

WHAT'S HAPPENING

OCTOBER 2026 ISSUE | whathappeninginhowick@gmail.com

in Howick



EXCITING UPGRADES AT THE FORDWICH BASEBALL PARK!

It has been an exciting summer at the Fordwich Baseball Park, with several upgrades taking shape thanks to the incredible support of our community!

One of the exciting additions to the park is a newly resurfaced pickleball court! This improvement creates an even better space for residents of all ages to get active and have fun. We look forward to seeing the court become a busy gathering place for the community!

The pavilion has also received some much-needed improvements, making it a more functional space for community events and celebrations.

Finally, the Fordwich Parks Board would like to thank the Howick Optimist Club for their generous donation of a new swing set at the playground!

None of these projects would have been possible without the amazing support of our community. A huge thank-you goes out to everyone who supported The Duck Race, Ladies Night, and our



recent Pub Night & Raffle. Whether you purchased a ticket, attended an event, or simply helped spread the word, you played a part in making these upgrades happen.

Thank you, Howick, for your continued support!

Community Calendar



ALL DAY SCRAPBOOK-A-THON! Oct 3 at the Wroxeter Hall. 9am-9pm. \$20/table. Potluck Lunch. Door prizes. RSVP 226-622-9195.

HOWICK FIRE FIGHTERS BREAKFAST - Sun. Oct. 4 from 8am - 12pm. See page 2.

COME SEW WITH US - Howick Community Centre from 10am - 3pm for \$5. Mondays Oct. 5 & 19.

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT - Wed. Oct. 7 at 7:30pm at the Howick Community Centre. See page 7

HALLOWE'EN BINGO NIGHT at Howick Community Centre, Oct. 17. Doors open 6pm, bingo starts at 7pm. Supporting the Huron Hellcats. See page 2.

EUCHRE & POOL TOURNAMENT at the Wroxeter Hall, Sun. Oct. 18. Games start 1pm. \$5 includes lunch.

HARVEST TEA & SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER at Fordwich Village Nursing Home, Thurs. Oct. 22 from 2-3pm. See page 2.

BINGO at the Wroxeter Hall, Thurs. Oct. 22. Doors open 5pm, games start at 6:30pm.

SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON by the Masons at the Wroxeter Hall - Fri. Oct. 23, 11am to 1pm. \$10.

FRIGHT NIGHT FIREFIGHT at the Library, Mon. Oct. 26. See page 6. Registration required.

PUB NIGHT at the Wroxeter Hall, Oct. 30. Hallowe'en theme family night with costume contest.

DINNER & DANCE on Sat. Nov. 28 at the Howick Community Centre. See page 2 for tickets.

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for our Annual

Harvest Tea & Silent Auction Fundraiser

for Residents' Council
on **Thurs. October 22nd**
from **2 - 3 p.m.** (Tea Social)

Silent Auction winning bids will be
announced starting at 3:15 p.m.
All proceeds go toward programs
for Residents to enjoy!

**Lots of great
Silent Auction items
and delicious
desserts!**



HALLOWEEN BINGO NIGHT

Supporting:
Huron Hellcats
Women's Hockey Team
& Howick Community

OCTOBER 17th, 2026

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walking on sunshine

Last month I had some unrealistic ideas about how much I would achieve after the kids began school. Somehow it's the end of September and though I was able to work on a few projects, much of my to-do list remains untouched. I guess it gives me a list of options for October. It's been a busy few weeks as we've all been adjusting to the school routine. My JK is usually keen to go each day, though sometimes needs a little extra encouragement to get out of bed some mornings.

One nice change this month has been taking a walk with our puppy Cleo every morning after the kids depart on the bus. Living by an intersection of gravel roads, we

have four quiet options to explore each day. Cleo is still working on her walking-on-a-leash skills, but the opportunity to take a few minutes each day in the (mostly) lovely sunshine and fresh air has been a welcome change. The kids often want to take her for a walk after supper too, so we are all benefitting from the fur-ball addition to the family.

Angie Koersen



Deadline for the next issue is October 20.

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October



*"October: when the leaves change colour,
the sweaters come out, and everyone starts asking,
'Is that frost?'"*

COUNCIL MEETING & HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Howick Township Office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Monday October 12, 2026, and will re-open on Tuesday October 13, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

A Final Council Meeting for This Term

As this term of Council comes to a close, the upcoming Council meeting on **Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** will be the final meeting for the current Council.

Over the past four years, Council has worked together to make decisions, address challenges, and help shape the future of Howick Township. While every term brings its share of busy days and difficult discussions, it also brings opportunities to work together and make a difference in our community.

We would like to thank our current Council members for their time, commitment, and service to the residents of Howick Township. We wish everyone the very best as this term comes to an end, and look forward to welcoming a new Council following the 2026 Municipal Election.



**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2026,
at the HOWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Doors Open at 7:00 p.m.

Your voice matters. Your questions matter. Be part of the conversation!

Can't Attend in Person?

The Meet the Candidates event will also be streamed live via Zoom for those who are unable to attend in person. Watch the Howick Township social media pages for the Zoom link and additional details closer to the event.

Join the Howick Optimist Club at the Howick Community Centre on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7:00 p.m.) for your opportunity to meet the candidates in the 2026 Howick Township Municipal Election.

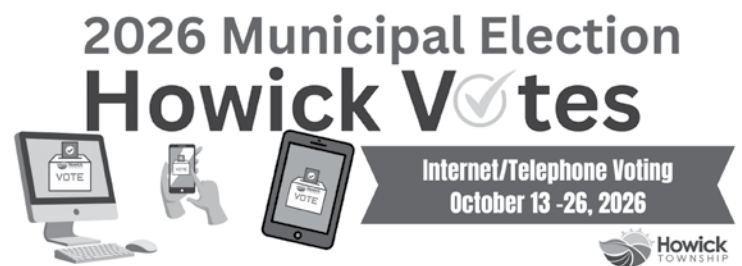
Hear directly from the candidates about their ideas, priorities and vision for the future of Howick, and take the opportunity to ask the questions that matter to you and your community.

Have a Question?

Written questions will be accepted, provided they are legibly signed. Unsigned questions will be discarded. Residents are encouraged to submit questions in advance to: **The Howick Optimist via email: howickoptimistclub@gmail.com** see page 7 for the full advertisement.

Hear from the Candidates.

Ask the questions that matter.



2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION - YOUR VOTE MATTERS

The 2026 Howick Township Municipal Election is an opportunity to have your voice heard and participate in shaping the future of our community.

Internet and Telephone Voting will be open from 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2026 (Election Day).

Your **Voting Information Card** will be delivered to eligible voters by Canada Post. Please keep your card handy, as it will provide important information to help you cast your vote.

Need Assistance Voting?

If you need assistance or have questions about the voting process, the Howick Township Municipal Office is available to help during regular business hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

On Election Day, Monday, October 26, the Municipal Office will remain open until 8:00 p.m.

The Municipal Office is fully accessible for individuals with mobility concerns. Staff will be available to provide assistance and help ensure that eligible voters can participate in the election.

Take the time to learn about the candidates and their positions so you can make an informed decision when it is time to vote.

Every vote matters. Make yours count!

OCT 1, 2026
LANDFILL
 TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
CHANGES



**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026,
 THE NEW LANDFILL PROCESS
 WILL BE OPERATIONAL!**

When visiting the Howick Township Landfill, all residents will now drive over the scale upon arrival before proceeding to the designated receiving area to sort and dispose of their items.

Please note: Residents will no longer enter the back portion of the landfill. All materials must be unloaded and sorted in the designated receiving area.

**ROAD CLOSURE -
 SPENCETOWN ROAD**

Please be advised that Spencetown Road is closed between Malcolm Line and Mud Lake Line to allow for necessary bridge repairs. Spencetown Road is anticipated to be closed from August 24, 2026, to October 31, 2026. Please plan an alternate route and allow extra time for travel. We appreciate your patience and understanding while this important work is completed. Thank you for your cooperation!



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**RECREATION
 DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

THE ICE IS IN!!

Lace up your skates and join us for public skating at the Howick Community Centre!

Starting October 18, 2026, every Sunday from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Now is the perfect time to book your ice rental or sponsor an ice time for the upcoming season. Contact Manager of Recreation Brady Ropp at recreation@howick.ca or 519-335-3883 for more information.



The September sunshine bathes everything in a nice glow. Mushrooms, wild grasses, and hazy mornings show off some of this golden beauty.

PHOTOS BY ANGIE KOERSEN





HOWICK LIBRARY

October Update

Don't miss our **FRIGHT NIGHT FIREFIGHT** (a fun & spooky Nerf battle) on the night of the full moon ~ **Monday October 26!**

Help us to rid the library of paranormal beings and have fun showing off your cool costumes. Nerf guns provided!

Sessions: **6-7pm or 7-8pm**

Ages: **8-14 years**

Spaces are limited... **Registration required!**

Either pop into the library or call us at: 519-335-6899

We also have lots of spooky reads or scary movies to get you in the mood.

Have a very safe and happy Halloween!

PS. The library will be closed on Mon. October 12 for Thanksgiving.



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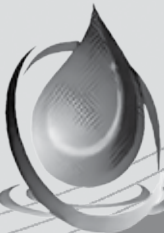
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The Folks at Wroxeter Community Hall would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving. We enjoyed a wonderful cold plate dinner at our monthly Pub Night on Sept. 18, followed by a Euchre and Pool Tournament on Sept. 20.

We are hosting the following events in October:

COFFEE SHOP is open 6 - 10am, Monday – Friday. All are welcome.

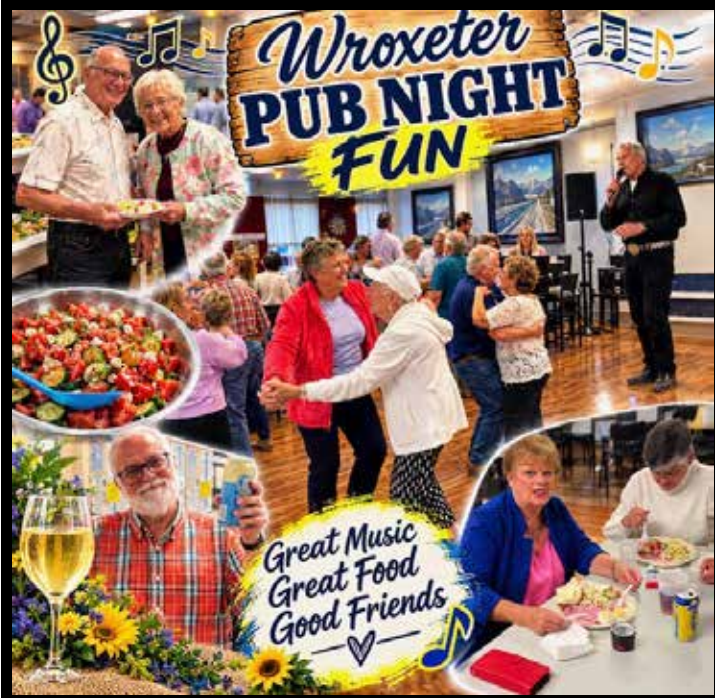
October's **EUCHRE AND POOL TOURNAMENT** will be hosted at the Wroxeter Community Hall on **Sunday Oct. 18**. So, dust off your card playing hands and come join us for euchre. The games start at 1:00. The cost is \$5, including Lunch.

BINGO! Is on **Thurs. Oct. 22**. The doors will open at 5pm and the games start at 6:30. There will be 50/50 tickets and a cash bar. Non-alcoholic beverages and snacks will be available for sale as well.

PUB NIGHT will be on **October 30**. The theme is Hallowe'en and is a Family event so children bring your parents for a tasty meal and a costume contest for you and the adults.

If you would like to book the Wroxeter Community Hall for an upcoming event, please contact Carol Edgar at 519-335-3245.

We would like to thank the Community for their support in the past and in the future.



HOWICK TOWNSHIP MEET THE CANDIDATE'S NIGHT

Your opportunity to meet the candidates, hear their perspectives, and ask your questions ahead of the 2026 Howick Township Municipal Election!

Join us for an evening of conversation and community engagement as candidates share their ideas, priorities, and vision for the future of Howick.

Wednesday, October 7th, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Howick Community Centre
DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

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Residents are Encouraged to submit questions in advance to The Howick Optimist howickoptimistclub@gmail.com



HOWICK OPTIMIST CLUB "Friend of Youth"

Thank you all for your continued support over all the years in Howick Township.

Donations are focused in many ways to help the young people of the community. Contributions go towards various sports leagues, The Howick Optimist Pool, Howick Arena, Local Food Banks and Hospitals & More. We could not do this without the generosity of our volunteers and club members and the community as a whole.

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ontario opens Nominations For The 2027 Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards

HURON-BRUCE — The Ontario government is opening nominations for the Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards, an annual program recognizing the people, businesses, organizations and communities that are helping to drive economic growth, create opportunity and strengthen rural Ontario.

"In rural communities across the province, people are making a difference every day by stepping up, creating opportunities and helping to build a stronger rural Ontario," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs. "The response to last year's Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards showed us how important it is to recognize and honour those contributions, and we're proud to continue that celebration in 2027."

The Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards will recognize outstanding achievements across eight categories:

- Rural Inspiration
- Rural Community
- Rural Entrepreneur
- Rural Youth Leader
- Rural Economic Innovation
- Rural Partnerships
- Rural Champion
- Rural Heart

Nominations will be accepted until October 23, 2026. You can learn more about the program and submit a nomination at Ontario.ca/RuralAwards.

"Rural Ontario is a driving force behind our province's economy, and its success is built on the hard work of local leaders, businesses and communities that create jobs, attract investment and build opportunity," said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "Through the Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards, our government is proud to recognize the people and organizations who work tirelessly to strengthen their communities, grow local economies and ensure rural Ontario continues to prosper for generations to come."

The Rural Ontario Inspiration Awards support the three pillars of Enabling Opportunity: Ontario's Rural Economic Development Strategy by recognizing contributions to safe and strong rural communities, business development and attraction and a growing rural workforce, all of which help build a strong and thriving rural economy.

QUICK FACTS:

Following a unanimous vote by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario on March 31, 2026, Rural Ontario Week was established as an annual provincial observance during the third full week of September.

Ontario is the first province in Canada to formally recognize an annual week celebrating the contributions of rural communities.

Since 2019, the government has committed \$38.3 million to support 757 projects through the ROD Program and its predecessor, the Rural Economic Development Fund (RED).



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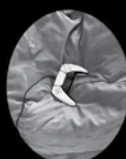
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The Howick Township Fire Department recently teamed up with NFPA to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week™, October 4 -10, Charge into Fire Safety™: Safe Charging Is a Superpower. Help us spread the word that everyday actions can help prevent lithium-ion battery fires. Use your charging superpower by making smart choices every time you plug in. For more info: fpw.org

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SURFACE?
HARD
PASS.**



**ON A
FLIGHT?
KEEP IT
IN SIGHT.**



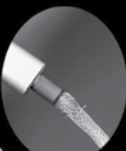
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AND RIDES
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OUTSIDE.**



**CHEAP
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- ROGER LEE

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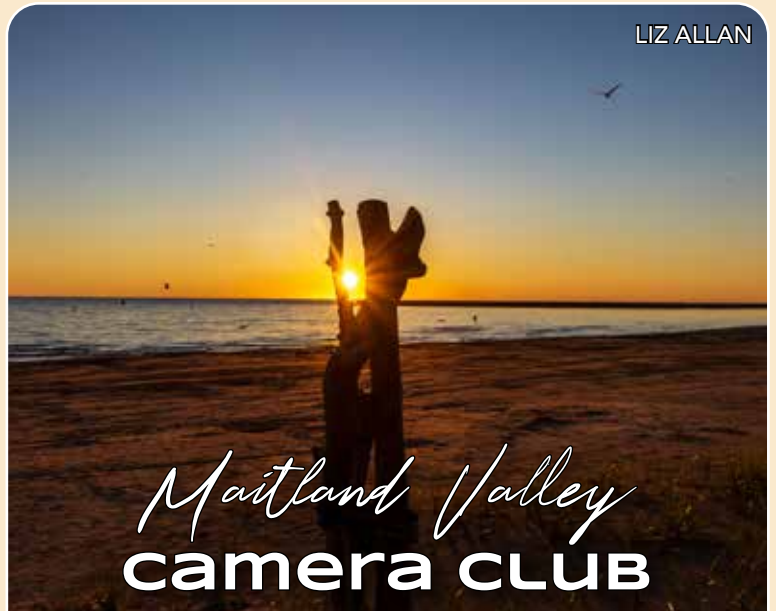


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Maitland Valley camera CLUB



BLAIR SMITH

The club members were to travel to Blake's Apple Orchard for the September 3rd meeting. Due to the storm it was cancelled and rebooked for Saturday, September 5th. Members took some amazing photos and enjoyed themselves. Thanks goes to Blake's Orchards for having the club at their orchard. A colour was assigned to each person in the photography club. These colour photos along with Blake Orchard photos were viewed at the September 17th meeting.

On October 1st, the meeting will be held at the Brussels Library, taking photos using kitchen gadgets to form shadows. It will be a very interesting and challenging evening. Thanks to Gail for arranging this.

At the October 15th meeting, we will be viewing our photos from the scavenger hunt. It keeps the members watching those fall photos and taking them.

Looking ahead, the November 5th meeting will be taking photos using refraction using lens balls.

The MVCC meets in the Brussels Library Meeting room at 7:00pm. For the months of April to November the first and third Thursday, December to March, the first Thursday of the month. Should you be interested in learning more about our club and photography, come out and join us!

MARVIN GRIMES FOR DEPUTY REEVE

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BYLAWS NEW APPROACH

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Volunteer Wroxeter Community Hall
- Belmore Maple Syrup Festival
- Howick Fall Fair
- Volunteer Bar Tender at Numerous Functions

PLEASE VOTE OCTOBER 26



HOWICK TRIVIA

This month's local knowledge test

TRUE OR FALSE

Howick is one of the only local townships that never merged with a neighbour during Ontario's big municipal amalgamation wave.

TRUE

FALSE

Text in your guess - I'll send you the full story.

GOT AN ANSWER?

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Obituaries



STEFFEN, Glenna Marie (Wilken) of Listowel passed away peacefully at West Perth Village on Friday, September 11, 2026, in her 67th year. Wife of the late Ron Steffen. Mother of Crystal & Mark Pawitch of Seaforth, and Susie & Justin Davidson of Palmerston. Grandmother of Brody, Bryce, and Sadie. Sister of Bill & Cathy Wilken of Harriston, and Kay Powell of Listowel. Predeceased by her

parents Earl & Doris (Somers) Wilken, brother Bruce Wilken, and brother-in-law Murray Powell. A private family service was held at Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel on Friday, September 18, 2026 followed by a public celebration of Glenna's life at Parkview Gardens (Listowel Legion) from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Interment in Fairview Cemetery, Listowel. Memorial donations to Listowel Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca



KEFFER, Randolph Carson 'Randy' of Mount Forest and formerly of Ethel, passed away at Listowel Memorial Hospital on Saturday, August 29, 2026, in his 73rd year. Son of Audrey (Smith) Keffer of Fordwich and the late Fred Keffer. Brother of Fay and Ty Cross of Listowel, Phyllis Keffer of Fordwich, and Chris and Debbie Keffer of Listowel.

Uncle of Allison and Jesse Endeman, and Sarah Cross and Kyle Armstrong, and great-uncle of Wyatt, Annelise, Elijah, and Meredith. Predeceased by his brother Kevin Keffer (2014) and sister Paula Keffer (2022). Visitation was held at the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel on Thursday from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. The graveside funeral service was at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Ethel, on Friday, September 4, 2026 at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Celebration of Randy's life at the Ethel Hall, 44356 Brandon Road, Ethel, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Memorial donations to Listowel Memorial Hospital and the Fordwich Village Nursing Home Residents' Council would be appreciated.



WILLOUGHBY, Connie of Wroxeter passed away at the age of 85 at Wingham & District Hospital on Sunday, August 23, 2026. Beloved mother of Terry Willoughby (Barb Moore). Devoted gram of Meagan (Jamie) Harrauld. Cherished great-gram of Lochlan and Paisley, whom she loved dearly. She took great joy in teaching them how to play cards, the value of hard work,

earning an honest living, and truly understanding what it feels like to laugh until they cried. Predeceased by her parents Ethelene (Douglas) and Ted Smith. A private family graveside service took place at the Wroxeter Cemetery. A public come and go celebration of Connie's life was held at the Wroxeter Hall on Sunday, September 13th, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Wingham & District Hospital Foundation would be appreciated.



DONALD, Christina Carol (Hood)

at St. Mary's hospital, Kitchener on Thursday, September 3, 2026, of Wroxeter, at the age of 64 years. Wife of Rodger Donald. Mother of Christopher Donald of Wroxeter, and Lisbeth Donald & Garth Webb of Kitchener, and mother-in-law of Anna-Jean Hall. Proudest grandmother of Merrick. Sister of Robert & Katie Hood

of Beamsville, Michael Hood of Hamilton, and Debbie Hood of British Columbia. Predeceased by her parents Gordon & Joan (Versluis) Hood. Christina was a devout gardener with a passion for all things family, friends and fauna. A private family service was held, with interment in Wroxeter Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated, and may be made through McBurney Funeral Home, Wingham. Online condolences at www.mcburneyfuneralhome.com



WARD, Derek Hilton of Listowel

passed away at Palmerston & District Hospital on Sunday, September 6, 2026, in his 82nd year. Husband of the late Patricia (Rea) Ward. Father of Michelle & Paul Hemingway of Listowel, Kristine & Jeff Douglas of Fonhill, and Lorri & Andrew Weber of Listowel. Grandfather of Erica and Chloe Hemingway, and Calla and Thea

Weber. Brother of Gregg & Bonnie Ward of Ayton, Brenda & Bill Smith Westlock AB, Lane & Joan Ward of Hanover, and Trent and Debbie Ward of Grand Bend, brother-in-law of Donald & the late Jannett Rea of Owen Sound, Karen & Murray Alexander of Gorrie, and Sheri & John Phillips of Pickering. Special friend of Jennifer Denardis of Listowel. Remembered by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Leonard & Viola (Harvey) Ward, parents-in-law Murray & Shirley Rea, and brother-in-law Dennis Rea. Derek was born in Craik, Saskatchewan to Leonard & Viola (Harvey) Ward. He married Patricia Jean Rea on June 3, 1967 and they celebrated 39 years of marriage before her passing in 2007. Derek enjoyed living in both Huron and Perth counties and working in the agricultural industry for most of his life. He served as both a trustee and chairperson with the Perth County Board of Education, representing Wallace Township. He was also an avid angler and hunter who enjoyed spending time outdoors. A private family service was held at Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel on Friday, September 11, 2026 followed by a public Celebration of Derek's Life at Parkview Gardens (565 Elizabeth St. E., Listowel) from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Interment in Fairview Cemetery, Listowel. The family expresses their appreciation to the staff at Palmerston & District Hospital for their excellent care and attention in Derek's final weeks. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Canadian Diabetes, Palmerston Hospital Foundation, or Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca

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I am hard working, articulate and diplomatic with a reputation for getting things done. I understand that good decisions require good information, excellent communication and careful, thoughtful consideration.

I know the value of a dollar and I am committed to spending public tax dollars wisely, considering needs rather than wants.

Being Respectful, Realistic, Reasonable, Reliable are values I hold dear.

My reason for running again is to continue to serve the people of Howick using all my skills, experience and abilities to keep Howick a great place to live, work and play.



**ROSEMARY
ROGNVALDSON**
Candidate for Councillor

I was born and raised in Harriston and moved to Wroxeter 16 years ago, where my wife of 39 years, Darlene, was born and raised. We have two children and five grandchildren. Howick has also been home to my father, grandfather and several generations before. I've been proud to work at Ideal Supply in various positions now for over 35 years.

Giving back to my community has been important to me throughout my life. I have served on various Howick committees, and for the past nine years, with the Wroxeter Village Management, currently as chairman. It has shown me that meaningful improvements don't always require a large group, just people who care and are willing to put in the work together.

That is what led me to step forward as a candidate for one of Howick Township's three councillor positions. I believe our township deserves people on council who are willing to listen, ask questions, plan carefully together, and follow through.

Howick faces challenges, from roads and finances to communication, transparency, and bylaws. I believe these issues deserve thoughtful solutions, responsible decision-making, and accountability. Most importantly, I want to hear from the people who live here. I'm looking forward to meeting more of our residents, listening to your concerns, and learning what matters most to you.

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**KEVIN
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Candidate for Councillor

candidate *Spotlight*

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Why I put my name forward for Council. I suppose if you are unhappy with the current situation and don't put your hand up and say how you feel then the status quo rolls on without a look in the rear view mirror.

I am not upset at the current council. You serve, you contribute your time and effort towards the municipal cause.

I am not happy with lots of stuff, lack of morality in politics to the south, waste and improper spending in the provincial government, loss of farmland to sprawl.

I appreciate beauty in its many forms, and enjoy neat projects on the farm. We are an active family and enjoy hiking, sailing and watching the Jays when they are winning.

If you are interested in green stuff, honesty and someone who is smart enough to not be able to convince himself that he is right when he is wrong then I would appreciate your vote for council in 26.



**MATTHEW
VAN ANKUM**
Candidate for Councillor

Hi my name is Ben Blackmore. I'm running for Council of Howick. I'm committed to building a clean, affordable, strong community, with responsible township management to ensure a bright future for the next generation, preserving our rural agricultural roots.



**BEN
BLACKMORE**
Candidate for Councillor

candidate *Spotlight*

CANDIDATES INCLUDE:

DOUG HARGRAVE for Reeve (acclaimed)

MARVIN GRIMES for Deputy Reeve (pg 12)

SHELLEY MILLER-CAMERON for Deputy Reeve

BEN BLACKMORE for Councillor

KEVIN DOIG for Councillor

ROD MACEWEN for Councillor

MIKE NICHOLS for Councillor

EVAN RENWICK for Councillor

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MICHEL STARENKY for Councillor

MATTHEW VAN ANKUM for Councillor

EVAN ZINN for Councillor

The Township of Howick Council requires
1 Reeve, 1 Deputy Reeve, and 3 Councillors.

Hello. My name is Rod MacEwen and I am running for a position on Howick Township Council as Councillor.

I am 43 years old and have been a life-long resident of Howick. I own a farm with my wife Jeni and 2 teenage sons, Scott and Thomas. I am also the owner of a small business, MacEwen Farm Repair Ltd., that serves many within this community.

What I can bring to Howick Council is a councillor who listens to the community members opinions and be a voice for those opinions to build a community based on accountability with the efficient use of your tax payer dollars. I value sustainable growth and would like to see Howick build on the work that has already been developed.

There is always room for improvement and I am dedicated to putting in the work to help see that happen for Howick.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of your right to vote this October!



**ROD
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OCTOBER 1: Cross Country

OCTOBER 2: School Terry Fox Run

OCTOBER 7: Junior Mixed Soccer

OCTOBER 14: Intermediate Soccer



My name is Evan Clark Renwick, and I am proud to be a fourth-generation resident of Howick Township. Howick is where I was raised, where I work, and where my family and I are building our future.

Growing up here taught me the importance of hard work, determination, personal responsibility, and helping your neighbours. These values have guided me throughout my life and in my work with Rolling Acres Grain. They have also given me a strong appreciation for the farmers, families, businesses, volunteers, and community organizations that make Howick such a great place to live.

I am running for Howick Council because I want to help our township remain a strong, affordable, and welcoming rural community. I believe residents deserve practical decision-making, responsible management of tax dollars, well-maintained roads and infrastructure, and open communication from their municipal representatives.

As a father raising a family in Howick, I care deeply about the opportunities we are creating for the next generation. I am prepared to listen, ask questions, and bring a hardworking, common-sense approach to the council table.



It would be an honour to represent the people of Howick and work together toward a strong and successful future for our township.

**EVAN CLARK
RENWICK**
Candidate for Councillor

My family and I have called Howick Township home for 25 years. Over the years, I have served my community in many ways. I am a past member of the Gorrie Hall Board, Gorrie Conservation Area Rejuvenation Committee, & Howick Township Economic Development Committee. Most notably, it was an honour to serve and represent you on Howick Township Council from 2010-2014. I was the Manager of the Howick Farmers Market for 3 successful seasons. As a freelance reporter, I spent over a decade covering local government, business, education & community events. Currently I am a member of the Howick Township Improvement and Revitalization Committee and a local business owner.

My goals include exploring options to offset significant property tax increases; addressing property standards concerns; and supporting local community groups. Encouraging residential growth, supporting current plans for dedicated by-law enforcement and maximizing efficiencies are very important. Effective communication is key to achieving success. If elected, I will approach each challenge with integrity, transparency and accountability. It would be a privilege to serve you for the next four years as your Deputy-Reeve.



**SHELLEY
MILLER-CAMERON**
Candidate for Deputy Reeve

Hello, I'm Mike Nichols, and I'm running for Councillor.

As a business owner for 30 years also farmer and a past member of the Howick Optimist Club, I've had the privilege of serving and working with people in our community. These experiences have taught me the value of hard work, listening to others, and giving back to the community we call home.

I believe our community deserves transparency, open communication, and responsible growth. As Councillor, I will work to ensure residents are informed and have an opportunity to be heard when decisions are being made.

Financial security for our municipality is important to me. We need to maintain healthy reserves and plan ahead for infrastructure, equipment, and capital projects. Responsible long-term planning can help reduce the need for sudden or significant tax increase when major repairs or replacements are required.

I want to support thoughtful community growth while maintaining the qualities that make Howick Township a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

I'm looking forward to meeting residents, hearing your ideas and concerns, and working together to build a strong future for our community.

Thank you for your support and trust.

**MIKE
NICHOLS**
Candidate for Councillor

Joining Howick seventeen years ago, my wife Erica and I were drawn to the township because of the small town feel, localized school, recreation facility and safe community. Growing up in the neighboring communities of Wallace and Morris Turnberry township, Howick felt very familiar and welcoming. Adding Breanne, our daughter now thirteen, and Logan ten, we have enjoyed watching our children grow up in local minor sports, volunteering and participating in many community events.

Working in the public sector for nine years, I have gained valuable experience understanding municipal government, day to day operations, budgeting, asset management, and the importance of managing tax dollars on behalf of residents.

Participating in Roads, Parks, and Fleet has given me the chance to learn how making good decisions day to day, evolve into long term successful outcomes.

Combining my work experience with what I have learned volunteering in the community, I ask for the opportunity to work on behalf of Howick residents. I look to develop financially responsible plans that can be actioned within the means of our Township. I look to preserve our current assets while exploring opportunities to grow the community responsibly.



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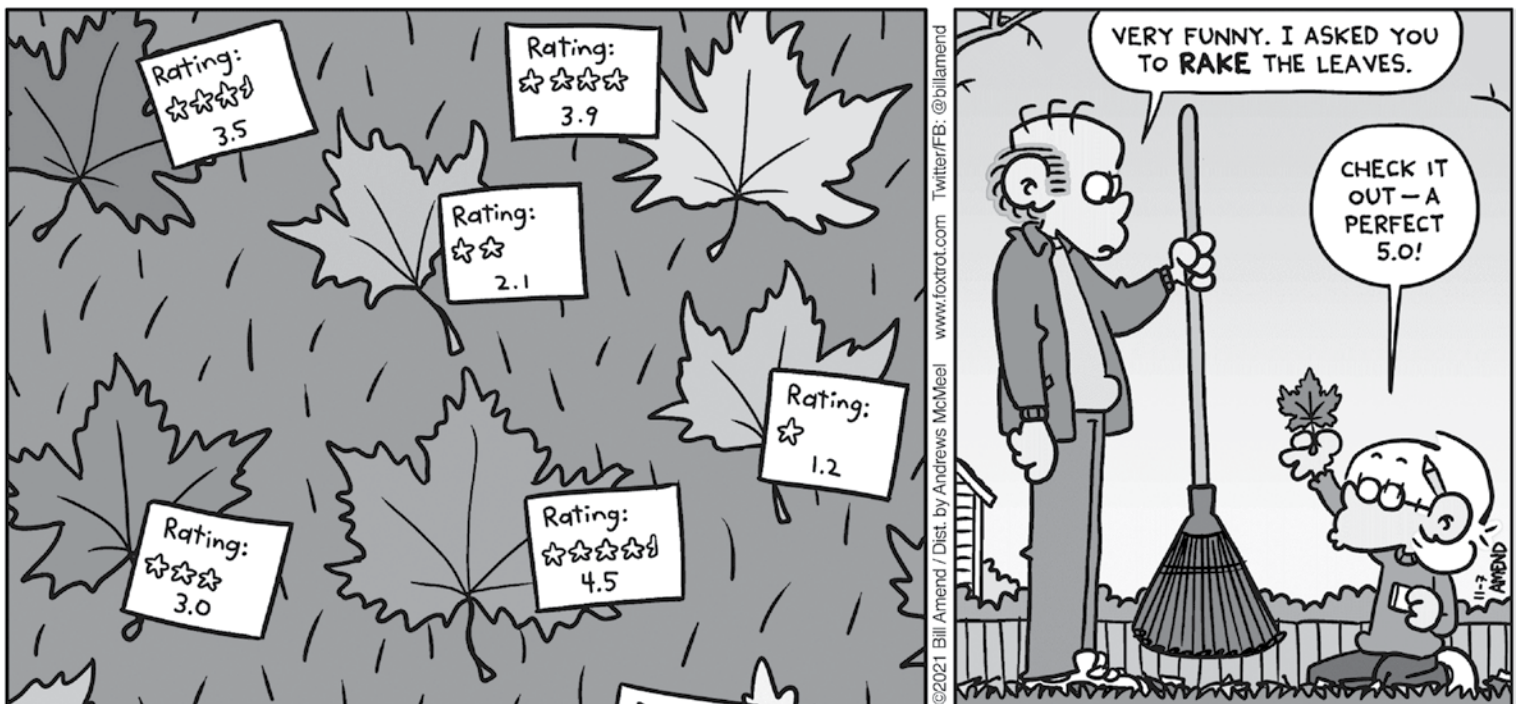
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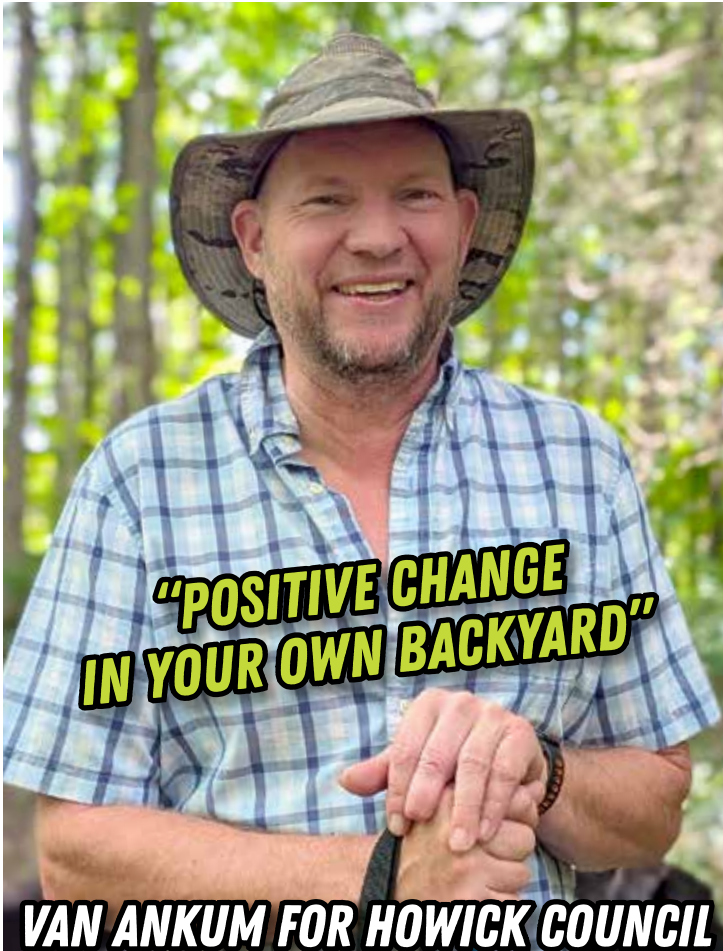
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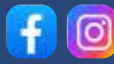
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