

WHAT'S HAPPENING

MARCH 2026 ISSUE | whathappeninginhowick@gmail.com

in Howick

Community Calendar



Winter Festivities

On behalf of the Howick Family Festival, we would like to thank all that came out in support of our Family Festival. It was very well attended with lots of families out to enjoy the glow skate, wings, fries and poutine, as well as the wonderful fireworks to end it all off.

A big shout out to all that bought tickets on the side-by-side – congratulations to Tyler Boyd of Fordwich, the lucky winner of the side-by-side, drawn by Alana Dick, employee of Howick Township, supervised by our Fire Chief Josh Kestner and Kevin Doig of Wroxeter Village Management.

A big thanks to the Howick Optimist Club for once again doing the wing night. Your many contributions to our community youth is very much appreciated.

Thanks again for all the love and support to our community event. It's nice to get out to see family, friends and Howick neighbours.

PHOTOS BY LIZ ALLAN



HOWICK MINOR BALL - Registration deadline is Mar. 7. See page 14 for info.

"COME SEW WITH US" is sewing at the Howick Community Centre from 10am-3pm on Mondays Mar. 9 & 23. \$5. 519-335-3755.

POOL & EUCHRE TOURNAMENT on Sun. Mar. 15 at the Wroxeter Hall. Games begin at 1pm. Light lunch provided for \$5.

BOUNCY BALL MAKING SESSION at the library on Mon. Mar. 16 at 11:30am. Registration required by Mar. 9. See page 5.

PUB NIGHT at the Wroxeter Hall on Fri. Mar. 20. Doors open 4pm, dinner at 6pm for \$7.

HOWICK MINOR SOCCER - Registration deadline is Mar. 20. See page 6 for info.

SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON at the Wroxeter Hall, Fri. Mar. 27 from 11am - 1pm by the Masonic Lodge.

YOUNG JEWELS - The third Saturday of every month at Gorrie Bible Fellowship from 9:30-11:30 for girls ages 8-13.

REDEMPTION STORY: Easter drama and music at Gorrie Bible Fellowship, Apr. 3 & 4 at 7pm. See page 11.

BELMORE MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL at the Belmore Community Centre, Apr. 9 & 11. See page 9 for more details.

HOWICK HOMECOMING 2026 will be from July 3-5. See page 19 for info and sponsorship opportunities.

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

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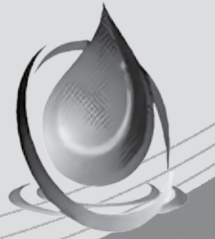
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DREAMING OF SPRING

The days are lengthening and we have moments of thawing – spring is getting closer. The restlessness of February should soon diminish as the hope of spring allows us to breathe the fresh earthy air again, discover the emerging flowers, and be surrounded by singing birds, sunshine and blue skies.

For now, we try to break up the wintry days maybe by going swimming, going out for lunch, or staying in our PJs as long as possible. We're grateful the light lasts a little longer each day and makes it easier to play outside just a bit more. Spending all day inside doesn't do anyone any good, but it can be hard to convince the littles (or myself) to suit up for another blustery cold outing.

May the last leg of this long winter go quickly, and hopefully we are able to appreciate the mud that will come with the beginning signs of spring. It can't all be sunshine and daffodils – the rain and the mess is an unavoidable part of the transition. Spring is a season of renewal, of new life, of growth – in the world around us, and maybe internally as well.

Angie Koersen



Deadline for the next issue is March 20.

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March

*"If snow shoveling counted as cardio,
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

March Council meetings are scheduled for **Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** Both meetings will take place in the Council Chambers at the Township Office. The 2026 Schedule of Regular Council Meetings can be found on our website.

INTERIM TAX BILL

The 2026 Interim Tax Bills have been mailed out! If you have not received your bill, please contact Finance staff at the Township office at 519-335-3208. Your interim bill calculation is based on 50% of your 2025 final tax billing. The due dates for this bill are **March 20th and May 22nd.**

PUBLIC WORKS

It's officially Half Load Season! As of March 1st, half load restrictions are in effect on all municipal roads. Commercial vehicles are not to exceed a weight of 5000 kilograms (5t) per axle.

It may seem like we are still in the dead of winter, however once we start experiencing warmer weather, melting snow leads to muddy conditions on many unpaved roads. During the transition from winter to spring, with warming temperatures melting the ice and snow on top, while lower layers stay frozen, there is nowhere for the water to drain, resulting in a nasty mud-slurry in the lower layers. The weight of vehicles pushes that muddy slurry to the surface, destabilizing the road structure. While members of Howick's Public Works Department will be out monitoring and working to improve these conditions, we want to remind motorists to drive with caution as some roads become wet and rutted.

MARCH BREAK DAY CAMP

March Break is days away! Registration is open with a few spots left for our March Break Day Camp! Learn about the Elements with themed days and a PJ & "Elemental" Movie day on Friday. **Cost is \$32 per child per day (\$160/week).** Early drop-off and late pick-up available, extra fees apply. Visit our website or email recreation@howick.ca for more information.

DAY CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Summer Fun Starts Here! Ages 4-11 Registration for Howick Township's Summer Day Camp is now OPEN! Get ready for sunny days packed with games, crafts, outdoor adventures, and tons of laughs. Spaces fill fast, so don't wait—secure your

child's spot and make this summer one to remember! See page 6 for more information or visit our website to register www.howick.ca

- July 6th -10th ~ Arena (\$160)
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HOWICK OPTMIST POOL

Our staff are excited and ready for another **big, successful season at the Howick Optimist Pool!** We can't wait to welcome swimmers back for a summer full of fun, fitness, and community. Be sure to watch for swimming lesson registration opening March 16, 2026. Private and group lessons are available. Gorrie Gator Swim Team registration coming soon—don't miss your chance to dive in!

WASTE CARTS AND BAG TAGS

Waste Management is transitioning to automated waste and recycling curbside collection in Howick Township in 2026. Estimated delivery for the new garbage and recycling waste carts is mid-Summer 2026. 64-gallon waste carts and 95-gallon recycling carts will be provided and delivered to all residential properties. Commercial, industrial and institutional properties will receive waste carts only.

A minimum of 30 days notice will be provided before cart curbside collection begins to ensure that everyone is ready for this change. Once cart collection begins, garbage bag tags will no longer be accepted. Information will continue

to be shared via the What's Happening in Howick newsletter, and the Howick Township website, Facebook and Instagram pages.

At this time, there are no plans to offer refunds or a buy-back program for unused bag tags purchased by residents. If you have purchased an abundance of bag tags that you anticipate not being able to use, consider re-selling them directly to neighbours, friends or family members to use in the coming months before they become obsolete.

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that Council of Howick Township will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m, at the Howick Council Chambers, 44816 Harriston Road, Gorrie to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT of this amendment to the Zoning By-law is to update the general provisions, zoning provisions, permitted uses and definitions and includes:

- Updating minimum lot sizes for several zones (AG4, HC1 and CF);
- Updating housing options, including permitting a detached

Additional Residential Unit in the VR1 (Village Residential – Low Density) Zone subject to a minimum lot size of 2 acres+;

- Two, site specific mapping corrections are proposed for the purpose of removing historic aggregate extraction zoning (ER1). See page 18 for more information.

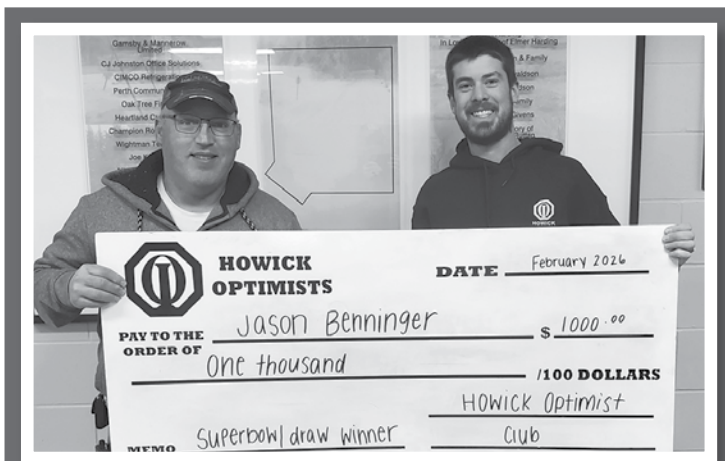
BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

A reminder to residents that parking on any Howick Street, road allowance or right-of-way is prohibited between the hours of **1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.** from **November 1st to March 31st** annually. Per the Howick Township Parking By-law 05-2021 s.6, vehicles found in violation of the by-law may be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense.

Per the Howick Township Clean Yards By-law 08-2023 s.2.51, no person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any snow, slush, or ice on any street or highway.

DOG TAGS

A friendly reminder, 2026 Dog Registration Fees are **DUE MARCH 31st**. All unpaid fees **DOUBLE** as of April 1st. If you received an invoice and no longer have a dog, or the number of dogs has changed, please contact Operations Administrative Assistant Jess Miller 519-357-8451 to update your account.



Picture is of Jason Benninger, Super Bowl Draw winner on the left and Travis Brown, Vice President of the Howick Optimist Club, presenting Jason with a cheque for \$1,000.00.



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.

HOWICK LIBRARY

Looking for something fun to do on the first day of **March Break**? Howick Library will be having a **BOUNCY BALL MAKING SESSION** on Mon. March 16 from 11:30am-12:30pm. This program is for children aged 6+ (and children under 10 years must be accompanied by an adult). **Registration required by March 9**, by visiting the library, calling us at 519-335-6899 or emailing howicklibrary@huroncounty.ca.

Did you know that we have a **STAY & PLAY AREA** for children in the back corner of the library? There are some toys/activities, a comfy couch for reading, and just ask at the desk if you'd like some arts and craft materials. Please note that children under 10 require a caregiver 12+ years to be with them.

We also have some **TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS** if you're short on time (or aren't old enough to be in the library unaccompanied).

Check out huroncountylibrary.ca for more information!

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Howick Women's Institute

On Thursday, February 19th, nine Howick WI members met at the Red Door Café in Bluevale. Following a delicious lunch, we went back to Pauline Atton's home for social time and business meeting. Margaret McMahon did an excellent presentation on different fruits you can buy in our local grocery stores and the countries they come from. We got to sample some of the fruits Margaret brought. Margaret gave us very informative facts and history about fruits around the world. Here are a few things our Branch has been busy at:



- We had a very successful "Free Family Day Skate" on Monday, February 16th, serving up free hot dogs, cookies, and milk to everyone who came out.
- We are proud to sponsor one of the new banners that are coming to Howick Township this spring. They will be hanging in all the villages and hamlets in Howick Township. See if you can find the one with the Women's Institute logo on it.
- We are also starting to make Bows for the upcoming Howick Township 170th Homecoming in July. You can purchase these bows from any WI member or from the Homecoming committee. They are \$10 each or 2 for \$15.
- Our WI District is also offering a \$500 scholarship award to a high school student in Huron or Perth County who is going on to farther their education. Please check out the ad on page 12.
- We were very pleased to present a cheque to one of our members, Ria Stewart who is going to Triennial ACWW World Conference in Ottawa, in April. She will represent us well.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 19th at 1:30 pm at the home of Marilyn King. The topic is on the World Food Grain Bank.

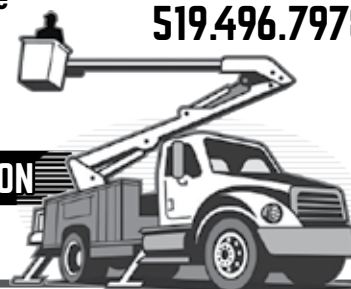


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FINAL UPDATE



Whoever predicted a snowy cold winter certainly was right. Lots of snow, many below normal temperatures and although we have had a recent break with temperatures hovering around zero with rain, we are bound to see more snow before winter is officially over.



Wiarthon Willie predicted an early spring, but no matter what the prediction is, spring will come. Here are some pictures taken in past springs as a reminder of what's to come.



This is a small patch of colourful crocus. Although not the first to arrive in the spring, (snowdrops are usually the first to appear) they are harbingers of spring.

The native redbud is an early spring bloomer with the flowers showing before the leaves appear.



Daffodils and grape hyacinth bloom together later on in spring.

Towards the end of spring the ornamental flowering crab apple trees put on quite a show.



This is the final Roots and Shoots column so it seems appropriate to leave with a picture of a spring sunset over a garden.

Hopefully you have enjoyed the photos and information in the columns

The Howick Bloomers wish you all happy gardening!

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Mavis, the 4-year-old black lab, is a full-time chaos creator. She eats anything she can get her paws on and uses those paws like actual hands. Doors? Opened. Boundaries? Optional. She's basically a furry Houdini with a talent for escape and mischief.

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Please reach out to us if you would like to make a contribution, have any questions about our organization, or how you can get involved as well.

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- Huron Perth District WI would like the lucky recipient to attend their District Annual at the Howick Community Centre on Wednesday, May 27, to be presented the award.
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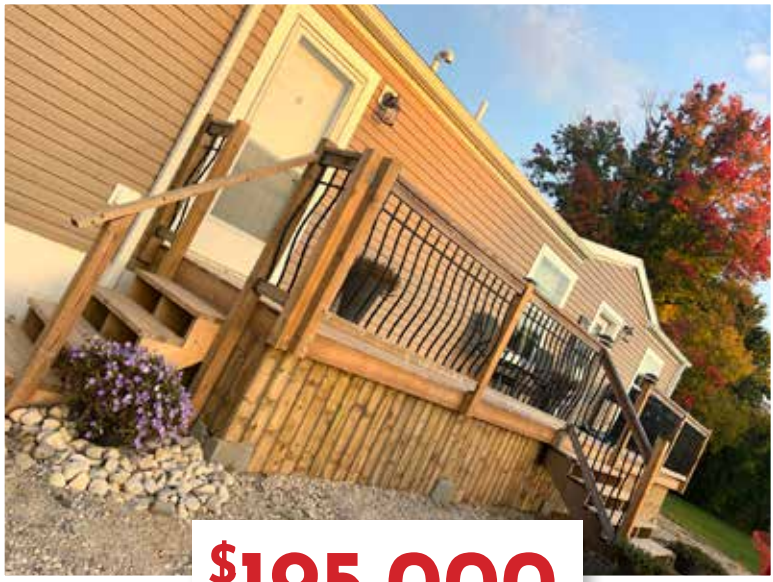
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Our February meeting was held on Thursday, February 5th in the basement of the Library. At this meeting we had the privilege of having photographers Gary Moon and Mark Robinson. Mark was our guest speaker for the evening. His presentation was very interesting. The Theme of the session was "Art is very subjective, shoot, what you want, and how you want."

"Photography is the art of observation." "It has little to do with what you see and everything to do with the way you see it."

Mark explained to the group that he uses an array of editing software. He mentioned he likes to go back through old photos and find it very interesting to change them in a new editing program to achieve a totally different perspective. He brought many of his photos, enlarged, from his many travels and demonstrated how he altered them. Some were abstracts, painting, water colours and sketches. Mark then adds an inspiring quote to each of his photos. This was an enlightening and informative evening. We thank Mark for the compelling slide show.

Club Members are now challenged to find photos they like and alter them for a different effect. They will post the original photo and the new one on the club's facebook pages. Lots of fun!



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Obituaries

In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still,
In our hearts you hold a place
That no one could ever fill.

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN



FOZARD, Barry Charles. With great sadness, we announce the peaceful passing of Barry Charles Fozard at the age of 83, on January 18th 2026 at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Survived by his loving wife of 53 years Gillian, daughter and husband Sharon and David De Ciantis, son and wife Matthew and Claire Fozard, brother and wife David and Karen Fozard,

nephew and wife Alex and Helen Fozard and grandchildren Olivia, Lily, Chase and Noah. Family and friends are welcomed to a Celebration of Life on Saturday, March 21st between 2-4pm at the Wroxeter Community Hall, 1094 Centre St. Wroxeter, ON. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations please be made to One Care Home & Community Support Services or CNIB Guide Dogs.



PYKE, Brian Douglas of Atwood, and formerly of Listowel and Gorrie passed away peacefully at Listowel Memorial Hospital on Thursday, February 12, 2026, in his 79th year. Husband of Linda (Reid) Pyke. Father of Brad & Melanie Pyke of Kincardine, Michelle Feener & Steve Schiebel of Atwood, Tom Pyke & Bea Bahadoor of Sarnia, and Sherri Pyke of Belleville. Grandfather

of Kristy & Dan Kransford, Alicia Hughes, and Mitch Pyke, all of Kincardine, Shelby & Jamie Fischer of Wingham, James Feener of Atwood, Brian Feener & Courtney Osmond of Listowel, Amanda Schiebel, Alex & Matija Pintar, and Adam Schiebel & Christie Botelho, all of Kitchener, Dustin Pyke of North Bay, Devon Pyke, Hailey Pyke, and Noah Pyke, all of Sarnia, and Destiny Pyke of Belleville. Also survived by 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Brother of Glenn & Carol Pyke of Wroxeter, and brother-in-law of Eileen & John Van de Kemp of Wroxeter, Colin Stonham of Guelph, and Henry Stonham of Wroxeter. Predeceased by his parents Clifford & Hazel (Stockton) Pyke, parents-in-law Tom & Shirley (Berdan) Reid, sisters Jeannette & Claude Hall, and Joyce & Don Beyers, sisters-in-law Marilyn Stonham, Muriel Stonham, and Marjorie Reid, granddaughter Melissa Pyke, and grandson Marcus Pyke. A private family service will be held, with spring interment in Wroxeter Cemetery. Memorial donations to Canadian Cancer Society or Cystic Fibrosis would be appreciated, and may be made through Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca



WOOD, Shirley of Teviotdale passed away at Fordwich Village Nursing Home on Sunday, January 25, 2026 in her 67th year. Sister of William Wood, Wesley Wood, Edward 'Ted' Wood, Barry and Louise Wood, all of Palmerston, Kathy Levesque of Guelph, and Jean and Lorne Johnston of Brodhagen. Remembered by her nieces and nephews Patrick Wood, Carolyn

Wood, Desiree Levesque (and Jake), Justine Levesque (and Jorin), and James Levesque (and Mangi). Predeceased by her brother Robert Wood and by her parents Jim and Doris (Divell) Wood. Shirley was a beloved sister, aunt and friend. Prior to Robert's passing, she was his sturdy support and showed great compassion in supporting all of her family members. She was quick with a joke and never failed to entertain her nieces and nephews. Shirley had endless love for animals, especially her cats, inspired by her life as a farmer. She treated others in her community with kindness and respect. She will be remembered by her family and friends and she will be missed and cherished by all of us. A family service will be held at the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston in the spring, and details will be announced. Interment will follow in Harriston Cemetery. Memorial donations to Heart & Stroke Foundation or Diabetes Canada would be appreciated.



HENRY, Edith Christina (Fidler) of Clifford passed away at Fordwich Village Nursing Home on Thursday, January 29, 2026 in her 97th year. Wife of the late Gerald 'Mike' Henry. Mother of Dale & Doris Henry of R.R.1, Ayton, Bonnie & Norm Wilson of Fordwich, and Donna & Doug Speers of Clifford. Grandmother of Jeff Wilson & Eileen Parker, Larry Wilson, Bradley &

Nathalie Wilson, Steven Henry & Angee Robert, Shannon & John Jaklitsch, Bobbi Jo & Clint Greenley, and Trevor & Dana Speers. Great-grandmother of Grace, Olivia, Joey, Angel & Taylor, Griffin, Rilyn, Tristan, Alexis, Hayden, Ava, and Drew, and great-great-grandmother of Nora, Mya, and Ava. Also survived by her sisters-in-law Kathy Fidler and Joyce Henry, and several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her son Bryan Henry, her good friend Maurice Murray, brothers and sisters Lorena & Wilbert Wilken, Beatrice & Crawford Schaus, Norman Fidler, Dorothy & Gordon Reay, Lavina & Russell Bartman, Gordon & Dorothy Fidler, Dora & Wilmer Schaus, Irene & Mike Becker, Ruby & Ernie David, Stanley & Lorraine Fidler, and Allan Fidler, and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Joyce & Elmer Yost, Harold & Alice Henry, Shirley & Allan Jackson, and Keith Henry. Visitation was held at the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The funeral service was held at the Clifford Community Hall on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. The funeral was livestreamed and the link available on the funeral home website. Spring interment in Clifford Cemetery. Memorial donations to Clifford Food Bank, Fordwich Village Residents' Council, or Saugeen Hospice, Walkerton would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.hardyleefuneralhome.com



HISLOP, Mary Jean Isabelle of Wroxeter passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, in her 97th year. Wife of the late George Hislop Jr. Mother of Linda Hislop of Wroxeter, and Donald Hislop of Listowel. Grandmother of Sarah, and great-grandmother of Sierra and Michael. Sister of Edith Quipp of Wingham, and sister-in-law of Bonnie Hislop of

Wroxeter. Remembered also by her nieces, nephews, and extended family. Isabelle was predeceased by her parents Meldrum and Viola (Sharpin) Sanburn, her daughter-in-law Tammy McDowell (2009), son-in-law Kenneth Machan (2016), brothers Charles Sanburn (2008), Jack Sanburn (2015), sisters Mabel Jacklin (2018) and Mae Thorpe (2023), in-laws George and Louisa (Subject) Hislop, and several in-laws and cousins of the Hislop family. Visitation was held at the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel on Friday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., where the funeral service was held on Saturday, February 21 at 1:00 p.m. Spring interment in Wroxeter Cemetery. Memorial donations to Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Online condolences at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca



WADE, Shirley Isobel (Thompson) of Listowel passed away at Listowel Memorial Hospital on Saturday, February 7, 2026, in her 92nd year. Wife of the late Bill Wade. Mother of Jim Wade & Dorothy Livsey of Wiarton, Deb & Jerry Donkersgoed of Gorrie, and the late Nancy Wade. Grandmother of Jeff & Erika Donkersgoed, Rick Donkersgoed, and Ryan Wade. Great-

grandmother of Ellie and Morgan. Sister of Marion Lovett of Ottawa, June Cox of Stratford, Robert & Christine Simpson of Brussels, and Alan & Bessie Simpson of Harriston. Predeceased by brother John Simpson and brothers-in-law Bill Cox, Bill Livingston, and Barry Lovett. A celebration of Shirley's life will be held at Harriston United Church on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 11:00 a.m., with visitation one hour prior, and reception to follow. Interment in Harriston Cemetery. Memorial donations to Harriston United Church or Community Living North Perth would be appreciated.

SOUP and SANDWICHES are on the menu!

The members of the Masonic Lodge will be hosting a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Friday, March 27th at the Wroxeter Hall from 11:00 am. to 1:00 p.m.. Hope to see you there.

With these profits from the luncheons, the Lodge was able to offer a free skate at the Belmore Arena on Sunday, February 15th, 2026, as well as other events in the community.

Thank you for your support.



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Would you like to be part of the community? The Hall Board is looking for a **Chairman**.

Contact any board member to find out more information.

Do you have a special event you are planning? Contact Carol Edgar to book the hall!



The Wroxeter Community Hall Board **Coffee Shop is open!** Mornings from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Monday to Friday.

Come in and enjoy a coffee and visit. We hope you will join us!

We give a huge **THANK YOU** to Rick Waito and Chef Jake for cooking the scrumptious breakfast on Friday, February 6th. The

eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, hash browns, coffee, and juice, really hit the spot! Just what was needed to start the day. Talk about Community Spirit!

We thank everyone for coming out to the Pool and Euchre Tournament on Sunday, February 15th. It was our best tournament ever.



A Pub Night was held on Friday, February 20th. It was a good evening and a delicious dinner was served.

Sunday, March 15th, there will be a **Pool and Euchre Tournament**. Games begin at 1:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. All for \$5.00. Good Luck!

The doors will be open at 4:00 p.m. for **Pub Night** on Friday, March 20th. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.. The dinner is \$7.00. Come and enjoy a dinner out! No dishes to do!

Looking into April: Pub Night will be on Friday, April 17th and the Pool and Euchre Tournament on Sunday, April 19th.

We thank you for your support.



WROXETER HALL NEWS

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ONE CARE is a non-profit agency that supports individuals to stay in their home longer. We need Volunteer Transport 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.

WEIGHT WATCHERS meets Tuesday evenings in Hot Stove Lounge, North Huron Westcast Community Centre, Wingham. Check in starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm.

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PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AFFECTING HOWICK TOWNSHIP

TAKE NOTICE that Council of Howick Township will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Howick Council Chambers, 44816 Harriston Road, Gorrie to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT of this amendment to the Zoning By-law is to update the general provisions, zoning provisions, permitted uses and definitions and includes:

- Updating minimum lot sizes for several zones (AG4, HC1 and CF);
- Updating housing options, including permitting a detached Additional Residential Unit in the VR1 (Village Residential – Low Density) Zone subject to a minimum lot size of 2 acres+;
- Two, site specific mapping corrections are proposed for the purpose of removing historic aggregate extraction zoning (ER1).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting to make written or verbal representation either in support or in opposition to the proposed zoning by-law amendment.

IF a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Howick Township before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Howick Township to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

IF a person or public body does not make an oral submission at a public meeting or make written submissions to Howick Township before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

IF you wish to be notified of the decision of Howick Township on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to Howick Township at the address listed below.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed zoning by-law amendment is available for inspection at www.howick.ca, or please call 519-335-3208 for additional methods to review the materials. Appointments can be made with the Planner to meet in person for discussion, you may call the number above or the Planning Department to speak with Sarah Kurtz at skurtz@huroncounty.ca or 519-524-8394 ext. 3.

Dated at Howick Township this 5th of February, 2026.
Caitlin Gillis, Clerk, Township of Howick,
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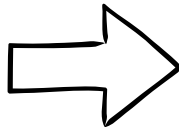
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