their name is on the list and that they can cast a ballot in the upcoming municipal election.
- Deputy Mayor Webb informed Council members that the new chair of the Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board is Mayor Heather Watson from the Township of Douro-Dummer.
- Mayor Martin noted that Crowe Valley Conservation Authority's operating budget includes a 0% increase.
- Council directed staff to hold a "brush drop-off day", free of charge, at the 6th Line Transfer Station.
- Council directed staff to investigate the education program and presentation from the Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association regarding septic system maintenance.
- Council directed staff, upon completion of an education program on septic systems and the organization of the septic system permits to prepare a report to council to detail a plan to implement a Septic System Maintenance Inspection Program and commence the enforcement process.



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The winner of prize donated by Home Hardware was Sonia Pagliarella.

## ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE MONTH

By Lorraine Roulston

**SCHOOL ECO TEAMS:** This month school eco clubs continue with last year's passionate causes. Whether they call themselves an Eco Action Team, Green Club, or Eco Avengers, these students engage their school's community with environmental projects. A student driven team, working on environmental solutions, provides a cross-curricular learning activity that often enthusiastically engages their entire community to help build a healthier future.



# H-B-M HAPPENINGS



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*Please note this was sent to publication as of August 21st, 2026*

## OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Township Office will be closed on Monday, September 07, 2026, in observance of Labour Day. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable long weekend!

## PROPERTY TAXES:

Final Property Tax bills were mailed out in June, please contact the office at 705-778-2308 if you did not receive your bill.

**Second Installment Due:** Thursday, October 1, 2026.

## COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Please note all meetings are hybrid, which means they are open to the public within the Council Chamber and virtually via zoom. The Zoom invitation link is available to all and can be found on the first page of the Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

• **Tuesday, September 01, 2026 @ 9:30am**

• **Tuesday, September 15, 2026 @ 9:30am**

Meeting dates are subject to change, please visit the Township Website <https://events.hbmtwp.ca/council> for more information including agendas.

## 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION - VOTERS LIST:

The next municipal election will be held on October 26, 2026. To ensure that you are on the voters list or to confirm that your personal information is correct, please visit the Township website at <https://www.hbmtwp.ca/township-services/elections/> as soon as possible. This website will provide everything needed in order to stay informed and receive the most current election information.

## HBM COMMUNITY CENTRE:

The HBM Community Centre will re-open by mid September, and the ice will be installed. Watch for Public Skating opportunities this fall and winter season! For more information, please check the Township Website <https://www.hbmtwp.ca/play-and-discover/arena/>

## SHOP LOCAL CONTEST:

The contest runs from July 6th to October 18th. Every time you spend \$20 or more at a business in HBM Township, you can enter to WIN \$75 in local business gift cards or gift certificates! Winners are drawn twice a month during Regular Council meetings – that's loads of chances to WIN just for supporting your favourite local businesses! ALSO - each entry is a chance at the GRAND PRIZE worth \$500! More details can be found on the Township Website <https://www.hbmtwp.ca/doing-business/economic-development/hbm-shop-local-contest/>

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## PUBLIC MEETING TO AMEND BUILDING PERMIT FEES:

Take NOTICE that the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen is proposing to amend the building permit fees following a review of the fees and the costs associated with providing service to enforce the Ontario Building Code Act with regards to issuance of building permits through Section 7 of the OBC Act, as amended. The effect will be to amend the existing fee schedule as of October 6, 2026.

The Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen will hold a public meeting on October 6, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. to consider adopting a new building permit fee schedule. Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed permit fee schedule.

If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, please locate the applicable meeting date on the Township's Council Calendar webpage. The virtual link is located on the coversheet of the meeting agenda.

The following information will be available to the public on the Township's website at [www.hbmtwp.ca](http://www.hbmtwp.ca), or by contacting the Chief Building Official, Travis Toms, at [cbo@hbmtwp.ca](mailto:cbo@hbmtwp.ca) or by phone at 705-778-2308 Ext. 444:

### Proposed Amendment to the Fee Schedule By-Law:

- Registration of Order under BCA – \$500
- Removal of Order under BCA from title on compliance – \$500
- Service of Order under BCA by registered mail – \$15

Note: This shall serve as Public Notice in compliance with Section 7(6) of the Building Code Act (BCA), as amended, and Division C, Part 1, Article 1.9, Sentence 1.9.1.2 of the OBC.

## DISC GOLF IN HBM:

Disc Golf has arrived at The Mathison Conservation Area! This new attraction will feature 4 holes found between the William's Pass and the Andrews Pass, with the start of the course located at the opening of the Settlers Path. Grab your discs and have some fun! More information can be found at [www.hbmtwp.ca/play-and-discover/parks-and-playgrounds/](http://www.hbmtwp.ca/play-and-discover/parks-and-playgrounds/)

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## A List of Local Events in Your Community

### MONDAY

**Community Care: Seated Yoga** every Monday at noon (17 Smith Dr.).

**Community Care: Zoom Exercises** please contact CC at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or call the office.

**Community Care: Blood Pressure Clinic** September 14 & 21 from 9:30-10:30am (17 Smith Dr.).

**Havelock Seniors: Chair Yoga** 11am. \$30 members \$36 non members (6 weeks).

### TUESDAY

**The Legion: Zumba** exercises for seniors, 9:30-10:30am.

**The Legion: Cardio & Weights** 10:45-11:45am (bring your own weights).

**The Legion: Bingo** doors open at 5:30pm.

**Community Care: Zoom Exercises** please contact CC at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or call the office.

**Havelock Seniors: Yoga Fit** at 11am. \$30 members \$36 non members (6 weeks).

**Havelock Centre: Youth Night** every Tuesday from 6:30-8pm.

**Station Place: Open House** September 15 from 11am - 1pm. All welcome.

### WEDNESDAY

**The Legion: Line Dancing** from 9:30-10:30am.

**The Legion: Cardio & Weights** from 10:45-11:30am (bring your own weights).

**The Legion: Body Balance** from 11:40am-12:15pm.

**Community Care: TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly)** meeting 5:30-8pm at 17 Smith Dr in the Common Room.

**Community Care: Zoom Exercises** please contact CC at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or call the office.

**Historical Seniors: Luncheon** September 9 at 11am. Please sign up and pay by September 2.

**Havelock United Church: Community Care Diners Club** at 12pm, September 2. \$15.

### THURSDAY

**Havelock Seniors: Chair Yoga** at 11am. \$30 members \$36 non members (6 weeks).

**Havelock Seniors: Bid Euchre** every Thursday at 12:30pm. (New time).

**Community Care: Zoom Exercises** please contact CC at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or call the office.

**The Legion: Ladies Open Darts** at 12:30pm. All welcome.

### FRIDAY

**The Legion: Mixed Fun Darts** from 7-10pm. All welcome.

**Cordova Community Centre: Yoga** every Friday 10:30-11:30am. \$18. Please contact 705-760-1296 for more information.

**Havelock Seniors: Euchre** at 12:30pm.

**Havelock Farmers Market:** every Friday (food starts at 11am and vendors at 1pm).

### SATURDAY

**Havelock Seniors: Bid Euchre Tournament** September 5, doors open at 11:30am, cards at 12:30pm and food is available \$.

**Havelock Seniors: End of Summer party** September 12, Music/Dinner \$20 members \$25 non members.

**The Legion:** opens at 1pm. **Meat Draw** at 3pm (8 Ottawa St.).

**The Legion: For Rentals** contact Judy Faragher 705-740-5243 or 705-778-3728.

**The Legion: Open Mic/BBQ** September 5 at 12 noon.

**The Legion: Mixed Darts Tournament** September 13 at 10am. \$60 per team.

**Historical Society: Drop In** from 10am-2pm. September 19.

**Community Care with Norwood: Monte Carlo Night** September 26. Tickets available at CC Smith Dr.

**Cordova Rec Group: Pork Dinner** September 26.

### SUNDAY

**Havelock Stone Hall Sessions Concert Series:** 4th Sunday of every month at 2pm (Highway 7 and 6th Line.).

**Havelock Seniors: Bingo** at 6pm, doors open at 4:30pm, light lunch available.

### SUNDAY - CHURCH SERVICES

**St. Johns Anglican Church** 1st and 3rd Sunday Communion.

**Havelock Fellowship Baptist Church** 10:30am.

**Havelock & Trent River United Church** 10am in Trent River.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church** Mass at 9am.

**Cordova United Church** 9:30am every Sunday.

**Havelock Centre:** goes to **Norwood Pentecostal** 10am

**NOTE: All Havelock Seniors events will be at the Town Hall until further notice**