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Crowds came for Christmas Fest-ivities

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived at Port Dover pier by fish tug on Saturday to be greeted by hundreds of people, including this group of children, before the North Pole visitors headed out in a horse-drawn carriage for the annual ChristmasFest parade through downtown—the start of the Christmas season in Port Dover. *Photo by Earl Hartlen*

CONDITIONS were mild for mid-November as the community celebrated ChristmasFest in Port Dover last Saturday. The numerous events throughout the day attracted large crowds of people for all the festive fun, which included Santa's arrival, a parade, family activities, sales, a bonfire and caroling on the beach, tree

light-up, and more. As always, the stars of the festival were Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. George Gibbons ferried the North Pole visitors to the west pier on Harbour Street via fish tug with a Canada Coast Guard escort to the delight of eager young onlookers. Starting at 1:15 p.m., the Santa

Claus Parade organized by Port Dover Board of Trade toured Mr. and Mrs. Claus around town in a procession of holiday-decorated floats and participants. Crowds packed the spaces along the parade route to see the seasonal spectacle. Some people had spots camped out over an hour in advance.

After the parade, the Clauses left for Lighthouse Theatre to visit with children, taking pictures and hearing Christmas wish lists all afternoon. Mr. Claus told the Maple Leaf that all who attended showed Christmas spirit and should be on his nice list. Other ChristmasFest activities this year included the "Cookie

Walk" at Grace United Church and a scavenger hunt for kids at Port Dover Harbour Museum. Both were held in the morning before the parade. In the evening, attendees enjoyed a beach bonfire organized by Port Dover Volunteer Firefighters' Association at the > See CHRISTMASFEST on page 10

Beachgoers almost always followed new rules



Officers "interacted" with beachgoers in Port Dover a total of 1,200 times this summer with close to 100 per cent compliance. *Photo by Earl Hartlen*

By David Judd

SECURITY officers handled lots of tents situations at Port Dover beach this summer. More than 500 times, security officers warned beachgoers not to erect tents. In every case, tent owners complied. Enclosed tents are banned under a Norfolk County bylaw. Why? Because enforcement officers can't see what's happening inside. The beach bylaw enacted in 2023 prohibits alcohol, dogs,

smoking, fires, barbecues, oversized umbrellas, glass, defecating or urinating on the beach, "boisterous, threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language" and disorderly conduct. Officers "interacted" with beachgoers 1,200 times this summer. More than 40 per cent of those interactions involved tents, followed by dogs (23 per cent) and smoking or vaping (16 per cent). Once they were informed, beachgoers complied with the rules close to 100 per cent of the time, Jim Millson, manager of bylaw services, told county coun-

cillors last Wednesday. Officers achieved their goal of compliance and issued no fines. For example, one couple refused to remove their dog from the beach. Rather than call police, Mr. Millson talked to them and they complied. This summer Norfolk spent \$77,900 to maintain the beach and enforce rules for behaviour, CAO Al Meneses reported. That's \$1,000 more than in 2023, the first summer Norfolk County made a lease agreement > See COMPLIANCE on page 3

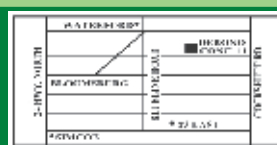
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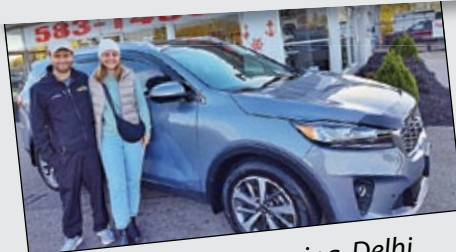
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BEACH FACTS

Lease highlights

Highlights of Norfolk County's lease with beach property owners this summer:

- Norfolk paid owners \$1, plus HST, to lease the beach annually;
 - Lease dates ran from July 1 to Sept. 30;
 - Parties must notify each other of the intent to renew the lease for the next summer season by Dec. 30;
 - Norfolk, as it has for years, provided general custodial/maintenance services for the beach;
 - A Norfolk bylaw regulated beach behaviour;
 - Norfolk actively enforced rules on the beach;
 - Beach hours ran from sunrise to sunset;
 - Norfolk and owners had joint insurance and liability coverage.
- In practice:
- The 2024 program ran for 68 days between June 15 and Sept. 2;
 - Hours of coverage were from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
 - On most weeks, one security officer worked eight hours Monday to Thursday and two officers worked Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holiday Mondays.

Beach expenses

Norfolk County spent \$77,900 to look after Port Dover beach this summer.

- That was up \$1,000 from summer 2023. The main costs as reported to county council last Wednesday:
- Initial beach levelling, \$1,000;
 - Beach raking all summer, \$7,300;
 - Beach cleaning / litter barrels, \$19,600;
 - Disposal bin rental, \$10,600;
 - Install and remove buoys, \$3,800;
 - Install, maintain and remove beach mat, \$1,000;
 - Fuel for equipment, \$200;
 - Beach barrel replacements, \$1,000;
 - General administration time, \$200;
 - Beach signage, \$1,800;
 - Buy new buoys, \$3,000;
 - Tractor rental, \$8,100;
 - Beach security and bylaw enforcement, \$20,300.

Security issues

Security officers interacted with the public 1,204 times this summer—about 18 interactions a day involving education, awareness or enforcement.

- No fines were issued. One officer was recognized for helping a beachgoer with a lost property issue. Interactions included:
- Tents, 43 per cent;
 - Dogs, 23 per cent;
 - Smoking/vaping, 16 per cent;
 - Oversized umbrellas, 12 per cent;
 - Alcohol, four per cent;
 - Barbecues, two per cent;
 - Glass containers and fires, one per cent;
 - Littering and urination, zero per cent.

Photo by Earl Hartlen

Future plans

County staff plan to renew leases with beach owners next year. This summer at the beach was deemed a success and an improvement over previous summers.

- Feedback from property owners included:
- Beach signs should draw more attention, perhaps by adding "Beach rules" below existing signs;
 - Have weekend coverage for all of June and September and daily coverage in July and August, extending the leasing period to June 1 through Sept. 30;
 - Change how sand is cleaned and type of equipment used to reduce sand erosion;
 - Add a garbage collection station at the far west end of the beach where there is no current collection point;
 - Increase garbage collection during busy dates and weekends;
 - Add patrols at the grass area at the east end of the beach beside the pier to prevent tents and barbecues;
 - Provide parking and shelter for the security officers.

Compliance with beach rules better every year

> From page one

with major property owners and passed a bylaw setting rules for beach behaviour from sunrise to sunset.

The county owns 66 feet of the beach at the end of Walker Street.

Nearly all of the rest is owned by F.W. Knechtel Foods Limited, which owns several restaurants and stores at the waterfront, and Catherine Buck, who owns the beach below Buck's Park cottages.

Compliance with beach rules seems to get better each year, CAO Meneses

told county councillors.

As more people become aware of the rules, more comply.

Major property owners want their lease with the county to continue next summer.

Councillors asked staff to prepare a Port Dover beach budget for 2025.

Port Rowan Coun. Tom Masschaele objected.

It's hard to justify funding Port Dover beach when there's no enforcement at Long Point, Coun. Masschaele said.

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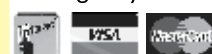
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Norfolk's neglected stormwater system

COUNCIL LEARNING THE SIZE OF THE PROBLEM & HOW EXPENSIVE IT WILL BE TO FIX

ANALYSIS

By David Judd

YEARS of neglect have caught up with Norfolk's stormwater system.

And that's bad news for the county's finances as they face millions of dollars of unexpected expenses stretching well into the future.

It's a familiar theme. For years, county council skimmed on repairs and maintenance for water systems in Port Dover, Simcoe, Waterford, Delhi and Port Rowan.

Those systems included drinking water, sewage treatment and — less notably — stormwater management.

When it comes to spending, stormwater traditionally has taken a distant third place to drinking water and sewage treatment.

In the last few years, council realized its nickel and dime strategy couldn't continue for drinking water and sewage treatment.

Council began spending millions of dollars to upgrade water and sewage treatment facilities and it hopes the provincial and federal governments will come through with \$300-million to help build a \$450-million central pipeline to bring Haldimand water to all five Norfolk towns.

In 2025, Norfolk plans to spend \$58.2-million on upgrades to Simcoe's sewage treatment plant and \$40.3-million on Port Dover's sewage treatment plant.

Until this year, Norfolk had no specific budget for stormwater management.

"Stormwater is always the poor cousin when it comes to the water game," Andrew Grice, general manager of Environmental and Infrastructure Services, told county councillors last Wednesday.

Stormwater systems take care of the rain and melting snow in urban areas.

Most water is collected in catch basins and directed through pipes to local streams, rivers or lakes.

In some subdivisions runoff collects in stormwater management ponds.

The Ontario government has declared it's time to get serious about stormwater management.



Cleaning the stormwater pond behind St. Cecilia's Church in Port Dover and putting in gravel cost about \$280,000. Photo: Google map

It has given municipalities time to "verify" their stormwater systems and start maintaining them properly.

Six months ago, Norfolk set a four-person team to work with a budget of \$492,000 for the year.

Their first job: identifying the locations of 235 kilometres of pipes, 5,700 catch basins, 2,600 manholes, 324 outlets and 25 stormwater ponds.

The county's records aren't totally accurate.

To date, the team has inspected 10 per cent of the system and made 15,000 edits to digital mapping.

Sixty kilometres of infrastructure worth \$80-million weren't in the county's asset management plan.

In one 2½-kilometre section of Ireland Road in Simcoe, staff found 70 catch basins that they didn't know about.

Stormwater ponds are looking to be an expensive proposition.

Typically, developers build them as part of subdivision construction.

A couple of years after houses are finished, developers check that the ponds are working, clean them out and give them to Norfolk County.

Until now, the county has done little more than cut grass.

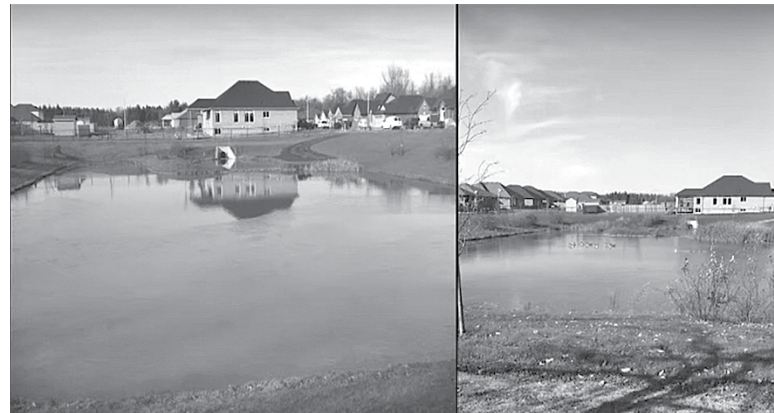
In the last five years, Norfolk spent more than \$1-million cleaning out four ponds that became choked with sediment and vegetation and had lost capacity to hold water.

Cleaning one pond behind St. Cecilia's Church in Port Dover and putting in gravel cost about \$280,000.

The four cleanouts could have been avoided with \$100,000-worth

of maintenance, Chris Dunn, stormwater maintenance project manager, told county councillors last Wednesday.

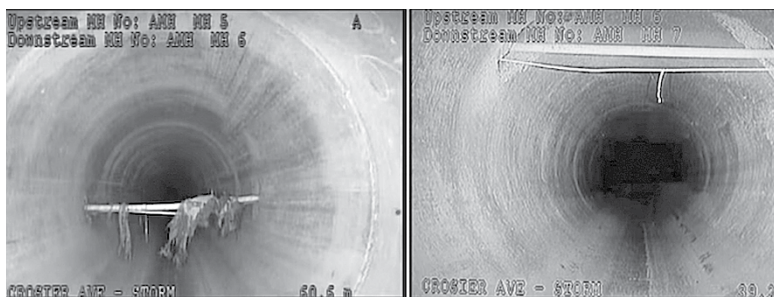
Four or five more ponds need cleaning, including one at 15



At left, a stormwater management pond on Angler Avenue about the time it was built in 2014 and on right in 2019 when Norfolk County took ownership.



Today the pond on Angler Avenue is choked with sediment and vegetation. Photos from county report



Video shows two natural gas lines crossing a stormwater pipe on Crosier Street in Delhi.

Angler Ave.

Norfolk County assumed ownership in 2019.

Today its maintenance path is in poor condition and much of the pond is choked with vegeta-

tion.

Mr. Dunn said he's not aware of any threat to public health or safety.

But he said a big storm could cause trouble if water backs up at a blocked culvert under Donjon Boulevard and floods a nearby sewage pumping station.

Norfolk needs a video inspection program for stormwater pipes, Mr. Grice said.

A video found four utility pipes had accidentally "cross-bored" through a stormwater pipe on Crosier Street in Delhi.

Two of the lines are natural gas pipes. They could cause an emergency if struck by pipe cleaning equipment.

The two gas lines will be removed this month, Mr. Dunn said.

Inspections in Port Rowan found three mystery pipes near two public stormwater outlets. Staff didn't have time to determine where the pipes went, who owned them or whether they are active.

Pipes can be a problem if they're not on county digital mapping.

The county could unwittingly allow digging that could hit a pipe.

County councillors will consider adding \$346,000 to the stormwater management team's 2025 budget and hiring a fifth team member.

The future of stormwater management is "financially horrifying," Port Dover Coun. Adam Veri said in an interview.

Council doesn't know the size of the problem or how expensive it will be to fix.

"Water isn't something you can compromise on," Coun. Veri said.

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BUILT IN 1918, CLOSED IN 2010, COLLAPSED UNDER ITS OWN WEIGHT IN 2024

What's the future for Porter Bridge?

By David Judd

THE historic Porter Bridge over Black Creek, south of Marburg, collapsed under its own weight this summer.

Norfolk County paid \$49,477 to remove the rubble.

Now what?

County council has begun looking at options:

1. Don't replace the bridge — cost \$75,000 to \$100,000 to install turnarounds on Marburg Road;

2. Build a new vehicular bridge — \$1.5-million to \$2-million;

3a. Install a new bridge for pedestrians and cyclists — \$300,000 to \$400,000;

3b. Relocate a historic bridge from Windham Concession 3 —

\$500,000 to \$600,000.

Councillors made no decision last Wednesday.

They want to hear what neighbours and residents have to say.

And county staff is getting more information on possibly moving the old Windham bridge to Marburg.

The Porter Bridge was built in 1918.

In 2010, the county closed it to vehicles for safety reasons.

Pedestrians and cyclists continued to use the bridge until this spring when a tree fell and damaged the bridge.

In response, the county totally closed the bridge.

On Aug. 9, the bridge collapsed under its own weight.



The Porter Bridge after it collapsed in August under its own weight.

port to council said.

The residents Coun. Adam Veri talked to generally want Marburg Road to be open, he said in an interview.

For a few years starting in 2019, a community member offered to buy the Porter Bridge for \$100,000, Mayor Amy Martin said.

That person rescinded their offer.

A week later it was removed to prevent it blocking the creek.

The Porter Bridge had low traffic volume, Darnell Lambert, director of engineering, told councillors last Wednesday.

A bridge on East Quarter Line is not far away.

The Windham bridge is slated for removal next year.

It is a similar age, design and span as the Porter Bridge and should have no problem supporting pedestrians and cyclists, a re-



This historic bridge on Windham Concession 3 might replace the Porter Bridge at a cost of \$500,000 to \$600,000.

NOW Marburg Road is totally closed at the former site of the Porter Bridge.



Festive RIDE campaign gets underway for holiday season

THE annual Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign rolls out across Ontario starting this week as Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers combat impaired driving this holiday season.

Festive RIDE is an annual police enforcement and education initiative aimed at taking impaired drivers off Ontario roads during the holiday season. This year's Festive RIDE Campaign runs from Nov. 21 to New Year's Day.

Drivers can expect a heightened OPP presence on roads and highways as officers conduct RIDE checks 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the province. The Festive RIDE campaign ends a year of enhanced West Region OPP efforts to combat impaired driving. To date in 2024, West Region OPP officers have conducted 10,170 RIDE check events in all detachment areas, compared to 8,487 RIDE check events in 2023—a 20 per cent increase.

So far in 2024, 10 people have lost their lives in alcohol/drug related collisions in the OPP's West Region, compared to 24 deaths in 2023—a 58 per cent

decrease. West Region members have laid over 2,384 impaired driving charges to date in 2024, compared to 2,369 charges over the same timeframe in 2023—a 1 per cent increase.

As of Oct. 27, there have been no impaired driving fatalities in Norfolk County this year compared to one last year. Norfolk County has had 113 impaired driving charges so far this year compared to 121 last year—a 7 per cent decrease.

In Haldimand County, there have been three impaired driving fatalities this year compared to one last year and 73 impaired driving charges laid by OPP officers compared to 61 charges last year—a 20 per cent increase.

The OPP says it remains committed to ensuring Ontario roads are safe from drug-impaired and alcohol-impaired drivers.

Ontario citizens are reminded to do their part during the campaign by never driving after consuming alcohol or drugs and never letting anyone else drive if you know or suspect that they have consumed either. Police remind drivers that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving.

Notice of Public Consultation

a Licence Transfer 19 homes and the issuance of two new licences from an existing licensee to a new licensee

The Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) is reviewing a licence transfer request for 19 long-term care homes currently operated by Revera Long Term Care Inc. and affiliated licensees as well as the issuance of two new long-term care licences to a newly formed limited partnership, CVH (NO. 11) LP by its general partner, Southbridge Care Homes (a limited partnership, by its general partner, Southbridge Health Care GP Inc.) (the "Proposed Licensee").

The impacted homes include:

- Forest Heights, a 240-bed long term care home located at 60 West heights Drive in Kitchener, Ontario;
- Hillside Manor, a 90-bed long term care home located at Highway 8, 5066 Perth East Line 34, R.R. #5 in Stratford, Ontario; and,
- Dover Cliffs, a 70-bed long term care home located at 501 St. George Street in Port Dover, Ontario.

The request involves the transfer of the licence of the Home from the Current Licensee to a newly formed limited partnership, CVH (NO. 11) LP by its general partner, Southbridge Care Homes (a limited partnership, by its general partner, Southbridge Health Care GP Inc.) (the "Proposed Licensee").

The Proposed Licensee is a new for-profit entity; however, it is a subsidiary of Southbridge Care Homes, an existing LTC home operator.

The proposal is subject to meeting all licensing requirements under the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021*.

If you have comments or opinions and would like to bring them to the attention of the MLTC, you may:

Present them orally at a Zoom public meeting, to be held on December 6, 2024 at 2:00-3:00 pm. There are two options to join this public meeting:

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The complete list of impacted homes as well as details regarding the consultation and meeting will be posted on the Long-Term Care Consultation Registry located at ontario.ca/page/ontarios-long-term-care-licensing-public-consultation-registry on **November 22, 2024**. You may also email LTCHomes.Licensing@hillandknowlton.com to receive more details on the meeting.

Please include the name of the LTC Home and quote **Project #24-060** on all written submissions. As part of the MLTC's review, the Director will consider all written and oral submissions before making a final decision relating to the proposal.



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Community contributors made holiday magic

HOLIDAY spirit was palpable in Port Dover last Saturday during ChristmasFest as downtown was filled with festivalgoers fervently enjoying the event. Main Street remained abuzz after the parade, throughout the afternoon, and even into the evening as attendees shopped, dined, and socialized.

A large schedule of activities was available for attendees this year, which included the Cookie Walk, Santa Claus Parade, Christ-

mas carols and beach bonfire, horse-drawn wagon rides, and Norfolk Haldimand Community Hospice's tree light up in Powell Park.

Community members organized activities to ensure kids could have fun. Whether watching the parade, waving to Santa Claus, or waiting to give him a wish list, events such as ChristmasFest help children and families make holiday memories.

It's important to recognize that dozens of locals collaborate annually to organize ChristmasFest. The parade, gift baskets, sales, and activities all require co-ordination and volunteers who will put in the time needed to make them possible.

Port Dover is fortunate to be home to many people who are happy to help or lend a hand. Their efforts do not go unnoticed and should not go unappreciated.

SCS students honour veterans on Remembrance Day

By Samantha Ridler

SCS Jr. Reporter

REMEMBRANCE Day is special at Simcoe Composite School (SCS). It is the day when we gather to acknowledge former students who served Canada.

It is a time when we remember the supreme sacrifice paid by the SCS War Dead: 46 young men who served and died fighting for freedom.

Because the past four Remembrance Days took place during the pandemic or on a weekend, this was our first traditional full-period formal Remembrance Day service since 2019.

The hour-long assembly is a group effort, led by our Students' Council, but it also involves many other students and staff.

This year's Remembrance Day assembly provided historical in-

formation about the World Wars, the Korean War, and peacekeeping efforts the Canadian Forces have been involved in more recently.

Students were reminded of the SCS "Hallway of Heroes," located just off the front foyer, where a collection of plaques state the names of hundreds of graduates who served—and the 46 who died—in various military conflicts.

One plaque in our Hallway of Heroes honours Craig Blake, killed in 2010 during the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan. Guidance counsellor Mr.



Jason Dale attended Port Dover Public School with Craig in the 1980s, and science teacher Ms. Gagne knew Craig during their high school years.

In her formal address, Students' Council Deputy Prime Minister Avaia Bergan said: "Those men once walked these same hallways as we do today. But let us ask ourselves, would we have had the courage to do what they did in order to protect freedom and democracy, Sabres?"

Two letters sent home by Norfolk soldiers during WWI were read aloud. The first letter was written by Private Wallace Cook, one of four brothers who enlisted in 1914 and a member of the SCS Honour Roll of War Dead.

The introduction to the second letter read as follows: "William Lowe and his brother Walter were from Port Dover. Prior to enlistment, both were fishermen. On

April 9, 1917, the brothers walked side-by-side up Vimy Ridge and into battle..."

Our Concert Band played *God Save the King*, *O Canada*, and *Amazing Grace*. A trio of student singers gave an emotional performance of The Trews' song *Highway of Heroes*.

To lead us into the Official Two Minutes of Silence at 11 a.m., student William Han played *Last Post* on trumpet. While everyone stood in silence, the names of the 46 SCS War Dead scrolled onscreen. Port Dover's Sophie Mummery trumpeted *Rouse* to officially end this section of the program.

Afterward, we watched two five-minute videos to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion of Normandy in 1944. Interested readers could find these films on YouTube by searching for "D-Day narrated by

Barry Pepper" and "World War II Veterans Canada, Juno Beach."

All in all, the assembly was very moving and showed that the students and staff of SCS continue to take Remembrance Day very seriously.

As we do every November, our school again supported the annual "Holiday Shoebox Treats for our Troops" campaign organized by Port Dover's Linda Butler. Students donated many boxes and bags full of items to be sent to Canadian soldiers stationed overseas to help brighten their holiday while away from home.

Money was also donated so Ms. Butler could buy even more things, and dozens of students wrote out postcards with personal messages of thanks and support for our soldiers, to be included in the shoeboxes.

Here at SCS, we will always Remember.

Renewed appeal for federal support

AMY MARTIN



Mayor, Norfolk County

FOLLOWING the denial of Norfolk County's exemption request for the second round of the federal Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF), Norfolk County has submitted a comprehensive response to Minister of Housing Sean Fraser, clarifying the county's extensive efforts in accelerating housing development. In this follow-up to the initial article, I share with you the same business case I presented to the federal Minister in our request for a revaluation of the denial, responding to the government's suggestion that the county chose not to apply for round two.

Norfolk County's recent correspondence with Minister Fraser addresses an important clarification. Contrary to the federal government's claim, Norfolk did not voluntarily opt out of the HAF's second funding round.

The county's exemption request was denied, limiting its ability to proceed further in the application process. Despite this setback, Norfolk emphasizes its strong commitment to housing expansion and urges the federal government to reconsider the denial, citing the progress already made and Norfolk's proactive steps to increase local housing. If you recall, Minister Fraser responded to me stating, "I understand that you have decided against proceeding with your application to the second round of funding..." I simply object to this characterization of the application and I'm giving it another go.

In my response to Minister Fraser, I outline several actions taken to accelerate housing approvals, reduce development timelines, and provide incentives for affordable housing that should make us more than qualified to receive HAF dollars. The business case provided in the letter details a series of proactive strategies that have placed Norfolk at the forefront of housing development efforts in Ontario. Here are some key highlights that showcase Norfolk's housing progress and serve as a foundation for the county's request for a

second review:

1. Efficient development approval timelines: Norfolk County processes 98 per cent of development applications at or below legislated timelines.

2. Streamlined rezoning and site plan approvals: Norfolk has restructured its rezoning and site plan processes, reducing average approval times by six weeks. Lean process reviews have helped achieve conditional site plan approvals within two months and minor site plans within one month—cutting timelines by approximately 200 days, an achievement that speaks to the county's ongoing commitment to speed up housing delivery.

3. Strong pipeline of approved units: Over the past year, Norfolk has approved 2,688 new dwelling units through site plan and subdivision. This pipeline includes a significant project with two rental apartment buildings, totaling 199 units, with over 1,000 additional units pending rezoning approval.

4. Incentives for affordable housing and community revitalization: Norfolk County offers zero development charges on affordable housing projects, along with brownfield redevelopment

couraged developers to pursue affordable housing, supporting Norfolk's goal of increasing accessibility for all residents.

5. Municipal land allocation for housing and fee reductions for ADUs: Norfolk has made municipally-owned parcels available for affordable housing partnerships and has reduced development application fees for minor projects, including accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and other priority housing types. In fact, I even tried to incentivize ADUs!

6. Enhanced developer support and online resources: Norfolk has invested in accessible online resources, including how-to guides, instructional videos, and a streamlined online portal, to make the development process more accessible to landowners.

7. Efficient building permit reviews: Norfolk's average review times for complete applications this year are 1.6 days for zoning and 3.4 days for plan reviews, allowing builders to receive permits within a week in most cases.

8. Infrastructure investments for water and wastewater capacity: The county has proactively invested in critical infrastructure upgrades to ensure adequate water and wastewater capacity for new developments. Norfolk has adopted "use it or lose it" agreements to ensure that approved developments proceed steadily, preventing unnecessary delays and maximizing infrastructure use.

9. Exceeding Official Plan intensification goals: Norfolk has achieved an impressive five-year intensification rate of 52 per cent, reflecting Norfolk's commitment to maximizing housing density and accommodating a growing population within its existing urban areas.

With these accomplishments, Norfolk County's business case emphasizes its ongoing dedication to addressing housing needs. Despite the county's comprehensive efforts, Minister Fraser's initial response indicated that Norfolk was not eligible for HAF round two because of the federal government's denial of an exemption request.

My appeal to the federal government represents not only a request for financial backing but also an opportunity for the government to acknowledge and support effective local housing strategies and rural Ontario. In a time when housing shortages impact many regions, Norfolk's approach offers a blueprint for rural municipalities working to balance rapid development with community integrity.

As Norfolk awaits Minister Fraser's response, residents and officials remain hopeful that the federal government will recognize the county's efforts and provide the support necessary to amplify our housing initiatives. The outcome of this appeal could signal a positive shift in federal support for rural housing, setting a precedent for other communities facing similar challenges.

I also appreciate your sharing of comments on the funding streams for HAF. I understand that you have decided against proceeding with your application to the second round of funding, but that your staff worked with Daniel Kingsbury, Senior Specialist of Municipal Relations at CMHC, on the matter. Please feel free to reach out directly to him by email at dkingsbu@cmhc-schl.gc.ca should you wish to discuss further, including other potential funding sources through the National Housing Strategy to help achieve your housing outcomes.

An excerpt of Minister of Housing Sean Fraser's letter.

credits and additional incentives under its Community Improvement Plan. These measures have en-



Let's remember all 365 days of the year

BOBBI ANN BRADY



Queen's Park Report

Ahead of Remembrance Day, the Ontario Government introduced Bill 218, the *Honouring Veterans Act, 2024*, which unanimously passed. I stand in solidarity with the Ontario government as this legislation will better honour our veterans by implementing steps to improve their and their families' lives.

Bill 218 amends various Acts and among its many features, it proposes to formally recognize and codify nine specific military trades to augment their return to civilian careers in the trades. For example, a veteran who was a material technician responsible for working on vehicles in the armed forces wouldn't experience the red tape, hurdles, or protracted timelines for having their military work experience and credentials recognized for employment in a similar occupation.

The Act also proposes condemning any act "that disrespects veterans, including committing the act of stolen valour

when an individual makes false claims about military service. This includes the unlawful use of government sanctioned medals, uniforms, and decorations."

I was pleased to see the proposed expansion of Health811 to connect veterans to specialized services that meet their unique health care needs, including those in rural areas.

Another standout for me was the proposed increase in financial assistance available to veterans and their families via the Soldiers' Aid Commission. This would allow eligible veterans and their family members to receive up to \$3,000 each year, up from \$2,000, to help pay for essential services and supports. Eligible veterans can find out how to apply to the Soldiers' Aid Commission at Ontario.ca/SoldiersAid.

In my opinion, Bill 218 is a good first step, but we can always do more.

On October 30, I submitted Motion 137, which reads: That, in the opinion of this House, the Government of Ontario should direct municipalities to set aside, and secure in perpetuity, a painted crosswalk in remembrance of Canadian military veterans and soldiers, to honour their service and sacrifice and to show deep appreciation for the priceless gift of freedom.

I have been in touch with the government to establish partnership and solidarity to make my motion a reality but have yet to hear any response. I look forward to the day Ontario is the first province to have each municipality creating daily remembrances.



A crosswalk in Hamilton in remembrance of Canadian military veterans and soldiers.

OVER the past week, many of us have participated in services and events honouring our Canadian veterans and soldiers. We witnessed the spectacular colours, sounds and traditions of our regiments, squadrons, veteran and military organizations, like the sight and sound of a lone bugler playing *Last Post*.

Such ceremonies and events afford us an opportunity to show deep appreciation for the priceless gift of freedom given to us by our veterans and those brave men and women serving today.

Haldimand-Norfolk has a distinguished military history whereby citizens have continually stood up to answer the call. On a national scale, more than 2.3 million Canadians have served our country while 118,000 have made the ultimate sacrifice.

While it is difficult to find the words to convey the sincerest of appreciation, may we remind ourselves that freedom always comes a cost—it is not free. And that's why it's important to tell our kids, our grandkids of such brave warriors and teach them the stories of their deeds.

While paying homage on November 11th is of utmost importance, I believe we must remember all 365 days of the year.

LETTERS & NOTES.

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9,000 fallen soldiers etched into the sand

A large percentage of our country doesn't know about Normandy. This year, British artists Jamie Wardley and Andy Moss, accompanied by numerous volunteers, took to the beaches of Normandy with rakes and stencils in hand to etch 9,000 silhouettes representing fallen people into the sand.

Titled *The Fallen 9000*, the piece is meant as a stark visual reminder of those who died during the D-Day beach landings at Arromanches on June 6, 1944, during World War Two.

The original team consisted of 60 volunteers but as word spread nearly 500 additional local residents arrived to help with the temporary installation that lasted only a few hours before being washed away by the tide.

Nine thousand fallen soldiers etched into the sand on Normandy Beach to commemorate Peace Day. What is surprising is that nothing about this was seen here in Canada. Please share with others



With rakes and stencils, 9,000 silhouettes representing fallen soldiers were etched into the sand.

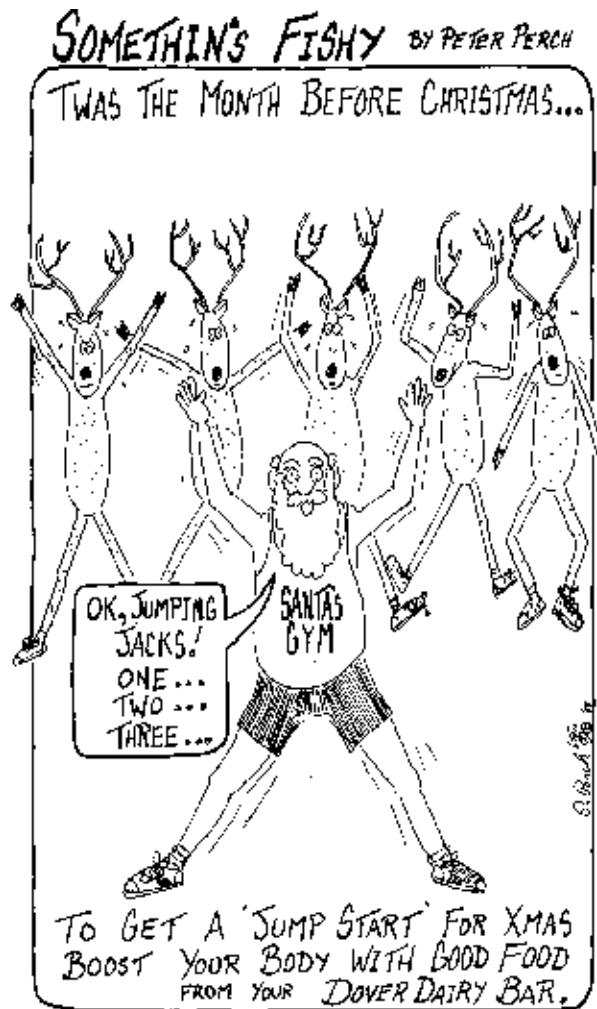


The silhouettes of 9,000 who died were spread across the beach at Normandy in a temporary installation that lasted until high tide.

who understand "freedom is not free—nor has it ever been."

Most of the young people of today need to see this. They have no concept of the extreme sacrifices that were made to give them the freedom that they enjoy today.

Maggie Green



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Some of those gathered on the pier to greet Santa and Mrs. Claus give a Christmas wave.



Santa and Mrs. Claus pose for a photo shortly after arriving at the pier in Port Dover.

SANTA & MRS. CLAUS ARRIVE IN PORT DOVER



Captain George Gibbons of the fishing tug George A delivered Santa and Mrs. Claus to the Port Dover pier on Saturday afternoon. The crew of the Canada Coast Guard aboard their vessel Cape Mercy, and wearing their Santa hats, met the VIPs as they entered local waters and provided an official escort into the harbour.

Hundreds of people gathered on the pier to greet the visitors from the North Pole. The couple was able to shake some hands and pose for some photos before the start of the annual ChristmasFest parade through the downtown.

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A young girl dressed for the day got the attention of Mrs. Claus.



Santa Claus waves to the crowd as he arrives in town.



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ALICIA AND JOHN VANHALTEREN BRIGHTEN DOWNTOWN FOR HOLIDAYS

Helping Port Dover shine at Christmas

By Jacob Fehr

LAST week, a group led by Alicia and John VanHalteren of Port Dover decorated 17 light posts on Main and Harbour Streets in Port Dover with Christmas wreaths and lights. The Maple Leaf contacted Ms. VanHalteren to learn more about their initiative.

“We acquired the 15 wreaths that were previously used by the town, we removed the old lights and bows and purchased new lights and bows and redid them in our shop,” she said. “We also purchased two new wreaths to use down by the museum parkette... [and] several dozen boxes of Christmas lights to adorn the vintage light posts lining Main Street and down by the museum.”

Ms. VanHalteren explained she became interested in redecorating on Main and Harbour

Streets after she saw “such nice lights” on posts in Burgessville around the holidays last year. Dissatisfied with the light post décor in Port Dover and impressed by what “a much smaller community” had on display, she contacted Port Dover Board of Trade manager Jan Overend and offered to replace the existing Christmas lights on Main Street posts.

“I was then contacted by Cari Fallis, who informed me she had the wreaths in storage that were at one time used on the streetlights in downtown if I wanted them,” she said.

Stocked with 15 wreaths, the VanHalterens bought two more, lots of decorations, and then set about dressing them.

“My husband and I purchased all the lights... and 17 bows and over a weekend I disassembled them and redid them,” Ms. VanHalteren said.

When it came time to adorn the posts with new



A bucket truck from Norfolk-Simcoe Electric helped take down the old lights and install the new strands.



Alicia and John VanHalteren with a pickup truck filled with Christmas decorations prepared for the downtown street posts.

décor, the couple had help from another local business. Mark Chambers and Ryan Taylor of Norfolk-Simcoe Electric worked with the VanHalterens to decorate Main and Harbour Streets.

“Norfolk-Simcoe Electric kindly offered to assist in taking down the old lights and hanging the new ones with the use of their boom truck. [John and I] met them downtown on November 13 at 8 a.m. and we assisted them with the work and together we finished at 2 p.m. Our personal business, Dovercraft Marine, purchased all the lights and bows.”

Jeremy Prouse, owner of Norfolk-Simcoe Electric, said, “They just called and we said, ‘We’d love to help.’”

The VanHalterens are optimistic that their project will spread holiday cheer this year and may even inspire others to pursue their own goals for the benefit of the community.

“We hope by doing this it encourages other members of our community to want to get involved in the future with things that make our community better. Mostly we just wanted to bring a little Christmas sparkle back into our beautiful little town,” Ms. VanHalteren said. “And it may have made me eager to do even more next year for the holidays. Seeing what other towns around us have done inspires me to help Port Dover shine more and more each year!”

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CHRISTMASFEST RETURNS TO PORT DOVER ChristmasFest photos by Earl Hartlen



Ev Deming was the ChristmasFest parade marshal. This year's parade had two pipe bands, a large number of floats, and many participants.



Parade judges Ann L'Ecuyer Musselman and Deb Hoskins awarded prizes for best commercial, non-commercial, children's, and Christmas themed floats.



Many volunteers helped at road barricades before and during the parade. Russell Colebrook was stationed at Clinton Street.

ChristmasFest popular

> From page one

end of Walker Street. A large group gathered to sing Christmas carols under the leadership of George Araujo. Horse-drawn wagon rides were also available from Evergreen Hill Farm.

At 7 p.m., Norfolk Haldimand Community Hospice held a tree light-up in Powell Park to honour community members' loved ones. Attendees could participate by lighting electric candles, which were available by donation.

Port Dover stores offered special promotions and hours throughout ChristmasFest as part of Moonlight Madness Shopping. Shops bustled with business as sidewalks remained busy with shoppers well into the evening.

Many stores also collected ballots for Port Dover Board of Trade's free gift basket draws. Items in the gift baskets were donated by local businesses. The ballot boxes will remain in stores all week, giving shoppers an extended window to enter.

Port Dover Legion hosted breakfast with Santa Claus on Sunday morning. Mr. Claus said he appreciated the "ho ho wholesome hospitality."

Jan Overend, manager of Port Dover Board of Trade, thanked the community members who assisted with ChristmasFest.

"We're so grateful to everyone who

helped bring ChristmasFest to life this year. From those in the parade to those at the barricades and everyone in between, it's a team effort and it couldn't happen without so many people pulling in one direction," she said. "And we can't forget the businesses. Their support makes the event possible."

Melissa Mummery led a group of volunteers who put up Christmas lights on the lamp posts and bandstand in Powell Park. Another group led by Ann L'Ecuyer Musselman and Debbie O'Dwyer saw the installation of Christmas lights at Elmer Lewis Parkette.

Alicia and John VanHalteren worked with Ryan Taylor and Mark Chambers to dress light posts on Main Street and Harbour Street with Christmas lights and wreaths. Many owners of businesses along Main Street had their storefronts decorated for the event.

Mike Kilpatrick and Will Prygiel again adorned the town's lighthouse with a festive wreath. George Gibbons delivered the Clauses to town on his fish tug George A. Members of Port Dover's Canadian Coast Guard station helped them make the voyage.

The combined efforts of these volunteers ensured Port Dover shined at ChristmasFest.

"Thank you to all our volunteers," Ms. Overend said.



Members of the North Shore Highlanders pipe and drum band prepare for the start of Saturday's ChristmasFest parade.

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CHRISTMASFEST PARADE ChristmasFest photos by Earl Hartlen



Above, Santa waving to the crowds along Main Street.

At right, Derek Foreman with 11-year-old Magnolia and 9-year-old McArthur along the parade route.

Below, Paris-Port Dover Pipe Band marched ahead of Santa's carriage.



First Port Dover Scouts participated in the ChristmasFest parade.



Port Dover Skating Club's Polar Express float won top prize for Best Children's Theme.



Local sailboat racers from the Port Dover Yacht Club Race Division won first prize in the non-commercial float category of the parade.

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FUN CONTINUED ALL DAY *ChristmasFest photos by Earl Hartlen*



Art With Heart Studio offered face painting at Lighthouse Theatre while children waited to talk with Santa Claus on Saturday. Shown above are Sammy Rixman, Trish Campbell, Hadlee Benvenuti, and Kayden Benvenuti with their supplies ready just before the children crowded into the theatre lobby.



Scooter brought smiles to many along the ChristmasFest parade route.



Gerald Grant Thompson of Wilsonville brought his three boys to meet Santa. Shown above are, from left, Everett, 6, Bentley, 2, and Skylar, 4.



W.J. Roofing Ltd. won top prize for best commercial float in the ChristmasFest parade featuring the Grinch and Buddy the Elf of the North Pole Roofing Co.



Long Point Bay Yacht Club's float in the ChristmasFest parade won top honours for the best Christmas theme. LPBYC is based at Port Dover Harbour Marina and the float celebrated the club's 50th anniversary.

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Always in motion: With few penalty calls, both the Sailors and Hawks were perpetually skating and manoeuvring.

Sailors outplayed Hagersville but lost 1-3

By Jan Dean

THE Sailors weekly Sunday game was moved to 7 p.m. against the Hagersville Hawks because of the Tom Butler Memorial Minor Hockey Tournament.

For this game, the Sailors did everything right. They outskated and outplayed the Hawks. They even out-shot the Hawks.

The Sailors only took one penalty through the entire game! If that's not in the team's stats it should be.

The problem may have been that both goalies played well and only one Sailor and one Hawk were able to score through the whole game.

The first and second period were scoreless. It wasn't for lack of trying by either team. Those two periods were fast with a lot of hits. They battled against the boards for every puck. Sailors and Hawks skated end-to-end endlessly but no matter how they tried, neither team could score.

Finally, at 1:59 in the third period Hagersville's Marcus Lazarevic scored.

Forty-eight seconds later, at 2:47, Sailor Markus Dempewolf scored with assists from Dylan Courrier and Trevor Nunn.

Tied at 1-all, both teams tried to score. As the minutes ticked by both teams got more desperate.

When the dam broke at 14:33 it was Hagersville's Marcus Lazarevic who scored the winning goal to put the Hawks up 2-1.

It was do or die for the Sailors, who pulled their goalie to put an extra attacker on the ice.

Naturally, it was Hagersville's Marcus Lazarevic who got his third goal of the night. It was an empty net goal and it put the Hawks up 1-3.

The Sailors outshot the Hawks 37-34. The Sailors had one 2-minute penalty versus the Hawks' three infractions and 14 penalty minutes.

Hagersville's goalie Liam Wilson got the win and Sailors goalie Kiefer MacNeil got the loss despite great play.

Sailors head coach Kevin Miket said fans got their money's worth because it was a good hockey game.

"These kids work so hard and deserve so much better," said Miket. "Everything keeps piling on and we just have to work through it."

They just can't seem to catch a break. It feels like puck bounces only benefit the other team.

That will change but the hard part is not knowing when that will happen.

Sailors' Markus Dempewolf was the only Sailor to get a puck in the net.

The 21-year-old forward from Albert Lea, Minnesota, is a player to watch whenever he plays. He's fearless and quick to take advantage of any opening to score.

This is Markus' fourth year playing in Canada. He moved to Caledonia to be near his girlfriend who is now in her last year of school.

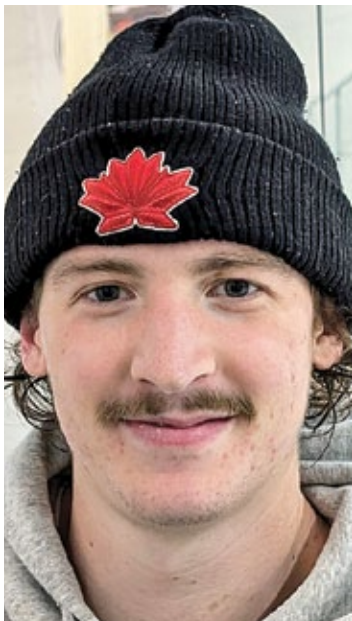
He says that life here and hockey here are very similar to what he experienced south of the border.

"I'm playing with a bunch of good guys here," he said.

The Sailors didn't have nearly as good a game against the Grimsby Peach Kings on Friday night, Nov. 15. The Sailors lost 2-7 and Markus assisted on both goals.

The Sailors play again Friday, Nov. 22, in Dunnville against the Mudcats at 7:30 p.m.

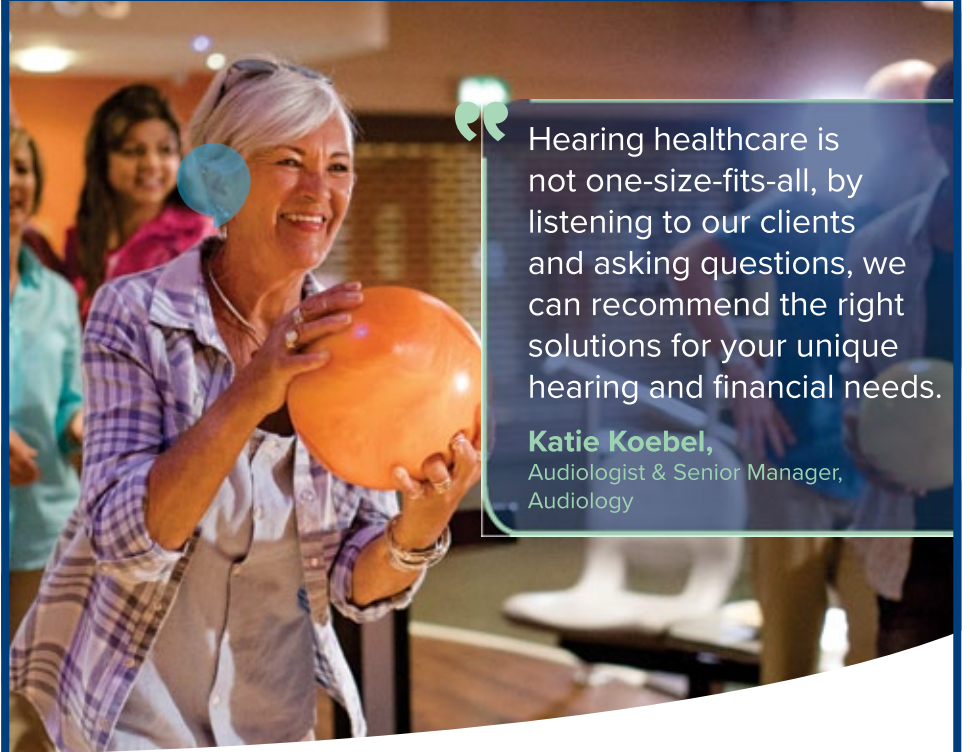
The Sailors next home game is Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m. when the Grimsby Peach Kings come to play.



Port Dover Sailors #18 Markus Dempewolf is from Albert Lea, Minnesota. He's fearless and quick to take advantage of any opening to score.

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320 St. Patrick Street is open every Saturday, year-round, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring local small business vendors selling a range of Norfolk County foods.

Market vendors include Hank DeKoning for meats; Europa for bakery and pizzas, TnT Treats for baked goods, popcorn; My Pantree Catering by Marianne Pankhurst

for premade meals; Red Barn Brewery; Fiedler's Delicatessen; Down to Earth fruit and vegetables; JD Microgreens; Chanoki Farm and the flower guy; Rob's No Spray produce; The School House Garden for gluten free cookies and snacks; and more. Walt's Place Kitchen is home of the \$5 breakfast sandwich.

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Past and present commanders and officers of Port Dover Power and Sail Squadron—now called CanBoat / Port Dover—gathered at the 75th anniversary event celebrated on November 9 at Port Dover Yacht Club. Shown above are, left to right, Bill McAlister, Lem Tamm, Mary Morrison, Craig McFarlane, Kristen Jerry, Bill Jerry, Alan McKeown, Janis Demmans, Bob Crane, Thor Olsen, and Brian Elder. Photo by Earl Hartlen

Port Dover Power & Sail Squadron celebrates 75 years helping local boaters

Earl Hartlen recently spoke to Commander Bill Jerry of CanBoat / Port Dover, formerly Port Dover Power & Sail Squadron, a non-profit organization that teaches people how to boat safely. Commander Jerry talked about his group's purpose, recent rebranding, upcoming anniversary, and more.

"CANADIAN Power and Sail Squadron has been in operation the better part of 80 years. It's a national organization that promotes boating safety and education. It was born out of the U.S. and came across the border at Windsor and then became a national organization, because there's a similar organization in the U.S., United States Power and Sail Squadrons...

"The organization... was called the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron and had been for many, many years [until] they just did a rebrand on the organization and changed the name to CanBoat, [which] was just for marketing purposes, and corporately things haven't changed... CanBoat was how they re-branded and that is how we're known nationally, and each chapter of the organization changed brand accordingly. We used to be Port Dover Power & Sail Squadron and now we're CanBoat / Port Dover.

"The main goal for the organization has always been fostering safe boating through education, so it's promoting boating safety on the water, which has been done through the various courses that the organization, and us as a chapter, have offered. It's always been offering boating courses to improve safety and skill on the water and improve navigational ability. All around the goal is to make people safer on the water.

"The organization has always offered a pretty wide range of courses... the bare minimum that a person requires to operate a vessel on the water is a Pleasure Craft Operator Card—that was mandated by the government back in 1999—and we've always had that basic knowledge incorporated in our courses... So that's kind of where it all starts, that's the foundation that boating courses are built on and then from there it just becomes more and more advanced each step of the way... depending on what type of boating [people] want to do.

"We've had members who have done the Great Loop, who have navigated through

the Great Lakes, have done the Trent-Severn, gone down the Mississippi, across the Gulf of Mexico, navigated around Florida, and come back up the intercoastal waterway back into the Great Lakes system. We've had others who have chartered boats in the Caribbean. Some of the purists have wanted to be able to rely on traditional navigation, in which case they would pull out the sexton and use the stars and charts to navigate rather than electronic navigation. With GPS becoming commonplace on land, it's also become commonplace on water and there's a lot of people who will just use a GPS for navigation. So we've incorporated that into our courses over the years as well."

Earl: Are you able to certify people as boaters?

"The issuing of the Pleasure Craft Operator Card does offer the basic licence that's needed to be able to operate a boat. As far as more advanced things like captain's licences, for people who want to become cruise ship captains or operate freighters on the Great Lakes, that's beyond recreational boating. There are specific licences for that when you get into larger vessels, but we licence people for both power and sail watercraft that would be used recreationally on the Great Lakes."

Earl: Tell me about the event that was recently held.

"The event on Saturday [Nov. 9] celebrates our 75th anniversary. Port Dover Power & Sail Squadron was chartered on November 26, 1949, marking Port Dover's 75th anniversary of offering boating instruction to the public."

Earl: What is your position?

"At the moment, unless they revise the title, I'm what's referred to as a commander. That would basically parallel, if you're familiar with the Port Dover Yacht Club, the leader there is commodore. I'm in a similar capacity for CanBoat / Port Dover. Yacht clubs have commodores, power squadrons have commanders.

"There will be nine other commanders in attendance at the event as we have had several commanders dating back to the inception in 1949. Many of the earlier commanders have passed on but the oldest

commander attending will have served in 1990. So nine of us attending having served from 1990 through to current day. One of the things I hope to be able to do is get everyone together for a photograph."

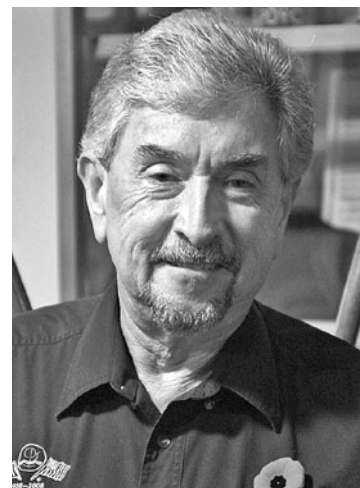
Earl: How long is your term as the Commander?

"We have a board of directors that operates on a one-year term... elected by the membership. Our term runs April 1–March 31 and I have an executive committee that I deal with... we have a secretary, treasurer, education officer [who] oversees the courses and arranges for instructors, [and] we have people that are in other capacities as well on the board: a webmaster, a public relations officer (which happens to be my daughter); my wife takes care of our regalia, our shirts, hats, flags—she keeps track of that inventory. We've got a corps of about 10 people that run the organization locally."

Earl: You're offering some great training. How do people get in touch with you?

"People can reach out to us through our website... now available online at canboat-portdover.ca, and all of our courses and events are listed there. They can also reach us toll-free through a number that rings into my office, 1-866-597-2628.

"We have people with all different skill levels, and we have courses with all different skill levels as well, so if people already have their Operator Card and just want to increase their boating knowledge then they can certainly take one of our courses then go as advanced as they want to go based on their needs.



Commander Bill Jerry of CanBoat / Port Dover.

"There are fees for the courses because in some cases if a licence is issued there are administrative expenses to be able to issue the physical card and maintain the database and to cover the cost of the course material, such as charts and the infrastructure that we require to be able to offer the course if we're renting a venue to host the course for example. We just charge enough to be able to recover the operating expenses... The courses aren't free, but we try to keep the

cost as low as possible to make them accessible to everyone."

Earl: Anything further that you'd like to mention?

"We have offered courses in [several] different formats. Traditionally over the years that [was] a classroom setting, so we always offered courses in the offseason because our instructors are boaters as well and no one wants to teach during the summer when you can be out on the water enjoying your boat. So usually our courses have been in a fall session that runs to the end of the year, then we would run courses in January through to March. Previously we would rent a room either at the school, community centre or yacht club, however when COVID came along that changed the way we delivered courses, so we went to an online format out of necessity and we offered online courses through Zoom.

"The organization has kind of continued in that direction and they've made more and more of our courses and material available in an online format. However,

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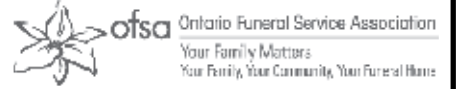


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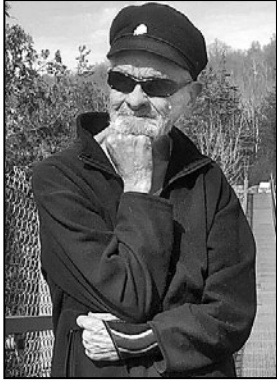


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Paul Kennedy



KENNEDY, Paul Winston – Peacefully at home on Thursday, November 14, 2024. While holding his loving wife Lynne's hand, Paul was called to his heavenly home. Predeceased by his loving parents, Winston and Audrey Kennedy. Beloved husband of Marilyn (Lynne) Kennedy. Paul is survived by his dear brother Larry (Lynn) of Seattle, Washington; his stepchildren Kelly Vanderloo (Terry), Barry Quinn (Caryn), and by stepdaughter-in-law Miriam. He was a loving grandfather to his step grandchildren Leigh, Jennifer (Ian), Elizabeth (Kris), Jasmine and Ashley, he loved them and was so proud of them all. Predeceased by stepsons Bradley and Jamie Quinn. Paul was born in Brampton, Ontario; he worked for the Peel Board of Education until retirement. Friends and family were very important to Paul and he worked hard to keep them. His cousin Mark (Joanne) and family as well as many other cousins were greatly loved. David of Nova Scotia, who also shared the challenges of living with Dystonia, Allan and Sue MacDonald and family of New Brunswick, Dennis Stanfield his friend of seventy years, George Trainer of Mississauga whose countless trips and endless assistance will never be forgotten. Joe, a caring friend and his loving family, for always being there, we are truly grateful to all our family and friends past and present. Paul held you dearly in his heart. As per Paul's wishes cremation has taken place. SERENITY BURIAL & CREMATION & BURIAL SERVICES INC., 361 Main Street, Port Dover (226) 290-9093 have been entrusted with the arrangements. A special thank you to Barbara Chambers of Serenity Burial & Cremation for her caring and compassion.

Paul you are now free of all your pain my darling. Fly high with the angels and watch over me and those you love. I will look for the brightest star and know that you are with me.

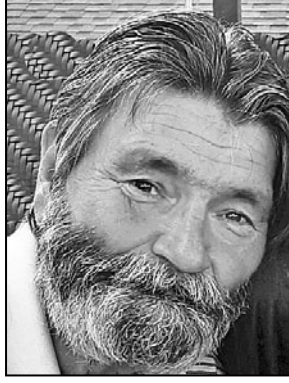
"Till the End of Time" A Daisy a Day my love... Your wife forever Lynne.

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Peter Dandeneau

DANDENEAU, Peter Joseph of Toronto, passed away at his residence on November 11, 2024, in his 66th year. Cherished brother of Mary Margaret Dandeneau and Jonda Pieratt of Port Dover. Predeceased by his parents Paul and Kathleen Dandeneau. Arrangements have been entrusted to THOMPSON WATERS FUNERAL HOME, Port Dover 519-583-1530. A funeral mass to celebrate Peter's life will be held Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 11 a.m. at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, Lynn Park Ave., Port Dover. Father Pio Beorchia celebrant. For those wishing, donations to a charity of choice would be appreciated. Online condolences can be made at www.thompsonwatersfuneralhome.com.

Ronald Belaen



BELAEN, Ronald Aloise – Peacefully on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, with family by his side at the Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe. Predeceased by parents Agnes and Andrew Belaen. Beloved husband to Diane and cherished father to Trevor and Tonya (Ryan) Schaetzle. Also survived by his sister Ingrid Waldi. Predeceased by his in-laws Shirley and Jerry Martin and his brother-in-law Jim Waldi. Ron loved playing slow-pitch baseball, gardening, cooking, and spoiling his long-time pups Frites and Mayo. Cremation has taken place. SERENITY BURIAL & CREMATION SERVICES INC., 361 Main Street, Port Dover (226) 290-9093 have been entrusted with the arrangements. A Memorial service will take place on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at The Erie Beach Hotel restaurant, 19 Walker Street, Port Dover, at 1:00 p.m. followed by a Celebration of Ron's Life from 1:30 till 4:00 p.m. Those wishing to make a memorial donation in Ron's memory are asked to consider The Norfolk General Hospital Foundation, 365 West Street, Simcoe, Ontario N3Y 1T7. Thank you to Dr. Bard, Dr. Pastuszewska and the Heart Function Clinic of Hamilton. Online condolences can be left at www.serenityburialandcremation.com.



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CanBoat Port Dover celebrates 75 years

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because we haven't offered a classroom session in quite some time, we are looking at offering our Basic Navigation and Boat Handling course to start in January. We're just firming up some of the details on that, confirming instructors and a venue. We're hoping to be able to get the word out on that and advertise it really soon so that we can have as many students as we can for that session in January.

"We've done a lot of different things over our 75 years. We used to run an annual Safety Day that we opened to the public where people could come out and ask questions and get information on various courses, licencing requirements. We also promote

something called an RVCC, which is a recreational vehicle courtesy check, and we have some certified inspectors who will meet with people on their boats and basically check their safety equipment to make sure that they have all of the required gear to be able to go out on the water. It's easier to take a few minutes and get one of our courtesy checks than head out on the water and be pulled over by the OPP and find that you don't have flares that are in date, or your lifejackets aren't properly approved, or things like that.

"We also used

to be able to collect flares—because flares are a pyrotechnic distress signal and they have a limited shelf life, they're only good for four years from the date of manufacture and then they have to be replaced. So that's part of the courtesy check that we would do is check to make sure that the people have flares that are currently in date... We used to run

Port Dover Power Squadron was chartered on November 26, 1949 making it among the earliest squadrons formed in Canada.

a program that would collect expired flares but that had government funding and unfortunately Transport Canada pulled the funding on that two years ago,

so we haven't been able to offer a flare disposal event, but we did do them for a number of consecutive years and we usually gathered between 900 to 1,200 expired flares at our events locally. That's a lot of explosives to get off the street.

"We're entirely a volunteer, non-profit organization so everything that we do no one is compensated for. Our instructors aren't compensated, our inspectors aren't compensated. We're a volunteer board of 10 people. We just happen to be a group that's passionate about boating and want to share the knowledge and make sure that everyone is safe on the water and that they can gain confidence in their ability to go out on the water and enjoy it that much more."

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PORT DOVER LEGION FISH DINNER on Thursday, Nov. 21, from 4:30 p.m. Serving haddock. \$17.00 per plate. Eat-in or take-out available.

FUN DARTS Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. Port Dover Legion, Market St. East. All welcome.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. The regular monthly meeting of the Port Dover and Woodhouse Horticultural Society will be held in the hall at Grace United Church, Chapman Street at St. George, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 21. Guest speaker will be Jason Overdevest of Nanticoke Nurseries. Topic: pruning!

FRIDAY

FUN EUCHRE at St. John's. Come and join us for a fun night of Progressive Euchre every Friday night at 7 p.m. At St. John's Parish Hall, 879 Norfolk St. S., Simcoe. \$5 admission includes 10 games, prizes, plus a light lunch.

EVENTS

SATURDAY

SILVER LAKE MARKET every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Patrick St., Port Dover. Seasonal fruits and vegetables, honey, nuts, meats, fish, baked goods, cheese, preserves, kettle corn, craft beer, micro greens, prepared meals etc. "Meet you at the Market."

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SUNDAY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL ECUMENICAL ADVENT WALK is Sunday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. Come together to hear the Advent messages of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. The walk begins at St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church. Drive to St. Paul's Anglican Church, then walk to Grace United Church. Refreshments will be served in the Grace Community Hall, graciously hosted by Grace United Church Women. People of all faiths are welcome. Bring a battery-operated candle, if you have one.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 302 St. George St., Port Dover, on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items for sale: boxed cookies, fruit crisp, meat pies, homemade soup and jams, Christmas decorations, and Townsend Butchers gift certificates.

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CONCERT — WOODHOUSE UNITED CHURCH (Hwy. 6 & 24) presents the Tia and Tommy Annual Christmas Concert. Saturday, December 14, at 2 p.m. This year the theme will be JOY. Tickets are \$25 each available by calling Lisa Jo at 519-428-2827.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Tickets for the Lions' New Year's Eve Party at Port Dover Community Centre on sale now at Scotiabank on Main St., Port Dover Jewellery and Gifts, and Lions' Silver Lake Market. \$30 each (same price as last year). Last year tickets sold out 3 weeks early... don't wait! Music by Black Creek, late cold buffet, door prizes, champagne at midnight. Cash bar—an over-19 event. Free shuttle bus home (within Port Dover urban area).

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PUZZLES • Answers on page 15

Sudoku

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Alphabet Soup

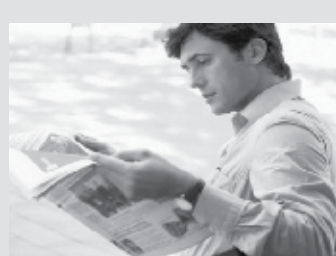
- ACROSS
- BTOs conveyance
 - Common detergent?
 - Needles partner
 - Locale
 - Court
 - Montgomery initials, followed by a blunt refusal?
 - Clamour
 - Plant part
 - Mimed
 - Horn
 - Brewery vessel
 - Cheer for Sevi
 - Eats away at
 - Slap
 - Tolkien tree creature
 - Summer, in Ste Adele
 - Breezy greeting for Ms Rowling?
 - Be indebted
 - Federal water conservation org.
 - Flower petals
 - Poetic evening
 - Tantrums
 - Statue stuff
 - Collie's coat
 - Auricle
 - Domains
 - Quebec postal abbr., followed by monogram of Yukon poet?
 - Southeast Asian
 - Clout
 - Fat
 - Hill dweller
 - Lamb alias
 - Small fry
 - The terminal trio?
 - "You" affectionately in Yamachiche, followed by ubiquitous German auto?

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- Doctor Zhivago heroine
- Press
- Gist
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- Knowing
- Boat feature
- Assemble
- Greek philosopher
- Mischief maker
- Compass pt
- Turf
- Northern deer
- Tom Thomson output
- "Of" in Outremont, followed by CFL stat?
- Verb "to be" in Temiskaming
- Sargasso and Tasman
- Feign
- Mrs Mulroney
- Not shut
- Ms Merino
- Stress out
- Jumping off spot?
- Guido note
- Regret
- Defeats
- Cartoon cat
- Remarkable thing
- Roman 1054
- Cabbage salad
- BC time
- Quid pro
- Soak
- Unspecified number

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Port Dover Lion Gord Johnson, 99-year-old veteran, laying wreath on behalf of Port Dover Lions Club. We are so lucky to have Gord as a Lion. He still attends meetings.

Nigel Kean



I feel very fortunate to have a pharmacy like Roulston's in Port Dover. The staff are incredibly caring, always find ways to help out in a pinch and care deeply about the people they serve. A shout out to pharmacist Kareena Martin, who has helped avoid prescription complications and has offered great advice! Bravo!

Don Kearney-Bourque
Port Dover

A company made a profit of \$748-million in 2023. Then made a profit of \$496-million in the first six months of 2024. Pretty good, eh? But wait, not true. The profits were actually losses! Canada Post CUPW workers are on strike for what? A reality check shows they do not have a sustainable plan for the future. Maybe it's time for Amazon and GO logistics management teams to take over and maybe turn things around. Canada Post is still stuck in the 20th century—maybe earlier?

I have worked with Microsoft software for many years. My current computer is a Notebook Pavillion 15 laptop purchased in Dec. 2016. The operating system is Windows 10, which I have never

liked but that is what it came with. Microsoft says the end of their support for Windows 10 is Oct. 14, 2025. How nice. Many computers, like mine, cannot handle the upgrade to Windows 11 due to hardware limitations. I had that checked out by a computer technician. So, Microsoft is orchestrating the conversion of many computers, like mine, to garbage, which is what they will become when some new virus arrives for which there will no longer be a protective update. The email I received from Microsoft poses the question, "What can I do with my old computer?" The answer they propose is "Trade it in or recycle it with local organizations." Thank you, Microsoft. At that point, I shall switch to a Mac computer.

Many Canadians think it's time to revamp Canada Post's business model and bring it up-to-date. Do we need all the bricks and mortar? Do we need door-to-door or neighbourhood service? Do we need daily service? Do we need 55,000 postal workers striking for a 22% wage increase over four years? Some people will say yes, some will say no. Regardless, the time is now to review the delivery service and bring it into the 21st century. There is a compromise in there somewhere. It could save millions of dollars which could be put elsewhere.... maybe healthcare?

I have been a Conservative most of my voting life and I don't like it when I see or hear bad politics no matter what political party you support. Once again, I am very disappointed in our mayor for not inviting our local MPP for the photo-op re: Ontario West Municipal Conference. I truly believe there is a hidden agenda to keep our MPP out of every photo op that comes around. Example of this is in the Maple Leaf of Nov. 13 where the Perth Wel-

lington MPP, Chatham Kent MPP, and Huron Bruce MPP were present at the conference and not our MPP.

I read where the mayor wrote about the merger of the health units in Haldimand, Norfolk, Brant and Brantford. Might as well call it the Grand Erie Health Unit, same as the public schools. And, of course, the politicians always say it and here it is again that "the primary goal of the merger is to foster efficiencies and synergies enhancing the overall quality of public health services." That always sounds like there's going to be some savings but there never is. The whole thing will end up costing more in the end. I'm convinced that if I live long enough Norfolk, Haldimand, Brant and Brantford will be combined into one municipality to achieve efficiencies and savings. How would you like that?

Council needs to make some tax cuts here. Just look what happened in the U.S.A. election. President Trump promised tax cuts and even getting rid of some services that many people think are a waste and also he'll heavily cut the number of bureaucrats. He didn't sugar coat anything and he won easily. There is a movement underway that says this continually raising taxes cannot continue and it's going to reach to every government.

I'm with all those who still are working to bring back Silver Lake. That little lake was truly a gem of Port Dover and it's so sad to see what's happened to it.

Fourteen years ago when we moved here to Port Dover we had Capt'n Billy's, Norfolk Tavern, Angelo's, Giant Tiger, we had a real good Christmas parade, real great Canada Day parade and now what do we have? None of the

above except for a very small little Christmas parade and even the Canada Day parade has gone down hill. I don't know what's going on with this town but it just seems to be moving backward instead of forward. Hopefully things will turn around someday.

Remember when the council was gung-ho about selling all the marinas? I wonder if they'll ever consider selling the parks in Simcoe? They're dirty and need some serious attention.

What a lovely Saturday in Port Dover! So much joy was in the air as families enjoyed the parade, bonfire and tree lighting. The shops were beautifully decorated and shopkeepers as friendly as always. Seeing the wreath on the lighthouse starts my Christmas spirit each year. Hoping I win one of those beautiful gift baskets.

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FOOD.



Stuffing the squash makes for an impressive presentation.

Easy-to-do stuffed roasted squash

WELL, Port Dover, you've done it again... Another fantastic ChristmasFest under your belt! Even Mother Nature co-operated and provided the perfect weather! Thank you to the numerous volunteers, often anonymous, who work together and behind the scenes, and the Port Dover Board of Trade, sponsors, and partners. Kudos to you all for making this wonderful event a reality.

This week, wanting to make something Christmas festive-y and fall-ish I baked these stuffed roasted squash. While they could be considered a complete vegan main meal, I served them with "a side" of turkey.

The fruity, mixed nuts and rice filling really compliments the sweetness of the roasted squash. Although not difficult (you know I love easy), there are a few extra steps cutting and stuffing the squash, but nothing too tricky considering the impressive presentation (ok, sometimes I just like to "wow" my family). And since I was feeding a crowd, I also doubled the recipe.

STUFFED ROASTED SQUASH

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 4 small acorn squash, about 1-pound each
- 1 tablespoon butter and 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1 pepper, finely chopped
- 1-1/2 cups (your choice of) mixed nuts, seeds and dried fruits, chopped (see note)
- 1 x 250g packet Ben's Original™ Bistro Express Long Grain & Wild Rice (any flavour)
- 1 cup water
- Fresh basil, torn, 1-2 tablespoons, about 10-15 leaves
- Salt and pepper

Directions

Preheat oven to 400°F Carefully slice bottom off each squash so they sit nice and flat. Cut 1 inch off the top of each squash (this makes a lid) and remove seeds (I used a grapefruit spoon). Arrange squash on a parchment lined sheet pan and set aside.

Prep other ingredients and mix your choice of fruit, nuts and seeds in a bowl, setting aside enough for garnish.

Add butter and oil to a large sauté pan over medium heat. Once hot, add onion, pepper, and sauté until softened (about 7-10 minutes). Stir in the nut mixture. Open and add the package of rice, stirring and breaking up any clumps, then toast in the pan a couple minutes until popping. Add the water, cook 2-3 minutes to soften. Add torn basil, season well with salt and pepper.

Give everything a good stir, taste, adding more basil if needed. Continue to cook, stirring, until heated through and water has absorbed but not dry. Remove from heat.

Divide the mixture evenly among the squash, then pop the lids on and bake for 1 hour or until squash is tender. Sprinkle reserved nut mixture over squash and serve immediately.

Notes

Any nuts, seeds or dried fruits can be used. Sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, pine nuts, walnuts, pecans, sliced or slivered almonds, raisins, dried cranberries (craisins), dried apricots, diced dried apples etc.

Add finely chopped celery, garlic and/or grated carrot when sautéing onions and peppers.



What's Santa Claus's favourite type of potato chip? *Crisp Pringles.*
 What would you call an elf who just has won the lottery? *Welfy.*
 What kind of money do elves use? *Jingle bills.*
 What do you call people afraid of Santa Claus? *Claustrophobic.*
 What is Santa Claus' laundry detergent of choice? *Yule-Tide.*
 What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? *The elf-abet.*
 What goes "Oh Oh Oh?" *Santa walking backward.*

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Port Rowan and Long Point area homes are on this year's Rotary Club of Simcoe Christmas House Tour. A new feature is a talk about rum-running by Ian Bell.

Rotary Holiday House Tour on December 7-8

THE Rotary Club of Simcoe is hosting its 18th annual Holiday House Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, and Sunday, December 8. This year's tour welcomes participants to five distinctive homes in southwest Norfolk County.

While some stops on the tour this year are historic houses that have stood since the 1800s, others are more modern. This selection will provide participants with the opportunity to contrast different styles of architecture, décor, design, and more.

Tour takers can redeem their tickets at the door of any participating home for a chance to win a prize package courtesy of Long Point Eco-Adventures, The Dover Cheese Shop, and Burning Kiln Winery.

On both tour days, attendees can stop at Neal Memorial United Church for a light lunch or rest, or if they choose, buy a ticket

for a talk about Norfolk's rum-running history by former Port Dover Harbour Museum curator Ian Bell at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Bell will retell old tales from the Prohibition era with illustrations and may even sing a song.

Hadley Jackson, Rotary Holiday House Tour committee chair, said the event is "a Rotary fundraiser with all proceeds reinvested in the Norfolk community."

The tour has spotlighted several sets of homes in Norfolk County since it started nearly 20 years ago, with stops in Vittoria, Port Ryerse, Normandale, Port Dover, Waterford, and Simcoe. This year's tour has stops in Walsingham, Port Rowan, and Long Point.

The event emphasized showcasing homes decorated for Christmas when it started, Mr. Jackson explained, but now it also focuses on presenting distinctive and historic

houses.

The 2024 Rotary Club of Simcoe Holiday House Tour stops are at:

- 1565 3rd Concession, South Walsingham,
- Bayview Garden—81 Wolven Street, Port Rowan,
- The Boatworks—Price Street, Port Rowan,
- Cronk House—11 Church Street, Port Rowan,
- 29 Poplar Road, Long Point.

Carol Holmes, owner of Bayview Garden, described her house as "a custom-built home designed by the late, renowned restoration architect, Carlos Ventin." It was built for Tom Cline and completed in 1996.

"You'll see attention to detail in the home's finishes, especially the beautiful millwork on both the exterior and interior of the home," Ms. Holmes said.

The home's interior "has spacious rooms filled with natural light" and is uniquely decorated to its

owners' preferences.

"Many furnishings and accessories were locally sourced, reflecting the homeowner's taste for combining vintage and present-day items, including the holiday décor," she said.

She believes one of the house's standout features is "the panoramic view of Long Point Bay." She said, "The homeowners hold a 20 per cent share in the property across the street to ensure the view is maintained."

South Walsingham homeowner Heather Smith is excited to showcase her house. Built in the 1830s, Ms. Smith said an 1851 census reveals her home was one of just three brick houses in South Walsingham Township and the only two-and-a-half-storey house.

"It's probably the oldest on the tour," she said.

She explained that the house was "a total wreck"

until her parents, Paul and Marlene Smith of Port Rowan, purchased and restored it in the 1990s.

"I'm proud to show people the work my parents did on my house," Ms. Smith said.

"All their efforts have paid off. It's beautiful. It's hard to imagine it was ever as bad as it was."

She said the Rotary Club of Simcoe uses its money well to benefit the area and encourages anyone interested to take the tour to support the organization.

"People get to see inside houses they don't normally have the opportunity to see," she said. "And it's nice that they have historic and modern houses."

For his part, Mr. Jackson finds it gratifying to arrange homes for the Holiday House Tour. He said he appreciates what local homeowners make possible for the Rotary Club and community each year.

"My satisfaction from

chairing this tour comes from the positive response of the homeowners when I go knocking on doors to obtain homes," he said.

"It is asking a lot from the homeowners to decorate their home for Christmas and then invite several hundred people in to view over one weekend. The name Rotary opens a lot of doors."

Holiday House Tour tickets are available in Port Dover at Roulston's, Hauser's Dover Apothecary, The Blade Salon, and The Dover Cheese Shop for \$25 and online at simcoerotaryholidayhousetour2024.eventbrite.ca.

Tickets for Ian Bell's history of rum-running talks require a separate \$20 ticket and will be available at the door at Neal Memorial Church and now through the tour's Eventbrite page. For more information about the event, email rotaryholidayhousetour@gmail.com.

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