

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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in Howick



JUST KEEP SWIMMING

The Gorrie Gators have finished up their swim team season. 31 swimmers participated in the final meet in Milverton on Friday, August 8th. Pictured on the right are the swimmers who won in their age categories.



community corn roast

The Wroxeter Hall Board hosted a free corn roast on Friday, August 15.

Photos by Liz Allan



Community Calendar



FREECYCLE CLOTHING EVENT - Sept. 2-5 from 9am-4pm. Free used clothing available at the Wroxeter Community Hall. See page 6.

BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE - Sat. Sept. 6 from 8:30-11:30am at the Fordwich Park Pavilion. Hosted by the Howick Minor Hockey. See page 7.

HOWICK SWAP - Sept. 12 & 13 at the Howick Community Centre. Drop off what you don't need, pick up what you need for FREE. Info on page 6.

PUB NIGHT at the Wroxeter Hall, Sept. 19. Dinner at 6pm. \$7. Info on page 6.

2025 HOWICK TURNBERRY FALL FAIR - Sept 26 & 27 at the Howick Community Centre. "Autumn Skies & Pumpkin Pies"- See schedule on page 9.

BINGO NIGHT hosted by the Huron Hellcats. Sept. 27 at the Howick Community Centre. Game starts at 7pm. See page 6.

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

HOWICK BLOOMERS will meet on Monday, October 20 at 2pm in the Library room at Howick Community Centre.

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

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CHANGING GEARS

It's time to transition. Again. From the hot days of summer to cooler more moderate days of fall. From kids being home 24/7 to the school routine. From opportunities for vacations and a slower pace of life to a more consistent rhythm of work. In some ways I'm ready for the return of the school/work rhythm, and in other ways I'll miss the slow mornings, the impromptu plans and visits, seeing the kids explore our farm and figure out how to conquer their boredom.

With the beginning of school around the corner, it feels like it's time for a reset. The to-do list needs to be re-evaluated and certain projects put higher on the priority list if they need to be completed before colder weather arrives... I know we don't want to think about that, but it's one of those inevitable realities. Thankfully fall is around the corner, which is often a nice mix of

warm and cool, giving us some time to physically and mentally prepare for a season where we likely won't be outside as much. While I'll miss the warmth of the sunshine, it also feels good to snuggle up with a cozy blanket and drink some tea or read a book. There's always something to look forward to with change.

Angie Koersen



Deadline for the next issue is Sept. 20.

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September marks a time of change. As summer fades and autumn approaches, the air turns crisp and the world around us transforms with warm hues of gold and red. Often seen as a month of new beginnings, it brings fresh starts—whether in classrooms, workplaces, or personal goals. September encourages us to pause, reflect, and embrace the shift ahead.

COUNCIL MEETING & HOLIDAY

The Howick Township Municipal Office and Howick Community Centre will be closed on Labour Day, Monday, September 1st, 2025, and will re-open Tuesday September 2nd at 8:30 a.m.

The Township of Howick regular Council meetings for the month of September will take place on **Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m.** and **Thursday, September 30th 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.

FINAL 2025 TAX BILLS

The 2025 Final Tax Bills were sent out in August along with any Supplemental, Write-off and Adjustments due to any property changes. The due dates for the Final Tax Bill are September 19th, 2025 and November 21st, 2025. Failure to receive your tax bill does not relieve a taxpayer from the responsibility for payment of taxes or from penalties for late payment. There are many payment options available, check your tax insert or our website www.howick.ca for a method that best meets your needs.

2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Township of Howick's 2024 Financial Statements are now available online at www.howick.ca. Paper copies are also available upon request.

166TH HOWICK-TURNBERRY FALL FAIR - "AUTUMN SKIES & PUMPKIN PIES"

Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27th at the Howick Community Centre.

Join the Howick Agricultural Society for two days of fall fair fun including an ambassador competition, turkey, pork & pie auction, Howick Optimist Club Wing Night, Friday night Fireworks Show, Saturday Howick Minor Hockey Breakfast, Inflatables, Kids Zone, Horse Shows, Facepainting, Petting Zoo and much, much more! Free Admission on Friday, Saturday - Kids 12 & Under are Free, Adults \$5.00.

HOWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Ice will be in October 5th!!! Come out for 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

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Before and After School Program registration is now open for September 2025! And spots have started to fill up. Thank you to everyone who has already registered. We look forward to continuing to support local families by offering a safe, fun, and enriching environment for children before and after the school day.


Don't wait register today!

Visit our Website: www.howick.ca/explore-play/ercreation/programs to register.


Child Care Fee Subsidies are available for eligible families from the County of Huron. Visit huroncounty.ca/social-services/childrens-services/ for more information.

HOWICK CHILDCARE NEEDS SURVEY

With funding available through the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Program (CWELCC), Howick staff are



HAVE YOUR SAY!




HOWICK CHILDCARE NEEDS SURVEY

TAKE THE SURVEY

- ✓ Are you a parent?
- ✓ Do you live in Howick?
- ✓ Do you require childcare?
- ✓ We want to hear from you!

Take the Survey via the QR Code or visit: www.howick.ca/before-Sept-15

SCAN ME!



QR Code to Access Survey

investigating the possibility of building a Licenced Childcare Centre in Howick Township. We're working to ensure that childcare options available in our community meet the needs of local families.

This survey is designed to help us understand the childcare needs and priorities of Howick parents or those planning to become parents so that we can plan services that truly support Howick families.

Your input is essential - please take a few moments to fill out the survey and share your thoughts. **Already have childcare for your children? We still want your input!!**

All responses are anonymous, so please provide as much detail as possible.

CANINE CONTROL

By-law Enforcement has received an increased number of complaints regarding dogs running at large. Running at large is defined as a dog found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the dog and not under the control of any person. The Township of Howick would like to remind residents that dogs must be contained to their property by means of a fence, leash, or adequate off-leash training and supervision. Allowing your dog to run at large is a Provincial offence and may result in fines or seizure of the animal.

Canine Control services are provided by Rick Rauwerda at R&R Animal Control. For dogs at large / dog's found, please contact Rick at 519-509-9985. Please note that dogs MUST be contained prior to pickup. For all other Canine Control related services, please continue to contact Josh, Fire Chief/Manager of Development & Protective Services at 519-335-3202.

MVCA TREE ORDERS - PLANNING FOR SPRING 2026

The 2026 Tree and Shrub Order will soon be open. MVCA staff are happy to help with site selection, species selection, funding, and planting guidance. The form will be posted on MVCA's website and sent out to their Forestry mailing list by email, phone, or mail.

To be added to the MVCA mailing list, contact them via email, phone, or in person: trees@mvca.on.ca, 519-335-3557 ext. 235, or at the office 1093 Marietta St. Wroxteter.

Visit their Tree Planting Programs webpage (<https://mvca.on.ca/stewardship-programs/tree-planting-programs/>) for more information on the Tree Ordering Process.

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

GORRIE HALL BOARD

The Gorrie Hall is open for rentals.

For rentals, call **519-335-3292**

We welcome new members interested in joining the Hall Board.

HOWICK LIBRARY

Come to the library for all your back to school reading material! Don't forget to check out our multitude of online resources to help students of any age further their learning. Here are a few events happening in the libraries this month. For a full list please check out the website at www.huroncountylibrary.ca/events/list/.

AUTHOR TALK: Monday Sept. 8 @ 6:45pm - 7:45pm.

Join us the Alice Munro Branch to hear all about local historian and author David Yates' newest offering, "Challenge and Change: The People and Events that Made Us, 1890-1914". This event is for Adults. Registration required and can be done by emailing the branch at winghamlibrary@huroncounty.ca or by calling 519-357-3312.

INDIGENOUS BEADING WORKSHOP: Thursday September 11 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.

Join Darlene Stashuk at the Alice Munro Library branch for this introductory Indigenous beading workshop, where participants will create a pair of earrings. Ages 12+ Registration is required.

Please contact the branch at winghamlibrary@huroncounty.ca or by calling the branch at 519-357-3312 to register.

LET'S LEARN: THE WORLD OF BEES AND BUGS:

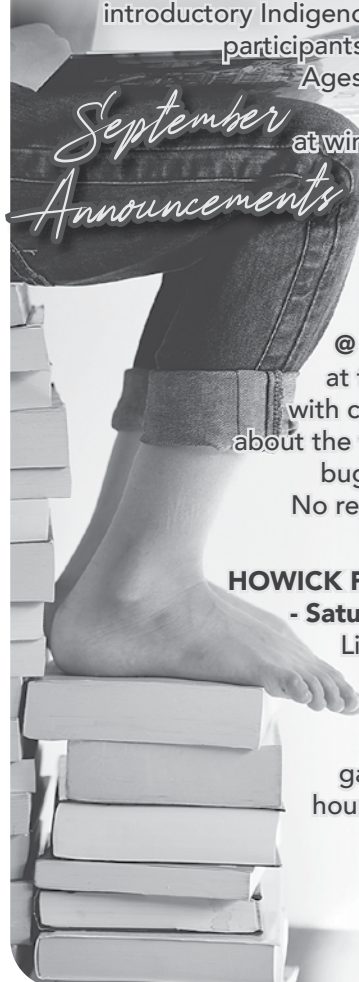
Saturday September 13th

@ 10:00 am- 12:00 pm. Join us at the Alice Munro Branch along with community volunteers to learn about the fascinating world of bees and bugs with the Ausable Bee Club. No registration is required, this is a drop-in program for all ages!

HOWICK FALL FAIR: Friday Sept. 26th - Saturday Sept. 27th.

The Howick Library branch will have special activities going on during the Fall Fair weekend. Come in and join us for special games and crafts during library hours. We hope to see you there!

Please note that all Huron County Library branches will be closed for the holiday Monday September 1st.



Join Howick Minor Hockey for a

Bottle and Can Drive

GIVE A LITTLE, HELP A LOT

When Saturday September
6th, 2025

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Time 8:30-11:30am

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collect!



**HOWICK
BLOOMERS**

**AUGUST
UPDATE**



Surprises can be either good or bad. Most people prefer a pleasant surprise and sometimes the garden is just the place for pleasant surprises, although less pleasant surprises can be found in gardens too. This year some surprises in my garden are pictured here.

First surprise was the dwarf coreopsis that showed up in a patch of lavender.



Another real surprise was the discovery of a fully double coneflower – it is obviously a natural spontaneous mutation. Somewhat darker in colour than the surrounding coneflowers made it stand out. The stems of the plant are also more red than the usual green.

The same patch had another surprise. A white coneflower in the patch of pink ones.

Some distance away there is a patch of white coneflowers and yes there is a pink one there this year.

My final pleasant surprise was finding a small patch of black eyed Susan in the garden.

How they got there is a mystery, just like the other surprises. I suspect birds are the culprit.

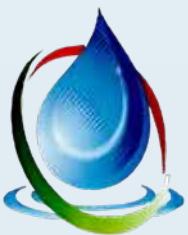
Unpleasant surprises this summer include the resilience and number of weeds that have never required watering, but have been difficult to pull out of the hard baked ground, unlike other garden plants that have needed regular watering in order to survive.

An all day, gentle rain would bring a great deal of relief to heat stressed plants and trees.

Howick Bloomers will be decorating the lobby at the Community Centre for the Howick Turnberry Fall Fair. The next meeting of the Bloomers will be on Monday, October 20 at 2 pm in the Library room at Howick Community Centre.



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July was a great month for taking photos. Members travelled to Riverbend Gardens and Capella Meadows.

Joan Perrie is looking after our table at the Brussels Market on Fridays. Check us out!

On August 7th, members travelled to the Kadylack Sunflower Farm. A wonderful opportunity for taking photos.

The members viewed their photos on the 21st of August meeting.

Our meetings are held in the Meeting Room of the Brussels Library. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held the first and third Thursday of the months April to November and the first Thursday for the months of December to March.



LIZ ALLAN

166TH HOWICK TURNBERRY FALL FAIR

Autumn Skies & Pumpkin Pies

PRESENTED BY THE HOWICK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH

9AM-12PM - EXHIBIT DROP OFF

1PM - JUDGING BEGINS

6PM DOORS OPEN - RAFFLE BEGINS

6PM-9PM - HOSPITALITY BOOTH

6:30PM - AMBASSADOR COMPETITION

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10AM - BABY SHOW

11AM - COMEDY / JUGGLER SHOW

12PM - PET SHOW

12PM-4PM- THE LANDLINES LIVE BAND OUTSIDE

12PM-6PM - **BEER GARDENS**

1PM - COMEDY / JUGGLER SHOW 2

6PM DOORS OPEN - HURON HELLCATS BINGO!!

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Find and circle each of the "I am" affirmations listed below in the word search grid.. Enjoy the process and reflect on each affirmation as you find it!

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If you would like to sponsor a banner but do not have a specific veteran in mind, a list of Howick's fallen soldiers currently without banners is available below for your consideration.

The deadline to order is September 12th, 2025.

To arrange a banner or view the application form, please visit www.howick.ca or contact:

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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



COUTO, Maria (Leal). It is with deep love and sorrow that the family of Maria Melo (Leal) Couto of Listowel announce her passing at Fordwich Village Nursing Home on Friday, August 15, 2025, in her 82nd year. Maria was a beloved wife to Antonio Couto, and a devoted mother to Tony & Tracy Couto, and Lino & Angela Couto, all of Gorrie. She was a proud and cherished grandmother

to Samantha, Hope, Christina, Jesse, Jeff, and Eddie, and a loving great-grandmother to Amelia, James, Izaiah, and Ellie. She will be lovingly remembered by her sisters-in-law and brother-in-law Maria Couto, Ana Couto, Rita Toste, Joao & Lasalete Couto, José & Lucia Couto, Luis & Conceição Couto, and Luçia & Francisco Drumond, as well as by her many nieces and nephews who will hold her memory in their hearts. Predeceased by her parents Emanuel & Amelia Leal, parents-in-law Francisco & Rita Couto, brothers Manuel Leal, and Jose & Maria Leal, and by her in-laws Jose Dutra, Francisco Couto, and Jose Toste. Visitation was held at the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel on Monday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with prayers at 5:45 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Listowel, on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a reception in the church hall. Interment in Fairview Cemetery, Listowel. Memorial donations to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Listowel, would be gratefully appreciated by the family. Maria will be remembered for her love of family, her faith, and the kindness she shared with everyone she met. She will be deeply missed and forever treasured. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca



Those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

ISAIAH 40:31



HARRISON, Garry. At Victoria Hospital, London on Friday, August 8th, 2025, Garry Harrison of Gorrie passed away at the age of 58. Devoted husband of Nicole Lever of Gorrie. Loving dad of Kenny Harrison and Amber Harrison both at home. Beloved son of Mae (Latronico) Harrison of Wingham and the late Bill Harrison. Brother of Brenda & Doug Finley of Wroxeter,

Donna & Randy Greenaway of Bluevale, David Harrison & Jill of Palmerston and Susan Hubbard of Gorrie. Son-in-law of Wendy Lever and brother-in-law of Christine Threndyle & Charlie Culos all of Hesson. Garry will be lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews and their families. Predeceased by his sister Barbara Harrison in infancy and his brother Kenneth Harrison. A private family service will be held with interment at Wroxeter Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Wingham & District Hospital Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.



THORNTON, Murray. At his farm which he loved dearly on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025, Murray Thornton of Gorrie passed away at the age of 63. Dad of Ashley & Bob Finlay of London, Morgan Thornton of Wingham and Brooke Thornton & Kathryn Faries of Ayton. Grandpa of Kaylee, Addison, Trenton, Halle, Mylah and Malia. Brother of Helen & Gary Edge, Don & Tena

Thornton, Allan Thornton, Mae Hutchison & Glen Gallaher and Dianne Krotz and brother-in-law of Glenn Whitehead. Murray will be missed by his nieces and nephews and their families. Predeceased by his parents Jack & Mary (McInnes) Thornton and sisters Evelyn Thornton and Shirley Whitehead. Visitation was held at McBurney Funeral Home, Wingham on Friday, August 15th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral service was held in the funeral home chapel on Saturday, August 16th, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will take place at Gorrie Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) would be appreciated.



WADE, Nancy Lynn passed away at Listowel Memorial Hospital on Friday, July 25, 2025, in her 61st year. Daughter of Shirley Wade of Listowel and the late Bill Wade. Sister of Jim Wade & Dorothy Livsey of Wiarton, and Deb & Jerry Donkersgoed of Gorrie. Incredibly loved by the Gratton family: Stephane, Stephanie, Courtney, Jenna, and Chase. Also missed by many

uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews, and her many friends that loved her at Listowel Community Living. The funeral service was held at the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston on Tuesday, August 5th at 1:30 p.m. with visitation from 12:00 p.m. until time of service. Interment at Harriston Cemetery. Memorial donations to the KW Humane Society would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.hardyleefuneralhome.com

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1 CORINTHIANS 13:12

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