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in Howick

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125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Submitted by M.E. McMahon,
Secretary Howick WI

"Tea at the Lee" Celebrating 125 years of Women's Institute was a ZOOM meeting held on Saturday, February 19th. The organization was formed by Janet & Erland Lee on February 19, 1897 in Stoney Creek Ontario. The objective of the first Women's Institute was to improve women's skills in the art of homemaking and children. Women's Institutes have worked diligently together for home, family, community and country with Resolutions being presented to various levels of Government to enact changes for the betterment of all citizens. Their motto is: FOR HOME & COUNTRY.

Today the Reaching Ontario Sharing Education (ROSE) programs encourage Branch members to help individuals in communities become more knowledgeable in various social, health, domestic and environmental matters through the ROSE sessions.

Women's Institute is a non-profit charitable organization with International affiliations as well as being non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-racial.

There are over 2000+ members in 220 Branches throughout Ontario. Six branches are located in Huron Perth District: Carry On (Palmerston), Gravelridge, Howick (Howick Township), Lily Dempsey (Milverton), Majestic (Brussels) and Walton.



FAMILY DAY FUN

The Women's Institute sponsored the Family Day Skating at the Howick Arena Feb. 21 from 2-4pm.
Photos by Liz Allan



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Who is eager for spring? Often I consider it my favourite season, whether it's because my birthday falls within it, or I thoroughly enjoy the smell of fresh earth and grass, and the evidence of growth popping out of the dirt. It's rejuvenating after what often feels like a long, cold winter season (though surprisingly this winter hasn't felt so long – maybe this false sense of spring at almost 10 degrees while I write this is tricking me). I am excited for the world to turn green again, but often forget how long that process can take, with bouts of snow and ice interrupting the progress, and so much mud. Regardless, we know it's coming, and that fills me with hope.

What gives you hope? Maybe the possibility that this pandemic will be shifting soon with fewer restrictions and less mask-wearing? Maybe the hope of the promises of Easter. Or the hope of marriage or new-life – the hope of change.

Something else that gives me hope is knowing that I am part of a community that supports this newsletter. These past few months I have repeatedly asked for assistance, and I have repeatedly been blessed with offers to help pickup, deliver, and now layout the paper while I will be adjusting to a growing family this summer. Thank you to each person that contributes to this community collective, whether it's sending photos, stories, updates and ads, or getting it delivered to each home and business in our township. Without you, this project would be overwhelming and not sustainable.

May the promise of spring be a source of hope to you as well.

Angie Koersen

Deadline for the next issue is March 18.

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FROM THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE



Upcoming **Council meetings** are scheduled for **March 1 at 9 am** and **March 15 at 7 pm** in the Howick Council chambers at the municipal office.

The **2022 interim tax bills** have been mailed out. If you have not received your bill, please contact the office. Your interim bill calculation is based on 50% of your 2021 final billing. The due dates are March 25th and May 27th.

2022 dog licences are due. If you have a dog and no tags or licence, please contact the municipal office. If an owner fails to purchase dog licence for current year, the set fine is \$100.

Poop & Scoop - dog owners and walkers are responsible for picking up after their pet. Please carry a bag when with your dog off your property. Owners who fail to pick up their dog excrement may be fined \$200.00.

Remember to test your well water! With heavy rains in springtime, the Huron County Health Unit and the Township of Howick want to remind residents to test their well water. Free bottles can be picked up at the Howick municipal office but not dropped off. Palmerston, Wingham or Listowel Hospitals are some of the local drop off locations.

Howick Township Building Department - to schedule an appointment, an inspection or to answer any of your building inquiries please contact the Howick municipal office via mail (44816 Harriston Rd, RR 1, Gorrie Ontario

N0G 1X0), email building@howick.ca, fax (519-335-6208) or phone (519-335-3208 ext 6).

Role of Municipal Government - Canada has one national government, ten provincial governments and three territorial governments and thousands of local governments. There are 444 municipalities in Ontario, ranging in size from large urban centres to rural townships. Each municipal government acts like a company with the power to make certain decisions for the people within its own geographic area but must also follow the rules set for them by the Ontario government.

Along with its defined geographic area and the powers assigned by the Ontario government, municipalities have two other key features – the power to tax and an elected council.

Howick Township also has appointed Municipal Service Boards/Committees to provide administrative services relative to the operation, care and maintenance of municipally owned properties such as community halls, parks and cemeteries. Village Boards of Management are appointed in the Villages of Fordwich, Gorrie and Wroxeter to administer requisite services specific to their respective Villages.

For up-to-date announcements and cancellations, contact the municipal office at 519-335-3208 or check out the website at www.howick.ca.



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WINTER RULES: As winter is now well under way Public Works Staff would like to remind residents that overnight parking is not permitted and pushing snow across the roadway or depositing it on the road is prohibited under the Highway Traffic Act. The following is an excerpt taken directly from the Highway Traffic Act:

Deposit of snow on roadway:

181 No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing so to do from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 181.

General penalty:

214 (1) Every person who contravenes this Act or any regulation is guilty of an offence and on conviction, where a penalty for the contravention is not otherwise provided for herein, is liable to a fine of not less than \$60 and not more than \$1,000. 2017, c. 26, Sched. 4, s. 26.

Waste receptacles should be placed in a way that does not interfere with snow clearing and mail delivery.

THE LANDFILL is on winter hours starting November 1, 2021, Wednesday 9 am – 4 pm and Saturday 9am – 1pm; these hours will remain in effect until May 1, 2022.

BAG TAG PRICE increased from \$2.50 per tag to \$2.75 per tag starting January 1, 2022.

ICE RENTALS: The Howick Community Center is pleased to be open for rentals of the auditorium and ice surface. For details please visit either the Howick Community Centre Facebook page, our website www.howick.ca or contact us by phone at 519-335-3883.



Howick Soccer is excited to announce that
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TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK IS CHANGING THE WAY BURN PERMITS ARE ISSUED



Beginning January 1 2022, all open air burning in Howick Township requires a permit. A burn permit will be required annually for all open air burning, including recreational (camp) fires and rural open air burning. **The cost of a permit is \$50.00** and is valid for the property registered. If you own multiple properties where burning may take place, they can be registered on the same permit.

This single point registration will be kept on file and will eliminate the need to call in prior to each burning. You will also be provided with a copy of the Howick Township Open Air Burning By-Law for reference.

Remember YOU are responsible for your burning and costs associated with any fire department response to illegal open air burning.

Permits must be filed and payment made at the municipal office, 44816 Harriston Road, RR1 Gorrie.

For more information contact Fire Chief Shawn Edwards 519-335-3202, howickfire@howick.ca

Howick Township Open Air Burn Permit 2022

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Township of Howick, Gorrie, ON, N0G 1X0

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PROPERTY OWNER -or- RENTER (*please circle*)

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME OF BUSINESS (*if applicable*): _____

ADDRESS (*where burning to take place*): _____

ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES (*business only*): _____

Open Air Burn Permits are valid from January 1 -
December 31 and must be purchased annually.

You are responsible for your burning. Conditions of the
Open Air Burning By-Law are to be adhered to.

I have received a copy of the Open Air Burning By-Law

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Due to the changes in the COVID 19 restrictions, we are pleased to announce the Wroxeter Community Hall is now open for hall rentals. To rent the hall, please contact one of the following: Marvin Grimes, Carol Edgar or Mary Jane Coxon.

The Morning Coffee Shop is open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Come on in and enjoy a coffee and friendship. Everyone is welcome. We thank you for your support.

Please follow us on facebook
**"Wroxeter Community Hall
 - 1094 Centre Street"**
 for the latest updates.



WROXETER HALL NEWS

Marion's Meanderings

February 19th, and the worst snowstorm we have had all winter! I think this is the first time this winter that they have been announcing road closures on the radio. I always consider it a blizzard if I look out my office window, and cannot see the bush at the back of the farm! A good day to stoke up the fire, and sit in the recliner with a good book!

The Covid numbers seem to be on the downward trend these days, as long as people do not take too many risks with the lifting of some of the precautions previously set up to avoid lockdowns again. Although some are still extremely sick with it, most of the cases I have heard about recently have been reasonably mild and hospitalizations are fewer. But we all must remember that the pandemic is not over yet! I feel the same way as most people, I am thoroughly fed up with staying at home and wearing a mask when around others, but even though I am vaccinated, I do not intend to take any chances for some time yet! At least now we can begin to look forward to spring in 26 days, and hopefully some warmer weather to follow!

Canada has done very well at the Winter Olympics in Beijing, and a good number of medals will be coming to a new home. We can certainly be proud of our Canadian teams who represented all of us!

Wishing one and all
 a very Happy Spring!

Marion

GORRIE HALL BOARD

The Gorrie Hall is open for rentals as per the current restrictions.

For rentals, call **519-335-3798**

We welcome new members interested in joining the Hall Board.

Community Events



SOCCER REGISTRATION - Sign up online between **MARCH 1-18**, or in person at the Howick Arena **MARCH 5** from 10-12. For more info, see the ad on page 5.

DRIVE-THRU PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Hosted by the Belmore Maple Syrup Festive Committee on **APRIL 9**. Advance tickets required. For more info, see the ad on page 7.

Celebrations



max barclay &
 marissa parsons
 welcomed their daughter

Olson Dottie

on January 5TH 2022.

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FEBRUARY 10, 2022, 9 LB 5 OZ, 21.5"

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 Grandparents are Abe and Debbie Versteeg, and
 Dave Rodgers & Angela Wood and Carolynne Rodgers.
 Welcomed by aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbours,
 and friends. We are very grateful for the
 well wishes we have received.



The article below was printed in the late '40's. At that time, the Fordwich Telephone office was located above the store that was situated across from Bare Necessities. The telephone office was only accessible through a stair and door to the east of the building. When ice floes above the dam broke loose, the dam failed to hold it back. Water rose up to the building and Lois Hambly (Simmons), who was manning the switchboard that evening, could not exit the building. The building later included a pool room, barber shop, and a variety store in the west end. Until the "new" bridge

was built, the old iron bridge that connected the 6th Concession (Gough Line) was the only access to the southern part of Fordwich. Later, a new telephone office was built on higher ground. The building, a white house on the curve to the new bridge, has since been converted to a home.

Thank you to Wilda Ruttan, who helped Marion to piece together the information. Her husband, Anson Ruttan and Ken Graham owned the Purina Feed Mill, on the west side of the dam.

Fordwich Phone Girl Rescued Little Eva Style As Dam Burst

FORDWICH, March 21 — Two Fordwich men pulled a Little Eva act to rescue Lois Hambly, telephone operator, trapped when the dam on the Maitland River burst.

Miss Hambly was working the night shift when water surrounded the office. Huge cakes of ice beat against the frame building and Miss Hambly called for help.

The ice was moving slowly in a jam when George Richard and Frank Graham saw the girl's plight. They started across the ice floes, leaping from one to the other until they reached the office. With one man on each side, Miss Hambly started back over the moving ice. For moments the trio stopped on a floe while open water between it and the next closed. The trip took ten minutes.

The Belmore Maple Syrup Festive Committee is hosting a
DRIVE-THRU PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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Maitland Valley CAMERA CLUB

At our February 3rd meeting, club member Deb Griffey lead a session on "Learning to Use Your Camera." We thank Debbie for helping us to know more about the functions of our cameras. Mark Nonkes was the guest speaker at our February 3rd meeting. He shared his experiences of taking photos of people through his journalism and communication careers. We thank Mark for sharing with the members.

Many members are practicing taking raw photos and not just using their auto programs.

The executive of the club have planned many events and guest speakers for our monthly meetings. Check us out on our Facebook page, Maitland Valley Camera Club



"ICE COLD" - BY LIZ ALLAN



"FROST ON THE WINDOW" - BY MARY WINGER RAE



"A BLOWN BUBBLE"
- BY SHAWNA LYNN SALZMAN



"THE SUN IS RISING" - BY LIZ ALLAN

HOWICK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Eight members of the Howick Women's Institute met by ZOOM for their February meeting hosted by President Ria Stewart.

The Women's Institute celebrated 125 years of WI in Ontario on February 19th with a Tea at the Lee where the WI began 125 years ago. This was a ZOOM meeting from 7-9 pm.

A discussion on planting 125 trees as part of the celebrations by Huron Perth District was held and decided to support the Maitland Valley Conservation Footprints to Forest program. Each branch would be asked to contribute a sum per member towards the costs.

The Erland Lee Museum Home has agreed to accept the donation of a Barn Quilt from Howick WI to be placed at the Lee commemorating the 125th.

Howick, as part of Huron Perth District, will celebrate with an outdoor meeting in June at Atwood. Every branch is to have a display of WI memorabilia over the years.

A FREE Family Public Skating Day was held on Family Day at the Howick Community Center from 2-4pm.

Next month is the Annual meeting so members gave suggestions for programs for the next year and all officers are retaining their positions for another term.

A decision on how and where the March 17th meeting will be held will be decided later.

M.E.MCMAHON
SECRETARY, HOWICK WI

Our community is so great to live in!

Has anyone considered offering day care services for local families? It seems to be a conversation that keeps coming up. There is opportunity for a good income while raising your own children, and support from the County if you want to be registered. Home Childcare is essential for communities like ours to continue to grow and support families.

Vitality is at the heart of Howick! We can be self-sustaining as long as we remain aware of our needs, and encourage community growth and development.

"Development increases choices, sustains positive attitudes, improves the function of institutions and enhances quality of life."

There is a small group of volunteers 'Howick Community Betterment', trying to work with the County and Ministry of Education to recognize the need in our area. While this continues, we still need to provide options for local families! Please reach out to the committee if you have any questions, HowickFBC@gmail.com.

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- Must have demonstrated leadership and customer service
- All applicants must successfully pass the prescribed Vulnerable Sector Check. Applicable to Ontario applicants.

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CARSON, Margaret A. (nee Wearing)

passed away peacefully with her family at her side on Saturday January 22, 2022. She was born in Wroxeter, Ontario to Mary and Alwrid Wearing on January 23, 1931. She celebrated a wonderful life of 91 years. She was predeceased by her husband Norman in 1987. They had two children, Susan (Steve) McManus and Peggy (Maurice-

[deceased] Irvine). She had five grandchildren, Meagan (Michael) Troop, Matthew (Jenna) Irvine, Christopher (Marissa) Hale, Carson (Dani) Hale and Duncan McManus. She has five great grandchildren: Norman Troop, Maren Troop, and Marshall Irvine in Canada; Xavier Hale and Chloe Hale living in Florida. She had one sister, Agnes Livingstone (deceased) and is survived by her brother-in-law David Livingstone. She spent many family holidays together with her brother-in-law and sister-in-law; Reta and Dick Carson's (both deceased) families. She graduated high school from Listowel High School and attended teachers' college in Toronto. She became a kindergarten teacher at Listowel Public Schools. She was in the choirs during her high school academic years and played piano and organ with her music teacher, Mr. Willits. Her love of music helped her to be a good teacher, and that carried on throughout the rest of her family life as well. She was happily married for 32 years to Norman Carson until he passed away on February 12, 1987. They lived in Gorrie where Norman started his company, Danor, that later became Canarm and they moved to Brockville in 1969. Marg played voluntarily in the Music Festivals for many students and always helped with high school and elementary musicals when needed to accompany students, sharing her knowledge and passion. Her love of music was what Marg was known best for to her family and friends. She could sit down at the piano and play literally anything someone wanted, brightening many family celebrations as well as serving others with her music in her church and community work. Marg's favourite song was "Love in the Home". She felt that you should always keep a song in your heart and love in your home. She loved her music as it was "what feelings sound like". She and Norman welcomed many people into their home and shared their lives generously with family and friends. Marg was always thinking of others and made a point to put her family first. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend to so many. Her grandchildren describe her as "loving, caring, generous, most amazing, inspiring, influential, nurturing, devoted, thoughtful, patient, good all around, humorous". She left an impact on many friends but above all, was a dedicated, supportive loving wife and mother. She always put her family at the centre of her life. A private family service will be held in the spring with burial at Gorrie, next to her husband, Norman.



RICHARDS, Pauline Ethel (Stinson)

died at Fordwich Village Nursing Home on Friday, February 11, 2022, in her 96th year. We remember her life with gratitude as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, neighbour, and friend. Pauline was born November 27, 1926, on the family farm in Minto Township, the second of Austin and Ethel

(Downey) Stinson's five children. She attended Harriston High School, spending part of the school year with her Ziegler cousins, to whom she remained close all her life. In 1947 she married Lloyd George Richards and together they moved to Fordwich where they operated a barber shop and pool hall, and began the family that would eventually include Bill (Sandra Beardsall), Jim (Sue Hundertmark) and Carol (Brian Shaw). In 1953 their business was destroyed by fire, and they moved back to the farm while George trained as a conservation officer for the Ministry of Natural Resources. In 1963 George's work took them to Fanshawe Park, London. There they planted a market garden with a delightful variety of squash and flowers. Pauline became a director of the London and Ontario Horticultural Societies and a lifetime member of the Western Fair Association, which in 2011 named her Volunteer of the Year. "Growing for Showing" was her motto and every fall she judged fairs and flower shows across Ontario. She also worked with the Ministry of Agriculture to establish a school to train judges for the province's many fall fairs, work she continued after she and George retired to Fordwich in 1982. Pauline belonged to the Women's Institute and was a lifelong member of the Fordwich United Church and UCW. She served as treasurer for the congregation, participated in UCW studies and devotions, provided floral displays every Sunday, and sang in the choir. She was an artist who loved painting, gardening, flower and display arranging, and quilting. For years she "marked" the quilts for her quilting group who sometimes met in the activity room of the Fordwich Village Nursing Home. In 2015 the wonderful staff there welcomed Pauline as a resident. Pauline was proud grandmother of Liam, Mark (Kiko), Graeme, Aaron (Sasha) and Brianna (Nick), and doting great-grandmother of Malcolm. Sister to William (Nancy) Stinson of Calgary, and Laverne (Gloria) Stinson of Harriston, she was predeceased by her husband George, her brother Arnold, and her sister and brother-in-law, Maxine and Ken Heise. The family held a Private funeral service for Pauline's immediate family at the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston on Saturday, February 19th, with our faithful friend and Pastor Rev. Jeff Hawkins presiding. The service was recorded and the link available on the funeral home website. Spring interment in Fordwich Cemetery. Donations in memory of Pauline are gratefully suggested to the Fordwich Village Nursing Home Residents Association, 3063 Adelaide St E, Fordwich, ON, N0G 1V0, and may be made through the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home. Online condolences at www.hardyleefuneralhome.com



STRONG, Marie Eleanore (Hastie), of Gorrie, affectionately known as Mawsy, passed away on Friday, February 18th, 2022 at Palmerston Hospital. Born in Howick Township on October 30, 1938, Mawsy was in her 84th year. Predeceased by her beloved husband, Pawsy (Robert Strong, 2008). Dear mother of Jill Welsh and Pete Harrison of Harriston, and Ace (Kent) and Lynda

of Gorrie. Loving grandmother of Kyle, Sara (Tim), Leslie & Kelsey (Whip), and great-grandmother of Julia, Sophia, Luca, Tilly, Grace & Alayna. Also loved by her sister-in-law and dear friend, Ilene Hastie of Gorrie. Sister of Edith Cameron of Owen Sound, and Marg & Keith Finnigan of Dorchester, and sister-in-law of Mary Hastie of Elora, Joanne & Bob Allan of Kitchener, Alex & Gwen Strong of Wingham, & Helen Currie of Tweed. Predeceased by her parents Ken & Lillian (Earls) Hastie, and brothers Bob and Tom. Mawsy was the light of any room she entered and spread the kindness of her heart to every person she touched. She loved her family & friends beyond any measure and would do anything to make her loved ones smile. Mawsy loved to share how blessed she was, and was one of the most positive and outgoing women we knew. She was a delight to be around and will be missed greatly by all of us. After 14 years to the day, Mawsy was finally reunited with her soul mate, Pawsy. Visitation will be held at the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston on Feb. 21 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. A Celebration of Mawsy's life was held at the funeral home on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Hawkins officiating. Spring interment in Gorrie Cemetery. Memorial donations to Gorrie United Church would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.hardyleefuneralhome.com



CLARKSON, Catherine 'Kate' of Harriston, and formerly of Fordwich, passed away at Palmerston Hospital on Wednesday, January 26, in her 79th year. Wife of the late Larry Clarkson. Sister of Don and Janette Fallis, and sister-in-law of Bob and Eileen Clarkson, Terry and Gail Clarkson, and Cathy and Tom Seip. Aunt to Lori and Gary, and Erin, and great-aunt to Harrison,

Madelon, Chloe, and Mila. Fondly remembered by her many great friends, and by Larry's nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents James and Isabel Fallis, and by her nephew Barton Fallis. Visitation was held at the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston on Sunday, January 30, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. A family funeral service I followed visitation at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Gail Clarkson officiating. The service was live-streamed and the link is available on the funeral home website. Spring interment in Fordwich Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.hardyleefuneralhome.com.



WHITEHEAD, Bonnie Mae of Clifford passed away at Palmerston Hospital, on Thursday, February 10, 2022, in her 64th year. Sister of Kitty and Joe Stone of Lindsay, Donna and Fred Bolger of Durham, Tammie Whitehead of Hanover, and Stan and Marcie Whitehead of Durham. Remembered by nieces and nephews, Kimberly Whitehead, Brandon Whitehead

(Jodie), Charissa Fidler, Zoey Fidler, Amy Anderson, John Whitehead Bolger, Brandon Whitehead, and Glenn Whitehead, and her greats Ella and Peyton Whitehead, and Athena Keddy. Predeceased by her parents Glenn and Ethel (Barton) Whitehead, and by her sister Heather Hoover and husband Tony. Bonnie was born at Toronto Hospital on November 26th, 1958. After residing in Toronto for some time, the family moved to Mildmay and area before finally settling down in Clifford. Bonnie would go on to attend Norwell District Secondary School for her high school years and then moved to North Bay to attend College. After college she would be off on some wild adventures with the captain and crew of the Empire Sandy, based in North Bay. She returned to the beautiful small village of Clifford, where she remained. Bonnie loved spending her time volunteering at the Diabetes Centre, where she joyfully sorted, packed, and helped out at different events. You could always find her around the town of Clifford, taking pictures for various local newspapers stories, and enjoying time at the Knox United Church groups. Her final story; as she wrote for so many others, cannot be told from only one person's view but will come together from many. The stories she wrote, the hearts she touched and all the shared memories we bring forth will send her along her final path. Bonnie was always open to lend an ear, her door always ajar for any passerby, be them friends, family, or otherwise, and she always put everyone else before herself. She loved to spend her days and evenings outside sitting on her wooden bench. Often looking up to enjoy the sun's brilliant shine or the twinkly stars and constellations of the night's sky. With a slice of pizza in one hand and a warm frothy mug of cappuccino in the other. Bonnie would sit outside for hours, sometimes until the early morning hours. All the letters of the alphabet cannot form together into words or sentences to describe just how special Bonnie is and no story can be written to describe the impact she had on this world. A Celebration of her Life will be held at Knox United Church, Clifford, and details will be announced by the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston as finalized. Interment in Clifford Cemetery. Memorial donations to Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.hardyleefuneralhome.com

Bonnie occasionally contributed to our "What's Happening in Howick" Newsletter, taking many photos at the Huron County Cruiser events. She will be missed.

Obituaries



COBER, Jim, at Parkwood Institute in London on Friday, February 18, 2022, Jim Cober formerly of Wingham passed away at the age of 59. Loving brother of Ellen Kennedy (Bruce) of Fordwich, Peter (Marilyn) of Willowdale, Clayton of Fordwich, Glen (Vivien) of Listowel, Lloyd (Ellen) of Waterloo, Ruth Hoover (Bruce) of Waterford, Phyllis Barfoot (Douglas)

of Wingham and Arlene Cober of Salisbury, NC USA. Jim will be lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews and extended family members and also by the staff and members of Community Living, Wingham. Predeceased by parents Earl & Anne (Wyld) Cober and his brother Roy. A memorial service to celebrate Jim's life was held at McBurney Funeral Home, Wingham on Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022. A live-stream of Jim's funeral will be available on McBurney Funeral Home website. A graveside service will take place in the spring at Maplegrove Cemetery, Fordwich. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Community Living, Wingham & District would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Donations may be sent to the McBurney Funeral Home, Wingham.



ZIMMERMAN, Wray Harold, formerly of Fordwich, passed away peacefully at his home in Listowel on Friday, February 11, 2022 in his 84th year. Wray was born on December 6, 1938 at the home farm in Howick Township. Survived by his loving wife Sharon (Hill) Zimmerman, and his sons Michael of Kitchener, Jeffery of Teeswater, and Parry of Toronto. Brother of Reta Seyler

of Wellesley, and Marion and Finley Pfeffer of Clifford, and brother-in-law of Marjorie Zimmerman of Howick Township, Jim Hill of Clifford, Richard and Doreen Moore of Hanover, Deb Whitehead of Hanover, Brad and Diane Moore of Harriston, Vickie Zettel of Chepstow, Steph Newton of Ayton, and Chris and Diane Moore of Neustadt. Remembered also by his many nieces and nephews. Wray was predeceased by his parents Paul and Mary (Gadke) Zimmerman, his mother-in-law June (Thomas) David, father-in-law Elmer Hill, and his sisters and brothers Verna (Carl) Orth, Eva Snyder, Walter Zimmerman, Doris (Harold) Macke, Wilfred Seyler, and Arnold (Eleanor) Zimmerman. Predeceased also by his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Brenda and Mayne Roth, Sheila Hill, Trent Moore, John Zettel, and Jim Newton. A private family service was held at the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston on February 17, Rev. Gail Clarkson officiating. The service was live-streamed. Spring interment in Trinity Howick Lutheran Cemetery, Howick Township. Memorial donations to St. John's Lutheran Church, Clifford, Trinity Howick Lutheran Cemetery, or Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

CARDS OF *thanks*



Crandall Thankyou

Lee Crandall would like to thank friends and neighbours for their condolences and sympathy cards in his time of grievance for the loss of Joyanne. A special shout out to the Howick Bloomers garden club.

GIBSON THANKS

On behalf of the family of the late John "Pudge" Gibson. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all your love, flowers, food, donations, many cards, phone calls and your tender words of sympathy. We are so grateful to have such supportive family, friends, neighbours and co-workers surrounding us during this difficult time.

Special thank you to Drs. Moores and Gear and all "the Nurses and Staff" at Braemar Nursing Home in Wingham for all your excellent care for Dad during his time at the Home. To Dana and Doug and their staff at McBurney Funeral Home for their assistance now and later in the spring. To Rev. Jeff Hawkins thank you for your assistance and kind words and guidance now and later in the spring. We are grateful to each and everyone of you for your thoughtfulness. It will not be forgotten.

MIKE, DOUG, ROB, MARY ELLEN (MURRAY) GIBSON AND THEIR FAMILIES



LITT, Hugh Aaron, of Clifford passed away on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, in his 84th year. Loving husband of Eleanor (Hall) Litt for 58 years, and dear father of Paul Litt & Jairo Gomez of Toronto, Doris Jean & Keith Clyne of Harriston, and Dianne & Todd Halcovitch of Burlington. Grandfather of Jonathan Clyne, Jennifer Clyne, and Katherine & Alex Noble, and great-grandfather of

Amelia Clyne and Grayson Noble. Brother of Lyle & Arlene Litt of Gorrie, Ethel & Don Weber of Clifford, Dale Litt of Clifford, Sandra Zehr of Listowel, and David & Beverly Litt of Kitchener, and brother-in-law of Wilfred & Marie Hall of Harriston, and Larry Grummett of Clifford. Loved also by his many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Fred & Alvina (Kaufman) Litt, brothers Leonard Litt and wife Ethel, Ray Litt, sister Ruth Wightman and husband Ray, brother-in-law Garry Zehr, and sister-in-law Elsie Grummett. A private family funeral service was held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clifford, on Friday, January 28 at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Jody Rinas officiating. The service was recorded and the link available on the funeral home website. Interment in Clifford Cemetery. Memorial donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated, and may be made through the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston. Online condolences may be left at www.hardyleefuneralhome.com



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The Wroxeter United Church will reopen on **Sunday, March 6** for a service in the lower level of the church, beginning at 11am. Masks, social distancing and proof of vaccination are mandatory. An online service will continue at 9:30am with Rev Jeff Hawkins.

We now have e-transfer available. **revjeffhawkins@gmail.com** - In the message section, please indicate the church you would like your offering to be sent to, include your full mailing address for a receipt.

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