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On June 29th Steve Petherick and his staff at Havelock Pharmasave had a tenth anniversary celebration of serving our community with sandwiches, a cake, coffee and a gift bag for the first fifty customers.



Ritual Cut Co. is a new barbershop at 15 George St. in Havelock. You can book an appointment with Richard by phoning 705 344 2104. His wife operates the Crystal Emporium from the same location and has all kinds of interesting items for sale.



The Sugarbush Bluegrass & Country Festival is August 27, 28, 29, 2026. Located 25 minutes north of Havelock. Details at www.sugarbushfestival.com.



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ELMER'S EDITORIAL

This month I want to explore data centers, their usage, their strain on resources and their impact on our lives. If you follow any news casts, you will know that across North America data center locations have put enormous strains on the electrical grid and water resources used for cooling the equipment. Some municipalities have considered putting a pause or halt to any new construction.

As a result of the internet services these centers provide such as online banking, video conferencing, airline tracking, police communications etc., the data centers need back up power. This is often provided by diesel generators which make the centers a very unwelcome occupant in urban areas.

Other than internet services, the data center gathers and collates many forms of data on corporations, government, and citizens, particularly consumers.

Anyone who goes to a website will know about pop ups asking about letting them use cookies to track your online activities. All this information is processed in a data center for the search engine company you are using. This data is then used to target you for sales opportunities. This data can then be sold that can target you for their advertising.

As if the invasion of personal history with online activity isn't bad enough, the tracking of people in public places through the use of your phone or cameras is not welcome. They track your route through the mall and or a store along with what you purchased. This data is then sold for use in promotions or advertising directed at you. It is important to note this is not part of any government operation in Canada.

The revenue generated by the data centers is mostly enriching the very wealthy owners of Meta, Amazon, Microsoft etc.



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INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION MOVES INTO LOCAL FUNERAL INDUSTRY

Over the past few months, there have been a lot of changes within the local funeral industry that the consumers may not know. Community Alternative, Ashburnham Funeral Home, Kawartha Aquamation were all acquired by Service Corporation International. SCI previously owned Comstock / Kaye Life Celebration Centre. They have experienced a radical staffing transition. Also, the Opus Tribute Group (Little Lake Cemetery, Highland Park Cemetery and Funeral Centre, Mill Valley (Millbrook), Lakeland (Lindsay) and their side door cremation Trent Cremation) have acquired Hendren Funeral Home Norwood, Lakefield, Bobcageon as well as their alternative cremation business. Again, new staffing has been assigned. Previous to these changes, Rushnell acquired Marmora, Madoc, & Tweed as well as a sweeping path across the lakeshore (Belleville, Picton, Trenton, Port Hope, Bowmanville and a new crematorium to service their locations.)

In the spirit of buying and supporting local business, it is important to know that Brett Funeral Chapels is independent, family owned and operated by staff Robert Edwards and Emma Klompmaker that live in our community.



100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEGION

By Kathy Clement

On behalf of the Legion, we would like to take this time to thank all the members and public who came out to help this us celebrate this very special day.

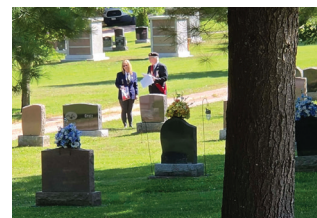
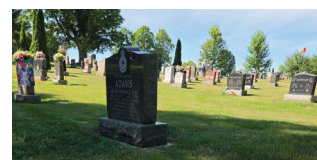
A poppy was placed on the corner of the headstone of each veteran at local cemeteries. This special day also helps us honour the brave men and women who ensure that we can live in a country that is free.

A special thank you to the following people.

Ken Willett, Rae McCutcheon, Jerry Doherty, Claire Seeney, Angie Smith, Judy Faragher, Tina Driscoll, Tom McWirther, Ellen McLeod and Deb Follett.

Members, volunteers and guests enjoyed an afternoon of music, a BBQ and friendly comradeship.

Thank you too all.



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TOUCHDOWN AUGUST 2026: ENTREPRENEUR COUPLE CHOOSES HBM FOR THEIR HOME COMMUNITY

By Harmen Boersma

In 2019 Dan caught sight of an unusual property for sale on Rd. 48 and became the owner shortly after. As the former Victoria Methodist church building, it required reconstruction from the outer walls in. He put a school bus-camper on the property, and the project was on its way.

Both Dan and Cheyenne hailed from Scarborough. Music was his interest early on by playing the guitar in the band. Cheyenne was in her own band as lead singer and played bass guitar. Often leading them to cross paths within the music industry scene. Dan completed his degree from TREBAS, the Audio Trade School and now works as a tour and production manager for touring musicians. The fame of the Havelock Jamboree drew his attention for possible contributing involvement. Cheyenne graduated from the Ontario College of Art & Design university as a Metalsmith. She creates original fine jewelry in her home studio in the city. Both are self-employed.

Dan grew up in an entrepreneurs' family, and Cheyenne was raised by supportive parents who watched her creative vision come to life. Currently she travels back and forth to her city studio, but they have a dream to move the studio to their home here.

Dan & Cheyenne cemented their relationship by working on the restoration together. Starting from 'scratch' demanded all their creative ability to make it work: a temporary plywood island in the kitchen-living space; reusing pieces of the original lumber in making functional wall displays, redo the rafter posts to their original glory, building partial walls to create a private space for an office/guest bedroom, installing two full bathrooms, take down the original inside wall boards, insulate and reinstall them. A project like this is never finished, especially when it is second to professional responsibilities. They both take it in strides.

Cheyenne works part-time for the town of Norwood as their Market Manager, and as the Events Manager at Focal Brewing Co. in Hastings. They both take interest in community social celebrations such as Celebrate Havelock. Dan works at Westben Theatre in Campbellford, as their Production Co-Ordinator. He is also running for council in this year's municipal elections for HBM.

It may surprise us that their family and friends commented: "You are the last people that we would expect to live in the rural country."



PHOTOGRAPHER'S CORNER

The Rail invites photographers to submit photos from the Greater Havelock Area for publication to havelockgail@gmail.com.



Kirsten Sobek



Monica de Savoye



Brooke Wrightly



HBPS PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER OFF TO A STRONG START



Havelock-Belmont Public School and Tim Hortons partnered together from April 27 to May 3 for the Smile Cookie Campaign in support of the school's Playground Project. Funds raised through the campaign will help support the future replacement of outdoor climbers and swing sets at the school. The current playground structures are expected to reach the end of their lifespan between 2031 and 2034, with replacement costs estimated at approximately \$180,000. Thanks to the generosity of

families, staff, local businesses, and community members, the Smile Cookie Campaign raised an impressive \$16,412.08 toward the project.

School staff shared their appreciation for the overwhelming community support and noted that the early success reflects the strong partnerships surrounding HBPS. Although the Smile Cookie Campaign has now concluded, fundraising efforts for the Playground Project will continue in the future to help provide students with safe, modern, and engaging outdoor play spaces for years to come. We appreciate your support! A QR code is provided for anyone wishing to make a donation toward enhancing HBPS playground equipment for our students.

Featured in the photos are Mr. Huffman and Ms. McMaster accepting the cheque on behalf of the school. In the other photo, Ms. Racine, Ms. McKellar, Ryleigh Andrew, and Owen Wilford are busy making Smile Cookies.

HBPS BULLDOGS OF THE WEEK: CELEBRATING POSITIVE CHOICES AND CHARACTER



At HBPS, we believe in recognizing and celebrating the many positive contributions our students make each day. Staff members award Bulldog Tickets to students who demonstrate admirable behaviours such as kindness, respect, responsibility, perseverance, cooperation, and leadership. Each week, one student is randomly selected from the Bulldog Ticket entries to be named our Bulldog of the Week. This special recognition includes having their name announced to the school, being invited to the office to choose a prize from the Bulldog of the Week prize bin, and having their photo displayed on the digital screen at our front entrance.

Our most recent recipients (front left to right) are: Ben Kirkpatrick, Cullen Murphy, Myra Murphy, Ethen Heron, Lillie Chapman, Madison Burlie, Brynlee Green, and Cece Vettor. Recipients that were absent in photo are Norah King and Carter Macumber

This program helps foster a positive school culture by encouraging students to make good choices and contribute positively to our school community. It also provides meaningful opportunities to celebrate student success and reinforces the important message that positive actions can lead to positive outcomes. Students take great pride in being recognized, and the program continues to inspire Bulldogs to be their very best every day.

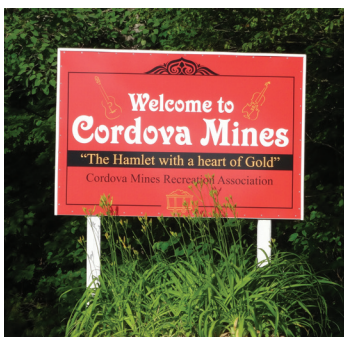
JUNE BULLDOG WALK OF FAME CELEBRATION



In June, we proudly celebrated our Bulldog Walk of Fame students! These students have been selected because they consistently demonstrate admirable character traits and serve as positive role models within our school community. Through their kindness, responsibility, perseverance, respect, and positive attitudes, they help make our school a welcoming and supportive place for everyone.

This month's Bulldog Walk of Fame recipients are: Sawyer Cafik – Grade 6, Brooklyn Coatham – Grade 5, Ember Germond – Grade 1, Luke L. – Senior Kindergarten

We congratulate these outstanding students for the positive example they set each day. Their actions, both big and small, contribute to a caring and inclusive school environment. Keep up the great work, Bulldogs! We are proud of you and grateful for the leadership and character you bring to our school community.



CORDOVA CORNER NEWS

By Laurie Deshane

Just a reminder, that this month The **Cordova Mines Recreation Association (CMRA)** will be hosting their Third Annual Classic Car Show at the Cordova Community Centre on August 22, 2026. Begins at 10:00 and runs until 2:00 pm. There will be a BBQ, live music, raffle table and a 50/50 draw. Please note that this is a **CASH ONLY** event. Pre-register your car with Nancy at 613-472-2225 or getclancy@xplornet.com

The **CMRA's** now have tickets available for a **BBQ Raffle** which will be drawn at the Classic Car Show. A char-broil Vibe Propane Griddle valued at \$1,300.00 is up for grabs. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Call Lisa at 613-472-3650 for tickets or more information. Tickets will also be available the day of the draw. The proceeds support the CMRA's ongoing initiatives and priorities.



The **Belmont Lake Cottager's Association (BLCA)** are holding several events in the month of August. This year's very popular Sailboat Race begins at 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 1, just north of Big Island, and is organized by John Brunt. Last year, 10 boats took part, so expect strong competition and plenty of fun for everyone.



The 2026 Regatta for **Belmont Lake Cottage Association (BLCA)** will be on Sunday August 2 at 12:00 pm at the Public Beach at Mile of Memories Road. Get ready for diaper races, watermelon races, and canoe races; fun for all ages. The event will be led by Greg Woodhouse, and they're always looking for volunteers to help make the day a success. Let's keep this amazing annual tradition alive!

The **BLCA** has also organized an evening of "Blackout" on Saturday, August 8 at 9:00pm. Belmont Lake Cottagers are encouraged to turn all outdoor lighting off and hope for a night of stars and milky ways!!!

The **Belmont Lake Cottage Association** will host their second Dock Concert featuring Organ Eyes Kaos on Saturday, August 15. Arrive by 3:00 pm and enjoy great music from the comfort of your boat as you float on the lake.

Cordova Lake Cottage Association will be holding their 54th Annual Regatta on Saturday August 1, 2026. There will be an egg toss, tug of war, and races for all ages. Enjoy a silent auction, BBQ, and a raffle with some amazing prizes. Tickets are available from CCLA members, Sam's Place, or at the Regatta.

There have been 2 fires on Belmont Lake within 1 week. Campsites, lightening... no one is sure why. But please, please let's be careful when we have campfires. Northern Ontario has been on fire for weeks and hopefully as at the printing of this issue, will be out.!!!

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THE SUGARBUSH BLUEGRASS AND COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

1ST ANNUAL EVENT

By Laurie Deshane

There's a new show in town! Well actually just 25 minutes North of Town (Havelock). The Sugarbush Bluegrass and Country Music Festival; a 3-day Family-friendly camping and live music event! It all happens August 27th, 28th and 29th, 2026.

It has been a dream 10 years in the making for Jack and John Blakely; part owner of the infamous Havelock Jamboree which Jack started in 1990 and was sold in 2009. His vision of a new festival has finally come true and will occur on property Jack has owned and been enjoying for the past 15 years.

They have lined up a great selection of bluegrass and country entertainers; including The Good Brothers, Russell Decarle from Prairie Oyster, Dirt Road Project, Ambush, Nephton Ridge Runners, The Sweetgrass Band, County Backroad Drifters, Mike Del Mastro and the Willowridge Brothers; just to name a few!

There are 250 sites available on 135 acres. Bring your trailer; bring your tent. Sleep under the stars and breathe in the fresh country air. There is no electricity or water but portable toilets will be available with wash stations. The family have been clearing and preparing this land for years. And now it's ready! Ready for music, friends and family to enjoy!

A variety of food and craft vendors will be on hand to satisfy every appetite.

Come join the Blakely's for the first of an annual music event. Let's support our community by attending this fun event. Make sure you can proudly say that you were a part of the very first Sugarbush Bluegrass and Country Music Festival this year.

John Blakely will be running the show while Mary Brown, BJ Hay and Gord Arnold will serve as MCs, guiding the music throughout the event!

A weekend Pass is \$200.00 which includes camping. If you want a shorter visit, you can get day passes for \$100.00. Advance tickets available now and pre-sales are going fast! Don't miss out on this new and exciting experience for Havelock.

For more information or to buy tickets, contact John or Jack Blakely at 705-778-3352. Tickets are also available at Dee Jay Trailers or Nelson's Western Boots in Peterborough. Check them out on Facebook and YouTube or their website www.sugarbushfestival.com





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By Kylie Forsyth, The Kawarthas Tourism

Did you know you can walk alpacas at Wanderlight Alpaca, step back in time at Lang Pioneer Village Museum, or explore an ancient cave system at Warsaw Caves Conservation Area, all right here in The Kawarthas? Until this summer, neither did I.

As a lifelong resident, I always thought I knew just about everything there was to see, do, eat, and experience in The Kawarthas. But being a part of The Kawarthas' Mobile Visitor Services team this summer, I quickly realized just how many incredible experiences were hiding in plain sight.

From peaceful paddling routes and scenic hiking trails to charming downtowns, local breweries, family attractions, unique farms, and, yes, even alpaca walks, The Kawarthas is full of surprises. Sometimes the hardest part isn't finding something to do it's deciding where to start. That's exactly what we're here for!

Throughout the summer, our Mobile Visitor Services team is travelling across The Kawarthas, sharing local recommendations, hidden gems, event information, maps, and travel inspiration with visitors like you! Watch for us at community events, markets, and festivals and come say hi! You can find our schedule by following **@thekawarthas** on Instagram or visiting **thekawarthas.ca/findus**.

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And while planning your next adventure, it's worth remembering that sometimes the best adventures are those waiting close to home. Sharing everything that The Kawarthas has to offer this summer, has been a beautiful reminder of that. Whether you call this incredible region home or are returning to your favourite getaway for the season, I encourage you to discover your own backyard this year. You never know what you might find!

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HOW DID TOM THOMSON DIE?

By Gene Canning

As I've told you before, I completed a 3 year project retracing Tom Thomson's canoe routes in Algonquin Park and painting 150 paintings along those trails. The research for that project made me quite knowledgeable on Thomson's art and on his life. I do several talks on Thomson each year. He is a subject that continues to fascinate me and the general public.

When people find out about my project they don't ask me about his painting process, how he mixed colours, how he spent so much time alone. Nope, hardly ever. You know what they ask me? Almost every time? How did he die. #1 question! I'm often tempted to say his heart stopped, but that would be just plain wrong to say wouldn't it. Might be funny to me, but...

Thomson 1st visited Algonquin Park in 1912. He caught the bug, and I don't mean a mosquito. The bug is called Algonquin Park. From that point on he spent a good portion of year in the Park until his untimely death on July 8th 1917.

There are several theories surrounding his death. The most straightforward being that he stood in the canoe to have a pee, got his leg tangled in his

fishing line, fell, hit his head that resulted in him drowning. Pretty straight forward. Sometimes the simplest answer is the fact, but with Thomson things were never that simple.

A few theories involve murder. There are a few suspects. One was the owner of the lodge where he stayed. There was an argument about money owed to Thomson. He was hit by a fireplace poker; taken out in his canoe and thrown in the lake. Fishing line tied around his leg to keep him down. Another murder story involves a neighbour on the lake. Both were drinking and got into a fight. The lake was result of that fight as well. The last murder theory is that he got a local girl pregnant and was murdered by her family.

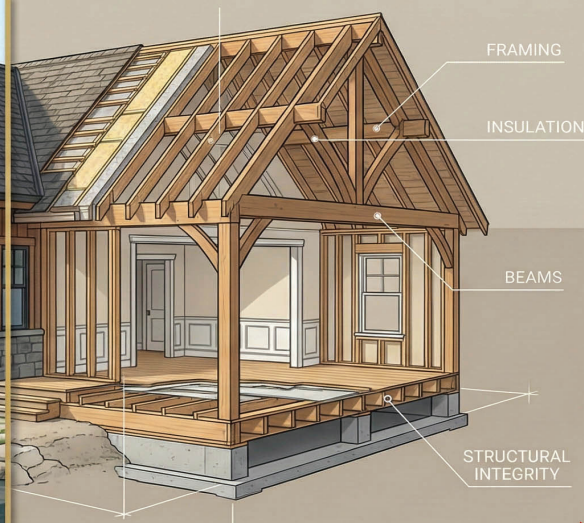
There you have it in a nutshell. One other theory which I don't think holds much weight is that he committed suicide. He did suffer from mental health issues, but I don't believe this story to be his story.

Next month I'll tell the story of what happened after he was buried at Mowat Cemetery. It's an interesting one! Stayed tuned for another story from the Paint Box.

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MARYANN LANE IS GROWING INTO SOMETHING SPECIAL

By Kathy Reid, Norwood and District Horticultural Society

The Norwood and District Horticultural Society (NDHS) has taken on an ambitious project, to naturalize the drainage swale and catch basin (stormwater management pond) on Maryann Lane in Norwood. The project was endorsed by Council for the Township of Asphodel Norwood at its meeting on June 23rd, and is supported by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 300, the Norwood Lions Club and DPH Developments. A grant application has been submitted to the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

This community land restoration project will encompass roughly 3,650 square meters. The gently sloping, broad swale will capture surface water runoff and trap sediments, and direct water to the catch basin thereby reducing flooding, improving the water quality of the basin and providing habitat for a variety of flora and fauna.

Both the swale and the catch basin will be vegetated with plants

carefully selected by the NDHS and planted by NDHS members and community volunteers. Currently, there are no-mow areas to encourage regeneration. Over the course of the next five years, a self-sustaining ecological corridor will come to life, supporting bees, butterflies, birds, aquatic life and clean water for years to come.

Asphodel-Norwood is a growing community. Each new development creates the need for stormwater management. The Maryann Lane project will serve as a model for future projects, demonstrating that effective stormwater management is critical to minimize runoff, protect water quality and habitat values while complying with development regulations.

Keep up on project details by visiting <https://www.antownship.ca/explore-discover/community-land-restoration-project/> and Follow NDHS Facebook for volunteer opportunities.



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LIBRARY NEWS

By Nancy Law, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Public Library

Looking for something to do for the rest of the summer, come check out our TD Summer Reading Club which is still ongoing till August 22. This club is for children ages 2-12, where they can listen to a story and do a craft. The TD Summer Reading Club takes place on Tuesdays at the Cordova Branch from 2pm-3pm and the Havelock Branch on Wednesday's from 1:30pm-2:30pm.

Something else to keep your child's interest and develop their creativity during the summer is both Libraries have STEM and Lego kits that they can use at the libraries. These kits are designed to spark interest, inspire confidence and explore real world science and develop fine motor skills.

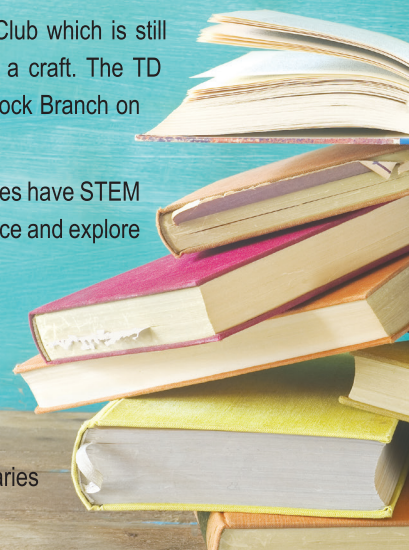
New books in the libraries

James Patterson 26 Beauties

Nora Roberts The Final Target

Steve Berry The Devil's Bible

Don't forget to check out our webpage at www.hbmlibrary.on.ca or the Havelock and Cordova Public Libraries Facebook page for more information and other happenings at the libraries



MARJORIE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Honouring Marjorie - 100 Years Young. Born August 29, 1926

Marjorie's journey started in Quebec but she settled in Ontario in 1965 where she continued to raise her 7 wonderful boys who have blessed her with an amazing family. Marjorie's life brought her to Havelock 20 years ago where she has shared her strength and kindness with friends and neighbours.

Happy Birthday Marjorie!

AUGUST AND YOUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKET

By Kathy Clement

August is here and it is absolutely the peak season for your local farmers markets. All those nice fresh vegetables are here! Green and yellow beans, baby potatoes, cucumbers, beets, vine-ripened tomatoes and of course corn!!!

In Havelock we are so fortunate to have a small but very well stocked market. You can find all those vegetables plus herbs, pickles and fruits. We also offer artisans and food.

Our hours of operation are every Friday until Thanksgiving starting at 11am for the food vendors and 1pm for the remaining market.

Every month we have a recipe and this month I would normally do corn but guess what. In previous editions for August, you will find corn recipes. If you are interested in any of those past recipes including corn cakes (2025), corn salads and how to use leftover corn (2024) and cornbread (2023), please email me for these or any other of our recipes at havelockrail.cevents@gmail.com



SPORTS

BRAYDON COOPER AT RBC TRAINING CAMP

By Brooke Wrightly



All sports require practice and dedication if an athlete has hopes or dreams to make it to an Olympic level.

For 18 year old Braydon Cooper that also includes early morning practices.

As a member of the novice rowing team at Trent University last year Braydon was expected to arrive at practice by 5:45 Monday to Friday. After a warm up run the team hit the water by 6. Saturday was a rest day Sunday was a 9 am practice.

The Trent coaches suggested to Braydon that he should attend the RBC training event held in Peterborough. He attended that camp but sprained his ankle. "So I worked on a short and quick recovery in order to attend the training in Ottawa only 4 weeks later" said Braydon.

At the beginning of the camp each participant was weighed, and measured for height and wing span. They also tested their vertical jump, lower body strength, speed and endurance.

Braydon says, "I was a little shocked to be invited back considering I had gone to the training still suffering an ankle sprain. Coaches have not yet sent an email about round 2 dates and times or locations.

The camp is an amazing opportunity for athletes to get noticed and have the chance to show team Canada what you are capable of. All the coaches and athletes are extremely kind and supportive while testing is happening and it's a great chance to go meet new people."

Along with Braydon's dedication to the rowing team he will be returning to Trent for his second year of studies in his undergrad chemistry program. He is looking forward to continuing his studies by completing his masters in chemical engineering.

Braydon is the son of Dave Cooper and Erin Kink and the grandson of June Cooper, all from Havelock.

FOOTBALL TEAM NAMED

By Brooke Wrightly



Front Row: Murray Buchanan, Ed Heusinkveld, Brian Shoup, Frank Rogers, Steve Henry, Carl Pollock, Terry Pollock, Gary Chamberlain, Don Vincent

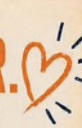
Middle Row: Mr. Pilley, Neil Stockdale, Ron Cuthbertson, Dwight Gerow, Steve George, Wayne Newton, Dennis Hornsby, Bill Saniger, Ron McMaster, Mr. Brash

Last Row: David Hunter, Dale Lunitz, Tim Coughlin, Lloyd Stinson, Ross King, Doug Magee, Grant Moore, Peter Nobes, Greg Neilson



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RECIPE

STRAWBERRY PRETZEL SALAD

By Barb Haybarger and Kathy Clement

Thanks to our local farmers market I met Barb from Pittsburgh and found out that she and her family (the Steenburgh's) have been residents and cottagers here since the early 1900's.

We love to talk food and Barb made me this dessert. They call it salad, I call it dessert.

Barb's edition calls for crushed pretzels and mine calls for crushed graham crackers. Just goes to show you that Canadians and Americans can work together. Thanks Barb and it is a real pleasure knowing you and your family.

First: Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

Base:

- 2 cups crushed pretzels (or graham crackers)
- ¾ cup butter, melted
- 3 tbsp white sugar

Mix together and put in a 9x13 pan and bake until set, about 10 minutes and then cool.

Topping:

- 1 pkg cream cheese softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 container (8 oz or 227 grams) frozen whipped topping thawed
- 2 pkg strawberry flavored Jello (3 oz)
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 (10 oz) pkg frozen strawberries (that you froze in June!!)

Place the cream cheese and white sugar in a large bowl. Beat with an electric mixer until smooth and fold in the whipped topping. Spread this on the cooled crust.

Dissolve Jello in boiling water. Stir in the frozen strawberries and allow to set for a few minutes, until the mixture looks like egg whites. Spoon over the cream cheese layer and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Enjoy



THANK YOU

Gerry Doherty
Dana & Al Lerman
Barb Haybarger
Marilyn Toms
Joe Crowley



BELMONT-METHUEN AND HAVELOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It was Labour Day Weekend August 31, 1961 and a big payroll day for the Toronto Dominion Bank in Havelock. Little did anyone know what was about to unfold. A plan had been in the works for two years, right down to an escape map. Robbers from Montreal had broken in through a basement window and were waiting. Just before the bank opened, a clerk headed for the basement washrooms to wet his teller's sponge. Upon opening the door, he was shoved aside by men armed with revolvers and one sawed-off rifle, all wearing gloves and balaclavas. It didn't take long. The vault was emptied of about \$250,000 and the shocked staff were locked inside. Several days of searching the woods, by both police and locals, finally brought five men to justice but not a penny has ever been recovered.

To learn more or to share your own stories, please drop in on Saturday, August 8th between 10am and 2pm.



TD Bank on George St. in Havelock as it looked at the time of the robbery in 1961.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026

- The Deputy Treasurer introduced Karen Mintz as the new Finance Assistant - Customer Service.
- The Chief Building Official introduced Rebecca Izzard as the new Building and Planning Assistant (Maternity Leave).
- Council approved the reconstruction of Oak Street from George Street to Highway 7 in the amount of \$179,902.00
- Council approved the Planning Assistant to collate and submit the comments received regarding proposed legislative changes to the Planning Act under the Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026 to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) by June 25, 2026.
- Council approved the request from the Pumpkin Parade Committee to hold their Annual Pumpkin Parade at the HBM Arena Park and Mathison Trail on Sunday November 1, 2026.
- Council approved the request from the Cordova Mines Recreation Association to hold their Annual Car Show on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at the Cordova Mines Community Centre, located at 55 Albert Street East.
- Council approved the request from the Havelock Lions Club to hold Harmony in the Park every Thursday evening from July 2, 2026, to August 27, 2026, at Rotary Park, located at 25 Industrial Drive.
- Council approved the request from the Havelock Masons Lodge to hold an Antique Car Show on September 19, 2026, at Rotary Park, located at 25 Industrial Drive.
- Council approved the in-kind request for a one-day tournament rental fee in the amount of \$197.75 (including taxes) from the HBM Fire Department to hold a Fundraiser Ball Tournament on Saturday, August 29, 2026.
- Council approved the 2026 HBM Shop Local Contest Rules and Guidelines.
- Council approved, without comment, the draft County Wide Joint Community Safety and Well-being Plan as presented.
- Council approved the award of Tender No. PW-2026-06 – Double Layer Surface Treatment – Post Road to Dufferin Construction Company in the amount of \$72,249.60 (including non-refundable HST).
- Council authorized staff to not proceed with the award of Tender No. PW-2026-05 – Microsurfacing of 6th Line and review options for re-tendering.
- Council authorized staff to proceed with the submission of a funding application to the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant to fund the purchase of the Talking Forest App.
- Council approved a contribution of \$200.00 to the Community Safety Net to become a "Partner in Safety" to support Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Fire Department's "Fire Safety" initiative.



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Winner of butterscotch cookies, Shannon Marsden and the baker Kathy Clement.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE MONTH

By Lorraine Roulston

CELEBRATING THRIFT STORES: August 17th marks 'National Thrift Store Day'. Some thrift stores may offer special sales to celebrate this event. A terrific children's book titled, 'Rosie and the Pre-Loved Dress' by Leanne Hatch is a delightful story encouraging youngsters to experience the magic of reuse and exercise their imaginations. All types of apparel and accessories in good condition are displayed at thrift shops.



H-B-M HAPPENINGS



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

OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Township Office will be closed on Monday, August 3, 2026 in observance of the Civic Holiday in Ontario. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable long weekend!

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 Agenda.

• Tuesday, August 11, 2026 @ 9:30am

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

SHOP LOCAL CONTEST:

The contest runs from July 6th to October 18th. Every time you spend \$20 or more at a business in H-B-M 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!

TO ENTER CONTACT

1. Take a picture of your receipt or invoice

2. Email it to shoplocal@hbmtwp.ca

****OR****

3. Drop off your receipts with your name & contact info into the grey Dropbox outside the Township office in Havelock! Enter as often as you shop – more purchases = more entries! Must be 18+ to enter and contest is open to residents & visitors!

Let's fuel our community, one local purchase at a time!

PROPERTY TAXES:

Due Dates: July 31, 2026 and October 1, 2026

Pre-authorized Debit -Taxes: Convenient monthly payment plan withdrawn on the 10th of each month. Visit our website to enroll!

www.hbmtwp.ca > Township Services > Taxes > Pre-authorized Debit Plan

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 <https://www.registertovoteon.ca/> as soon as possible. Everyone is encouraged to check the Township website at <https://www.hbmtwp.ca/township-services/elections/> in order to stay informed and receive the most current election information.

2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION - CANDIDATE:

If you wish to run for Council, nominations are now open. Requirements are as follows::

- A signed nomination paper delivered to the clerk
- ID proving that you meet local eligibility criteria
- A form showing that 25 voters endorse your candidacy
- The nomination filing fee of either \$100 (council member) or \$200 (mayor)

Please see the Election page of the Township website (<https://www.hbmtwp.ca/township-services/elections/>) for more details regarding Candidate Information.

The Election page also includes the Candidate 101 Training Video titled "So, You Want to Run for Council. Making an Informed Decision". If you wish to register, please make an appointment by calling the Municipal Office at 705-778-2308.

Registration closes at 2:00pm on August 21, 2026.

DISC GOLF IN HBM:

Disc Golf is coming to Mathison Conservation! This new attraction will feature 4 holes found between the Willam's Pass and the Andrews Pass, with the start of the course located at the opening of the Settlers Path. Grab your discs and get ready for some fun! More information can be found at www.hbmtwp.ca/play-and-discover/parks-and-playgrounds/

HBM VISITOR CENTRE:

The Visitor Centre is now open for residents and visitors! Come say hello and take a look at brochures, maps and more from our Township, County and surrounding areas. The Visitor Centre is located across the road from 16 Ottawa St W, Havelock.

Summer Hours:

- Thursdays: 10:00am-4:00pm
- Fridays: 10:00am-12:00pm | 1:00pm-6:00pm at the Havelock Farmers Market
- Saturdays: 10:00am-4:00pm

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 or call the office.

Community Care: **Blood Pressure Clinic** August 24 from 9:30-10:30am (17 Smith Dr.).

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

Havelock Seniors: **Chair Board Game and Puzzle Night** August 10 from 6-9pm \$5.

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 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.

Havelock Centre: **Rainforest Falls Camp** from 9am-12pm, August 4.

Havelock Centre: **Youth Night end of summer mini golf** from 6:30-8pm, August 4.

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 or call the office.

Historical Society: **Meeting** 10:30am lower level of the library August 12.

Havelock Centre: **Rainforest Camp** from 9am-12pm, August 5.

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 or call the office.

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

Havelock Centre: **Rainforest Camp** from 9am-12pm (no playgroup) August 6.

Havelock Centre: **Playgroup** from 9:30-11:30am (Silhouettes) August 13.

Havelock Centre: **Playgroup** from 9:30-11:30am (Dance Party) August 20.

Havelock Centre: **Playgroup** George St. Park, August 27.

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 Centre: **Open Mic** from 6-8pm. August 7 & 21.

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

Havelock Centre: **Rainforest Camp** from 9am-12pm with a family BBQ to follow. August 7.

Havelock Centre: **Second Harvest** from 6-7pm. August 14.

Havelock Centre: **Second Harvest** from 10-11am. August 28.

SATURDAY

Havelock Seniors: **Bid Euchre Tournament** August 1, doors open at 11:30am, cards at 12:30pm and food is available \$.

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

The Legion: **For Rentals** contact Michelle 416-605-5822 or 705-778-3728.

Historical Society: **Drop In** from 10am-2pm. August 8.

Havelock Farmers Market: **hosts a special open market** across from the Twp office from 10am-3pm. August 22.

Community Care: **Sidewalk Sale** from 9am-1pm. August 29.

Cordova Rec Assc.: **Car Show, BBQ and Raffle** from 10am-2pm. August 22.

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

ATTENTION ALL SERVICE CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY EVENT PLANNERS.
Please submit your events to havelockrail.cevents@gmail.com prior to the 10th of each month.