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ONTARIO FACES UNPRECEDENTED WILDFIRE SEASON

By Laurie Deshane

This year the wildfire season in Ontario has been extremely active. To put in perspective there were 292 forest fires last year and; so far to date there have been 478; almost doubled.

Did you also know that the majority of forest fires are preventable? Normally in the spring and summer you can expect natural lightning strikes; but believe it or not; human carelessness with cigarettes and campfires cause the most significant fires. The impact of fires is immeasurable ... homes lost and entire communities lose their stability. A huge loss are the trees. We need trees and trees need trees; they hold each other up in strong winds and storms. But, most importantly, we need trees to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; it's a "natural Carbon Sink". This reduces the amount of greenhouse gases in the air (global warming) and stabilizes the climate. It is estimated that trees absorb about 30% of global CO2 emissions yearly! Just imagine that a large oak tree can store over 3 tons of CO2 in its lifetime!

The "Northeast Region" encompasses the Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Township and details active fires and their status. As of the writing of this, there are no new fires being reported; but there are 19 active fires: 5 are under control; 3 are being held and 11 are being observed. There was an extreme fire hazard just west and south of Temagami; a popular fishing spot in the area.

It has become quite scary and leaves you on the edge as you listen to news updates of the fires. Some were being controlled; some seemed to be spreading closer and closer to our homes. Bancroft is just an hour away. There was an 11-hectare area fire in the County of Hastings, north of Marmora and east of Apsley. In Buckhorn, nearby roads were closed as firefighters and aerial support were scooping more than 6,000 litres at a time from nearby Four Mile Lake working non-stop to control the blaze. More than 33 hectares have burned in

Kirkfield. Burnt River and Bobcaygeon were some of the other towns affected by this year's fires.

The firefighters are the real heroes. This spring's ice storm not only created a perfect setting for fires—a tinderbox of debris in the woods—but also made it incredibly difficult for them to reach the fires.

Amid this severe fire season, about 7.5-million hectares (about the size of New Brunswick) have burned across Canada this year, more than double the 10-year average and making 2025 the second-worst fire season on record 2023 taking the top spot. In Manitoba, 4,000 residents were forced to evacuate.

Scientists are worried about the back to back yearly fires we are having. Usually the fire seasons are spread out over different years. This can have huge consequences as a forest can become so damaged the trees don't have time to regrow. It's called "regeneration failure". As well, the smoke from these fires has been linked to a range of health issues, including respiratory problems and even neurological conditions like dementia.

"Fire is on everyone's mind. Now we wonder—what would we do? Is there a phone alert? Who issues the evacuation order? Should we rely on radio or TV? Most people no longer watch local news or own radios. Devices like Sirius, Alexa, Firesticks, and Roku have replaced traditional TV sources.

There is a fire and smoke map available online. Key in "wildfires in area" to access more information. There is also the WFIS interactive map which monitors all the wildfires in the area providing details of each. For real-time updates and to report a forest fire, you can call 310-FIRE (3473) or use the interactive map provided by Ontario's fire management agency.

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ELMER'S EDITORIAL

The British monarchy has never been very high on my list of revered institutions. In fact, I almost got suspended from Norwood District High School for leading a protest by not standing for the morning exercises and the playing of "God Save the Queen". The Principal was not interested in reasons why Queen Elizabeth was queen of Britain and that Canada had been an independent country since 1867.

However, a recent article I read by the late Queen's chef from her summer home in Scotland's Balmoral castle did attract my attention. Apparently Queen Elizabeth only ate foods that were 'in season'. An even more staggering revelation was that Charles, "our new King" has carried on that tradition and he and his family, Queen Camilla also prefer to only eat foods 'in season'. The chef's article went on to say he wouldn't dare serve the Queen strawberries in the winter. Well, just maybe the Royal Family has something to offer us after all! If we Canadians made a serious effort to eat foods in season, we would be eating local and supporting Canadian farmers. There are many ways to preserve and store plentiful foods when they are 'in season'. For example, Greater Havelock residents can slip over to McMillans farm stand in Trent River and pick up some extra fresh corn to blanch and throw in the freezer to eat the rest of the year. Lots of other 'in season' fruits and vegetables can be frozen or preserved to enjoy the rest of the year.

Another research article I came across suggested that over thousands of years, our bodies have developed in such a way as to function best with the foods available where we live. It is only in the last two or three hundred years that we had access to foods from other parts of the globe. The human species takes thousands of years to evolve and our consumption of foods from other places may be having an effect that we are not cognizant of but research is ongoing.

Stay healthy, eat Canadian, eat 'in season' and be a proud Canadian.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

My wife Joy and I recently traveled to Tamil Nadu India where we took part in the inauguration of a new sports complex at Global Pathways School. I was the Principal there for 8 years before retiring in 2022. Joy was the school's librarian. She currently serves on the library board here in Havelock. We are full time residents at Kasshabog Lake and avid readers of the Rail.

Your readers might appreciate knowing how cosmopolitan and far flung some of their local neighbours are. Perhaps the Rail could initiate a monthly photo contest showing a copy of the rail in different locations? Just a thought.

Thanks, and keep up the great work!



Yours truly,
Jim and Joy Brickell, 568 Peninsula RoadDebbie

I have just read it and I have a few comments I would like to make to Elmer.

The first is the Havelock Bank Robbery, my grandmother was outside the bank and couldn't understand why it was not opening. I joined the Ontario Govt in 1962, in 1965 I was transferred to Minden Det and later Morris Baker was transferred there as the Det. Commander. In a casual discussion he told me about his time stationed at Apsley. When he was there he and Jack McCrendy were dispatched to try to intercept the getaway car from the Bank Robbery. They caught up to it somewhere East of Apsley. McKendry was driving. Baker was leaning out the window with a 12 gauge shotgun. All of a sudden the back window of the car blew out. Jack said good shooting, Morris. Morris got back in his seat and said I didn't shoot, they are shooting at us. The chase slowed down then as they were out gunned. I wish I would have got more information from Morris but he has passed away. At that time we were issued with Steven Shot guns that were no match for high powered rifles.

The other article about the Presbyterian Church closing is depressing. I attended there and when I got older I was pressed into service as a Santa Clause at Christmas. Joanne and I got married there on June 22, 1963. The reception was in the basement. Your family was involved in the church. There was a women's group with a kittle band. I might have a photo. Our two children were baptized in the church. My Aunt Minnie was I believe the first woman to be married in the church. She told me she had to walk a plank to get in the church as it was still under construction.

It brings back happy memories. I remember your Dad well. He told me when I was a policeman with a straight face that vehicles had been parked at the other entrance to your farm that these people must have had terrible colds due to the Kleenex left there.

I am sure you have happy memories too. I believe Joanne and I drove you and my brother to Cobourg for your first teaching assignments.

The Taylor's pass on the Rail to me which I appreciate.

Joe Watson

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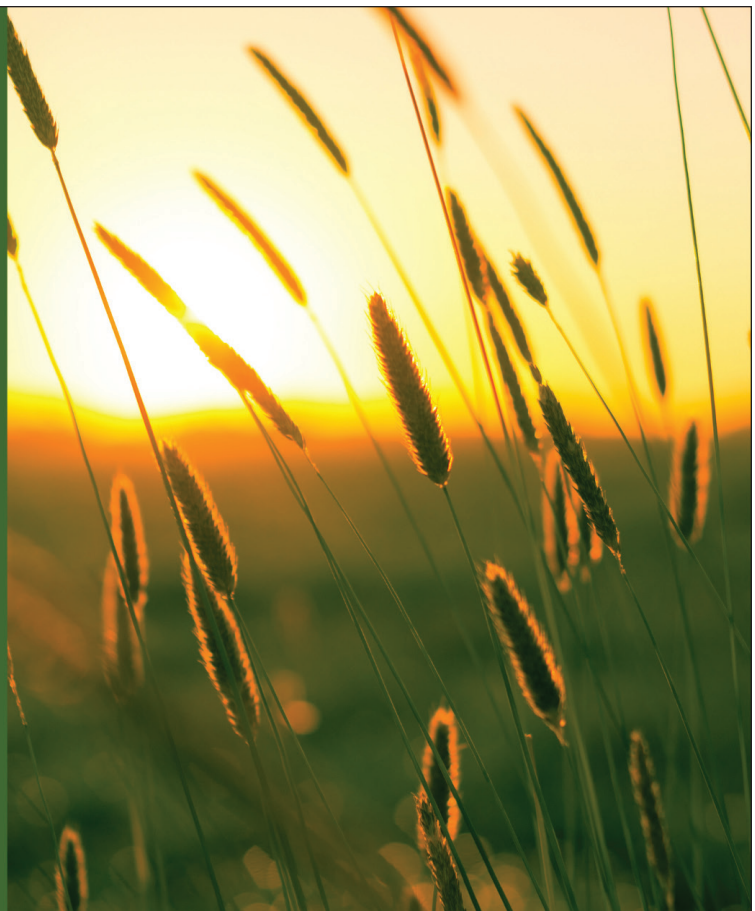
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HAVELOCK SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

By Brooke Wrightly



The Covia Aspire Scholarship Program has expanded to Canada and celebrates its 2026 recipients. Two of Havelock's youth have been selected as recipients.

Braydon Cooper and Chloe Cooper are attending Trent University in Peterborough. Braydon is pursuing a bachelor of Science degree. Chloe is studying hard to earn her teaching degree.

Since its launch in 2013, the Aspire Scholarship has empowered nearly 50 dependents of Covia employees in the U.S. to pursue a postsecondary education and will now be helping Canadian students as well.

Administered by the Cleveland Foundation in partnership with College Now, the program supports and inspires the children of full-time Covia team members as they take the next step in their academic journeys.

This year marks an exciting milestone—the launch of the Covia Canada Aspire Scholarship.

The launch of the Scholarship will support dependents of full-time employees at Covia's Canadian facilities. The Canadian initiative awarded scholarships to five inaugural recipients: Braydon Wayne Cooper, Chloe Cooper, Elizabeth Cox, Isabelle Cox, and Hrish Dave.

This furthers Covia's commitment to community investment.

Covia is committed to being more than just a leading provider of high-performance mineral and material solutions. They believe that their company can make a positive difference in the world. This belief is what drives their environmental, social and governance (ESG) strategy. Covia's commitment to operating as a responsible corporate citizen has been embedded into every aspect of their business for decades and serves as the foundation for Covia's ESG initiatives.

In 2021, they enhanced their approach toward accelerating ESG performance by developing formal GOALS THAT INSPIRE: ESG 2030. These 10 goals, are broken into three core areas - Environmental Stewardship, Positive Social Impact and Responsible Governance & Ethics - were developed by Covia Team members across the company and are designed to drive tangible and measurable progress in areas where they can make the most impact. The Inspire Scholarship program furthers Covia's commitment to community investment for Covia Canada dependents like Braydon and Chloe Cooper.



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HISTORY OF HAVELOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL

By Kathy Clement

The region's history began with an influx of settlers after Belmont and Methuen Township was surveyed in 1823. The community of Havelock, which was named after British general Sir Henry Havelock, was incorporated as an independent village in 1892.^[2]

Early settlers built their homes in an area of dense forests, numerous lakes and rivers within the rocky Canadian Shield. They survived by means of fishing, logging and farming. Later in the nineteenth century and continuing to the present, mining became an important economic activity. Early businesses in Havelock included a post office, store, bakery, a blacksmith and a millinery and were located south of the current village on high ground at the intersection of County Road 30 and Old Norwood Road. In 1881 the Canadian Pacific Railway surveyed a right-of-way through the area north of Havelock and a year later laid rails and surveyed and filled the swampy land to make room for a larger village.^[2] The current village of Havelock was developed on the filled land by the tracks north of the former village site and was incorporated in 1892. In the fall of 1884, the first full passenger train stopped at Havelock, from Toronto on its way to Smith's Falls. Havelock was an important freight

depot from the 1880s to the 1960s. The railway's activity today consists of transporting nepheline syenite and crushed basalt rock from two mines north of Havelock operated by Unimin. In 1998, the village of Havelock was amalgamated with the township of Belmont-Methuen to form the current township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen.

Historic School: The old school, a two story building now known as the Hilltop Apartments, stands at the Northwest corner of Oak Street and Mathison Street, Havelock. In 1890 to 1963 Havelock area students attended this school which in 1937 was renamed Havelock High School. In 1952 Havelock High School students were transferred to the new Norwood District High School in the neighbouring town of Norwood, Ontario. In 1963 Havelock Public School students were transferred to the new Havelock Public School, east of the Havelock Community Centre. In 1963 the school building was sold and converted to apartments. In September, 2005 the Havelock High School Reunion Committee placed in front of the apartments a commemorative plaque bolted to a large red granite stone from a local quarry.

1885 - 2025

Knox Presbyterian Church, Havelock, Ontario



This year Knox Presbyterian Church in Havelock will be celebrating its 140th year anniversary in the Lord's service.

It is with heavy hearts to announce Knox will be closing its doors and our final service will be on October 26, 2025 at 2:00 pm officiated by Rev. Tom Cunningham with lunch following.

Please join us as we celebrate our Church, its light and our life along with many memories of past and present members.



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DRAGONFLY BLOSSOMS

By Laurie Deshane

One morning, I stumbled upon a hidden gem while driving along County Road 42, just west of County Road 30—a short jaunt away. I noticed this unique wooden stall with the name “*Dragonfly Blossoms*”. I had to know more.

When Samantha and Brian Larmer moved to this property 11 years ago, there was an extensive overgrown English cottage garden. They've been working on the gardens ever since, making them truly their own. Samantha has always been passionate about flowers and started by creating small arrangements for her family and friends.

Three years ago, they decided to add more beds and share their beautiful flowers with others. Taking inspiration from living on the banks of the Trent River and watching dragonflies bask in the sun on the blooms closest to the river, “*Dragonfly Blossoms*” took form”. With her vision of a rustic stall in mind, Brian crafted a flower stand using cedar trees and barn board sourced from their property.

Fresh cut flowers can now be purchased at the flower stand, and custom orders are available too.

But even more unique is Samantha offers a subscription service:

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- A full season of blooms is available, as well, offering the benefits of spring and summer subscriptions at a discounted rate.

Check them out on Instagram and Facebook – or better yet, visit their Flower Stall and treat yourself to some stunning locally grown flowers.

PLAY THERAPY IN HAVELOCK

By Paul Stevens

Havelock has recently welcomed another health care professional to the local community. Earlier in the summer, I had the opportunity to sit down with Hannah Lewis, who is the director of the Creative and Playful Counselling Centre at 75 Concession St, in Havelock. Hannah received her Early Childhood Education certification but she soon sensed that many families needed support for their children outside of the classroom or daycare. Hannah wanted to be able to provide that support, so after getting her Master's in Psychology she enrolled in the training provided by the Canadian Association for Play Therapy. By 2023, she was ready to start providing her play therapy service.

The kind of issues Hannah can help parents and children with includes anxiety, a common condition that young children deal with. Another situation is when it seems like little Johnny is out of control. Hannah does have a niche specialty in trauma, which can show itself in many different ways.

Hannah makes an effort to work with families with regard to hours of availability. She does a lot of right after school sessions or even on the weekend in some cases.

Working with the parents is critical to making progress with the children and is part of the process that Hannah enjoys. Meeting with the parents first and explaining what she has in mind for the child can both reassure the parents and also enlist them as part of the team. With the parents' permission, Hannah may wind up talking to teachers or other school staff. Sometimes parents specifically ask that she communicate with the child's school.

Play therapy for young children allows them to act out situations that they may not be able to clearly describe because of limited vocabulary and life experience.

Hannah has had professionals in related services reach out to her and offer additional services. An art therapist and tutors may be available to work out of Hannah's office space in the near future.

The field of Neuroscience has blown up in the last decade. In addition to her expertise in play therapy, Hannah is an EMDR therapist, which stands for Eye Movement Descent Station and Reprocessing, and she can provide the therapy if adults request it.

MENTAL HEALTH TIP

By Hannah Lewis, Creative & Playful Counselling

The beginning of September can signify a beginning for many people. Kids are back to school and our small town is quieter. The days get shorter and our social lives look different.

September is a great time to consider what your priorities are, and ask yourself if you are giving them the place in your life that they deserve. There is an analogy for our time using a jar, rocks and sand. An internet search tells me that there is not a known person to credit with this analogy, but it has been used by many people. Take a moment to work out your imagination...

Imagine a glass jar - this jar is symbolic of your life.

Imagine large rocks - they can fit into the jar.

Imagine sand alongside these items.

If you take the large rocks and name them with the most important things in your life, what would they be? Your family? Your pets? Your job? There is no wrong answer.

Imagine yourself putting the large rocks into your glass jar. They fit comfortably. This is you making sure that you spend time this fall focusing on your priorities.

Now take the sand, pour it into the jar. Imagine how it falls through the cracks of the large rocks and fills the empty spaces in the jar. The jar is now full. The sand represents the less important things in your life. Maybe your job fits here. Maybe that not so friendly friend fits here. Whatever things are taking up time and space in your life but are not your priorities fill the remaining space, the remaining time.

Now reset your jar. It is empty again. This time imagine putting the sand into the empty jar first. It fills the bottom half of the jar. Now add the large rocks. But guess what? They don't fit now. The sand has filled too much of the jar, now your priorities do not get any space in the jar of your life.

So what is most important to you, and does it get the time in your life that it should?



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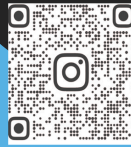


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FOOTE ON FILM

By John H. Foote

THE WESTERN RETURNS 1990

After the staggering failure of *Heaven's Gate* (1980), the film that bankrupted United Artists, one of the oldest existing studios in Hollywood and ended the career of Oscar winning filmmaker Michael Cimino the western was all but dead in Hollywood. No studio had an interest in making one, and no director, save Clint Eastwood, wanted to make one. His *Pale Rider* (1985) was a modest hit when released, as was the all star laden *Silverado* (1985),

In 1990 the western returned in a big way with Kevin Costner's magnificent epic *Dances with Wolves* (1990) which told the story of a young soldier portrayed by Costner, who after a selfless act of bravery is given any post he wants and he chooses to see the prairie, wanting to see the west before it is gone. He heads for the big skies and endless open land of the west and once there encounters a tribe of local Lakota natives who cautiously make friends with him. Canadian actor Graham Green is superb as the tribe's Holy Man Kicking Bird who becomes very close with the white man. Slowly he is invited into their tribe and adopts their ways, shocked at their way of life, their joy for the simple way of living and their absolute dependence on the land. They teach him how to make clothing, teepees, and how to hunt buffalo, their main food source. He finds love with a young white woman adopted by the tribe years ago,

The whites come ever closer to the tribe, especially the soldiers who discover that Dunbar (Costner) has "gone native", branding him a traitor. They take him prisoner and are heading back to the real world when the natives come after him. He is one of them, their brother and they will rescue no matter the cost.

They do and return him to the tribe but he knows he and his woman must leave or they place the entire tribe in danger. The last scene between Dunbar and Kicking Bird, now a dear friend, is heartbreaking as they come to realize what each man means to the other.

What is astounding about *Dances with Wolves* was that it was the very first film Kevin Costner ever directed. He was adapting his friend's book, it would be one third in Lakota with subtitled English and just over three hours in length. Costner was not expected to turn in the film he did, as early screenings had critics hailing the film a masterpiece. It was big and bold, with startling pristine cinematography, all superbly designed. Acted with purity by the entire cast, many of the natives were portrayed by unknowns who returned to being unknown. The film opened to huge box office and was soon a major hit. Nominated for twelve Academy Awards it won seven including Best Picture and Best Director for Costner, the first western to win an Oscar for Best Picture since 1933's *Cimarron*.

Two years later another western would win Best Picture and be celebrated as perhaps the greatest ever made. In the early eighties Clint Eastwood read a script called *The Cut Whore Killings* and loved it. Knowing he was not yet old enough

to play the lead he put it away in a drawer for eleven years, deciding to make it as *Unforgiven* (1992). He assembled his cast and headed to Alberta to make the film, far from Hollywood. *Unforgiven* opened in the summer of 1992 and blew the minds of film critics. Here was a film that captured the grim reality of the old west, the horrific realism of killing a man, and the consequences afterward.

After two men cut the face of a pretty young prostitute the other hookers pool their money and offer a bounty to the man or men who bring the two cutters to justice. Among the men who come to the town is William Munney (Eastwood) who we first see as a pig farmer with two little children. His wife had died a short time before and he is trying to do right by his wife and raise the kids right. Offered a chance to make some fast money with the bounty he throws in with his friend Ned (Morgan Freeman) a tow headed young kid who can barely see but fancies himself a gunfighter. Together the trio come to town operating under the law of Sheriff Little Bill (Gene Hackman) a monstrous bully who terrorizes anyone who crosses his path. There is no doubt Little Bill will cross paths with the trio. It is Ned first, who the lawman viciously beats to death as and his haunted performance as Munney earned him his first Oscar he is tied to a cell. Then on a night of pouring rain, thunder and lightning, William Munney comes to seek revenge. Little Bill calls him out as "a killer of women and children" and Munney agrees, he has killed just about everything walking upright and he is here to kill Little Bill now for killing his friend.

Despite seven loaded guns on him Munney guns down the Sheriff and all in the saloon with a weapon in him. He emerges unscathed and rides back to his children to take them away to a better life. It is savage, shocking and real.

Westerns had never been as dark.

Death in a film was never as swift or sudden or violent.

Unforgiven was nominated for nine Academy Awards and won four including Best Picture and Best Director for Clint Eastwood. It established Eastwood as one of the greatest modern filmmakers at work in

film and his haunted performance as Munney brought him his first Oscar nomination for Best Actor. The great Gene Hackman as the sadistic Little Billie would win an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor.

Both films brought the western back to cinemas and though they are rare there have been some very good ones over the last thirty years.

Best Westerns since 1990

Dances with Wolves, *Unforgiven*, *Tombstone*, *Open Range*, *3:10 to Yuma*, *The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford*, *Deadwood* (HBO), *Django Unchained*, *The Revenant*, *True Grit* (Coen Brothers).



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AMEND YOUR SOIL FOR NEXT SEASON

By Kathy Reid, Norwood and District Horticultural Society

By the end of September, gardeners will be starting to remove annual summer bedding plants and other vegetation that have come to the end of their season. Autumn is a good time to prepare the soil for winter rest and spring rejuvenation.

Feeding your soil will help replenish the nutrients that have been used up by vegetables, flowers and fruiting shrubs and trees.

There are two simple methods that can help amend your soil. First, layering well-rotted compost or manure onto the surface of the soil and leaving it alone to be broken down by earthworms and winter weather. Alternatively, you can add the organic material and dig it in, then let it rest. A word of caution: If you add the compost or manure to dry soil, it may form a hard crust which could lock out moisture. So, it's best to amend the soil once it has been dampened by rain.

I have also found that adding grass clippings (avoid these if your lawn has been sprayed) and leaves (e.g. sugar maple) not only act as a good mulch in the summer, but will add nutrients to your soil as they break down.

If you find that your soil is compacted (clay soils) or is very thin, adding the organic matter will help to loosen the soil and retain more moisture. Retaining moisture is very important, especially when we experience periods of drought during the summer.

For more information on this and a variety of other gardening topics, plan to join the Norwood and District Horticultural Society at its monthly meetings – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion in Norwood. All welcome!



ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE MONTH

By Lorraine Roulston

SCHOOL ECO CLUBS: Since Earth Day began, student Eco Clubs have built bicycle racks, clotheslines, greenhouses, outdoor learning centres, and composters. They've created nature/veggie gardens and junk art from non-recyclable materials. Campaigns have encouraged anti-idling, and to eliminate straws. Research has included water/light pollution, fast fashion, pesticides, household hazard waste, and microplastics. They collect writing materials to be taken to Staples for recycling.



NEWS ON CANCER RISK REDUCTION

By Paul Stevens

A paper in the July 27 2023 Issue of JAMA reports on the finding around Intermittent activity and the chances of catching cancer.

Looking at 22,398 non exercising adults with an average age of 62 years over a follow-up of 6.7 years the researchers found that those who simply increased the intensity of their daily activities like very fast dog walking, or climbing stairs. One minute bouts of such activity that added up to 4.5 minutes of rigorous activity per day yielded a 31% - 32% decrease in cancer incidence.

To find out more and dive a little deeper, go to Google and do a search for VILPA (Vigorous Intermittent Lifestyle Physical Activity and Cancer Incidence Among Non-exercising Adults).

A 32% reduction in likelihood of cancer for 4 ½ minutes a day of activity. That's a heck of a return on your investment. I beats investing in stocks.

LIBRARY NEWS

By Nancy Law, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Public Library

The summer is over, and we would like to thank our summer student Molly for making the TD Summer Reading Program a success. Keep an eye out for future programming announcements!

With fall weather approaching, don't forget that we have several Ontario Parks day passes for valid patrons to borrow for up to a week at a time. These permits provide complimentary day-use access for one vehicle and its occupants at more than 100 provincial parks where fees are normally charged. Contact either the Havelock or Cordova library for more information or visit the Ontario Parks Day Use site at <https://www.ontarioparks.ca/dayuse>.

Visit the library to check out our selection of brand new books including Laura Lippman's "Murder Takes a Vacation", Brad Thor's "Edge of Honor", Bill Clinton and James Patterson's "The First Gentleman", and Jess Walter's "So Far Gone".

As always, please check out our webpage (www.hbmlibrary.on.ca), visit our Havelock and Cordova Public Libraries Facebook page, or come see us at either branch for more information on our events.

CORRECTION

By Paul Stevens

In July, I wrote an article about the great work the Historical Society had done in creating displays and showcasing some of Havelock's early history. The title of the piece was Havelock Historical Society. That is not their correct name. The correct name is actually Belmont-Methuen and Havelock Historical Society, more correctly describing the members' field of interest. My apologies to all the dedicated and hard-working folks who are maintaining the early stories and images of the area's early years. I will repeat what I said in that article, "it might be worth your while to slip over to the Havelock Library on an early Wednesday afternoon and see if they have the library basement open for public access."



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HAVELOCK MINOR HOCKEY *By Matt DeMille*

For the first time since before the pandemic, Havelock Minor Hockey will be icing teams from U5 to U18! That means we will have seven Hawks teams hit the ice this fall. Our enrollment for the upcoming season has already surpassed last year, and we expect our numbers to continue to rise as we get closer to the season. Registration is still open and there are roster spots available for each team. You can register at <https://page.spordle.com/havelock>.

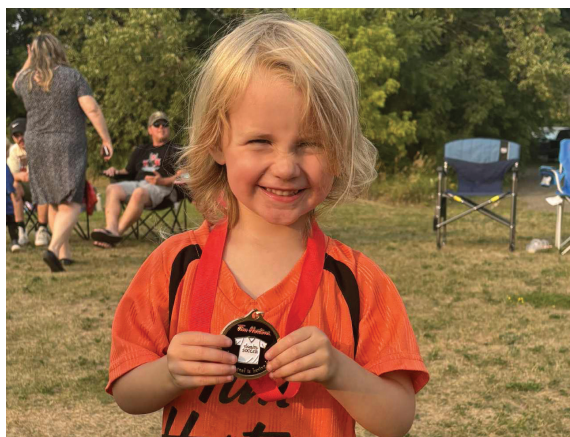
We would like to thank the community for their ongoing support in helping us bring minor hockey back to Havelock, especially our sponsors and our volunteers. Yeomans Chimney Service, Pharmasave Havelock, Covia, Timbermart, EMS-Tech, Hammered Out Fabrications, HBM Metal Roofing, Team Vanrahan Real Estate, Law in Motion, Havelock Lions Club and dozens of hardworking volunteers are helping us make hockey happen in Havelock.

We are always looking for more sponsorship and volunteer support to help us keep up with the growing demand for minor hockey in Havelock. And, you don't need to have a child participating to volunteer. On-ice or off-ice support in any capacity is welcome. If you think you have something to contribute, then please let us know at havelockminorchockey@gmail.com.

Arena Update: The HBM Community Center is the hub for hockey in Havelock. Many families and community members are wondering about how the ongoing arena renovations may impact the upcoming season. The Havelock Minor Hockey Association is working closely with the Township during arena renovations to ensure minimal disruption to the upcoming hockey season. The ice is expected to go in as usual (mid-September) and construction work is being prioritized to make sure that we have the access and amenities required to facilitate hockey. We also have contingency plans in place if required for early season practices in neighbouring communities. While there may be temporary changes to facility access, families can be assured that the season will proceed as planned, with continuity and player experience remaining our top priority. We would like to thank the Township for the continued support of Havelock Minor Hockey and for working with us to make sure the arena is ready for our Hawks to hit the ice.

SOCCER

Timbits medallion night! Timbits had 80 registered this year from ages 3-6. Nora Dunk u3 with her medal



TY THERRIEN RE-SIGNS

By Laurie Deshane

The Sarnia Legionnaires are thrilled to announce the re-signing of Ty Therrien from Havelock for the 2025/26 Season!



Ty, a forward standing at 6'1", is known for his strong skating and offensive capabilities. After playing the last two seasons with Sarnia Legionnaires, they are excited to have his veteran presence back on the team. Therrien, 18, had 11-12-23 totals and 129 penalty minutes in 47 games in his first season as a Legionnaires rookie. Congratulations Ty!



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RECIPE

BEST BROWNIES

By Kathy Clement

Back to school, entertaining friends or you just need a treat. These are simple, easy and good!

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter melted (1/2 pound)
- 2-1/2 cups white sugar
- 3 tsp. vanilla extract
- 4 large eggs at room temperature
- 1-1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup cocoa
- 1/2 tsp. salt



Preheat the oven to 350.

Line a 9x13 pan with parchment paper.

In a large bowl whisk butter, sugar and vanilla until smooth.

Add in the eggs one at a time. Mix after adding each one.

Add in the flour, cocoa and salt. Stir to combine.

Place batter on top of parchment paper and smooth out. Batter will be thick.

Bake at 25 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Do not overcook.

Cool and cut into squares.

HAVELOCK FARMER AND ARTISAN MARKET

The Farmers Market is open Fridays from 1 - 6 pm with food available at 11am. The Market always needs volunteers to help with online presence and at the Market. Contact the Market Manager at the Market if you are interested.

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BELMONT-METHUEN AND HAVELOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Well, another summer has come and gone and it's back to school time again. We want to wish all our students good luck in their classwork and in all the fun and sports activities during the coming year.

The meetings for the Belmont Methuen and Havelock Historical Society will start up again as well. All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, September 10th at 10:30am in the basement of the library.

We hope at that time to be arranging the finishing touches for an open house on the 24th of September. All plans are contingent of course on our space being available and free of workmen. Please look for flyers displayed around town giving

the details if we are able to proceed.

We are looking forward to showing everyone the interesting and often surprising objects that we have collected over many years in order to preserve Havelock's history.



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.



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025

- Council approved to award the Kawartha Cooperative Purchasing Group ("KCPG") Tender T-07-2025 Supply of Sodium Chloride to Windsor Salt Ltd.
- Council approved to award the Kawartha Cooperative Purchasing Group ("KCPG") Tender T-08-2025 Delivery of Sodium Chloride to Kawartha Capital Construction.
- Council approved the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of East Posts Rd and Posts Rd.
- Council approved regulating the speed limit of motor vehicles to 40 kilometres per hour on Smith Drive.
- Council provided approval for the treasurer to be given delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the application package to request assistance under the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance program.
- Council approved the purchase of a modular compressor with three (3) bottle fill station and three (3) cylinder storage, 16.3 SCFM, 10hp, 1 phase to be purchased from M&L Fire & Safety Supply in the amount of \$81,125.12.
- Council approved the purchase of a New 2025 UTV – Side by Side to be purchased from Hastings Marine and Powersports in the amount of \$26,983.26 for the Fire Department.
- Council approved the sale of property to the Minister of Transportation for the intersection improvements at Highway 7 and Bel Twp 6th Line.
- Council approved the Commercial Lease Agreement between The Township of Havelock-Belmont Methuen and the Belmont Women's Institute for use of the Stone Hall.
- Councillor Beverly Flagler was granted a medical Leave of Absence with pay until September 30, 2025.
- Environmental Grant Application from the Lake Kasshabog Residents Association was approved up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 to fund a study of microplastics in the lake.
- Council approved donations to the Peterborough County Plowmen's Association and Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Military Service Recognition Book.
- Staff was directed to include the expansion of curb side garbage collection in the 2026 budget deliberations.
- Mayor Martin provided updates regarding Cemetery Board, a meeting regarding attainable housing and a meeting with MP Emma Harrison.
- Staff was directed to schedule a Special Council Meeting to discuss options relating to the future development of the Peterborough Housing Corporation property on Smith Drive.



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The winner of the basket of food from the Havelock Farmer and Artisan Market was Bob and Lenna Rutherford.

H-B-M HAPPENINGS



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OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Township Office will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025 in observance of Labour Day. Enjoy a safe, healthy, and happy long weekend!

COMING EVENTS:

- **The Local Advantage Business Event** – Social Media Workshop - September 22 @ 7pm (Seniors Centre)
- **Glow in the Dark Youth Dance** - September 26 @ 7pm (Havelock Legion)

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Please note all meetings are hybrid, which means they are open to the public within Council Chamber and virtually via zoom. All regular meetings will begin at 9:30am.

- Tuesday, September 2, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting
- Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting

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

HBM SHOP LOCAL CONTEST:

Congratulations to our Shop Local contest winners:

- Laurie Deshane, 5th Prize - \$75 The Ranch Restaurant
- Connie Finlay, 6th Prize - \$75 Belmont Engine Repair & Sales

Next Contest Draw Dates: September 2 & September 16

- 7th Prize, \$75 High Spring Trading Post
- 8th Prize, \$75 Stenz N Gemz / Joy Esthetics

Visit <https://www.hbmtwp.ca> for full contest details and rules.

2025 PROPERTY TAX DUE DATE:

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

Second Installment Due: Wednesday, October 1, 2025

HBM COMMUNITY CENTRE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE:

Scope of Phase 1:

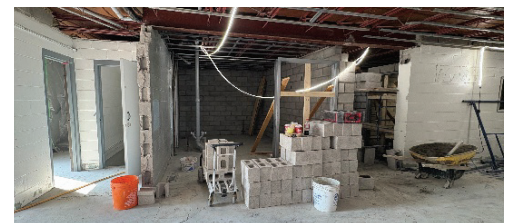
- Entire Roof Restoration
- New Elevator, accessing all three floors
- Interior Renovation
- New Lobby and Addition
- Building Power Upgrades

Roof restoration work is underway, and completion is targeted for end of September. The elevator, arena foyer, and warming room demolition is complete, and construction is proceeding. Ice Plant operation is scheduled for September 1, 2025. Alternate lobby and bleacher access will be available for the fall and winter Minor Hockey season.

Unity Design Studio is the Architectural and Design firm for this project. For more information, visit www.unitydesignstudio.ca.

Mortlock Construction Inc. was awarded the Community Centre Renovations and Addition tender. They are also the Project Manager and manage all sub-trades. For more info, visit www.mortlockconstruction.com.

Subscribe to www.hbmtwp.ca or follow HBM Township social media for project updates.



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** September 8 & 22 from 9:30-10:30am (17 Smith Dr.).

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

Havelock Seniors: **Shuffleboard** at 1pm.

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 Centre: **Laugh N Learn Playgroup** every Tuesday from 9:30-11:30am. Snacks & coffee provided.

Havelock Seniors: **Yoga Fit** at 11am.

Havelock Seniors: **Regular Euchre** from 7-9pm (bring a snack to share).

Belmont Women's Institute: are hosting **Hospice Norwood presentation** at 4:30pm (all welcome Old Stone Hall).

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.

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.

Havelock Seniors: **Mid-Week Jammers** at 1pm (September 10th 2pm).

Havelock Seniors: **Monthly Luncheon** September 10th.

Community Care: **Luncheon** at the United Church September 3rd.

THURSDAY

Havelock Seniors: **Chair Yoga** at 11am. \$2

Havelock Seniors: **Bid Euchre** every Thursday at 1pm. (doors open at 12:30pm) \$5.

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

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

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

Havelock Legion: opens at 1pm.

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 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 from 10-11am.

Havelock Seniors: **Cribbage** at 1pm.

Havelock Farmers Market: every Friday from 1-6pm on Hwy 7. (Food vendors open at 12pm for lunch).

Havelock Seniors: **End of Season party** September 5th \$10 each. Music & BBQ Call 705-778-2386 to sign up.

The Legion: **Shuffleboard** doors open at 1pm starts at 1:30pm.

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

SATURDAY

Havelock Seniors: **Bid Euchre Tournament** September 6th, doors open at 11:30am and food is available \$.

The Legion: opens at 1pm. **Meat Draw** at 3pm (8 Ottawa St.). (for rentals contact Michelle 416-605-5822 or 705-778-3728).

The Legion: **Mixed Dart Tournament** September 13th registration 9am (cn boomer180s@yahoo.com).

Rotary Park: **Annual Masonic Lodge Classic Car Show** September 20th from 10am-2pm.

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.

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

Cordova United Church 9:30am every Sunday.

Knox Presbyterian Church 11am-12pm.

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.