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JULY 2026 ISSUE | whatshappeninginhowick@gmail.com

in Howick



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Howick Minor Ball would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Howick Optimist Club for their incredible support of our program. Through proceeds raised from their Roast Beef Dinner in May, the Optimist Club generously funded the purchase of new jerseys for our organization.

This contribution ensures that players can take the field proudly representing our community in a fresh new uniform. The jerseys look fantastic and have already been a hit with players and families alike.

We are grateful to the Howick Optimist Club for their continued commitment to helping young athletes thrive both on and off the diamond. As they support us, we encourage everyone to support the Optimist in their future events — their efforts strengthen our entire community.



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Community Calendar



MERMAID TALES & FUN IN THE SUN at the Gorrie Pool, Thurs. July 2 from 11am-1pm, hosted by the Howick Library.

HOWICK HOMECOMING 2026 will be from July 3-5. See page 2 for the schedule.

FAMILY CRAFTING for the Fall Fair. Thurs. July 9 & 16, Aug. 13 & 20, 10am-12pm. Wroxeter Ball Park Pavillion. Craft supplies provided. \$10/family. Pre-register or for information 226-622-9195.

SUMMER READING CLUB at the Howick Library, every Tuesday from 4-5pm. See page 6 for registration info.

KIDS DAY CAMP "Wilderness Warriors" by Gorrie Bible Fellowship, July 27-31 at Fordwich Ball Park. See page 12 for registration info.

SUNSET BOATING Thurs. July 30, 7:30pm. BYO boat and lifejacket. Lantern with fairy lights and snacks to be provided. \$10/person. Pre-register 226-622-9195.

HAYLOFT MUSIC FESTIVAL - Aug. 1 & 2 in Listowel. See back page for details.

PSYCHIC MEDIUM COMEDY SHOW - Fri. Aug. 14 at the Howick Community Centre. See page 18 for ticket info.

BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE for Howick Minor Hockey - Sat. Sept. 12 at Fordwich Pavilion. See page 7.

HOWICK TURNBERRY FALL FAIR - Sept. 25 & 26. "Rural Roots & Country Boots"

Have your community event added to this free community calendar by sending a message to:

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HOWICK HOMECOMING: Celebrating 170 Years in Howick Township

FRIDAY JULY 3

- 2 - 4pm **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT**
Arena Floor
Pre-registration required, \$10/pair
- 2:30 - 4:30pm **BUTTON MAKING** Library
- 4 - 9pm **CAR SHOW** Soccer fields
Free admission
- 4 - 7pm **FISH FRY** Arena Floor
Pre-purchase required, \$25/meal
- 4pm - 12am **BEER GARDENS**
- 6:30pm **OPENING CEREMONIES** Arena Floor
- 7 - 9pm **TRIVIA NIGHT** Beer Tent, Pre-register
\$20/team, 2-6 players per team
- 9pm - 12am **LIVE MUSIC** Beer Tent
By Tylor O'Neil Band
- KIDS GLOW DANCE**
Arena Auditorium
- 5:30 - 7pm - Up to Grade 3
- 7 - 9pm - Grades 4 - 8

SATURDAY JULY 4

- 10:30am **PARADE** Fordwich
- 11am - 7pm **BEER GARDENS** with Live music
- 11:30am - 5pm **INFLATABLE GAMES & BOUNCE HOUSES** Kids Zone
- 1 - 4pm **ZOO TO YOU REPTILE EXHIBIT**
Arena Auditorium
- 2 - 4pm **CHUCKLES THE CLOWN**
- 1:30 - 2pm **MAGIC SHOW** Arena floor
- 1 - 4pm **FACE PAINTING** Kids Zone
- 12 - 7pm **519 BRAIDS** Kids Zone
- 2 - 4pm **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**
Beer Gardens
- 4 - 7pm **BBQ DINNER** Arena Floor
Pre-purchase required, \$40/meal
- 8pm - 1am **DANCE** Age of Majority
Arena Floor, \$25/Ticket

SUNDAY JULY 5

- 8:30 - 11am **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Arena Floor, By donation
- 9am start **YOUTH ROAD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT** Front parking lot of arena.
- 10am - 4pm **BEER GARDENS**
- 10 - 11am **KIDS KARAOKE** Beer Tent Stage
- 11am - 1pm **HOWICK IDOL FINALS**
Beer Tent Stage, Entry by donation
- 2 - 3:30pm **TIE DYE** Kids Zone
- 4 - 6pm **FREE SWIM** Howick Optimist Pool
- DUSK **FIREWORKS** By PyroWorld
10pm Soccer Fields

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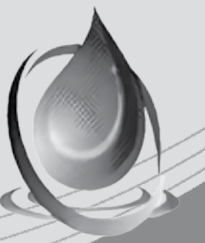
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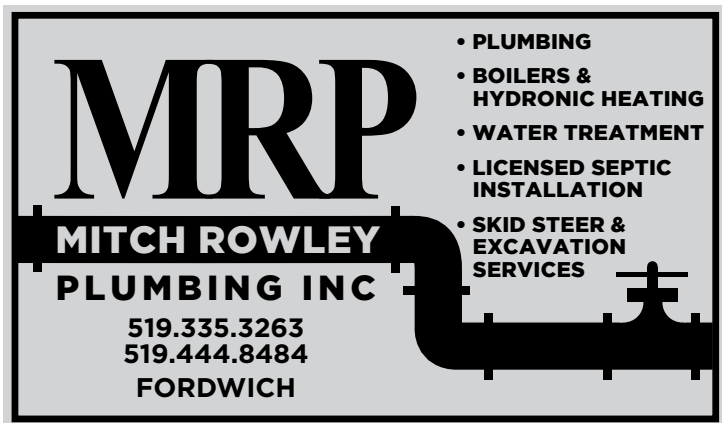


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SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE summer

Another school year has flown by. The kids have grown and will have to adjust to a different pace of life being at

home everyday... hopefully they will quickly remember how to entertain themselves and enjoy the "simple" things of summer like playing in the sandbox, swimming at the pond, sprinklers and popsicles, reading in the hammock, biking around the farm, picking strawberries and fresh veggies from the garden. I'm sure there will be more than enough moments where I'll hear "I'm bored" or "What are we doing today?" I may be tempted to fill up their days with activities and playdates, but it's also good for them to work through the struggle of coming up with ideas and use their imagination. I look forward to seeing what they come up with, even if it means they end up getting covered in mud or need some assistance cleaning up a messy craft.

As I write this, I'm watching my kids at their first swimming lesson of the season. My 9 year old jumped in and spent most of the lesson doing laps across the pool. My 4 year old is just starting out and becoming more comfortable putting his face in the water and learning to float. I'm grateful for these important skills, and that you can see them becoming more independent and capable over a relatively short period of time. Learning is constantly happening, whether they're at school or elsewhere.

Angie Koersen



Deadline for the next issue is July 17.

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July


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COUNCIL MEETING & HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Howick Township Office will be closed for Canada Day on Wednesday July 1, 2026 and re-opening on Thursday July 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

The July Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** and will take place in the Council Chambers at the Township Office. The complete 2026 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings can be found on our website.

HOWICK HOMECOMING - Message from the Reeve, Doug Harding

As we gather to celebrate the 170th Anniversary of Howick Township this weekend, I am filled with gratitude and pride. Having lived in Howick my whole life, it holds a special place in my heart. These lands are more than just parcels, they are the roots of my family's history, heritage, and enduring connection to this community.

Howick has shaped me, and I am forever inspired by the passion for farming that has defined generations. Our township has always been a place to raise a family with strong values, where familiar family names continue to leave their mark on the land and the community.

WASTE CARTS ARE COMING! *the delivery* CART DELIVERY

Monday July 6, 2026 - Saturday July 25, 2026



Please note that white cargo vans will be used to deliver carts throughout the Township. At this time, Township staff do not have access to a delivery schedule or route information.

Your carts will be placed at the roadside in the location where they should be set out for collection day. **You do not need to be home to receive your carts.** All carts are the responsibility of the property owner. Each cart will have an RFID code attached to it and is assigned to your specific address.

FIRST DAY OF COLLECTION!



Automated collection with wheeled carts begins on **Monday August 3, 2026 – WEST SIDE COLLECTION.** Carts set out for collection before this date will not be serviced. Have your carts at the curb the night before or no later than 7:00 a.m. on your collection day. Carts are to be placed at the end of your laneway at least three (3) feet apart and (3) feet away from any obstacles, with the wheels of the cart toward your house.

Do not over fill the carts – the lid must be securely closed. Trucks will not service additional items outside the cart.

Recyclables should be loose in the cart – not bagged. Carboard boxes **must** be broken down and placed inside the cart to be recovered.

PUBLIC SWIMMING - HOWICK OPTIMIST POOL

The Howick Optimist Pool is open for Public Swimming, Lessons and more! Gather your family and friends and cool off this summer at 2046 James Street, Gorrie.

JUNE 15 to JUNE 26 and AUGUST 3 - AUGUST 14
Monday - Friday 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

STARTING JUNE 28
Monday - Friday 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

JUNE 28 - JULY 31 and AUGUST 17 - AUGUST 28
Monday - Friday 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

STARTING JUNE 20
Saturday 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Sunday 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

See page 8 for the pool schedule and admission information.



BUILDING A MORE BEAUTIFUL & VIBRANT HOWICK!

The Township of Howick is excited to introduce our new **Community Improvement Plan (CIP)**, an important step toward enhancing and revitalizing our communities for residents, businesses, and visitors! Community Improvement Plans are used by municipalities across Ontario to encourage revitalization, redevelopment, beautification, and private investment through targeted improvements and community enhancement initiatives. We are happy to announce that you may have already noticed a few changes taking shape.

Phase 1 Highlights Include: Raised flower beds around two community signs in each village Fordwich, Wroxeter, and Gorrie. Beautiful flower baskets adorning bridges in all three villages, bringing vibrant colour to our communities and multiple streetside planters throughout the villages to create welcoming and picturesque streetscapes

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK FAÇADE PROGRAM!

The Township of Howick is excited to offer the Municipal Façade Grant Program to help **commercial property owners and businesses** improve the appearance of their building façades and contribute to a more vibrant, welcoming community.

Eligible improvements may include:

- ✓ Exterior painting and cleaning
- ✓ Window and door upgrades
- ✓ Brickwork, wood, masonry, and façade restoration
- ✓ Signage, lighting, awnings, and accessibility improvements
- ✓ Entranceway and streetscape enhancements

The program provides up to 50% of eligible project costs, to a maximum of \$2,500.00 helping support improvements that strengthen community pride and beautify our villages.

Application Deadline: October 1, 2026

Learn more about the program, the application process and download an application on our website www.howick.ca

2026 FINAL TAX BILLS

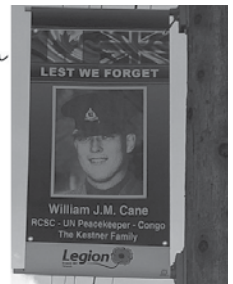
Final Tax bills will be mailed out the third week in August, with installment due dates of September 18, 2026, and November 20, 2026. Property owners with any unpaid invoices as of August 1, 2026, will have these charges added to their property taxes including a transaction fee of \$25.00.

Remembrance Day Banner Program

The deadline to order to ensure display for the 2026 season is August 1st, 2026.

Banners ordered after this date may not be displayed until 2027.

Each banner costs \$200.00 plus tax



The Township of Howick is proud to carry forward the legacy of remembrance by taking over the Remembrance Day banner program from the former Howick Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

You can honour a loved one or family member who served our country by purchasing a personalized banner to be displayed in their memory every year. Each banner costs \$200.00 plus tax, payable to the Township of Howick.

If you would like to sponsor a banner but do not have a specific veteran in mind, a list of Howick's fallen soldiers currently without banners is available on our website for your consideration.

The deadline to order to ensure display for the 2026 season is August 1st, 2026. Banners ordered after this date may not be displayed until 2027.

The banner application form is available on our website or at the Howick Municipal Office - 44816 Harriston Rd, Gorrie.

If you have any questions, please reach out:

Josh Kestner

Manager of Development and Protective Services / Fire Chief

519-335-3202 ext. 201 howickfire@howick.ca

Jess Miller

Operations Administrative Assistant

519-357-8451 jmiller@howick.ca

NOMINATION PACKAGES - NOW AVAILABLE!

Passionate About Your Community? Put Your Name Forward!

Whether you're a first-time candidate or a seasoned leader, your involvement strengthens our community. **Nomination period began May 1, 2026, and closes August 21, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** Nomination packages are available at the Municipal Office by appointment only. Please call Deputy Clerk Alana Dick at 519-335-3208 x102 to schedule your appointment to pick up and complete your Nomination Paperwork.

For up-to-date Township information, contact the municipal office at **519-335-3208** or check out the website at **www.howick.ca**

HOWICK LIBRARY

Summer at the Howick Library
is starting with a bang!

THURSDAY JULY 2

Mermaid Tales and Fun in
the Sun at the **Gorrie Pool**.

From **11am to 1pm** join
library staff for some fun
activities and stories!

FRIDAY JULY 3

Howick Homecoming
2:30-4:30pm.

Pop into the library to make a
custom button, play giant
Connect 4 or build something
with our MagTiles.

Don't forget to join our **Summer
Reading Club!** This will run at the
Howick Library **every Tuesday from
4-5pm** (June 30-August 18) It's a
free program for children
aged 4-12 years, come for as
many sessions as you can
make (it's okay to go on vacation).

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www.huroncountylibrary.ca/td-summer-reading-program

See you at the library (or the pool)!

Join us at the hall for our daily morning coffee! The coffee pot
is on from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Monday to Friday. Come on
out, visit with friends, and enjoy a fresh brew. All are welcome.

A massive thank you to the incredible volunteers and local
businesses who donated their time and materials to build
our new outdoor cooking patio! We truly cannot express how
grateful we are for your generosity and hard work.

Our 19th Annual Fish Fry was a huge success, with 210 meals
and take-outs sold! The hall board sends a big thank you to
the Brussels Legion for cooking up the delicious
fish and fries. We also deeply appreciate our
amazing volunteers and the incredible support
from our community. See you next year!

What a great dinner and evening! On
Friday, June 19th, we held a Pub Night
featuring scrumptious pulled pork on a
bun, salads, and desserts—all for just \$7.

To host your special event at the hall,
contact Carol Edgar.

Check us out on facebook:
Wroxeter Community Hall

WROXETER HALL NEWS

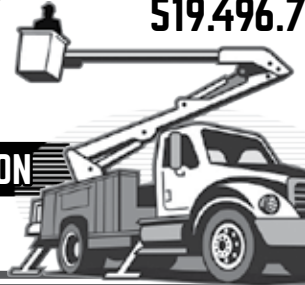
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Where- Fordwich Pavilion **Time-** 8:30-11:30 AM

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JUNE 15TH TO 26TH
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A massive thank you to the incredible volunteers and local businesses who donated their time and materials to build the new outdoor cooking patio at the Wroxeter Hall! We truly cannot express how grateful we are for your generosity and hard work. This is what community is all about!



SPRUCED UP community

Wroxeter is revitalizing the Mill St. Park! The project tidied up the grounds, removed overgrowth, and installed fresh shrubs and flower bed. Additionally, a new community welcome sign was erected to enhance local aesthetics and create an inviting space for everyone to enjoy. With the Village Management's support, Jessi (Gibson) Koehler painted the sign and vigorously spruced up and maintains our park with help from husband Justin and children Violet and Dalton.



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BLAIR SMITH

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A macro scavenger hunt was the theme of the Photo Club's June 18th meeting. Since the weather was a little damp, it turned into an indoor—and very little outdoor—snapping of photos. A special thank you goes to Blair for setting things up for us.

Members were thrilled to take pictures for the new Howick Township banners, and many are very fortunate to have their photos selected for the final display. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Due to Canada Day and events there is no July 2nd meeting.

The meeting on July 16th will be a pot luck supper at a members cottage in Bayfield and then off to Pioneer Park and surrounding areas for a variety of photo opportunities. The park, marina, river, lake and downtown are all wonderful spots for photos.

The August 6th meeting will be a car pooling outing to Fergus leaving Brussels library at 6pm. There are multiple spots of interest for photographing.

The meeting August 20th will be a night of sharing photographs from the macro night and the 2 outings.

New members are always welcome. We meet the first and third Thursday of the following months of April to November and the first Thursday for the months December to March. Our meetings take place in the Meeting Room of the Brussels Library.

There are workshops, photos presentations and photo shoots.



CLARA BLAKE



LIZ ALLAN



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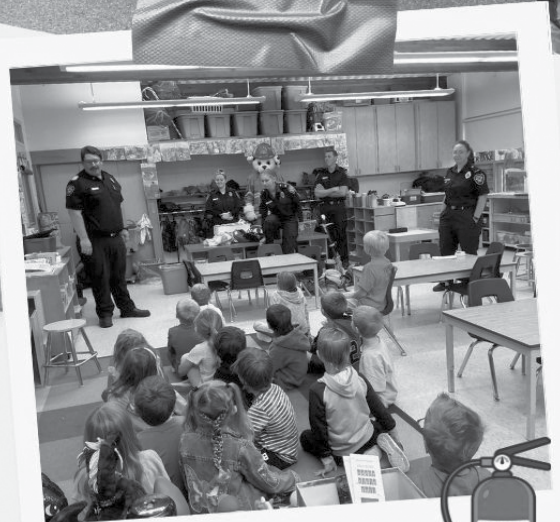
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Obituaries



TINHOLT, Willemina 'Wilma' Hendrika (VanHuet Lindeman) of Listowel passed away peacefully into her Saviour's arms, on Thursday, June 18, 2026, in her 90th year. Wife of the late William 'Bill' Tinholt (2015). Loving mother of John & Chantal Tinholt of Ottawa, Fred & Caroline Tinholt of Fordwich, Joan & Paul Kapteyn of Spruce Grove, Alberta, Annette & Jim Vellenga

of Exeter, Judy & Henry Huisman of Waterdown, and Bill Tinholt of Bluevale. Grandmother of Angela Holladay, Joshua Tinholt & Meagan Pennycook, Marisa Tinholt, Sierra Tinholt, Amanda Kapteyn, Ryan Kapteyn, and Nicole & Ryan Guay, Justin Vellenga & Katrina Holdenmeyer, Becky & Justin Mol, and Shane & Kelly Huisman. Great-grandmother of Landon & Emmie, William, Annabelle, Declan, and Aurora. Sister-in-law of Annie VanHuet Lindeman of Holland. Predeceased by her sister Ine & Bertus Bults, and brothers Jan & Annie VanHuet Lindeman, and Henk VanHuet Lindeman. Visitation was held at the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel on Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The funeral service was held at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Listowel, on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. The service was live-streamed. Interment in Fairview Cemetery, Listowel. Memorial donations to Partners International or Hope and Healing International would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca



BARBOUR, Kathleen Irene (Cooper) of Listowel, and formerly of Owen Sound, passed away at Listowel Memorial Hospital on Saturday, June 6, 2026, in her 95th year, after a sudden brief illness. She is now at her peaceful home in heaven with her Saviour. She was the cherished wife of the late Pearce Barbour; Loving mother of Bryan Barbour & Tena Van't Foort

of Owen Sound, Doug & Hannah Barbour of Nanaimo, BC, Dianne & Jim Swan of Wroxeter, Darlene & Dan York of Vanguard, SK, Carol Barbour of Listowel, Stephen & Melinda Barbour of Huntsville, Kathy & Steven Jamison of Davenport, FL, Scott & Milva Barbour of Orangeville, and Wayne & Erica Barbour of Brampton. Also survived by 23 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her twin brother Keith Cooper, sister Blanche McDowell, and brothers Harold Cooper, and George Cooper. Visitation was held at the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral service was held at Listowel Salvation Army Citadel on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. The service was livestreamed. Interment in Annan Cemetery. Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to GFA World, Ethnos Canada for the Iqaluit team, or Listowel Salvation Army. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca



VAN VEEN, Gerrit of Brussels passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in his 96th year. Loving husband of the late Helen (Olesen) van Veen. Dear father of Mark & Dianne van Veen of Elmwood, Paul & Sharon van Veen of Wroxeter, David & Gael van Veen of Guelph, Dan & Dianne van Veen of Brussels, Stephen & Kendra van Veen of Brussels, John & Mary Beth

van Veen of Kenilworth, Rachel & Darryl Stoltz of Bonshaw, PEI, and Tim & Sarah van Veen of Ottawa. Grandfather of Sarah van Veen, Nathan van Veen; Ivory van Veen, Justine van Veen, Vienna van Veen; Boaz van Veen; Ryan (Sarah) van Veen, Leanne (Menno) Wichers, Matthew (Emma) van Veen, Philip (Abbi) van Veen, Laura (Caleb) Klumpenhower; Christopher van Veen, Alicia van Veen; Max van Veen, Kailyn van Veen, Brielle van Veen; Lazarus (Samantha) Stoltz, Hannah Joy (Jacob) Macleod, Keziah Stoltz, Twila-Dawn Stoltz, Jedidiah Stoltz, Zadok Stoltz; Naomi van Veen and Felix van Veen, and great-grandfather of Phoebe, Rita, Elsie, Barrett, Leo, Sylvie, Raelyn, Izayus, Kinsley, Paityn, Harrison, and Hadassah. Brother of Alie (Gar) Lee of British Columbia. Predeceased by his parents Marinus & Aagje (Oudshoorn) van Veen, siblings Clara van Merkestein, Agnes & Henk Ten Pas, Martha & Cornelis de Boer, and Piet van Veen & wife Margaret, and brother-in-law Ron Olesen & wife Kay. Visitation was held at the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel on Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Private family interment and committal services were held at Fairview Cemetery, Listowel. The funeral service followed at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Listowel on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. The service was live-streamed. Memorial donations to Wycliffe Bible Translators would be appreciated.



MARTIN, Paul, At his home on Tuesday, June 16th, 2026, Paul Martin of Wroxeter passed away at the age of 63. Son of the late Gerald and Beverley (Petteplace) Martin. Paul will be missed by his son, Derek Tout (Sam Donegan), his beloved partner, Carole Jamieson, and her family and his faithful companion, Rufus. He will also be remembered by his brothers,

Karl Martin (Tracey Leake) and Dean Martin (Kim), along with his extended family and many friends. Paul was predeceased by several aunts and uncles. A private family service was held and interment will take place at Fordwich Cemetery. A public Celebration of Paul's life was held at the Wroxeter Hall on Saturday, June 27th, 2026 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Wroxeter Hall (cheques payable to the Township of Howick) or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.



DEMERLING, Esther Fay (Wright) of Clifford passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2026, in her 91st year. Wife of the late Walter Demerling. Mother of Nancy & Randy Seip of Clifford, and Andrew & Adrienne Demerling of Bracebridge, and mother-in-law of Mary Demerling of Gravenhurst. Grandmother of Andrew & Brittany Keith, Jonathan & Susan Seip, Elizabeth & Justin Howatt,

Josh Demerling, and Jeremy Demerling, and remembered also by her eight great-grandchildren. Sister of Glenna Francis of Maple Ridge, BC, Murray & Dorothy Wright of Bancroft, Howie & Judy Wright of London, and Shelley & Ross Weber of Mildmay. Sister-in-law of Jim & June Demerling of Mitchell, Audrey Tozer of New Brunswick, and Bill & Bev Demerling of Elmira. Predeceased by her son David Demerling, her parents Harvey & Marie Wright, brother Owen Wright & wife Kim, and sister-in-law and brothers-in-law Harold Francis, Robert Tozer, and Greta & Robert Harkness. Esther Fay Wright was born on October 15, 1935 in Turnberry Township, the first child to Harvey and Marie (Mines) Wright. She moved to Howick Township, Concession 14, as a young child on the horsedrawn hay wagon with all the family's household possessions. Fay lived at the farm with her parents and 5 siblings, attended school at No. 1 Howick, and completed her studies at F. E. Madill in Wingham. At the age of 14, she met this young man who came to the farm to help install hydro service, and over the years, Walter became very important to her. At the age of 18, she ventured off to nursing school at Stratford General Hospital, making many new and lasting friendships. She graduated as a Registered Nurse on June 6, 1956 and worked at Wingham & District Hospital in the operating room for 2 years. On September 6, 1958 she wed her sweetheart Walter at MacIntosh United Church and settled down to life on the farm on Huron County Road 30 where they raised 3 children, David, Nancy and Andy. In 1976 the family moved to the Bracebridge area but Fay and Walter moved back to the Lakelet area to familiar surroundings and family just a few years later. She tried her hand at running a small convenience store at their residence in Lakelet much to the delight of campers and children in the area as she stocked a good supply of gummy candies. Fay had many interests throughout her life, Church clubs, girl guides, camping, boy scouts and in later years she was involved with the Walkerton Hospital Auxiliary for 20 years. Fay also enjoyed sewing, knitting and quilting with the women's church group. She found a source of joy with her grandchildren and later in life with her great-grandchildren, still able to get down on the floor and play with blocks or colour with them. Her favourite activity in later years was attending a coffee group at Tim Hortons with Walter and enjoying retired life. Visitation was held at the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston, on Wednesday, from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The funeral service was held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clifford on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. The service was livestreamed. Interment in Trinity Howick Lutheran Cemetery, Howick Township. Memorial donations to St. John's Lutheran Church, Clifford, or the Lutheran Hour would be appreciated.

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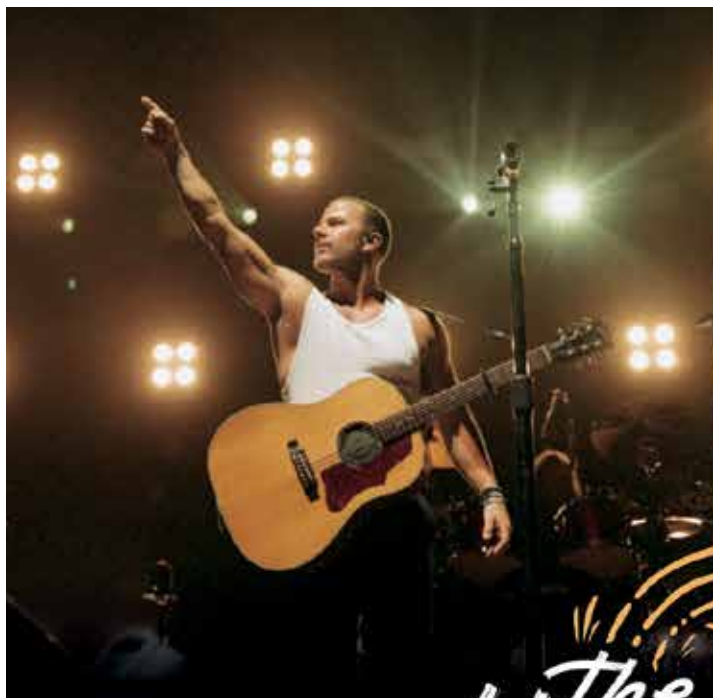
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