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ELMER'S EDITORIAL

As we roll into March, income tax season is upon us. The deadline for filing 2023 tax is April 30, 2024. Next to complaining about the weather, complaining about taxes is right up there near the top of complaints. Different levels of government have different jurisdictional capacity to collect taxes. Federal and provincial governments can levy direct taxes on income and sales but municipal governments can only levy property taxes and charge fees for various services.

When election season rolls around, taxes are inevitably a political football. During Donald Trump's four years as president his only significant accomplishment was a massive tax cut which contributed to the largest deficit by any US president and enriched many of the 651 billionaires in the USA.

Regardless of the country, when governments spend on the well being of their citizens, some politicians complain about deficits but at election time they promise tax cuts which means the deficit will increase and enrich the wealthy.

If we examine government spending closely we will discover why tax cuts are bad for most citizens. The budget for healthcare and social services is more than a third of government spending and if you add in education you would be looking at two thirds of the budget. Attempts to reduce spending by an arbitrary percentage would be devastating for health care and education. If you exempt those areas from the cuts you would destroy several other branches of government. Spending needs to be curtailed when possible but arbitrary cuts will only make life miserable for the people in need of social services. Privatization of health care will only make life worse for people in need of care.

Back to HBM and property taxes. With a little research you will discover that property taxes in HBM are lower than most of the surrounding municipalities. With lower taxes comes less services and delivery of services based on reduced staff. Generally, we should give thanks to our council for their efforts and remember you can't get more and faster services without higher taxes!

Happy Saint Paddy's Day!

FRIENDS OF HAVELOCK AGM

Friends of Havelock, a non profit corporation held its inaugural annual general meeting in early March 2020 just as COVID hit. Since Covid, we have paused most of the planned activities.


The intention of the Corporation is to establish an entity that will raise funds to support the distribution of the Havelock Rail and in time make grants available to other senior and youth organizations. Funds raised will not be used to pay for operational expenses but rather the interest earned on investments will be distributed by the Board of Directors. Friends has a constitution and by-laws to ensure funds raised are used to support the objectives of the Corporation. Filing to become a federal charitable corporation is underway.

The AGM will be held Sunday, March 24, 1pm at the Seniors Centre. Membership fees are \$20 and can be paid at the door allowing you to vote for directors and resolutions.

We hope for a good attendance to help provide sustainability for the future of the Rail newspaper.

THE RAIL IS NOW ONLINE

The Rail is pleased to announce that HBM is hosting digital copies of the newspaper on its website. Go to the front page of the HBM website at <https://www.hbmtwp.ca/> and scroll down the page until you see the section of the page in the accompanying image. In the image, the red ovals identify the live links. The two most recent issues, January and February are now available. The front page (Page One) is not reproduced in either online issue. We will continue to seek a solution to this glitch, but decided this news was too good to keep quiet about. To be determined are how many different issues will be hosted at a time and how long an issue will remain available. Our thanks to HBM for making it possible for folks outside of the HBM Post Office route to stay updated on what is going on in the area. We look forward to your feedback.

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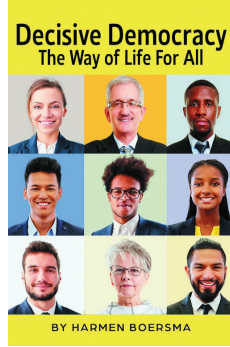
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DECISIVE DEMOCRACY INTERVIEW SUMMARY FEBRUARY 10, 2024

By Paul Stevens

This is an edited interview with local author Harmen Boersma.

Paul: Mr. Boersma, can you tell us about yourself and your book?



Boersma: In 2019, my spouse and I moved to Sama Park from Kemptville, ON, where we had been involved in raising our family of five, operating a PR business, and participating in church and community activities. As a new Canadian, I have always followed social and political news. As COVID progressed, I found the social atmosphere changing. It felt to me that the government took more control, was more coercive than necessary. For me, that raised the question: What does a vibrant, stable democracy look like? I spent three years putting the answer together in my book, Decisive Democracy The Way Of Life For All.

Paul: Can you give our readers a summary of your book?

Boersma: It offers an inventory of democracies: constitutional, representative, direct democracy, and more. Canada has a constitution which guarantees rights to individuals and institutions. I pose that Canadians have responsibilities and are accountable for them to the Creator and to each other to maintain a constructive way of life.

We can make a choice to speak the truth or a lie, work for good or evil. That is a personal decision that applies to all of us, from the Prime Minister down to the homeless person. Therefore, the title Decisive Democracy. Usually, democracy means 'people rule' but I extend that to 'people rule to serve'.

Democracy is not only political but influences all of society. It is not given 'on a platter'. Every person in their social relations constructs or destructs. If government leaders control by offering their ideal society, the family, the workplace and the church will be disrupted from being the institutions they are meant to be.

In chapter five, The Story of Canada, I offer a bird's eye view of Canadian society from 'times immemorable' to the present. Canadian society has been organized in various ways but as an independent liberal society in the last 100 years.

In Decisive Democracy, I pose that four social institutions are its pillars: the family, the workplace, the church, and the state. Each contributes in their unique way to society: Family offers the continuation of the population from generation to generation; the workplace offers creativity and material support by developing scarce resources and services, the church equips us to live by faith; and the state offers protection and security. I present three examples of this kind of democracy: in the Netherlands (1875 to 1950), in Canada/Ontario (1950 to 1990), in Hungary (2010 to the present). These times were marked by peace and prosperity, in spite of local turmoil to define it.

Paul: Who are you trying to reach and where can they get a copy of your book?

Boersma: Although democracy involves all Canadians, I hope to reach especially youth, Indigenous and new Canadians. They will shape the future of Canada. Copies are available at all major online bookstores or can be requested at decisivedemocracy@gmail.com.



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MEDIA RELEASE: FARMLAND TO RENT?

By Pat Learmonth

NEW TOOL WILL HELP KEEP FARMLAND IN FARMING!

Farms at Work is excited to launch findfarmland.ca – a free online tool designed to fill a gap in agricultural land access by helping farmers and landowners find each other.

Why is this so important? More and more non-farmers are purchasing farms. Sometimes all or part of their farmland is taken out of production, and that is not good for Ontario. We need all the farmland we have in order to feed Ontario and build local food security. A study by Ontario Farmland Trust in 2009 showed that the food produced in the province at that time was barely sufficient to feed the population, but since then more land has gone out of production and population has increased. Land in production declined by about 18% over the 35 years ending in 2020.

The recent pandemic, political upheaval and severe climate events have all illustrated how supply chain disruptions can directly affect groceries on shelves in Ontario. At the same time, rental of farmland is rising steadily

across the province as farms become less affordable for farming, and new entrants are particularly hard hit. With prices skyrocketing, few can afford to purchase a farm.

Find Farmland is a simple, searchable bulletin board for listing farmland available across the province. Anyone can search for land based on geography, facilities and other characteristics. Find Farmland can help make more land accessible and encourage owners to keep it in production.

Visit findfarmland.ca and pass it on to landowners in your area who may be looking to rent out all or part of their farmland.

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HAVELOCK SHARPENING AND SMALL ENGINES

By Paul Stevens



Dennis Irwin John Hebor

John Hebor was good enough to send us an email and let us know that he had just purchased Havelock Sharpening and Rental. The original owner, Dennis Irwin, was retiring. This is great news. An existing business has been sold to a new owner and will continue to do business in our community

John is from the Havelock/Campbellford area. He learned the business was up for sale when he saw an ad for "Havelock Sharpening and Rentals" while scrolling through Facebook. John was working at the time but was looking for a change and felt up for the challenge. He talked to Dennis who asked questions and also answered them. Dennis invited John to try this opportunity out to see if it would be a good fit. John was already familiar with the basics of running a business and he had past experience in fixing

small engines like lawnmowers, chainsaws and trimmers. Dennis put him through the mill in terms of sharpening until he could do the range of sharpening that Dennis was providing.



John Hebor Dylan Hart

The sale officially took place on January 1st this year. The name of the business was changed from "Havelock Sharpening and Rental" to "Havelock Sharpening and Small Engines." As well as continuing the existing sharpening John has started expanding into the small engines market and hopes to start dealing in small farm equipment repair and custom fabrication work.

John invites readers to check out his Facebook page called "Havelock Sharpening & Small Engine Repair". He shares his hours, important information, and even services on offer! You can contact him by email at havelocksharpening6289@gmail.com or by phone at 705-977-5897.

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Community Care Peterborough is pleased to announce a Foot Care Clinic will be opening at its office in Havelock starting on March 7, 2024. With trained volunteers, the Foot Care Clinic will provide toenail trimming and basic skin care to promote and maintain comfort and mobility, for a fee of \$30 per appointment.

The Foot Care Clinic is a collaboration between the Havelock and Norwood offices of Community Care Peterborough. It will take place on the first and third Thursday morning of each month from 9:30am to 12:30pm at 17 Smith Drive in Havelock.

The Clinic will provide an important service to the Havelock and Norwood areas. Healthy feet can be a key factor to overall wellbeing and the foundation to maintaining independence. Foot health is vital to balance and mobility, and having foot problems could mean the difference between needing institutional care and being able to live at home.

Community Care is encouraging those interested in registering or booking an appointment to call the Norwood office of Community Care at 705-639-5631.

For individuals who are unable to drive, Community Care offers a Transportation program. Through volunteer drivers, or accessible vehicle services, the organization assists with drives to medical and other appointments, as well as shopping and personal errands.

Powered by volunteers and staff, Community Care Peterborough supports the health and well-being of individuals, caregivers, and communities. As a trusted healthcare partner, its high-quality

programs allow people from across the City and County of Peterborough to maintain their independence and dignity.

For more information about the Foot Care Clinic, visit: www.commcareptbo.org/Footcare

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CANADIAN RECORDING ARTISTS - WEDNESDAY

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wednesday_\(Canadian_band\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wednesday_(Canadian_band))
<https://wednesdayrocks.com>

By Laurie Deshane

Canadian recording artists **Wednesday** was a pop vocal group from Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. They scored a hit single with **"Last Kiss"** in 1974 peaking at #1 on the Canadian Billboard chart where it stayed for six weeks. In the U.S. it reached #34, in Australia it made the #7 chart position, and #68 in the yearly Australian top 100.

But even more notable is that one of the band members and good friend: guitar player and singer **Mike O'Neil** has "cottaged" on Belmont Lake since 1973 with his "in-laws"; eventually buying their own cottage in 1985! Mike grew up in Oshawa and lived in a neighbourhood where you either played hockey, or the guitar; or both! At Eastdale High School, he played the French horn for three years. Having developed the love for music he decided to take guitar lessons at Wilson and Lee, Oshawa's first and oldest music store! His guitar teacher discouraged him by telling him he was wasting his time as he didn't have that knack! Mike was not that easily convinced, as his music teacher, Mr. Devereaux, told him to continue pursuing his music, and the latter occurred.

Paul Andrew Smith (lead guitar and vocals) immigrated from England in 1967 with his family. Paul didn't know anyone in the area, but one morning his mother was waiting at a bus stop where she saw **Randy Begg** (drummer and vocals) walking by with drum equipment in hand. She stopped him and mentioned that her son played guitar. Randy was curious and went to visit Paul right away. They instantly bonded and formed a duo playing at church basements, parks and get-togethers. Randy had a girlfriend that lived in the same neighbourhood as Mike. In the summer of 1968 Randy and Paul met Mike where he was strumming

his guitar at a local party. They invited him to join them. This led them to meeting Mike's neighbour **John Jose Dufek** (6'4") who quickly decided to learn the bass guitar and share his baritone vocals to the harmonies as well. A band was born.

They practiced wherever they could, in Mike's basement or Paul's car, a big 1959 Chevy Impala, learning songs and rehearsing harmonies. Thus, their musical journey began with their first band, **Cellophane Spoon**. They were all passionate about playing and creating music, heavily influenced by the British invasion, with the Bee Gees, Hollies and the Beatles! They played at basement parties; impromptu concerts; exclusive gatherings; local parks and school shows. For three summers they played at the Marina at Kenesis Lake, Haliburton entertaining the crowds on weekends and building a strong following.

In April 1971, they changed their name to **Wednesday**, and in late 1973 they released their second single **"Last Kiss"** which hit #1 on the Canadian Billboard Hot 100 early in 1974, and stayed there for 6 weeks. This earned them an **RPM Maple Leaf Award** (the precursor of **Juno**), a gold record in 1974, and several **Juno** nominations. Subsequent releases followed: *Teen Angel*; *Here Today, Gone Tomorrow*; *Loving You Baby*; *Fly Away*; and, *She's A Woman*. Many made #1 in North America, and all held top ten chart positions in Canada, US, Australia and several European countries!

Their debut album was released in 1974, which reached #7 on the Cashbox top 100 chart. Followed in 1976 by their 2nd album: **Loving You Baby**, which hit No. 17. This album went on to produce four more charted hits, including **Doin' The Best That I Can**. Their third album I

Nearly Made It With You was released in 1977. In September, 2022, **Wednesday** was inducted into the **OMA Hall of Fame** with a **"Lifetime Achievement Award"**!

Although they are no longer together as a band, they reunited briefly in 2003 and 2017 (**Haverock Legends of Classic Rock Festival**) for several successful concerts. Mike also played solo at the Tartan Tavern in Oshawa for 5 years in 1980 and then played with Randy Begg in the band **"Free Range Chickens"**. For over 30 years Belmont Lake has been entertained by **Wednesday** at their annual outdoor birthday get-together (Rock the Dock) for Mike where Mike is happiest! Randy Begg suddenly died and Mike lost his musical inspiration and gave up playing. John Deshane convinced him to get together with his good friend Steve Tustin (musician); invited him to his annual get together and thankfully, Mike began playing again!



ROAR OF THE

Sunday February 18th Havelock Lions initiated "CLUB SODA", a teen dance for 9-15 year Olds. DJ Smooth Top volunteered his services and rocked the Lions Hall for 2 hours. Very well received by the young people of the town.

Monday February 19th Family Day - The Lions held their annual Family Day Celebration. Bringing family together with "Teddy Bear" Pancake Breakfast, crafts and All You Can Eat Spaghetti and meatballs for dinner.

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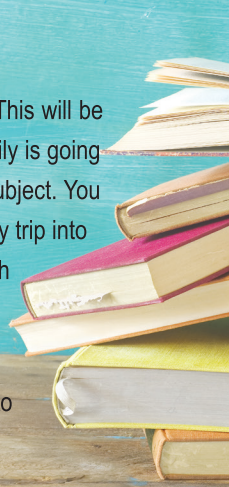
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LIBRARY NEWS

By Nancy Law, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Public Library

Looking for something to do during March Break? The Havelock Library will be offering a beginners knitting class for kids. This will be on Thursday March 14 from 2-4pm. You must pre-register for this free event. Another activity you might want to do as a family is going on a nature walk. Both Libraries have great resources such as The Big Book of Nature Activities plus other books on this subject. You can go exploring the local Provincial Parks. Both Libraries do have park passes that library card holders can borrow for a day trip into these parks. If the weather is not so great check out our new Online Resource "Just For Kids Streaming Collection" which has educational videos and songs, games, and other interactives that are sure to entertain, educate, and inspire young kids. Maybe you can learn a new language.

Please remember to check out our webpage at hbmlibrary.on.ca our Facebook page or call us for more information and to reserve a place for the knitting class at either Havelock Library at 705-778-2621 or Cordova Library at 705-778-2721.



ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE MONTH

By Lorraine Roulston

GEARING UP FOR SPRING: If sourcing an electric bike (E-bike,) researching the proper one for your needs is key. Be wary of inexpensive options; rather, aim for safety and durability. A good quality E-bike can retail between \$3-6K. Since obtaining an E-bike is an investment in both money and lifestyle, it would be wiser to purchase one from a reputable bike shop.



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SEED STARTING 101

By Kathy Reid, Norwood and District Horticultural Society

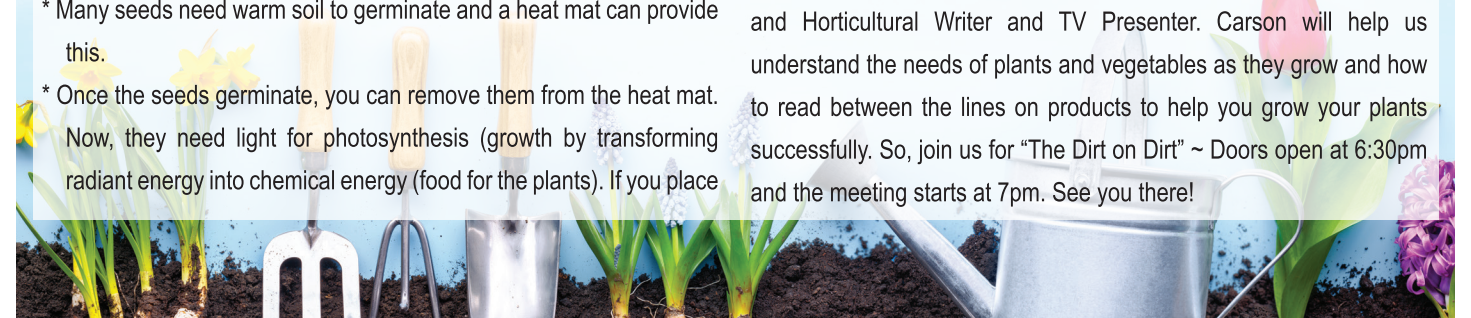
It may come as no surprise that more people are interested in growing some of their own food. This journey can begin right at home by starting plants from seed. To get started, here are a few things to keep in mind.

- * Make sure that you have clean containers – you may want to wash them in soapy water with a bit of added bleach.
- * Use a soilless mix - a combination of peat moss, perlite and vermiculite.
- * The reverse side of the seed packet will suggest when to sow the seeds, for example 6 to 8 weeks before the last frost.
- * Many seeds need warm soil to germinate and a heat mat can provide this.
- * Once the seeds germinate, you can remove them from the heat mat. Now, they need light for photosynthesis (growth by transforming radiant energy into chemical energy (food for the plants). If you place

them in front of a sunny window, they will grow but become leggy and weak. Consider using artificial lights such as a pair of florescent tubes with one "cool white" and one "warm white" tube. The lights should be suspended 6 to 8 inches above your plants as they grow.

These simple steps can help you get started. Several of the items mentioned can be purchased at your local hardware store.

By the way, the next meeting of the Norwood and District Horticultural Society takes place on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at the Norwood Legion. The guest speaker is Carson Arthur, Landscape Designer and Horticultural Writer and TV Presenter. Carson will help us understand the needs of plants and vegetables as they grow and how to read between the lines on products to help you grow your plants successfully. So, join us for "The Dirt on Dirt" ~ Doors open at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7pm. See you there!



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HAVELOCK HAWKS

By Keri Toms

The Results from the afternoon are:

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- 2nd Douglas Bayne 53kmh
- 3rd Ryder Brunette 51kmh

Long shot elimination

- U9 Cheyenne Gronross
- U7 Leopold DeMille

One on one

- U13 Alex Hamilton 1 goal
- Fastest times no goals
- Angus Toms
- Kaelyn Chambo
- U9 Cheyenne Gronross 1 goal
- Fastest times no goals
- Wyatt Vineham
- Cooper brunette

Goalie TJ Arundell 40 saves of 42 shoots

Fastest skater

- U13 Angus Toms 15.96 sec
- Liam Chombo 19.07 sec
- Alex Hamilton 19.19 sec
- U9 Cheyenne Gronross 18.43 sec
- Thomas Stevenson 19.92 sec
- Josh Baldock 25.11 sec
- U7 Bryson Colley Leblanc 25.39 sec
- Wyatt Middleton 25.83 sec
- Mitchell Hamilton 26.29 sec
- U5 Brantley Tilley 48.74 sec
- U7 Obstacle course
- Bryson Colley-Leblanc 25.39sec
- Wyatt Middleton 25.85sec
- Dekker Cagliostro 37.75sec

Havelock Minor Hockey has had another busy month!

The U7 Hawks have been working hard while on the road and on home ice. Vimy Ferguson and Leo DeMille have done an awesome job sliding into the role of goalie this month. The Hardest Working Player recipients have been Briar King, Wyatt Middleton and Max Mahoney. Their last home game will be on February 28 at 6:30 against Brighton.

Back in January our U9 Team hosted a successful home tournament and later competed in a tournament in Apsley. They finished as "C Finalists" for both. Players of the game were Lincoln Hall, Daxton Whitmore and Cheyenne Gronross. This team also continues to rotate goalies. Thanks to Wyatt Vineham, Lincoln Haney and Kohen Chappel for playing hard between the pipes. MVP awards went to Bowyn Brown, Silas Gerow, Josh Baldock, Evelyn DeMille, and Cheyenne Gronross.

The U13's travelled to Grafton for a tournament on February 3. They played hard and skated away as the "B Finalists". They've now entered into their second season and have been keeping us on our toes with some exciting hockey. They came up short with a loss to Bancroft and battled for a close 6-5 loss to Warkworth.

During the Fire and Ice Event, HMH held an All-Star Skills Competition. It was an exciting afternoon for our players. A big thanks to everyone that came out to watch!

For an up-to-date game schedule for all of our teams, please check out our website: havelockminorhockey.com.



WILD GAME DINNER

By June Keating

The Wild Game Dinner held by the Friends of Havelock Scouting was once again a success. Guests enjoyed a variety of dishes containing moose, venison, bear, turkey, and grouse prepared by Lorne Benjamin, Joe McGowan, Jacob Benjamin, and Alex and Karen Nagy. A silent auction raised additional funds thanks to the generous donations from the community. Auction items were donated by Havelock Foodland, Belmont Lake Brewery, Havelock Guardian Pharmacy, Woody Burger, Back Alley BBQ, Don Radnor, Tim Horton's, Allison Rutherford, Louise Bray, Lorne Benjamin, June Keating and Debbie Ottley. The winner of the 50/50, Alex Nagy, kindly donated the money back to the cause.

Thanks also go out to the Lion's Club for their help with the event. And last but not least, thanks to the people who helped in any way to make this event a success, including the set up and clean up.

Thanks to the generous donations of the community, all youth are able to participate and enjoy the rewards of the scouting program.

RECIPE

LEFTOVER TURKEY NOODLE CASSEROLE

By Kathy Clement

- 4 cups uncooked egg noodles
- 3 cups leftover chopped up turkey
- 1 small pkg. frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1-1/4 tsp dried thyme
- 1/2 tsp. dried sage
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup shredded or grated parmesan
- 1-1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese divided



Cook the noodles according to directions. Drain well.

While noodles cook, place the soup, sour cream, milk, sage, thyme, salt and pepper, parmesan and 1 cup of the mozzarella in a large mixing bowl. Stir until combined. Add turkey and vegetables and stir to combine. Add hot drained noodles and stir again to combine.

Spoon mixture into a greased 2 quart baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella.

Bake at 350 for approx. 25-30 minutes or until heated through.

TOONIES FOR TUMMIES

on now at Foodland until February 29th.
All donations go to HBPS, and last year \$3675 was raised in the 2 week period.



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Havelock Home Hardware
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Store hours: Mon-Sat 8-6pm and Sun 9-4pm

BENEFIT DANCE

FOR SCOTT & MICHELLE HEIKAMP CHARD

March 9, 2024 from 9pm-1am, Havelock Community Centre
\$15 per ticket or \$25 for 2.

For tickets contact deeernie@hotmail.com, Ernie Hamilton, Krystal Finch, Shannon Case, Corrine Mueller-Leavitt or Joy Simpson.

ON THE MOVE

By Sandra Caswell



COUNCIL CORNER

By Donelda Fraser

Meeting held on February 6 and 20, 2024.

- On going discussion regarding the Fish Hatchery Rd. With no definite answer to the solution. Request that a delegation be sent to the Good Road Conference along with a request for delegation with the Province for further clarification. Deputy Mayor and a councillor have formed a delegation to go for the day. Motion carried.
- Josh Storey re Surplus equipment for sale. The items Dodge Ram long box put up for sale, Zero Turn lawnmower. Both these coming under asking price so withdrawn. Zero Turn after lengthy discussion has been removed and will remain in the fleet. Lawnmower has been sold. Motion for Truck only to be re-posted for sale, motion carried.
- Ray Haines Fire Chief Re: Communication Sevices Agreement informing Coucil about the emergency dispatching agreement with Peterborough and surrounding municipalities has been in place since March 2009. Informed council that the cost of this service has increased by 33% as significant changes have occurred such as Next generation 911, dispatcher certification/professional requirement, Coroner Inquest recommendations. Cost to HBM Township this year is \$42,223.95 and will rise each year over the course of a five year term. Several comments and questions asked and answered. Carried.
- Delegation Bill Reid Chair of Methuen Lake Cottage Association. Spoke in regard to the level of maintenance on Sandy Lake Road being classified as a level 6. Requesting that the winter maintenance be upgraded to a Class 5. Stating that the road is rutted and due to weather conditions gets more rutted over the course of a winter. Which can eventually lead to damage to vehicles that travel this road. Councils responses by saying the Roads Study is to begin sometime this year. Motion made to receive and carried.
- Peter Lauesen Road Manager requesting approval of the new oversize storm sewer from Peterborough County to Havelock Belmont Methuen Township. This will replace the backyard sewer system we have now. Councillor Doherty ask "when is this transfer taking place is it now or after the work on George Street is complete." Lauesen's stated it would be now. Lengthy discussion ensued before it was carried.
- Tax increase for 2024 has been set at 4.2%.



FIND THE SHAMROCKS

Find the five shamrocks embedded in the ads of our supportive advertisers and send your answers to ottleydeb@gmail.com and win a Havelock Rail T-Shirt.



The February winner of the snugly donated by Miz is Beth Brett.



HAVELOCK RAIL CLASSIFIEDS

Contact us to add your classified ads to this section. The rate for buy and sell classifieds is \$25.00 for 25 words. Obituaries are \$40.00 for 60 words. Births are \$10.00 for 45 words. Announcements (marriage, graduation, retirement, etc.) are \$50.00 for 60 words. We need to receive your ad by the 15th of each month to ensure inclusion in the next month's edition. Send submissions to havelockrail.classifieds@gmail.com

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

DON AND LINDA WRIGHTLY: The family would like to invite you to CELEBRATE with them. Havelock Legion, April 6th 2024 at 7:00pm. Best wishes only.



H-B-M HAPPENINGS

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OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Township Office will be closed on Friday, March 29th for Good Friday and Monday, April 1st for Easter Monday. Enjoy a safe and happy Easter weekend!

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Please note all meetings are held in person within the Council Chamber and via video Conference. All meetings will begin at 9:30 am unless otherwise advertised.

- Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting
 - Tuesday, March 19, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting
- Meeting dates are subject to change, please visit the Township Website www.hbmtwp.ca for more information.*

2024 INTERIM TAX DUE DATES:

Interim Property Tax bills were mailed out in February, please contact the office if you have not received your bill by March 15, 2023.

First Installment Due: Thursday March 28, 2024

Second Installment Due: Friday May 31, 2024

2024 DOG & CAT TAGS:

Dogs and cats within HBM Township require registration. Dog and Cat Tag renewal invoices were mailed out in January and the licensing renewal deadline is March 31, 2024. Dog and cat licenses can be purchased at the municipal office at anytime. Please see the township website www.hbmtwp.ca for the fee schedule.

REDUCED LOAD RESTRICTIONS:

Half load restrictions for HBM Township were in effect starting March 1st and will continue until April 30th. The restrictions apply to all HBM Township-maintained roads and are subject to change. Please follow the township's social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter), as well as electronic sign notices.

Public Works staff will continue to monitor weather and road conditions, they may need to introduce half-load limits early if we experience unseasonably warm weather and thaw. Roads are most vulnerable to heavy vehicle damage during the thaw and load restrictions help to minimize that damage. During the restricted period, vehicles will be limited to 5 tonnes per axle, and there is limited truck and transport access to these areas.

MARCH BREAK SKATING AND PUCK & STICK SCHEDULE:

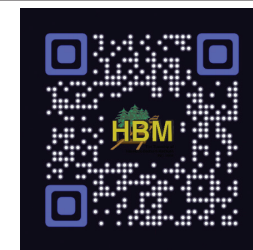
Over the March Break, the HBM Community Centre will be holding Free Family Skating and Free Stick & Puck sessions. These free sessions are made possible through the generosity of local sponsors and a complete listing of sponsors will be provided in the April H-B-M Happenings newsletter.

Date	Free Family Skate	Free Puck & Stick
Sun. Mar. 10	1:00 – 2:00 pm	-
Mon. Mar. 11	1:00 – 3:00 pm	3:00 – 4:00 pm
Tue. Mar. 12	1:00 – 3:00 pm	3:00 – 4:00 pm
Wed. Mar. 13	1:00 – 3:00 pm	3:00 – 4:00 pm
Thu. Mar. 14	1:00 – 3:00 pm	3:00 – 4:00 pm
Fri. Mar. 15	1:00 – 3:00 pm	3:00 – 4:00 pm

PAINT THE ICE EVENT:

On Saturday, March 30th, come and enjoy the end-of-season PAINT THE ICE event at HBM Community Centre (arena) from 12–2pm. 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 paintbrushes will be provided. The Arena Canteen will be open. If you have your water-soluble paint and favorite colors, you are welcome to bring those to the event.

FOLLOW HBM ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR NEWS AND 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 March 4 & 18, 9:30-10:30am. (17 Smith Dr.).

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

Havelock Seniors: Chair Yoga 11am-12pm. \$5.

Havelock Seniors: Drop in for a Light Breakfast 8-10am donation only.

TUESDAY

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

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

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

Havelock Seniors: Drop in for a Light Breakfast 8-10am donation only.

Havelock Seniors: General Meeting March 5 at 10am.

Havelock Seniors: Regular Euchre from 7-9:30pm (bring a snack to share).

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

WEDNESDAY

Community Care: Diners Club March 6 & 20. United Church.

Havelock Seniors: Diners March 3 & 27. Please call 705-957-7596 if possible for seating. \$13.

Havelock Seniors: Drop in for a Light Breakfast 8-10am donation only.

The Legion: Line Dancing from 9:30-10:30am.

The Legion: Cardio & Weights from 10:45-11:30am (bring your own weights).

The Legion: Body Balance from 11:40am to 12:15pm.

Havelock Town Hall: Weekday Jammers, doors open at 12pm.

Havelock Centre: TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) 6:30-8pm (George & Orange St.).

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

Cordova Community Centre: Yoga every Wednesday, 5-6:30pm and 7-8:30pm. \$18. Please contact 705-760-1296 for more information.

THURSDAY

Community Care: Foot Clinic March 7 & 21 from 9:30am-12:30pm. Please call 705-639-5631 to register.

Havelock Seniors: Drop in for a Light Breakfast 8-10am donation only.

THURSDAY CONT...

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

Community Care: Zoom Exercises please contact CC at 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 (discussion group with snacks).

Havelock Library: Knitting for beginners (kids) March 14 from 2-4pm Please contact the library at 705-778-2621 to register.

FRIDAY

Havelock Seniors: Drop in for a Light Breakfast 8-10am donation only.

The Legion: Shuffleboard at 1pm and **Darts** at 7pm.

The Legion: Blind Draw Double Darts 7pm start, everyone 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. (February 2nd & 16th).

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

SATURDAY

Havelock Seniors: Bid Euchre Tournament March 2, doors open at 11:30am and food is available \$.

The Legion: opens at 1pm and **Meat Draw** at 3pm (8 Ottawa St.).

Havelock Legion: St. Patricks Day Dance March 16 at 7:30pm Tickets at the door.

Havelock Legion: Easter Egg Hunt March 23 at 11am.

SUNDAY

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

Havelock Seniors: Bingo at 6:30pm, doors open at 5pm, light lunch available.

SUNDAY - CHURCH SERVICES

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

Havelock Fellowship Baptist Church 10:30am.

Havelock 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.