WHAT'S HAPPENING

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FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

The Howick-Turnberry Fall Fair held on Sept. 26-27 was granted some wonderful weather for a fun-filled community event. From fireworks to food, to bull riding, there was something for everyone. See page 18 for more photos and a thank you from the Agricultural Society.









HOWICK LIBRARY BOOK SALE will run for the whole month of November! See page 5.

"COME SEW WITH US" is sewing at the Howick Community Centre from 10am- 3pm on Mondays Nov. 3 & 17, Dec. 1 & 15. \$5. Darlene 519-335-3755.

BINGO PUB NIGHT at the Wroxeter Hall on Nov. 6. See page 6.

CRAFT & BAKE SALE at the home of Marg Sanburn. Nov. 7 from 1-8pm and Nov. 8 from 8am-5pm. Tasty treats and crafts. 88896 Gorrie Line, Gorrie. 519-335-3655

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY, Sun. Nov. 9 - 2pm at the Fordwich Cenotaph and 3pm at the Wroxeter Cenotaph. See page 4.

PUB NIGHT at the Wroxeter Hall, Nov. 14, dinner at 6pm. See page 6.

POOL & EUCHRE TOURNAMENT at the Wroxeter Hall, Nov. 16 at 1pm. See page 6.

DINNER & DANCE Sat. Nov. 22 at the Howick Community Centre. See page 14.

WROXETER SANTA CLAUS PARADE, Fri. Nov. 28 at 6:30pm.

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY FUNDRAISER SKATE & DINNER Sat. Nov. 29. Skating from 4:15-6:30pm, Chili Dinner served from 5:30-7:30pm at the Howick Community Centre. Both by donation.

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, Dec. 6 from 9-11:30am at Howick Community Centre. By donation. See page 8.

Over 25 years experience helping families achieve their financial goals.



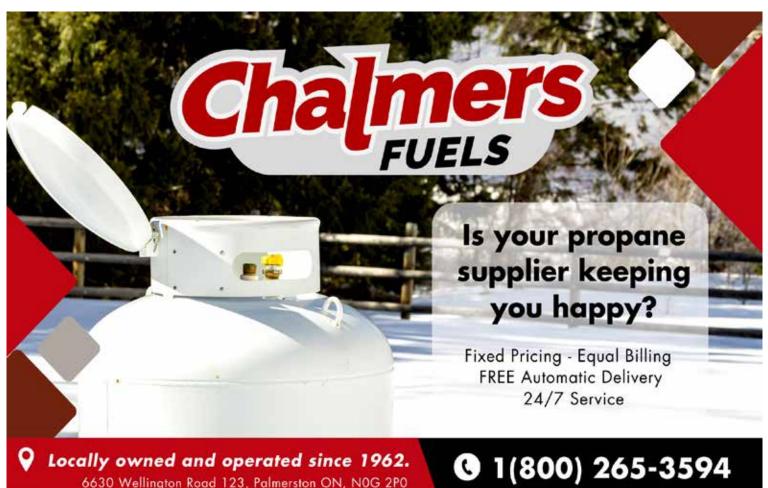
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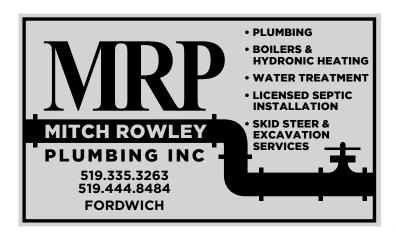
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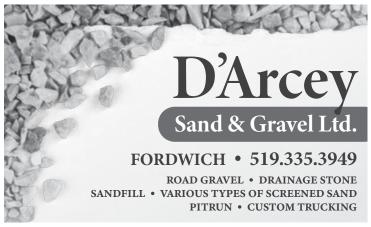










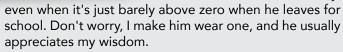






SUNSHINE & Rain

This likely happens every year, but October has sure flown by. Perhaps it's due to the busy nature of harvesting crops and gathering for Thanksgiving, and trying to prepare for winter... maybe not ready to think about that last one quite yet. We've been blessed with gorgeous falls the last few years. It's hard to imagine that less than a month ago, my kids were in swim suits getting one last dip in the pond, and that my 5-year-old son has continued wearing shorts until only a week or two ago. He is now a little more understanding when I lay out pants each morning, but he still seems to think coats aren't necessary,



Last week my 3-year-old son got the first major bug of the season in our household, sapping his energy and leaving him feverish for a couple days. I can't say I'm looking forward to the cold/flu season, but it does force

you to slow down a bit, which can be good too. However the abundance of nose wiping I could go without.

I pray that each of you are able to avoid any serious ailments and enjoy the changing of the seasons. May we be blessed with enough sunshine to keep us sane, and good boots to keep our feet dry.



Angie Koersen

Deadline for the next issue is Nov. 20.

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TOWNSHIP NEWS



A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself – JOSEPH CAMPBELL

COUNCIL MEETING & REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Howick Township Municipal Office will be closed on Tuesday November 11th, 2025, in recognition of Remembrance Day and will re-open Wednesday November 12th at 8:30 a.m. Please take time on November 11th to remember the service and sacrifices made by family, friends and neighbours who fought for our country and freedom. Lest we forget.

The next Township of Howick regular Council meeting for the month of November will take place on **Tuesday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m.** at the Township Municipal Office. Regular Council meetings are open to the public. If you are unable to attend in person, you can also call into the teleconference line by calling 1-855-727-6338 toll free and entering participant code 5210023.

REMEMBRANCE DAY BANNERS

The Township of Howick would like to proudly acknowledge our Manager of Development and Protective Services / Fire Chief Josh Kestner for taking the initiative and taking over the Remembrance Day banner program from the former Howick Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. This year the Township received **17 NEW BANNERS** thanks to the generous members of our community.

Every name, every face, every story is a thread in the fabric of our freedom, and none should be forgotten. Sponsoring a banner is our small way of saying: You are remembered. You are honoured. You are never alone. This gesture stands not just in remembrance of one individual, but in tribute to them all. We will remember them.

If you would like to sponsor a banner and did not have the opportunity to do so, please reach out to Josh at 519-335-3202 or by e-mail jkestner@howick.ca. Banners are \$200.00 each +tax payable to the Township of Howick. We will order the banners to ensure they are ready for installation in 2026.

HOWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Public Skating Every Sunday Morning from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

To book ice or room rentals at the Howick Community Centre, please call Brady at 519-335-3883 or email recreation@howick.ca

BUSINESS BANNER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all Business Owners & Organizations!

The Township of Howick has a lot to offer when it comes to our local entrepreneurs, businesses and organizations. We take great pride in our hard-working community.

We are inviting all businesses and organizations to consider purchasing a business banner. Your banner can feature your business/organization logo, and/or a high-res photo of your choice on both sides of the banner. The new banners will go up throughout Howick in Spring 2026 before our 170th Homecoming celebrations in July and will be displayed annually from May to October for their entire lifespan, which is approximately 5 years. See Page 9 for more information.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Join the Brussels Legion on **Sunday November 9, 2025** for Howick's Remembrance Day Ceremonies

All are invited to attend.

Please note the times and locations:

2:00 P.M. Fordwich Cenotaph

3:00 P.M. Wroxeter Cenotaph (Wroxeter Cemetery)





CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

Join us at the Howick Community Centre for an evening of delicious food, socializing with neighbours & friends, great music and fun! Social hour begins at 6:00 PM, catered dinner at 7:00 PM, with a dance to follow with live entertainment by The Landlines. Tickets are \$60 each. Tables can be reserved. Contact Lindsay Stewart at lindsay-stewart@live.ca or by calling 519-357-7132 to reserve your ticket(s) and/or table before they sell out. All proceeds will support the Howick Hornets Minor Hockey Association. See the ad on Page 8.

HOWICK LANDFILL

Starting November 1st to April 30th, the Howick Landfill has changed to their winter hours of operation as follows:

Mondays 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Saturdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

FINAL TAX INSTALLMENT

Reminder that the final installment for 2025 is due Friday, November 21st.

OVERNIGHT ON-STREET PARKING PROHIBITED BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1ST

The Township of Howick restricts on-street parking to provide safe snow removal and emergency services to Township residents. Per the Traffic and Parking By-Law No. 05-2021, parking on any street, road allowance, or right-of-way is prohibited between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. annually from November 1st to March 31st. Applicable fines will apply and vehicles impeding snow removal may be towed away at the owner's expense.



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November has lots of programs happening across the Huron County Library system. Check out the full list at our website www.huroncountylibrary.ca/events/

HOWICK BRANCH BOOK SALE:

Huron County Library Book Sales return for 2025! Featuring hundreds of used books and more, you are sure to find your next great read while supporting the work of the Huron County Library! Please note that the Book Sale in Howick runs the entire month of November during regular branch hours.

ALICE MUNRO (WINGHAM) BRANCH BOOK SALE: Runs November 5-8 during library branch hours.

JIGSAW PUZZLE COMPETITION: Saturday Nov. 8 @ 9:30 am. Alice Munro Branch Wingham. Do you have what it takes to be the fastest puzzle maker around? Assemblea team and join us at the Alice Munro Branch and go head-to-head against other teams by seeing who can assemble a 500-piece puzzle the quickest. Registration is required, limit to 8 teams, 2-4 members per team. Contact the branch to register. All ages welcome!

REMEMBER WHEN: Blyth Branch Saturday

Nov. 8 @ 10 - 11:30 am. Join us at the Blyth Branch for coffee and conversation about Blyth's history. Consider bringing along old family pics, landmarks and historical buildings to spark conversation. This is

November Announcements

an Adult Program. Drop in, no registration necessary.

MURRAY HUNTER BOOK TALK: Alice Munro Branch Saturday Nov. 15th @ 1:00- 2:30 pm.

Join us at the Alice Munro Branch to hear about Murray's book: Unforgotten: Thirty-Eight Memories. The book shares 38 unique stories of individuals from Wingham and area who died in the Great War. To register contact the branch. Ages: Young Adult- Adult.

STORYTIME WITH MRS. CLAUS:

Alice Munro Branch Saturday Dec. 13 @ 9:30 - 10:30 am and Blyth Branch from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Join us for an interactive fun

Storytime featuring some of your favourite Christmas books and songs. Please contact the branch to register.

LIBRARY CLOSURE:

Tuesday November 11. All Huron County Library Branches will be closed for Remembrance Day.

Celebrations ()



Bob & Ruth Gibson

celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on October 22nd.

Celebrating their love with them is their family. Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary Dad & Mom.

Love your family!



Howick Women's Institute

On Thursday, October 16th, members of Howick WI enjoyed a very informative afternoon attending a documentary at the Norgan Theatre in Palmerston. The documentary "We Lend a Hand" is the Forgotten Story of Ontario Farmerettes who helped with food production during WWII, based on interviews with 20 former Farmerettes. It tells the extraordinary story of 40,000 teenage girls who volunteered on Canadian farms and helped win the Second World War.

Following the show, we all went back to Gwen Catherwood's home where we held a short business meeting discussing upcoming events. Our tickets sales have gone very well for Huron Perth District WI "Ladies Day Out" in Listowel, on Wednesday, November 5. We are supplying two door prizes for the event. We are planning on helping Howick 170th Homecoming committee by making bows and planning an "Explore Howick Township" car rally. We are supporting the "Howick Banner Sponsorship Program" by purchasing a banner to be hung in Howick Township. Following the meeting we enjoyed social time and a delicious supper, brought by some of our members.

Our next meeting is at the home of Brenda Bunker on Thursday, November 20 at 1:30 pm. We will be making Evergreen Door Swags.





We are open Monday to Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., come in for a coffee!



Pub Night Bingo held on October 9th was a huge success. The hall was full of players. Thanks to all of the people who came to play, the people who donated and the volunteers. It was a good evening.

October 19th was the Pool and Euchre Tournament. An enjoyable afternoon.

On November 6th, the hall will hold its 2nd Bingo Pub Night! Doors will open at 5:00pm. Games will start at 6:30. Hope to see you there.

November 14th is Pub Night. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. There will be no entertainment.

Want to play pool or cards, there will be a Pool and Euchre Tournament on November 16th. Games will begin at 1:00pm. Good Luck!



PHOTOS BY LIZ ALLAN

Come for a visit with Santa! Our annual Santa Claus Parade will take place on Friday, November 28th starting at 6:30pm.

Wednesday and Friday evenings are Pool Nights starting at 7:00pm.

Ladies Nights are Tuesday nights at 7:00pm.

Have a special event, call Carol Edgar to book the hall.

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The annual Santa Claus Parade in Wroxeter will take place on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

starting at 6:30pm.







Pancake Breakfast with Santa

December 6, 2025 - 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Howick Community Centre

Come out and watch some hockey, enjoy a delicious breakfast, and meet Santa himself! A perfect way to kick off the holiday season!

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SNOW REALIZABLE

SEWING FOR OTHERS

On Monday, October 6th, friends at "Come Sew with Us" made pillowcases. This is a picture of a few of the sewers who help work on making the pillowcases to be distributed to different charitable organizations in our community. There were 50 pillowcases in total, to pass on to make someone's sleep just a little bit better.





LOCAL DONATIONS

ABOVE: The master of Fordwich Masonic Lodge presenting a check in the amount of \$700 to the district

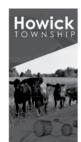
deputy grandmaster of Bruce District for the district charity Ronald McDonald House.

RIGHT: Fordwich masonic Lodge #331 makes a donation of \$555 to the North Huron Food Share.









ABOUT THE PROGRAM

We are inviting Howick businesses and organizations to consider purchasing a custom banner. Your banner can feature your business/ organization logo, and/or a high-res photo of your choice on both sides of the banner. It will be proudly displayed in one of our villages or hamlets to advertise your business and to help attract potential customers.

The Township of Howick has a lot to offer when it comes to our local entrepreneurs, small and large businesses across many different sectors. We also are fortunate to have wonderful community groups, organizations and volunteers. We take great pride in our hardworking community!

Thanks to the Huron County Supporting Local Economic Development (SLED) Program, Howick is getting new banners in 2026!

We want to expand our banner program to showcase our Howick pride and promote local business.

For more information or to order a banner, please email Alana Dick at deputyclerk@howick.ca

BANNER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

INVESTMENT: \$300 + tax per banner That's \$67.80/year for 5 years of advertising!

WHAT YOU RECEIVE

One (1) 24x8 Banner displayed within Howick Township advertising your business or organization. Banners will be displayed annually for 6 months of the year. By limiting their display to when weather is favourable, the estimated life expectancy of the banner is approximately 5 years.





Maitland Valley camera clúb

October 2nd was a field trip to Elora. It was Halloween Monster Month. A very nice evening and the displays were incredible.

Each member was asked to bring 4 photos on a thumb drive to our October 16th. Using our creative side we wrote down the following, our feelings, our emotions and what we saw. It was very interesting to listen to each persons different responses.

The Maitland Valley Camera Club meets the first and third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Brussels Library for the months April to November. The first Thursday December to March.



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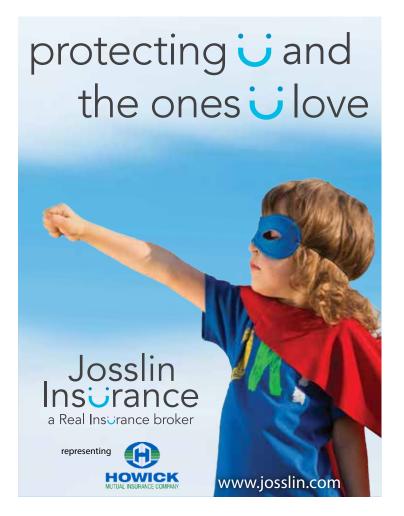
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PET BIRTHDAY:

MARCH 25, 2025

NAME

Dolly joined our family this past June. She is a long haired mini

dachshund, also known as a wiener dog. She is super soft just like a teddy bear. She is also full of energy and is really playful, although she also loves her long naps! Dolly LOVES to play outside with her siblings, Patch and Daisy. Dolly also likes to roll in EVERYTHING you could think of and she likes to dig. Rolling and digging means lots of baths, which are not her favourite. She definitely has quite the personality and is well known for her side eye stare down when she doesn't like what somebody's doing. Dolly has become a great member of our family!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR PET FEATURED, CONTACT REESE AT: reesemacewen7@gmail.com



I am based in Howick ON, I'm ready to travel wherever your special moments take us. Let's connect and discuss how I can help capture your unique story beyond the lens! Message me to start the conversation!



Beyondthelensmh@hotmail.com















FIREFIGHTER BREAKFAST

The Howick Firefighters Association would like to thank the community for their continued support at our fall firefighters breakfast on Sunday, October 19! We were able to serve over 750+ meals. Proceeds from this breakfast will go towards an auto extracation tool for use at car accidents and all season tracks for the utv for field fires and snowmobile accidents. A big thank you to all the volunteers who help us make this breakfast happen! A special thank you to the following for their donations of food and/or supplies:

Zehrs
Harriston Foodland
The Bare Necessities (Fordwich)
Drudge Elevators Ltd (Wroxeter)
Gay Lea (Teeswater)
Gray Ridge Eggs (Listowel)
Egg Farmers Of Ontario
New Life Mills (Listowel)
Schefter Poultry Processing (Gorrie)
Gillis Family Of Ethel

We look forward to seeing everyone again at the next one! **THANK YOU!**



At the end of August, various awards were presented to firefighters including the following:

TOP: Recruits promoted to Firefighters L-R Training Officer Justin Stewart, Firefighters Shawn Ross, Ryan Gingrich, Nathan Locke, Mike Ross, Training Officer Matt Brodhaecker, Fire Chief Josh Kestner

MIDDLE: Training Officer Justin Stewart and Lacey Stewart receiving a 15 year service award

BOTTOM: Firefighter Bil Graham and Sonya Graham receiving a 30 year service award

Other awards included Guy Boulanger receiving his 5 year service award, Cassandra Brodhaecker receiving the Safe Driving Award, and Course Certificates presented to Dai Matthews, Mike Ross, and Matt Brodhaecker.

Photos by Nicole Beswitherick





THANK YOU!

The Howick Minor Hockey Association would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Howick Optimist Club for their generous donation of mini hockey nets for our younger teams.

These new nets will be put to great use by our youngest players as they learn the fundamentals of hockey, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The smiles on the ice say it all — these nets will make practices and games more fun, engaging, and more developmentally appropriate.

The Howick Optimist Club continues to play a vital role in supporting youth initiatives in our community. Their ongoing commitment helps create opportunities for kids to stay active, build confidence, and develop a lifelong love for the game.

On behalf of all our players, coaches, and families — thank you, Howick Optimist Club, for your continued support of youth in our community!



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Big congratulations to this year's 50/50 Draw winner, Julie Bridge! - Presented by Vice President Travis Brown.

We're grateful to everyone who took part and continues to support the club. Your generosity helps us make a difference right here in our community.



HOWICK OPTIMIST CLUB "Friend of Youth"

DID YOU KNOW... Through the Howick Optimist Club, **over 100 local children** are now part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library! Each month, they receive a brand-new book in the mail — and we just passed an amazing milestone of **2,000 books** delivered since the program began.

This program is fully funded by our club to help inspire a lifelong love of reading for children in our community from birth to age 5.

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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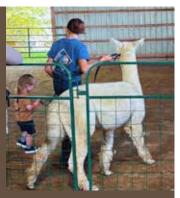












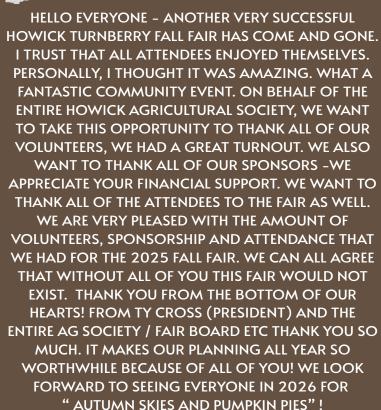


2025

HOWICK TURNBERRY FALL FAIR

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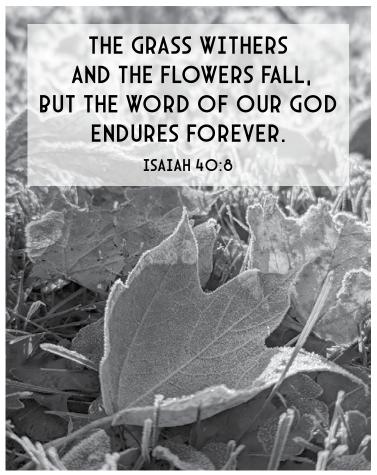
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For further information:

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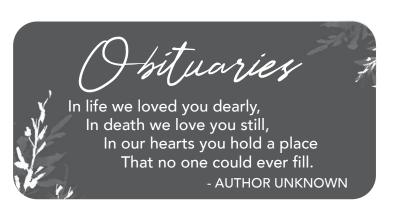
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Questions? Contact Pastor Mike or Terri 519.335.3479 - pastorbicfordwich@outlook.com Facebook: "Fordwich BIC Community Church"





VAN KAMPEN, Anthonie "Tony" of Fordwich, and formerly of Thamesford, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully, and assuredly into the Lord's care, on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at the age of 95. Devoted husband of the late Jannetje "Jane" (nee De Kam) Van Kampen in 2016. Loving father of Marjorie (Chris Perry) of Belleville, ON, Nancy (George Horlings) of Smithers,

BC, Sharon Van Kampen (Evert Nagel) of Listowel, ON and Jennifer Van Kampen (Theo Katerberg) of Fordwich, ON. Beloved father of Ken, who went to be with the Lord in 1985 & predeceased also by his son-in-law Steve Johnston (2016). Dear Opa to 14 grandchildren and Great-Opa to 3 great-grandchildren. The visitation & funeral service were held at Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel, on Monday, October 20, 2025. The Committal Service, at the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery, took place on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

MARTIN, Nancy G. of Fordwich peacefully went to be with her Lord, surrounded by family at Listowel Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, in her 96th year. Daughter of the late Josiah & Lavina (Gingrich) Martin. Beloved wife of the late Aaron M.D. Martin (2010). Loving mother of Salema & Daniel Horst of Fordwich, Elmer & Kaye Martin of Milton Freewater, Oregon, Anna & Raymond Weber of Aylmer, Eli & Elizabeth Martin of Gowanstown, John & Janet Martin of Thamesville, Erma Martin of Thunder Bay, Alma & Robert Horst of Thamesville, and Nancy Biehn of Fordwich. Also remembered by son-in-law Merle & Helen Bauman of Aylmer. Sadly missed by 66 grandchildren and 217 greatgrandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren. Sister of Louida Sauder. Predeceased by her daughters Mary Bauman, and Betty in infancy, sons-in-law Leland Biehn (2025) and Gary Martin (2025), grandson Dennis, great-granddaughter Angela, and siblings Lucinda Gingrich, Sydney G. Martin, John G. Martin, Eli G. Martin, and Mary Weber. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Listowel Memorial Hospital as well as the staff of Care Partners for their kindness, care and compassion. Visitation was held at Brookside Mennonite Fellowship, Carthage on Saturday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and again on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral service was held at Woodlawn Mennonite Fellowship, Dorking on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Interment in Cedarvale Mennonite Cemetery, Harriston. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Outreach Missions sponsored by Cedarvale Mennonite Church would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.hardyleefuneralhome.com



KRELLER, Melvin 'Mel' John of Clifford and formerly of Howick Township, passed away at Strathcona LTC, Mount Forest on Thursday, September 25, 2025, in his 104th year. Husband of Helen (Morris) Kreller. Father of Dorothy Stewart of Kitchener, John & Marg Kreller of Elmira, and Margaret Kreller & Kevin Kowal of Normanby Township. Grandfather of Anna Kowal and Mary

Kowal. Brother of Anne Warnick of Tavistock. Predeceased by his brothers Arnold Kreller and Bruce Kreller, and brother-inlaw Melvin Warnick. Melvin was born on July 2, 1922 to parents Henry and Sophia (Ortman) Kreller. The 2nd of 4 children, he was raised and farmed in Howick Township until he retired to Clifford in 1994. He married Helen Morris on September 19, 1959 and took over the family farm. Mel always enjoyed getting together with family and friends as well as meeting new people and making new friends. He also enjoyed trips to Scotland and England and spending time with family and friends over there. He will be missed. His family would like to thank the staff at Strathcona Long Term Care in Mount Forest for looking after him this past year. Visitation was held at the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston on Monday, September 29th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. A private family interment service was held at Howick Trinity Lutheran Cemetery followed by the funeral service on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clifford. Memorial donations to the Lutheran Hour, Leprosy Mission Canada, or to a charity of your choice would be appreciated.



DUARTE, Maria Izaltina (Borges) of Listowel passed away at Fordwich Village Nursing Home on Thursday, October 9, 2025, in her 77th year. Wife of Jaime 'Jim' Duarte. Mother of Julie & Bernie Immink of Listowel, and Larry Duarte of Fergus. Grandmother of Jon, Blair, Jenna, Adelaide, and Judah, and great-grandmother of Jace. Sister of Ana Couto of Listowel, Eugenia Neves

of Brampton, and Lucia & Jose Couto of Listowel, Francisco & Delores Borges of Terceira, and Rita Veigas of Toronto, and sister-in-law of Rita Borges of Listowel, Maria & Jose Santos of Portugal, Eduarda Canhoto of Cambridge, Ludgero & Olivia Duarte of Listowel, Carlos Duarte of Azores, and Diogo & Maria Joao Duarte of Cambridge. Predeceased by her parents Jose & Ana (Dinis) Borges, her sister Teresa (Domingos) Fernandes, Maria (Frank) Machado, brother Joe Borges, and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Frank Neves, Frank Couto, Manuel Veigas, and Joaquim Canhoto. Visitation was held at the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with parish prayers at 5:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Listowel, on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Interment in Fairview Cemetery, Listowel. Memorial donations to Listowel Memorial Hospital or the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca



BENNETT, Eileen. Beloved wife of the late Bruce Bennett and Jack Bennett. Loving step mother to Brenda and Doug Browne. Daughter of the late Mabel and Bill Willoughby. Predeceased by brothers Vern and Kenneth Willoughby. Survived by sister in law Pat Willoughby. Predeceased by in-laws, Beryl and George Snider, William and Greta Bennett. She will

be missed by many nieces and nephews. Eileen was born in Elma Township, spending most of her life in Howick Township. Eileen spent the last few years as a resident of the Fordwich Village Nursing Home. The family would like to thank the staff for their constant and high-quality care for Eileen over that time. Visitation took place at Brenneman Funeral Home, 141 John St, Atwood on October 28th from 10 AM until the time of the service at 11 AM. Interment followed at Wroxeter Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Heart and Stroke and the Fordwich Village Nursing Home Residence Council. Online condolences may be left at www.brennemanfuneralhome.ca

Card of Thanks

Van Kampen - Thank You Thank you to the staff of the Fordwich Village Nursing Home for their exceptional care

of our beloved dad & Opa, Tony Van Kampen.
We are grateful for your kindness and
support, especially at the time of
his passing on Tuesday, October 7/25.

Sincerely, Jennifer Van Kampen & Theo Katerberg Jordan, Malcolm & Jayna



UPDATE

HOWICK CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

SUBMITTED BY PAUL MENARY, PRINCIPAL

This year the Intermediate sports teams got underway for the North Region beginning with intermediate boys and girls soccer. Both teams were made up of very keen and talented players. All players were dedicated to recess practices and exhibition games against F. E. Madill before our tournament on October 15th. The intermediate girls team coached by Ms. Drake played with good determination, and teamwork in the tournament. The boys team coached by Ms. Hallman played four games at the tournament, showing teamwork and skill. Both Ms. Drake and Ms. Hallman would like to thank the students who participated and joined both teams and the way they represented Howick. Great work everyone!

The Howick Cross Country team traveled to Northwoods School for our district meet on Wednesday October 8th, 2025. Our runners gave it their all, showed amazing sportsmanship, and made Howick Central Public School proud! Let's give a big shout-out to our top finishers who move on to the Regional meet in wildwood:

Grade 4 Girls: Reese Hall raced to 2nd place, and Daphne McDonald finished 13th!

Grade 4 Boys: Reid Noble came in 4th, and Oakley Keil was close behind in 8th!

Grade 5 Girls: Paisley Harrold ran strong and placed 14th!

Grade 5 Boys: Huge congratulations to Chase Rowley, who came 1st overall , and Darren Trysennar, who finished 12th!

Grade 6 Girls: Great runs from Cassadie Fitch in 6th, Sabrina leil in 9th, and Byanka Murray in 10th!

Grade 6 Boys: Owen Roppel placed 4th, and Holden MacEwen finished 15th!

Grade 7 Girls: Way to go Maci Mair, finishing 2nd!

Grade 7 Boys: Great effort from Kyle Noble, placing 13th!

Grade 8 Girls: Kylie Bell ran to a 3rd place finish!

Grade 8 Boys: Russ Gibson came 2nd, and Aiden Beyersbergen finished 3rd — awesome job! Every runner showed determination, teamwork, and true Howick Central spirit! Great work, everyone!

On October 1st, 2025, the junior soccer team from Howick travelled to Mornington School for a full day tournament. The Junior Soccer Team represented the school proudly in their games. The team showed determination and strong play throughout the day. Most importantly, our athletes played with respect, teamwork, and great sportsmanship in every match, showing what it truly means to represent our school. Way to go, Howick!

A huge thank you to the Howick Optimist for providing funding for some of the bus for both the junior soccer as well as cross country, so we could keep costs down for our students.



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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.

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The Howick Bloomers a good time had decorating the Howick Community Centre for the Howick Turnberry Fair. As always members brought along anything that they thought might fit into the Fair theme, Autumn skies, Pumpkin pies. As you can see from the pictures pumpkins and pumpkin coloured flowers were prominently featured.

The first picture shows a whimsical take on the theme with fall flowers, cattails and a water feature. This was much enjoyed by many children who had fun moving the ducks around.



The second picture was more about baking with pumpkin pie recipes and spices displayed on a couple of tables, each covered with an heirloom table cloth. Again pumpkins and pots of mums were included in the display.

The last picture showed a blue sky with a farm gate surrounded by corn stalks. A wagon load of flowers together with big pots of mums and pumpkins completed the decoration of the space. Anyone who took a close look would have seen a 50+ year old granny square Afghan draped over a chair with a pumpkin on the seat

of the chair. Also included in the display were several small pumpkins. A small white one was barely two inches across.

Growing pumpkins this year was a challenge due to the hot dry summer. The lack of rain really stunted the growth. Serious pumpkin growers who aim to grow the biggest pumpkin spend a lot of time watering and fertilizing their plants.

Howick Bloomers will be meeting November 10, 2 pm at the Howick Community Centre to finalize their Christmas decorating plans. Everyone is welcome to come.



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