

WHAT'S HAPPENING *in Howick*

THE SEASON OF LIGHT

Thanks, once again, to all who helped with our 2nd Annual Festival of Lights. To **SANTA**, for making a surprise visit getting the kids wish lists and handing out candy bags. Thanks also for stopping to see our seniors at the Fordwich Nursing Home. All eyes were on Santa. Thanks to our **FIREMEN** for bringing out the trucks with lights flashing, making it look very festive and keeping traffic slowed down. Thanks to **BRADY AND HIS STAFF** for all their help this week getting the arena ready for the event. To **STEPH, JUSTINE AND STACEE** for all the fun crafts and movies, keeping the kids busy with such fun events. To our Paw Patrol friends **TAYLOR AND KENNEDY** – thanks for making the kids in awe of your appearance throughout the afternoon. A big shout out to **SHAWN AND SARA MCCANN** for the use of the costumes. They were amazing. To **PAIGE'S FACE PAINTING**, you were once again an amazing hit with the kids. To **LIZ ALLAN** for all the wonderful pictures taken of our event. To the **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** for the amazing bake sale. Lots of goodies to chose from. To **WATSON'S HOME HARDWARE** for the popcorn machine and popcorn provided – kids loved it watching their movie, as well as the young at heart. To our **VILLAGE MANAGEMENT** for the extra lights set outside and for another amazing fireworks display – it was enjoyed by all. A big thanks to **HOWICK OPTIMIST CLUB** for another amazing Wing Night, thanks also to all your young helpers who provided you with extra help. Our Howick youth benefit so much from our Optimist Club and we truly appreciate all you do for our community. Lastly, thanks to **ALL OF YOU** who came out and enjoyed our Festival of Lights. It's great the Township sponsors such an amazing event.

FROM THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS COMMITTEE



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the thrill of hope

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So let us wait with hope. Hope for a new day, where there is no more pain or sorrow and the world is no longer weary, but alive and free.

Blessings to you this
Christmas season.
See you in 2024!

Angie
Koerssen



Deadline for the next issue is December 20.

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HOWICK LIBRARY

"BOOK CLUB"

Join us on Saturday
December 2nd from 9:30-10:30am for a talk about
Crow Lake (by Mary Lawson). Can't make it that day? Pop in and tell us what you thought of the book!

HELP DECORATE OUR WINDOW!

This winter we'll be offering simple seasonal crafts at the program table. Make one for the library and another one to take home!

Remember we have new books, movies and more arriving weekly. If we don't have it here, we might be able to order it from one of our other 11 branches.

Have a very safe and happy holiday season, and don't forget to pop in to Howick Library to get a good book to snuggle up with.

December Announcements

FROM THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

**Christmas now surrounds us, happiness is everywhere.
Our hands are busy with many tasks as carols fill the air.**

– SHIRLEY SALLAY



Merry Christmas from Council and Staff at the Township of Howick!

However you choose to celebrate the festive season, we want to extend our best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy holidays season spent with family and friends and all the best in 2024!

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Township Office will be closed for the 2023 Holiday Season from **Friday December 22, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. and will re-open on January 2, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.** There is a mail slot located to the right of the front entrance for your convenience if you need it outside of our regular business hours.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next council meetings are scheduled for **December 5th at 9:00 a.m. and December 19th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at the Township Office, 44816 Harriston Road Gorrie.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024

We are moving to a three-week Council Schedule for 2024. The 2024 Schedule of Regular Council meetings can be found on our website www.howick.ca under Township Services/ Council. Printed copies are also available at the Township Office. We will be holding Council meetings every third week and alternating between 9:00a.m. and 7:00p.m. meetings.

CHRISTMAS COLOURING CONTEST

There are still a few days left to get your Christmas Colouring Contest pages submitted! Deadline for submission is **Monday, December 4th**. Winners will be announced December 6th on the Township's Facebook Page and Instagram Account. Completed pages can be dropped off at the Howick Community Centre, Township Office or emailed to reception@howick.ca.

BY-LAW

The Township of Howick restricts on-street parking to provide safe snow removal and emergency services to Township residents. Per the Traffic and Parking By-Law No. 05-2021, parking on any street, road allowance, or right-of-way is prohibited between the hours of **1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. from November 1st to March 31st**. Applicable fines will

Thank You

A huge "Thank you" to Council, Staff and the Residents of Howick for the amazing experiences I gained while working for the Township. Thanks to all of you who took the time to help me celebrate with gifts, cards, phone calls and dropping by for a farewell visit – it was much appreciated and very touching. I have many fond memories of my time here and not to mention all the great people I have gotten to know so well. I have seen lots of exciting advancements over the years, and with that I'd like to wish the township continued growth and success in the years ahead.

They tell me Retirement is one of life's greatest joys – I am truly looking forward to it!

Many Thanks!

Brenda Weishar

apply and vehicles impeding snow removal may be towed away at the owner's expense.

WORKS DEPARTMENT

Fall grading has been completed and we are patiently awaiting the snow to arrive.

Under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, it is illegal to shovel, blow or plow snow out onto or across the roadway. It is very dangerous and can cause oncoming vehicles to lose control. Please use caution and always be aware of your surroundings.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

The Fordwich, Gorrie and Wroxeter Walking Trails are **not** maintained during the winter months by Township Staff, however, we do encourage their use via snowshoeing or cross county skiing at your own risk once the snow arrives.



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.



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Community Events

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE, Dec 8-10 at Soul Revival, 3080 Patrick St. Fordwich. Find local handcrafted items. Friday 7-9pm, Saturday 11-5pm, Sunday 11-2pm.

JUNIOR YOUTH is for all youths ages 10-14. It is a fun night of games, Bible teaching, snacks, and fellowship. The first Thursday of every month from 6:45pm-9pm at Gorrie Bible Fellowship.

YOUNG JEWELS is a time for young ladies ages 8-14 to worship, fellowship, craft, snack and learn more about God. The third Saturday of every month at Gorrie Bible Fellowship from 9:30-11:30am.

JOY TO THE WORLD - Caroling Event in Fordwich - Sunday Dec. 17, 2-4pm. Walking tour at 2pm (meet in back parking lot of former Fordwich United Church). Group performance and sing along at 3pm (in the sanctuary). By donation. Find "Soul Revival" on Facebook for more info.

PUBLIC SKATING will take place every Sunday at the Howick Community Centre from 11am-1pm.

FREE FAMILY SKATING at the Belmore Community Centre, Sun. Dec. 3 from 3-5pm.

BELMORE ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE AND BRUNCH at the Belmore Community Centre, Jan. 7. Service beginning at 10:30 a.m. with brunch following. Brunch tickets: Adults \$15, kids under 12 \$5, and under 5 are free. For tickets: Doug 335-6434, Ellen 392-8573, Laurie 335-6422 or Abe 327-8578.

Have your community event added to this calendar by sending us a message at: whathappeninginhowick@gmail.com

Christmas Church Services:

GORRIE BIBLE CHAPEL
Community Christmas Carol Night,
December 10 at 6:30pm.

MCINTOSH UNITED CHURCH
Christmas Eve at 7pm

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Christmas Eve at 7:30pm
and Christmas Day at 10am.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Christmas Eve at 8pm,
and Christmas Day at 11am.

FORDWICH BIC COMMUNITY CHURCH
Christmas Eve at 6:30pm.

See page 14 for more information

Send in your birth announcements, anniversaries, birthday celebrations, etc. to whathappeninginhowick@gmail.com

There is no fee for this service, but you're welcome to make a donation.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS DEC. 20.



Celebrations



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Mack William Koch

Arrived 7 weeks early on October 8, 2023
5lbs 10oz at the London Hospital.

Welcomed by proud parents Victor Koch
and Erika Kettlewell of Gorrie
and big sister Charlotte.

Grandparents are Grant and Jenn Koch
of Gorrie as well as Gary and Brenda
Kettlewell of Glencoe.

Great Grandparents are Ken Hutchison,
Mae Hutchison and Jean Kettlewell.



Howick Women's Institute

Members of the Howick Women's Institute met at the home of Ronna Lee Johnson in Fordwich for their November meeting.

Margaret E. McMahon introduced Marissa Ottens from Stone Silo Counselling & Wellness in Listowel who deal with Mental issues. Marissa herself is a Grief counsellor along with a team of therapists who also offer anxiety therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, marriage counselling & youth counselling. Since Covid the number of cases with children & teachers has increased. Marissa answered many questions from the members.

Members decided to support the Secret Santa Stockings for Seniors at the Fordwich Village Nursing Home.

The December Christmas dinner will be held on December 14th at 12:00.

M.E. McMahon
Howick WI Secretary



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SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE GOETZ, PRINCIPAL

Howick Central School is a hub of activity this December.

Dairy Education is excited to return to classrooms this fall with free presentations to compliment the Ontario Curriculum for students in grades K-8. Topics range from "A day in the life of a Farmer", "Biodiversity and Biodigestors" to "Nutrition and Body Image" and "Careers". We are looking forward to our visit with Mr. Robson, our Dairy Educator with the Milk Farmers of Ontario.

Junior and intermediate students (Grades 4-8) are participating in an experiential physical education opportunity with the Belmore Curling Club. All students in those grades will have two opportunities to get out on the ice surface under the instruction of volunteers from the clubs. Students have had some instruction in this community based sport in gym classes using our Rocks and Rings Kits and now they will be able to get out on the ice and see how it really works. Thank you to Belmore Curling Club for allowing this experiential learning elective.

Grade 2 and 3 students in Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Inglis and Miss Campbell's classes will be participating in an experiential Drama elective this month. They will be attending the Blyth Theatre's production of a "Huron County Christmas Carol". This experience ties into their drama and music curriculum for this term.

The Kindergarten, grade one and Mrs. Schiestal's classes will be participating in a very unique seasonal elective at the school. There will be more details to come for our families as we get closer to the timeline but we are not ready to release the details yet.



Miss Campbell's class has been working very hard to organize our School CKNX Relief Truck Drive. The week of Nov 27 – Dec 1st, students are encouraged to bring in items and then participate in the spirit days. On the 29th is Fancy Dinner Date Day. Students are encouraged to bring in a "dinner item" like pasta for example and then they can wear their fancy dinner clothes.

Ms. Hallman, Mrs. Kerr and Mr. Herrford's students this month have the opportunity to attend a skilled trades workshop at the Pathways Innovation Centre in Stratford. Students will be exposed to a variety of trades and technical professions through learning modules designed around authentic, real-world applications that are tied to the curriculum. They will be introduced to a variety of skills and processes including, mitre saws, drill press, bandsaw, sheet metal shear, box and pan brake, tin snips, PEX cutter, PEX crimper, cordless drill, cordless sander, vinyl decal printer/cutter, 3D printer as well as some hand tools. Miss Hallman's class has had their first visit.

The Christmas concert is planned for Dec. 13 at 6:30pm, Dress Rehearsal will be the 12th – time is still to be determined. Students in grade K-3/4 will be involved. All are welcome.

Those are just some of the highlights of things happening this month. Add to all the excitement, there is still lots of learning going on. Happy Holidays from Howick CPS!

"Come Sew with Us"

"Come Sew with Us" has had another successful season working together and creating many beautiful projects. Our final sewing day for this year is on Monday, December 11th at the Howick Community Centre, between 10 and 3 o'clock. We will be having our Christmas pot luck for lunch. You are welcome to stop by and see what we are up to. We do our "Show and Tell" around 1 o'clock.

If you want to be part of our sewing group or have any questions, please contact Darlene at 519-335-3755 or ddharding@wightman.ca. Check out the Coming Events in the January issue of What's Happening in Howick for our sewing days in the new year.



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Last spring you were introduced to Delicia Miller (Streicher), a local author who grew up in Gorrie. She has recently released the third book in her Mozart the Clinic Cat series called 'The Christmas Vet'. Since her release date she has been looking forward to sharing the new story at different book readings including schools, libraries and other events.

Throughout the series there are many different fun things to watch for as you scan the pages. In each illustration where Mozart is seen there's a little praying mantis friend spotted by his side. Most animals within the book are actual pets and their photos are then shared at the end of the book.

Mozart is a real cat who lives in a vet clinic in Waterloo so throughout the book the scenes within the veterinary clinic are based on the actual clinic, Laurelwood Veterinary Hospital.

Mozart the Clinic Cat series can be found on Amazon, Indigo and Chicken House Press which are all online sites but if you would like to purchase one directly from the author feel free to email her at booksbydelicia@gmail.com.

Want to see your pet in the next book? Follow Delicia on Facebook or Instagram for contests and see when more books are released.



NEW RELEASE:
The Christmas Vet

**Book #3 in the Mozart
the Clinic Cat Series**



SYLVIA NONKES



LIZ ALLAN



ROBIN WELCH



MARY WINGER RAE

Maitland Valley CAMERA CLUB

At the November 2nd meeting the club's 2024 calendars were distributed. President Blair Smith opened the meeting and shared ideas for 2024 meetings. Some of the ideas were workshops, photo shoot at the Hullett March and possibly a photo day at the Canadian Raptor Conservancy and a day with James Cowie.

Members brought photos to be critiqued by fellow members. They also shared their fall photos.

The November 16th meeting was capturing Christmas images. Members brought their cameras, Christmas props, tripods. It was a great evening of taking Christmas holiday photos. An evening to practice taking photos in the dark.

The club has a "Challenge Jar." You draw a topic and then take the photo and bring to the next meeting.

On December 2nd, the club served hot drinks at the Brussels Santa Claus Parade. Their photos were displayed in the Brussels Library. Donations for the evening went to the Food Bank.

Meetings for 2024 will be 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings, January to April 1st Thursday of each month. May to November 1st and 3rd Thursday.

Club members wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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Festival of Lights

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25



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11 A.M.

FORDWICH BIC COMMUNITY CHURCH

Join us this Advent season as we look at the coming of the Messiah through the eyes of the Prophet Isaiah. Starting December 3rd and every Sunday at 10:30 till Christmas Eve.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: 6:30pm with refreshments to follow.

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Obituaries

THOSE WE LOVE DON'T GO AWAY. THEY WALK BESIDE US EVERY DAY.
UNSEEN, UNHEARD, BUT ALWAYS NEAR.
STILL LOVED, STILL MISSED AND VERY DEAR. - UNKNOWN



BENNETT, Bruce McLaughlin of Fordwich passed away at Fordwich Village Nursing Home on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, in his 97th year. Husband of Eileen Bennett and the late Dorothy (Earl) Bennett. Father of Brenda & Doug Browne of Fordwich. Predeceased by his parents Joseph & Mildred (McLaughlin) Bennett, brother William Bennett and his wife Greta,

brother-in-law Robert Earl, and sister-in-law Marlene Earl. Visitation was held at the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston on Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. where the funeral service was held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Interment in Gorrie Cemetery. Reception followed at the Wroxeter Hall. Memorial donations to Fordwich Village Nursing Home Residents' Council would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.hardyleefuneralhome.com



REAMAN, Mary Catherine (Cullen) of Chesley, and formerly of Gorrie, passed away at Hanover & District Hospital on Saturday, November 11, 2023, in her 85th year. Wife of Donald Reaman. Mother of Evan & Claudette Reaman of Burk's Falls, Lloyd & Sandy Reaman of Wroxeter, and Janet McGregor of Chesley. Grandmother of Marc, Ethan, Heather, Josh, Lisa, Brad, and Amanda.

Great-grandmother of Angel, Amber, Hazel and Grace. Loved by Brady, Danielle, and Verity. Sister of Ken Cullen. Also sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Predeceased by brothers Roy and Gerald Cullen, parents Cecil and Janie Cullen, and step mother Ruth Cullen. Catherine was born in Gormley, Ontario. She married Donald Reaman May 16th, 1959, whom was the love of her life for 64 years. She was a housewife with many duties that came with living on the farm such as driving the tractor, milking cows, nursing baby animals back to life, all the while caring for her family. She loved to crochet, quilt, can and preserve, especially Grandma's famous peaches, icicle pickle and relish, but her passion was music. Whether singing in a choir or with her trio or hearing music in her ear, she would hum any little tune. She always looked forward to breakfast with the Tractor Club, camping at Arkona, and Sunday drives with Donald, especially to see the fall colours. Although, her greatest joy was always her family. She will be remembered in the hearts of all who loved her. Visitation was held at Palmerston Evangelical Missionary Church on Wednesday, November 15th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 16th from 10:00 a.m. until time of the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Interment in Maple Grove Cemetery, Howick Township. Memorial donations to Palmerston Evangelical Missionary Church would be appreciated, and may be made through the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca



WAGLER, Margaret (May 16, 1931 – November 4, 2023) and her husband **Jonathan Wagler** (November 13, 1929 – November 8, 2023). Margaret Mae (Kennedy) Wagler of Listowel, and formerly of Fordwich, passed away at Listowel Memorial Hospital on Saturday, November 4, 2023, in her 93rd year. Jonathan Wagler of Listowel, and formerly of Fordwich,

passed away at Listowel Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, in his 94th year. They were married on March 24, 1956. Parents of Doug & Nina Wagler of Fordwich, Donna & Elgin Muirhead of Calgary, AB, and Ray Wagler of Fordwich, and grandparents of David, Mark, and Kevin, and great-grandparents of Zaney. Jonathan is survived also by his sister Sarah Wagler of Wellesley, brother-in-law Stan Herrfort of Wellesley, and sister-in-law Shirley Wagler of Newton. Margaret is predeceased by her brothers Herman Kennedy and Jim Kennedy, and Jonathan is predeceased by his sisters Louise Kreller and her husband Bruce, and Esther Herrfort, and by his brothers Sam Wagler, Elmer Wagler, and Bill Wagler and his wife Edna. A private family service was held, with interment in Wroxeter Cemetery. Memorial donations to Listowel Memorial Hospital Foundation, or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated, and may be made through the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca

Thank You

The family of the late Doug Mann would like to say thank you for the kindness shown following the death of our dear husband, son and brother.

Thank you for the cards, flowers, food, visits and donations, and to friends and family who attended his celebration of life.

Special thanks to the Howick Firefighters, paramedics, the staff at Eatons Funeral Home, Rev. Gail Clarkson, and the Listowel Legion for all your help and support.

All was much appreciated.

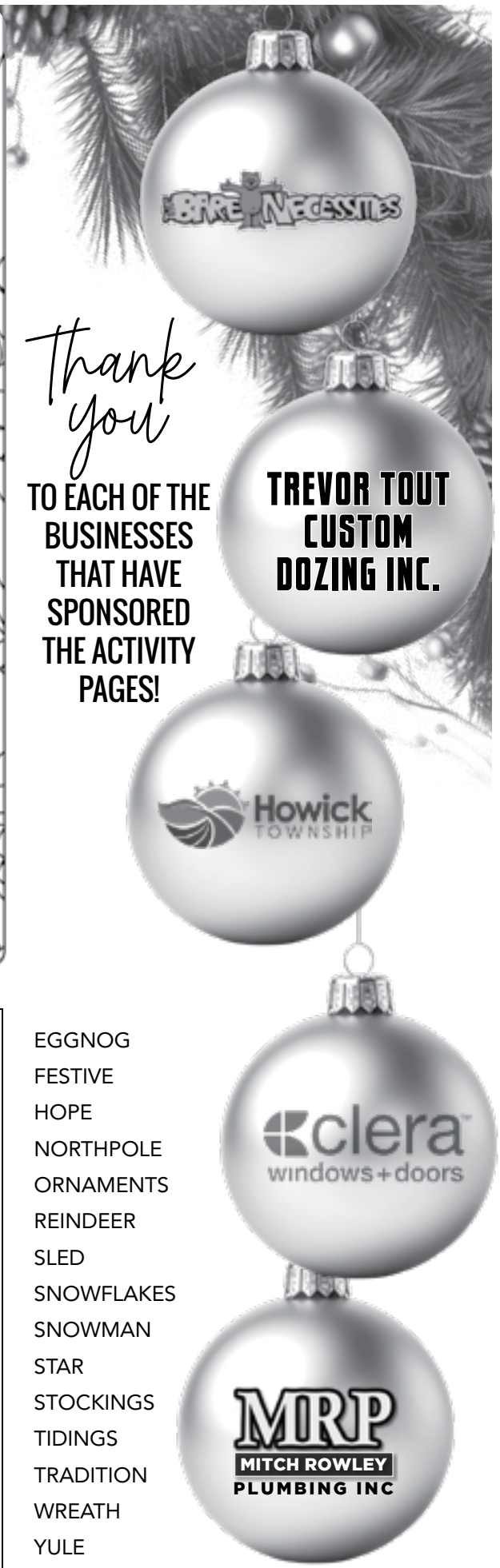
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A pub Night was held on Friday, November 17th. A delicious meal was served. Entertainment for the evening was The Juanita Wilkins Duo. It was good evening. Thanks to all who were able to come out and enjoy.

A Euchre and Pool Tournament was on Sunday, November 19th. We thank all who came out to have some fun.

The Santa Claus Parade began at 6:30 on November 24th. After the parade, Santa handed out candy in the lower level of the hall.

Lost Highway was the entertainment for the evening. It was a great time. The hall board members thank everyone for making this evening a success.

An Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, December 15th. Dinner is by donation. The hall will be open at 4:00 p.m..

Come out for a coffee with some friends from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday to Friday. Tuesday night is Ladies Activity Night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Want to book the hall for your special event? Contact Carol Edgar.

The hall board is currently looking for new members, please contact Tony Clark for more information.

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