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Getting it right Our accuracy pledge

Nothing is more important to us than accuracy. We always strive to ensure the information we provide is factual and

correct. But sometimes we make mistakes, and when we do, we will correct them promptly and prominently. If you see a factual error, please contact the newsroom at 519-823-6060 or by email at editor@guelphmercury.com.

Lottery results

Yesterday's unofficial winning numbers: Pick 3: 403.

Pick 4: 8018.

Poker: 6-C. K-D. 10-S. 6-S. 8-S.

Keno: 6, 11, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 28, 35 43, 47, 54, 56, 61, 63, 65, 67, 68, 70. Encore: 7370569.

Correction

Re: Bedbug expert

leading bedbug expert is Ascheduled give a presentation Nov. 18 at Victoria Park East Golf Course entitled Bed Bugs Are Back: Learning How to Deal with an Old Foe. An incorrect date was provided by organizers for a story in the Nov. 5 newspaper.

Try the gift of giving this Christmas

t this time of year, our thoughts turn to Christmas shopping. Arggghhhh! More stuff, more clutter, and more waste. Why not cut down on consumption this year, saving excess going into landfill and saving money?

The increased consumption can cost a lot for our planet, but it isn't hard to make your holiday celebration a little greener. The easiest way to prevent added waste from entering the landfills at Christmas time is to keep it from reaching that point.

Try to minimize your Christmas list. Don't buy for everyone, and don't buy a lot for each person on your list. Take the holiday season as a chance to spend time together or help out your loved ones. They will appreciate your time more than your money.

Culinary creations from your kitchen are cheaper, and everyone loves to receive beautifully wrapped homemade squares, cookies, truffles, biscotti, or flavoured vinegars. The possibilities are endless, and the difference to your spending is substantial.

Instead of buying presents for people, give the gift of giving, which actually gives twice. If you donate to a charity or the food bank on someone's behalf, both ends receive something.



MELODY WREN community editorial board

We have adopted a family at Christmas for many years through the Guelph Food Bank. You can stipulate the size of family you would like to buy presents and food for, so they can enjoy Christmas. The food bank sends a Christmas wish list for each of the family members, plus a list of food they require for Christmas dinner.

To cut down on costs, share your wish-list with friends, co-workers, or other family members. Helping a family in need in our community is something special you can do every year.

The Guelph Food Bank can be contacted at 519-767-1380

Charity Checks are American 'giving certificates,' somewhat like gift certificates. Person one gives person two a sum of money in the form of a charity cheque that person

two can then donate to any U.S. charity; person one, meanwhile, gets a tax deduction. (Charity Checks certificates are redeemable by any non-profit; there are more than 800,000 such organizations.) The actor and environmentalist Ed Begley Jr. uses Charity Checks and said they are great holiday gifts since they help the planet, don't use wrapping paper, and replace a gift that might end up as landfill. CharityChecks.us

World Vision has a gift catalogue with a huge range of choices available at worldvision.ca/gifts

Buy a goat for a family in another country to provide protein and income to help their everyday survival or help a family in Canada. A gift of \$60 will feed two hungry Canadian families who live at or below the poverty level. \$25 will buy school supplies for a Canadian child in need. Give on behalf of a friend or family member that is benefiting someone who needs it.

Melody Wren is not a Scrooge, but feels the urgent need to cut down on buying for those who don't need more stuff, and making a difference to those who need everyday items to survive. She's also a member of the Guelph Mercury Community Editorial Board.



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Tomorrow

Toronto

Victoria

Vancouver

Whitehorse

Yellowknife

RESORTS

Acapulco

Bermuda

Havana

San Juan

Winnipeg

L: 2

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p.cloudy

p.cloudy

Tomorrow

flurries

sunny

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sunny

rain

rain

THURSDAY Partly cloudy

World

Beijing

Brussels

Hong Kong

Honolulu

Jerusalem

Las Vegas

Los Angeles

Kiev

Lisbon

London

Amsterdam

H: 10

10/2

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-6/-8

15/2

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30/21

31/26

23/21

27/19

28/26

FRIDAY Partly cloudy

Tomorrow

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24/19

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Miami

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Sydney

Tel Aviv

Tokyo

Moscow

Variably cloudy

Madrid p.cloudy

sunny

rain

sunny

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sunny

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rain

15/7

21/1

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