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in Howick



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Celebrating 170 years in HOWICK

Homecoming Weekend was exceptional from start to finish! It was wonderful to see so many community members come together to celebrate, reconnect, and enjoy everything the weekend had to offer. The energy, support, and community spirit made it a truly memorable event. A heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers—your time, dedication, and hard work made this incredible weekend possible. We couldn't have done it without you!

Stay tuned for more photos and fundraising info in the September issue.

Community Calendar



CHALLENGER BASEBALL FINAL GAME
August 8 at 10:30am at the Fordwich baseball diamond. See page 19.

EARLYON OUTDOOR PROGRAMS IN GORRIE Mondays 10-11:30am. Aug. 10 & 24 at the park, Aug. 17 & 31 at the trail. See page 16 for info.

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

COLD PLATE DINNER Fri. Aug. 21 at the Wroxeter Hall. Dinner served at 6pm. \$7/person.

BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE for Howick Minor Hockey - Sat. Sept. 12 at Fordwich Pavilion. See page 8.

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

75 MINUTE HIKING CHALLENGE at local trails. Hosted by the Maitland Conservation. Prizes available. See page 16 for info.

TAILGATE MUSIC FESTIVAL in Mitchell on Sept. 25 & 26. See back page for info.

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

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summer adventures: Here & There

It was a challenge to narrow down which photos from the past month to share here. July has been very full and included a trip to the Netherlands, a week of camping, and Vacation Bible School. August looks quite sparse in comparison but I'm sure it will fill up bit by bit, flying by and making us wonder where summer has disappeared to.

I'm grateful for friends and family to travel and camp with. The kids are able to entertain themselves and usually stay out of trouble with less supervision. It means for a slightly more relaxing 'vacation' but you're still dealing with less than ideal amounts of sleep and your typical sibling dynamics. It's still getting easier and more enjoyable to go on adventures as a family.

I may be feeling like I've caught the travel bug at times, but I do appreciate coming home and having our usual food and sleeping in our usual beds. I've missed spending time in my gardens as well, staying on top of weeds and watering. We came home right as our raspberries were ripening which was a nice treat. One of the first things we ate after camping were fresh beans from the garden. The kids loved eating them raw. There's nothing like fresh food from the garden!

Angie Koersen



Deadline for the next issue is August 20.

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COUNCIL MEETING & HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Howick Township Office will be closed for the Civic Holiday on Monday August 3, 2026 and re-opening on Tuesday August 4, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

The August Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** A Court of Revision Meeting for the Merkley Municipal Drain will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Township Office. The complete 2026 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings can be found on our website.

AUTOMATED WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTION - BEGINNING AUG. 3, 2026

FIRST DAY OF COLLECTION!



All new waste and recycling carts have now been delivered to properties throughout Howick Township. If you have not received your carts, please contact the Municipal Office at **519-335-3208 ext. 105**.

Each cart is equipped with an **RFID tag** and is assigned to a specific property address. The carts are the property of **Waste Management** and must remain at the property if ownership changes.

Automated collection begins on Monday, August 3, 2026, for WEST SIDE COLLECTION residents. Please note that carts placed out before this date will **not** be emptied.

COLLECTION REMINDERS

- Place carts at the curb the night before collection or no later than **7:00 a.m.** on your collection day.
- Position carts at the end of your laneway:
 - At least **three (3) feet apart** from each other; and
 - At least **three (3) feet away** from vehicles, mailboxes, or other obstacles.
- Place carts with the **wheels facing your house** and the lid opening toward the road.



- Do not overfill carts—the **lid must be completely closed**.
- Additional garbage or recycling placed outside the carts will **NOT** be collected.
- Place recyclables **loose in the cart**; do not bag recyclable materials.
- Break down cardboard boxes and place them **inside the recycling cart**.

CULVERT REPLACEMENT & ROAD CLOSURE

Please be advised that Nichols Excavating Inc. will begin work on the replacement of a culvert on Orange Hill Road starting in mid-August. As a result of the construction, Orange Hill Road will be closed between Fordwich Line and Toll Gate Line for approximately one month. Motorists are encouraged to avoid the area and plan alternate routes during the construction period. The Township appreciates everyone's patience and cooperation as this important infrastructure improvement is completed.

LANDFILL TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK CHANGES



ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION LATE SUMMER 2026

Exciting changes are coming to the Howick Landfill as staff continue working toward the implementation of a weigh-scale system and new scale house to improve operations and create a fair and efficient user-pay system.

Residents may have already noticed activity at the landfill, including the clearing of trees to make way for the new front-end receiving area as part of this project.

Once the scale is fully operational, landfill fees will change to a **minimum charge of \$10.00** for household/domestic waste brought directly to the landfill. Bag tags will no longer be accepted. The Waste Collection and Disposal section of the Township's Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law will be updated to reflect the new fees.

The following items will continue to be accepted at the Howick Landfill free of charge: **non-freon small appliances, yard waste (leaves, brush and branches), clean and dry wood (no metal), compost materials, e-waste, tires (rims**

removed) and scrap metal. These items will **not be subject to the \$10.00 minimum fee.**

The Township strongly encourages residents to make full use of the **curbside waste and recycling collection service provided to every household.** Utilizing the curbside program helps reduce traffic at the landfill, and ensures residents are taking advantage of the services already included in their property taxes. Due to the changes that came into effect January 1, 2026 under provincial recycling regulations, any recycling taken directly to the Howick landfill will continue to incur a charge of \$2.00 per bag/armful/blue box.

Watch for more information regarding the new weigh-scale system, front-end receiving area and updated fees to be shared as the project continues to move toward completion. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to improve waste management services in Howick and extend the life expectancy of the Howick Landfill.

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 outstanding invoices as of August 1, 2026, will have these charges added to their property taxes, including an administration fee of \$25.00.

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2027 BUDGET SURVEY!



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2027 HOWICK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET SURVEY

We want to hear from you! What do you see as priorities for the 2027 municipal budget?

Let us know by completing this short survey:

<https://www.howick.ca/township-services/budget-finance/2027-budget-survey>

The survey is open until **August 31, 2026.**

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

STRONG COMMUNITIES NEED PASSIONATE LEADERS

Several members of Howick Council have disclosed that they will not be seeking re-election in the 2026 Municipal Election.



- Consider putting your name forward.
- Encourage someone who would make a great member of Howick council.
- Be part of shaping Howick's future!

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- ☒ A willingness to listen and learn
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- ☒ Fresh ideas and a commitment to helping shape Howick's future

The nomination period began on **May 1, 2026**, and **closes on Friday, August 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.** Nomination packages are available at the Municipal Office during regular office hours. **Nominations will be accepted by appointment only, as mandatory forms need signed in the presence of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.** To schedule an appointment to pick up and complete your nomination paperwork, please contact: **Alana Dick, Deputy Clerk** 519-335-3208 ext. 102.

HOWICK LIBRARY

*August
Announcements*

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Did you know that **your library card is
also free entry into the Huron County
Museum** in Goderich? Another nice
place to visit.

You can also **place a hold
on our selection of day passes.**

Our library system has access
to passes for: Ontario Parks,
Falls Reserve Conservation Area,
London Children's Museum, the
Royal Ontario Museum (in Toronto),
and the North Huron Westcast Pool
(Wingham). Some are in high
demand so, if you're interested,
get your name on the list soon!

Have a very happy (and safe) summer
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On **Friday, August 21st** there will be a cold plate dinner. The hall is open at 4:00p.m., **dinner will be served at 6:00p.m.** and the cost is **\$7.00** per person. Hope you can make it to the evening.

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ONTARIO INVESTING OVER \$145,000 TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES, SUPPORT SENIORS, AND HELP VICTIMS IN HURON COUNTY

The Ontario government is delivering **\$145,083.31** in provincial funding across Huron County to empower local seniors, support victims of crime, and drive rural economic development. The investments target five community-focused initiatives designed to promote health, safety, social inclusion, and municipal revitalization.

"Our government is proud to invest in local initiatives and municipalities that directly improve the quality of life for residents across Huron County," said Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron-Bruce. "Whether it's empowering our seniors to stay active and connected, revitalizing our rural downtowns, or providing essential, compassionate care to victims of crime, these investments ensure our communities remain strong, healthy, and resilient."

The Township of North Huron is receiving **\$55,000** through the **Senior Active Living Centre Program** to support programs in Wingham and Blyth. This will give local seniors access to nutritious hot meals, exercise and wellness classes, and educational sessions focused on health and safety.

The Township of Howick will receive **\$16,865.31** through the **Rural Ontario Development Program**. These funds are designated for the township's Community Improvement and Beautification Plan, supporting projects that enhance public spaces and encourage economic growth.

Victim Services of Huron Perth is receiving **\$32,500** in one-time additional funding through the **Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario Program**. This investment directly boosts resources for staff and volunteers providing immediate, compassionate, crisis support and services to victims and survivors across the region.

REACH Huron has been awarded **\$15,720** through the **Seniors Community Grant** for its project "Eat Well, Live Well Together." The program will host interactive culinary classes that bring seniors together to share cultural backgrounds, enjoy social connection, and learn practical skills for healthy eating and wellness.

Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health is receiving **\$24,998** through the **Seniors Community Grant** for its "Connect Along the Shore" initiative. By blending phone, virtual, and in-person sessions—including expanding technology programs at Legion Branch 109 in Goderich—the initiative makes it easier for rural seniors to stay connected. Partnering with local Family Health Teams and community hubs, the project provides early wellness checkpoints and gives participants opportunities to lead group conversations and share knowledge.



LIZ ALLAN

Maitland Valley camera CLUB

The July 16th meeting was cancelled due to the air quality. It will be held at a later date.

The club meets the first and third Thursday for the months April to November and the first Thursday of the months December to March. Meetings take place in the Meeting Room of the Brussels Library at 7:00 p.m.. Want to know more about photography? Come and join us.



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Wroxeter is continuing to revitalize our pretty harbour! The project tidied up the riverbank, planted a tree, installed fresh shrubs and flower bed. Additionally, with the creative work by a Wroxeter artist, a new harbour sign was designed and painted by our talented Doreen Wintemute. Wroxeter is very fortunate to have such talent, hidden in our midst! Thanks and enjoy.



PHOTO BY LIZ ALLAN

A FAMILY TRADITION OF WELLNESS CONTINUES AT NEWBRIDGECHURCH RETREAT

Newbridgechurch Retreat, located just outside Fordwich, is pleased to welcome Liam Stewart as a Reflexologist, expanding the wellness services available to the surrounding community.

Liam is a certified with the Reflexology Association of Canada, bringing professional training and a passion for helping people improve their health and well-being through natural, complementary therapies.

His arrival is especially meaningful as he joins his mother, Gina Stewart, a respected reflexologist who has been serving the community for more than 25 years. Together, they continue a family tradition of compassionate, client-centred care, helping individuals of all ages experience the benefits of holistic wellness.

Reflexology is a non-invasive complementary therapy based on the principle that specific reflex points on the feet, hands, and ears correspond to different organs, glands, and systems throughout the body. By applying gentle pressure to these reflex points, reflexology encourages the body's natural healing processes, promotes relaxation, improves circulation, and helps restore balance.

People of all ages—from children and teens to adults and seniors—may benefit from reflexology. Many clients seek treatment to help manage stress, improve sleep quality, reduce tension, ease discomfort, support recovery from illness or injury, and promote overall physical and emotional well-being. While reflexology is not intended to diagnose or treat medical conditions, it works alongside conventional healthcare as a complementary therapy.

In addition to reflexology, Liam also offers Stretch Therapy, a personalized, assisted stretching service designed to improve

flexibility, mobility, posture, and range of motion. Stretch Therapy can help relieve muscle tightness, reduce stiffness, enhance athletic performance, support recovery after physical activity, and make everyday movement more comfortable. Sessions are tailored to each individual's needs and are suitable for people with active lifestyles, or anyone looking to move more freely.

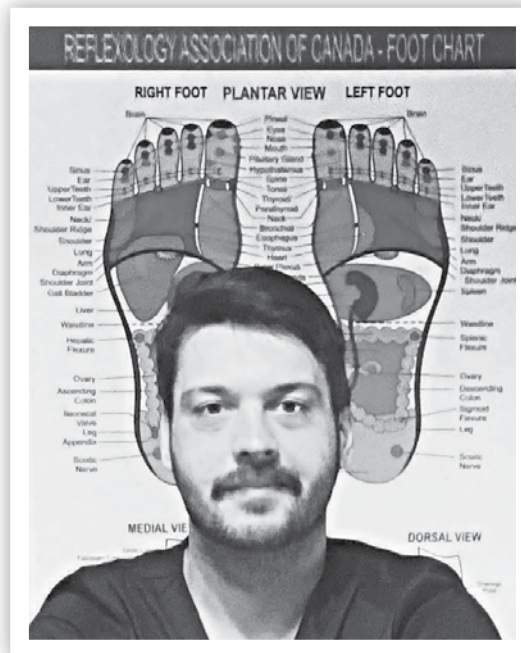
Liam is currently accepting new clients and is available for mobile services. He looks forward to serving residents throughout the surrounding communities.

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The challenge is simple: spend 75 minutes exploring a Maitland Valley Conservation Authority property and submit an entry for a chance to win one of three outdoor prize packages. The 75-Minute Hiking Challenge is one of several initiatives planned throughout 2026 to celebrate Maitland Conservation's 75th anniversary.

Whether you're hiking through the forest trails at Falls Reserve Conservation Area, visiting the Memorial Grove at George Taylor Conservation Area or kayaking across Lake Wawanosh, every outdoor adventure counts towards celebrating 75 years of conservation in the Maitland watershed.

Since 1951, Maitland Conservation has worked alongside municipalities, landowners, community partners and residents to protect and enhance the watershed's water, forest and soil resources. This milestone anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on that legacy while encouraging people to discover - or rediscover - Conservation Areas that have become valued outdoor destinations.

"We wanted to create an activity that's easy for people to participate in," said Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator. "The 75-Minute Hiking Challenge is a fun way to celebrate our anniversary while enjoying the natural spaces that conservation efforts have helped to protect and maintain."

Participants may complete their 75-minute walk at any Maitland Conservation property, though maintained trail systems are available at several conservation areas, including:

- George Taylor Conservation Area south of Walton in Huron East
- Falls Reserve Conservation Area in Benmiller (day-use pass required)
- Naftel's Creek Conservation Area south of Goderich
- Wawanosh Valley Conservation Area in North Huron
- Gorrie Conservation Area in Howick Township
- Brussels Conservation Area in Huron East

Those who prefer being on the water may want to check out Lake Wawanosh Conservation Area. While hiking trails on the property are not maintained, time spent kayaking or canoeing counts toward the challenge.

After completing their outdoor adventure, participants can submit an on-line entry through mvca.on.ca for a chance to win one of three outdoor prize packages. Full contest details are posted on the website.

Paper entry ballots are also available at the Maitland Conservation Administration Centre in Wroxeter and at select Maitland Conservation events. Participants may also call 519-335-3557 ext. 226 to submit their information.

The contest runs until December 16, 2026, giving residents and visitors plenty of time to explore a new trail or revisit a favourite Conservation Area.



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POP CANS: will be picked up the first Saturday of each month. You may leave your pop cans in clear plastic bags at the end of your laneway. Monies from the pop cans will go to the Resident's Council of the Fordwich Nursing Home. We thank you for your donation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ONE CARE is a non-profit agency that supports individuals to stay in their home longer. We need Volunteer Transportation Drivers in the Fordwich, Gorrie and Wroxeter areas to assist clients to Medical Appointments, Adult Day Program and Social Outings. All volunteers receive training and mileage is reimbursed. Call for more info, 1-877-502-8277 or email volunteering@onecaresupport.ca.

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Obituaries



SHELLEY, Carol Elaine (Wright)

of Wallace Township passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, in her 92nd year. Wife of the late Ronald Shelley. Mother of Sandra-Lynn Shelley of Gorrie, Diane & John Scherer of Guelph, and Mr. & Mrs. Steven Shelley of Alberta. Grandmother of Nicole. Sister of Arlene Scott of Whitby and sister-in-law of Miriam Wright of

Orillia, and Irene and Josh Atkinson of Alberta. Also survived by her nieces and nephew. Predeceased by her parents Robert and Evelyn Wright, her brothers Allan Wright and Ross Wright, her brother-in-law James Scott, and by her niece Karen Wright. Carol was a graduate of the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital school of nursing, Class of 1955. She worked and enjoyed all avenues of nursing. She was a member of the Listowel Red hats and Howick Agriculture Society, and a canvasser for the Canadian Cancer Society. She was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Palmerston. Carol with her husband Ron raised their three children on their family farms first in Elgin County and then finally on their family farm in Wallace Township. The family would like to express their gratitude to the Care Partners nursing team, as well as the OneCare PSW's for taking such great care of our mother. The funeral service was held from St. Paul's Anglican Church, Palmerston on Saturday, July 25th at 1:30 p.m. with visitation one hour prior to service. Interment in Fordwich Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations to St. Paul's Anglican Church, Palmerston or Palmerston & District Hospital would be appreciated, and may be made through the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston. Online condolences may be left at www.hardyleefuneralhome.com

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Howick Challenger Baseball's first official season has kicked off in early June of this year and will close out on August 8th.

Our program is based on teaching athletes the fundamentals of baseball, sportsmanship and teamwork in an inclusive and supportive environment!

None of this would be possible without the amazing volunteers ('Buddies'), our hard working athletes and their families.

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