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ATVs and over 300 riders joined us for an afternoon trail ride through Howick, followed by a pork BBQ dinner. The event was organized to raise awareness Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and to support childhood cancer research at SickKids Hospital—a cause and hospital very close to our hearts following our daughter Alivia's cancer diagnosis and successful treatment for Retinoblastoma (eye cancer) in 2021.

In addition, a donation will also be made to Ty McCann & Stacee Helmka to support their family.

A heartfelt thank-you to the following for generously allowing trail access or hosting trailside stops at their cabins or ponds: Sue Robinson, Rick & Karen McCann, Bruce & Brenda Edgar, Jim



Gibson, Murray & Dianne Stevens, Jackie Gibson, Paul & Stacey MacEwen, Barry & Janice Gibson, Steve Smith & Tamara Schumacher, Mike & Suzy Nichols, Jeroen & Ashley Peters, Don & Gibson, Barb James & Robyn MacEwen,

Jeni MacEwen.

We are also grateful to the following individuals and businesses for donating prizes for the kid's table: Chet & Katie Williams, C&K Williams Excavating Inc., Courtney Brooks, Donegan's Haulage Ltd. Steve & Linday Boyd, Boyd's Farm Supply Ltd., Ryan & Richelle Smith, Mike & Heather McDonald, McDonald Home Hardware, Roman & Kerry Leutenegger, Kurt & Karen Smith, Kurtis Smith Excavating Inc.

Special thanks to Robyn MacEwen, Janice Gibson, Bev Reesor, Reese MacEwen and Bria Gibson for donating and preparing sandwiches, snacks, and drinks for lunch. Thank you as well to Sue Robinson, Katie Hutchison, Jaron Ireland, JoAnn Hutchison, and Ashley Peters for helping to prepare dinner, and to Lee, Don & Barb Gibson for cooking all the meat and hosting the BBQ.

We are thrilled to share that the event raised over \$18,000! We are so grateful to everyone who rode, supported and donated so generously, both during and after the event. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day another great success. The support from our community was truly amazing!

Troy, Lindsey, Aubrey & Alivia Robinson

Community

TRI-COUNTY AG MACHINES & MEMORIES TOUR - Sun. Oct. 5. IH vintage tractor display, including Howick farmers Adam & Lynn Johnson. A free self-quided tour - visit

palmerstonfair.ca for a map.

"COME SEW WITH US" is sewing at the Howick Community Centre from 10am-3pm on Mondays Oct. 6 & 20, Nov. 3 & 17, Dec. 1 & 15. \$5. Darlene 519-335-3755.

PUB BINGO NIGHT at the Wroxeter Hall on Thurs. Oct. 9. Doors open 5pm, bingo starts at 6:30pm.

CARRY-ON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE presents the documentary "We Lend a Hand: The Forgotten Story of Ontario's Farmerettes" Oct. 16 at 2 & 7pm at the Norgan Theatre in Palmerston. \$12. Q&A with filmmakers and author Bonnie Sitter.

HOWICK FIRE FIGHTERS BREAKFAST, Sun. Oct. 19, 8am - 12pm. See page 15.

HOWICK BLOOMERS will meet on Mon. Oct. 20 at 2pm in the Library room at Howick Community Centre.

MASONIC LODGE SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON - Fri. Oct. 24 at the Wroxeter Hall, Lunch from 11am to 1pm. The next one will be on Nov. 21.

PUB NIGHT HALLOWEEN PARTY at the Wroxeter Hall, Fri. Oct. 24. 6pm. See page 6 for details.

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

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

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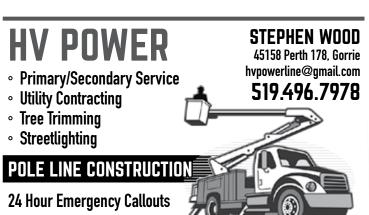
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FINDING a Way

Hopefully most of our regular readers have found a way to get a copy of this newsletter – Canada Post's current ban on flyer delivery has made it a challenge to distribute to our usual area. Hopefully things will be back to normal before the November issue. In the meantime, we appreciate the businesses and events that have agreed to help us get the newsletters into your hands.

"Back to normal" has felt pretty good as school resumed in many households. It feels like I spend a lot more time with my youngest who is now left at home without competition for toys but who

also misses his sibling playmates. As

the youngest, I think he's getting a little spoiled, with lots of one-on-one time with mom doing errands and driving in the tractor with dad. He is very adamant that he is still a baby... and he is not easily persuaded that since he can walk and talk, that this belief is not true. One day he'll be ready to embrace his 'big boy' status – we can't stay little forever, which is both a good and kind of a sad thing.

I just wanted to highlight a new feature that you'll find on page seven in this month's issue. Reese MacEwen reached out with the idea for introducing us to the pets of Howick Township. If you're interested in having your own pet featured, please contact Reese. It's great when young people show initiative!



Angie Koersen

Deadline for the next issue is Oct. 20.

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TOWNSHIP NEWS



Let's give 'em pumpkin to talk about. – Lisa Beirnes

COUNCIL MEETING & THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The Howick Township Municipal Office and Howick Community Centre will be closed for Thanksgiving on Monday, October 13th, 2025, and will re-open Tuesday, October 14th at 8:30 a.m. We hope everyone enjoys the long weekend with loved ones and wish you a Happy Thanksgiving! We are thankful for the wonderful people who live in Howick Township.

The Township of Howick regular Council meeting for the month of October will take place on **Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.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.

HOWICK FIREFIGHTERS BREAKFAST

The fall Howick Firefighters Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Gorrie Fire Hall. Donations are gratefully accepted and will benefit the Howick Township Fire Department. Bring your appetite –we'll see you there!

HOWICK COMMUNITY

CENTRE - ICE WILL BE IN OCTOBER 4TH!!

PUBLIC SKATING EVERY SUNDAY MORNING starting October 12th 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

BANNER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all Business Owners & Organizations!

The Township of Howick has a lot to offer when it comes to our local entrepreneurs and organizations. We take great pride in our hard-working community. We are inviting all businesses and organizations to consider purchasing a 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 and be displayed annually from May to October for their lifespan, which is approximately 5 years. See Page 5 for more information.

PA DAY CAMP - FRIDAY OCTOBER 10, 2025

The Recreation Department is once again offering PA Day Camps! And registration is OPEN! Visit https://www.howick.ca/explore-play/recreation/day-camps to register. Day Camp will run from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Early drop off and late pick-up is available for an additional charge. Please e-mail Brady at recreation@howick.ca for more information.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Waste Management staff work hard to ensure all garbage and recycling is collected—sometimes as late as 7:00 PM on collection days. To support their efforts, please leave your bins curbside until at least 7:00 PM to avoid missed pickups.

If you are concerned with missed collection, please contact Waste Management directly at **1-888-730-3344** and leave a voicemail if your call is not answered. They will call you back.

SEASONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring for the 2025 Fall/Winter Season:

One (1) Seasonal, Full-Time Equipment Operator/Labourer One (1) Seasonal, Part-Time Equipment Operator/Labourer

The Township of Howick is excited to announce that we are now accepting applications for seasonal employment opportunities for the upcoming season. We are looking for motivated, reliable individuals to join our team in a variety of roles that support our community through the fall and winter months. See page 19 for more information. A full detailed job description for each position is available on our website at https://www.howick.ca/township-services/employment-opportunities-in-howick

Remembrance Day Banners

The Township of Howick is proud to announce that 17 new Remembrance Day banners have been sponsored this year, further honouring and recognizing the brave service of our local veterans. These banners serve as a lasting tribute to those who served and sacrificed, and will be prominently displayed in our community each November as part of the Township's Remembrance Day program. The Township extends sincere thanks to the families, individuals, and organizations who have generously sponsored a banner this year. Sponsorship opportunities remain open at any time, and new banners sponsored going forward will be included in next year's display. Please visit our website or contact Manager of Development and Protective Services / Fire Chief Josh Kestner for more information.

PUBLIC REMINDER ON CAMPFIRE RULES & REGULATIONS

The Township of Howick would like to remind all residents of the rules and responsibilities regarding campfires and openair burning, as outlined in By-law No. 6-2024. Campfires



are permitted for recreational purposes (such as cooking or warmth), provided they are contained and no larger than one metre in diameter. Burning prohibited materials—including garbage, plastics, tires, shingles, painted/treated wood, or any items producing toxic smoke—is strictly forbidden. While enjoying a safe campfire is allowed, nuisance calls to the Fire Department place an unnecessary strain on resources. Each time firefighters are dispatched to investigate a complaint or false report, time, equipment, and taxpayer dollars are consumed which are resources that should be available for genuine emergencies.

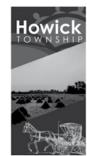
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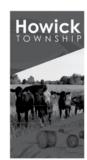
- Violations of the by-law may result in fines and cost recovery charges. This includes costs associated with the Fire Department responding to unauthorized or unsafe fires
- Making a false report to the Fire Department is an arrestable offence and may also result in charges.
- These measures are in place to ensure the safety of our community, protect property, and keep emergency services available when truly needed.

For more information or to review the complete by-law, please visit the Township of Howick's website or contact Manager of Development and Protective Services / Fire Chief Josh Kestner – 519-335-3202 or howickfire@howick.ca









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.

Celebrations ()

Proud parents Adam and Kirby Proper are excited to welcome their baby boy

Jett Anthony Gordon Proper

He arrived on July 25th, 2025 weighing 9 lbs.

Jett is a little brother to Luna & Miles and is a grandson to Wayne & Connie Brown, Dian Allan & Roland Paul, and Doug & Lucia Proper. A great grandson to Gwynne Brown, Kathy & Anthony Oosterman.





Come to the Coffee Shop from 6:00am to 10:00am on Monday to Friday!

Pub Bingo Night, will take place on Thursday, October 9th! Doors will open at 5:00pm and Bingo will start at 6:30pm. Good Luck!

> Sunday, October 19th is a Pool and Euchre Tournament starting at 1:00pm. Hope you can come!

Pub Night on Friday, October 24th will be a Halloween Party. Dinner is served at 6:00pm. The meal will be Witches Brew

and Green Slime Pie, (Beef Stew and Key Lime Pie). There will be prizes for children and adults best costumes Looking forward to be a great evening.

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

Come out ladies and enjoy games at Ladies Night at 7:00pm on Tuesdays.

Contact Board Member, Carol Edgar to book the hall for your special event. Thank you for your support!





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.

Howick Women's Institute

Pauline Atton hosted our September 18 Howick WI meeting on her back deck. It was a beautiful afternoon to be out enjoying the last days of summer. Scott Price, Howick Public Works Manager was our guest speaker on the topic of "Recycle, Reduce, Reuse". Changes are coming to our Waste Management pickup in Howick within the next year.

After a refreshment break, we convened for our meeting. Items discussed were: Our representative in the Howick Turnberry Fall Fair Ambassador competition is Emma Peel.

We are starting to put plans in place to support the Howick 170th Anniversary committee.

Margaret McMahon reported from the Huron Perth WI District meeting. A new \$500 Education Award will be open to all High school students in Huron and Perth counties.

Tickets are now available for our upcoming Ladies Day Out, on Wednesday, November 5th, at the Listowel Ag Hall, for 12 noon. This is a Soup and Sandwich lunch followed by our guest speaker Jennifer O'Reilly. The theme for the day is "The Power of Laughter" (The Canadian Way).

Several of our members are going to the Norgan Theatre in Palmerston, on Thursday, October 16th to see the documentary of the Farmerette Story "Lend a Hand". It tells the important history of how young women stepped up and took care of the farms while the men went off to war.

We are planning to support the "Howick Banner Sponsorship Program" by purchasing a banner with our WI logo on it.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, October 16th, at the home of Gwen Catherwood. Her son Dr. Clayton Stinson will be talking to us about his work as a veterinarian.

PAW-SOME PETS

OWNER:
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BREED:
JACK RUSSELL

PET BIRTHDAY: MAY 20, 2022

NAME: **NOISU**

Daisy is a white, black and brown jack russell, who LOVES to run and play.

She also has the best heart a dog could have, even though she sometimes thinks she is the world's best guard dog! Daisy LOVES to try to attack the delivery drivers, except Fedex, which is her favourite, because the driver gives her treats. She is one of the only dogs I have ever known that loves to dress in clothes! One of her most favourite things to do is to go for long gator rides with her family around the farm.





PIECED TOGETHER

The "Come Sew With Us" Sewing group went for a 2-day retreat in May. It was a great success. They had a "Reversible Quilt" block challenge, as seen above. For each block that you submitted, you had a chance to win a finished lap quilt. There were 146 blocks submitted and the lucky winners were Alice Yuill and Rosemary Terpstra.

The "Come Sew With Us" will resume their Monday meetings at the Howick Community Centre starting Oct. 6 & 20, Nov. 3 & 17, Dec. 1 & 15. If you have questions, please contact Darlene 519-335-3755.



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Pusher Broom

STAND ON STEER ATTACHMENTS

Volume Bucket
Pallet Fork
Concrete Breaker
Hydraulic Rake
Post Hole Auger
4 Foot Trencher









Maitland Halley camera club

The meeting on September 4th was held at Blair Smith's barn. Members enjoyed taking still photos.

Our calendars are currently at the printers and will be done soon.

The September 18th meeting was at the Brussels Library at 7:00pm. We viewed all of our summer photo shoot images. An evening of reminiscing. Great photos.

Our meetings are held in the Meeting Room of The Brussels Library. The meetings begin 7:00pm. The meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the months April to November and the first Thursday for December to March.



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Over five years, Maitland Conservation has worked alongside Forests Canada (formerly Forests Ontario) to plant almost 43,000 trees in the Maitland Valley watershed. This work will help to restore Canada's forests and contribute to a healthier Lake Huron by protecting soil health and water quality.

Retiring marginal farmland, such as steeply sloped fields, planting floodplains, and replanting areas that have been decimated by the Emerald Ash Borer, are just some examples of how the funding and support from both organizations have been used. This support can include funding for trees and contractors, as well as technical advice and coordination.

Jamie Heffer is Warden of Huron County and a farmer himself. He took part in this initiative in the spring of 2025. "The 10 acres we chose to reforest was too steep to crop properly and dangerous to have equipment on," he said. "The tree planting will reduce soil erosion on this steep slope on that property."

Maitland Conservation stewardship staff were able to coordinate the planting of 22 acres (17,500 seedlings) in 2025 and are encouraging interested landowners, including those in Howick, to get in touch as they strive for 25 acres (20,000 seedlings) in spring 2026.

This partnership, and the resulting projects, would not be possible without the landowners who initiate and care for the plantings, or the other partners who have provided support to various projects. Those partners include the County of Huron's Huron Clean Water Project and Maitland Conservation Foundation.

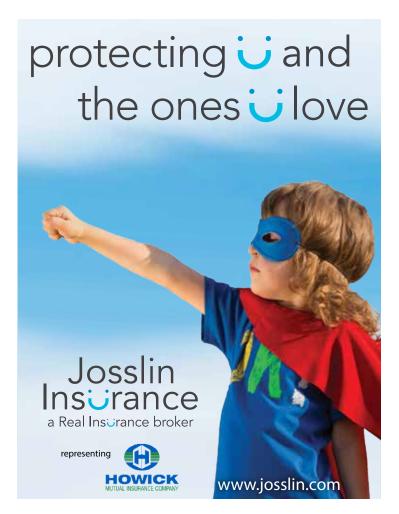
As these projects grow, their impact on the watershed will too. When asked what they are looking forward to most for the planting in the future, Jamie Heffer responded: "I'm never going to see this fully established like I'd like to, but if we get it started well, then we set it up for the next generation."

Interested in your own planting project? If you're in the Maitland Valley watershed, reach out now to start planning before the snow flies! To get started contact Karlene Zurbrigg: kzurbrigg@ mvca.on.ca or 519-335-3557 ext. 250. If you're not sure of your watershed, Karlene can help with that too.

Not in the Maitland Valley watershed but interested in planting? There's a broad network of organizations working across the county to support tree planting. You can connect with Forests Canada directly at www.ForestsCanada.ca/PlantTrees or reach out to your local Conservation Authority.

















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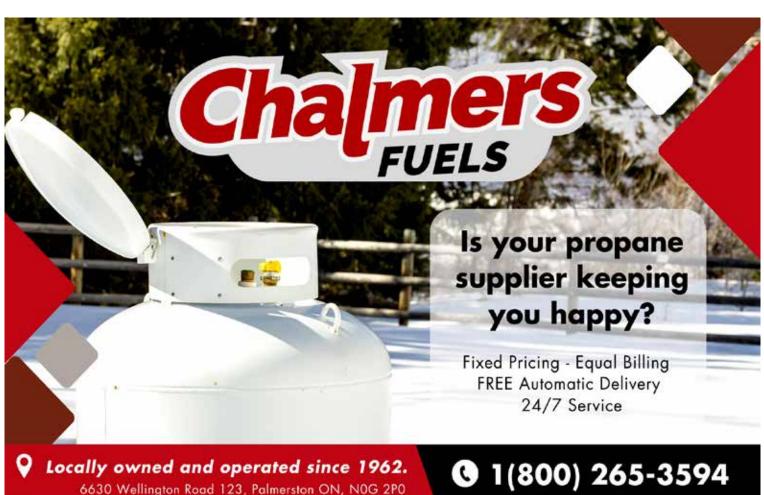








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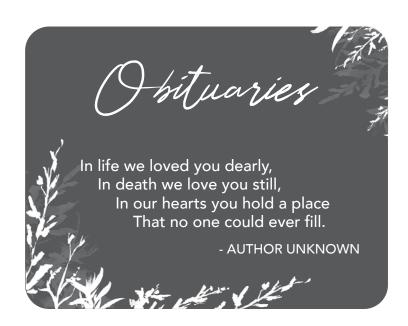
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WILLIAMS, James Frederic of Fordwich passed away at St. Joseph's Health Centre, Guelph, on Sunday, August 31, 2025, in his 80th year. Husband of Annie (Stubbe) Williams. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 3rd. Father of Lee & Sharon (Hartung) Williams of New Liskeard, Paul & Anne (Peckover) Williams of Markdale, and Melanie &

Cameron Hill of Kenilworth. Grandfather of Matthew Williams & Leslie Bowman, Nathan & Claire (Coenen) Williams, Sarah & Branden Wilkinson, Jenna & Jesus Bondo, Ben Williams, Jonathan Hill, Eliana Hill, Mikayla Hill, and Steven Hill, and great-grandfather of Wrenley Wilkinson. Brother of Gerald & Pat Williams of Paris, and Keith & Gladys Williams of Brighton. Predeceased by his parents Frederick & Evelyn (Givens) Williams, brother Don Williams, and sisters-in-law Joan Williams and Pat Williams. Jim farmed his entire life on various properties between Oxford and Perth counties, ending up at the farm on the sixth of Wallace. He enjoyed milking cows, raising beef cattle and working the fields. He also took great enjoyment in cutting firewood, and spending time in the bush. On the side he enjoyed working at the Wallace landfill and driving for Stop 23. After moving off the farm, he and Annie retired to Fordwich. Jim's relationship with the Lord was an integral part of his life. His faith is a legacy that he has left behind as an example for his family to follow. While the last few years became challenging due to his Alzheimer's, we are forever grateful for the time and care he received at St Joseph's Health Centre in Guelph. Special thanks to Drs. Sid and Graham, nurses Thimo, Chandra and Chayse and the rest of the team at Whispering Oaks Palliative care unit for their compassion and kindness. Visitation was held at the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel on Wednesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The funeral service was held at Listowel Baptist Church on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Mike Hutchinson officiating. Interment in Maple Grove Cemetery, Howick Township. Memorial donations to St. Joseph's Health Centre Foundation or Gideon's International (Shareword Global) would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca



BUEHLER, Erla (Martin) of Listowel, and formerly of Fordwich passed away peacefully at Listowel Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, in her 95th year. Wife of the late Melvin Buehler. Mother of Darrell & Jane Buehler, Derrick & Karen Buehler, Duane & Sue Buehler, Cheryl Carter, Angie & Paul Raftis, and Lisa Buehler. Also survived by 15 grandchildren

and 27 great-grandchildren. Sister of Bert & Reta Martin, and sister-in-law of Catherine Martin, Angus Martin, Grace Buehler, and Ken Buehler. Predeceased by her son-in-law Harold Carter, sisters Elmeda Baker and her husbands Sam Martin and Robert Baker, and Florence Martin, and brothers Ibra Martin, and Robert Martin and his wife Alice. Visitation was held at Listowel Mennonite Church on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., where the funeral service was held on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. with reception to follow. Interment in Fairview Cemetery, Listowel. Memorial donations to Listowel Mennonite Church would be appreciated, and may be made through the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca



stewart, James Edward, formerly of Mayne Corners, passed away peacefully at Huronlea, Brussels on Friday, September 12, 2025, in his 94th year. Loving and devoted husband of 66 years to Patricia (Kelly) Stewart. Proud and deeply loved father of Patti & John Rozendal, Wingham, Pam & Bob Denstedt, St. Clements, Jeff & Colleen Stewart, Aurora, Judy & Ken

Turney, and Jason Stewart, Listowel. Proud grandfather of Patrick (Tamara), Matthew & Kelsie Rozendal, Reid & Austin Denstedt, Marc (Erin), John & Alison (Caleb) Zorzit, Jennifer, Ashley (Tyler), Jamie (Sadie) & Dylan Turney, Taylor, Owen, & Austin Stewart and sweetest great-grandfather of Kallie, Leah, and Blake. Brother of Isabel Hudson, Hanover, Jean & Les Edmonds, South Surrey, BC, Jack & Sonja Stewart, Oshawa, Roy & Sharon Stewart, Gorrie, Grace & John Weigel, Mildmay, Ray & Wendy Stewart, Gorrie, and Cliff & Jan Stewart, Listowel. Brother-in-law of Reta & Jim Doig and John & Jackie Kelly of Harriston, and Sue Kelly, Mount Forest. Predeceased by his parents Oliver & Eva (Coates) Stewart, brother Carl Stewart, sister-in-law Joan Stewart, and parents-in-law, Austin & Irene Kelly, brothers-in-law Eugene Kelly and Frank Kelly. Visitation was held at the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel on Sunday, September 14th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. with a Masonic Memorial Service at 12:30 p.m. Funeral service was held at Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Interment Fordwich Cemetery following the reception. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Huronlea Residents' Council (cheque only), Listowel Memorial Hospital Foundation or St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Molesworth would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca



UNDERWOOD, Margaret. At Braemar Nursing Home in Wingham on Friday, September 19th, 2025, Margaret (Heibein) Underwood formerly of Gorrie passed away at the age of 88. Cherished wife of the late Glenn Underwood who predeceased her in 2002. Loving mother of Karen & Bill Ross of R.R.#1, Wingham. Dear grandma of Jess Gibson of Fordwich

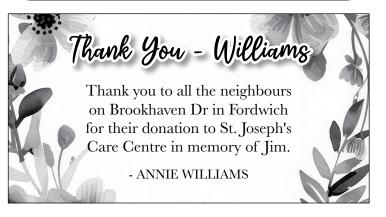
and Jordan & Brittany Ross of Teeswater and great-grandma of Austin, Caleb, Bria and Brycen. Sister of Wilma Williamson of Wingham and sister-in-law of Merle Underwood of Wingham and Marion Underwood of Kincardine. Margaret will be missed by her nieces and nephews and their families. Predeceased by her sister Jean (Freeman) Ingleton, brother Bill (Joyce) Heibein and brothers-in-law Murray and Allan Underwood. A private funeral service will be held at McBurney Funeral Home, Wingham with interment at Gorrie Cemetery. A Celebration of Margaret's Life will be held at the Howick Community Centre on Saturday, October 4th, 2025 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Howick Optimist Club would be appreciated.



ALLAN, Nellie. 1925 - 2025 Nellie Martha Jean (Lewis) Allan of Fordwich passed away on Thursday, August 28, 2025 in her 100th year. Beloved wife of the late Melville Allan (1987). Loving mother of Bryan & Betsy Allan, Sandra Elliott, Arnold Allan & Cathy McDonell, and Floyd & Elizabeth Allan. Dear grandmother of Jennifer & Harry Cummings, Sarah & Michael

Moerbeek, Kurt Elliott, Dean Elliott, Sean & Jenny Allan, and Christopher & Regan Allan, and great-grandmother of Grayden, Emmalie, Grayce, Gerritt, Terra, Hendrix, Landon, and Harrison. Predeceased by her son-in-law Donald Elliott, by her sisters Irene Nelson, and Thelma Kidd, brothers Russell, Les, and Norman Lewis, and by her infant brother Kenneth. Nellie enjoyed an active life in the Fordwich area and community. Mel & Nellie and their family farmed on Gough Road for many years before moving to Fordwich in 1982. Mel was postmaster in Fordwich from 1968 until his retirement, and then Nellie took over until her retirement in 1990. She was an active member of Fordwich United Church, Howick Legion Auxiliary, and the Howick and Blyth Legions where she served in various capacities for 73 years. Nellie enjoyed curling, bowling, and gardening. She will be sadly missed and forever loved. A Celebration of Nellie's life was held at the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston, on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., with visitation from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. Reception followed at the Harriston Legion. Private family interment in Fordwich Cemetery. Memorial donations to Blyth Legion Ladies Auxiliary, or the Howick Optimist Club 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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Reporting to the Manager of Public Works, applicants will be experienced with the ability to safely operate various pieces of equipment, such as graders; tandem dump trucks equipped with snowplows (if DZ licensed), wings and sander; backhoes; loaders and other equipment as necessary.

What we are looking for:

- Applicants with a valid 'D' license with a 'Z' endorsement and a clean abstract preferred.
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- A positive attitude, good work ethic, a team player and the ability to work early mornings and some weekend hours.

The Township of Howick offers a competitive wage of **\$30.86** - **\$36.10 per hour** (2025 Rate).

The full-time, seasonal position is a 40-hour work week.

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Complete job descriptions for each position are available at www. howick.ca/township-services/employment-opportunities-in-howick

Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and detailed resume in one PDF or Word document **clearly** marked with which position they are applying for, to the undersigned before 12 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 to:

Caitlin Gillis, Clerk-Administrator Township of Howick 44816 Harriston Road, RR 1 Gorrie, ON NOG 1X0 Email: clerk@howick.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Applications will be treated in strict confidence. Any personal information being collected will be used in accordance with The Municipal Act and The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy and shall only be used for job selection purposes. The Township of Howick is an equal opportunities employer. Accommodation is available upon request throughout the recruitment process. Please email your accommodation requests to clerk@howick.ca or call 519-335-3208 ext 2.

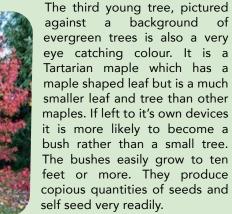


Although the last few weeks have been warm, sunny and dry we are all well aware that fall is just around the corner and winter won't be far behind. Partly because it has been so dry we are already seeing quite a bit of fall colour. The trees are starting to lose chlorophyll which gives them the green colour and this allows the other pigments to show their true colours.

The first photo is of a very mature roadside maple. Located near the crest of a hill it is visible from quite a distance away. Very noticeable in its fall colour but probably barely noticed when all its leaves were green.

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The sumac trees are not always red. Many show rich shades of orange and gold. Against the backdrop of a clear blue sky they can be quite spectacular.



The last picture is of the foliage of a perennial often called sun drops due to the pretty golden yellow blooms in the spring. It is a good value plant with two showings of colour, yellow in early summer and red in the fall.

Howick Bloomers are getting ready to decorate the lobby of the Community Centre in time for the Fall Fair, September 27 & 28. Take a look when you visit the Fair.









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