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in Howick



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KICKING OFF THE Summer

This year's "Strawberry Summer Kick-Off" on June 21 at the Red Top Berries' strawberry patch featured the opportunity to cuddle a chick or bunny, photo minis, kid's craft, tattoo booth, yoga, BBQ lunch, gourmet popsicles, and more. The Fordwich Parks Board has now hosted this event for two years. Patch owner Arien Nagel mentioned it was a little stressful knowing whether the berries would be ready for picking on time this year. Thankfully there were plenty of juicy berries available.



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 the Gorrie Community Hall from 1-4pm.

HOWICK BLOOMERS MEETING, Mon. July 14 at 2pm at the Howick Community Centre.

KIDS DAY CAMP by Gorrie Bible Fellowship, July 28 - Aug. 1 at the Fordwich Ball Park. See page 12.

TRI-UMPH TRIATHLON - Mon. Aug. 4. Register by July 14. See page 5 for more info.

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

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WHEN LIFE IS HARD

Have you ever had it when you bought a new vehicle of a specific colour, let's say royal blue like my van, then all of a sudden you're seeing that same vehicle all over the place?

I'm having a similar experience lately, hearing about other young men who have died recently, often leaving behind their young children. It's heart-breaking and confusing and I'm not quite sure what to do or think about it. Maybe there's some comfort that we're not alone in our hard experiences. Our family is navigating all those 'firsts' without my brother-in-

law Marcel. Sometimes the memories or thoughts catch you off guard, or your kids bring up random questions about him or about death. These men leave such a hole in their families and their communities, touching more people than you may have realized otherwise. It doesn't always feel right, but we carry on. We try not to take life and the people around us for granted, but we'll still get frustrated by the little things, even when they don't really matter in the grand scheme of things.

I pray that if you've recently been dealt a hard hand and are grieving the loss of a loved one – know that you're not alone, whether by the people around you, or the God who loves you. May He be your strength when it feels too hard.

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TOWNSHIP NEWS



COUNCIL MEETING & HOLIDAY

Happy 158th Birthday Canada!!! The Howick Township Municipal Office and Howick Community Centre will be closed on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 in recognition of Canada Day. The Howick Optimist Pool is open on Canada Day!

The Township of Howick regular Council meeting for the month of July will take place on **Tuesday, July 15th at 7 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.

STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council and Township staff are excited to welcome Nicole Corley as the Deputy Treasurer to our team. Nicole comes to Howick Township with 6 years of municipal finance experience from the Township of Southgate. Be sure to say hi and welcome Nicole when you stop by the Township Office.

At the end of May, staff said reluctant goodbyes to Public Works Manager Jamie McCarthy as she accepted a new position with the Town of Hanover. We wish Jamie all the best in her new position, and we thank her for her time spent in Howick. We are very pleased to announce that Scott Price has assumed the position of Acting Manager of Public Works. If you have questions regarding Howick roads, curbside waste collection or the Howick Landfill, contact Scott directly at publicworks@howick.ca.

NEW 2025 CURBSIDE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE JULY 7, 2025

WEST SIDE FIRST MONDAY COLLECTION – July 7, 2025

EAST SIDE FIRST MONDAY COLLECTION – July 14, 2025

Township staff have been working towards a permanent solution for consistent curbside waste collection with Waste Management. To ensure consistent, reliable service, effective July 7, 2025, curbside collection for both waste and recycling will change to Mondays following the same biweekly rotation. This includes all Statutory Holiday Mondays (except Christmas Day and New Year's Day).

Waste carts and automated collection trucks are coming to Howick, with an anticipated delivery of Summer 2026. Watch for more information on this to come in early 2026.

NEW HOWICK LANDFILL OPERATING HOURS

With the change in curbside waste & recycling collection day, the Howick Landfill is also adjusting its operating hours. Beginning Monday, July 7, 2025, the Landfill will be open weekly on Mondays instead of Wednesdays.

NEW HOWICK LANDFILL HOURS

Open Mondays Year-Round: 9am-4pm

EXCLUDING Statutory Holidays

(curbside collection will still take place, Landfill will remain closed)

Saturday Winter Hours: Nov 1 - May 1: 9am-1pm

Saturday Summer Hours: May 2 - Oct 31: 9am-4pm

RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

SUMMER DAY CAMP!

School is OUT! 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.

HOWICK OPTIMIST POOL & OPTIMIST DONATION

The Howick Optimist Pool and Gorrie Splash Pad are officially open for the 2025 season!

Public Swimming Schedule:

Monday – Sunday 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Monday – Friday 7:00 PM – 8:10 PM

Admission Prices – Cash or Interac

Under 5 - FREE

Ages 5-17 \$4.50

Adult \$5.75

Family (up to 6 people) \$20.00

Season and Family Passes are also available to purchase.

Staff are excited to announce that the new waterslide at the Howick Optimist Pool is now installed and ready for fun! Just in time for summer, this new addition is sure to be a hit with swimmers of all ages.

A big heartfelt THANK YOU! To the Howick Optimist Club for the purchase of the slide and their continuous support for recreation for the entire Howick Community. Your generosity truly continues to make a lasting impact in the community for all of our children and young people.

Thank you to Rintoul's Pools for the expedited and flawless installation of the slide so it was able to be enjoyed on opening day.





BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Before & After School registration is now open for September 2025! 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/recreation/ 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.

TRI-UMPH TRIATHLON, SWIM - BIKE - RUN

The TRI-UMPH Triathlon is back again this year! Race day is Civic Holiday Monday August 4th at the Howick Optimist Pool and Gorrie Park, located at 2046 James Street. This event is open to youth age 6-17 years of age. For more information and registration details, please visit www.tri-umph.ca or email race@tri-umph.ca. All registration must be completed prior to race day. **Registration closes July 14th, 2025.**

PUBLIC WORKS

Spring gravel is arriving in the south end of the municipality and calcium will be applied directly after the gravel is laid. Roadside grass cutting has started in the south end of the municipality and we encourage all drivers to proceed with caution when approaching the tractor and mower on the side of the road.

A second Adopt-a-Road application has been submitted by Jamie Dick and his family. The application was approved by Public Works, and Malcolm Line between Orange Hill Road and Salem Road will soon have new signage. Thank you Jamie Dick and Family.

Adopt-a-Road applications can be submitted through our website.

Howick's Adopt-a-Road Program has been established as a public service program for volunteers to pick-up litter along municipal road right-of-ways. It is a way for environmentally conscious citizens, community and civic organizations, private businesses and industry to contribute to a cleaner and more beautiful Township roads system.

FINAL 2025 TAX BILLS

Final Tax Bills will be mailed out the third week of August, with installment due dates of September 19, 2025 and November 21, 2025. Property owners with any unpaid invoices as of August 1, 2025 will have these charges added to their property taxes including a transaction fee of \$25.00.

HOWICK LIBRARY

The 2025 TD **SUMMER READING CLUB** is here and the Huron County Library is super excited to welcome young readers back to the branches for a legendary summer! This exciting and educational program is **free** to readers aged 4-12 and runs in-person at all 12 Huron County Library branches from

June 30-Aug. 22. Registration is now open for this year's TD Summer

Reading Club! Please complete the registration form on the Huron County Library's website – found under Services- TD Summer Reading Program – scroll down to get to the registration form. Any questions please contact your local branch or email summerreading@huroncounty.ca

Tired of long wait times on popular books? The Huron County Library is thrilled to introduce

SKIP THE LINE, a new collection of popular titles that patrons can access more quickly. Visit any one of our 12 branches in person to find a selection of popular titles ready for taking. These books have a loan of 1 week.



POOL OUTREACH: July 4th and August 1 @ 12:00pm - 2:00 pm.

Visit us at the Gorrie Pool! We will have games and crafts, fun for the whole family!

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



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UPDATE

HOWICK CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

SUBMITTED BY PAUL MENARY, PRINCIPAL

June has been a very busy and exciting month here at Howick CPS, filled with memorable events and celebrations!

Throughout the month, students participated in various trips, excursions, and welcomed special guests, all of which added rich learning experiences and plenty of fun. Our Junior and Intermediate students proudly represented our school at Track and Field, while our Primary students enjoyed a fantastic Track and Play Day full of energy and smiles.

We also hosted a Bike Rodeo run by our local Optimist Club, promoting bike safety and skill-building. A big highlight was our Electives Day for students in Grades 3–8, which was organized by our amazing staff and spearheaded by Ms. Kaufman. Students had the chance to explore new interests in a day full of creativity and excitement.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

We are excited to celebrate our Grade 8 students on June 25th as they prepare to graduate and move on to high school. We are incredibly proud of them and wish them the very best in this new chapter!

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

As the year comes to a close, we are also saying goodbye to some incredible staff members who are moving on to new opportunities. We extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to:

Ms. Weatherup, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Whitmore, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Kuehl-Schaefer, Ms. Walters, Mrs. Cousteils, and Mr. Ramnarine. You will all be greatly missed!

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM!

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Smith to our school community and look forward to the wonderful contributions she will bring.

A SPECIAL RETIREMENT

After years of dedicated service, we are celebrating the retirement of our beloved secretary, Mrs. Kaufman-Binkley. Her warmth, organization, and unwavering support have been a cornerstone of our school. We wish her all the best in this exciting new chapter — you will be deeply missed!

Thank you to our students, families, and staff for a fantastic school year. Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing, and joyful summer!

Warm regards,

Paul Menary

Principal Howick Central Public School



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.

WROXETER HALL NEWS



PHOTOS BY LIZ ALLAN

The Coffee Shop is open Monday to Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.. Come and enjoy a coffee!!

The Wroxeter Hall Board members thank all who came and supported the 13th Annual Fish Fry on Friday, June 13th.

Thank you goes to The Brussels Legion for hosting the Fish Fry. Delicious!

June 20th Pub Night was also a great meal. Thanks goes to everyone who came.

Ladies Night has been changed to Monday evenings for the summer months. Aquafit is taking place at the Gorrie Pool.

Pool Nights are Wednesday and Friday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m.. Come for a game of pool or a drink.

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Mapleland Valley **camera CLUB**

The June 5th meeting was held in the Brussels Library. Erica Smith presented information on the judging competition for 4-H Clubs. Each category was discussed for judging points. Thank you Erica.

Members are working on their photos for the 2026 calendar. Theme is "The Colours of Southwest Ontario."

June 19th meeting was at Shirley Kock's place. River Bend Gardens, a great place to take photos of flowers, especially hostas. We thank Shirley for having our group at her place.

The scavenger hunt lists were given to the members. Photos will be taken in July and shared at a meeting on a later date. Game On!!

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



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ATTACHMENTS

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Pallet Fork

Concrete Breaker

Hydraulic Rake

Post Hole Auger

4 Foot Trencher



**HOWICK
BLOOMERS**

**JUNE
UPDATE**



As the old song says, "June is busting out all over". Definitely true in most gardens where many plants are at the peak of their flowering. Irises are no exception. There are several forms of iris.

Dutch iris, the creamy white pictured iris, are grown from bulbs and often used by florists, especially in Europe. Like all iris they come in a wide range of colours.



Siberian iris do well when planted in a fairly shady spot where the soil is usually moist. The Siberian iris pictured here are growing in a corner between a wall and a yew tree.

German iris are probably the variety most people are familiar with. They come in a wide variety of colours and colour combinations. Grown from rhizomes planted only partly in the soil they are hardy and eye catching. Left alone they form a sizeable clump of strong sword shaped leaves that add visual interest in the garden even when they are not in bloom.

Howick Bloomers will be meeting Monday, July 14 at 2 pm in the library meeting room. Plans are underway for several upcoming events.





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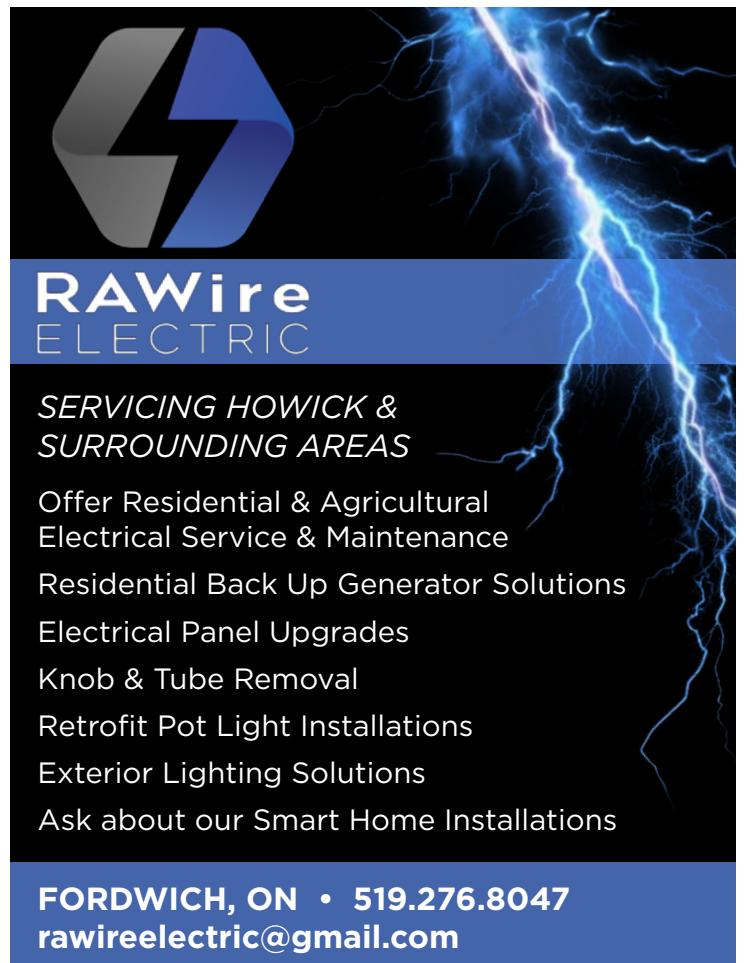
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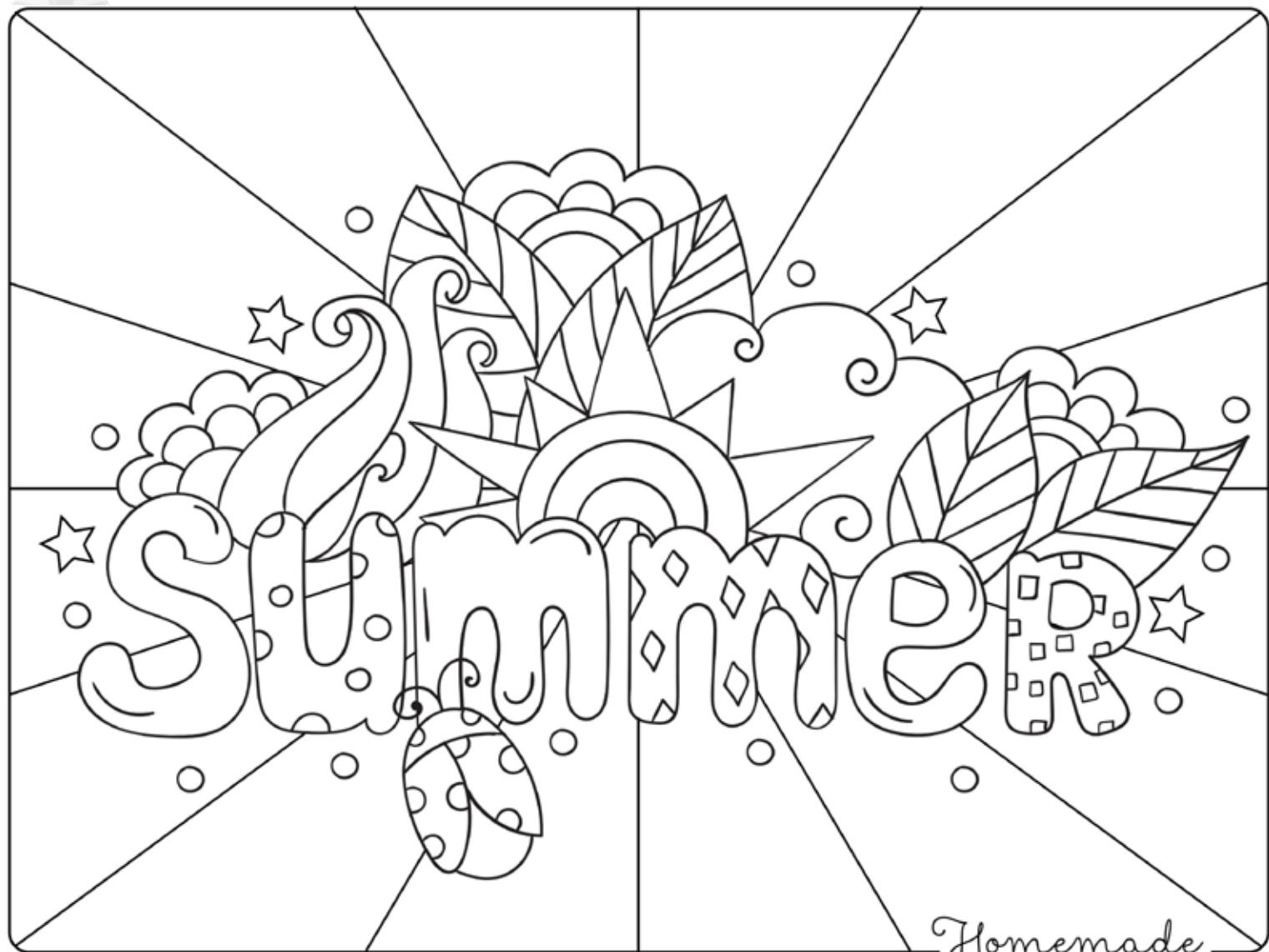


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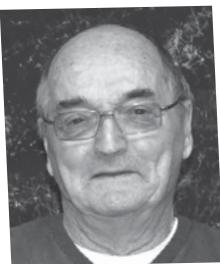


WOOD, David Emmanuel of Waterloo passed away suddenly on Saturday, May 31, 2025, in his 29th year. Son of Caroline & Stephen Wood of Gorrie. Brother of Joshua & Kayla Wood of Kamloops, BC, Vanessa & Brian Banman of Port Burwell, Stephanie Wood of Abbotsford, BC, Benjamin Wood of Wingham, Susanna & Andrew Rolston of Cambridge, Daniel Wood of Waterloo, Abby Wood of Mildmay, Hannah Wood of Mildmay, and Joseph Wood of Gorrie, and uncle of Lucius, Wolfgang, and Elijah. Grandson of Helen Wood of Midland, and Raymonde Dumoulin of Nicolet, QC. David's name means 'beloved'. He was a gentle, smart, caring and beloved soul. Always quick to see the funny side of things, he loved the outdoors, a good steak and a good book. He will be sorely missed by many. A funeral service was held at Crossroads Church, Harriston on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Memorial donations Teen Challenge would be appreciated, and may be made through the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston. Online condolences may be left at www.hardyleefuneralhome.com



WRIGHT, Matthew - As the result of a motorcycle accident on Thursday, June 12, 2025, Matthew Wright of Belmore passed away at the age of 29. Dearly loved son of Steve & Christine Wright. Cherished brother of Kyra Wright & Sheldon McGlynn, Karling Wright & Isaac Yoder and Sierra Wright & Mitch Borth. Partner of Shelby Currie and their children Brody, Maeve and

a third baby set to arrive this summer. Special grandson of Janice Wright and Eileen Beninger. Matthew will be lovingly remembered by his many aunts, uncles, cousins and co-workers. He is predeceased by his grandfathers Graham Wright and Gregory Beninger and aunt Donna Beninger. A casual come and go Celebration of Matthew's Life was held on Sunday, June 15th, 2025 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Belmore Community Centre. A private family interment will take place at McIntosh Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the North Huron Foodshare or the McIntosh United Church would be appreciated by the family.



LOCKIE, David Edward (1939-2025) passed away peacefully at Royal Terrace residence after a brave struggle with complications from beating cancer. Dave met the love of his life and married Joyce in 1963 and together they raised 5 children, Brenda, Coral, Margaret, Charlotte, and Stewart. Dave was a devoted loving husband and father and a trusted friend. Known

for his infectious smile, kind words, engaging conversations, and generosity, Dave was actively involved in his community supporting the church and social events. Dave always loved music and to sing and dance, enjoyed sports, played hockey and baseball, coaching the latter. Dave had a passion for gardening and was an exceptional handy man – he could repair just about anything. Dave was a great outdoorsman, loved to hunt and fish or just enjoy a walk through the bush, especially in Algonquin. Dave and Joyce loved to camp together and travel. They travelled together in the USA, across Canada and went on their dream trip to Alaska. Dave is survived by his wife of 62 years, Joyce; his children Brenda (Todd), Coral, Margaret (Jason), Charlotte (Cleon), Stewart (Denise); and his grandchildren, Melissa, Chantelle, Mitchell, Alex, Adam, Shayla, Aspen, Allison, Hunter, Nicole; his great grandchildren Ayden, Lyra, Sierra, and Wyatt. Dave is also survived by his only brother Bill (Marilyn). Dave was predeceased by his parents, Stewart and Ruth Lockie and his son-in-law Gord. A private service was held for immediate family at the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel on Saturday June 14, 2025. Memorial donations to Listowel Memorial Hospital or the Palmerston Hospital would be welcomed. Online condolences at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca

Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give you.
I do not give to you
as the world gives.

Do not let your
hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.

JOHN 14:27

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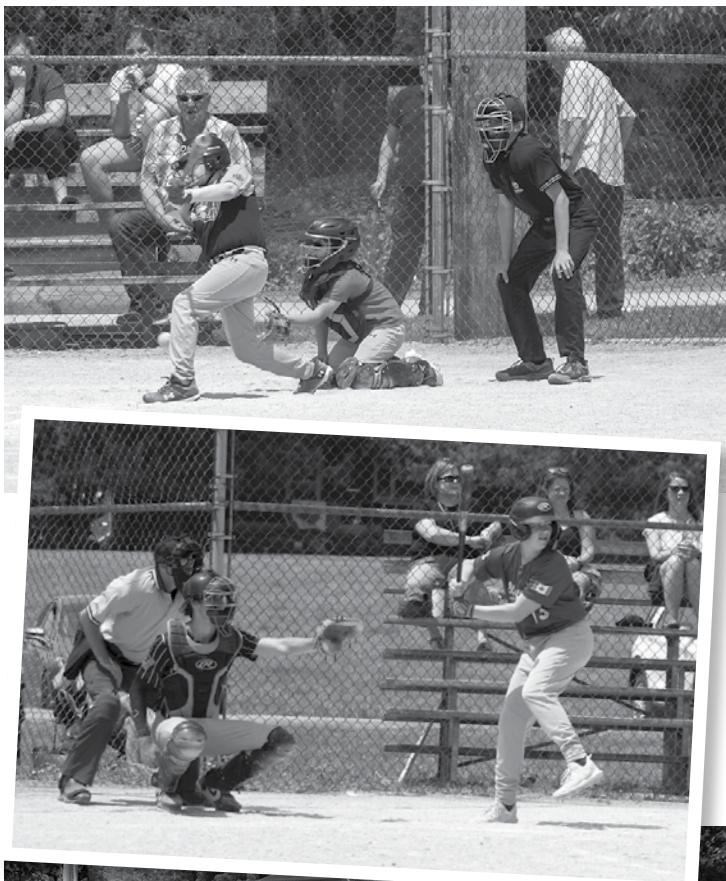
Facebook: "Fordwich BIC Community Church"



HAWKS HOST annual minor ball tournament

On Saturday, July 14, the Howick Hawks hosted their annual Minor Baseball Tournament at the Fordwich and Gorrie Ball Diamonds. Howick played against teams from Mildmay, Walkerton and Listowel. Food was available from KC's Streeteats, and there was a raffle table and bar available.

Photos by Liz Allan



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SAT. FEBRUARY 14
2026

HOWICK FAMILY FESTIVAL

The Howick Family Festival, formerly Howick Festival Lights, have moved their event to Family Day weekend Saturday Feb. 14, 2026.

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There will be free skating, local hockey games, outdoor activities, fireworks and more. Watch out for more details to follow and get in on our draw for a 2025 UForce 600 UTV (see back page for details)



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effective July 7, 2025.

Curbside collection will
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holidays excluding
Christmas Day and New
Years Day. The Landfill
will be closed on
Statutory Holidays.

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The Howick Township Landfill will no
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Family
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