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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 100 YEARS - JULY 17, 1926

By Kathy Clement

After months of preparation, the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Services League was formally incorporated by a Special Act of Parliament on July 17, 1926—now celebrated as the Legion’s official anniversary. Incorporation gave the Legion a permanent foundation to expand Veteran support programs, lead Remembrance initiatives, establish branches nationwide, advocate for Veterans’ rights, and coordinate national efforts like the Poppy campaign.

The Canadian Legion began lobbying the federal government for better health care for Veterans—especially those living with service-related wounds and illnesses. Its advocacy emphasized the urgent need for specialized Veterans’ hospitals to provide proper treatment and rehabilitation. In response, a network of hospitals was gradually established across Canada throughout the late 1920s and 1930s. The Legion’s sustained efforts directly influenced federal policy and laid the groundwork for the creation of Veterans Affairs Canada in 1944, which later unified health care benefits, and support for Veterans under one department.

As Canada entered the Second World War, the Legion supported the war effort through recreation, libraries, chaplaincy, and comfort services for millions of troops. Postwar, it helped implement the Canadian Veterans’ Charter, expanded into community service, launched youth programs such as national track and field initiatives, and grew its membership—ensuring ongoing support for Veterans and lasting engagement with Canadian communities.

Please visit their site for the complete history.

<https://www.legion.ca/ourstory/>

Havelock RCL Branch 389 was established by Charter in 1937, serving as a vital hub for Veterans, their families and local residents.

This branch is a vibrant hub of local activities and community service. They are heavily involved in the annual Poppy Campaign they regularly host community gatherings and events. Please see The Rail Calendar to follow the events or their Facebook Page.

A very warm thank you to our veterans.

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ELMER'S EDITORIAL

Some people do not give a second thought to how or where they spend money. Others weigh the options and boycott spending related to a specific enterprise or country of origin.

Recent boycotts of American booze and vacations may eventually modify the tariffs inflicted on Canadian products by a fickle American President. As members of Congress face growing concerns regarding reduced trade, boycotts will have a positive impact on trade policies and illegal tariffs will be dropped.

In the past boycotts have been successful. In February 1960 a boycott of South African products was launched in an effort to end the cruel apartheid system. It was a long vicious campaign with many lives lost but in 1990, Nelson Mandela was released after 20 years in prison and the first democratic elections were held in April 1994. It started with a consumer boycott and was a long battle but in the end it was successful.

As our aluminium, steel and softwood lumber industries are battered by American tariffs, the patriotic consideration is to check the label for country of origin before making a purchase.

With regard to spending decisions in the Greater Havelock Area, I would encourage people to seek out and support the advertisers who provide the necessary funds to bring you the Havelock Rail.

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ONTARIO CORPS

By Paul Stevens

Did you know that the province expects you to be responsible for your own safety, preparedness, and well-being for at least 72 hours in the event of an emergency.”

As all of us know conditions can change over a relatively short time span. A lot of Havelock residents have had to deal with weather related power outages of up to 4 or 5 days due to ice storms, or wind storms over the last 10 years. While not as bad as the January 1998 ice storm, any power outage can have a major impact. And if you or your community is not prepared, individual suffering is going to occur. Each individual or family is going to have a different level of preparedness. The impact is going to depend on age, health financial situation and location.

The Ontario government has taken steps to improve the ability of communities to deal with major emergencies that can impact communities and is now actively encouraging citizens to join the Ontario Corps, a group of skilled professionals and trained volunteers that the province can deploy to help communities deal with natural disasters or other emergencies. Announcement by the Ontario Government

Toronto, Ontario – July 21, 2025

The Ontario government is investing \$10 million in emergency preparedness grants to strengthen the response capabilities of Ontario Corps partners around the province and ensure they can get boots on the ground quickly in case of an emergency. This funding is part of the government’s plan to protect Ontario by ensuring communities are better prepared to respond to local emergencies

The Ontario Corps provides online training and the infrastructure to deal with various emergencies. The province has procured flood mitigation barriers, drones, water pumps, chain saws, air purifiers and other supplies communities may need

The Ontario Corp Portal) is open to Ontario residents aged 16+: <https://www.corps.ontario.ca/>

It goes without saying that the more volunteers that are available, the more quickly and effectively an emergency may be dealt with.

If you are looking to volunteer in something that can have a positive impact on our community this just might be what you are looking for. I would encourage you to check it out.

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IT'S "PLASTIC FREE JULY"

By Laurie Deshane

Remember the headlines in June: "FIFA World Cup bans WATER BOTTLES and/or WATER CONTAINERS in the stadium". The city residents quickly reacted with anger and outrage; and with this outpouring the organization modified their decision to allow one water bottle per person.

Re-usable water bottles are not only the trend, but are necessary. There are large ones, small ones, some with handles, some without; there are buckle straps; lids that screw; lids that pop; glass, metal and more; different colours too. There is definitely one out there for you.

July is "Plastic Free July", encouraging you to choose alternatives to plastic, bags, bottles, straws and packaging, by not only reducing, but refusing, as well. This campaign began in 2011 in Western Australia and has grown into a worldwide initiative with over 170 million participants in 190 countries. This is HUGE!

It is now a **global movement that encourages people to reduce or refuse single use plastics throughout the month of July**, helping create cleaner communities, healthier oceans, and hopefully, long term sustainable habits.

The goal is simple: to reduce plastic waste in landfills and waterways; by acquiring long-lasting habits. This protects our wildlife and our ecosystems. Every small change matters, as it all adds up to a significant collective impact.

Take the **Plastic Free July Challenge!** Plastic Free July runs from July 1 to July 31: Cities, schools, nonprofits, and local organizations across Ontario run events, challenges and education campaigns. Check your local events calendar.

Try swapping out single use items with sustainable alternatives: Reusable containers are a great option for lunches; leftovers, picnics and snacks.

Some practical tips for swaps are reusable mugs, beeswax wraps, and bamboo toothbrushes. Remember the "5 R's" "**Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot**". Join in your local community clean up or start one of your own. Encourage your workplace to take on these initiatives too.

Teaching your kids earth-friendly habits when they are young instills good recyclable habits for years to come. Give them some hands-on activities to help them learn in a fun way: **make a squirrel feeder**: using egg cartons, plastic, and cardboard or an **egg-carton caterpillar**; or a **milk carton bird feeder**; recycled flower planter and **water bottle bubble blowers**, to name a few. Take cereal boxes and make them into puzzles. The reusable list is unlimited with imagination and style.

Let your kids decorate **homemade recycling bins** to make it personal. **Waste-Free Lunch:** Teaching your children not to waste food is very important. Kids often throw away food so discuss with your child the impact of waste and take the time to pack a lunch that is going to be eaten.

Donate, Donate, Donate: Bring old coats and clothes that don't fit your kids anymore to a local clothing drive. This is a great way to give back to the community and recycle.



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TOUCHDOWN JULY 2026:

ENTREPRENEUR EXPANDS HIS SERVICE TO HBM FINANCIALLY TROUBLED HOMEOWNERS

By Harmen Boersma

People have life dreams based on their interests and skills. Ian has his own dream that is still developing. He lived with his spouse, Tanya, and two young daughters in Whitby, ON before they had purchased a ready-for-renovation cottage on Belmont Lake. Ian has a broad knowledge of construction and is not afraid to “swing a hammer.” They decided to upgrade it with the reno to four seasons use.

Ian has a registered business that allows him to provide real estate and home renovations, usually both together, for clients that find themselves restricted in their homeownership. Or as Ian puts it: “Save people with my money out of a bad situation.” In the end both the entrepreneur and the homeowner are financially and socially benefiting.

For several years Ian was a member of REIN (Real Estate Investment Network) and provided workshops on his practice at regional and national gatherings. He authored three books, in 2012, 2015 and 2026, which demonstrate an increased effectiveness at his service to benefit

his clients. He has appeared on tv shows multiple times. He initiated an online school to train more people how to walk beside financially troubled homeowners.

The current national housing crisis needs innovative entrepreneurial approaches to “Hack the Housing Market” as Ian puts it in his most recent publication.

Understandably, Ian did not move to the cottage on Belmont Lake to throw up his feet, barbeque hamburgers or boat with family and friends on weekends as a welcome break from office or factory work week.

He still owns his home in Whitby and continues to provide his services in both locations. He is busier than ever sharpening his construction, real estate, financial and investing skills using them to turn troubled home ownership into profitable solutions for his clients. Ian and his family love the slower pace in the HBM rural municipality.



PHOTOGRAPHER'S CORNER

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



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A DAY OF DISCOVERY WITH NATURE NANCY



We were excited to welcome Nature Nancy to our school! She provided our kindergarten students with engaging, hands-on outdoor learning experiences that sparked curiosity and a love for nature.

At Havelock School, we are incredibly fortunate to have access to the nearby Mathison property. This beautiful natural space offers a rich environment for exploration, discovery, and meaningful learning beyond the classroom walls.

Nature Nancy spent time with both of our kindergarten classes, guiding them through interactive activities that deepened their understanding of the natural world. This valuable programming is made possible thanks

to the ongoing support of our School Council. We are truly grateful for their commitment to enriching student learning.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS EXPLORE “PARENTS IN THE WORKFORCE”



This spring, our kindergarten classrooms were filled with curiosity, excitement, and hands-on learning as we welcomed a variety of parents and community members to share their careers as part of our Parents in the Workforce initiative.

Throughout March and April, families were invited into our classrooms to give short presentations about their professions. Each visit offered students a meaningful glimpse into the world of work, helping them understand the many roles people play in our community and the different pathways they can take in the future.

We were fortunate to host a number of engaging presenters. Stephen McKellar - Powerline Technician (Journeyman) and Tatum Miles - Powerline Technician Apprentice from Hydro One introduced students to the important work involved in keeping our energy systems running safely and efficiently. Kirsty Dunk - Senior Operations Technician - Ferris Provincial Park shared her experiences caring for natural spaces and protecting wildlife, sparking conversations about environmental stewardship.

Students were also excited to learn from Josh Vettor, an Animal Welfare Inspector with the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes. His visit highlighted the importance of caring for animals and ensuring their safety and well-being in our communities.

In addition, we welcomed Cora Murphy a dental assistant, who helped students understand how we care for our teeth and what happens during a visit to the dentist. Emily and Blair Cosgrove also shared their unique careers as a psychotherapist and a plumber, giving students insight into both helping professions and skilled trades. Each presenter brought something special; whether it was tools, stories, photos, or demonstrations, making the experience interactive and memorable for our young learners. Students learned about job responsibilities, education pathways, and even had the chance to see real-life skills in action.

This initiative not only enriched our classroom learning but also strengthened the connection between home and school. We are grateful to all of the parents and community members who took the time to share their knowledge and experiences. Their contributions helped inspire our students and broaden their understanding of the world around them.

POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE TEAM BUILDS STUDENT VOICE AND BELONGING



At HBPS, our Positive School Climate Team plays a vital role in fostering a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all students. The team includes our principal, Mr. Huffman; staff members Mr. Swift and Ms. Kat Kinzinger; Lions Club President Sue Pierce; Parent Representative Kirsten Matheson, and Student Representatives Dylan Toms, Nations Hill, Evelyn Demille, Silas Gerow, Sawyer Cafik, and Kaelie Chard.

Together, this group provides students with a meaningful voice and a supportive space to share ideas, raise concerns, and work collaboratively toward solutions. By focusing on proactive approaches, the team helps strengthen relationships and promote a positive school culture.

The team meets regularly throughout the school year, continuing its commitment to ensuring every student feels heard, valued, and supported.



CORDOVA CORNER NEWS

By Laurie Deshane

The **Cordova Mines Recreation Association (CMRA)** Pasta Dinner was a wonderful success. The food was delicious and plentiful, and the desserts were even more incredible. The hall was filled with happy, content diners enjoying a hearty meal with their community.

The **CMRA's** next big event will be the Third Annual Classic Car Show. Last year was so successful they had to open up another field to showcase the vehicles. Starts at 10:00 until 2:00 pm; there will be a BBQ, live music, raffle table and of course, the 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 very successful Kids Club program is now finished and will resume in the fall.

It's official, **Pickleball** now available at the Cordova Outdoor Rink. HBM Township is excited to announce the addition of 2 new Pickleball Courts at the Cordova Outdoor Rink. Pickleball has quickly become a popular sport in our communities. It's easy to learn, fun to play and a great way for people of all ages to stay active. Grab a friend and enjoy some outdoor fun!



The **Belmont Lake Cottage Association (BLCA)** will be hosting their dock concerts once again this year. They will be on Saturday, July 11 and Saturday, August 15 at 3:00 pm at the dock at the West side of Munn Bay. These events are weather dependent. If it rains, they will advise the Friday before and they will hold the concerts at the Cordova Mines Community Centre. Plan to be entertained by Dead Roo Revival who play blues rock and roots music in July and in August you will love Organ Eyes Kaos playing some classic rock and blues. What a nice way to spend an afternoon on the lake!



The **Belmont Kids' Fishing Derby** on Belmont Lake begins at 9:00 am Saturday, July 25 and runs until 10:00am Sunday, August 2nd. Kids get your poles shined up and gather some bait and tackle; get out on that lake and let's see who can land

the big one! For more information contact Brent at the Belmont Lake Marina.

We remember two cherished members of our Belmont Lake community who have recently passed away. Cameron Smith, an avid sailor with a deep love for Belmont Lake and Lorne Johnson, a gifted self-taught musician whose talent and gentle spirit touched many. Two very different men with their own passions, yet both found peace and belonging on Belmont Lake. Their presence will be missed, but their connection to this place will be long remembered.

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BUILDING A LEGACY, ONE BOARD AT A TIME: THE STORY OF BORRELLI CRAFTERS

By Nicole Gallucci

For Matt Borrelli, carpentry was never just a career choice - it was a way of life.

A multi-generational builder and Red Seal certified carpenter originally from Toronto, Borrelli has spent years mastering his craft on job sites across Ontario. Today, alongside his partner Hillary, he is building both a business and a future in Madoc through their company, Borrelli Crafters.

Officially launched in 2022, Borrelli Crafters was born from a simple philosophy: build better, and build to last.

After years working in residential construction and home building, Borrelli saw firsthand how speed and mass production were often prioritized over quality craftsmanship. He wanted to create something different - a company rooted in integrity, durability, and pride in workmanship.

But while Borrelli excelled with tools in hand, growing a business presented an entirely new challenge.

Like many skilled tradespeople, his expertise was in building homes - not necessarily branding, marketing, or navigating the digital world that modern businesses depend on.

That changed through an unexpected connection with Nicole Gallucci, a business strategist and educator at both Loyalist College and George Brown Polytechnic. Recognizing both Borrelli's talent and authenticity, Gallucci saw an opportunity to bridge the worlds of entrepreneurship, education, and creativity.

Together, they brought Borrelli Crafters into the classroom.

Students in Loyalist College's Creative Studies and Advertising programs were tasked with developing the company's brand identity - creating a look, feel, and story that reflected Matt's multi-generational roots and commitment to craftsmanship.

The collaboration gave students real-world experience while helping shape the foundation of the business itself, including the official Borrelli Crafters name and brand direction.

A year later, students at George Brown Polytechnic expanded the concept further, adapting the brand for social media, digital marketing, and online storytelling.

There was only one obstacle: Matt preferred staying behind the scenes and off camera.

The students responded with a creative solution - designing a custom digital avatar inspired by Matt's personality and professionalism, allowing the business to establish a recognizable online presence while staying true to who he is.

What emerged became more than a branding project. It evolved into a collaborative example of how trades, education, entrepreneurship, and creativity can work together to support local business growth.

For the students, it was hands-on experience solving real business challenges. For Borrelli, it was an opportunity to gain visibility while staying focused on what he does best: building.

Today, Borrelli Crafters continues to grow throughout the region, combining traditional craftsmanship with a modern approach to business. And for Matt and Hillary, Madoc is more than simply where they work - it's the community they are proud to help build, one project at a time.

In an era often dominated by negative headlines, the story of Borrelli Crafters offers something refreshingly different: a reminder that great things can happen when skilled tradespeople, educators, students, and communities come together with a shared purpose.



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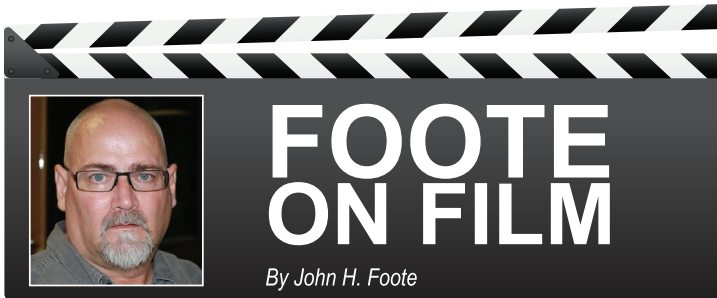
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DISCLOSURE DAY MIGHT BE MOVIE OF THE YEAR

Steven Spielberg's brilliant, awe inspiring new film Disclosure Day could be the years best film, most entertaining film, and important films. In ret, the last forty five minutes akin to seeing God returning to science fiction, he is returning the roots that made him one of the greatest directors in modern film. Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977) was mesmerizing, the final forty five minutes akin to seeing God. In his more than fifty year career Spielberg has given audiences some of the most extraordinary films ever made. No other director has understood what the public wants like Spielberg and his films have made more than five billion world wide. His best work includes Jaws (1975), Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977), Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981), E.T. - The Extraterrestrial (1982), Empire of the Sun (1987), Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989), Jurassic Park (1993), Schindler's List (1993), Amistad (1997), Saving Private Ryan (1998), A. I. - Artificial Intelligence (2001), Minority Report (2002), Catch Me If You Can (2002), War of the Worlds (2005), Munich (2005), War Horse (2011), Lincoln (2012), Bridge of Spies (2015), West Side Story (2021), The Fablemans (2022), and now Disclosure Day.

His fascination with space and the possibility of alien life had been the dominant force of some of his films, some of his best films, and no director is better at exploring the possibility of humanity's best and worst qualities. Though possessed with astonishing talents he was not truly taken seriously as a filmmaker until he directed his Holocaust masterpiece Schindler's List (1993) which finally, FINALLY, won him a long overdue Academy Award. Five years later he win his second for his searing war drama Saving Private Ryan (1998). A third should have come for Lincoln (2012), a fourth for west Side Story (2021) and a fifth for The Fablemans (2022),

Disclosure Day posts the question about aliens already being on earth and the cover up by those who feel mankind is not ready to accept them.

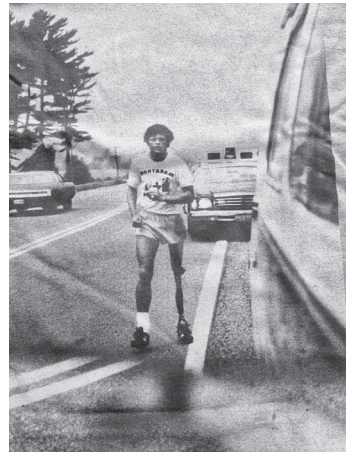
It is a miracle of a film.

I feel so honoured to have grown up in the age of Spielberg, the man ennobes cinema.

John Foote, a local resident, a world renowned author and film critic will be contributing a monthly article on films to the Rail. We thank John for helping bring film news to our readers.

HAVELOCK ON 2026 TERRY FOX T-SHIRT

By Lois Watson-Dwight



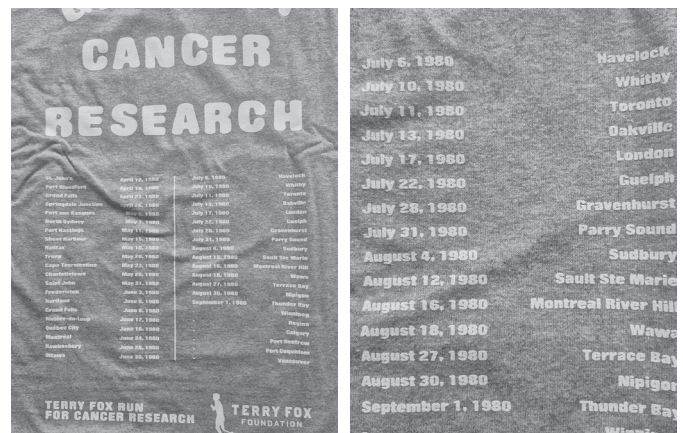
When I received this year's Terry Fox tee shirt, I discovered that on the back of the tee shirt is a list of the communities Terry stopped at during his Marathon of Hope alongside the date of the visit. Also listed, poignantly, are the communities that he had planned to visit.

I was so proud when I read "July 6, 1980 - Havelock" was among those listed.

The photo on the front is the view of Terry that either his friend, Doug, or brother, Darrell, would have had from the driver's side mirror of their van.

My brother, Rob "Giz" Watson always felt so honoured that he saw Terry twice that day. Initially, he saw him in town. Then he drove further west, parked along Hwy 7, and saw Terry a second time. During that time, they exchanged a few words. Rob said, as so many have, how gracious Terry was.

I am sure many in Havelock still cherish having seen and possibly given their words of encouragement to Terry.



WHY DO PEOPLE LIKE THE GROUP OF SEVEN?

By Gene Canning

I was up to Algonquin Park dropping off paintings at the Art Centre today. Got me thinking of the Group of 7 and my 3 year project following the canoe routes of artist Tom Thomson. I completed a 150 plein air paintings (painting in the plain air). Monumental task for me which took 3 years to complete. I had once read that if you wanted to become a good plein air painter you should complete a 100 plein airs. Since I'm a slow learner I thought I better add a few extra. Hence the 150! Still might need to do more!

Now the Group of 7. To be truthful, I was never actually a fan. Seemed like a bunch of blobs thrown on a canvas. A critic at the time called them the "hot mush school". That was pretty much my opinion as well. That is, until I started to paint outside!

Their paintings were done at a time before coloured photography, so they became their way of remembering the essence of a scene. The colours of fall leaves, the patterns of water. It wasn't about a finished painting. It was their memory. Then there is next issue of time. When you are painting a

sunset you only have a few minutes before everything changes. Clouds play havoc to hillside shadows, and then there is moving water. Now imagine trying to complete a painting as all of this is happening. Every time you look up things have changed. If you try to keep up it is called chasing the light. You end up with a big mess!

Finally, it made sense to me. Clear as black and white! Pun intended (Oh no, here he goes again with the puns). Painting outside was a way to capture the subtle changes in lighting, the shapes, the location. The "feel" of the place. The artist can then go back into the studio and create a finished painting based on these small studies. I now appreciate the studies more than the studio paintings. They seem to have more of a feeling of immediacy.

One other interesting piece of knowledge. Tom Thomson wasn't actually a member of the Group of Seven. He died in 1917. The Group of Seven didn't form until 1920. He was part of an earlier group known as the Algonquin School. Tom Thomson will be the subject of my next article.

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PRUNING TOMATOES FOR GREATER YIELD

By Kathy Reid, Norwood and District Horticultural Society

A question that I am often asked is “should tomatoes be pruned?” And, the short answer is “yes”. There are several good reasons why tomatoes should be pruned and the ultimate outcome is greater yield.

The tomatoes that you purchased at your local horticultural society plant sale or grocery store are either “indeterminate” which means they keep growing until first frost or “determinate” meaning they stop growing and the fruit generally ripens all at once.

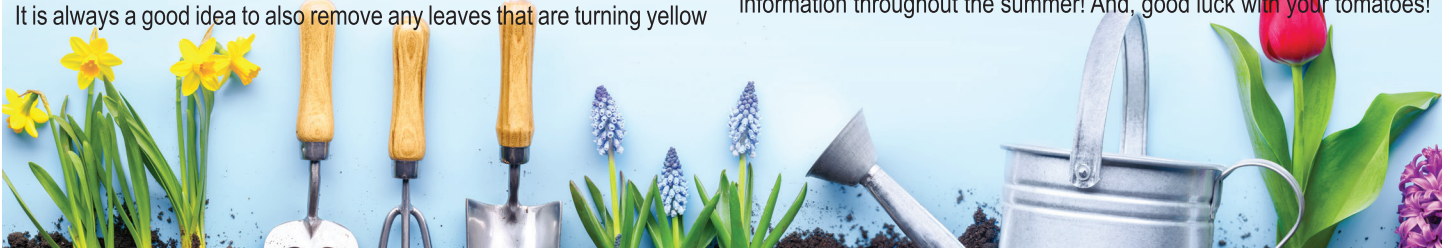
The parts of the tomato plant that you prune, or remove, are called suckers. They grow in the “V” space between the main stem and the branches on your tomato plant. When young, they look like small leaves, but left to grow into branches, they will rob the plant of nutrients that are really needed to produce good fruit.

It is always a good idea to also remove any leaves that are turning yellow

or are touching the soil. This lessens the chance of harmful bacteria or fungi.

When a tomato plant is pruned correctly, airflow improves and all of the foliage receives adequate sunlight, so that the plant can photosynthesize more efficiently, boosting growth and fruit production. Be sure to keep leaves that lightly shade the growing fruit, ensuring that the young fruit is not sun damaged.

On a final note, the Norwood and District Horticultural Society is on summer break now (because everyone is busy in their own gardens!). The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8th and will feature a special guest presentation by Anna Mizyn, Owner of Anna’s Perennials, on the topic of ornamental grasses. Keep following us on Facebook for information throughout the summer! And, good luck with your tomatoes!



County Road 48 Project Update

Work includes replacement of watermain and sewers, road resurfacing, and new sidewalks and curbs.

Please prepare for staged road closures and temporary delays. Access for pedestrians, businesses, emergency services and waste collection will be maintained.

Check municipal511.ca for current information.

Funded in part by the Government of Ontario through the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program's Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund.



Scan to learn more!
or visit engage.ptbocounty.ca/cr48





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

We are pleased to be partnered with Stone Hall Sessions as they present a kid's concert on Sunday July 26 at the Stone Hall. Please check with either the Havelock or Cordova Libraries for times etc.

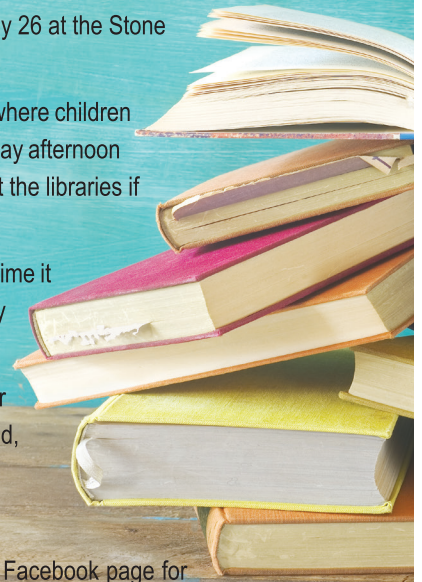
We are having the TD Summer Reading Club again this summer at the Havelock and Cordova Libraries where children can go to do a craft and have a story read to them. Tuesday afternoons at the Havelock Branch. Wednesday afternoon at the Cordova Branch. Also, we will be offering our tutoring sessions again this summer. Please contact the libraries if you are interested in this service.

From July 9-23 join the Global Read, which is a free digital global book club that is offered on Libby. This time it is John Kenney's "I See You've Called in Dead". This book is razor-sharp, emotionally piercing and darkly comedic. There are no holds or waitlist for this e-book or audio book.

You can now search our catalogue, place a hold etc. on our new library app which is available for your devices whether its Apple or Android. Go to the App Store, look for Insignia (ILS for all devices), download, choose the Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Public Library. Just use your last 5 digits of your card to sign in.

Don't forget that the libraries offer a variety of services including Ontario Park Passes.

Please 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.



OBITUARY



PEARCE, KAREN LYNN - (OCT. 21, 1951 – JUNE 5, 2026)

Karen passed peacefully at Campbellford Hospital on June 5, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family and her dear friend Sharon from PEI. Beloved daughter of Audrey and Gordon Pearce. Devoted wife of Joe for over 40 years. She held a deep sense of love and pride for her daughter, Sandra. A wonderful grandmother to Lisa, Kevin, Jacob, and Jordan. Cherished sister to Marlene, (Danny predeceased), Bill (Bev), and Lennie (predeceased). She had deep affection for her nieces, nephews and their extended families. Karen had a successful career in accounting within Toronto's automotive industry. In retirement, she and Joe built a life on Belmont Lake, Ontario. She enjoyed activities like swimming and bowling with friends. Karen, a woman of boundless energy gave deeply of herself to her community. She will be dearly missed by neighbours and friends who valued her time volunteering with

"Celebrate Havelock" and countless other local events. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society in Karen's name.



BRETT, BETTY YVONNE - 1936 – 2026

Passed away at Maple View Retirement Residence on Monday, May 18, 2026. Betty Brett (née Toms) of Havelock and Norwood in her 91st year. Beloved wife of the late Glen Brett (d. 2021). Dear mother of Wendy Anstey (John), Lynn Jansen (Jack), Kim Bird-Russell (Dave), Beth Brett, Bill Brett (Lisa) and the late Bruce Brett. Devoted grandmother of Amy Anstey, Ian Anstey (Dr. Ekong), John Jansen, Tanya Harris, Rosanne Detlor (Jeff), Trisha Gregg, Brett Gregg (Andrew), Christine Curry (Bruce), Ben, Becky, Daniel (Lydia) and Jacob Brett. Cherished by several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Survived by her brother Gordon Toms (Joy). Predeceased by siblings Donald Toms, Dorothy Phillips, and Doris Packer. Betty was an avid knitter and enjoyed creating pottery, stained glass, and jewelry. Her creativity extended to music, and she loved to sing, dance, and play the piano. Betty worked with her late husband Glen at Brett Funeral

Chapels in Havelock and Hastings for several years. Arrangements have been entrusted to HENDREN FUNERAL HOMES – NORWOOD CHAPEL, 36 Queen Street Norwood. Visitation will take place at the funeral home on Saturday May 23, 2026 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. A service will be held at the funeral home Sunday May 24, 2026 at 1:00 PM, with interment at Maple Grove Cemetery, Havelock. Memorial donations may be made to Five Counties Children Centre or Diabetes Canada by visiting www.hendrenfuneralhome.com or by calling 705-639-5322.

SPORTS

Registration for the 2026-2027 Havelock Minor Hockey season is officially open!

PLEASE SELECT THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION BASED ON YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH YEAR:

- U5 HATCHLING: 2022
- U7: 2020 & 2021
- U9: 2018 & 2019
- U11: 2016 & 2017
- U13: 2014 & 2015
- U15: 2012 & 2013
- U18: 2009, 2010 & 2011

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Receive an additional **\$50 Multi-Child Discount** when registering more than one player from your family.

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No payment will be collected during the online registration process.

A \$100 deposit per player is required and can be sent via e-transfer to havelockminorhockey@gmail.com.

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Marilyn Toms from Havelock is the winner of the Tim Horton's Gift card from Pup's Tree Service.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE MONTH

By Lorraine Roulston

PLASTIC FREE JULY: This is Plastic Free July! When did Chiclets gum switch from a boxboard container to one that as each piece surrounded by a plastic bubble? Did you know that chewing gum has plastic particles and a new study reveals that microplastics are being found in saliva?

Calling on everyone to take the July Plastic Free Challenge with your voice and purchasing power!





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RECIPE

VEGETABLE PIZZA By Kathy Clement

It calls for the veggies to be added on top of the cream cheese mixture. I add it into the cheese.....no more veggies on your shirt or on the floor. Enjoy and change up the vegetables to make it your own.

2 pkg refrigerator of crescent rolls

Topping:

- 1 pkg cream cheese
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 1 pkg dry ranch dressing

Vegetables: all diced and equalling 2 cups

Peppers: yellow and orange, Celery, Broccoli and Cauliflower

****Make this your own and add your favourite vegetables.**

Separate the dough and press together into lightly greased 9x13 pan, covering the bottom to make a crust. Bake in a 350 oven for approx. 10 to 12 minutes until lightly browned. Cool

Mix the cream cheese with the mayonnaise and pkg ranch dressing. At this point you can either put the cream cheese on and then top with the veggies.

*I prefer to mix my vegetables in with the cream cheese and spread it over the crust. Refrigerate and then cut into squares.

It tastes better the next day. Enjoy



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Terry Fox ran through Havelock, Ontario, on July 5 and 6, 1980, during Day 86 of his Marathon of Hope. He traveled west along Highway 7 with an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) escort, receiving enthusiastic receptions from local crowds before continuing toward Peterborough. His time in and around Havelock became legendary because of a gift from Elaine Gerow.

While resting in Havelock, Terry met Elaine, a local volunteer and President of the Canadian Cancer Society chapter. She was wearing a custom-made T-shirt with a map on the front and "I'm for Terry" on the back. Terry admired it, and she promised to make him one. She delivered it a few days later, and it became his favorite and most iconic shirt of the entire run.

If you'd like to know more of this story, why not drop in on Saturday, July 18th between 10 - 2pm? And remember we are open Wednesday mornings or at any time by appointment - call 705-768-4895 or 705-778-7896.

Craft & Food Festival

Sat. July 11 & Aug 22, 2026
10 am to 3 pm

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

- Council approved the request from Mr. Buchanan to hold a Food and Craft Festival on Saturday, July 11, 2026, and Saturday, August 22, 2026.
- Council deferred the application to stop up, close and convey that part of road allowance, Pt Lot 19 between Concessions 3 and 4.
- Council approved the award of Tender – Contract No. 2026-01 – Reconstruction of County Road No. 48 (George Street) to QBT Excavating Services Ltd. in the amount of \$5,981,615.62.
- Council approved the application to the Private Road Grant Program received from the Fire Route 82 Road Association on both Fire Route 82 and Fire Route 82D.
- Council approved a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Military Service Recognition Book in the amount of \$395.00.
- Council directed staff to create a policy for the distribution of proceeds from the bottle drive funds collected from the HBM Transfer Stations.
- Deputy Mayor Webb presented a recommendation from the Economic Development Committee regarding a survey to provide design ideas relating to a community mural to be located on the east side of the building located at the corner of George Street West and Oak Street.
- Council directed staff to develop a survey for the community to provide design ideas for a mural that is to be located on the east side of the building at the corner of George Street West and Oak Street.
- Council approved the request from the Havelock Express Minor Softball to cover the cost of the diamond rentals for the 2026 season to a maximum amount of \$534.03.
- Mayor Martin thanked Deputy Mayor Webb and Councillor Flagler for meeting with representatives from Peterborough Housing Corporation regarding a potential financial partnership to develop a medical centre in HBM.
- Council requested that staff contact Peterborough Housing Corporation to provide an update on a proposal.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026

- Council received the presentation from Daniel Taro from Ampere regarding the Talking Forest App and Proposal.
- Council approved the request for an exemption to the Mobile Canteen By-law 2008-42 for the Farmers Market with the condition that all Health and Safety legislation is adhered to.
- Council directed staff to review and update the Mobile Canteen By-law.
- Council denied the request for the proposed new road entrance at 14 Devils 4 Mile Road.
- Council authorized staff to proceed with the purchase of a Single Axle Dump Truck from Winslow Gerolamy Motors in the amount of \$360,056.65 through the Canoe Procurement Group of Canada cooperative purchasing program.
- Council approved the award of Tender – PW-2026-02 – HBM Connecting Link (Ottawa Street) CCTV Sewer Inspection to GFL Utility Services ULC in the amount of \$45,144.66.
- Council approved in-kind facility rental requests from the Fire & Ice Committee, Pumpkin Parade Committee, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 389 and The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 389 Ladies Auxiliary and the Celebrate Havelock Committee.
- Council authorized staff to proceed with the hiring for two Tourism Ambassador student positions who will work at the Havelock Visitor Centre during the peak tourism months of July and August.
- Council approved the application to the Private Road Grant Program received from the Fire Route 54 Road Association.
- Council authorized staff to proceed with the purchase of a plaque for the Seabrooke monument consisting of a digital print and a welded black frame in the amount of \$502.21 from B.M.R. Manufacturing Inc.
- Council approved a donation to the Peterborough County Plowmen's Association in the amount of \$200.00 for their Annual Plowing Match.
- Councillor Doherty made note of the Cram the Cruiser event that took place on May 23, 2026. Mr. Doherty indicated that the event was not as successful as past events due to poor weather and due to the fact that a police vehicle was not provided.

H-B-M HAPPENINGS



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Please note this was sent to publication as of June 19th, 2026

OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Township Office will be closed on Wednesday July 1st, 2026 for Canada Day and Monday August 3rd for the Civic Holiday.

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, July 14, 2026 @ 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.

PROPERTY TAXES:

Final Tax Bills were mailed out in June, if you do not receive your bill by July 15th, please contact our office.

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

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!

CANADA DAY CELEBRATION:

Coordinated by the Havelock Lions Club and co-hosted with H-B-M Township – enjoy a patriotic parade followed by FREE festivities at the H-B-M Community Centre. Enjoy a FREE community BBQ, a fun kids area, welly toss competition, magic and music between 11:00am – 2:00pm.

CANADA DAY PARADE: 11:00 AM

O'CANADA AND WELCOME: 11:30 AM

ACTIVITIES, BBQ AND MUSIC: 11:35 AM

Bring your lawn chairs, wear red & white, and celebrate Canada's history and culture this July 1st, 2026. A day full of celebration, laughter, and community spirit!

The Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen (H-B-M) and Havelock Lions Club would like to acknowledge and thank the Government of Canada for funding in part our 2026 Canada Day festivities. You can follow Canadian Heritage by subscribing to: Twitter: @CdnHeritage or @SportCanada_EN Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/CdnHeritage>

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.

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.

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

Havelock Seniors: Texas Hold'em Fundraiser July 27th, opens at 5pm. \$10 donation.

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 July 7, 14 & 28 from 6:30-8:30pm.

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 July 8th.

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 at 1:30pm.

Havelock Centre: Play Group from 9:30-11:30am. July 2, 16, 23 & 30.

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. July 3 & 17.

Havelock Farmers Market: from 1-5pm.

SATURDAY

Havelock Seniors: Bid Euchre Tournament July 4th, 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 July 18th from 10am-2pm.

Cordova United Church: BBQ, Bake & Yard Sale July 11th from 10am-1pm.

Havelock Centre: Second Harvest July 10th 6-7pm & July 24th 10-11am.

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. **No services in July**

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.