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HAVELOCK AND AREA MEN'S SHED

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Wednesday night cornhole has become a favourite at the Havelock Seniors' Club, and thanks to the eight boards built by the newly formed Havelock and Area Men's Shed (HAMS), the weekly event is never at risk of being cancelled because they can't borrow boards.

When HAMS formally joined the Havelock Seniors' Club, they learned the members needed their own cornhole boards, so they got together to build their first community project.

"It's been fun. It's all about hanging out and helping each other with the project," says Ian Mackenzie, who moved to his Havelock area farm eight years ago and joined the HAMS to meet more people. "It's not like a work situation—there's no stress, pressure, or obligation to be involved all the time."

The Men's Shed concept originated in Australia and has spread internationally, creating a welcoming space for men to connect, build, learn and contribute, typically in retirement to help combat loneliness and isolation.

Established in late spring 2026, the HAMS focuses on projects, like the cornhole boards, that benefit local community organizations.

Katie Mancini, Program Coordinator, Havelock Seniors' Club, shares, "Cornhole benefits seniors by offering them an easy activity where they can interact with other seniors and not be stuck home isolated

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ELMER'S EDITORIAL

The Fall season has arrived and with it comes Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is often a time for families to get together and enjoy a meal with turkey, pumpkin pie and lots of other local food. Of course many of us view attendance at the Norwood Fair as a family tradition to meet family and friends because they grew up in the area and still have friends and family in HBM. We can be thankful for many things such as good health care, good social services and good government at all levels. We do not have the level of corruption that we see in the highest levels in the government of the USA. There are at least six billionaires in senior positions in their government and they are there to enrich themselves and their families. Their President is leading the way. We do not have government leaders in Canada that are primarily out to enrich themselves. Yes, sometimes Canadian government leaders have friends that get government positions but they are not becoming billionaires through insider trading based on advance notice of legislation or new regulations.

On a local note, we are in the midst of a municipal election and all positions are being contested. This is the sign of a healthy vibrant democracy which we can be proud of.

At the Rail we are happy to welcome Madison Smith, a NDHS student, as a new writer for the Havelock Rail. She is an excellent writer.

The Rail Committee members want to wish everyone in the Greater Havelock Area a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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from the community. It's also a source of exercise without being overly strenuous, and social interaction is wonderful for seniors in our community."

Sharon Clements, an 84-year-old farmer, joined the Havelock Seniors' Club for companionship and fun. She started playing corn hole on Wednesdays back in the spring and hasn't missed many games.

"The new boards are superb," she says. "It's a very fun game to play, and the people are so friendly."

The HAMS has begun new community projects including birdhouses, raised flower beds, accessible picnic tables, comfort birds, and memory boxes. Now at 17 members, the group is open to other men from the area joining. No special woodworking expertise is required; it is an opportunity to learn new skills, build friendships, and find a sense of purpose.

To inquire about joining the HAMS, contact havelockaremensshed@gmail.com.



10 FOOT SUNFLOWER



Stephanie Pattersons 4 year old daughter Grace McCullum decided to plant her own sunflower this year, and it's been a roaring success. They measured it over the weekend and it has reached 10 feet tall with 20 heads.

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OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

By Laurie Deshane



Did you know that this October nearly **30,000 Canadians** will hear the words “**you have breast cancer.**”! Behind every one of these diagnoses is a family whose world is changed forever. Breast cancer is deeply personal and often overwhelming for those who face it, and can affect both women and men equally.

Women are now advised to begin mammograms at 40. But what happens if you notice a lump or sore

area before then? Are you expected to ignore the warning signs because of age? Absolutely not! You also now receive a “density category, A - D” with your mammogram report. Previously, your doctor was the only one who received this information. How does this density affect your assessment? A “C” or “D” makes it harder to read the mammogram and slightly increases your chance of breast cancer. What about the technicians performing the tests and the radiologists and doctors reviewing the scans? Who makes the determination of whether a lump or a sore should be further screened and reviewed? Together they will review and provide the assessment but,

I am also going to have to say YOU must be your own advocate for what feels right; trust your intuition to guide you. Stay vigilant in your pursuit. If you feel that you are not being heard, find someone who will listen. Prompt and effective screening and treatment are critical, since acting quickly offers the greatest chance for a positive outcome. Always contact your doctor, if you have any concerns regarding your breasts or breast cancer.

Support Breast Cancer Awareness Month by checking with local organizations to learn about local events happening in your community and don't forget to support the “pink” ribbon campaign, by purchasing and wearing them during the month of October.

SOCKTOBER

By Laurie Deshane



Socktober is an annual October event dedicated to collecting socks and other essential items for people experiencing homelessness and children in foster care.

It all began in 2011! After learning that many local

citizens are living on the streets, or moving from shelter to shelter, motivated some elementary students to act. They called their local shelter to see how they could help and found out that the most desirable and unexpected need was SOCKS! That simple fact sparked their enthusiasm, and the mission to ensure no one goes without the basic comfort of a pair of socks was born: **Soctober!**

Starting out from one school, this mission has grown into a nationwide movement: I am talking continents; seven of them. Imagine how something as simple as a pair of donated socks can make such a meaningful difference in someone's life. This small act has brought comfort to people experiencing homelessness and has now extended to children and youth in foster care.

Reach out to your local shelter to find out where socks can be donated. This initiative would be an excellent opportunity for schools to get involved and empower their students to make a difference. Small acts of kindness, like donating socks, can have a lasting impact; fostering community connection and compassion, as well as understanding social responsibility.



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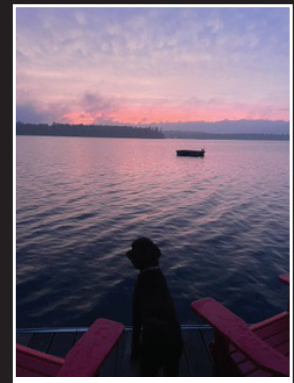
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NEW PRINCIPAL BRINGS LOCAL ROOTS AND A PASSION FOR COMMUNITY TO HAVELOCK BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOL



Havelock Belmont Public School has welcomed a new principal this fall, and while he may be new to the school, he is certainly not new to the area.

HBPS students Ivy Mumby and Jack Green recently sat down with the school's new principal to learn more about his background, his interests and what he hopes to bring to the HBPS community.

Originally from Douro and now living just outside Norwood, the new principal brings 23 years of experience in education and a strong belief in the importance of relationships, community and helping young people succeed.

He was transferred to Havelock Belmont Public School this spring through the annual principal transfer process and said one of his first priorities is getting to know the students, families and community that make up HBPS. "I want to get to know the kids, parents and the community," he said. "I want to learn all the kids' names and their interests."

From History Lessons to School Leadership

His career in education began in Brampton, where he spent his teaching years before returning to the Peterborough area as an administrator. He has now spent four years as a vice-principal and is entering his sixth year as a principal.

Education was a natural career choice. His mother was a teacher, and he grew up enjoying opportunities to work with and mentor children. He was involved in clubs, served as a Sunday school leader and helped mentor younger students while in high school.

He completed his undergraduate degree at Trent University before earning his Bachelor of Education from Nipissing University in North Bay.

As a student, his favourite subject was history, particularly the Second World War. As a teacher, Grade 6 was his favourite grade.

His decision to move into school administration was driven by a desire to continue helping students and supporting educators, but on a larger scale. "I really wanted to become a teacher to help and mentor people," he said. "Becoming a principal gave me the opportunity to do that on a bigger scale."

One of his favourite aspects of being a principal is the opportunity to visit classrooms throughout the school.

Rather than being responsible for just one classroom, he enjoys seeing what is happening across the entire school and supporting teachers in their work. "The more teachers I help, the more kids I help," he said.

A Principal with a Passion for Theatre and Hockey

Away from school, the new principal has a busy life of his own. He is an active member of the Peterborough theatre community and has participated in numerous plays and musicals. He is currently involved in an upcoming production of *Cinderella*.

He is also a lifelong sports fan, particularly when it comes to hockey and baseball. He enjoys watching the Toronto Blue Jays and is a hockey fan and referee.

His love of hockey dates back to his childhood, when he spent plenty of time between the pipes.

So, if he could spend one day as a student at HBPS, what would he choose to do?

Play mini-sticks.

"I played a lot of goalie when I was growing up," he said. "I'd love to get out there and be in net."

His choice of superpower also reflects his desire to make the most of his time. He would choose super speed, allowing him to travel long distances quickly and eliminate the 30- to 40-minute drive between Havelock and Peterborough.

Building Connections in Havelock

While settling into his new role, the principal said he is looking forward to becoming involved in the Havelock community and supporting opportunities that connect the school with the community.

For him, some of the most rewarding moments of being a principal involve helping students and teachers take part in community initiatives. He also wants students to know that his door is open and that his role is ultimately about supporting them. "I'm here to help them to be the best version of themselves," he said.

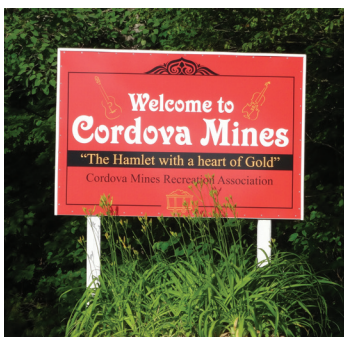
His message to students is one he hopes will become a guiding principle throughout the school year: **"You don't need to be perfect to be amazing."**

He believes students should focus on effort, participation and doing their best rather than worrying about being perfect. Mistakes, he says, are simply part of learning. And alongside effort, he emphasizes another quality that he believes can make a significant difference in a school and a community: kindness.

As he begins his time at Havelock Belmont Public School, his goal is straightforward — to build relationships, learn about the students and community, and help make HBPS a place where every student has the opportunity to thrive.

For Ivy Mumby and Jack Green, the interview offered a chance to learn more about the person behind the principal's office — and for the new principal, it was an opportunity to begin getting to know the students who will make Havelock Belmont Public School his new home.

For a principal who grew up just down the road, it may be a new school — **but Havelock is already beginning to feel a little more like home.**



CORDOVA CORNER NEWS

By Laurie Deshane

The Cordova Mines Recreation Association will be hosting their annual FREE Halloween Party for the kids! On October 24, dress up your children for an afternoon of fun, activities, snacks, and more! Starts at 11:00 am Sharp and runs until 2:00pm. Watch for more info on their website and social media.

Did you know that Cordova Mines is listed in the "Ghost Towns List of Ontario"?

I found this description of Cordova Mines very interesting and thought I should share. This is reprinted from Maryboro Lodge Museum and written by Guy Scott who sadly passed in April of this year. Guy was a teacher, writer, and historian. He made a tremendous contribution to local history, and his loss will be noticed in the heritage community.

Cordova Mines is located north of Marmora on the border between Peterborough and Hastings Counties. Its history of mining was a chapter in the Marmora-Madoc-Havelock story of mineral history that included gold, iron, silver, cobalt and many other minerals that dotted the edge of the Canadian Shield. In the late 1800s and early 1900s this whole area was awash in mining speculation and actual mines! But like most communities in this area, Cordova started out as a pioneer farming/ logging hamlet in the 1850s. It was called Wariston and Vansickle before the mines got going. Various gold rushes had happened all over the area, the most famous being the

Eldorado Rush of the 1860s. Several smaller mines were opened nearer to Cordova, including the Malone Mine. Iron ore ruled the mining to the south at Marmora and Blairton, but Vansickle remained a sleepy pioneer settlement until the 1890s when gold was discovered by accident in Havelock Township near Cordova.

Previous "strikes" had not materialized, but by 1890 new technologies made gold extraction profitable. Thus by 1900, it was now possible to extract gold from area deposits and the Cordova Mines complex was built by an English firm: Cordova Exploration Company. They sank 6 large shafts and built many structures on the site. Housing was supplied, a railway spur added and a large power plant at nearby Deer Lake. Crushing and stamping mills were added to the complex. Like many mines in this area, the ownership was constantly changing as one company sold out to another. At least 5 companies operated the Cordova Gold mines between 1900 and 1946 when it closed for good. It appears it was never a profitable venture, at least not for any length of time. But it did create some impressive buildings! The mine produced 24,000 ounces of gold during its run. Even since its closing, various companies have still bought and sold the mining rights, always hoping for another "gold rush". While the village of Cordova Mines is on the Ghost Town List of Ontario, it is far from abandoned. It still contains 2 churches, a store, a library and about 120 residents. And a lot of history!



I CLIMB PLASTIC ROCKS!

By Larry Pick

Wall climbing, a sport that is relatively new for me, is rapidly growing among youth and adults. Locally there are two gyms that I have visited that offer a fun climbing experience for new and experienced climbers.



Goatz Climbing Gym is on a small hobby (goat) farm on Wallbridge Road just this side of Belleville. Aaron, an experienced climber and setter, has been involved in wall climbing for many years. The gym was conceived and built by Aaron and his family with inspiration from the goat residents of the farm. Aaron's know-how and that of his crew provides a fun and challenging climbing experience for climbers of all ages and experience levels. In all there are seven walls ranging in difficulty from V0 to V8. With any luck you may be greeted by Arlo and Cajeta (the goats), when you visit the gym. As with all climbing gyms, the routes are changed on a regular basis to ensure a rewarding experience for climbers.

Peterborough Rope and Climbing Centre is located on Perry Street in Peterborough. I spoke with Wayne who gave me a bit of history for his gym. They have been around for over 10 years and are

working hard to open their doors to even more climbers. They are certainly open to looking at a larger space, hopefully in the near future. This indoor gym offers an excellent range of "top rope" and "bouldering" climbing which provides a beginner the opportunity to learn the methods and strategies need to be successful. More advanced climbers along with their partner handling the lines, will also be challenged to reach for the top of the wall. All in all, one of the primary goals for the gym is provide a great climbing experience which offers a safe place for climbers to have fun and to feel part of a community.

Indoor climbing is great fun and can be very challenging. Success on the gym walls can lead to the Olympics. As with any sport, climbing requires dedication and a huge amount of training to become Olympic ready. Or, you can just climb for the fun and the camaraderie of it. This is the only sport that I have witnessed where competitors actively cheer on their competitors and wish them success.

For more information check out their websites: goatzclimbinggym.ca, info@rockandrope.com.



LIBRARY NEWS

By Nancy Law, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Public Library

October is here already. There is Thanksgiving to look forward to but also Halloween. At the libraries we have some interesting materials to get you into that spooky mood. There is *Strange but True Tales* from Eastern Ontario by James Robinson which gives the reader some insight to some weird and unusual stories. We also have *Canadian Ghost Stories* by Barbara Smith to get you into spine-tingling stories about our great county. If you are into fiction there is always *Ami McKay* (who lives in Nova Scotia) *The Witches of New York* which tells the story of three young woman navigating the glitz and grotesqueries of the 1880's by any means possible including witchcraft. For our younger readers there is *Julia Donaldson's Room on the Broom*, and *13 Ghost of Halloween* by Robin Muller just to name a few.

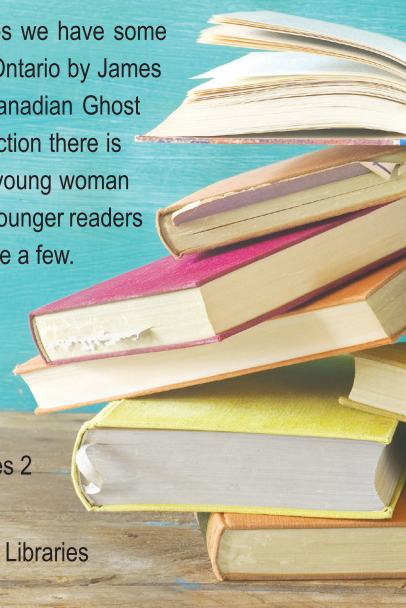
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DID YOU KNOW? By Mike O'Regan



Long before the advent of the cell phone that displayed time synchronized to atomic pulsations determining the hour of the day was accomplished by referencing the hand positions on a watch or clock face. These archaic devices were driven by a series of gears, cogwheels, pinions and springs and obligated the user to dutifully wind them.

One such watch is pictured here, a quality timepiece manufactured by the Hamilton Watch Company and issued to local resident Carl Drain. Carl was a railway employee for several years who worked in many capacities, including section hand, fireman and conductor. This information was sourced from both Carl and his wife June. Carl was proud to be the owner of this fine timepiece that served him well during his career.

Also pictured is a 1958 edition of a CPR Employee Instruction Manual clarifying the duties of rail personnel in relation to the movement of trains, engines and cars. Carl gave the booklet to a model railway enthusiast who mounted it in a railroad themed frame and displayed it on a wall adjacent to his "O" gauge layout. He feels very fortunate to have procured such an historical item.

Included among Carl's railroad memorabilia is a pay stamp. The rubber stamp bearing the employee's name and number was housed in a metal container and often affixed to their pocket watch fobs through the loop on the case. The employees stamped time sheets prepared by their supervisors to ensure proper identification for processing by the payroll department.

Carl's stopwatch will be on permanent display at the **Belmont Methuen and Havelock Historical Society** at the end of the month.



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HOW DID IMPRESSIONISM COME TO BE?

By Gene Canning

Impressionism, a 19th Century movement, is defined as a painting that focusses on capturing the fleeting effects of light and colour rather than creating a realistic representation. In other words the impression of a thing rather than an exact copy. It's really as simple as that. There are lots of grey areas between the styles, but that's the basics.

Most times this style is associated with painting on location (plein air) where lighting changes almost as fast as an artist can apply their paint. It forces the artist to paint quicker and hence, make an impression of the place. Broad brushwork, thicker paint and a less detailed finish are often the result of these time restraints. For example, an artist has about 20 mins to capture a sunset before that sunset isn't that sunset. It's gone. It reminds me of the on-screen menu at a fast-food restaurant. I hardly have time to scan it before the next food list is up on the wall. I want to choose a burger and now I'm looking at drinks! Try to imagine writing down all those items before they're gone, seemingly forever! Maybe I'm getting old, but I think it's just too darn quick. Now you know what painting a sunset is like! Lol.

There are several factors that allowed 19th century artists to paint outdoors that artists before them did not have the opportunity to use. The main one was the invention of tube paints in 1841. Prior to this, paints had to be mixed in studio than stored in pig bladders. Not very convenient for the artist and especially not good for the pig! This important invention was followed by the portable easel a few years later. Artists now had a way of transporting their paints and canvas much easier. Another great invention was the hog hair brush. Again, not good for the poor ole pig. For the 1st time this and the invention of the ferrule (metal hair holders) allowed flat brushes to be produced. This had a huge impact on the way artists applied paint. These combined inventions allowed artists to head outside and apply paint in a new manner. It gave us Monet, Van Gogh and Renoir. It allowed for Canadian artists such as Emily Carr and the Group of Seven!

Did I leave you with the "impression" that you now understand what impressionism is? I hope so!



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PRESERVING THE FOOD WE GROW

By Kathy Reid, Norwood and District Horticultural Society

The Norwood and District Horticultural Society welcomed Holly Hoekstra, of 50 Acre Farmstead and the Founder of Women in Homesteading, as special guest speaker at its September meeting. Holly explained why preserving the food that we grow is so important and the various methods of preserving food.

Cool and cold storage is appropriate for root vegetables like potatoes and winter squash, apples and onions (keeping in mind that you want to keep them separate from each other).

Blanching and freezing is perhaps the most popular method as it preserves the colour, nutrients, and it retains the texture of the food.

Water bath canning is only appropriate for high acid foods. Step-by-step instructions and food safe practices for water canning can be found in a recommended resource titled "Bernardin Complete Book of Home Preserving". Using non-chlorinated water is also an important consideration using this method.

Low acid foods should be preserved using a pressure canner set at 15 pounds

of pressure (unless the recipe indicates otherwise).

And, dehydrating removes moisture from food which makes it harder for bacteria to grow. The key to dehydrating is 'low and slow'. Dried vegetables can then be stored in a plastic bag, ready to be used in soups and stews.

The next meeting of the Horticultural Society is being held on Tuesday, October 13th at the Royal Canadian Legion in Norwood. Master Gardener, Anne Craig, will speak on the topic of Garden Design with Native Plants. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Guests are always welcome!

On a final note, the Norwood and District Horticultural Society congratulates Mr. Elmer Buchanan on being inducted into the Peterborough County Agricultural Wall of Fame on Sunday August 23, 2026. As the Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food, Mr. Buchanan approved the incorporation papers of our Society in 1992. Congratulations!



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Scan to discover what's happening close to the cottage this summer

HBM YOUTH COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Debbie & Jenny

When the youth of our township speak, The HBM Youth Committee listens. This year's Youth Advisors have come up with an idea to bring the town together for a Holiday Feast this December. A delicious meal is being planned to bring people together and with the help of many of our community organizations.

We are excited to be partnering with: The Havelock Lions Club, The Belmont Women's Institute, The Havelock Seniors Club, The Havelock Centre, The RCL Legion Branch 389 and The Masons. We wouldn't do it without their generous support.

In addition to a wonderful meal we are also planning to have a Dessert contest and invite community bakers to submit their favourites for the community to vote on!

Event details are being finalized and will keep you posted on what to expect and where to get tickets.

If you would like to help make our events a success through donations or through volunteer opportunities stay tuned to our Facebook page or email at ottleydeb@gmail.com.

COMING SOON – SAVE YOUR TOONIES!

By Larry Pick

Yes! The 21st annual Community Care Toonie Auction is coming soon – Thursday, December 3. Watch for our advertisements. Check our Havelock Community Care Facebook page. This Auction raises significant funds that are used to support the many programs that Havelock Community Care operates for the benefit of seniors and folks who have physical limitations. Combined with the fundraising dollars, dedicated staff and the small army of Volunteers, Community Care makes our community a better place.

The organizers have begun their jobs. The Legion is preparing the menu for lunch. The Auctioneer has been contracted. Ideas for activities to add to the day in support of the Auction are being reviewed and refined with the goal of making the day even more fun.

The Auction is strongly supported by local business. Mary and Kathy will soon begin knocking on doors and calling all possible donors in the area to support the auction. Past attendees will testify that the generous donations from local business make this event possible. Supporting our local business means supporting our local Community Care. Thank you.

Keep an eye out for further information in the coming weeks.

SPORTS

HAWKS HEADLINER

By Keri-lyn Toms

Hockey season is here! As we prepare to skate into another season, I would like to take a minute to extend some heartfelt thanks.

Thanks to all of the local families that continue to support Havelock Minor Hockey. Whether it is by registering your children to play, donating your time-on or off the ice, or even just coming out to home games to cheer on one of our teams. HMH would not be possible without you all. You all are the reason we can continue to place teams within our association and then in turn get the chance to represent our awesome hometown within the League of Eastern Ontario (LEO). Thank you everyone for supporting your local Hawks association!

Thanks to all of our dedicated Bench Staff. We know that it takes much time and commitment to be such an integral part of our hockey community. The time it takes to take part in all of the necessary training—that is mandatory for the job, on and off ice planning, all of this takes time. We wanted to let you all know that we see you and appreciate you. Your hard work, patience, leadership and time is such a wonderful piece of Havelock Minor Hockey.

Thanks to all of our sponsors, near and far! There are so many items and ways that your sponsorship helps to provide for HMH. May it be new custom jerseys, necessary items for our trainers' kits, or just plain old ice time. Your continued support plays a large role in strengthening our association. THANKYOU!

Thanks to the HBM Township for helping to provide the Havelock Community Centre with a brand-new look! We can't wait to welcome everyone back to our hometown rink and show off how great all of the new updates are.

Thanks to the arena staff. Above the obvious mention of keeping and maintaining the ice for us, you all keep the arena ship shape, help to keep our schedules organized, and work hand in hand with us all season long. We truly appreciate everything. Thanks guys!

Thanks to our Executive. They commit their time all year long, not just during the official season. Thanks to all of them for their hard work, dedication and just the drive to provide a place for local families and their children to play hockey.

Lastly a big thanks to the Havelock Legion. The Legion was kind enough to let us use their space to host last seasons year end Hawks award banquet. They have also supported us with a place to gather and meet for our monthly executive meetings, while the arena was under construction. Thanks so much for generously sharing your space with us.

We are certainly excited to hit the ice and see what this year has in store for each of our teams.

Can't wait to see you all at the rink! GO Hawks GO!

SPORTS

A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION: HAVELOCK EXPRESS AWARDS BANQUET 2026

By Madison Smith

As the leaves start to change and summer turns to fall, there is one thing left on the agenda for the 2026 Havelock Express softball season - the Awards Banquet. It's a time when teams come together to celebrate their success and recognize key players. This season there were twelve teams that represented Havelock including: LL teams, rep teams, and three girls only teams, one of which played at the PWSA level! Throughout the season more than seventeen coaching volunteers dedicated their time and energy to teaching, mentoring and developing young athletes leading them to love the sport of softball. Throughout the banquet, medallions, trophies and memorial awards were presented to strong, dedicated young athletes who share a love for softball. Certain players from each team received awards for: most valuable player, most improved player, most versatile player, pitching excellence, best defensive player and/or best offensive player.

The memorial awards section of the evening holds a special place in our hearts honouring the memories of those who have contributed to the sport of baseball and the community in the past, and who made our softball community what it is today. These memorial awards are more than just a trophy, plaque, or medallion; they represent the values, dedication, and passion of the individuals whose legacies we will carry and never forget.

In memory of Doug Menzies, The Golden Glove Award was given to the best overall defensive player of the season. The recipient of this award played a competitive season which included two provincial tournaments. She caught in thirty games. According to the host for the evening, Erin Rodin, "Her confidence, determination and attitude on the field was unmatched" This is why Bree Mechetuk, for a second year in a row, is the recipient of the Golden Glove.

The second memorial award handed out was the Brian Grattan Memorial Pitching Award. This award is given annually in recognition of best overall pitching achievement. It is earned by an individual who shows strength in competitiveness, work ethic, athleticism, mental toughness and intelligence. The recipient of this award showed "tremendous dedication, focus and determination in the pitching circle" this season. He was noted to have worked hard to improve his skills and competed with confidence, never giving up. This year's winner of the Brian Grattan Memorial Pitching Award was Cruz Spooner.

Lastly, the Glen Stokoe Memorial Spirit Award was given to a player who exemplified positivity and who was a model teammate dedicated and committed to the love of the game. This year's recipient demonstrated all those qualities and more. She arrived to every ball practice and game with a smile on her face and lifted everyone's spirits. This year's recipient was Ivy Mumby.

Congratulations to every award winner and player. You should all be proud of yourselves! See you next season at the diamond. Go Express Go!





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RECIPE

HALF HOUR PUDDING

By Kathy Clement

This one got pulled out of the archives!! My mom probably made this at least once a month if not more. There is something to be said about the old recipes. Enjoy warm with some ice cream.

Batter:

1 cup all purpose flour
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 tsp baking powder
½ cup raisins (or a bit more)
½ cup milk

Sauce:

1 cup packed brown sugar
2 cups boiling water
1 tbsp butter or margarine
1 tsp vanilla



Preheat the oven to 350 and grease an 8" square pan or a 2 qt casserole dish (Mom's choice)

Mix the batter in a large bowl in the order given until a thick batter forms. Spoon the batter into the greased baking dish.

Make the sauce:

Combine the boiling water, sugar, margarine and vanilla. Stir gently until mixed and the sugar is dissolved. Gently pour this liquid directly over the batter in the pan. DO NOT STIR

Bake in the oven for approximately 30 minutes or until the top is golden and the surrounding sauce is bubbling. Cool slightly and serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream.



FIND THE MUSIC NOTE:

Find the five music notes in the ads of our supportive advertisers and send your answers to ottleydeb@gmail.com to win a ticket for the ABBA tribute concert at the legion on October 16.



The winner of the basket of goods donated by the Havelock Farmers Market is Pat Zielski.

Jerry DOHERTY

FOR COUNCIL HBM

Approved By Jerry Doherty

BELMONT-METHUEN AND HAVELOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At this time of year we remember our farmers with thanks as they harvest the food crops that feed us through the winter.

Harvesting for the early settlers was a very time consuming job, done entirely by hand. In traditional farming, oats or wheat would be cut by scythe and bundled into "stooks". These sat in the field for several weeks to dry in the sun and wind. This work often occupied the entire community with even the local minister's help.

When ready, the stalks were fed into a threshing machine to separate the grain from the straw. In the 1800's threshers were powered by horse or steam engine. In our more recent picture, Everett Quackenbush is shown with his tractor-powered machine. It cost about \$1,000 new, a huge expense at that time. Mr. Quackenbush farmed this way until the mid to late 1900's.

Please visit us for another look back at farm life in the Havelock area.



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 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 to take place on the property located at 7876 County Road 46.
- Council approved the in-kind request from the HBM Youth Committee to hold their Kids Bingo at the Town Hall on Friday August 28, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Staff indicated that the cost associated with the request from the RCL Havelock Branch 389 for two commemorative walkways would be approximately \$10,000 for each walkway.
- Council approved in principle the request from the Havelock Legion to establish two commemorative walkways in honour of those who have served in the military and directed staff to investigate alternative pricing options to support this request.
- Council approved the sponsorship request from the Marmora Agricultural Society for the Annual Marmora Fair in an amount equal to the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen's previous donation.
- Council requested that the Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board limit conference attendees to a maximum of two board members per conference.
- Council directed staff to contact the Ministry of Transportation requesting that a representative attend an upcoming Council Meeting to discuss the installation of traffic lights at corner of Mary Street and Highway 7, a crosswalk at Township Office across Highway 7, Highway 7 sightlines, and to provide an update on the proposed passing lane at Highway 7 and County Road 50. Councillor Doherty noted that the Cram the Cruiser event was very successful, raising over \$2,000.00.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

- Council approved the recommendation from the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) to award the Request for Quotation for the Havelock Water Tower interior and exterior repairs to Greatario Industrial Storage Systems Ltd. (Greatario) in the amount of \$60,120.00.
- Council approved the partnership proposal from the Havelock and Area Men's Shed in the amount of \$950.00 to purchase materials to support the construction of two accessible picnic tables at Rotary Park.
- Council directed staff to provide the results of the Request for Proposals for the Reconstruction of Vansickle Road to the Municipality of Marmora and Lake and inform the Municipality of Marmora and Lake that the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen would like to proceed with the required work on Vansickle Road as soon as possible.
- Council authorized staff to proceed with the sidewalk repairs as per the quotation from St. Ola Concrete, in the amount of \$18,438.91 and to proceed with the removal of existing sidewalks, and preparation for concrete and backfilling at an estimated \$6,500 in internal cost.
- Council scheduled an event to honour Cameron Spalding for Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 1:00 pm.
- Council directed staff to contact Gaerissen Freeland to discuss a separate event to honour his achievements.
- Council approved the Commercial Lease Agreement with the Havelock Lions Club for the period April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2029.
- Council denied the request from the Celebrate Havelock, Pumpkin Parade and Fire and Ice committees for the purchase of Solar Street Lights for the Mathison Parking Area; and Council directed staff to assist with obtaining temporary lighting for the Havelock Pumpkin Parade; and Council directed staff to investigate the cost to install a power source, permanent lighting, and options to upgrade the parking area at the Mathison Conservation Parking Area; and Council directed staff to invite the Celebrate Havelock Committee to an upcoming council meeting to present their updated financial statements and 2027 budget requests.
- Mayor Martin indicated that it may be beneficial to reduce the Development Charges by 50% to be eligible to apply for grant opportunities.
- Council directed staff to provide a report indicating the advantages and disadvantages of suspending Development Charges within the Township.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE MONTH

By Lorraine Roulston

WASTE REDUCTION MONTH: Beneath your jack o'lanterns stare, there lies a wealth of golden goodness. An easy way to cook a pumpkin is to cut it in half and bake face down. This method allows the thick skin to just peel away.

Pumpkin pies, cookies, and squares make great desserts. Creamy pumpkin soups offer a sturdy lunch. Cooked, it can be substituted in equal parts in winter squash recipes.



H-B-M HAPPENINGS



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OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Township Office will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2026 in observance of Thanksgiving Day. We hope you have a safe and happy Thanksgiving weekend with friends and family!

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Please note all meetings are hybrid, which means they are open to the public within Council Chamber and virtually via zoom. Zoom link can be found on the first page of the Meeting Agenda. All regular meetings will begin at 9:30am.

• **Tuesday, October 6, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting**

• **Tuesday, October 20, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting**

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

BI-ANNUAL LEAF AND YARD COLLECTION:

WEEK A - VILLAGE OF HAVELOCK:

- October 5 to 9, 2026
- October 19 to 23, 2026
- November 2 to 6, 2026
- November 16 to 20, 2026

Please follow the guidelines to ensure your leaf and yard materials are collected:

1. Collect leaves, plants, brush and tree clippings in paper bags or reusable garbage containers with the lids off. Materials in plastic bags will not be collected.
2. Bundle branches no larger than 1m x 30cm (3'x1') Whole trees will not be collected.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:

Fire Prevention Week™ is October 4–10, 2026

"Charge Into Fire Safety™. Safe Charging Is a Superpower" focuses on the everyday charging habits that can help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safer. Along with charging safety tips for adults, NFPA offers kid-focused messaging to help children understand both the power and the potential dangers of lithium-ion batteries. These resources show kids how they can play an active role in staying safe whenever they use or charge devices at home or school. For more information visit <https://www.nfpa.org/events/fire-prevention-week>.

HOW TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION:

Internet and Telephone Voting begins at 10:00am on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

Paper Ballot voting will take place on Monday, October 26, 2026, between 10:00am and 8:00pm in the Council Chamber located within the Municipal Office at 1 Ottawa Street East.

Voter Information Letters containing your Personal Identification Number (PIN) were mailed in late September. You must have a PIN to vote electronically.

IMPORTANT

IMPORTANT 2026 ELECTION INFORMATION:

What is new in the 2026 Municipal Election? The Township has eliminated the ward system so that all council positions are elected at large.

What positions can I vote for in the 2026 election? In 2026, each eligible voter will be able to cast a ballot for the following positions:

Mayor – You may select **one (1)** for the position of Mayor

Deputy Mayor - You may select **one (1)** for the position of Deputy Mayor

Councillor - You may select up to **three (3)** for the position of Councillor

Who is running in the upcoming election?

Position of Mayor: Jim MARTIN,
David SHARPE.

Position of Deputy Mayor: Kathy CLEMENT,
Hart WEBB.

Position of Councillor: Jerry DOHERTY,
Beverly FLAGLER,
Dan GRAHAM,
Stephanie PARRAY,
Bill SEABROOK,
Krista THOMAS,
Paul WOOD,
Richard WOOD.

PUBLIC SKATING:

FREE Public Skating will run every Sunday from 1:00 – 3:00pm and every Tuesday from 4:00 – 5:00pm. Please bring your own skates and we strongly recommend skaters wear a CSA certified helmet. All children under 12-years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Note: There are skate sharpening services on site, \$5.00 per pair.

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** October 5 & 19 from 9:30-10:30am (17 Smith Dr.).

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

Havelock Seniors: **Texas Holdem** October 19 at 6pm.

Havelock Centre: **Youth Night** October 19 at 6:30pm. Bonfire.

Havelock Centre: **PA Day** from 9am-3pm. Pumpkin Party.

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 5pm. Food available.

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).

Town Hall: **The Men's Shed** every Tuesday from 1-4pm.

Havelock Centre: **Ladies Harvest Lunch** October 6 from 11:30-1pm.

Havelock Centre: **Freedom Sessions** October 13, 20 & 27.

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.

Community Care: **Diners Club** October 7, Havelock United Church, 12 noon. \$15.

Historical Society: **Monthly Meeting** October 14. Open every Wed 10am-2pm.

Havelock Seniors: **Monthly Luncheon** October 14.

Havelock Centre: **Kids Club Jr High** every Wed at 6pm.

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** starts 1:30pm.

Havelock Centre: **Playgroup** at 9:30am. October 1, 15 & 22.

Havelock Centre: **Men's Night** at 7pm. October 1 & 15.

THURSDAY CONTINUED...

Havelock Centre: **Walk Trail** at Industrial Park. October 8 at 9:30am.

Havelock Centre: **Park Day** October 29 from 9:30-11:30am.

FRIDAY

The Legion: **Mixed Fun Darts** from 7-10pm. All welcome. (Bring your darts).

The Legion: **Shuffleboard** starts at 1:30pm every Friday.

The Legion: **ABBA Tribute Tickets** in advance at the Legion \$35 at the door \$45 doors open 6:30pm.

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).

Havelock Centre: **Open Mic** October 2 & 16 from 6-8pm.

Havelock Centre: **Second Harvest** October 9 & 23 from 7-9pm.

SATURDAY

Havelock Seniors: **Bid Euchre Tournament** October 3, 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 Judy Faragher 705-740-5243 or 705-778-3728.

The Legion: **Open Cribbage** October 24. Doors open 10:30am start at 12pm (all welcome).

The Legion: **Halloween Haunted House** October 31. Doors open 7pm.

Historical Society: **Drop In** October 24 from 10am-2pm.

Cordova Rec Group: **Kids Halloween Party** October 24 from 11am-2pm.

Havelock Centre: **Light up the Night** Halloween from 6-8pm.

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. The Legion: **The Jammers** perform October 4 from 12-3pm.

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.