

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

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in Howick



## FROM START TO FINISH

The "Come Sew With Us" season has come to a close. On April 21, participants met for the last time at the Howick Community Centre. They spent some time working on their various projects, and also sharing some completed works.

Photos by Liz Allan



Community  
Calendar



**HOWICK FIRE FIGHTERS BREAKFAST**, Sun. May 4, 8am-12pm at the Gorrie Fire Station.

**ALMOST FAMOUS PLAYERS** present "Born This Way" May 4, 6 & 8 at the Wingham Town Hall Theatre. See page 7.

**BINGO NIGHT** - 7pm on May 7 at the Howick Community Centre. See page 8.

**GREAT DUCK RACE** at Fordwich River Park on Sat. May 10, 11am. See page 6.

**EUCHRE & POOL TOURNAMENT** at the Wroxeter Hall on Sunday, May 11 at 1pm. \$5. Lunch provided.

**HOWICK OPTIMIST DRIVE-THRU BEEF DINNER** on Fri. May 23 from 5-7pm at the Howick Community Centre. See page 7.

**HOWICK BLOOMERS PLANT SALE** - Sat. May 31 at the Howick Community Centre from 9am - noon.

**JUNIOR YOUTH** - The first Thursday of every month at Gorrie Bible Fellowship at 6:45pm for youth ages 10-14.

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

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

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This spring has felt a little slow in coming. The snow took a little longer to melt away, partly due to the

quantity we received, and partly from fewer warm days so far. But when the temperatures are reaching over twenty degrees and the kids start playing in the kiddie pool, you know spring has arrived. The blooming daffodils brighten the landscape, highlighted against the grass as it turns a vibrant green. I love spring. At least once everything looks, smells and feels fresh. We're waking up after a long, classic winter, and it feels good. Now I need to remember to pace myself as soccer season begins and I want to get planting things in the garden, and clean the house, and tackle other things on the honey-do list... Slow is often a good pace to keep things manageable and to take time to breathe and enjoy the moments that make up our days. (Before we know it, the snow will be back :P)

*Angie Koerssen*



Deadline for the next issue is May 20.

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where you are."*

— THEODORE ROOSEVELT

## COUNCIL MEETING & HOLIDAY

The Township of Howick regular Council meeting for the month of May will take place Tuesday, May 13th at 9 a.m. at the Township Municipal Office. Regular Council meetings are open to the public.

The Township Office will be closed for Victoria Day on Monday, May 19th, 2025 and re-opening on Tuesday May 20th, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

## STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council and Township staff are excited to welcome former Administrative Assistant, Alana Dick has accepted the new position of Deputy Clerk/Communications Coordinator and has started her new role within the Township. We are so honored to have Alana grow within the Township.

We also welcome Scott Price, who will be overseeing the Public Works department as a supervisor. Scott brings with him 25+ years experience and knowledge of Public Works and dedication.

We look forward to what great assets they both bring to our team as well as to our community.

## HOWICK FIREFIGHTERS BREAKFAST

The spring Firefighter's Breakfast is Scheduled for Sunday, May 4, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Gorrie Fire Hall. This delicious breakfast features pancakes, sausage, eggs, bacon, hashbrowns, toast, hot and cold drinks. Donations are gratefully accepted and will benefit the Howick Township Fire Department.

## THE GREAT DUCK RACE

Be sure to join the Fordwich Park Board on Saturday May 10th starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Fordwich River Park located on Arther Street. Tickets are \$10 per ticket and can be purchased from Bare Necessities or any Parks Boards Committee Members. Cash prizes for the first, second, third and last duck. Stick around following the race for a donation BBQ. Lots of fun to be had at the Great Duck Race!!!!

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The next property tax installment due date is May 23, 2025. Payments can be made at the municipal office by cash, cheque or debit. If paying through Online Banking, please add HOWICK TOWNSHIP TAX as a payee account using your

property roll number as the account number. You can also pay by Credit Card, Interac or E-transfer through the Pay Simply link on our website [www.howick.ca](http://www.howick.ca) (a transaction fee applies). For after hours, please use the mail slot located at the front door of the Township Office.

The 2025 Budget has been passed, with an amount to be raised through taxation of \$4,697,132.71. This equates to a municipal tax rate increase of 5.439% plus a 2% capital levy. For the average assessed home in Howick, with an assessment of 210,000, this will mean an increase in municipal tax portion of \$136 for the year 2025. The 2025 Capital Projects include: Fire Equipment, Fire Hall generator, Public Works F450, Wood Chipper, Replacement of Box Culvert #32 on Gorrie Line, Pool Heater and Phase 1 of our Landfill Improvement Project.

## Where your Municipal tax dollars go



- \$30 Roads and Transportation
- \$21 Capital Contributions
- \$16 Police, Fire & Protective Services
- \$12 Recreation, Parks & Facilities
- \$12 General Government & Administration
- \$8 Waste & Recycling
- \$1 Planning & Development

## RECREATION:

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

The Recreation Department is once again offering our Summer Day Camp programs for ages 4-10. Participants will enjoy outdoor play, crafts, treasure hunts, storytelling, movie days, games, themed activities and new friendships throughout July and August at the Howick Community Centre. Registration is available through the Township of Howick website, [www.howick.ca](http://www.howick.ca).

Public Group Lessons and Private Lessons are available again for the 2025 season at the Howick Optimist Pool. A full Swimming Lesson Schedule can be found on the website [www.howick.ca](http://www.howick.ca). To inquire or book private swim lessons contact 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.

## HOWICK-TURNBERRY ROAD CONSTRUCTION

The County of Huron will be starting construction on County Road 7 (Howick-Turnberry Road) Between County Road 4 (London Road) and County Road 30 (Fordwich Line) April 24th with culvert work and paving operations anticipated to begin after May 20th. Please visit [connectedcountyofhuron.ca](http://connectedcountyofhuron.ca) for additional information.



## HOWICK LANDFILL

Spring is here and summer is upon us and with that comes the 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.

Brush, leaves and yard waste are accepted at the Howick Landfill at no charge.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING COLLECTION

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. All contents must be visible to curbside collection employees and landfill staff, with the exception of one personal bag within the clear bag. Black bags and un-tagged bags that are left at the curbside will not be picked up by Waste Management. All materials must be properly sorted and at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your designated collection day to ensure pick-up. Waste Management can change their scheduled route each week. If your garbage/recycling is missed be sure to contact Waste Management directly at 1-888-730-3344.

## GORRIE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority will be implementing the Naturalization and Grass Maintenance of the Gorrie Conservation Authority property. Howick Township Council has decided to cease grass cutting and maintenance responsibilities on the north side of the Gorrie Conservation Authority property as this area is not owned by the township. Township staff will only be cutting a buffer strip on either side of the Gorrie Walking Trail in 2025. Contact Maitland Valley Conservation Authority directly if you have any questions or concerns.

## CANINE CONTROL

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.

# HOWICK LIBRARY

Spring into new reads at the Huron County Library! Did you know we have 12 library branches located throughout Huron County? Our branches provide the community with inviting and accessible facilities, engaging virtual spaces, comprehensive collections, and user-friendly technology. Library staff are welcoming and knowledgeable, and work hard to provide innovative services and programs that contribute to overall community vitality. Visit a branch near you to learn more!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday May 2:** 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!

Howick will have the library **Cricut machine in May**. If you are interested in using it, please let us know!

\*You will have to complete a short certification course prior. Suitable for those 13+.

**In Branch Scavenger Hunt:**  
Fun for the whole family.  
During library open hours.

The library will be **CLOSED** on the following dates in May:

**Monday May 19th**  
for Victoria Day

**Monday May 26th for**  
Staff Development Day



**"If we had no winter,  
the spring would not be  
so pleasant."**

ANNE BRADSTREET

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11 AM  
MAY 10  
2025

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Look for more information about these great Fordwich Parks Board events on social media or contact any member for details!

MAY 10	THE GREAT DUCK RACE 11 AM FORDWICH RIVER PARK
JUNE 6	BALL PARK NIGHT
JUNE 21	3RD ANNUAL STRAWBERRY KID'S DAY AT RED TOP BERRIES 6942 LINE 87, LISTOWEL
SEPT 12	BALL PARK BINGO

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## GORRIE HALL BOARD

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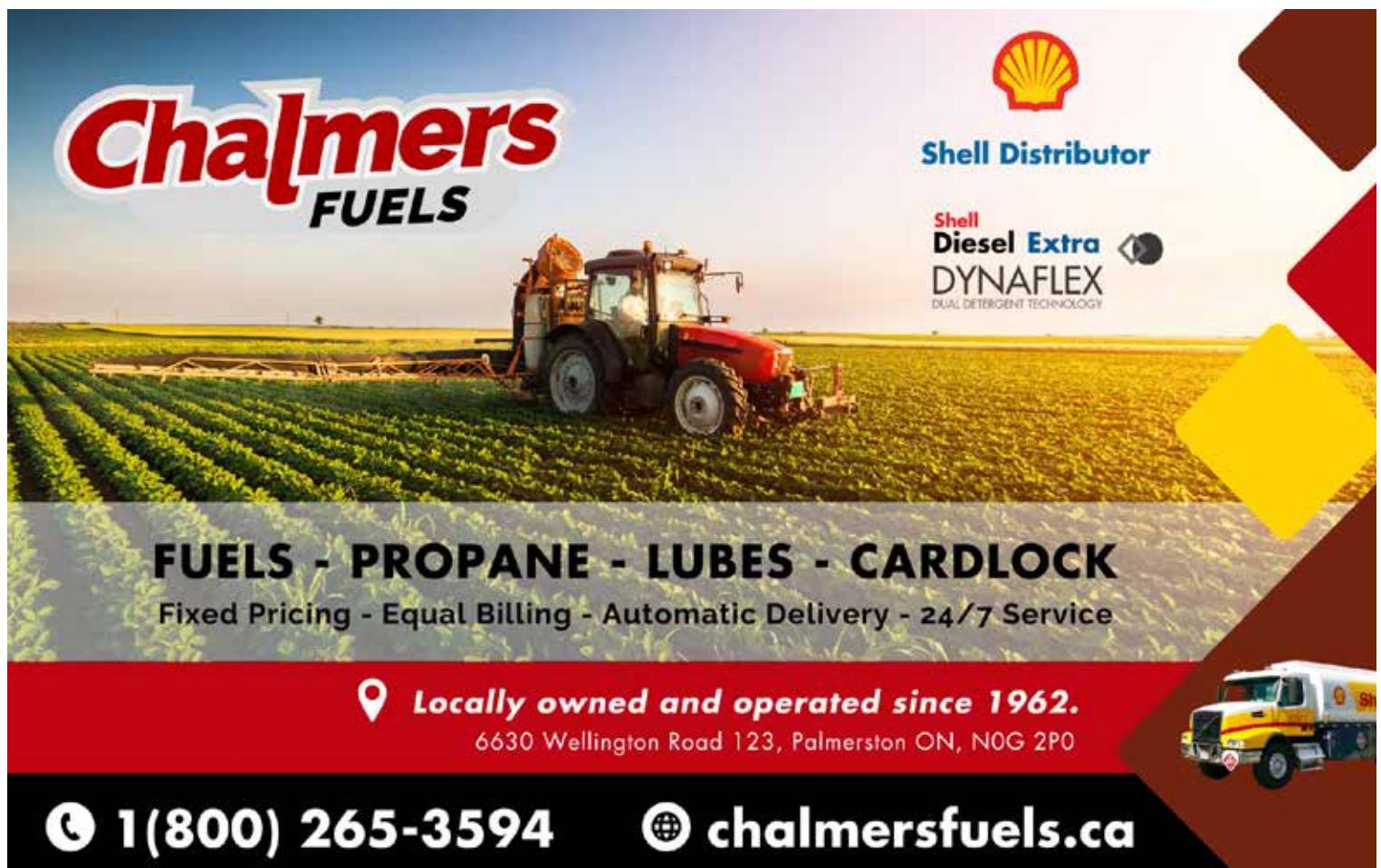
We welcome new members interested  
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**The Huron Hellcats have made their yearly donation. This donation was made to the Howick Township and Community Centre of \$800 for arena upgrades. Thank you everyone for your support.**



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# BINGO NIGHT

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## WROXETER HALL NEWS



The Wroxeter Hall is open for coffee every morning Monday to Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Community Service Hours are available at the hall. Please call Carol at 519-335-3245 or Mary Jane at 519-335-3893 for more information.

On **Sunday, May 11** a Euchre and Pool Tournament is being held at the hall. Games will start at 1:00 p.m.. Cost is \$5.00. Lunch is provided. Everyone is welcome.

Enjoy a game of pool, Wednesday and Friday nights are pool nights.

Ladies Nights are held at the hall on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m..

To book the hall for your special event contact Carol.



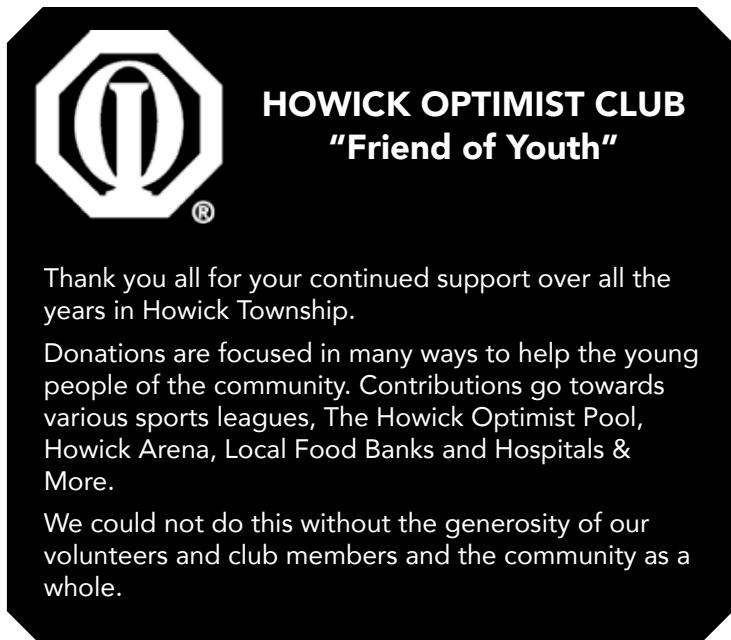
## \$10,000 ANONYMOUS DONATION SUPPORTS IMAGINATION LIBRARY IN HOWICK

The Howick Optimist Club recently received a generous \$10,000 donation from an anonymous donor to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library — a program that provides free books to children from birth to age five.

This contribution will help keep the program running strong in our community, getting more books into the hands of local kids.

The club extends a heartfelt thank-you to the donors for their incredible support of youth in our community.

*Pictured are Club President Ben and Optimist member Marvin with the cheque representing the donation.*



**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.



## *Maitland Valley* **camera CLUB**

April 4th meeting was held at the Brussels Library at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting members viewed their Winter Challenge photos. There was an introduction to multiple exposure photography. Many practiced with some props. A fun technique.

The Anglican Church in Seaforth asked the club to take some photos of their stained glass windows. Photos were taken on Friday, April 11th and Monday April 14th.

The April 17th meeting was on Studio Portrait Photography. A very interesting evening taking each others photos.

On Saturday April 26th, the club will travel to Hullett Conservation to take photos of wildlife and birds. The group is looking forward to this outing.

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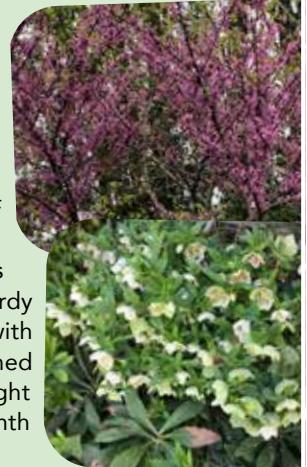


**HOWICK  
BLOOMERS**

**APRIL  
UPDATE**

'Even the bitterest winter contains the seeds of spring' so wrote the playwright in The Winters Tale.

This winter has seemed very long and gardeners are anxiously watching for signs of spring knowing that, as the playwright penned, the seeds of spring are getting ready to appear. Crocuses, grape hyacinths, daffodils and tulips are already growing sturdy leaves that will soon be followed with flowers. These plants have remained dormant underground until the right conditions, light water and warmth stimulate their growth.





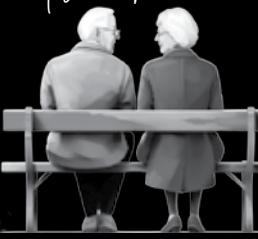
The Belmore Maple Syrup Festival put on their 55th event on April 10 and 12. Large crowds enjoyed pancakes with fresh syrup, as well as other vendors, live music, and kids activities.



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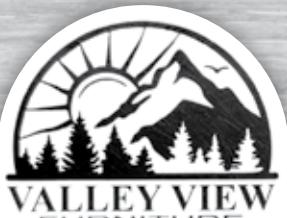
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**MATTHEW 6:25-34**



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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



**HEIBEIN, Joyce (née Palmer).** May 3, 1935 – April 12, 2025 At Huronlea Home in Brussels, Ontario, on Saturday, April 12, 2025, Joyce Heibein, formerly of Leamington and London, Ontario, passed away at the age of 89 due to complications from vascular dementia. Joyce was the beloved mother of Kevin Heibein of Horseshoe Valley; Heather and Dave Robertson of Gorrie; Holly

Heibein of Vancouver; and Pamela and Steve Place of Questa, New Mexico. She was a proud and loving grandmother to Alyssa and Matt Van Wyk, Dustin Robertson, and William Place, and a joyful great-grandmother to Ryder and Ellery Van Wyk. Joyce was also a caring aunt to Ron and Joe (Rose) Palmer. She was predeceased by her parents, Ione and Bruce Palmer; her brother Deane Palmer; and sister-in-law Theresa Palmer. Born in May 1935 in Cottam, Ontario, Joyce grew up on a farm just outside Leamington alongside her older brother Deane. When the Great Depression forced the family to give up their farm, they moved into Leamington where her parents worked at the H.J. Heinz factory. These early years gave Joyce a deep well of strength, modesty, and practicality that would shape her life. After graduating from high school, Joyce moved to Windsor where she worked at Chrysler's, including a rare cross-border assignment in Detroit. Through a mutual friend, she met Bill Heibein, whom she married in 1966. Together they raised their family Kevin, Heather, Holly, and Pamela—first in London and later in North Bay, Ontario, where they lived until 1986. While raising a bustling household, Joyce found joy in the small things: Bridge games with neighbours, hand-stitched quilts, involvement with the United Church and Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT), and evenings filled with card games like Euchre, Rummoli, and Crokinole. She always had a love for music, which found an outlet when she joined the Baytones women's barbershop-style chorus in North Bay, singing bass and sharing in the warmth of community harmonies. Joyce and Bill also shared a passion for restoring antique furniture and nurturing a flourishing garden. Joyce's lifelong curiosity and love for

travel led her to a career as a travel agent once her daughters were school-aged. She delighted in "fam" trips to destinations like Europe, Thailand, and the Caribbean, and she was known for organizing fun and well-planned theatre outings to Toronto to see Mirvish performances and enjoy the buzz of the "big city." When she finally became an "empty nester," Joyce took full advantage of her independence and her home's proximity to Western University. She participated in a house swap with a visiting professor and his partner from Ireland. While they spent a year in her home in London, Joyce lived in their home in Belfast—an experience that became a lifelong highlight for all involved. Her new Irish friends loved Canada so much that they eventually emigrated, a testament to Joyce's warmth and hospitality. After retiring, Joyce relocated to Leamington to be closer to her ailing brother Deane and to reconnect with her childhood hometown. She embraced her return to the area with her trademark zest, hosting family and friends and planning countless outings to Point Pelee National Park and Pelee Island. When Joyce's health began to decline during the COVID-19 pandemic, she moved to Livingstone Manor in Listowel to be nearer to family. As her needs progressed, she transferred to Huronlea Home in Brussels, where she received exceptional care. Her family is profoundly grateful to the compassionate staff at both Livingstone Manor and Huronlea for their kindness and dignity in caring for Joyce as her memory faded. A Celebration of Joyce's Life was held at Howick Community Centre (45088 Harriston Road) on Saturday, April 19th, 2025 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. In accordance with her final wishes, she will be laid to rest at the feet of her mother, Mrs. Ione Robinson (née Palmer, née Campbell), in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery, Leamington. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Alzheimer Society Huron Perth, or to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Portrait and memorial online at [www.tiffinfuneralhome.ca](http://www.tiffinfuneralhome.ca)



**STRONG, Donna (Arthurs)** of R.R. 2, Gorrie passed away at Fordwich Village Nursing Home on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, in her 92nd year. She was predeceased by her husband Stewart Strong, her parents Earling and Vera Arthurs, brother Ross Arthurs, sisters and brothers-in-law Ilene and Art Davie, and June and Walter Lantz, nephew Jeff Davie, and by Stewart's parents Hartwell and Alberta Strong. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter Donna Marie and Roland Bennett, and her sons Robert and Lorraine Strong, and Tom Strong. Special Grandma to 9 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and awaiting the arrival of one great-grandchild and one great-great-grandchild. The funeral service was held at the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston on Monday, April 21st at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to service. Interment in Gorrie Cemetery. Memorial donations to Fordwich Village Nursing Home Resident's Council would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at [www.hardyleefuneralhome.com](http://hardyleefuneralhome.com)



**BELL, Marie Agnes (Telfer).** It is with great sadness that the family of Marie Agnes (Telfer) Bell of Milverton announce her passing on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at the age of 75. Marie will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 56 years, Norman Bell, her children Shelley & Paul Bonnema of Listowel, Nadine & Jeff Hansen of Barrie, and Jamie Bell & Laura Warlow

of Gorrie, her grandchildren Sherise & Tyler Siefert, Kurtis Rybicki, Adam Hansen, and Drew Hansen, and her great-grandchildren Brycen, Brielle, and Jayke. Remembered also by numerous other family members and friends. Predeceased by her parents Stanley & Elsie (Houck) Telfer, 5 sisters, 4 brothers, and by her great-grandson Ryker Siefert. Visitation was held at the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel, on Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The interment and committal service was held on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery, Listowel. Memorial donations to MS Society or Knollcrest Lodge Residents' Fund would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at [www.eatonfuneralhome.ca](http://www.eatonfuneralhome.ca)



**BORRMANN, Mark.** At Wingham & District Hospital on Thursday, April 10th, 2025, Mark Borrmann of Wingham, went home to be with his Lord and Saviour at the age of 58 after a courageous battle with cancer. Loving husband of Patti (Cleave) Borrmann for almost 40 years. Devoted father of Adrian Borrmann & Jon Mackereth of Edmonton, Ashley & Ethan Woodfield

of London, Brady Borrmann of Vancouver, and Brock Borrmann of Windsor. Cherished "Macabah" (grandpa) of Anna, Eric, Elsie, Elene, and a little one set to arrive in the fall. Dear son of Helene Borrmann of Bluevale and brother of Petra & John Vezza of Waterloo. Brother-in-law of Susan & Stuart Foy of Wingham, Cindy & Shawn Stump of Ohio and Suzanne Borrmann of Wroxeter. Mark will be lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews as well as by Eleanor Cleave and her children. Predeceased by his father Heinz Borrmann, brothers Steven and Frank Borrmann, and parents-in-law Eric & Kathleen Cleave. Mark was known for his strong work ethic, hearty laugh, and servant's heart which was lived out in his dedication to his family, church and community. He began his working career as a mechanic, but at age 28 switched gears and started his 30 year career working as a paramedic for Huron County EMS. Much of his life was spent simultaneously working several jobs to provide for his family and volunteering many hours at his beloved local church. He was passionate about ham radio (call sign VA3 EMT), his techy projects, and his 36' 1989 Xplorer 440 motorhome. Most of all Mark was passionate about his Saviour, Jesus Christ. His life and servant's heart was a testament to his relationship with Jesus and his desire to live out his faith in all that he did. The family would like to thank the dedicated doctors and nurses at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Toronto, as well as the wonderful staff at the Wingham and District Hospital. Your compassion made this difficult journey a little easier. Visitation was held at McBurney Funeral Home, Wingham on Wednesday, April 16th, 2025 from 2:00-4:00 & 6:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral service was held at the Wingham Baptist Church on Thursday, April 17th, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. with reception to follow in the church basement. The funeral will be live-streamed, [click here](#) to view the service. Interment will take place at Wingham Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Wingham Baptist Church or Creation Ministries International would be appreciated by the family.



**CANE, Bill.** William 'Bill' Cane Jr. passed away at Fordwich Village Nursing Home on Monday, April 7, 2025, in his 63rd year. Son of the late Bill and Joan Cane of Gorrie. Brother of Helen Cane Kestner and John Kestner of Gorrie, and uncle to Josh Kestner and Hannah Risidore of Gorrie, and Joelle Kestner of Mount Forest. Born with Cerebral Palsy, Bill never let his

physical challenges define him. As a child, he was named an Easter Seals Timmy and proudly supported the organization throughout his life. Bill's journey took him from Ontario to California in 1970, where he lived with his devoted Aunt Mollee, a nurse who worked tirelessly to support him. He returned to Canada in 1978 and later settled in Toronto, where he learned to live independently. With the support of Participation Lodge, he eventually moved to Hanover, a place he called home for nearly 30 years. In Hanover, Bill became an active member of the Salvation Army Church, forming lasting friendships, especially with Sheri and Bruce. Bill was known for his love of history, classic rock, and television, but above all, for his sharp wit and gift of gab. He had an incredible ability to connect with others and made friends wherever he went. In his later years, Bill lived at Rockwood Terrace in Durham and then Fordwich Village Nursing Home, where he continued to share his warmth and humour with those around him. Returning to the area he once called home brought him great joy, especially being closer to family. Bill's spirit, humour, and heart will be remembered by all who knew him. A family graveside service will be held at Gorrie Cemetery. Memorial donations to Hanover Salvation Army would be appreciated, and may be made through the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston Online condolences may be left at [www.hardyleefuneralhome.com](http://www.hardyleefuneralhome.com)

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

MATTHEW 11:28-29

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