

WHAT'S HAPPENING

JUNE 2025 ISSUE | whatshappeninginhowick@gmail.com

in Howick



DUCK DUCK GOOSE

The Fordwich Parks Board's first annual Great Duck Race on Saturday May 10th was a huge success!! Thank you to those who supported the event, by buying a ticket or attending the race. Those who attended to cheer on their duck, also enjoyed a donation BBQ and kids activities. First place: Jack Ruttan of Fordwich, Second place: Finn McDonald of Gorrie, Third place: Ray Sander of Gravenhurst and last place: Terry Clarkson of Fordwich. All proceeds from this event will be going towards park improvements.



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Community Calendar



BALLPARK PUB NIGHT by the Fordwich Parks Board on Fri. June 6. Doors open at 6. See page 6.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES - Gorrie on Sat. June 7 and Fordwich on Sat. June 14. Starting at 8am.

HOWICK BLOOMERS MEETING, Mon. June 9, 2pm at the Howick Community Centre.

HOWICK HAWKS MINOR BALL DAY, Sat. June 14 at the Fordwich & Gorrie Diamonds. See page 7.

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF ATK CARE GROUP (Fordwich Village Nursing Home), Wed. June 18 from 1-3pm. See page 9.

STRAWBERRY SUMMER KICK-OFF at Red Top Berries, Sat. June 21. See page 9.

FUNDRAISER BBQ for Howick Minor hockey at Home Hardware Gorrie Sat. June 28 from 10am to 2pm.

HURON COUNTY CRUISERS CAR SHOW, Fri. July 11 from 6-9pm at the Howick Community Centre.

COMMUNITY BRIDAL SHOWER for Nicole King on Sat. July 12 at Gorrie Community Hall from 1-4pm.

KIDS DAY CAMP by Gorrie Bible Fellowship, July 28 - Aug. 1 at the Fordwich Ball Park. See page 7.

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Last month I wrote about keeping a slow and steady pace in order to keep things manageable and appreciate the every day moments. I'm not very good at this most days, and feel like I've hit the ground running again now that May has arrived. Three nights of soccer, volunteering with school activities and trips, playing piano at a wedding, getting another newsletter off to the printer before a potential postal strike, farm

book-keeping, and all the gardening tasks – the list is never ending and has the tendency to make one feel a bit anxious about everything. I was reminded recently that when anxiety is directing our lives, it means Jesus is not, and we're trying to do it all on our own. When we give our worries to God, we rely on Him to provide. Like a warrior, His peace will guard our hearts and minds.

We're about to celebrate the third birthday of our youngest child. I'm not sure how three years has gone by since his arrival, and it's amazing to see the physical and mental growth that occurs each year, or even each month. This rapid rate of growth gradually slows, but we should remember that we're all still capable of learning new things and growing. It's just hard to think about finding time to do that these days...

Angie Koerssen



Deadline for the next issue is June 20.

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COUNCIL MEETING & HOLIDAY

The Township of Howick regular Council meetings for the month of June will take place on **Tuesday, June 3rd at 7 p.m.** and **Tuesday, June 24th at 9:00 a.m.** at the Township Municipal Office. Regular Council meetings are open to the public.

STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council and Township staff are excited to welcome Jordan Murray and Brendan Stretton to the Public Works Department. Jordan and Brendan are our newest Equipment Operator/Labourers and both bring with them several years of experience and a strong dedication to the community. Welcome Jordan and Brendan!

HOWICK TOWNSHIP BUSINESS DIRECTORY

As part of Howick's Strategic Action Plan established in 2024, Goal #3: Inviting Neighbourhoods & Thriving Businesses, Township staff are working on creating Howick's very own Business Directory which will be featured on the Township website. We want to promote Howick's entrepreneurial spirit, support local businesses, jobs and growth within Howick Township.

Are you a local Howick business owner that would like to be included in the Howick Township Business Directory and be promoted on our social media?

We want to hear from you! Search 'business directory' at www.howick.ca, fill out the required information about your business and we will do the rest! Please e-mail Alana Dick at deputyclerk@howick.ca with any questions you may have.

PA DAY CAMP!

The Recreation Department is once again offering a P.A Day Camp on Friday June 6th from 8:30am – 4:30pm. Cost is \$32 per child. Early drop off and pick up is available at an additional cost. Registration is available through the Township of Howick website, www.howick.ca.

Our Summer Day Camp programs are back in 2025 for children aged 4-10. Participants will enjoy outdoor play, crafts, treasure hunts, storytelling, movie days, games, themed activities and making new friendships throughout July and August at the Howick Community Centre. Registration is available through the Township of Howick website, www.howick.ca.

Public Group and Private Swimming Lessons are available for the 2025 season at the Howick Optimist Pool. A full Swimming Lesson Schedule can be found on the Township website, www.howick.ca. To inquire or book private swim lessons, contact Brady Ropp, Howick Community Centre at 519-335-3883.

Come out for Public Swimming, join the Gorrie Gators Swim Team or participate in Aquafit - all being offered again this season at the Howick Optimist Pool.

WROXETER WALKING TRAIL IS OPEN!

Thank you to the Recreation Department for all your hard work getting the Trail built back up and open to the public just in time for the warmer weather. The Wroxeter Walking Trail was temporarily closed for a better part of the spring due to spring wash out and an up-rooted tree.

ANTICIPATED CANADA POST STRIKE

The Township of Howick is advising residents and businesses that due to the anticipated Canada Post postal strike, delivery of your statement of unpaid taxes, final tax bills, other invoices or payments mailed to us could be impacted. Please note that you are still responsible for paying your property taxes or invoices on time and that late charges will apply if your payment is not received at the Township office by the due date.

The final tax bill is scheduled to be mailed out mid August with the first installment due September 19th. Please DO NOT send payment to the Township of Howick through the mail during the postal strike. We offer other methods of payment including Online Banking (add HOWICK TOWNSHIP TAX as payee account and property roll number as account number), Pre-authorized payment (sign-up form available at www.howick.ca) or pay by credit card, interact or e-transfer through Paysimply.ca (link available at www.howick.ca, third party charges apply.)

HOWICK LANDFILL

Spring is here, summer is upon us and with that comes extended Landfill Hours. The Howick Landfill located at 45589 Harriston Road (Hwy 87) is now open;

Wednesdays 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

A friendly reminder that garbage is required to be placed in a Clear/Transparent disposal bag. This includes when dropping your household garbage off at the Howick Landfill. Brush, leaves and yard waste are accepted at the Howick Landfill at no charge.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Final grading and calcium have been completed on the north side of the Township. The south end of the Township will receive fresh gravel starting this month, followed by a calcium application to eliminate dust. We appreciate everyone's patience while traveling on the gravel roadways when the township graders are present.

The Township of Howick intends to control noxious weeds

along multiple municipal roadsides through spot spraying where noxious weeds have been identified. A full list of roadways and a list of pesticides being used can be found on page 18.

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

HOWICK LIBRARY

Friday June 6: PA DAY AT THE LIBRARY – It is a P.A.

Day at Huron County Library and there are so many things to do at a branch near you! All open branches will have activities for kids throughout the day and of course you can always drop in to check out a new book, borrow a favourite movie, and so much more!

Saturday June 7th: CRICUT AFTERNOON – Join us at the Alice Munro Branch -Wingham to create a project with the Library's Cricut. This is a program for teens and adults.

REGISTRATION: Contact the branch by email at winghamlibrary@huroncounty.ca or call 519-357-3312. If you missed the Howick session this is a great opportunity to try using a Cricut!

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! In June the following branches will be hosting book sales: Saturday June 7th the Seaford Branch will host the book sale from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Goderich Branch will host their book sale Saturday June 14th from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday June 16th from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm, and Tuesday June 17th 10:00 am- 8:00 pm. Lastly Bayfield will have their book sale Saturday June 28th from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm.

UPCOMING CLOSURES:
The Library will be closed Tuesday July 1 for Canada Day.



HOWICK OPTIMIST DRIVE-THRU BEEF DINNER

On behalf of the Howick Optimist Club, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Drive-Thru Beef Dinner! Your enthusiasm and community spirit made the event a huge success.

A special shoutout to our generous sponsors:

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And of course, a big thank you to our incredible volunteers — your time, energy, and dedication are what make events like this possible.

Thank you, Howick, for always showing up and supporting your community!



HOWICK OPTIMIST CLUB "Friend of Youth"

Thank you all for your continued support over all the years in Howick Township.

Donations are focused in many ways to help the young people of the community. Contributions go towards various sports leagues, The Howick Optimist Pool, Howick Arena, Local Food Banks and Hospitals & More.

We could not do this without the generosity of our volunteers and club members and the community as a whole.



ready TO GO



For all kayak and canoe lovers, the Wroxeter dam gates have been installed and the upper river is filled. The dock area has been enlarged to getting your canoes, etc. in and out. Enjoy the 2025 season!



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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.



WROXETER HALL NEWS



PHOTO BY LIZ ALLAN

Coffee Shop is open Monday to Friday morning from 6am to 10am.

Pub Night took place on Friday, April 25th.

A delicious meal was served. George Patterson provided the music for the evening.

The Pool and Euchre Tournament was on Sunday, May 4th. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Ladies Night is at the hall on Tuesdays. Start time is 7pm. Wednesday and Friday Nights are Pool nights at 7pm.

The 13th Annual Fish Fry is on Friday June 13th. Time is 5pm to 7pm. Adults - \$20, children 12 and under \$10. Proceeds will go to the Wroxeter Community Hall Operations. It will be hosted by the Brussels Legion. For tickets, please call 519-335-3245.



Music Night will be held June 19.

Pub Night is Friday June 20th from 4pm to 10pm. Cost is \$7 and dinner will be served at 6pm.



**HOWICK HAWKS
MINOR BALL DAY**

Saturday, June 14

FORDWICH LITTLE DIAMOND

- 9am > TBall Gold vs TBall Green
- 10am > 7U Green vs 7U Gold

FORDWICH DIAMOND

- 9am > 9U Gold vs 9U Green
- 10:30am > 13U Green vs 13U Gold
- 12:30pm > 11U Black vs Mildmay Monarchs Weishar
- 2:30pm > 9U Black vs Mildmay Monarchs Meyer (red)
- 4:30pm > 11U Green vs 11U Gold

GORRIE DIAMOND

- 10am > 15U vs Walkerton Capitals 2 Blue
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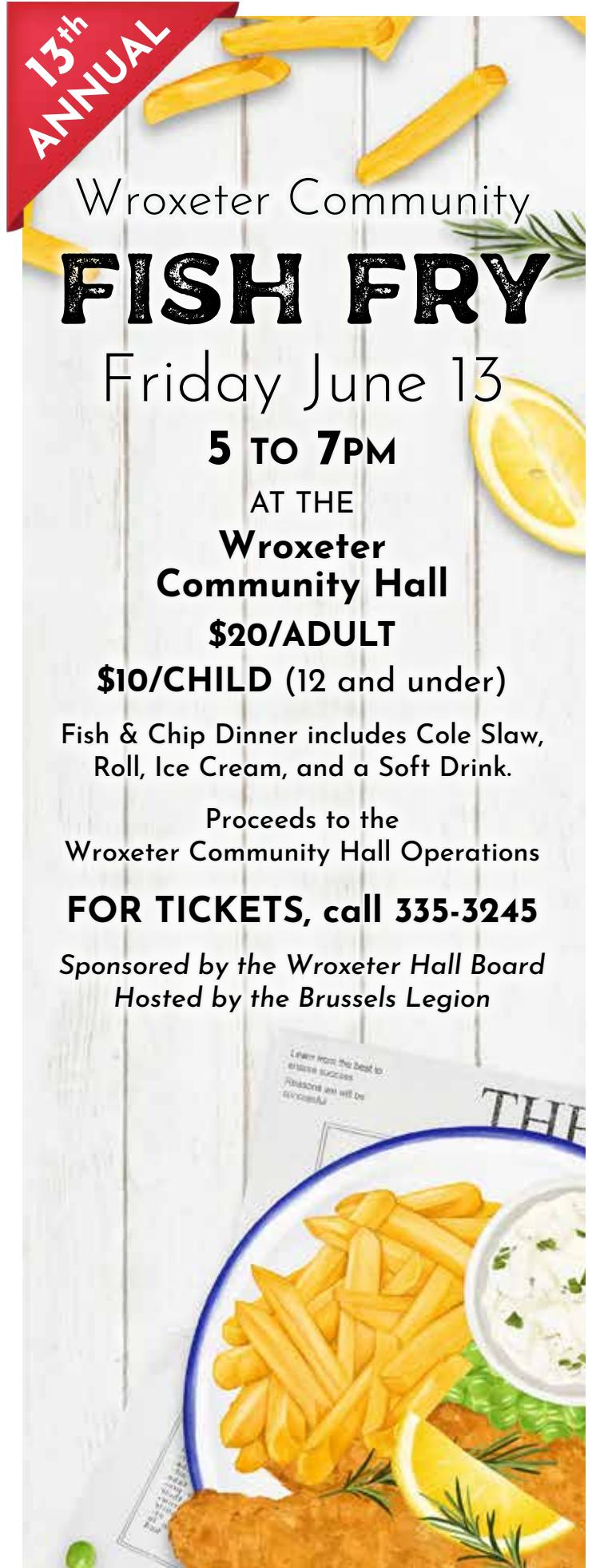
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May 1st meeting members shared their photos from the April 26th trip to the Hullett Marsh and the Studio Portrait Photography Workshop. They also watched some segments of an online course on capturing artistic flower portraits. There were many tips from the course on using a DSLR or a mirrorless camera.

May 15th meeting was at a members' residence. It was the Christmas Party that could not take place due to winter weather storms. They walked the trails through the bush and took many photos of wildflowers and wildlife and then enjoyed a pot luck dinner. A great evening.

June 5th meeting will be held in the meeting room at the Huron County Library in Brussels. Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m..

MVCC meetings take place in the Huron County Library in the meeting room at 7pm. They are the first and third Thursday for the months of April to November and the first Thursday of the months March to December. Members have workshops, travel to different areas for photography opportunities and guest speakers.



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June

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Date: June 18th, 2025
Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Cake Cutting at 2:00 PM

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Gray's Auction (Harriston)
Schefter Poultry Processing (Gorrie)



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PHOTO BY HEATHER MACEWEN



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
GORRIE - SAT. JUNE 7
FORDWICH - SAT. JUNE 14

Starting at 8am
Join in the town-wide yard sales!
Set up your own or find treasures at your neighbours!

A large, dark sign with white text. The top half says 'COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE' in large, bold letters. Below that, it lists 'GORRIE - SAT. JUNE 7' and 'FORDWICH - SAT. JUNE 14'. At the bottom, it says 'Starting at 8am', 'Join in the town-wide yard sales!', and 'Set up your own or find treasures at your neighbours!'. The background of the sign is dark, showing a grassy field.



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June 8 - McIntosh Anniversary Service with lunch to follow. All are welcome as always.

For further information:

Dave - 519.392.6710 or Deanne - 519.418.9748

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7



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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



SMITH, Margaret Kathleen (MacDonald) of Harriston and formerly of Wingham, passed away at Palmerston Hospital on Saturday, May 3, 2025, in her 90th year. Wife of the late Stanley Smith. Mother of Bruce Smith & Kim Vivian of Tory Hill, Barb & Larry Gagnon of Petrolia, Tammy & Brock Shannon of Harriston, Terri Smith & Ken Quipp of Belmore, and John & Tracey Smith of

St. Thomas. Grandmother of Brandon Smith, Corey & Jenny Smith, Travis Smith, Melissa Smith, Brittany Morley & Andrew Labarre, Samantha & Jeremy Gibson, Hugh & Sasha Shannon, Andy Gibson & Jen Garfield, Rikki Gibson & Louis Cabrera, Jessi & Justin Koehler, Jake & Megan Gibson, Dain Smith & Kailee Robb, Abbey Smith, and Eric Smith & Allison Kruppe, and great-grandmother of Hazelynn, Primrose, Juniper, Bennett, Violet, Dalton, Oliver, Sophia, Amelia, Torryn, Henley, and Hudson. Sister of Donald MacDonald of Brampton, Jack & Lois MacDonald of Vancouver Island, and Anna & Donald Noble of Harriston. Margaret was predeceased by her sisters Florence Teeter & husband Lawrence, Fern Chesney & husband 'Perk', and Iris Pride, sister-in-law Evelyn MacDonald, by Stanley's siblings Howard & Velma Smith, Gordon & Thelma Gopsill, Glenn & Shirley Brown, and Archibald & Violet Smith, and by her parents Given and Jessie MacDonald. Margaret began her life in Pouce Coupe, British Columbia, and embarked on a remarkable journey across Canada before settling in Mount Forrest, Ontario. Margaret possessed an inquisitive nature and enjoyed meeting new individuals. She often asked questions to acquire new information, believing that without inquiry, knowledge would remain elusive. Visitors to Margaret's home were always treated to something sweet, and occasionally, they would leave with her renowned brown sugar fudge. During favorable weather, she dedicated herself to meticulously maintaining her exquisite flower gardens. Her extensive knowledge and passion for gardening were imparted to many of her children and grandchildren. Her quick wit and amazing memory made for a lot of entertaining stories that will be remembered by children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. A family graveside service will be held at the Harriston Cemetery with a celebration of Marg's life to follow at the Harriston Legion on Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. with words of remembrance at 2:30 p.m. Memorial donations to Wingham & District Hospital or the A.L.S. Society would be appreciated, and may be made through the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston.



STEWARD, Ed. At Huronlea, Brussels on Friday, May 23, 2025, Mr. James Edward Stewart of Bluevale passed away at the age of 95 years. Husband of Marie (Sellers) Stewart. Father of Dianne & Dennis Dosman of Gorrie, and father-in-law of Beverley Elston of Wingham. Grandfather of Jennifer Elston of Wingham, Julie & Dwayne O'Grady of Bridgeport, Tracey Elston of

London, Mark Dosman of Puslinch, and Troy & Debra Dosman of Mississauga, and great-grandfather of Paige, Liam, Dylan, Tyson, Jazmyne, and Isla. Predeceased by his parents Burns & Irene (Rever) Stewart, and his son Larry Elston. Visitation will be held at McBurney Funeral Home, Wingham on Monday, May 26, 2025 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., where a private family funeral service will be held on Tuesday. Interment will take place at Gorrie Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Wingham & District Hospital Foundation would be appreciated.



MAGILL, William Graydon 'Billy' of Listowel, and formerly of Fordwich, born and raised in the Village of Erin, passed away surrounded by his family, friends, and minister, at Listowel Memorial Hospital on Friday, April 25, 2025 in his 85th year. Husband of the late Rosemary (Sotheran) Magill (2007). Loved and remembered by his sister, and many nieces, nephews, cousins

and dear friends, including Bonar Magill and his children Desmond and Graydon, Marie & Sparky Bouwknegt, Eileen & Bob Clarkson, Debbie Scott, and Pete King. Brother of Vivian Fernacola of Brampton, uncle of Darryl, Joe, Mike, Phillip, and Chris Fernacola. Interment and committal services will be held in Fordwich Cemetery on Saturday, June 7, 2025 with Rev. Jeff Hawkins officiating. Please join Bill's family following the interment at Fordwich Community Park, 3023 Gough Rd, Fordwich, for a continued time of sharing and remembering from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Memorial donations to Listowel Memorial Hospital, or Wingham Community Living would be appreciated, and may be made through the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel.



KELEHER, James Brian 'Jim' of Gorrie, and formerly of Guelph, passed away on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, in his 79th year. Beloved husband of the late Janice Coutts. Father of Paul & Mae Keleher of Guelph, Patricia Angst-Keleher & Tony Hindle of Cambridge, Laurie Henderson of Tara, and Sean Keleher of Hamilton. Grandfather of Kaitlyn, Aaron, Kennedy, Amber, Fallon, Ian, and Fiona, and great-grandfather of Mackenzie, Brooklynn, Ollie, Zo, and Zephyr. Brother of Gerald & Sharon Keleher of Owen Sound, Jack & Betty Keleher of Guelph, and Rick & Fina Keleher of Guelph. Predeceased by Charles Keleher and his wife Darlene, and Sonny Straus and his wife Mabel. Private family arrangements have been entrusted to the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel. Memorial donations to Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.



Kimberly Martin captured this picture on May 18 of several deer up close and personal while visiting her backyard.

Howick Women's Institute

Ten members met at Riverview Park Residence in Listowel, the new home of Leone & Lyle Foerter, former Fordwich residents. Leone was presented with a bouquet of pink carnations.

The 21st HuronPerth District Women's Institute Annual meeting is being held in Melville Presbyterian Church on Wednesday May 28, beginning at 9:30 am.

Pennies for Friendship was won by Ria Stewart.

The JUNE meeting is being held in the Fordwich Ball Park and is a Potluck Picnic 1-3pm.

Reminiscing about Howick Township will be held.

Following the meeting members were given a tour of the facilities. Leone & Lyle proudly showed their apartment to the members.



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

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 Township of Howick intends to control noxious weeds along the following municipal roadsides through spot spraying where noxious weeds have been identified.

The Following Township of Howick Road Sides:

SALEM ROAD (South Side) from Belmore Line to

Howick-Minto Line

ORANGE HILL ROAD from Belmore Line to Howick-Minto Line

GOUGH ROAD (North Side) from Belmore Line to Township Boundary

MUD LAKE LINE S from Gough Road to Harriston Road

MALCOLM LINE from Gough Road to Salem Road

TOLL GATE LINE from Gough Road to Salem Road

GORRIE LINE from Harriston Road to Salem Road

MCINTOSH LINE from Gough Road to Harriston Road

LAWRIE STREET from Salem Road to Harriston Road

HOWICK-MINTO LINE (West side) from Salem Road to Harriston Road

All locations where herbicides will be applied are in rural areas along a highway in which the public has general right of access, but the application does not include any area intended for pedestrian access nor areas where the public is invited to stop such as rest areas or picnic areas.

The Township of Howick intends to control noxious weeds identified along the right-of-way locations noted above using the following pesticides under the Pest Control Products Act (Canada):

- ClearView Herbicide (Registration No. 29752), containing the active ingredients: Aminopyralid, present as potassium salt, and Metsulfuron methyl.
- Hasten NT Ultra Spray Adjuvant (Registration No. 31760), containing the active ingredients: Methyl and ethyl oleate (esterified vegetable oil).
- Navius FLEX Herbicide (Registration No. 30922), containing the active ingredients: Metsulfuron – methyl and Aminocyclopyrachlor.
- Gateway Adjuvant (Registration No. 31470), containing the active ingredients: Paraffinic Oil, and Alkoxylated alcohol non-ionic surfactants.

Anyone not wishing to have the roadside adjacent to their property treated for noxious weeds should contact Scott Price at the Township of Howick 519-335-3208 ext. 5.

Note: It is the responsibility of the property owner requesting no spray to contact the person listed above each calendar year prior to the application of weed spray. Property owners requesting no spray will be responsible for all noxious weeds on the road allowance adjacent to their property.

We are controlling noxious weeds under Public Works in accordance with the exception to the cosmetic pesticide ban in subsection 7.1 (2) of the Pesticides Act for the promotion of public health or safety.

Commencing **May 26, 2025**, weather permitting and ending approximately **June 30, 2025**.

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**HOWICK
BLOOMERS**

**MAY
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All of our favourite spring flowers are now at their best. One much loved old time favourite is lilac. These are long lived shrubs and can often be seen in hedgerows and close to the foundations of long abandoned buildings. The original lilacs were a pale lavender but lilacs are now available in a fairly wide range of colours, from pure white to dark purple. The lilacs pictured here show some of the varieties. Many lilacs also are fragrant. If you plan on picking a few branches to put in a vase indoors some people advise crushing the woody stem a bit so that the flowers will get water and last a little longer. Many of us just like to enjoy the whole mass of flowers on the bush.



Unless you plant a dwarf variety, which are now available, be aware that, left to grow without being pruned, lilacs can easily grow twelve feet high or more!

Howick Bloomers regret having to cancel their annual plant sale, however for unseen challenges meant that the Bloomers could not prepare enough high quality plants to sell.

The Bloomers next meeting will be on Monday June 9, 2pm at Howick Community Centre





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