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ELMER'S EDITORIAL

Recent news stories about the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team trading or unloading almost all their left handed (southpaw) pitchers got me thinking about the issue of being left handed. When it comes to using a hammer or saw it doesn't matter which hand I use. When one arm gets tired, I simply switch hands. This is considered to be ambidextrous. Learning to print or write at school in the early 1950's was a much different challenge. Teachers did their level best to force me to use my right hand for printing. This forced behaviour led me to print from left to right with my left hand and then switch to my right hand and print from right to left on the next line. My mother told me how this provoked a rare parent teacher conference to discuss my abnormal printing behaviour. At that time most teachers did their level best to force students to write with their right hand. But in a rather rare move it was decided that because of what this policy was doing to my writing style, I would be allowed to use my left hand for printing. When introduced to writing with ink and a straight pen, which when dragged across the page became a big smear of wet ink. This is why so many older southpaws write with a curled up wrist above the line they are writing on. With the invention of ballpoint pens, this is no longer a trait of young people. Close to 90% of humans are oriented to work with their right hand.

However, starting with Ronald Reagan in 1980, the USA has had five left handed presidents. In Canada the only prime minister I could find to be left handed was Joe Clark.

One theory about our orientation toward right handedness suggests that many thousands of years ago when our ancestors lived in trees, we used our right hand to hold the branch or tree limb while we picked fruit or leaves to eat with our left hand. When we came down out of the trees to the forest floor we switched to using our right hand to pick up food etc. Other primates living on the ground have tended to be right handed as well. Whole species which seem to be the exception and are predominantly left handed include parrots, polar bears and orangutans.

While doing research for this article, I started watching our Westie dog when he scratches the glass patio door to get back into the house in the morning. Robbie only uses his left paw. Clearly a southpaw! At HBM level, I can report that all Council and with one exception all of the office staff are right handed.



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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ?

By Paul Stevens

It has been over five years since the first issue of the Havelock Rail appeared in people's mailboxes, in July of 2019. Since then, the paper has done its best to cover the people, businesses, youth, organizations, activities, sports, and notable events of our community. The general feedback from the public has been extremely positive with many people assuring us that they read each issue from cover to cover. That is not to say there haven't been letters to the editor that take exception to the paper's coverage of different topics, but disagreement is part of a communities regular discourse and to be expected. We all have opinions and beliefs. It is part of the strength of a free and democratic society that there will always be different thoughts expressed, and those differences can't be explored without bringing them to the public's attention.

Having said all of that, the paper has been the product of a small number of people. You are bound to see the same names multiple times, over

the course of a year, and that limits the topics that can be covered. This is an invitation to you, the readers to participate to a higher degree. What haven't or don't we cover that we should? We can't hope to cover everything with volunteer writers being limited to 16 pages, and needing the revenue from almost half of that space to pay for printing and mailing costs (You know how much it costs to mail a letter. Multiply that by the more than 2000 copies of the paper that get delivered by the post office and add in the cost of printing.) But given those limitations, what are we missing that you would like to see more of? Could you help us out? Help us out by submitting article ideas and/or writing articles yourself. If you would like to submit article ideas, or articles, send an email with your article idea or the first couple of paragraphs of your article to the editor for consideration. No guarantees, but every submission will be considered very seriously.







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A CELEBRATION AT



By Larry Pick



Turning 50 years old is a big deal. True, many people thrive after hitting fifty and it is no big deal. Five Counties turning 50 next year is a really big deal. Not sure? Just ask one of at least 100 families in HBM how much of an impact Five Counties has made on their lives. Last year there were approximately 100 kids living in our area that received therapy and support from the dedicated staff at the Centre. Projections for this year are for at least that many kids again. Some of the time kids receive treatment in Peterborough or Campbellford or in their school. In most cases the treatment does not end in a "centre". Families take part in the process and learn how to help their kids at home. The Families are an essential part of the overall success of the program. Last year the Centre served 6,100 kids in the region with almost half from Peterborough County and city.

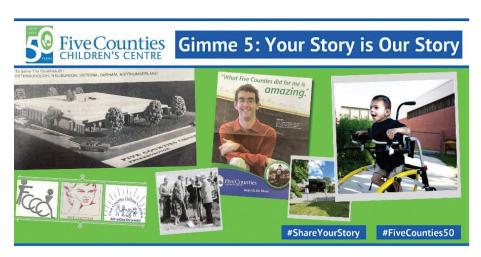
Five Counties has roots, at least partially, in Havelock. In 1970 the Rotary Club of Peterborough decided the development of a children's care centre would be a project to celebrate their club's 50th anniversary. Without hesitation, the Havelock Rotary Club signed on and was a strong supporter of the centre. Nine Rotary clubs in the region worked with The Ontario Ministry of Health to bring the plan to reality. Providing much needed services to kids who needed speech, physio or occupational therapy closer to home was the goal. The original site opened in October 1975 on Dutton Road in Peterborough with sites added over the years in Lindsay, Cobourg, and Minden/Haliburton.

The 50th anniversary celebration will be a year long celebration. Keep watch on the Five Counties web site for updated activities. Over the course of the last 50 years there have literally been thousands of families whose futures were enhanced.

Anyone interested in sharing a Five Counties story can do so by visiting: www.fivecounties.on.ca/50years/ .

If you know someone who could benefit from Five Counties programs, referrals can be made at SmartStart Hub at:

www.fivecounties.on.ca/smart-start-hub/







GETTING READY FOR WINTER AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

By Paul Stevens

The news stories of the damage done by the two hurricanes and subsequent torrential rain that destroyed communities in Florida and southern states in the US late this past September were a graphic reminder of how disaster can come out of nowhere. Thousands of people were displaced and hundreds were killed. The fact that we don't live in the Southern United States doesn't mean we can be complacent. The May 21, 2022 derecho left my wife and I and numerous homes on our street without power for 5 days. Many rural or cottage folk were without electricity for much longer. The 1998 ice storm in Ontario left millions without power, for weeks or even months. I could go on.

The only thing we can be sure of is that we are bound to face outages due to weather again. A wonderful way to get ready is to Google "Be prepared for an emergency Ontario." Google will send you to a page created by Provincial Emergency Management that walks you through the various steps of preparing an emergency plan for dealing with the scenarios most likely to occur in Havelock. By filling in the blanks and answering questions about your location, family members, and circumstances, you will create a printable plan to get organized before something happens. They also provide guidance for creating your personalized emergency kit. I recommend the process to everybody. It walks you through prepping for light, water, food, clothing, communications and medication in an emergency. There are many problems and many solutions, and they are different for different circumstances. Most folks don't have generators, but the vehicle they already have parked in their driveway or garage could provide them with useful amounts of electricity if they connected a power inverter to its' battery and idled it for a couple of hours a day. That goes a long way towards charging phones, LED lanterns and battery banks.

Saving the food in your refrigerator isn't too difficult in winter if you have a couple of foam coolers and containers you can fill with water and freeze outside overnight. Freezers are good for a couple of days especially if you keep a few frozen containers of ice in them.

Senior members of our community often have specific needs that put them at greater risk of harm in a power outage. It might make good sense to ensure they have a plan to move in with family members or close friends for a few days until the power comes back on. Maybe they will need assistance winterizing their home and then going on a trip to get outside of the power loss area.

The township has an emergency plan to deal with different scenarios in an organized fashion. It is linked to the County's Emergency Plan. The County has designated different Resource Centers across the County and is prepared to provide assistance to individuals forced out of their homes. Individuals and families should listen for information from local radio stations and check social media for instructions. They can always call the municipal office for additional details at 705-778-2308.

And let's not forget, we are a community. Neighbours helping neighbours is what we do in Havelock. Talk to friends and community members, and do go through the process of creating your personalized Emergency Plan for your household. This will answer many questions. If you are interested in digging a little deeper, and getting further advice I am going to be asking questions of our local municipal EP management team, the Fire Department, and inviting knowledgeable folks to provide information at a presentation this December. If you are interested in attending, contact me through email pstevens2@gmail.com or text me at 705-931-2223.





SENIORS CLUB ELECTIONS

By Paul Stevens with thanks to Katie Hayward



John Mancini; John "Butch" Wood, Arlene Webster, Marie Fairbanks, Sandra Hugginson, Diane Williams, Linda Weatherbee, Shirley Grills, Orllyn Loney; Barb Robinson.

The Havelock Seniors Club held nominations for their Board of Executives in October. As it turned out, only one person was nominated for each position, so they were all acclaimed positions with no ballots needed. The following are all the members filling those positions and what their job entails.

JOHN MANCINI - President is a signing officer on cheques, shall preside at all Executive and Members Meetings and will represent the club wherever and whenever representation is required.

MELVIN "BUTCH" WOOD - The 1st Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of the President in his/her absence. Is a signing officer on cheques, and also holds the position of Property Chair (maintenance of the building).

ARLENE WEBSTER - The **2nd Vice President** shall assume the responsibilities of the President/1st Vice President in his/her absence. The 2nd Vice President also holds the position of the Bingo Convenor.

MARIE FAIRBANKS - The Secretary shall keep an accurate account of all motions, and proceedings in a proper minute book, will prepare an agenda beforehand for all meetings, and have available copies of the minutes for attendees. She will report on all correspondence for the club. She also helps the Membership Chair.

SANDRA HUGGINSON - The **Treasurer** shall keep an accurate account of all monies received or spent and shall report these to the membership and shall, sign on all cheques The treasurer will arrange for an audit of his/her books at the end of each club year by the person approved at the Annual General Meeting.

DIANE WILLIAMS - The **Membership Chair** will keep an accurate record of all members including addresses, phone numbers and email when

available, shall keep a record of all dues or monies received, and issue receipts and membership cards.

LINDA WEATHERBEE - 1st Director, SHIRLEY GRILLS - 2nd Director, ORLLYN LONEY - 3rd Director, BARB ROBINSON - 4th Director.

The Havelock Seniors Club also has many other committee and chair positions.

BUTCH WOODS - Property Chair, LINDA WEATHERBEE - Kitchen Convenor, MARIE MEADES - Fundraiser Chair, DIANE WILLIAMS - Telephone Convenor, HELEN FALCONER - Sunshine Convenor.

The Havelock Seniors Club has many weekly programs/activities such as chair yoga, line dancing, euchre, bid euchre and bingo, they also have special events and presentations happening throughout the month.

They will have their second session of the Diabetes Presentation on Monday December 2nd at 2pm which will focus on diet and nutrition. This is a free presentation being offered by the Campbellford Memorial Hospital's Diabetes Education Program.

The club will be taking a bus trip to the Stirling Festival Theatre on Friday December 6th to see the show "Cinderella Stuck in a Hallmark". The trip filled very quickly. The club is looking forward to planning more bus trips in the future.

The Havelock Senior Club is accepting non-perishable food donations that will be donated between The Havelock Centre's Second Harvest Program, The Havelock Food Bank and Warkworth Hospice.

For more info on our program/activities and social events please follow us on Facebook at Havelock Community (Seniors) Club, give us a call at 705-778-2386 or email us at hbmseniorsprograms@gmail.com.







CORDOVA CORNER NEWS

By Laurie Deshane

The Cordova Mines Recreation Association (CMRA) held their elections last month (they occur every two years). A new board was voted in and they are as follows: Lisa Howie, President; Amanda Maloney, Vice-President; Nancy Grozelle, Treasurer; and Irene Gough as Secretary. The Directors are Megan Haines and Shelley Draper. Let's welcome the new Board!

The CMRA has accomplished so much in the past two years. This year, the volunteers worked very hard with a whirlwind of great events at the Cordova Community Centre. There were delicious home-cooked dinners, a huge BBQ for the July 1st Picnic; Classic Car Show; Halloween parties for both kids and adults; Santa Claus Parade and Santa at the Centre with Chilli; Chilli Cook-offs and so much more. It was a fun and very successful year for the CMRA. All of this is achieved by local volunteers and the community supporting these events. Everyone deserves a huge shoutout; but especially the volunteers who put it all together! We look forward to next year's exciting events! Contact them on FaceBook to keep up to date with upcoming news.



The CMRA are having a Christmas Raffle! There are some great prizes to be won. 1st Prize will be a Basket of Cheer, 2nd place gets you a \$250.00 Visa Gift Card and 3rd, you win a \$100.00 Visa Gift Card. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Contact cordovaminesrec@gmail.com or any CMRA member for purchase. There will only be 500 tickets sold; so get them soon. Draw Date is: Friday December 20. Winners will be announced on FaceBook.



The Cordova Mines United Church will be having their Christmas Festival of Readings and Carols on Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 pm. There will be refreshments and Good will offering afterwards. Everyone

is welcome to come and join them for an evening of song and readings.

In 1952, the Peterborough Examiner wrote an article about commuting. They did some surveys of the major companies in the city of Peterborough and found that at least one of every 10 workers is a commuter. Workers commuted by bus and car; and some even hitchhiked to get to their workplace from the County. In those days, Peterborough was a commuter's paradise as most city residents had cottages at one of the many lakes in the area. They needed to get back and forth each day.







Well, Carman Hamilton was a partner in a Lansdowne Street garage in Peterborough. He was a very kind and generous man, with ingenuity. He had a House on McGill Street but he knew several men living in Cordova who were struggling to commute. So he sold his house, moved to Cordova, bought a suburban station wagon with accommodation for 10; and started his commuter service. And he was proud of the fact that he was only late three times in five years. He delivered his passengers to GE, Canada Packers, Peterborough Canoe Co and DeLaval. Now that is an extremely selfless act indeed!

Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

CEMETERY EVOLUTION

By Larry Pick

Two or three centuries ago we buried our family members by wrapping their remains in a natural shroud and burying them directly into the ground. The ground was typically in a corner of our property or, as towns and cities developed, in a section of a meadow designated as a burial ground.

Today burial grounds have been typically used as the last resting places for casket burials. Over the past 2 or 3 decades these burial grounds have evolved to include sections for cremated remains. Popularity of cremation has increased due, in most cases, to environmental and financial concerns. Within the last three or four decades a casket burial plot has increased in cost from a few hundred dollars to thousands of dollars in some areas.

At some point in our lives, we must decide what happens to our bodies when we "leave this world" – casket burial, cremation (three different cremation types), or natural burial.

The primary cemetery for HBM is Maple Grove Cemetery on County Road 30 just south of town. The largest portion of the cemetery is used for casket burials. Within the last 20 years sections were added for in ground cremation burials and about 10 years ago columbarium burials were added.

Within the last three years, the Cemetery Board planned and added a natural burial site with 80 burial plots, in the northwest corner of the cemetery. This fall the Board began planning for future expansion of the Natural burial area to include up to three more similarly sized plots. Plans will include the creation of a "meadow" environment with natural trees, flowering shrubs, and wildflowers and a meandering path mowed through the area.

For more about Natural Burials please check out sites such as naturalburialassociation.ca

THE AMERICAN DREAM IS... A DREAM

By Todd Buchanan

The American Presidential election was a sound drubbing. Despite reports that it was too close to call, a toss-up, within the margin of error. It got late early, and by 11:00pm EST it was over. No drawn out unknown, no time for wildfire conspiracies to scorch social media, just a sound and concise decision.

How could the polls be so wrong? In 2016, the Democratic candidate, projected to win by a landslide, lost, badly. Results dismissed by the perception that pollsters underestimated the base support of the Republican candidate. Maybe.

There is another more plausible explanation. That the US Presidential election was a reminder. That the American Dream, the idea that everyone has the freedom to achieve success, equally, is and always has been a dream. A scapegoat, to keep the unsuccessful and the oppressed in a state where the reasons why not, are them, and not because of a system that is tilted. Voting for a female President. Many men would have told you, to your face, they would vote for a woman. What people tell you they will do, and the actions they fulfill, produce much different outcomes. There are women, who also, would conduct themselves similarly.

The outcome of the 2024 Presidential election was not solely decided by gender, but if you think it was not a pivotal factor, you would have to be dreaming.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE MONTH By Larraine Roulston CHRISTMAS ECO TRAVEL TIPS: Whether it's visiting out-of-town relatives or experiencing a Christmas get-away, 'Are We There Yet?: Traveling More Responsibly with Your Children' is a recent guide to help you be gentler on the planet. For example: At hotels, occasionally place the 'Do Not Disturb' sign when you go out so that housekeeping won't clean your room that day.

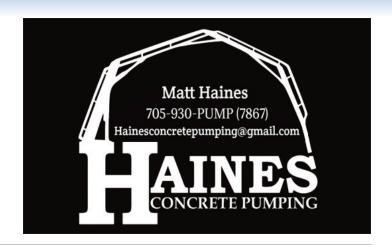


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MILLTOWN MINI GOLF: MAKING MOVES - A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS

By Cherie Semlitch

After 39 years of creating joyful memories in Peterborough, Milltown Mini Golf and Family Fun Park is embarking on an exciting new adventure! While the original location may be closing its doors, the spirit of Milltown is far from fading away. Instead, it's making a grand move to Havelock, where it will find a new home at The Cottage, set to unveil in Spring 2025.

A LEGACY OF LAUGHTER FINDS A NEW HOME

Barry and Linda Cross, the beloved owners of Milltown Mini Golf, have spent nearly four decades crafting a haven of family fun and unforgettable experiences. As they prepare for their well-deserved retirement in beautiful British Columbia, their legacy is set to live on in a thrilling new chapter.

In a seamless transition, Chad Matthews and his skilled crew from Matthews Excavating have begun the careful process of relocating Milltown's cherished attractions to The Cottage in Havelock. This isn't a goodbye – it's a "see you soon" as the beloved mini-golf features make their way to east, ready to delight a whole new generation of families.

THE COTTAGE: WHERE NOSTALGIA MEETS NEW ADVENTURES

The Cottage in Havelock is buzzing with excitement as it prepares to welcome Milltown's iconic attractions. This move promises to blend the best of both worlds – the cherished nostalgia of Milltown with the energy of The Cottage.

Cherie Semlitch and Chad Matthews, owners of The Cottage have fond memories of playing mini-golf at Milltown during their high school years, recently enjoyed one last round before acquiring the Fun Park Attractions. Their personal connection to Milltown adds a touching dimension to this transition, ensuring that the park's spirit will be lovingly preserved and enhanced.

A COMMUNITY UNITED IN CELEBRATION

As news of this exciting move spreads, the community has rallied around both locations. In Peterborough, loyal customers flocked to Milltown for one last putt, sharing heartwarming stories and expressing gratitude for the countless memories made over the years. Meanwhile, in Havelock, anticipation builds as residents eagerly await the arrival of these beloved attractions.

LOOKING AHEAD: SPRING 2025 AND BEYOND

The grand unveiling at The Cottage in Spring 2025 promises to be a spectacular event. While some of the classic charm of Milltown will be preserved, visitors can also look forward to exciting new features that will make the reimagined fun park a must-visit destination for families across the region.

Barry and Linda's retirement may mark the end of an era in Peterborough, but it also heralds the beginning of a new one in Havelock. Their legacy of laughter, family bonding, and community spirit will continue to inspire and delight for generations to come.

As we bid a fond farewell to Milltown Mini Golf in its original location, we eagerly anticipate its rebirth at The Cottage. This isn't just a relocation; it's a renaissance – a testament to the enduring power of family fun and the unbreakable bonds of community.

Stay tuned for updates as The Cottage prepares to breathe new life into the attractions of Milltown Mini Golf. The putters may be packed away in Peterborough, but in Havelock, they're just waiting to be swung once more. Milltown isn't just moving – it's evolving, growing, and promising even more laughter and memories in the years to come!



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THE STORY OF THE HOLIDAY POINSETTIA

By Kathy Reid, Norwood and District Horticultural Society

As the Holiday Season approaches local retailers will be featuring the poinsettia (Euphorbia pulcherrima) as a favorite Christmas potted plant. The brilliant red bracts make a joyful addition to home decorations.

The vibrant plants are native to the rocky canyons of Guatemala and Mexico. Poinsettias were cultivated by the Mayans and Aztecs, who valued the red bracts (that look like but are not actually flowers) as a colorful, reddish-purple fabric dye, and the sap for medicinal qualities. The poinsettia was first associated with Christmas in southern Mexico in the 17th century, when monks used the colorful plant to adorn nativity scenes. In the early 1820's the plants were introduced to the United States by Joel Roberts Poinsett and became known as poinsettias.

Today, poinsettias are available a variety of colors, including red, as well as pink, mauve, and ivory and are easily incorporated into Christmas floral arrangements. To keep your poinsettia thriving, place it a semi-cool, humid location in bright, indirect light with plenty of moisture, avoiding over-watering which can cause root rot. If you want to keep your plant growing beyond Christmas, well, that's a topic for another day!

The Norwood and District Horticultural Society wishes you and your family a joyful Holiday Season. The 2025 program of guest speakers and special events begins on Tuesday, January 14th and members and guests are welcome to attend at the Royal Canadian Legion in downtown Norwood. Happy Holidays!



LIBRARY NEWS By Nancy Law, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Public Library

It's December again and the Haveloick and Cordova Libraries are reminiscing about the last year. Besides the usual Library business (books, computers, photocopying, and faxing) we have hosted numerous events. This past year we had the Birds of Prey, Washboard Hank and the National Touring Museum with their Discovering Dinosaurs. The libraries also host a very popular book club and have a successful knitting/crocheting club which donate items to be sold at our annual Book and Craft Sale with the proceeds from their items going to the Havelock Food Bank. There are always book sales going on where you can grab a book or two to take away on your vacation. This summer we had the TD Summer Reading Program again and had a couple of teaching how to knit programs. Also we had a homeschool community doing an educational craft monthly.

For your reading pleasure we have the new Louise Penny The Grey Wolf and Lee Child's In Too Deep, plus other favourites like James Patterson, Tammy Hoag and for the younger readers Jeff Kinney.

We would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and don't forget to check out our webpage at www. hbmlibrary.on.ca or the Havelock and Cordova Library Facebook page for a list of new books or activities that are upcoming and our holiday hours or just pop into either branch to find out.

SPORTS

HAVELOCK HAWKS HEADLINER

By Keri-lyn Toms











NORWOOD LEGION POPPY SALES

By Brooke Wrightly

Bruce Fallis is an 11 year old, Havelock Scout. He has been helping the Norwood Legion with Poppy Sales for the past 3 years. The Legion is finding it more difficult to get poppy sellers each year, but Bruce says, "I am doing the right thing to honour our veterans and those who didn't get to come home". Bruce volunteers beside his gramma, Dorothy Fallis.

This year on Nov. 2nd, the Legion recognized Bruce with a certificate of appreciation and Dorothy with a meritorious service award. It is wonderful to see your local youth performing community service. Thank you Bruce.





This past year, our food banks have faced unprecedented demand. If you are able, please consider donating to help those in need this holiday season.

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RECIPE

CRANBERRY BAKED BRIE

By Brooke Wrightly

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1/4 tsp. cracked black pepper
- 2. 2-inch strips orange peel, plus orange zest for serving
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme, plus more for serving
- 1 8-oz. wheel Brie or Camembert
- 2 to 3 tbsp. deeply roasted almonds, roughly chopped
- · Crackers and sliced baguette, for serving

Heat oven to 350°F. In small saucepan, combine honey, cranberries, pepper, orange peel, and thyme and bring to a simmer; simmer, stirring occasionally and lightly smashing cranberries, until cranberries have softened and syrup slightly thickens, 2 to 3 minutes. Discard orange peel and thyme, transfer to bowl, and let cool 10 minutes

Place Brie in 6-inch cast-iron skillet. Spoon cranberry syrup on top and bake until cheese is soft, 7 to 9 minutes. Top with almonds, additional thyme, and orange zest if desired. Serve with crackers and sliced baquette.

COLOURING CONTEST

Children age 2-6 and 7-12 are welcomed to enter. Colouring pages and deadlines can be found at the Havelock Rail Colouring Contest Page on Facebook. Winners will be posted in the Havelock Rail. We have decided to limit to 6 contests per year.

THESE HOLIDAYS: EASTER, MOTHER'S DAY, FATHER'S DAY, HALLOWEEN, CHRISTMAS, AND VALENTINE'S DAY.





Elliott Weatherup, age 4



Chloe Keating, age 8



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BELMONT-METHUEN AND HAVELOCK **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

By Marg Harris



As we go through these final weeks of the old year we reflect both on what we've done and what we plan to tackle next. For members of the Historical Society, we want to begin by saying thanks - to the friends in the community who supported our summer BBQ fundraiser to the many who enjoyed our "Walk Down Memory Lane" in

September - and to all those who helped us organise a number of really interesting visits to the schools, some back in the spring and several recently in the past few weeks of November.

Our members now meet monthly in the basement of the library. In the new year, we invite any interested community residents to join us. These meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month from 10:30 until noon, beginning January 8, 2025. Let us know what historical interests you have and perhaps even join our efforts here.

As winter closes in and the holiday season approaches, the members of the Belmont Methuen and Havelock Historical Society wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. We look forward to a fresh start in January and hope that some of you will join us on that journey.

COUNCIL CORNER

By Donellda Fraser

Meetings held on November 5 and 19, 2024.

- Delegation from TD Bank, Mark Rundle from Kingston, gave a lengthy explanation of the Payment Processing Time that TD Bank has put into place. He explained that If the Township's date for payment for taxes occurs on a holiday the money is taken out of the person's account but it will not be credited to HBM Township account until the next actual business day. He noted that September 30, 2024 was a scheduled bank holiday, so monies taken out of a person's account didn'tt get credited to HBM account until the next business day.
- Delegation Byron Tan from Watson & Associates Economics Ltd. He did an educational workshop on Developmental Charges to the Council. Developmental charges are associated with building, roads in which there are 19 areas that are eligible services for these charges. However this township at present only uses services related to highway, Fire Department, Library and Parks and Recreation. At present waste water development is being looked at with Aqua. He Informed Council of changes in Bills that have been passed since 2019 to the present year. He also stated that if a By-Law is put into place all 19 areas could be accessed. The by-law would be for between 5-10 years.
- Josh Storie, Parks and Recreation informed council that there have been a few concerns about site lines at the Patterson Park corner of George and Oak St., when stopped at the t stop sign. Council suggested that grass be trimmed back and that an alternate plan be considered for next spring.
- Bob Angione CAO/Clerk gave a brief statement regarding the final document for the Strategic Plan to be adopted. Deputy Mayor Webb asked if it could be posted to the website. The response was it will indeed be on the website.
- Bob Angione CA0/Clerk, informing council that a letter has been received from the Belmont Methuen-Havelock Historical Society. Informing council of their displeasure on how they have handled things by giving them permission to use the downstairs of the library and giving the library the same permission. Suggestion made that a formal agreement be done for the sharing of the downstairs between the Historical Society and the Library that both parties agree on.
- During the closed meeting a motion was made concerning the people who paid taxes on September 30, 2024 and got a late payment charge. Up date on November 19th meeting that a selected number of 297 people receive a credit back. Motion Passed when council resumed open council.
- Pat Schick of JewelEngineering Inc., Re George St. Decorative Lighting. Suggestions of removal of overhead wires, which would clean up the area. Suggestions such as decorative lighting, interlocking brick etc. He stated that it will involve Hydro, East Link and any other companies with wiring on George St. Preliminary designs would take approximately 2-3 months. Added cost of this project would be 50% shared, with Havelock's portion being in the vicinity of 1.5 million dollars.
- All Council meetings may be viewed on You tube. Next Meeting December 3, 2024 at 9:30 am.



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Please note this was sent to publication as of November 21st, 2024

OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Township Office will be closed from Tuesday, December 23rd, 2024, at 12:00pm (noon) and will reopen Thursday, January 2nd, 2025, at 8:30am.

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.

- Tues. Dec. 3, 2024 @ 9:30am Regular Council Meeting
- Tues. Dec. 17, 2024 @ 9:30am Regular Council Meeting

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

PARKS, RECREATION, & FACILITIES:

Skate Sharpening \$5, Hockey Tape: \$3 (Black, White & Clear)

Public Skating Schedule

- Sundays from 1 to 2pm
- · Wednesdays from 1 to 5pm

Holiday Skating & Puck N Stick

December 23rd, 27th, 30th, January 2nd and 3rd

- Family Skate 10am to 12pm
- Stick 'n' Puck 12pm to 1pm

Holiday Skating Sponsorship Opportunity

Support your local community and gain great business exposure by sponsoring one or more scheduled Holiday Family Skating sessions. To sponsor, contact Josh Storey, Supervisor, Parks, Recreation, and Facilities at jstorey@hbmtwp.ca or call 705-778-2891.

WINTER MAINTENANCE - NOTICE:

BY-LAW 2024 - 033 - No overnight parking is permitted on Village streets from November 1st to April 15th between the hours of 10pm - 7am. Vehicles in violation will be ticketed, and/or towed.

VILLAGE GARBAGE & RECYCLING:

NO CHANGES TO CURBSIDE RECYCLING

GARBAGE PICKUP

- Thursday, December 26th collection moves to Friday, December 27th
- Thursday, January 2nd collection moves to Friday, January 3rd

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

6th Line

- Open Tuesday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 31st half-day from 9am to 12pm

West Kosh, Oak Lake, Jack Lake

- Open Sunday, December 22nd, 2024, standard 'Winter Hours'
- Open Sunday, December 29th, 2024, standard 'Winter Hours'

All Transfer Stations Closed

- Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day

BUILDING SERVICES & SEPTIC AUTHORITY:

As of November 17, 2024, Peterborough Public Health (PPH) is no longer overseeing the delivery of septic permit services. Effective immediately, the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen has authority over septic system services. Please note detailed information and resources are available on the township website, such as:

- · When a permit is needed
- Installing your septic system
- · Existing septic systems review
- · Resources for designers and installer
- Resources for property owners
- Septic systems application for permit (Cloudpermit)
- Permit fees

This information is available at https://www.hbmtwp.ca/doing-business/sewage-systems/. For further information, contact the Municipal Office at 705-778-2308.

HBM HIGHWAYS - ATV ACCESS IS PROHIBITED:

As per By-Law 2024 – 024, Off-Road Vehicles (ATVs) are not permitted on HBM municipal highways from December 1st to March 31st annually. Any person who contravenes the provisions of By-Law 2024 – 024 is guilty of an offence and on conviction, where a fine for the contravention is not otherwise provided under the Highway Traffic Act, is liable to a fine under the Administrative Monetary Penalty (AMP) By-law 2023 - 085. The complete Off-Road Vehicles By-Law 2024 – 024 is available on the township's website at www.hbmtwp.ca.

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: Blood Pressure Clinic December 2 & 16, 9:30-10:30am.

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Community Care: Zoom Exercises please contact CC at www.zoom.us or call the office.

Havelock Seniors: Chair Yoga December 2, 9 & 16, 11am-12pm. \$2.

Havelock Seniors: Free Diabetes Presentatation December 2 at 2pm.

Havelock United Church: Christmas Eve Service at 7pm.

TUESDAY

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

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

Community Care: Zoom Exercises please contact CC at www.zoom.us or call the office.

Havelock Seniors: Regular Euchre December 3, 10 & 17 from 7-9pm (bring a snack to share).

Havelock Centre: Laugh N Learn Playgroup every Tuesday, 9:30-11:30am. Snacks & coffee provided. (30 George St).

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 to 12:15pm.

Havelock Centre: TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) 6:30-8pm

(George & Orange St.).

Community Care: Zoom Exercises please contact CC at www.zoom.us

or call the office.

Cordova Community Centre: Yoga every Wednesday, 6:30-8pm. \$20. Please

call or text 705-760-1296 to ensure that a class is running.

Community Care: Diners Club December 4 at the United Church. \$14pp.

Havelock Seniors: Line Dancing December 4, 11 & 18 from 6:30-7:30pm.

Cordova United Church: Carol Service December 18 at 7pm with a light refreshments after.

THURSDAY

Havelock Seniors: Chair Yoga from 11am-12pm. \$3.

Havelock Seniors: Bid Euchre December 5, 12 & 19 at 1pm (doors open at

12:30) \$5.

Community Care: Zoom Exercises please contact CC at www.zoom.us or call the office.

THURSDAY CONTINUED...

Havelock Centre: Career Edge Hub 9am-12pm, free drop in employment counselling & services.

Havelock Centre: Men's Night at 7pm every Thursday (discussion group with

snacks).

The Legion: Dart Warriors every Thursday from 7-10pm. Everyone welcome.

FRIDAY

The Legion: Mixed Fun Darts from 7-10pm. All welcome.
The Legion: Shuffleboard from 1-3pm. Everyone welcome.

Havelock Centre: Open Mic Music Night 1st & 3rd Fridays at 6pm. Any questions

please call Rolf at 705-875-8018.

Havelock Centre: Second Harvest Food Program 2nd & 4th Friday 10-11am.

Havelock Seniors: Line Dancing Level 1 December 6, 13 & 20 from 10-11am.

SATURDAY

Havelock Seniors: Bid Euchre Tournament December 7, doors open at 11:30am and food is available S.

The Legion: opens at 1pm and **Meat Draw** at 3pm (8 Ottawa St.). Call Judy 705-740-5243 for rentals.

The Legion: Ham/Turkey Draw and Chili Cook-off December 14 at 3pm. **The Legion: The P.J. Hill Memorial Dart Tournament** December 7. Everyone welcome, sign up at 9am, play begins at 10am. Four person teams.

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. Christmas Bingo December 1 (no bingo on December 22).

SUNDAY - CHURCH SERVICES

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

Havelock Fellowship Baptist Church 10:30am.

Havelock & Trent River United Church 10am (Havelock).

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

Cordova United Church 9:30am every Sunday.

Knox Presbyterian Church 11am-12pm.