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## KNITTING & CROCHETING TOGETHER

By Debbie Souter

In a cozy corner of our town, a group of local crafters gathers each month, united by their love for yarn and the arts of knitting and crocheting. **The HBM Twisted Stitches**, founded in 2022, has become a beloved tradition for community members from local communities who share a passion for creativity, relaxation, and camaraderie.

Whether you're a seasoned knitter, an experienced crocheter, or someone who's just picking up your first set of needles or hook, the club welcomes crafters of all skill levels. Meetings are held on the **last Monday of the month** at the Havelock library but are temporarily moved to the **Havelock United Church from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**, offering a supportive space to learn, share, and grow together.

The meetings are often filled with laughter and conversation, but the creativity doesn't stop there. The club also works on community

projects including the **Annual Christmas Bazaar**. Each year, 100% of the proceeds from the **Annual Christmas Bazaar** go to the **Havelock Food Bank**, making it a heartwarming tradition that draws the community together to shop for holiday gifts while supporting families in need. The items sold at the bazaar, from cozy knit and crochet wear to festive decorations, are all handcrafted by club members who take pride in giving back.

Looking ahead, the club is embarking on a new and ambitious project for 2025: creating **Izzy Dolls** to be donated to children in war-torn or distressed areas around the world. The Izzy Doll project was founded in memory of **Master Corporal Mark "Izzy" Isfeld**, a Canadian soldier who tragically lost his life in 1994 due to a landmine explosion while serving in Bosnia. The Izzy Dolls are simple, handmade yarn dolls which symbolize hope and healing.

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## ELMER'S EDITORIAL

On March 8th most world nations will celebrate International Women's Day which was first celebrated in 1911 during the growing presence of the suffragette movement. The suffragettes earned women the right to vote in most countries by the 1920s. Women in the Northwest territories wouldn't vote until 1951.

Beside voting there are many other issues which have required changes in the treatment of women. Unequal pay for work of equal value has been an ongoing issue around the globe. In Ontario between 1998 and 2022 the wage gap narrowed by six percent but in 2022 women still only earned 87 cents for every dollar men earned for the same work. When it comes to leadership in the corporate world women are largely absent.

In the political sphere women have fared somewhat better. We have had and continue to have several female premiers in Canada.

In the broader context, the World Economic Forum does an annual gender gap analysis. The index measures women's health and survival, educational attainment, economic participation and political empowerment. In 2024 Canada ranked 36th with the USA at 43rd.

As we prepare to celebrate International Women's Day, we need to be aware that the American Government has decided that equity or equality is not important and are attacking any hiring practises that pursue equity of employment for women or any other identifiable race, religion or sexual orientation.

On the local level at HBM, we have two female councilours and we have a female as the Peterborough County warden as well as women in leadership with several other local municipalities.

Women have been fighting for equality and inclusion for over a hundred years. Let's hope Canadians don't follow our southern neighbours down a rabbit hole to a past when women were treated as second class citizens.



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## KNITTING & CROCHETING TOGETHER CONTINUED...



Since its inception, the project has grown into a global movement, with volunteers from around the world crafting and donating thousands of Izzy Dolls to children in need. Our members, both knitters and crocheters, are excited to contribute to this project. It's a way for us to extend our hearts and our hands beyond our local community and make a real difference in the lives of children who need it most.

The **HBM Twisted Stitches** is more than just a hobby group—it's a community. Newcomers are always welcome to join in the fun and connect with others in an inclusive, relaxed environment. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a complete beginner, you'll find a welcoming space to share your passion for knitting, crocheting, and making lasting friendships.

For more information about the club and its upcoming meetings, or to find out more about the **Annual Christmas Bazaar**, the **Izzy Dolls** project, and how you can contribute to these efforts, visit [www.hbmlibrary.on.ca](http://www.hbmlibrary.on.ca) or stop by **Havelock United Church** on the **last Monday of the month** to meet the friendly faces behind the needles and hooks.



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# Spring FORWARD

SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD ONE HOUR  
*By Kathy Clement*

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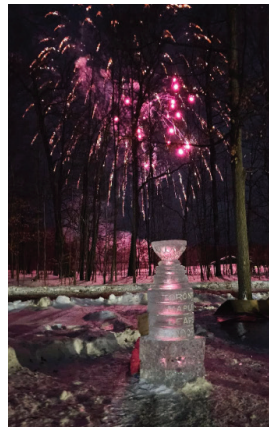
When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 9, 2025, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, March 9, 2025, 3:00:00 am local daylight time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on March 9, 2025 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening and less light in the morning.

Also called Spring Forward, Summer Time, and Daylight Savings Time.



The 6th Annual Havelock Fire & Ice Festival was a great success! The tireless efforts of the Fire & Ice Committee, HBMProud - Havelock Community Outdoor Rink, and Havelock Minor Hockey volunteers' paid off. Everyone enjoyed the All-star Hockey Skills clinic, marshmallow roasting, hungry snow hippo contests, live fire performances, colouring contests, medieval tournament, and fireworks that capped off an eventful day.



# AUTHOR VANESSA WESTERMANN IS BACK

By Paul Stevens



Author Vanessa Westermann brings us back to Cottage Country with another Charley Scott Mystery. "Cover Art, the first of the Charley Scott Mysteries was published to great acclaim in 2022.

At the heart of all of Westermann's stories are strong female protagonists inspired by the heroines in her own life. Shudder Pulp is a chilling murder mystery with a dollop of feel-good romance. It is the book to bring on your next vacation."



Artist Charley Scott is creating an immersive pulp art installation based on the local lake monster legend. But life imitates art when Laura, a mercenary newcomer, claims to have been attacked by the monster and, hours later, is found dead by dry drowning. Charley teams up again with chocolatier Matt Thorn to investigate, but it'll take more than seafoam toffee to bait this trap.

To find the truth, Charley must unmask the villain before the murderer strikes again.

I was fortunate enough to steal a little of Vanessa's time for this article. I asked her "What was the idea's origin for your latest book? Was it a single thought or incident or did it come from a mixture of concepts?" She gave me a great answer that showed a little bit of how Authors combine ideas come up with their creations.

"The idea for Shudder Pulp, the second Charley Scott Mystery, came from local lake monster legends and Shudder Pulp dime magazine stories. The 'shudder pulp' formula of horror stories had one rule: All supernatural events had to be explained away in the end as nothing more than tricks played by the villain to cover her tracks. Although these original pulp stories were gruesome and menacing, I thought the idea would work well for a cozy mystery. Why not have the killer try to cover their tracks with supernatural elements, and blame the murder on a legendary lake monster?"

Part of the fun of writing a mystery series is being able to invite readers to return to a familiar setting — or scene of the crime. This idea allowed me to explore another mysterious aspect of the series' cottage country setting. For cottagers, life is better at the lake. In the Charley Scott mysteries, murder is better at the lake."

Shudder Pulp is available for pre-order on Amazon with a price guarantee, but will only be released in May 2025.



## OFA DIRECTOR RECEIVES AWARD

Long time activist in Peterborough circles, Steve Brackenridge won the Long Standing Service Award for agriculture in Peterborough County. The award was presented to Steve at a recent celebration of agriculture banquet by Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture director Elmer Buchanan.



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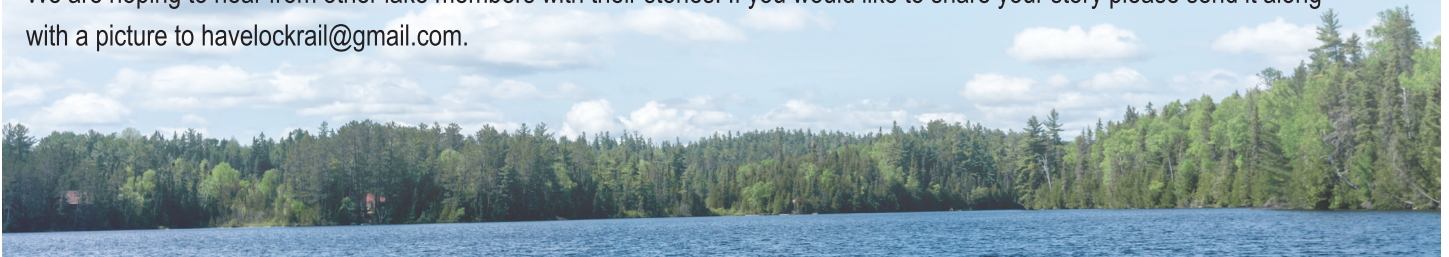
HBM is lucky to be home to many beautiful lakes. Our first lake is Methuen Lake which is located approximately 37km north of the village of Havelock. Go north on County Rd. 46 to Sandy Lake Rd. Take this road and then you can either take FR83 or FR84. Lasswade is located 6km northwest and Blue Mountain 6km southwest.

The lake is located in what is known as Zone 18 and spans 138.8 hectares or approximately 343 acres. Methuen has approximately 76 properties located on its shores and the rest remains Crown Land. This lake is known for being clear, clean and pristine. Also known for being a great fishing spot!! There is a dam that takes the water from the North River into Methuen Lake. A nice road trip to check out the scenery.

Speaking to a Havelock resident, he said that one of their favourite trips to Methuen Lake includes going the beautiful beach located on the north side of the lake. You can walk out quite a way's and enjoy the water.

Take the time to start exploring this beautiful countryside that has something for everyone including great lakes!

We are hoping to hear from other lake members with their stories. If you would like to share your story please send it along with a picture to [havelockrail@gmail.com](mailto:havelockrail@gmail.com).



## SENIORS SCAMS AND FRAUD PREVENTION PRESENTATION

*By Paul Stevens*

I recently had the great pleasure of sitting down with Dan Gay, the Media Relations / Community Safety Officer for the Peterborough County OPP. Dan has been a Constable with the OPP for the past 17 years, all of which have been with the Peterborough detachment. Dan attends various community events presenting to people of all ages on various topics.

One of the most popular is Fraud and Scam protection. February is Fraud Prevention Month. The Friends of the Havelock Rail are sponsoring a presentation on Wednesday, March 26th at 6:30pm in the Seniors Building at 10 George St W. Dan has done this presentation several times but is constantly revising it as the scam artists come up with new twists, so you can expect to hear the latest news on this topic. He will also have the latest statistics from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

This presentation is open to the general public, not just members of the Seniors club, and is a great opportunity to protect yourself from the legion of scammers and con artists who seem to be getting more sophisticated all the time. Dan is well-spoken and a wealth of knowledge. This presentation is not to be missed.



# CORDOVA CORNER NEWS

By Megan Haines

**CMRA Chili Contest** - Who all came out and enjoyed some delicious chili? Who came out and tasted all 12 pots? That's a lot of chili! Congratulations to our leads, Shelley and Tara, on another successful Chili Cook-Off! They keep getting better every year and so do the cooks!

This year's winners were; 3rd prize, Ginger Therrien; 2nd prize, Lacey Dwyer and 1st prize, Steve Armstrong. Thank you all for putting your best pots forward, they were all scrumptious! No one served their own chili, to keep the tasters guessing whose pot was whose. Thank you to all the incredible volunteers for your hard work once again! Thank you to North Of 7 Outfitters, Lisa Howie, and Clare Matthews for the door prizes. And Angie McCurdy for the gift certificate for the first place winner. We really appreciate your support! And of course thank you to our amazing community for supporting our events!



**CMRA Family Fun Day** - Due to the weather forecast on February 16, we postponed the event until **Sunday, March 2**. Join us for another Family Fun Day! \$10 per family.

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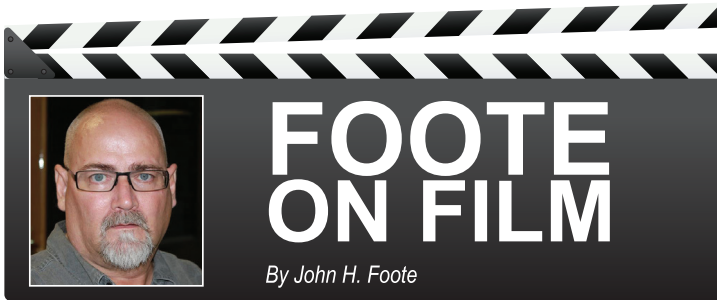
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## A COMPLETE UNKNOWN

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The arrival of folk singer Bob Dylan to American music in the early sixties was seismic event that altered the genre unlike anyone ever had or would. Singing his biting lyrics which spoke to the issues of the common man, Dylan paid tribute to Woody Guthrie, his hero, made friends with folk legend Pete Seeger and would hook up romantically with Joan Baez, herself a major singer in America.

James Mangold's film explores Dylan's life from 1961-1965 when his star was rising. Portrayed by Timothee Chalamet, the young actor is a revelation, doing his own singing and matching Dylan's iconic voice and playing all his own instruments it is less a performance than channelling of the spirit into the character. It is one of the greatest screen performances ever given, standing alongside the finest of Day-Lewis, Sean Penn, Jack Nicholson, Marlon Brando, De Niro and Dustin Hoffman. There is not a moment of artifice in the performance, a credit to the young actor who might never give a better performance. He is surrounded by superb supporting performances including the ethereal Monica Barbaro as Joan Baez, Edward Norton as Pete Seeger, Boyd Holbrook as Johnny Cash and Elle Fanning as Dylan's first love interest and muse.

The film beautifully explores the singer-songwriter's growing awareness of the bubbling social climate of the sixties. Baez helps turn Dylan's attention to the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Kennedy assassination, Viet Nam and the Civil Rights action. Dylan's songs became some of the greatest of his generation, sung in his warbling, original voice.

An astounding, altogether brilliant film that should bring young Chalamet an Academy Award for Best Actor.

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.

## DRONES IN WARKWORTH

*By Brooke Wrightly*

Drones are becoming more common. They are being used in agriculture, search and rescue, surveillance, wildlife conservation, firefighting, real estate and many other activities. With lower prices and more assessibility many people have purchased drones for their own personal use.

On the other hand drones are also being used for more criminal activities. Ontario prisons are seeing more drone drops now then ever before and Warkworth is no exception.

In February, According to Correctional Service Canada, staff located and seized contraband and other unauthorized items at the medium-security prison in the municipality of Trent Hills, located 60 kilometres southeast of Peterborough. Among the items seized were an edged weapon, cellphones and accessories. Officials estimate the value of the seizures at \$24,000. It's the second reported incident involving a drone this month at the prison. On February 2, two people were arrested after prison officials intercepted a drone flying over the prison. The drone was carrying cannabis and cellphones, according to OPP. There were several other insedents involving drone drops at the prison between November and December 2022. A telephone tip line for all federal institutions allows people to report activities relating to the security of visitors, inmates and staff members. The toll-free number is 1-866-780-3784. (Greg Davis, Global News)



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# PHOTOGRAPHER'S CORNER

Monica, an avid Rail reader and photographer has suggested that the Rail establish a "Photographer's Corner" in the Rail. We like her idea and have decided to start with photos she submitted including a sea gull over the caboose. The Rail invites other photographers to submit photos from the Greater Havelock Area for publication to [havelockgail@gmail.com](mailto:havelockgail@gmail.com).



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## IS A RAISED BED GARDEN IN YOUR FUTURE PLANS?

*By Kathy Reid, Norwood and District Horticultural Society*

Raised bed gardens have long been favored by many as a more accessible garden feature. Easier access to plants and soil conditioning, better soil drainage, pest control, and ease of weeding are among the benefits of a raised garden. They can be as simple or as elaborate as you wish; made of wood, metal or brick; and, can be shallow or deep.

Last fall, I visited a garden where the raised beds were built upon the ground, and constructed of cedar acquired from a local source. They were about two inches thick and about eight feet long. They were 30 inches tall, providing a nice seating area along the top plate. They were about four feet wide, so you could reach over two feet from either side. When asked how they were filled, I learned that the bottom was lined with scrap wood and

hay/straw and then filled with triple mix and compost. Watering and weeding were less of a chore because the beds were easier to reach. And, harvesting the vegetables (in this case) was a lot easier, too. Raised beds...something to consider!

As a reminder, guests are always welcome to attend a meeting of the Norwood and District Horticultural Society. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Norwood. Our guest speaker, Lisa Schnalzer-Missen, Owner of Owl Grove Roses, will share her knowledge about growing roses in our climate. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to lug-a-mug for a chance to win a door prize and enjoy coffee/tea/water. Follow us on Facebook for more details about upcoming events.

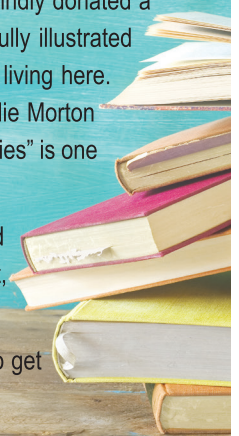


## LIBRARY NEWS *By Nancy Law, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Public Library*

The HBM Libraries would like to introduce a young local author Ellie. Her first self-published book *Pop & Pup* (which she kindly donated a copy to the Havelock Library) is being sold on-line under the name "Ellie Hoppers". This delightful picture book is beautifully illustrated and has a heartwarming message. Congratulations to this young entrepreneur. Our local area has many talented authors living here. Elisabeth Rodgers and Vanessa Westermann are just two names that come to mind. Harold Hunter, Grace Barker and Millie Morton wrote fascinating books on the history in the area. Another Canadian author Steve Burrows who writes "Birder Murder Mysteries" is one to try if you are looking for something new in mystery. Come into the libraries and find these treasures.

Also there is the 10th annual K. Valerie Memorial Poetry Competition, The competition is open to poets of all ages and experience levels across Ontario in three categories: Elementary, Intermediate, and Adult, with cash prizes awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category.

Please check out our website at [hbmlibrary.on.ca](http://hbmlibrary.on.ca) our Havelock Cordova Libraries Facebook page or come in and see us to get more information on events that are happening and the poetry contest.



## SPORTS

# HAVELOCK HAWKS HEADLINER

By Keri-lyn Toms

Second Season (formally known as playoffs) is off to a great start for our HMM teams.

### U7 HAWKS

Our U7 Hawks played Apsley on January 19th with Bryson Colley-Leblanc in net and Lincoln Grant taking home the MVP belt. They hosted the C.H. Grizzlies on January 26th with Westin Desjardins-Weeks getting the nod in net and Gryphon Depape skating away with the MVP. They travelled to Stirling for an early morning tilt against the Blues and Ila Trulsen was so good as goalie that she also earned MVP!

### U9 HAWKS

The U9s have made the big jump to full ice and haven't looked back! This team finished A finalists in their Home Tourney as well as B Finalists in the Apsley Winter Carnival Classic. This tourney saw the entire team, including coaches, have Hawks colours painted on their faces going into the final game. The team spirit turned into team success after the tournament when they faced off against the Apsley Flames on February 2nd and came out on top with a 1-0 win. Scoring the only goal was Wyatt Middleton, assisted by Colton Levere and Mitchell Hamilton. Vimy Ferguson earned the shut out.

On February 7th the Hawks battled for a 2-2 tie against the U9 Colts. Ferguson was strong between the pipes keeping the game tied. Scoring for Havelock was Daxton Whitmore and Josh Baldock, with assists going to Briar King and Evelyn DeMille.

### U11 HAWKS

On January 25th our U11 Hawks travelled to Madoc to face off against the Centre Hastings Grizzlies. It was a hard-fought game ending in a 3-2 win for Havelock. Dylan Toms scored all 3 goals. 2 of them were unassisted, with one assist going to Cheyanne Gronross. Wyatt Vineham played yet another solid game in net.

The U11s were back on home ice on February 2nd taking on the Brighton Bolts. They hustled hard for a 3-1 win. Goals were scored by Blake Bump with one and Dylan Toms with two. Assists going to Lincoln and Ivory Hall.

February 9th saw the Hawks meet up with the Otonabee Wolves. It was quite the game with the U11 team claiming victory with a 7-3 win. Vineham was a force to be reckoned with as he continues to stay strong tending his net. Goals were scored by Blake Bump, Kaelie Chard (who skated so hard to snag her first goal!), Alex Hamilton with two and Dylan Toms with three. Assists were earned by Elliott Hebor, Silas Gerow with two and Toms and Vineham with one each.

### U15 HAWKS

On February 5th the U15s met with the Warkworth Bulldogs, it ended with a tight 8-8 tie. It was a battle till the buzzer with goalie Dylan Frater helping them bring home the tie. Scoring for the Hawks were Colton Brown with one, Dougie Bayne with two, Cole Huycke with two and Hewitt Toms with three. Assists going to Toms (2), Riley Grant, Mason Leavitt, Chase Thompson and Brown.

They took on the Lakefield Chiefs on February 9th with a tough 5-4 loss. It was a close match that saw each team play hard until the very end. Scoring for Havelock was Hewitt Toms (4) with an assist going to Mason Leavitt.

### HATCHLINGS



**Check out our full Second Season schedule online at [www.havelockminorhockey.com](http://www.havelockminorhockey.com).**

**STUDENT HELP WANTED:** Wanted, a Norwood High School Student interested in writing a monthly column regarding sports or other activities at NDHS. This is a volunteer position but it could be claimed as community service hours and would look good on a future resume. Apply to [havelockreal@gmail.com](mailto:havelockreal@gmail.com) or phone 705 778 3370.

## ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE MONTH

By Lorraine Roulston

**CREATING JUNK ART:** Elementary teachers gather egg cartons and Popsicle sticks for their art crafts. Expanding the collection to include items such as fabric scraps, corks, small styrofoam packaging, bubble wrap, bottle caps, and candy wrappers allow children to use their imaginations. Parents, as well, could collect the same items.

It's worth noting that the retailer, Staples, provides recycling boxes for spent writing materials and other school supplies.



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Kerry Foster is the winner of Kathy's butterscotch cookies.



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## RECIPE

### TEA BISCUITS

By Kathy Clement

**Ingredients:**

- 6 cups all purpose flour
- ½ cup white sugar (optional)
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 10 tsp. baking powder
- ½ pound lard or shortening
- 2 eggs beaten
- 2 cups buttermilk, milk or sour milk
- 1-1/2 cup raisins (optional)



Mix the dry ingredients together and add raisins, if using. Cut in the shortening or lard.

Mix together the eggs and milk and gradually add to the dry ingredients.

Knead until it comes together, place on a floured board (or counter) and cut out biscuits. I use a 2-1/2" cutter.

Bake on the lower rack of a 400 oven for approx. 15 minutes or until golden.

Makes approx. 3 dozen.

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## BELMONT-METHUEN AND HAVELOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*“With March comes a promise of change - and the courage to embrace it.”*

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

The Belmont Methuen and Havelock Historical Society invites everyone to join us at 10:30am on the 12th in the library basement for our monthly meeting. We have a lot to discuss just now. Finally we may have a permanent home! Come and hear the details.

It's also time to prepare for our Annual General Meeting scheduled for April. At that time, members will participate in the election of officers for the next year.

We are working here every Wednesday from 9:30am to early afternoon. Please feel free to drop in to see our progress or to share pictures and stories with us.

With big changes coming, we have an even greater need for cabinets, book cases, display materials, etc.

All will be gratefully received and well used. We look forward to an exciting year.

## HAPPY WANDERERS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

We will be accepting returns under this program again this year.

This is a **FREE** service for low income individuals.

Single person \$35,000. Family \$45,000.

Bring your 2024 rent or property tax receipts, T4's, T4a's, T5s, T5007 etc. Medical, donation receipts, any government documents you have received to Havelock United Church basement, where you will fill out necessary forms

### DATES WE WILL BE RECEIVING YOUR DOCUMENTS

TUESDAY MARCH 11 - 10am to 12 Noon

TUESDAY MARCH 25 - 10am to 12 Noon

TUESDAY APRIL 8 - 10am to 12 Noon

TUESDAY APRIL 22 - 10am to 12 Noon

# COUNCIL CORNER

By Donellda Fraser

## Meetings held on February 4 and 14, 2025.

- Delegation of Pat Patterson re support for volunteer organizations. Subject being medical equipment that had been stored at the Town Hall. He stated that he went to the dump and found the electrical wheelchair that he had obtained several years ago had been taken to the dump. He had to get permission from CAO to remove the chair from the dump before workers would allow him to do so. He suggested that there needs to be a better way to store medical aid devices to help out our community residents.
- Peter Lausen Road Manager gave a brief update on the water filling station. He stated that the filling station is operational year round. Jugs cost \$3.00 and are looking to get word out to the residents on the lakes through advertising.
- During the Fire Department monthly report, Council Dorherty again asked about showing the number of calls that the Chief and Deputy attend. Chief Haynes replied “ We have had this discussion before and this was addressed in a closed meeting.”
- Bob Angione CAO/Clerk re Medical Centre Norwood. The surveys that had been done show 78% in favour of using HBM tax money to fund this project. A motion was made to have preliminary discussions with Norwood Asphodel Council about this matter. Motion carried.
- Delegation Mathew Philip, Senior Project Lead, Unity Designs Studio. Re Community Centre Reno's and Addition. He presented blue print designs for the inside of the arena and pictures of the completed outside structure. Approximately 7 parking spaces will be lost. Mayor Martin stated the canteen existing building will be removed which will allow for some parking spaces replacement.
- Richards Steinginga, CPA of Baker Tilly Financial Statements. He informed the council of new requirements changes on how the Council to report investments and retirement obligations. Going through the 2023 financial report it looks like HBM is sitting pretty good. Motion to accept and carried.

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*Please note this was sent to publication as of February 20th, 2025*

## COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Please note all meetings are hybrid, which means they are open to the public within the Council Chamber and virtually via zoom. The Zoom invitation link is available to all and can be found on the first page of the Regular Council Agenda.

- Tues. Mar. 4, 2025 @ 9:30am – Regular Council Meeting
- Tues. Mar. 18, 2025 @ 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.*

## PUBLIC WORKS:

### No Overnight Parking on Village Streets

A Reminder to residents and visitors of the Village of Havelock, as of November 1st until April 15th, there is NO overnight parking on village streets. This ensures the village streets are clear should winter maintenance be required.

### Reduced Load Restrictions

Half load restrictions for HBM Township come into effect starting March 1st and will continue until April 30th. The restrictions apply to all HBM Township-maintained roads and are subject to change.

During the restricted period, vehicles will be limited to 5 tonnes per axle, and there is limited truck and transport access to these areas.

### Jug Fill & Water Supply Station

The Jug Fill & Water Supply Station is open 24/7 and is located beside the water tower at 111 Concession St. Havelock, ON.

There are two filling options available:

- ¾ Inch Hose Fill - \$3.00 minimum charge (\$0.15 per liter after 18.9L)
- Jug Fill - \$3.00 per jug

The station is equipped with a debit/credit card system for payments. Cash is not accepted at the station. Instructions have been posted throughout the station for easy usage!

Note: Bulk Water Tanks are not accepted.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### PAINT THE ICE EVENT:

Sunday, March 30th from 12:00 - 2:00pm.

Enjoy the end of season fun and PAINT THE ICE at HBM Community Centre (arena). This is a two (2) hour event that takes place right after the last free public skating.

Admission is FREE, as well as paint and paint brushes. This year, we're going to try Wiffle Hockey at one end, and a little Hungry Hippo too!

### VOLUNTEER FAIR:

Wednesday, April 2nd from 3:30 - 7:00pm held in the Lions Hall at the HBM Community Centre.

The Volunteer Fair will connect those interested in volunteering with local community organizations and charities where skills and interests align. The event is designed to bridge the gap between passionate individuals and meaningful volunteer opportunities.

Admission is FREE with 12 - 14 local community groups and charities participating.

## PARKS, RECREATION, & FACILITIES:

### RFQ #PRF-2025-01 - Ball Park Booth (Canteen) Operation 2025 Season

The Municipality's quotation forms are available at the Township office or found on our website [www.hbmtwp.ca](http://www.hbmtwp.ca).

Hard copy submissions only, shall be received no later than 11:00am Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

## 2025 INTERIM TAX DUE DATES:

Interim Property Tax bills were mailed out the end of February, please contact the office if you have not received your bill by March 15, 2025.

- First Installment Due: Monday, March 31, 2025
- Second Installment Due: Friday May 30, 2025

## MUNICIPAL JOBS - WE'RE HIRING:

Within the month of March, the Township will be publishing a number of job postings including summer student positions.

To stay apprised of all employment opportunities, we encourage you to follow us on social media @townshipofHBM and subscribe to our website career page at <https://www.hbmtwp.ca/township-services/careers-and-volunteering/>.

# 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** March 3, 17 from 9:30-10:30am. (17 Smith Dr.).

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

**Havelock Seniors:** **Chair Yoga** from 11am-12pm. \$2.

**Havelock Seniors:** **Shuffleboard** at 1pm. \$5pp.

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

### 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)** 5:30-8pm.

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

**Cordova Community Centre:** **Yoga** every Wednesday, 6:30-8pm. \$20. Please call or text 705-760-1296 to ensure that a class is running.

**Havelock Seniors:** **Monthly Luncheon** March 12 (St. Paddy's Day), 12pm \$10.

Please reserve by March 7.

**Community Care:** **Diners Club** March 5 at the United Church. \$14pp.

**Havelock Seniors:** **Line Dancing** every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm.

**Belmont Methuen Historical Society:** **Monthly Meeting** March 12, 10:30am-12pm in the library basement, Cn 705-768-4895.

**Old Town Hall:** **Mid-Weak Jammers** doors open at 12pm, music starts at 1pm.

### THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

### FRIDAY

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

**The Legion:** **Shuffleboard** from 1-3pm. Everyone welcome.

**Havelock Centre:** **Open Mic Music Night** 1st & 3rd Fridays at 6pm. Any questions please call Rolf at 705-875-8018.

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

**Havelock Seniors:** **Line Dancing Level 1** every Friday from 10-11am.

**Havelock Seniors:** **Cribbage** every Friday at 12pm. \$5.

**Havelock Seniors:** **Peterborough Casino Trip** March 21.

### SATURDAY

**Havelock Seniors:** **Bid Euchre Tournament** March 1, doors open at 11:30am and food is available \$.

**The Legion:** **Meat Draw** every Saturday at 1pm (8 Ottawa St.). (For Hall rentals contact [Michelleoconnor309@gmail.com](mailto:Michelleoconnor309@gmail.com), 416-605-5822 or 705-778-3728).

**The Legion:** **St. Paddys Day Luncheon** March 15 from 12-6pm. Irish Stew, Tea Biscuits and hot beverages.

**Havelock Seniors:** **Dinner and Concert** (buffet starts at 6pm) Members \$15 and non-members \$20.

**Havelock Seniors and Havelock Legion:** **Joint Cribbage Tournament** \$20 a team.

### SUNDAY

**Havelock Stone Hall Sessions Concert Series:** 4th Sunday of every month at 2pm (Highway 7 and 6th Line.).

**Havelock Seniors:** **Bingo** every Sunday at 6pm, doors open at 4:30pm, light lunch available.

**Cordova:** **Family Day** March 2 starting at 10am with a pancake breakfast \$10 per family.

### SUNDAY - CHURCH SERVICES

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

**Havelock Fellowship Baptist Church** 10:30am.

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

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

**Cordova United Church** 9:30am every Sunday.

**Knox Presbyterian Church** 11am-12pm.

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