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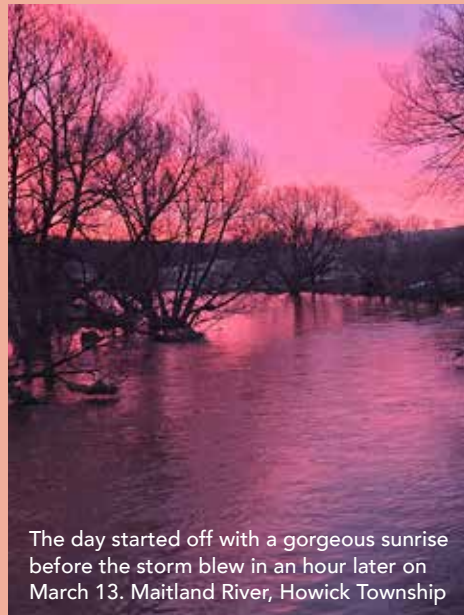
Warm Fuzzies for everyone

The Saugeen Maitland Lightning U18AA team hosted a Hat & Mitt Drive in support of North Perth Westfield K-8 School, during a hockey game at the Howick Arena in January. It was a tremendous success!

The U18AAs would like to extend their thanks to all community members who pitched in for this great cause, including a special shout out to the Belmont Blazers U18AA Team, and their families for all of their contributions as well.



Monday morning reflections. So much beauty in our township. March 9 on Gough Road. Photos by Connie Gibson



The day started off with a gorgeous sunrise before the storm blew in an hour later on March 13. Maitland River, Howick Township

Community Calendar



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

"COME SEW WITH US" is sewing at the Howick Community Centre from 10am-3pm on Mondays Apr. 6 & 20. \$5. 519-335-3755.

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

PUB NIGHT at the Wroxeter Hall - doors will open at 4pm on Friday, April 17. Dinner at 6pm. Cost is \$7.

COME AND GO COMMUNITY BRIDAL SHOWER FOR LISA INGLIS, Sunday, April 19, 2-4pm, Belmore Community Centre Lounge. Envelope Shower - If you would like to contribute to the community envelope please contact: Jenna Graham, Chris Inglis, Chris Dickson, Karla Dickson (519-492-0357), The Workshop, Wingham.

POOL AND EUCHRE TOURNAMENT on Sunday, April 19th at the Wroxeter Hall. Games start at 1pm.

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

SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON by the Masons at the Wroxeter Hall on Friday, April 24 from 11am to 1pm.

WROXETER PARK CLEAN-UP & BOTTLE DRIVE - Sat. Apr. 25 from 9-11. See page 12 for info.

HOWICK FIREFIGHTERS BREAKFAST - Sun. May 3, 8am-12pm. See page 12 for info.

HOWICK HOMECOMING 2026 will be from July 3-5. See page 9 for info.

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What a ride! March has been a bit of a roller coaster in our household. It started off with the loss of both of my husband's grandmothers in Holland, the arrival of a new niece shortly after, the 1 year anniversary of my brother in-law's death, March Break chaos, celebrating a milestone birthday, and then finishing it off with a bout of strep. I'm ready for a more normal month, whatever normal means anymore.

Within this first week of April, the church is gearing up to celebrate one of the most crucial events within our faith – the resurrection of our Saviour. But we can't just skip to the good, hopeful stuff. We also need to reflect on why Jesus was sacrificed on a cross in the first place – to pay the price for all of our sins. We put him on that cross, even if we weren't present at that specific time. It can be hard to put ourselves in the shoes of those early followers who one day were praising and welcoming Jesus as their king, and the next condemning him to die. Thankfully we are also recipients of the saving grace offered to us because of Christ's death and resurrection. This is not the end, and there is more to the story.

May what we say and do bring glory to the God who loves each of us despite the sin that so easily entangles us. Have a blessed Easter!

Angie Koersen



Deadline for the next issue is April 20.

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"April weather: sweater in the morning, sunburn by noon, snow by dinner."

COUNCIL MEETINGS & HOLIDAYS

April Council meetings are scheduled for **Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** and **Tuesday, April 21, 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.

The Township Office will be **CLOSED Friday, April 3, 2026, and Monday, April 6, 2026**, in recognition of Good Friday and Easter Monday. The Office will re-open Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

REPRINTING TAX BILLS

Income Tax Season is upon us, and we are happy to help provide you with a reprint of your 2025 property tax bill or statement. Please be aware that the following charges will apply to each request: 1st request: \$10.00 per bill; 2nd request and thereafter are \$25.00 per bill. Please send your requests to deputy@howick.ca. Make sure to include the property owners' name(s) and property address for each request.

2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

As we approach the 2026 municipal elections, our community needs a fresh voice like yours. Your passion and perspective can make a real difference.

Consider running! Whether you're a first-time candidate or a seasoned leader, your involvement strengthens our community. Nomination period begins May 1, 2026, and closes August 21, 2026. Nomination packages will soon be available at the Municipal Office. Watch the Township of Howick website and social media channels for updates.

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 ad on this page for more information or visit our website to register at www.howick.ca.

2026 SUMMER DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

- July 6th -10th ~ Arena (\$160)
- July 13th-17th ~ Gorrie Hall (\$240) Splash n' Play
- July 20th-24th ~ Arena (\$160)
- Aug 4th-7th ~ Arena (\$128)



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 Aug 17th-21st ~ Arena (\$160)
 Aug 24th-28th ~ Gorrie Hall (\$240) Splash n' Play

HOWICK OPTIMIST POOL - REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Visit our website www.howick.ca for more information and to register today!

Private, Semiprivate and Group lessons are available. Private Lessons offer a 1:1 swimmer-to-instructor ratio, semi-private lessons are 3:1, and group lessons include 1 instructor and 1 assistant for every 6 swimmers.

Once again, the Howick Optimist Club has offered to subsidize the cost of swimming lessons for residents of Howick Township. Each session of lessons will be reduced by \$25.00 per child (group lessons only). Thank you to the Howick Optimist Club for the continued generosity and support.

GORRIE GATORS SWIM TEAM

Make a splash this summer with the Gorrie Gators Swim Team! Dive into fun, build confidence in the water, and be part of an energetic team atmosphere at the pool. Whether you're looking to improve your swimming skills, make new friends, or experience a little friendly competition, the Gorrie Gators is the place to be. Join the team, show your Gator pride, and get ready for an unforgettable summer in the pool!

WELL WATER TESTING

Huron Perth Public Health provides free bacterial water testing services to all Huron County residents on a private well. It is recommended that you test your well water a minimum of

three times per year and after:

- Heavy rain falls
- Significant snow melts
- New well installation
- Any well maintenance
- Long periods without using the well

Free sample bottles for testing your private drinking water are available at the Howick Township Office 44816 Harriston Road, Gorrie.

Samples must be tested within 48 hours of collection. Take the sample just before you deliver it to one of the following locations:

Town	Location	Address	Hours
Clinton	HPPH office	77722B London Rd. RR5	Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Exeter	South Huron Hospital	24 Huron St. W.	Monday to Thursday, 7:30-10:30 a.m.
Listowel	HPPH office	161 Inkerman St. W.	Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Milverton	Community Outreach Services, Knollcrest Lodge	50 William St. (Community Outreach entrance)	Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Seaforth	Seaforth Community Hospital Lab	24 Centennial Dr.	Monday to Friday, 8-9:45 a.m.
Stratford	HPPH office	653 West Gore St.	Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Wingham	Wingham and District Hospital Lab	270 Carling Terrace	Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

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We have lots of new books/movies and of course our **SCAVENGER HUNT** will be available all month. Just grab a card and find all the pictures hidden around the library. When it is complete, fill in a ballot to win something from our prize box!

Are you looking for a specific book or information on a particular topic? Not only do we have access to all of the books/materials throughout our 12 library branches in Huron County, but through our Interlibrary Loan portal, we can borrow items from throughout Ontario. Don't hesitate to ask and we'll show you how to search for these.

Our **Seed Library** is once again running. Drop into the Howick branch to see what we have available, or order some online: www.huroncountylibrary.ca/seed-library/

We will be open on Easter Saturday (April 4), but closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday (April 3 & 6).

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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.

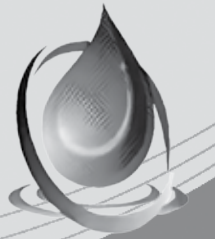
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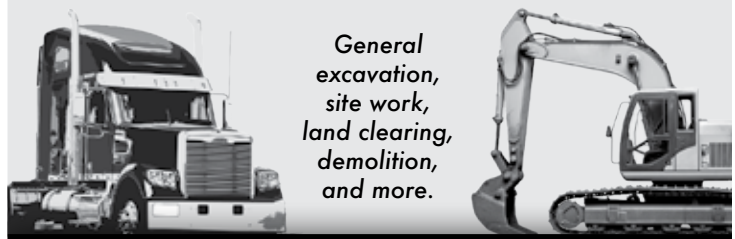
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This event is subject to a minimum number of 10 contestants.
Registration fee \$30.00 per contestant.

Contestants do not need to be from Howick Township to participate.

Registration closes Sunday May 3, 2026.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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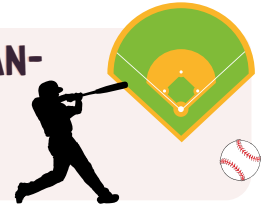
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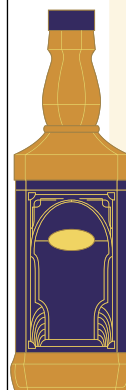
When: Saturday, April 25th 2026
 Deliver your empties to the Wroxeter Park Pavilion anytime between 9:00—11:00 a.m.

OR

Set out your empties before 10:00 am at the end of your lane in Wroxeter and we will pick up.

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Preparing to serve the Huron community

The second weekend of the 2026 Huron County Recruit Training Program was in full swing on Saturday, March 28.

Recruit firefighters from Howick, Huron East, Goderich, and North Huron were hard at work at the Blyth Fire Station, taking on hands-on training in ladders, forcible entry, ventilation, property conservation, and more. From early mornings to long days on the training ground, these recruits are putting in the effort to develop the skills needed to serve and protect their communities.

This type of training builds teamwork, confidence, and the foundation for safe, effective emergency response across Huron County.

A huge thank you to the dedicated instructors and participating departments who continue to invest their time and expertise into shaping the next generation of firefighters. Your commitment makes programs like this possible.

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Maitland Valley camera CLUB

The March meeting was held in the Brussels Library Meeting Room on Thursday, March 5th. Members presented their new effect photos. They were challenged to create a new image from a photo or photos they had captured. The members used the software Mark Robinson explained to them at the February meeting. It was a very interesting meeting to view the new images.

We welcome new members to our club. If you are interested in photography or want to learn more about photography, we meet the first Thursday of the months December to March. The first and third Thursday for the months of April to November. We meet in the Meeting Room of the Brussels Library at 7:00p.m. Our next meeting will be Thursday April 2nd,



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That no one could ever fill.

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN



DINSMORE, Irene - at Wingham & District Hospital on Thursday, March 26, 2026, Irene Dinsmore passed away at the age of 100. Devoted mother of Carol & Don Taylor, the late Gail Lennon (2025) and the late Peter Dinsmore (2025); and lovingly remembered by their spouses John Lennon and Linda Dinsmore. Adored grandma of Jeremy & Elicia Taylor, Erin & Josh Miller, Sheldon & Bethany Dinsmore, Kristen & Steve Beyersbergen and Adam & Lindsay Dinsmore. Special great-grandma of Natalie, Annalise and Colin Taylor, Hailey and Abby Miller, Ryan and Gillian Dinsmore, Liam, Aiden and Ethan Beyersbergen and Avery, Gavin and Reid Dinsmore. Sister of Winnifred Ross. Irene was born in 1925 to Morley & Edna Bell. The family moved to Howick Township in 1937 and she married a boy on the farm down the road in 1945. Irene farmed alongside Carl for fifty years and raised her family. Irene then moved to the farm on Gorrie line and in 2010 took up residence in the Gorrie apartments. She was a resident of Howick Township until February of 2025 when she moved to Nine Mile Villa in Lucknow. Predeceased by her husband Carl Dinsmore (1995), son Jerry Dinsmore in infancy (1948), parents Morley & Edna (Hanna) Bell, brothers Max (Anna) Bell and Harold (Betty) Bell, brother-in-law Jack Ross and sisters-in-law Nellie (Harry) King and Edith (Bill) Lockridge. A private family service will be held in the funeral home chapel. A celebration of Irene's life will be held in the spring at the family farm. Interment will take place in Wroxeter Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Wingham & District Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by Irene's family.



POST, Jelle Wopke Cornelis of Wingham, and formerly of Gorrie, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Monday, March 9, 2026, in his 47th year. Much loved son of Case & Joan Post of Gorrie. Remembered by Carla Jillings of Gorrie, and by all his children and his grandson. Brother of Elona & Elliott Bauer of Gadshill, Kevin & Jessie Van Loo of Listowel, Allen & Crystal Huberts of Moorefield, and Crissy & Mike Carr of Listowel, and missed also by their families. Visitation was held at the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel, on Friday, March 13, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Spring interment in Gorrie Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.



BOONSTRA, Madilyn Johanna, of Belmore passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by the love of her family, on Friday, March 6, 2026, at the tender age of 7. Much loved daughter of Adam and Laurissa (Sikkema) Boonstra of Belmore, and loving sister of Patrick and Josie. Cherished granddaughter of Ray & Shirley Boonstra of Palmerston, and Marnix & Anne-Marie Sikkema of Alma. Remembered by her great-grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends. Visitation was held at Listowel Evangelical Missionary Church on Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., where the funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Jonathan Ferrier officiating. The service will be livestreamed and the link available on the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home website. Interment in Palmerston Cemetery. Memorial donations to London Health Sciences Foundation or Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO) 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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JOHN 16:33

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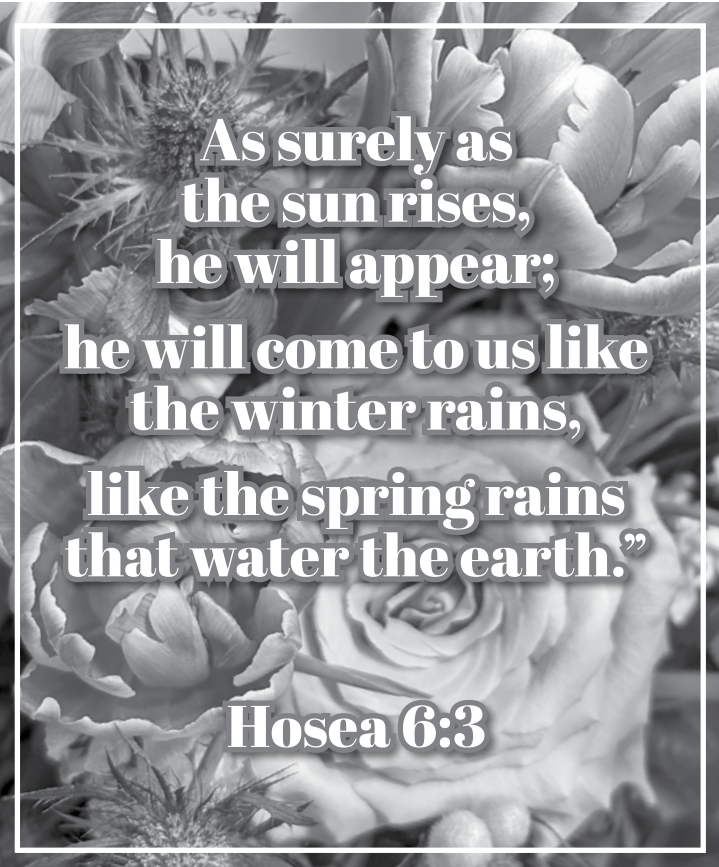
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Hosea 6:3

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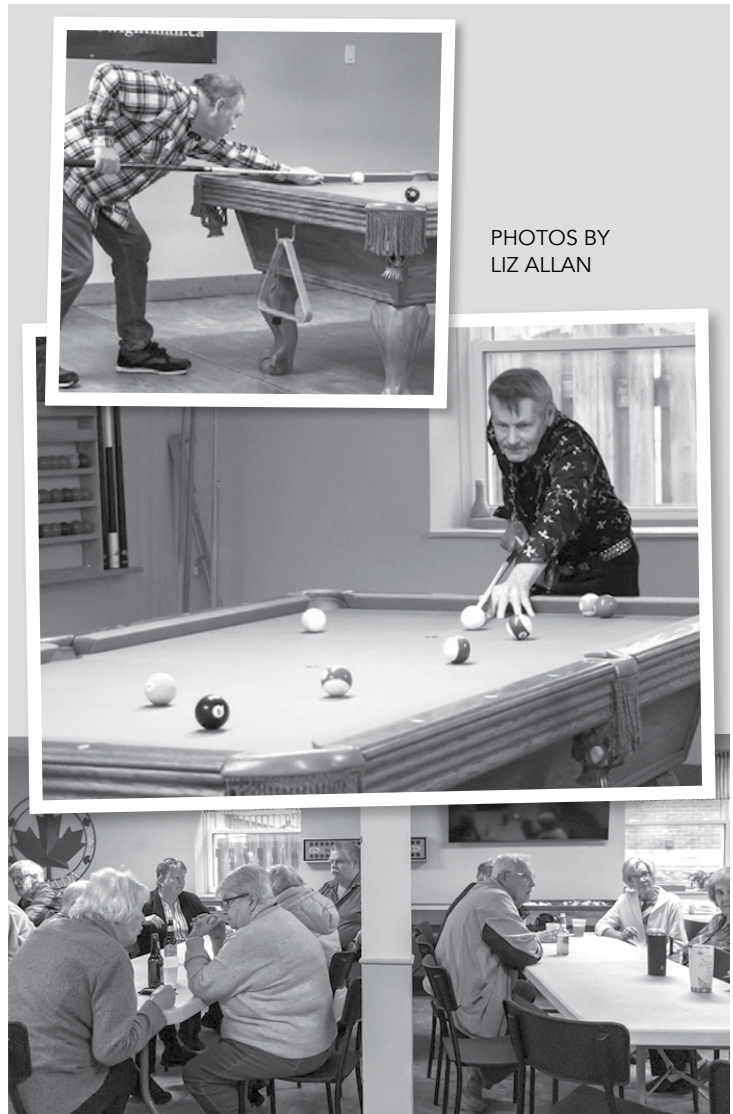
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PHOTOS BY LIZ ALLAN

The Wroxeter Community Hall Board is currently looking for a Chairman for the board. Please contact any hall member if you are interested in being on the board.

You may contact any board member for more information.

Check us out on Facebook: Wroxeter Community Hall.

Contact Carol Edgar to book the hall for your special event!

The hall is open weekdays from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for coffee. The coffee club welcomes you to come for a coffee and a visit.

There will be a Pool and Euchre Tournament on Sunday, April 19th. Are you up for the challenge? Games start at 1:00 p.m..

The doors will be open at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17th for Pub Night. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$7.00. Hope to see you there!

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