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## HAVELOCK BELMONT BULLDOGS



By Erin King

## Celebrating Our Incredible School Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart of our school community. Their dedication and generosity make a meaningful difference in the daily experiences of our students.

Each Wednesday, volunteers organize and run our popular hot dog lunches. Funds raised from these lunches directly support class trips and enriching programs throughout the school. On the last Wednesday of every month, volunteers also coordinate pasta lunches. Families are encouraged to contribute, helping sustain this valued program for all students.

Beyond lunch programs, our volunteers generously give their time in many ways. They assist with supervising class trips, support special classroom events, and meet monthly on Mondays from 5:15–6:15 p.m. to plan and collaborate. Their involvement also extends to after-school events such as Parent-Teacher Night, the annual Fun Fair, and the Book Fair.

Pictured below, from left to right, are our school office administrator, Mrs. McMaster; parents/guardians Ashley Hill, Danielle Follett, Keri Toms, Kimberley Smith, Megan Hamilton, and Debbie Follett; and our principal, Mr. Huffman.



We are deeply grateful for the commitment and care our volunteers bring to our school community.

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# ELMER'S EDITORIAL

June is here and many of us have been busy planting vegetable gardens to provide our families with fresh nutritious food. A wide range of people for a variety of reasons do not have that opportunity. They are left to navigate the isles of grocery chains.

Eating local food, Canadian food is important to many of us in order to support Canadian farmers and hopefully provide a chance at food security for our citizens in the future. Purchasing only Canadian products can be challenging. Many chain and producer organizations have taken to using the red maple leaf to indicate the item is a product of Canada. If it doesn't have the red maple leaf or say "product of Canada" it likely isn't. Some companies will use the phrase "imported by" or "packed in" and have a large Canadian address on the package with no country of origin anywhere. You can be sure that most supply managed farm products like chicken, turkey, dairy and egg products are Canadian. Beef and pork farmers have recently taken to adding Ontario or Canadian to their labels. Conestoga Pork, an Ontario Company is doing a really good job of promoting Ontario pork. If you want local, you can visit Hilts Butcher shop in Norwood on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday morning to source local beef and pork.

Folks without a garden can buy fresh fruits and vegetables in season as an important way to support Canadian farmers. In the off seasons frozen products are mostly Canadian and they are processed when the produce was at its peak. They are more nutritious than something that was on a truck for several days.

If you want to support local, be sure to visit the Havelock Farmer & Artisan Market on Friday afternoons in Havelock.

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# COMMUNITY CARE HAVELOCK

By Larry Pick

Community Care: Empowering you to live at home in the City and County of Peterborough.

Services for seniors and people who have physical limitations include driving to appointments or shopping, having meals delivered, visits either by phone or in your home, operation of New To You (secondhand store).

How to get involved – Volunteering!

Anyone who remembers the show “Cheers” knows Norm – “everybody knows his name”. I have that same feeling working at Community Care.

As a volunteer at Community Care, I can attest to the rewards from the work that I do for the organization. My role is to work in the office one morning a week. Each day, I connect with five or six folks to offer a friendly check-in and help them stay engaged. On most days we receive calls from clients who want to order frozen meals or hot lunches or to arrange a ride to an appointment or shopping. Other volunteers deliver the meals or drive someone to an appointment. Many friendships are formed between our drivers and clients.

I enjoy my talks with clients, other volunteers and staff of Community Care. The friendship and satisfaction of being a helping hand or someone who listens reinforces my sense of connection and contribution to the community.

There is always room for more volunteers: staffing the reception desk, driving clients, delivering meals, and, of course, working in New to You shop (they know my name there and my butter-tart addiction around 9:30 every Wednesday morning).

Other opportunities for helping that do not require a weekly or regular commitment. One example is the annual Toonie Auction work. This is one of the fundraising events organized by Community Care. The concept works so effectively because of the volunteers. The Toonie Auction is semi-famous in Havelock and surrounding area. It is one of the most fun activities I have ever volunteered for.

Considering Volunteering? Contact Community Care Havelock at 17 Smith Drive, Havelock or call 705-778-7831 for more information and to sign up as a Volunteer.

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# THE CROW'S NEST

*By Laurie Deshane*

I just can't keep a secret! I've stumbled upon another hidden gem in the Havelock area; only a quick 2 min drive East of town. It's called the "The Crow's Nest, and it's one of those places you discover once and immediately want everyone else to experience.

Sarah Winterbottom was raised in Cordova; grew up in Havelock, and later spent a few years living in England. But of course, we always come home! When Sarah Winterbottom moved back to Havelock in 2016; she had a goal: to build a home; not just a house, but a true homestead with a huge garden and some cackling hens. Sarah dreamed not only of growing and harvesting; but also offering her locally-grown, garden fresh preserves and eggs to the community.

That dream began to take shape in 2015, when her mom (on behalf of Sarah and her husband Tom) placed an offer on a Blairton property Sarah remembered from childhood drives. The home was built the following year, laying the groundwork for everything she would create. In 2020, during the height of COVID her little shed was delivered, and with it, The Crow's Nest was born. It has grown into something far bigger than Sarah ever imagined. She cans her own preserves, using produce from her

garden and locally-sourced goods. Incredibly, she also bakes sourdough, banana and zucchini breads ready for sale.

Her love for the community shines through in the way she supports local artisans by carrying their locally sourced products. Her store carries gorgeous, unique birdhouses created from repurposed materials and crafted by a talented local artisan. Other local artisans contribute to the shop as well, consigning cute shopping bags and makeup bags, and a selection of handmade soaps. There are also unique knickknacks such as door stoppers, mugs, candle holders, dishes, and more.

You'll find The Crow's Nest located at 302 Cole Road, just North of No. 7 Highway, off of Blairton Road (2 km (2min drive) from Havelock). It is open on weekends from 10am to 4pm; but often by chance; if Sarah is home.

Sarah also frequents local markets with her own products and those of local artisans, so be sure to look for her table at craft shows. She can be easily reached through Facebook at The Crow's Nest for bread orders or special requests.

Why not take a drive over one weekend and explore some of the wonderful, locally sourced goods waiting for you. You will be glad you made the trip!



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## TOUCHDOWN JUNE 2026: TWO FORWARD-LOOKING WOMEN BUY THEIR FIRST HOME IN HBM

By Harmen Boersma

In March 2024 Erikka and Katarina moved from Kitchener to rural Havelock taking possession of their first home together.

Katarina, descendent of immigrated German-Austrian stock, was born and raised in Langley, then moved to Kelowna to attend the University of B.C. graduating in Freshwater Sciences. She added degrees in Sociology and Creative Writing & Publishing. She currently works as a freelance writer and editor and is an avid gardener.

Some of Erikka's ancestors lived in Marmora, her grandfather Don and father Daniel were stonemasons, who built many of the homes and structures in the area. Her father and mother built some of the first log and brick homes in Riverside Pines. Growing up in Stirling, Erikka was involved in the Stirling Festival Theatre and attended Sheridan College for Theatre Production and later Interior Decorating. She works from home as a graphic designer for an economic development consulting firm out of Ottawa. They both love their cats.

Erikka and Kat hit it off online during 2019 through a mutual group writing hobby. The COVID-19 lockdown allowed Erikka's office work to continue remotely while Kat moved to online learning, which gave them plenty more time to talk together during 2020-21. During this time, they would meet in person; once in Kelowna and once in Toronto. It was kismet. They moved together as friends into a Kitchener small apartment. Then their relationship grew into being lovers.

Making plans together for their own home, they found land and a dwelling more affordable and available in Eastern Ontario. For Erikka it meant moving closer to family and Kat agreed to settle in this "quiet and peaceful neighbourhood to start a life together". They have a vital understanding about supporting the local community and see it prosper. Looking ahead they dream to write books together, own a self-sufficient/off-grid hobby farm, and sell baked goods from their quiet rural home kitchen.

### MURAL PROJECT

The Township of Havelock Belmont Methuen is looking for creative design ideas for an upcoming outdoor community mural project. We are looking for design ideas that best represent our local history, people and culture. More information about the project can be found at the township website, [www.hbmtwp.ca](http://www.hbmtwp.ca).

The deadline for submissions is June 30, 2026. Submissions can be sent to [tstark@hbmtwp.ca](mailto:tstark@hbmtwp.ca).

Please note: these are ideas for the township to consider only. The final design will be decided between Council and the mural artist.

### HAVELOCK FARMER & ARTISAN MARKET

Havelock Farmer & Artisan Market from 1-5 pm every Friday.  
A special planting exercise for kids on June 5th from 2-4 pm.  
Seeds, dirt and pots are free.





## HELPING EVERYONE SUCCEED: EXPLORING EQUITY TOGETHER



At HBPS, students have been exploring the important difference between equality and equity, and deepening their understanding of what each concept means in a school community. Through thoughtful discussions and real-life examples, students are learning that while equality focuses on giving everyone the same thing, equity is about ensuring everyone gets what they need to be successful.

We recognize that not all learners at HBPS require the same supports to thrive. Both students and educators are working together to build a community where individual needs are acknowledged and supported. A common example we use is shoes: while everyone needs shoes (equality), giving every student the exact same pair and size would not meet their needs.

Instead, equity means making sure each student has shoes that fit them properly and comfortably.

This learning is helping our students develop empathy, fairness, and a deeper appreciation for how we can support one another in meaningful ways.

## BULLDOG WALK OF FAME CELEBRATES OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

A new initiative at our school, introduced by Mr. Huffman, is already making a positive impact. The Bulldog Walk of Fame recognizes students from all three divisions: Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior, for demonstrating outstanding citizenship within our school community.

For the month of April, we are proud to celebrate Alanna Brown, Aurora Grove, and Dylan Toms as our featured students. Their kindness, responsibility, and positive contributions set a wonderful example for others.

Congratulations to our April recipients for helping make our school a welcoming and respectful place for everyone!



## HBPS STUDENTS TAKE ACTION FOR EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP

Each April, students and staff at HBPS come together to support their community through an annual Earth Day clean-up initiative. While caring for the environment is something we strive to do every day, Earth Day provides a special opportunity for our school community to take collective action.

Classes are assigned specific areas and routes throughout the neighbourhood, ensuring that as much of the community as possible is covered. Equipped with gloves and bags, students work together to collect litter and help keep our shared spaces clean and welcoming.

The photos below highlight HBPS students in action, demonstrating responsibility, teamwork, and respect for the environment. We are proud of their efforts to make a positive impact and care for our Earth.





# CORDOVA CORNER NEWS

By Laurie Deshane

The **Cordova Fire Department** will once again, thrill the village with an incredible fireworks display at dusk, on Saturday, June 27th, 2026 at the Fire Hall. Bring your lawn chairs, gather your family and enjoy an evening of spectacular lights in the sky. A barbecue will be running as well, so if you arrive hungry, the firefighters will have burgers and hotdogs on the grill. What a perfect way to kick off Canada Day! This event is possible through funding from the Fire Department, along with a generous contribution from the **Cordova Mines Recreation Association**.

The **Kidz Club** at the **Cordova Mines Community Centre** will be held on Thursday, June 18th, 2026 this month. Drop off your children and let them enjoy some awesome activities, games and snacks with their peers.

The **Belmont Lake Cottagers' Association** (BLCA) will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 9:30am at the **Cordova Mines Community Centre**. Belmont Lake members should plan to attend this important, informative meeting. Come hungry as breakfast is also being served!

On Saturday, June 27, 2026, the **Belmont Lake Cottagers' Association** will be having their annual Boat Parade on Belmont Lake. The parade will start on the East Side of Big Island across from the Belmont Marina at 3:00 pm and will head South to Sawmill Bay and loop around the lake. Everyone is invited to join in, and they encourage all participants to deck out their boats with fun and festive Canada Day decorations.



The **Cordova Mines Recreation Association** (CMRA) hosted a fantastic Spring Dinner & Pie Bake-Off! They had 80 attendees; the food was delicious but the highlight was the 12 delectable pies, donated by Kathy Clements, Joyce MacDonald, Sharon Haines, Lacey Dwyer, Kate Patton, Lisa Howie, Shara Howie, and, of course, Heather Shields with a Gluten Free pie option available too! The judges were Mike Deboni, Stephen Gough and John Deshane. The 50/50 winner kindly donated the winnings back to the **CMRA**. Thanks to **Haines Concrete Pumping**, Lisa Howie, Nancy and Clare for the door prizes. Events like this are only possible because of such a supportive and giving community!

**Don't forget** you have until Sunday, June 14th, to place your bids at the **Cordova United Church's** Silent Auction from 10:30 to 11:00 am on Sundays.

It looks like **Cordova** may have their very own basketball and pickleball court at the outdoor arena; hopefully opening up this month! Lines need to be painted, nets installed and it will be ready for use.





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📍 **Location: Cordova Mines Community Centre**

For more information and monthly updates, follow us on **Facebook or Instagram**, or check out our website [www.cordovaminesrec.ca](http://www.cordovaminesrec.ca)

# HONOURING NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY: THE TEACHING OF THE FACELESS DOLL

By Laurie Deshane



Every year, First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities across the country celebrate *National Indigenous Peoples Day* on or around June 21 to share and celebrate their rich and diverse cultures and traditions. It is celebrated during summer solstice; the longest day of the year.

"Indigenous" is meant to be inclusive of First Nations, Métis, Inuit and non-status Indigenous people. The word "Peoples" is capitalized to honour the distinct identities and nationhood of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples.

This day has been celebrated as a statutory territorial holiday in the Northwest Territories since 2001 and in Yukon since 2017. It is **NOT** however, currently and, unfortunately, considered a statutory holiday across the rest of the country. Today, *National Indigenous Peoples Day* is part of the Celebrate Canada program, which includes other cultural summer celebrations and activities taking place across the country. There are several to choose from in Peterborough if you want to become involved and educate yourself about their teachings. (See Box below)

I recently came across an article regarding the "Faceless Doll" project. Originally launched by the Native Women's Association of Canada, the project has expanded significantly as more people and communities take part. Each doll can take up to four days to make because of the details they require.

There are different theories about the "faceless doll" from different tribes but all attain the same meaning. One such story states that Corn, Beans and Squash are the three spirits that sustain life! According to the folktale, the Corn spirit was so happy she asked the creator for more ways to help her people. So, the Creator formed a doll from her husks, creating a beautiful face. The doll was very vain and thought she was better than everyone else because of her good looks. She continually looked at her reflection in the water when passing. This made the Spirit very angry and to teach her a lesson, the Spirit took her face away. The lesson learned is to not let physical appearance overshadow the spiritual and community values that matter most. It's about moving away from vanity and leaning into love, humility, and a stronger sense of belonging. Continuing these practices also helps teach the importance of respect and the recognition of Indigenous heritage.

"*Every Child Matters*" campaign also holds some significance to these dolls, especially after the discovery of numerous gravesites at former schools. One such grandmother; a survivor of a residential school in Sault Ste. Marie, makes these dolls to represent a way to learn from history and put that toward healing and moving forward. The agony of what each reserve is going through with these children being gone has a very important meaning behind it with these faceless dolls.

It has become tradition that when an indigenous mother or grandmother makes a doll for a child, she leaves the face unpainted and instead shares a version of this teaching. The story reminds us that it is far more important about how we can help others than it is to worry about how we look or how others see us, and that those gifts must be used in a good way. Sounds like the ultimate gift of life!

Event	Date	Location	Type of Celebration
Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre – NIPD Celebration	June 21	Peterborough	Cultural celebration, teachings, community gathering
Nogojiwanong Indigenous Fringe Festival	June 21–23	Peterborough	Indigenous arts festival
Hiawatha First Nation Indigenous Day Celebration	June 8	Hiawatha FN	Community celebration
Library Indigenous Heritage Events	June 7–13	Peterborough	Workshops, storytelling, cultural learning



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## OVERRATED FILMS

Some of them are Academy Award winners, some ruled at the box office but for me they are over praised, unimpressive movies I did not care for. In some cases time has borne me out and they have been seen for the weak films they are, while in others they have reached greater acclaim.

I care nothing for anyone else's opinion, for me these films are woefully over praised and overrated.

**VERTIGO (1958)**...Just about anything Hitchcock was wildly over praised and continues to be, except Psycho (1960) his masterpiece.

**THE ENGLISH PATIENT (1996)**...A love story works only if there is heat between the lovers. Hottest thing in this over long, tedious mess is the desert. Boring and endless. Nine Oscars but nearly forgotten.

**SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (1998)**...Best Picture over Spielberg's masterpiece Saving Private Ryan? No way, a good film not a great one.

**BRAVEHEART (1995)**...Did it win Best Picture because it was truly great or because Mel Gibson pulled it off without looking terrible? The latter me thinks.

**THE SOUND OF MUSIC (1965)**...Hate it hate it hate it. Sugary sweet is this mess. Not even the Nazis are truly bad, just misunderstood.

**THE DEER HUNTER (1978)**...suspend your dishier. Three guys, best friends from the same small town in America go to Viet Nam at the same time, end up together in a POW camp where torture is a game of Russian Roulette. Said to be based on the director-writers real life experiences...but he never was in Viet Nam and is known to um, lie a wee bit?

**GANDHI (1982)**...More like Gandhi's Greatest Hits sanitizing the life of the spiritual leader of India. Every word he speaks seems to have been carved in stone, we expect him to at one point walk on water. Nothing about his controversial friendship with Adolf Hitler, sleeping between two teenage girls to test his celibacy, and deny B his long time wife life saving medicine...she died. Little brown man had a dark side.

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.

## HBPS STUDENTS LEARN CANADA'S NATIONAL SUMMER SPORT THROUGH HANDS-ON LACROSSE PROGRAM

*By Erin King*

Students at HBPS recently had the opportunity to take part in an exciting and educational lacrosse program led by instructor Turner Evans of Nationwide Lacrosse. Working with all classes from Grades 1 through 6, Turner ensured each group had dedicated time to explore and experience the sport.

Throughout the sessions, students were introduced to the fundamentals of lacrosse while also learning about its cultural significance. They discovered that lacrosse is recognized as Canada's National Summer Sport and learned about its origins within Indigenous communities, where it is often referred to as "The Creator's Game" or "The Medicine Game."

The program focused on building essential skills through engaging, hands-on activities. Students practiced how to pick up the ball using trapping and scooping techniques, developed their stick-handling abilities through throwing, catching, and even spinning the stick, and learned how to cradle the ball while running. Partner work allowed students to build confidence in passing and catching with a teammate.

After developing their skills, students were divided into teams where they applied what they had learned in friendly competitions. Students encouraged one another, played with determination, and demonstrated teamwork and sportsmanship.

To wrap up each session, Turner impressed students with a series of lacrosse tricks, leaving them inspired and excited about the sport. The experience concluded with a group cheer, celebrating both their learning and participation.

The lacrosse program provided students with a meaningful opportunity to stay active, build new skills, and deepen their understanding of a sport with rich cultural roots in Canada.



# THREE DAYS GRACE COMES HOME

By Laurie Deshane

*Three Days Grace* comes home after two sold out shows in Hamilton & Oshawa!! The Village of Norwood proudly honoured their hometown band "Three Days Grace", with all of the members: Adam Gontier, Brad Walst, Neil Sanderson, Barry Stock and Matt Walst in attendance.

Members from the Township of Norwood held a ceremony at one of the entrances to town, unveiling a new sign proudly declaring "Home of Three Days Grace", beneath the "Welcome" sign. The community wanted to recognize *Three Days Grace*, their hometown band who have achieved international fame with multiple chart-topping songs and albums. Today, they stand as one of Canada's most well-known and celebrated rock bands.

It's easy to feel a little hometown pride when talking about *Three Days Grace*. The band's roots run straight through our own backyard; formed in Norwood by a group of local kids who grew up between Norwood and the surrounding area. Most of us from Havelock attended Norwood High School and, I'm sure know one, or some of the members. This acknowledgement inspires the next generation of artists and highlights the strong cultural and

musical history in Norwood. The members are genuinely home grown as they are quoted as saying "Never forget why you started and where you came from".

They're heading to Orillia on July 19th for a live show at Casino Rama Resort to showcase their incredible talents. This is the place to be if you want to feel the energy of this powerhouse rock group.



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## NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS FOR EVERY SEASON!

*By Kathy Reid, Norwood and District Horticultural Society*

Sugar Maple, Bunchberry, Red Dogwood, Canada Serviceberry and Rose Mallow are just a sample of the native shrubs and trees that can add beauty to your garden year 'round. Native trees and shrubs can extend seasonal interest, act as privacy screening, be used as a ground cover, and offer high wildlife providing valuable nesting habitat, nutritious fruit and a bounty of insects to feed young.

Understanding the growing conditions on your property will go along way to selecting the right tree or shrub. Soil conditions, sunlight, and wind are the top three factors to consider. Some species prefer moist soil, others can tolerate dry soil conditions; some do well in part shade while others need full sun; and some can tolerate clay soils and acidic soils.

To learn more about native trees and shrubs for every season plan to

join us at our meeting, on Tuesday, June 9th when we welcome Silvia Strobl, Master Gardener/Retired Forester, as our special guest speaker. Also that evening, we will be hosting a flower show where members will present their best in the classes of perennials, cacti and succulents, house plants and collections as well as floral designs.

We meet at the Royal Canadian Legion in downtown Norwood. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for the placement of flower show entries and the meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. (with a members' potluck dinner) followed by the presentation at 7:00 p.m. This is the last meeting before summer break and meetings will resume again on Tuesday, September 8th, 2026. Until then, be sure to follow us on Facebook for events and information and stay tuned to The Havelock Rail!



## A TRIBUTE TO SENIORS

*By Dave Millward*

In the twilight of life, they shine so bright...with stories of courage, love and light.

Each wrinkle a chapter, each gray hair a tale...of laughter and heartache, of triumph and failure.

They've weathered the storms, faced challenges bold, with wisdom that sparkles like treasures of gold.

Their laughter still dances, their spirits still soar...in the hearts of their loved ones, they're cherished and more.

So let us embrace them, with kindness and grace, for the Elders among us who've carved out their place.

With respect and with love, lets honour their years...for the gift of their presence brings joy and cheers.



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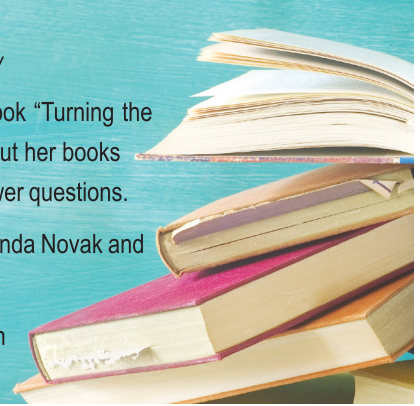
# LIBRARY NEWS

*By Nancy Law, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Public Library*

Local author Vanessa Westermann will be at the Havelock Library on June 6 at 1:30 with her new book "Turning the Page on Murder" which is the next book in her exciting Kate Rowan series. Vanessa will give a talk about her books (which you can purchase) and how she got into mystery writing. Vanessa is very welcoming and will answer questions.

We have new books hitting the shelves. "Bumblebee Season" by Eileen Garvin, "Meet me in Italy" by Brenda Novak and "Revenge Prey" by John Sanford just to name a few.

Please check out our webpage at [www.hbmlibrary.on.ca](http://www.hbmlibrary.on.ca), the Havelock Cordova Facebook page or sign up for our newsletter to see what we have going on at the libraries.



# ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE MONTH

*By Lorraine Roulston*

**JUNE 22-26, CELEBRATES NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK.** Pollination also occurs through the activities of some beetles, flies, snails, slugs, mosquitoes, birds, and ants. Allow dandelions, daisies, and clover to flourish on your lawn as these are great for bees. A Mother's Day gift can include a packet of milkweed seeds or a spring flower mix for the bees and butterflies.



# SPORTS

## HAVELOCK SOCCER CLUB

*By Deb Ottley*



We would like to introduce Jenna Baptie one of the new heads of the Havelock Soccer Club. Jenna has been the poster child of the Havelock soccer club - as a player from age 4 in Timbits all the way through to U18, referee since age 14 and volunteer coach since age 16. She has contributed so much to the club in the past and is excited to be able to step up and head the club. The club would not be able to run without her. We truly appreciate all the work she does with registration, social media, troubleshooting, hands on coaching/mentoring and so much more!



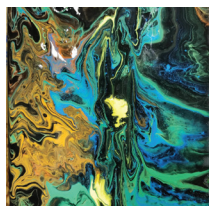
We want to thank this lovely lady for stepping up and doing all the designing, registration, admin, and tri county statistician! We can't do it without you! Everyone needs a right hand man and frankly she is more than it! We made changes and she wanted it so bad and I appreciate every bit she does! Eryn played U14 to U18 after she moved to Havelock, she has been a referee since age 14 and been a volunteer coach for Havelock since age 16. For the last few years Eryn has shown her dedication to the Havelock club by driving from Toronto to coach and referee. Havelock soccer club is happy to present one of your heads of the club! Thank you Eryn Churcher

## 1ST HAVELOCK SCOUTING

*By Brooke Wrightly*

Tin foil dinners, pancake breakfasts, garbage clean up, hikes and painting are just a few of the activities keeping the youth and leaders involved in scouting in Havelock busy.

The 1st Havelock Scouting group were busy cleaning up the garbage at the Rotary Park. The groups also joined together to take part in their annual tree planting day during the last week of April.



# SPORTS

## HAVELOCK HAWKS HEADLINER By Keri-lyn Toms

Back in April, Havelock Minor Hockey held our annual awards banquet. This is a time for members and families of our association to gather and come together to celebrate the end of another hockey season. And what a season it was! We are so proud of all of our players and what they, along with their teammate's accomplished. HMH had another awesome year of growth, placing teams in all but one age group.

But before I get to the awards, I would love to send a BIG shout out to our HMH Executive members for all of their hard work this season! It is not a seasonal position like some may believe, our wonderful executive members work all year long to prepare and plan for upcoming seasons, along with all of the things it takes to help run a hockey association all through the hockey season. It takes many helpful and dedicated hands to make things run as smoothly as they do. THANKS to each one of you! Another THANKS to all of our awesome bench staff, volunteers, sponsors, community members and anyone who has supported our Association in any way, shape or form. We can't thank you enough for giving HMH your time and attention. Without you all and the time you give, we would not be able to run HMH. Thankyou!

### Now on to the awards!

A big thanks to Coach Jen and her Hatchling Assistant Coaches Tyler Burkitt, Cheyanne Gronross, Sydney Colling and T.J Arrundell for all of the fun they had, as well as all of the skills they helped teach our youngest skaters this season. It was yet another terrific Hatchling season!

#### U7 Award Winners

- Most Valuable Player: Noble Nicholas
- Most Dedicated Player: Brantley Tilley
- Most Improved Player: Lincoln Bennett
- Most Sportsmanlike Player: Addie Mahoney
- Top Defence: Carter Pollock
- Top Forward: Lincoln Grant

#### U9 Award Winners

- Pom Pom Power House: Harper Gerow
- Esso Most Dedicated: Mckenna Bull
- Esso Most Spirit: Max Mahoney
- Esso Most Improved: Vimy Ferguson
- GOAT: Bryson LeBlanc
- MVP: Leo Demille
- MDP: Dekker Cagliostro
- MIP: Norah King
- MSP: Raelyn Illingworth
- Top Defence: Mitch Hamilton
- Top Forward: Wyatt Middleton

#### U11 Award Winners

- MVP: Daxton Whitmore
- MDP: Silas Gerow
- MIP: Freya Hebor
- MSP: Kaelie Chard
- Top Defence: Evelyn Demille
- Top Forward: Josh Baldock

#### U13 Award Winners

- MVP: Dylan Toms
- MDP: Ava Thompson
- MIP: Alex Acorn
- MSP: Vila Vilneff
- Top Defence: Marlee Cox
- Top Forward: Alex Hamilton

#### U18 Award Winners

- MVP: Aidyn Wrightly
- MDP: Owen Kelly
- MIP: Dom Earnshaw
- MSP: Riley Grant
- Top Defence: Kaiden McArthur
- Top Forward: Mason Toms

#### Havelock Minor Hockey Association Awards

- U7 Bobby J Award: William Weatherup
- U9 Moms Choice Award: Ila Trulsen
- T.J Arundell Goalie Perseverance Award: Dekker Cagliostro

#### Don Cassan Nominees

- U9: Leo Demille
- U11: Daxton Whitmore
- U13: Dylan Toms
- U18: Mason Toms
- Don Cassan Winner: Mason Toms
- The Burnsy Award: James Arundell
- The Doug "Mugger" Hart Award: Matt Demille





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## RECIPE

### CHEESE DIP

By Kathy Clement

After talking to Tracy Dafoe and finding out that June is National Dairy Month in Canada, I decided I would share this great appetizer that I have been making for years. It has lots of different names but I found it under "Crack Dip" because it's so addictive. If you are searching online, it can also be found under Million Dollar Dip.

#### Ingredients:

- 8 ounces cream cheese softened
- 1 cup sour cream
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 1 ounce ranch seasoning mix (optional but good and I use the whole pkg)
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (plain or mixed)
- 1/3 cup bacon bits or 6 slices cooked bacon crumbled
- Top with sliced green onions (optional)



Cream together the cream cheese, sour cream and mayonnaise. Add the remaining ingredients and put in a serving dish. It really is best made early in the day or even before. And, the longer it stays in the fridge it gets really good.

Serve with crackers, chips, nacho chips, raw veggies, etc.

Enjoy!! (this is for Tracy Dafoe)

## FRIENDS OF THE HAVELOCK RAIL FUND RAISER

By Paul Stevens

Havelock Farmer & Artisan 2026 Season starts on May 15, 2026 from 1-5pm.

For the bulk of the season you will once again be able to buy used books for a donation to the Friends of the Havelock Rail. I have spend a lot of hours inspecting the used books available for sale at local libraries and have scooped up some great selections and they will be available along with books from my own personal library and numerous volumes donated by a wonderful selection of locals who support our community newspaper.

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## BELMONT-METHUEN AND HAVELOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Holding the Maypole - Joan (Toms) Hornsby  
 Dancers - Wanda Wood, Norma Jean Goddard, Thelma Dafoe, Beulah Ellis, Vivian Wood, Virginia Ellis, Donna Lee Steenburgh, Norma Fraser and Rita Dafoe.

The Maypole dance is a centuries old rite of spring celebrated around the world. Does anyone remember this dress rehearsal in the yard of the Victoria School? There was no stage in this old one room school and this lucky group was the first to entertain their parents on the stage built at the nearby church.

Those paying close attention will notice that one name is missing. Can you help identify this dancer?

We have scheduled another drop in for Saturday, June 13th from 10am-2pm.

We're sorry that the wrong date appeared in the May Events Calendar. Please join us on the 13th.

You can reach us at 705-768-4895 or 705-778-7896 or by email at [bmhhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:bmhhistorical@gmail.com).

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

- Council received the delegation from Diane Mack and Arlene Miles from the Belmont Methuen and Havelock Historical Society regarding their upcoming events for information.
- Council referred the list of Capital Projects outlined in the 2026 Update on CapitaProjects report to the 2027 Budget Deliberations. Council approved the award of Tender #PRF-2026-02 - Two (2) New 2025 or 2026 White ¾ Ton Pick-Up Trucks is hereby awarded to Hunter Ford Sales in the amount of \$136,652.48.
- Council adopted Policy #67 Information Security Plan Privacy Default Protocol Policy and Policy #68 Municipal Privacy Default Protocol Policy to obtain authorization to access owner information for vehicle license plates through the Ministry of Transportation ARIS program (Authorized Requestor Information Services).
- Councillor Doherty noted that the HBM Community Policing Committee's "Cram the Cruiser" event date has changed from May 2, 2026, to May 23, 2026. On behalf of the committee, Councillor Doherty thanked the Township for the financial donation to Community Policing.
- Mayor Martin noted that the Cemetery Board is now overseeing the Pine Grove Cemetery.
- Mayor Martin requested that staff bring a report to a future Council meeting that outlines highlights and achievements relating to the Strategic Plan and successful grant applications.
- Deputy Mayor Webb requested that communication relating to phase 2 of the Community Centre project be relayed to the community.

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

- Michael Gage was introduced as the new Planning Assistant.
- Ontario Clean Water Agency presented the Havelock Drinking Water System Financial Plan to members of Council and provided an update to Council on the status of the new well.
- Council adopted the Havelock Drinking Water System Financial Plan.
- Council approved the request from the Belmont Methuen and Havelock Historical Society to hold their event on Friday, June 19, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the HBM Library grounds (Backyard).
- Council approved the request for an additional financial allocation of \$4,949.90 for the purchase and installation of the Disc Golf Course at the Mathison Conservation Area.
- Council approved the purchase of a new air exchanger at the Havelock Library in the amount of \$4,633.00 (including taxes).
- Council authorized staff to implement a 2% increase to the current water and sewer rates for the calendar year starting July 1, 2026 and directed staff to investigate the cost of installing water meters for all residential and commercial accounts in the Village of Havelock.
- Council approved that a meeting be convened between Members of Council and staff of HBM and the Municipality of Marmora and Lake to discuss the reconstruction of Vansickle Road.



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# H-B-M HAPPENINGS



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*Please note this was sent to publication as of May 22nd, 2026*

## OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Township Office will be closed on Wednesday July 1st, 2026 for Canada Day. Happy Canada Day!

## 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, June 2, 2026 @ 9:30am – Regular Council Meeting
- Tuesday, June 16, 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 will be sent out in the last few weeks of 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](http://www.hbmtwp.ca) > Township Services > Taxes > Pre-authorized Debit Plan

## PARKS & RECREATION NEWS:

**Splash Pad** is now OPEN! Hours of Operation: 10am – 8pm – 7 days a week.

**Coming Soon!**

- Mathison Property Disc Golf Course
- Two pickle ball courts and two basketball nets will soon be added to the surface located at the Cordova Outdoor Rink.

**Stay tuned for details!**

## CANADA DAY:

Canada Day Parade Wednesday July 1, 2026 at 11:00am

Fireworks at Dusk – Park along Highway 7.

Stay tuned for further details!

## 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.

## STORM/NATURAL DISASTER SAFETY TIPS:

Natural disasters can have a devastating effect on you and your home. Use the following safety tips to help protect yourself, your family and your home from the potential threat of fire during or after a summer storm. You can greatly reduce your chances of becoming a fire casualty by being able to identify potential hazards and following the outlined safety tips.

Summer Storm Fire Hazards

- Lightning associated with thunderstorms generates a variety of fire hazards. The power of lightning's electrical charge and intense heat can electrocute on contact, splitting trees and causing fires.
- Pools of water and even appliances can be electrically charged.
- Appliances that have been exposed to water can short and become a fire hazard.
- Generators are often used during power outages. Generators that are not properly used and maintained can be very hazardous.

**Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Fire & Emergency Services 705-778-3183**

# 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** June 8th from 9:30-10:30am.

**Community Care: Zoom Exercises** please contact CC at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or call the office.

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

### 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](http://www.zoom.us) or call the office.

**Havelock Seniors: Yoga Fit** at 11am. (6 week session \$30 members \$36 non members).

**Havelock Centre: Youth Night** from 6:30-8:30pm.

**Havelock Centre: Ladies Coffee Connect** June 30th from 10:30am-12pm.

### 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](http://www.zoom.us) or call the office.

**Havelock Centre: Free Family BBQ** June 17th at 6pm. Park by the arena in Norwood.

**Havelock Seniors: Cornhole** at 7pm.

**Historical Society: Meeting** 10:30am lower level of the library June 10th.

### THURSDAY

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

**Havelock Seniors: Bid Euchre** every Thursday at 12:30pm. \$5.

**Community Care: Zoom Exercises** please contact CC at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or call the office.

**The Legion: Ladies Open Darts** starts at 1:30pm.

**Havelock Centre: Preschool Play Group** from 9:30-11:30am. June 4th, 11th & 18th.

**Havelock Centre: Preschool Play Group** from 9:30-11:30am. At the Ice Cream Park.

**Havelock Centre: Men's Night** from 7-9pm.

**Cordova Rec Hall: Kidz Club** June 18th from 6:30-8:30pm.

### 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: Second Harvest Food Program** June 12 from 6-7pm and June 26th from 10-11am.

**Havelock Seniors: Euchre** at 12:30pm.

**Havelock United Church: Strawberry Supper** \$25 Drive thru only June 26.

**Havelock Farmers Market:** from 1-5pm.

### SATURDAY

**Havelock Seniors: Bid Euchre Tournament** June 6th, 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: Open House** June 13th from 10am-2pm.

**Havelock Library: Book Reading** with Vanessa Wesermann at 1:30pm.

**Cordova Rec Hall: Firework Display** at the Cordova Fire Hall.

**Sama Park: Yard Sale** June 20th.

### 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.

**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](mailto:havelockrail.cevents@gmail.com) prior to the 10th of each month.