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Holiday happenings in town

MERRY Christmas and happy holidays! To help the community celebrate this season, the Maple Leaf has compiled information about events in the area. Here's a snapshot of what's happening around Port Dover over the holidays.

Local Christmas and New Year's church services

☐ St. Cecilia Church, 17 Lynn Park Avenue, is hosting Christmas Eve Mass at 7 p.m. and Christmas Day Mass at 9 a.m. The church will hold a New Year's Day Mass at 9 a.m.

☐ St. Paul's Anglican Church, 302 St. George Street, will have its First Eucharist of Christmas with special music and carols on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. On

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Port Dover lighthouse is decorated for Christmas. Photographer Earl Hartlen snapped this picture just as a group of seagulls circled around in a perfect formation.

Last Friday afternoon, members of Port Dover Community Choir and Ric Ashley of The Salvation Army held a carol sing at Elmer Lewis Parquette in downtown Port Dover to help raise funds for the charity's Kettle Campaign. Those participating included Mr. Ashley, Janice Ketchen, Keith Button, Jane Peer, Maria Erdman, Wendy Pieters, Nancy Cartwright, Sandy Doomernik, Becky Storgaard, Mary McKenzie, Mike Cobb, David Baldock, Nancy Baldock, and Donna Pohran. *Photo by Celina Morris*

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- Saturday, December 28th - *Sales open 9am-12pm*
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- Closed Wednesday, January 1st
- Return to regular hours Thursday, Jan. 2nd

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Turkey Point pickleball group pledges \$85,000 for new courts

THE ball is rolling to build pickleball courts in Turkey Point.

County council last week agreed to consider a “community led initiative” to install courts in a county-owned park at the entrance to Turkey Point.

The volunteer Turkey Point Pickleball Committee has lined up \$85,000 in fundraising commitments, Charlottesville Coun. Chris Van Paassen said last Tuesday.

Council has budgeted \$120,000 to build pickleball courts in Turkey Point in 2025.

Gold standard courts, similar to those recently installed in Tillsonburg, would cost \$200,000.

The Turkey Point committee will apply for a community led initiative, a formal process in which Norfolk County works with a community group willing to provide a significant share of a project’s cost.

Ideally, groups would pay 100 per cent.

Those that pledge at least 50 per cent will receive “special consideration.”

“People are putting their money where their mouth is,” Coun. Van Paassen said.

In November, three dozen pickleball fans armed with signs called on councillors to build pickleball courts next year in the park at the bottom of the hill on Turkey Point Road.

They offered to raise \$80,000 of the \$200,000 cost for gold standard courts.

A smaller group of residents opposed pickleball courts taking over much of Turkey Point’s only county park.

They also feared noise would bother nearby neighbours.

The community led initiative process will review concerns, investigate options, determine costs and get the ball rolling toward a report and decision by council next year.

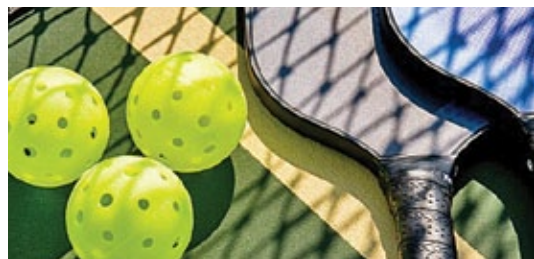
Options might include Coun. Van Paassen’s suggestion last month to renovate a dilapidated tennis court in Vittoria into pickleball courts.

Norfolk’s 2025 capital plan budgets \$280,000 to redo Vittoria’s tennis court.

The court is “borderline unsafe,” Coun. Van Paassen said last Tuesday.

Langton Coun. Linda Vandendriessche opposed moving forward with a community led initiative for Turkey Point pickleball courts.

The community is too divided, she said.



Phase 2 of the Lynn River Heights subdivision will have 449 housing units.



Lynn River Heights is north of Highway 6 and east of Blueline Road. Access to the site will be provided from Highway 6 through an intersection with a new municipal street, and through extensions of Willowdale Crescent and Cardinal Lane from the east.

New subdivision with 449 homes ok'd for 2025

A major subdivision in northwest Port Dover has permission to expand.

Lynn River Heights can build 449 houses — 393 singles and 56 semi-detached — on 98 acres on the north side of Highway 6, east of Blueline Road.

It will be phase 2 of the well-established Lynn River Heights subdivision developed by Democrat Homes of Schomberg, Ont.

County council last Tuesday changed zoning and approved a draft plan of subdivision for phase 2.

Upgrades at the Nelson Street water treatment plant will be finished this spring. They will allow Port Dover to resume growing after a moratorium was imposed in 2019.

Construction at Lynn River Heights could start in late 2025 or early 2026.

Phase 2 would be served by nine new streets and the extensions of Willowdale Crescent and Cardinal Lane in the existing Lynn River Heights.

Phase 2 was approved for 484 single-family homes in 2006 and revised for 500 homes in 2017.

Democrat Homes further refined the project to 449 homes a year ago and brought final plans to council last week.

Layouts were changed to add space between driveways to accommodate more on-street parking.

Phase 2 will have 329 on-street parking spaces with about 130 spaces expected to be used.

The subdivision’s north side will have more buffering between houses and the Lynn Valley Trail.

All internal streets will have sidewalks.

A commercial area is proposed along Highway 6.

The location should not have big box stores, Mayor Amy Martin said.

Christmas Tree Depots

December 26 to January 12



Trees must be free of decorations, and not in plastic bags when dropped off. Christmas trees left at the curb will not be picked up.

Depot Locations

- Courtland Community Centre - 276 Main St., Courtland
- Delhi Bulk Water Depot - 80 Industrial Rd.
- Langton Arena - 28 Albert St.
- Port Dover - East end of Nelson St.
- Port Rowan Community Centre - 14 College Ave.
- Simcoe Transfer Station - 164 Fourteenth St.
- Simcoe Operations Yard - 8 Schellburg Ave.
- South Walsingham Transfer Station – 1180 Concession Road 3
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STEADMAN RELAXES



Just ahead of Christmas, Wendy Dupon sent this photograph of her long-haired cat Steadman. The Maple Leaf welcomes your pet's picture; please send to news@portdovermapleleaf.com along with a few details about their age, favourite activities etc.

Ring in the new year with your pet

WITH 2025 now around the corner, it's the time of year when people think about New Year's resolutions. After all, everyone wants to put their best paw forward for the new year. In the spirit of improvement, it could be rewarding to work on resolutions with pets.

One of the most common resolutions folks set for themselves each year is improving their health and fitness. For many people, this means making real lifestyle changes, especially around diet and exercise. To help yourself stick to your goal, consider looping your pet in on your plans.

For example, if you'd like to be more active in the new year, think about expanding your walking routine with your dog. It might be easier to walk more with a furry friend than to start a new routine on your own. Moreover, knowing your pup depends on you to best the frosty weather with them may help you stay committed to getting after your goal when it would be warmer to stay home.

You might also consider resolutions to help yourself be the best pet owner you can be. If you tend to forget to make appointments for grooming or checkups or to clean your pet's equipment, setting up a system of reminders can help you be more consistent.

Resolutions need not necessarily be just for us; our pets' lifestyles and behaviours can help us generate some ruff ideas

to help them improve in the new year, too. Purr-haps your pet would also benefit from more exercise or a dietary change. Or maybe it's time to clamp down on some of their more mischievous behaviours to make sure they're not on Santa's naughty list next Christmas.

Of course, resolutions don't always have to be about improvement. It could be just as rewarding to set goals to have fun with your pets in 2025. Here are some suggestions:

- Find a new activity to enjoy with your pet.
- Seek out more social experiences for you and your pet to share with others.
- Try teaching your pet new tricks.
- Spend more time playing or bonding with your pet.
- Start a yearly photo album or journal chronicling life with your pet.

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STAFF AT SIMCOE'S LIBRARY MADE 50 EMERGENCY CALLS OR GAVE NALOXONE THIS YEAR

Drug crisis and homelessness affect downtown Simcoe public buildings

By David Judd

THE drug crisis has made problems at Norfolk public buildings in downtown Simcoe.

Drug paraphernalia and users passed out in washrooms have become common sights at Talbot Gardens Arena and Simcoe's branch of the Norfolk County Public Library.

The arena and library — and to a lesser extent, Norfolk County's administration building next door to the library — have become gathering places for drug users and homeless people seeking warmth and washrooms.

County council last Tuesday hired a security service at a cost of \$1,568 a week to patrol Talbot Gardens until the hockey season ends in April.

The service will provide an experienced guard for 49 hours a week — from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends.

Children at the arena have seen things they should not see, Simcoe Coun. Alan Duthie told councillors on Dec. 10.

Coun. Duthie referred to two emails from upset parents.

In one instance, a boy found a man passed out in the arena's upstairs bathroom.

Drug paraphernalia on the floor posed a risk of drug exposure.

In the second instance, a boy encountered a man "playing dead" on the washroom floor.

The boy's mother saw the man leave the washroom with his belongings.

Although the man looked harmless, the mother entered the washroom and found her son huddling in a stall.

The arena's washrooms need to be checked regularly, Coun. Duthie said.

"A lot of young people are in and out of those bathrooms at all hours of the day," he said.

Councillors unanimously approved hiring the security service at a forecast cost of \$31,500 from Dec. 20 to the end of April.

Problems at Simcoe's library

Simcoe's library has experienced problems for years, CEO Julie Kent told councillors last Tuesday.

The library is a refuge and the vast majority of people who come into the Simcoe branch are respectful to staff, Ms. Kent said.

But in the last year, there have been 50 critical situations in

which staff have made emergency calls or administered the life-saving drug naloxone to people overdosed on opioids.

Staff spend much time regularly checking the building and washrooms for paraphernalia and people who have fallen asleep or overdosed.

It takes a toll on librarians' emotional health, Ms. Kent said.

The upstairs washroom is locked and closed, except to children and caregivers who must ask librarians for a key.

Six trespass orders have been issued and two people permanently banned.

The library's Simcoe branch is the only branch with drug-related problems, Ms. Kent said.

The library board will discuss security at the Simcoe library in January.

After that, the library might talk to county council again.

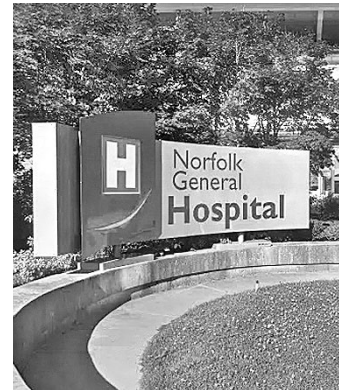
Port Rowan Coun. Tom Masschaele said he supports helping the library deal with security.

He said the same people who hang around outside the library also hang out by the county administration building's Talbot Street doors.

Coun. Masschaele said after a council meeting Dec. 10 he stepped over 11 or 12 people "who were gathered outside council chamber doors doing all kinds of probably illegal activities."



County council hired a security service to patrol Simcoe's Talbot Gardens Arena this winter. Councillors were told that the arena has become a gathering place for drug users and the homeless seeking warmth and washrooms.



Norfolk supports hospital with \$100,000 to recruit doctors

COUNTY council is giving \$100,000 to help Norfolk General Hospital recruit doctors to the county.

The county currently has 34 primary care doctors, eight fewer than it should have for its population of about 70,000.

Seventeen per cent of residents don't have a family doctor.

And four doctors are older than 65.

Norfolk General Hospital spends about \$500,000 a year recruiting doctors to come to the county, hospital officials told county councillors last Tuesday.

Nine doctors have been recruited in the last seven years.

Much more can be done. Recruitment events take place in Canada, the U.S. and overseas, saidCarolynn Beam, NGH physician recruiter.

In March, county council budgeted \$250,000 for doctor recruitment.

The money came from a provincial grant to help municipalities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councillors last Tuesday voted to give \$100,000 to Norfolk General Hospital's recruitment campaign.

They will decide what to do with the remaining \$150,000 after Ontario's new Primary Care Action Team issues a report.

The action team headed by Dr. Jane Philpott aims to connect every Ontario resident with a primary care doctor within five years.

Port Dover Coun. Adam Veri voted against giving \$100,000 to NGH's recruitment campaign.

It was not clear what the hospital would do with the money, Coun. Veri said in an interview.

Norfolk County supports new electrical power station at Nanticoke

NORFOLK County council supports development of an electrical power station at Nanticoke.

A new facility on the site of the former Ontario Hydro coal-fired plant would bring many jobs to the area, Simcoe Coun. Doug Brunton said last Tuesday.

And the Nanticoke site has transmission lines ready to distribute power north, east and west and even south under Lake Erie to the United States.

Ontario's demand for electricity is forecast to increase by 75 per cent by 2050.

Nanticoke is one of three sites under consideration by Ontario Power Generation as potential sites for new electricity development, possibly including nuclear power.

The other two sites are Lambton and Wesleyville.

At Coun. Brunton's suggestion, Norfolk will send letters to

Haldimand council, Minister of Energy and Electrification Stephen Lecce and Minister of Indigenous Affairs Greg Rickford.

Coun. Brunton said he had talked to Haldimand Mayor Shelley Ann Bentley and she believed her councillors were fully behind a new electrical station for Nanticoke.

Mayor Amy Martin and Port Dover Coun. Adam Veri voted against sending letters.

Mayor Martin told council she was happy to see Nanticoke under consideration for a new electrical station but she didn't want to weigh in before Haldimand council consults the public and takes a stand on the issue.

In an email to the Maple Leaf, Coun. Veri said his thoughts were generally in line with Mayor Martin's.

"I'm not against the letter but I don't think Norfolk council should be passing resolutions on an issue that Haldimand council hasn't dealt with yet," he wrote.

"I'm also reluctant to offer comment on Haldimand County issues without an express request from Haldimand council.

"If Haldimand started endorsing (or condemning) Norfolk County issues without council's input or request, I wouldn't be overly happy about that.

"I understand Coun. Brunton spoke to Mayor Bentley and that's fine but if the mayor wants something from Norfolk County council, I would assume the correct way to request it would be to go through the mayor or to contact council as a whole."



Norfolk County has lent its support to development of a new power plant on the site of the former Ontario Hydro coal-fired plant at Nanticoke, east of Port Dover on Lake Erie.

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Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

THE staff at Port Dover Maple Leaf wish all our readers and their families a very merry Christmas, the happiest holidays, and a wonderful new year. Thank you for your continued support all year long—you make it possible for us to serve the community.

After being tucked in by a blanket of snow last Thursday night, Port Dover residents could dream of a Christmastime that was white. As frosted homes and streets in town shimmer under brilliant light, our community is certain to be a splendid Christmas sight.

Whether you most enjoy time with family or chilly snowfall, there is plenty of cheer to share before the Christmas's curtain call. We hope the holidays are merry, mirthful, and joyous for all, brimming with the kind of seasonal magic well known to enthrall.

LOCAL HISTORY.

Memories of Port Dover's past

50 Years Ago December 1974

Port Dover was recognized as the world's largest smelt producing centre. It is estimated that the commercial fishing value to the community is about \$4-million annually.

Port Dover Horticultural Society elected the 1975 officers: honorary president, W. B. Thompson; president, Mrs. W. Howden; vice-presidents Russell Hare, Mrs. R. Kotanko; secretary, Mrs. C. Ivey; assistant secretary, Mrs. A. Law; treasurer, Mrs. C. Ineson.

Port Dover branch of Bank of Nova Scotia was disrupted for many hours after receiving a prank bomb threat. Bank employees were Jim McIntyre, manager; Shirley Douglas, accountant; Debbie Cromwell, ledger keeper; Peggy Scott, stenographer; and tellers Barbara Soles, Donna Lindsay, and Mary Howden.

A "Notice re: Port Dover Parking Meters" advised that the City

of Nanticoke has approved of the usual arrangements whereby the parking meters in Port Dover will not be in use from the period of Dec. 9, 1974, to Jan. 3, 1975.

New members were initiated into Port Dover Kinsmen Club—Ed Hunter, Garnet Hobbs, Bob Awde, Paul Parsons, Fred Harris, and Bob Wickham.

65 Years Ago December 1959

At a special meeting the following were installed into the local Sea Scouts troop: Paul Dale, Robert Graham, James Wark, Mark Hewer, Bill Smallcomb, Wayne Walker and Leslie Kobayashi.

Port Dover Kinsmen Club sold Christmas trees at \$2 each with profits for local projects. Jim Crone and Bob Fitzgerald were co-chairmen.

The Canadian National Railway turntable near the harbour, at the beach, was dismantled. It had not been used for a number of years.

Port Dover Public School Grade 7 and 8 pupils held a nomination meeting for a junior council. For junior mayor the nominations were Betty Longe and Bob Goodall; junior reeve was Leslie Broker (acclamation); deputy reeve was Sandra White, Harold Chambers; junior councillors nominated were Heather McKen, Cheryl Parker, Susan Gash, Beth Davidson, Sharon Powell, Douglas Morrison, Monty Smith, Valerie Boyd, Bob Laurie, Duncan MacDonald, Wendy Hallam, Roger White, Roy Barker and Gail Chennell.

Glen Sloat was installed as president of Port Dover Fish and Game Protective Association. Other officers were William Farr, Kobi Kobayashi, Sergt. C. Crush, G. Battison, Leslie Kimpan and Mrs. Alfred Snider.

Rose Marie Beauty Salon in Port Dover re-opened with a new proprietor, after being completely renovated. The new owner was Adolpho Galuppi, of Simcoe.



Canadian National Railway turntable was dismantled 65 years ago this month after being unused for many years. It is the location today of the beach parking lot and Grand Trunk Station gift shop.

Norfolk County celebrates a year to remember

AMY MARTIN



Mayor, Norfolk County

AS 2024 draws to a close, Norfolk County Council reflects on a year of unprecedented work and achievement. From infrastructure investments to community-driven initiatives, Norfolk has made significant strides toward creating a stronger, more sustainable future for its residents and I can't think of a better way to wind down the year than to look back on the wins we have created together.

One of the key priorities of my campaign was to address succession management for the county, ensuring we reduced turnover rates and preserved invaluable institutional knowledge to benefit you, the taxpayer. This vision took shape with council's endorsement of the Talent Management Strategy in May, a comprehensive five-year plan

featuring 25 recommendations to modernize Norfolk's workplace. Key elements include implementing a pay-for-performance framework and hiring a full-time human resources specialist to lead the strategy's execution.

This forward-thinking approach aligns seamlessly with the progress made on the Facilities Review and Master Plan, which aims to ensure Norfolk's infrastructure is equipped to meet current and future needs. Through a comprehensive environmental scan of 90 facilities, supported by community engagement workshops over the summer, staff and consultants gathered critical insights to evaluate assets and determine the necessary steps to optimize their life cycles. Together, these initiatives represent a long-term commitment to building a resilient, efficient, and sustainable Norfolk County for generations to come.

Collaboration with the Norfolk County Public Library culminated in a Memorandum of Understanding, formalizing the service levels and support provided by the county. In addition, a new Community-Led Initiatives process was implemented

to streamline applications for projects on county land, ensuring fairness and transparency in resource allocation.

Community development saw a banner year, with Ride Norfolk On Demand reporting a 30 per cent year-over-year increase in ridership. With over 1,800 registered riders and daily routes to Brantford, the service now travels an average of 740 km per day, providing greater connectivity for residents and having doubled ridership since the service's inception in 2022.

Norfolk's commitment to health and social services was highlighted through its Housing and Homeless Prevention Programs. Council approved a three-year extension to ensure the continuity of warming centres, shelters, and transitional housing services in partnership with community organizations. Progress also continued on the Delhi Housing Project with Haldimand Norfolk Housing Corporation, which will deliver rent-gated-to-income and affordable rental units in a new three-story building, with a target opening in early 2026. This work is part of an ongoing "Regeneration Strategy" that

will see old assets revitalized into more units for more residents. In the case of Delhi, we removed a duplex unit and will replace it with a minimum of 16 units.

Public health services took a transformative step with the merger of the Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit and the Brant County Health Unit to create Grand Erie Public Health. This merger, effective January 2025, is designed to enhance capacity, strengthen programs, and ensure financial sustainability for years to come.

Norfolk County saw over \$200-million in construction value through building permits so far in 2024, which is the highest ever for Norfolk. This includes two new rental apartment buildings under construction in Simcoe contributing to approximately 400 new residential units issued and underway throughout Norfolk in 2024. The average time for review and decision-making on a complete building permit application that meets zoning is down to 2.7 days for 2024.

Additional accomplishments include:

► \$16.5-million in funding for wastewater infrastructure

upgrades in Port Dover, saving ratepayers \$24.1-million and enabling much-needed development capacity.

► The grand re-opening of the outdoor Kinsmen Pool and Splash Pad in Delhi.

► By end of month November, the Norfolk County legacy fund with an initial principal of \$67-million saw a yearly growth rate of 12.7 per cent with a balance of \$81,841,123, which is over \$10-million in year-to-date earnings.

► Tourism excellence recognized with provincial and national awards for Amplify Norfolk.

These successes reflect Norfolk County's unwavering commitment to progress, sustainability, and community well-being. Council is proud of the collaborative efforts between residents, staff, and partners that made these achievements possible.

As the holiday season approaches, Norfolk County extends heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to making 2024 a record-breaking year. Here's to a prosperous and exciting 2025!

Happy holidays from Norfolk County Council.



MPP Bobbi Ann Brady posted this photograph to social media with her constituency staff on the steps inside Queen's Park earlier in December. Shown are Danielle Kershaw, Tina Gates, Heather Zander, Mike Lofquist of the Toronto office, and high school co-op student Leland Cuthbert.

Merry Christmas from our shop to your home

BOBBI ANN BRADY



Queen's Park Report

THE Christmas season is far more than just a festive time; it's an opportunity for honouring past cherished traditions and creating new ones.

My mentor and predecessor, Toby Barrett, asked staff to write about our memories and traditions for his Christmas column each year. So, in honouring Toby's tradition, I asked my wonderful staff to share their thoughts.

Mike, my communications advisor in Toronto, remembers large family gatherings at both grandparents' homes; plenty of hockey at outdoor rinks and tobogganing wherever there was a hill; the excitement of getting toys before the real meaning of Christmas was understood; and when everyone, including retail stores, corporations, and governments, called it Christmas instead of the meaningless and empty "holiday" substitute. What hasn't changed for him is the great food and festive camaraderie that permeates this time of year.

My scheduler extraordinaire Danielle has similar feelings as Christmas has always meant spending time with family. Grow-

ing up it meant an orange in her stocking, usually surrounded by hard candies covered in stocking fuzz and small dishes filled with nuts. Now it means still finding an orange in her stocking and filling up the stockings of her kids with special treats and little dishes of chocolate covered nuts. Throughout the years, no matter what changes, the day always remains filled with love and family.

Heather, my constituency assistant, believes it is a time to pause and appreciate the little things, like quirky family traditions. In her family's case, acting silly and not their age makes the holidays unforgettable and the best stories to share for years to come. They literally break out in dance with their niece while their nephews shake their heads. She feels it's not about the gifts, it's about family and friends getting together, making memories, and sharing old memories. She also remembers those who are struggling or falling on hard times.

Tina, another fine constituency assistant, also believes in remembering the less fortunate. She gives a little bit more when she sees people at the Christmas kettles. Last year marked the first year without the beloved patriarch of her family. This year, Tina and her sisters will grace the doorsteps of many family and friends and bring Christmas joy through song. As a child, she always told her friends that her house was one of Santa's first stops. Every year after loading into the car for Christmas Eve

mass, her Dad would have "forgotten to shave," and they would wait patiently to leave. When they got home, Santa had already been there. And as teens, her family would often go caroling or be involved in a Christmas show at her church. As long as there was music, her family was involved.

Our high school co-op student Leland recalls, despite snow on the ground or rain melting it all away, Christmas was always the greatest time of year to conjure up unforgettable memories. One of his earlier childhood Christmas memories was spending time with his mom's side of the family at his great aunt's house. He remembers the decorations set out across all corners of her house along with the savoury smell of turkey roasting in the oven. It always felt like a unique atmosphere that he never felt during any other time of the year. But none of it compares to seeing his cousin with whom he had a close bond and who was the main source of Christmas magic every year. He remains the number one reason Leland looks forward to Christmas family reunions.

For me, I look forward to preparing Christmas dinner for my family and sitting down to enjoy reflections on Christmas past. My brother's impersonations of Chevy Chase from *Christmas Vacation* never get old. "We're gonna have the hap-hap-happiest Christmas..." — Clark Griswold.

From Team Brady, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy 2025.



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4-port EV charging station coming to Port Dover Arena next year

PORT Dover Arena will get a public electric vehicle charging station next year.

Ontario will pay 75 per cent of the cost to install \$40,000 EV stations at arenas in Port Dover,



Delhi and Langton and at Port Rowan Community Centre.

For each station, Ontario will pay \$30,000 and Norfolk County \$10,000.

County council snapped up the deal last Tuesday, approving installation in 2025.

Users will pay to charge vehicles.

The four new sites in Norfolk will each have four ports for vehicles.

Arenas are good sites for charging stations, said Sydney Clarysse, Norfolk's project lead

on energy and facilities.

Each charge will take a couple of hours.

Users can go for a walk, go downtown or watch a game at the arena.

The province is helping develop publicly accessible charging stations in rural communities.

The Ministry of Transportation approved four of Norfolk's seven proposals.

The ministry rejected applications for Simcoe Recreation Centre, Talbot Gardens arena and Waterford Tricenturena.

Port Dover's local news

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Port Dover Legion presented a \$5,000 donation to the Norfolk Haldimand Community Hospice, saying they were “so proud to be able to support such a great cause!” In photo at left are Tracey Webster, Sharon Dobbie, Andrea Binkle, and Anne Hixon. This Christmas, the Legion also donated \$5,000 to the Port Dover & Area Lifeline Food Bank (photo at right) raised from the recent ham and turkey raffle.

Lorin MacDonald, who graduated from Port Dover Composite School and started her working career as the owner of The Printed Word Office Services on Main Street, Port Dover, was named a Member of the Order of Canada last week.

**Lorin MacDonald
named Member of
Order of Canada**

LAST week, Governor General Mary Simon made 88 new appointments to the Order of Canada, including former Port Dover resident Lorin MacDonald. Ms. MacDonald received the honour for her work advocating for people with disabilities.

“Born with profound hearing loss, Lorin MacDonald is a human rights lawyer and educator championing disability awareness and inclusion. She introduced captioning to remove communication barriers in various academic, legal and theatrical settings. She is a renowned disability leader, and her personal journey and legal advocacy make her an inspirational role model,” says her Order of Canada citation.

Ms. MacDonald grew up in Port Dover and graduated from Port Dover Composite School. From 1996–2000, she owned and operated The Printed Word Office Services on Main Street, “which was made accessible with the addition of a ramp on the side of the house next to Roulston’s,” she told the Maple Leaf.

She shared her “profound gratitude” for receiving one of this country’s highest honours.

“As Mahatma Gandhi wisely noted, ‘The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.’ This recognition reflects the collective efforts of countless individuals who have championed accessibility and inclusion in our country. While my journey has included serving both as a human rights lawyer and volunteer advocate over several decades, the true progress has come from our community working together, pushing boundaries, and refusing to accept the status quo. I have been fortunate to receive recognition for this shared work, including the Order of Ontario and the Law Society of Ontario Medal, the profession’s highest honour. Such recognition serves a greater purpose: it helps amplify my voice to create a more accessible and inclusive Canada for people with disabilities. The work continues, and together, we can create lasting change!

“I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to continue serving our community and advancing the cause of accessibility and inclusion across our nation, and I am proud of my Port Dover roots.”

Translated from Latin to English, the Order of Canada’s motto is “They desire a better country.” Ms. MacDonald’s work demonstrates her commitment to improving Canada.

“Members of the Order of Canada are builders of hope for a better future. Each in their own way, they broaden the realm of possibilities and inspire others to continue pushing its boundaries. Thank you for your perseverance, fearless leadership and visionary spirit, and welcome to the Order of Canada,” Gov. Gen. Simon said in a statement.

Ms. MacDonald is a daughter of the late Alan and Evelyn Hobbs and granddaughter of the late Glen and Frances Hobbs.

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Santa Claus visited children at library

By Jacob Fehr

ON Friday, December 13, Norfolk County Public Library (NCPL) held a storytime event with Santa Claus at its Port Dover branch. Almost 30 children gathered with nine caregivers to listen as Santa read *A Creature Was Stirring* by author Heather Pierczynski and artist Skylar Hogan.

Julie Kent, NCPL CEO, said they have storytime events weekly but it's "rather special to have Santa Claus [visit]." She was

delighted by how the children received Santa.

"The cheery buzz, the energy, it's contagious," Ms. Kent said.

She commented on the impact such events have, pointing out that the "community-led library" provides social benefits to users.

"Anytime the community engages in the library... it's multifaceted. They're able to connect as a community [and] meet other parents, children," she said.

Sabrina Latorre brought her son Henry Latorre to storytime.



Parents, caregivers and about 30 children gathered for a Christmas storytime at the Port Dover library.



Last week Santa Claus visited Port Dover library to read *A Creature Was Stirring* to the children.

She echoed Ms. Kent's comments on the value of NCPL programming.

"It's nice to have him be social with other kids. Getting out of the house is nice too... We come most Fridays, and we usually pick up some books too. It's nice to get him reading, which we do at home a lot," Ms. Latorre said. "Anything Christmas is fun too."

After the story, a caregiver led the group in singing *Jingle Bells* together, and Santa heard Christmas wishes from the children. Ms. Kent said, "We're inclusive and everyone can contribute here. It's the unity of the community."

She shared that Santa also visited Simcoe's branch on Friday, Dec. 20, for another storytime with children.

"The library is the community's place and we welcome them," she said.

This winter, the library is inviting the community to join its Winter Reading Challenge to read for 10 minutes every day for a chance to win prizes. Participants can track their daily reading progress using the Beanstack platform at norfolklibrary.beanstack.org to register, or stop by the library branch to register and get more information on this winter program.



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Barb Finch with several of the dolls from her Santa Claus collection.

Sisters' unique collections

By Beverly Snow

MY sister, Barb Finch of Port Dover, gets in the festive spirit by decorating with her Santa Claus dolls. She has been collecting different Santas for several years but recently downsized her collection so that it now consists of the same style of Santa. They average 16 inches in height and are all dressed in different outfits.

Barb currently has seven of this style and purchases a new one at the start of each Christmas season.

When I asked her what she looks for in a Santa, Barb replied it is all about the face. He must have kind eyes and a cheery face. The second requirement is nice

attire, and some have special meaning.

There is a Santa dressed in tartan, representing Scottish family heritage. One was a gift from Barb's son and daughter-in-law, which is wearing a long hide coat with cardinals on it. The collector mentioned she loves cardinals, which have sentimental meaning for her.

Another figure is dressed very regally in a long white fur-trimmed coat and a royal red vest with jewel buttons. One of Barb's favourites was inherited from our mother and is dressed in pyjamas and slippers, holding a plate of Christmas cookies. It reminds her of our childhood Christmas Eves.

Barb said, "They are fun and make the house festive. Family and friends of all ages seem to enjoy looking at them and their detailed outfits."

My Christmas collection is something different. Our family has loved the movie *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* since it first aired in 1989. It is a family favourite, and we watch it at least once every Christmas season. In fact, we are guilty of frequently quoting phrases from the film—I think we pretty much have it memorized.

In 2010, I learned that Hallmark started making collector tree ornaments representing different scenes or characters from the movie. Each one has

audio that plays music or quotes famous lines for that character from particular scenes in the film.

They started making them in 2009, but, unfortunately, I have not been able to purchase that one—not yet anyway. It is cousin Eddie's RV and its current price is \$600 USD. I have purchased the special ornaments every year since 2010 for much more reasonable prices—or at least that's what I tell my husband.

In 2022, Hallmark launched three new collector ornaments instead of the usual one. These three work together and talk as

well as sing in unison and tell the story of the family's adventure to the tree farm. These are very unique as they are plugged in together and each one lights up when it is its turn to sing or talk.

This year I had to purchase a tree just to hold the themed ornaments—17 in total. Each year I say I'm done collecting, but once I see what it is, I'm hooked and cave again.

These ornaments are real conversation starters. When family or friends visit, they just can't help but turn each one on to hear the movie quote and have a chuckle.



Bev Snow beside her *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*-themed Christmas tree.

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The Port Dover Community Choir celebrated the season with a holiday sing-along on December 10. Mascots from the Simcoe Christmas Panorama River of Lights joined the singers to bring the evening to a close. Shown above, Rudolph, Frosty, Santa, Janice Ketchen (director), Panda and Christmas Tree celebrated with the singers. At right, pianist Carol Fillmore and accordion player Carol Porter accompanied the group.



Dover Cliffs' Santa for Seniors makes "Christmas-at-home atmosphere"

DOVER Cliffs Long-Term Care Home recently wrapped up its 2024 Santa for Seniors program, which sees the staff help residents celebrate Christmas with gifts from the community.

Taylor Beam, recreation manager and volunteer co-ordinator, said "Dover Cliffs' Santa for Seniors program is a heartwarming initiative designed to bring holiday cheer to the residents in our home. This program invites individuals, families, or groups to 'adopt' a senior during the holiday season."

"Each year, our staff collaborates with residents to create wish lists that include both necessities and a few special things they wish for. Once I collect all the lists, I share them with community members who can choose to fulfill them at their discretion. We place the gifts under the tree, and the staff join the residents to celebrate the Christmas festivities as they unwrap their presents. The program, now in its fourth year, has become a tradition at Dover Cliffs," Ms. Beam said.

She explained that the initiative is intended "to spread holiday cheer to the residents in our home while fostering community involvement." Moreover, it makes a difference for the denizens of Dover Cliffs at a special time of year.

"The Santa for Seniors program has a meaningful impact on the residents at Dover Cliffs by making them feel valued, remembered, and connected during the holiday season. It creates a Christmas-at-home atmosphere for the residents as they gather around and see the presents under the tree," she said.

Thanks to support from the Port Dover community, "Every resident at Dover Cliffs receives a gift each year through the program."

"Last year, all residents' Christmas wish lists were fulfilled by generous members of the community and each year the community support grows!" she added.



Dover Cliffs residents Gudrun Anagnostou (left) and Claire Kirby posed with Santa Claus during a stop at the home in December.

"Residents are always pleasantly surprised to receive an unexpected Christmas gift

on Christmas morning. This thoughtful gesture brings smiles, excitement, and reminds them that they are cherished and valued during the festive season."

Ms. Beam lauded locals' full hearted participation in the initiative.

"The community's support for the Santa for Seniors program has been incredible over the years. Each year, locals generously step up to fulfill the residents' wish lists, ensuring every resident feels remembered and appreciated during the holiday season. The kindness and enthusiasm from the community has been truly heartwarming and plays a vital role in the program's success. This project is a wonderful testament to the caring and supportive nature of Port Dover and surrounding communities. We're extremely grateful to everyone for making a positive impact on the lives of our residents during the holiday season."



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Tim Hortons open on Christmas Day



Mary Blakemore with the Grinch at Port Dover Tim Hortons.

TIM Hortons owners Mary Blakemore and Kaer Saffouri of Port Dover said the local restaurant will be open Christmas Day.

"Well, we heard some feedback from customers that they

like to have a coffee on Christmas morning, and not everybody gets that coffee maker they wanted from Santa, so we thought we would open up our doors and welcome anybody that wants to

come down and have a cup of coffee," Ms. Blakemore said.

"The nice thing about our team is that they support one another. We have lots of people from different backgrounds, different cultures, and so they're happy to do work on Christmas Day, extra cash in their pocket, and then the people that are from Port Dover in our restaurant get to celebrate with their families, so it's a win-win."

Ms. Blakemore also owns the Tim Hortons at Whitehorse Plaza in Simcoe, which she said will be open on Christmas Day. Both locations will also be open on New Year's Day.

"Wishing everyone a happy holiday and stay safe," she said.

Circle K open all through the holiday

BITNAM Singh and Gurinder Singh of Port Dover's Circle K say the store will be open Christmas and New Year's Day.

"We're going to open on all the holidays, Christmas Day as well as New Year's Day, and we are open 24 hours," Gurinder said.

"All year, this Circle K is open 24/7. On the holidays also," Bitnam said.

"Merry Christmas! If you come to our store, we will be happy," Bitnam said.

"And when you spend \$40 or more in the store, you can get



Bitnam Singh and Gurinder Singh of Port Dover's Circle K.

a free 2 litre Coke and a bag of Circle K chips," Gurinder said.

"It's a treat for the benefit of the customers."

Esso Convenience Store staying open



Parth Patel, employee at Esso Port Dover, said this is the first year they'll be open on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

"People of the town ask, 'Are you going to be open on Christmas Day?' if they need something in case of emergency, or even New Year's Day, so it will be a help to them."

Norfolk County essential services continue

MOST Norfolk County offices are closed from Christmas Day until Jan. 2 at 8:30 a.m. All essential and critical services, including fire and paramedic services, continue to operate as usual.

Norfolk County Public Library branches are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 and closed Christmas and New Year's.

The Simcoe Recreation Centre will close at 3 p.m. on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 and is closed all day on Dec. 25, Dec. 26, and Jan. 1.

All arenas close at 4 p.m. on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 and are closed on Dec. 25, Dec. 26, and Jan. 1. All holiday public skating times in Port Dover Arena are free compliments of Port Dover Lions Club.

Celebrate the New Year at the Port Dover Harbour Museum's Captain's Polar Bear Levee on Wed., Jan. 1, starting at 1 p.m. Admission is by donation.

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Holiday happenings in the area over Christmas and New Year's

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Christmas Day, the church will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. On Sunday, January 5, the church has Feast of the Epiphany and Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

□ Grace & Woodhouse United Churches are having a Christmas Eve Service at Grace United Church, 18 Chapman Street West, at 7 p.m.

□ St. John's Anglican Church, 883 Norfolk Street South, has its Christmas Eve Service at 9 p.m.

New Year's events in Port Dover

The Port Dover community has several events planned to help residents celebrate the arrival of 2025 on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Port Dover Lions Club has its popular New Year's Eve Party at Port Dover Community Centre, 801 St. George Street. The event will offer a late cold buffet, champagne, music by Black Creek Music, door prizes, and a cash bar. Tickets are \$30.

Lighthouse Festival is hosting a New Year's Eve celebration at the theatre, 247 Main Street, featuring champagne, catered food, and "an all-request dance party." Music is by Black Creek Music. Tickets are \$40.

Port Dover Legion is hosting its New Year's Eve Dance at the Legion, 212 Market Street East with music by The Atkinson Brothers, cocktails, beef on a bun, sides, snacks, and door prizes. Tickets are \$30.

Port Dover Yacht Club will hold a New Year's Eve event at its clubhouse on River Drive with champagne and music. Tickets are \$30.

On New Year's Day, some bold and adventuresome locals will face the cold and participate in the annual Polar Bear Dip starting at 1 p.m. at the Walker Street beach. General advice is to wear shoes, and have a friend onshore with towels, a blanket and dry clothes watching you.

Port Dover Harbour Museum is hosting its annual Captain's Polar Bear Levee at

the museum, 44 Harbour Street, after the dip at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come listen to the live music or bring an instrument and join the fun. A used book sale will be available upstairs at the museum. Attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to Port Dover & Area Lifeline Foodbank.

Following the Polar Bear Dip, Port Dover Lions Club and Live at the LODGE will have music at Port Dover Community Centre. Coast2Coast will play 1-3 p.m. and Route 6 will take over after. Tickets are \$10.



Some of the staff members at The Terrace Room gathered for this photograph shortly before Christmas. Shown, from left, are Tara Maracle, Madie Erauw, Hanna Patrick, Kelli Shaw, Brittany Burke, Melody Weaver, Jordyn MacDonald, CJ Ingram, Kylie Schneider, and Judy Cioti. Photo by Earl Hartlen

Erie Beach Hotel for holiday dining

KYLIE Schneider, manager of The Terrace Room at the Erie Beach Hotel said, "We're closed Christmas Day, it's the only day of the year we're actually closed. Christmas Eve we're offering a turkey dinner for takeout for people and we're open for dine-in as well. And New Year's Eve and New Year's Day we're open as well; we have some limited

hours, but we are open and welcome everyone to stop by on both days."

Ms. Schneider says everyone will receive a warm welcome over the holidays at all the hotel's dining rooms. She recommends calling ahead to make a reservation to dine in The Cove Room on both New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.



David Knechtel stands outside Knechtel's on the Beach. Photos by Earl Hartlen

Knechtel's hours over the holidays

THE Knechtel family own and operate four local restaurants. David Knechtel explained the opening times for each restaurant.

"On Christmas Eve, Knechtel's on the Beach is open until 7 p.m., The Beach House is closed, the Fisherman's Catch is open

until 7 p.m., and the Dairy Bar, of course, closes at 2 o'clock."

Christmas Day all the Knechtel restaurants are closed

"New Year's Eve, Knechtel's on the Beach is open until 7 p.m., The Beach House is open until 9 p.m., and the Fisherman's Catch is open until 8 p.m., and of course the Dover Dairy Bar is 2 p.m."

"New Year's Day, The Beach House is open and the Dover Dairy Bar as well," said Mr. Knechtel.



Some of the staff at Knechtel's on the Beach got together for this photo inside the restaurant.



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Joanne Sinibaldi

SINIBALDI, Joanne Patricia – It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness we announce the passing of Joanne Patricia Sinibaldi on December 14, 2024, at the Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, in her 61st year. Predeceased by parents Norman and Margaret Sinibaldi. She is the cherished wife of Aubrey Billard. She will be sadly missed by son Larry (Elisha) Hopper; brother Kerry (Kim Johnson); sisters Bev Poudrette (late Ivan), Lynda Shopka (Barry), Cheryl Staats (Clarke), Kate (Peter Rowan), Paula Smith (Dennis); and Josh (Janis), Alex, and Olivia Billard. She was “Grammy Jo” to Apollo and Amethyst and beloved aunt to several nieces, nephews, and grandnieces and nephews. Predeceased by Larry Jr.’s father, Larry Hopper Sr. Joanne was always a very devoted mother to her son Larry, making sure she always got him to his sports games. Whether Larry was on the ice or baseball field, you knew Joanne would be in the stands cheering him on. Joanne was the ultimate crafter, making pet accessories and holiday decorations. Their house was always decorated to the hilt for whatever season or holiday. Christmas was by far her favourite! In keeping with Joanne’s wishes, cremation has taken place. SERENITY BURIAL & CREMATION SERVICES INC., 391 Main Street, Port Dover (226) 290-9093 have been entrusted with the arrangements. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Many thanks to Norfolk General Hospital staff on 3E and 4B, staff at the Juravinski Hospital, and Home Care nurse Alana. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Joanne’s name to South Coast Community Caring for Cancer, 1112 Cockshutt Rd., Simcoe, Ontario, N3Y 4K4, (Online Transfer: Community-caringforcancer@gmail.com) or a charity of your choice. Online condolences can be left at www.serenityburialandcremation.com.

Beverly White

WHITE, Beverley Vincine – Peacefully at the Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe on Monday, December 16, 2024, in her 76th year after a long illness. Predeceased by her parents Vincent and Helen (Grant) Goetz. Beloved wife of Gary White. Cherished mother of Michael Snyder (Stacey Simmons), daughter Laura Lim, step children Mark (Suzie) Twombly, Jeff (Kim) Lorenz and Holly White. Cherished grandmother to Kayla, Anna (Dan), Johnathan, Ainsley, Morgan and great grandson Odin. Survived by her sisters Gloria (Larry) Snyder and Wendy Clemmer. Predeceased by her sisters Sharon and Joyce and a brother James. Bev grew up in the Hawkesville area near Elmira. She will be missed by all that knew her smiling face and wonderful personality. Bev and Gary recently moved back to Port Dover to retire. Cremation has taken place. SERENITY BURIAL & CREMATION SERVICES INC., 361 Main Street, Port Dover, (226) 290-9093 have been entrusted with the arrangements. For those wishing to make a memorial donation in memory of Bev they are asked to consider Simcoe and District Humane Society, 24 Grigg Dr., Simcoe, Ontario N3Y 4L1. Thank you to the nursing staff at the Norfolk General Hospital for their kindness and compassion during Bev’s stay for nearly six weeks. Online condolences can be left at www.serenityburialandcremation.com.

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EVENTS

WEDNESDAY

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PORT DOVER LEGION LADIES will NOT be serving dinner on Boxing Day, Dec. 26. Wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you again on January 9 for roast beef dinner.

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

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Theodore TOO had a brief scare last week when the tug became partially submerged. Photo: Theodore Tugboat Facebook page

Theodore TOO refloated after braving sinking scare

By Jacob Fehr

FANS of the famous tugboat Theodore TOO, a replica of the titular character from CBC's *Theodore Tugboat* TV series, were dismayed last week upon discovering the beloved tug had partially submerged at a dock in Port Weller's Ontario Shipyard.

Theodore TOO is owned by Blair McKeil, CEO of Breakwater Financial and former president of McKeil Marine. In a statement last Wednesday, Mr. McKeil said that "the cause of this unfortunate incident remains unclear," but "we are committed to executing a safe and successful refloat of our beloved Theodore TOO."

"People across the country

hold this little tugboat dear, and we will do everything possible to keep everyone informed of our progress. Rest assured, measures have been taken to mitigate any potential environmental impact," he said.

The statement indicated that the tug was "resting gently on the bottom of shallow water." Photos of the partially submerged boat show its iconic cap and face just above the water's surface at the Lake Ontario dock where the incident occurred.

On Thursday, Mr. McKeil announced in a statement that "Theodore TOO was safely righted and refloated." He shared his gratitude for those who assisted in the process.

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PUZZLES • Answers on page 14

Sudoku

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A Christmas Quiz

ACROSS

- Ancient
- European mountain range
- Part-time employee
- Neither
- Despicable
- Golf club
- Scrooge's given name
- World's longest river
- Own, in Edinburgh
- Uplifted
- With 34 Across, Scrooge's famous expletive
- Tangle
- Peterborough to Pembroke dir.
- Chow down
- Filmed record
- Fat
- With 21 Across Scrooge's famous expletive
- Walter Brooks' talking horse
- Something to face?
- Computer memory, abbr.
- Part of the verb to be
- Food rechewed
- Turk's tunic
- Sustenance
- Room or hall preceder
- Gaze lasciviously
- Wrangler's disciplinary device
- Rich dessert
- Word before house and after hall
- Go wrong
- Containers
- Do in
- Refs decision

DOWN

- God bless us ___ and all
- Loft

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- Elizabeth, to some
- Commoner
- Body fluid
- The little grace sayer
- Lake between Ontario and Huron
- Shape
- Vancouver Ex
- Bill
- Clod
- Ship's wheel
- Two-toed sloth
- Prattle
- Salt
- Scrooge's bookkeeper
- Queen of the gods
- British Prime Minister or Manitoba hamlet
- He authored A Christmas Carol
- Ad ___
- Prompt
- Scrooge's protagonist Jacob
- Things owed
- Hardly any
- Citrus hybrid
- Blueprint
- Knitter's stitch
- Frequently, to Browning and others
- Pasture
- Gall
- Weir or Hnatiuk

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Theodore TOO refloated after braving sinking scare last week

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“We still have a lot of work to do, but with that being said, we want to thank Olous Boag and his team from Ontario Shipyards for their immediate assistance and expertise with the salvage and refloat operations.

“We would also like to acknowledge both Kevin Cameron of North American Marine and the ASI Group’s dive team for their immediate response and support as subcontractors to the Ontario Shipyards.

“Furthermore, we are thankful for the assistance provided by the Urgent Response Team at the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG)—

led by Greg Yizhou Yang. Their expertise, as well as assistance with additional equipment to mitigate any environmental concerns while refloating the vessel, was instrumental in our success thus far.”

Theodore TOO was built at Snyder’s Shipyard in Dayspring, Nova Scotia, in 2000. Mr. McKeil purchased the 65-foot tugboat in 2021. Since then, the tug has served “as a proud ambassador for the Maritimes and a champion of Canada’s marine industry.”

“His mission includes raising awareness about the diverse, inclusive employment opportunities that drive Canada’s marine sector... [and advocating] for clean water strategies, focusing on the restoration and

protection of the country’s waterways and the Great Lakes,” said the statement released last Wednesday.

Over the past few years, Theodore TOO has been an attraction in port towns along Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River, and in the United States. He last visited Port Dover in fall 2023.

In a social media post last Wednesday, Theodore assured fans he was in good hands after having “a mishap.” He said his family in Ontario “assembled a team of experts” who were “working super hard to have me ship shape in time for the holidays,” and he promised to keep the public updated.

On Thursday, Theodore shared an update

on social media that he was “back afloat.”

“I’m so grateful for all the amazing friends who lent a helping hand to get me back upright—what a team effort!” he said, adding they’re “all true marine heroes!”

He thanked his fans for all their concern and support during his misadventure.

“I am also so very grateful for all of the well wishes you have shared with me over the past two days. Your love and support mean the world to me—thank you from the bottom of my tugboat heart!

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A ray of sunshine

IT'S December in Port Dover, Ontario, Canada, meaning days are short, the weather is growing increasingly cold and outdoor activities are growing increasingly fraught. That's my reason for putting pen to paper, though I don't know whether the Port Dover Maple Leaf will print said missive and if they do will anybody read it or care if it has seen the light of day.

Indoors, turning on the TV exposes one to news channels highlighting political repression, be its origin our southern neighbours, Russia's Kremlin, Iran or even, potentially, South Korea (who saw that one coming).

Seeking respite by turning to the Weather Network? No such luck. Disaster du jour is the order of the day. Floods, wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, or in central Ontario, record-breaking snowfall. No wonder some days I feel like staying in bed (or hiding under it!).

However, among this bleak despair I stumbled upon a ray of light in the person of teenage violin virtuoso Karolina Protsenko.

I'm no aficionado of the computer or the internet. To me whatever virtues it offers are offset by the harm its misuse engenders. On-line dishonesty and blatant misinformation and/or disinformation makes it a double-edged sword at best.

I use the computer to check weather forecasts,

sports scores, and the classic rock music I grew up enjoying before rap, hip hop etc. supplanted it. I don't begrudge those music forms their audience but they'll never be my cup of tea.

Somehow I had the good fortune to encounter a Karolina Protsenko YouTube video and the rest is, as they say, history.

Ms. Protsenko's violin mastery is impressive in its own light but her choreography complementing her violin work is outstanding. Dips, swirls, pirouettes are all part of her dance performance, which never ceases to wow and win over her audience. Add to that a million megawatt smile capable of capturing the heart of an irascible senior (me) at first glance and you'll understand how I came to be a captive in her thrall.

And to think she started off as a nine-year-old street busker newly landed in her adopted California home after being born in Ukraine. You couldn't make this stuff up! Oh yeah, though her violin covers are her signature talent she's also an accomplished vocalist when she chooses to display that side of her repertoire.

Sadly, Ms. Protsenko's efforts are not likely to overcome the 21st century deficiencies that plague our planet, but for the length of time one of her videos lasts, we've all received a little break from our travails.

Bruce Schneider
Port Dover

Sound Off



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I would like to compliment the Service Ontario location across from the Port Dover Legion. The service was excellent and quick. Very friendly and helpful person on the front desk. Yes I could have done it online but to me, helping a local business stay in business is far more important. To survive this business needs to be busy. They do not get anything for the online orders. Please take a little extra time and shop local, including renewing licences, health cards and much more. Merry Christmas to you all.

Nigel Kean, Port Dover

A big thank you to the ChristmasFest Committee and all their hard work. I was one of the lucky winners of a Christmas basket. It was overflowing with wonderful gifts and treats from the local businesses. Please support your local stores, they have generous souls.

Thank you to those who took time this season to decorate around town. Our community's beauty reflects what's in the hearts of those who live here. Merry Christmas and happy new year to you all!

I am another reader not surprised that our wannabe strong Mayor Amy Martin is running as the provincial PC candidate. It's so clear now why when all those provincial minis-

ters were coming to Norfolk County that our provincial representative was not invited or even told of the visit. Was our mayor looking out for the best interest of the taxpayers of Norfolk County or was she already campaigning on our dime?

As someone who recently moved to Port Dover from elsewhere in Norfolk, I want to share that this community is a truly fabulous place to live. From the natural amenities to the compassionate nature of so many local people, there's a list of things to love and appreciate about Port Dover nearly as long as Santa's lists combined. I wish a mighty merry Christmas to everyone who calls this wonderful place home.

I think it's great that Norfolk County is giving money for new events like Wrestlefest. I've never been to a wrestling event myself but know many people that like it. A concert is a concert and you either know the music or you don't, but Wrestlefest could attract a whole new audience of people.

In the olden days when you didn't like what a local councillor did, you called him or her on the telephone and gave them a piece of your mind. Then you usually just agreed to disagree. I'm not in favour of residents being able to send their complaints to a Toronto-based integrity

commissioner who says he can't comment on that issue but here's my invoice anyway. Might be good in theory, maybe, but this could get out of hand.

The cost of having our local OPP police is

skyrocketing. This year's \$12.4-million seems high enough. Now they're saying \$15.5-million for 2025. It's nice that the province contributed \$2.1-million toward that increase but, guess what, that's still us as taxpayers.

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A Christmas Quiz

Christmastime at St. Cecilia and Lakewood Elementary schools

STUDENTS and staff at Lakewood Elementary School and St. Cecilia School in Port Dover celebrated Christmas throughout December with festive events.

St. Cecilia School held a food drive for Port Dover & Area Lifeline Food-bank. "It was very successful, and the food bank was very thankful," said secretary Kelley Muise.

The school also put on a Christmas concert at St. Cecilia Church on Dec. 16. Principal Sue Defreyne said, "Each

class [performed] a little skit or musical number to get into the Christmas spirit." Families of students were welcome to watch the show.

"It's much appreciated, which made the kids really happy," Ms. Muise said.

On Dec. 18., the school's parent group hosted a holiday luncheon, bringing all classes together for a meal. Ms. Muise said the occasion is "always enjoyed."

Lakewood Elementary kicked off the Christmas season on November 30 with

the town's 75th Santa Sale, which was organized by Lakewood Elementary Parent Council. The tradition started at Port Dover Public School in 1949.

"Thank you to everyone who attended and helped us raise just over \$7,500 for our school!" the group said in its December newsletter.

The school also conducted a food drive in December, collecting non-perishable food items for the town's food bank. Grade 8 teacher Melanie Whiton said they collected "over 20 bags and boxes," and the school's Lakewood Leaders group donated \$300 in proceeds from its December Tuck Truck sale to the food bank.

Lakewood held a turkey lunch for students and staff on Dec. 10. The meal was supported by Lakewood Elementary Parent Council, which covered costs "to ensure that every student is able to enjoy [the] meal with their friends and classmates."

On Dec. 11 and 12, the school staged its holiday concert for primary grade students at Port Dover Community Centre. Students' family members were invited to attend as well.



Lakewood Elementary School students pack food bank donations for delivery.

Shoebox Project surpassed target of 380

THE Shoebox Project for Women is a charitable organization that collects shoeboxes packed with goods and donates them to women facing homelessness in

communities across Canada.

Neha Garg, co-ordinator for the organization's Haldimand-Norfolk-Brant chapter, said the Haldimand-Norfolk-Brant community donated 395 shoeboxes this year, with 105 coming from Norfolk. Shoeboxes donated in Norfolk will go to women in need through Haldimand-Norfolk REACH, Haldimand-Norfolk Women's Services, and Quetzal Family Home.

The local chapter collected more than enough shoeboxes for everyone on its list to receive one.

"We surpassed the target of 380 to spread our efforts to different shelters," Ms. Garg said, adding the donations help recipients "feel loved, valued and cared for."

She shared a few messages she has heard from shoebox recipients.

"Being a newcomer that flees the war you feel alone [and] stressed, but when [I] received



Port Dover's shoebox donation location was The Dover Cheese Shop which collected over 22 shoeboxes during the drive.

the gift, I felt like there is a hope to be accepted in a new society and succeed," one woman said.

"I felt cared about, like I existed and mattered," said another woman.

Ms. Garg pointed out that these messages demonstrate the impact of locals' donations.

For the second consecutive year, Port Dover's shoebox

donation drop-off location was The Dover Cheese Shop. Store employees Shelby Mulder and Stacy McNall said their shop collected more than 22 shoeboxes during the drive.

"We are so thankful for our locals," Ms. Mulder said.

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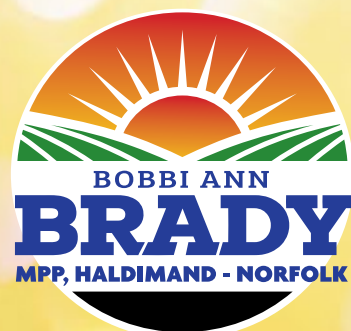
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As 2024 draws to a close, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our valued customers and friends. Your unwavering support and commitment to shopping locally have been instrumental in sustaining small businesses like ours in Port Dover.

We wish you a joyous holiday season filled with warmth and happiness, and may 2025 bring you prosperity and fulfillment. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

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Seasonal, sweet holiday treats

HOLIDAYS and treats go hand-in-hand like Santa and his reindeer. There's still time to whip up these simple, quick, and easy, (I love easy) holiday treats that are guaranteed to make your spirits bright when sharing or gifting. They are a wonderful way to spread joy.

As you gather to enjoy the cozy moments this Christmas, may the magic of the season fill every corner of your heart and home. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

SWEET MARIE BARS

Delicious, chewy, no-bake Sweet Marie Bars are ready in 30 minutes.

Yields: one 9x13 pan, about 48 squares

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup corn syrup
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon butter (optional)
- 5 - 5 1/2 cups crispy rice cereal (like Rice Krispies)
- 2 cups (300g) chocolate chips (semi-sweet*)
- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter

Butter a 9x13 baking pan. Measure cereal into large mixing bowl, set aside. In saucepan, melt brown sugar, corn syrup and peanut butter, stirring often until smooth and creamy. DO NOT BOIL. (Or microwave 3 minutes, stirring often.)

Remove from heat. Add vanilla and butter. Pour the peanut butter mixture over rice cereal, mixing well. Press mixture evenly into buttered pan. Melt chocolate chips and butter together in microwave (about 1 minute), pour and spread over the Krispie mixture. Refrigerate until chocolate topping hardens. Remove from fridge 20 minutes before slicing with a sharp knife.

Store on counter in an airtight container for up to 4 days or freeze for up to 6 weeks. Defrost at room temperature before serving.

Tips:
Chocolate chips – I use 1 cup of both, semi-sweet and milk chocolate chips for the topping.

Add 1 cup of chopped peanuts with the Rice Krispies or use chunky peanut butter.

These come together fast. Have your dish buttered before you start!

SNOWBALL COOKIES
Melt-in-your-mouth, buttery, nutty, treats. Perfect for holiday entertaining and gift giving.

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans (or walnuts)
- Icing sugar for rolling

Preheat oven to 325°F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper for easy clean-up. In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add vanilla. Gradually stir in flour, salt, then pecans, until blended. Don't overmix. Roll dough, a teaspoon at a time, into balls. Place on baking sheet. Bake in a slow oven at 325°F, until bottoms are lightly golden brown, 15-20 minutes. Cool 5 minutes then roll in icing sugar. Once completely cooled, give them a second and final sugar dusting. This results in a thicker layer of powdered sugar, giving them the recognizable snowy finish.

Store Snowballs in a tin or airtight container, at room temperature, lined with a paper towel for up to 2 weeks.

Freeze up to 3 months after 1 coating of sugar. Thaw in refrigerator, then set out to warm, roll again in powdered sugar and serve.

Tips:
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2025 Waste Calendar

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			CLOSED 1	2	3	4
Christmas tree depot						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Christmas tree depot						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	CLOSED 17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Leaf and yard: zone 1						
13	14	15	16	17	CLOSED 18	19
Leaf and yard: zones 2 and 3						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Leaf and yard: zone 1						
27	28	29	30			
Leaf and yard: zones 2 and 3						

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
Leaf and yard: zones 2 and 3						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Leaf and yard: zone 1						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Leaf and yard: zones 2 and 3						
18	CLOSED 19	20	21	22	23	24
Leaf and yard: zone 1						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Leaf and yard: zones 2 and 3						

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Leaf and yard: zone 1						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Leaf and yard: zone 2						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Leaf and yard: zone 3						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		CLOSED 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Leaf and yard: zone 1						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Leaf and yard: zone 2						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Leaf and yard: zone 3						
27	28	29	30	31		

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	CLOSED 4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Leaf and yard: zone 1						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Leaf and yard: zone 2						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Leaf and yard: zone 3					

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	CLOSED 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Leaf and yard: zone 1						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Leaf and yard: zone 2						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Leaf and yard: zone 3						
28	29	30				

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	CLOSED 13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Leaf and yard: all zones						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Leaf and yard: all zones						

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Leaf and yard: all zones						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Leaf and yard: all zones						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Leaf and yard: all zones						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Leaf and yard: all zones					

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	CLOSED 25	CLOSED 26	27
Christmas tree depot						
28	29	30	31			
Christmas tree depot						

-  Christmas tree depot
 -  Bulky item appointment deadline 12 p.m.
 -  Household hazardous waste event
 -  Collection delay all areas in Norfolk County
 -  Collection delay all areas except Simcoe
 -  Turkey Point extra garbage pickup starts (June) or ends (September)
 -  Leaf and yard - **Zone 1**
Long Point and Simcoe
 -  Leaf and yard - **Zone 2**
Port Dover, Langton, Port Rowan
 -  Leaf and yard - **Zone 3**
Turkey Point, Vittoria, St. Williams, Courtland, Delhi, Waterford
 -  Leaf and yard - **All zones**
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