



Baden Outlook



Gunner and Rylea had a visit on Santa's lap at the Baden Santa Claus Parade.

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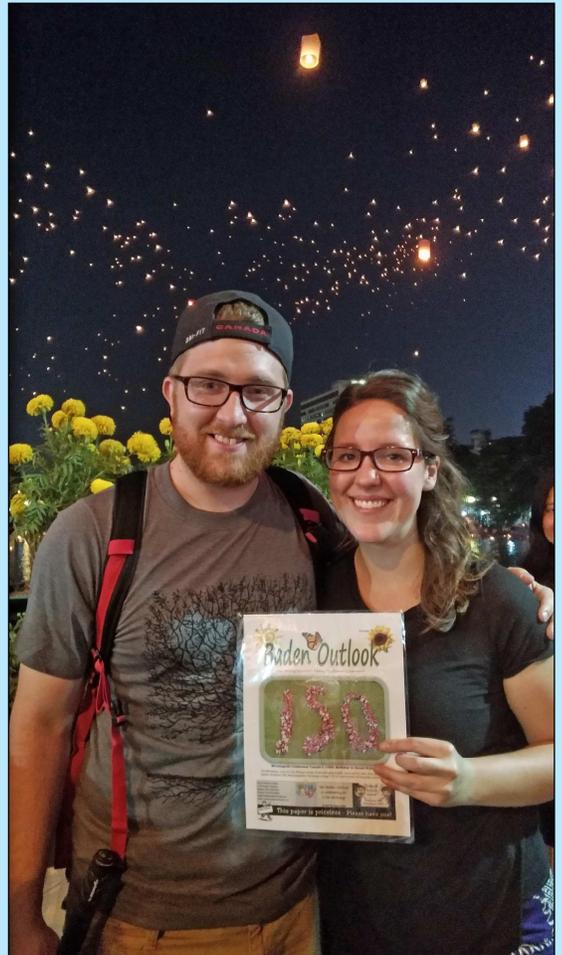
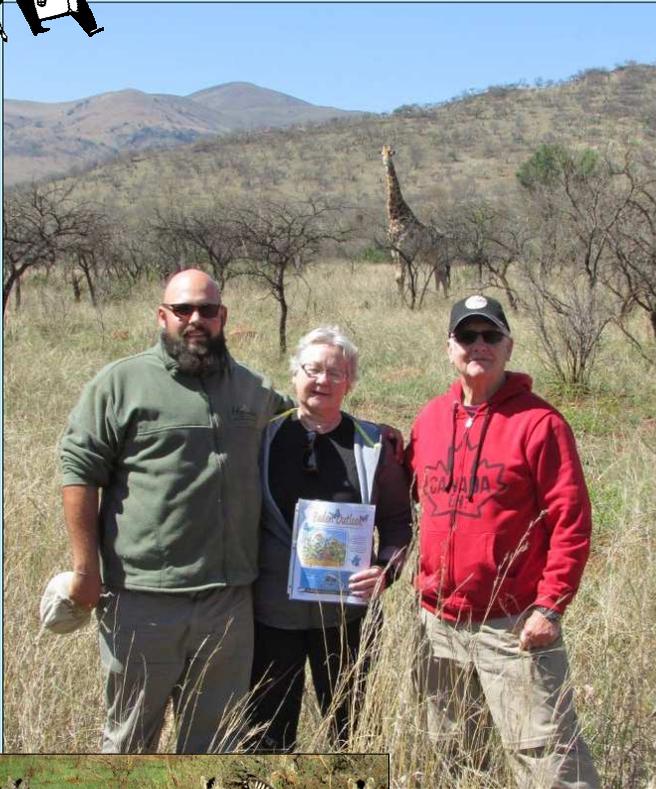


*The best things in life are free...
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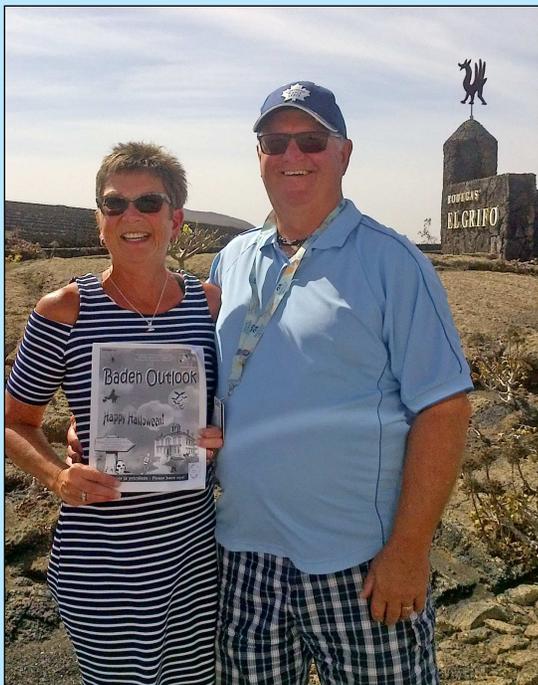
Wow! More exciting destinations as *The Baden Outlook* continues to travel ...

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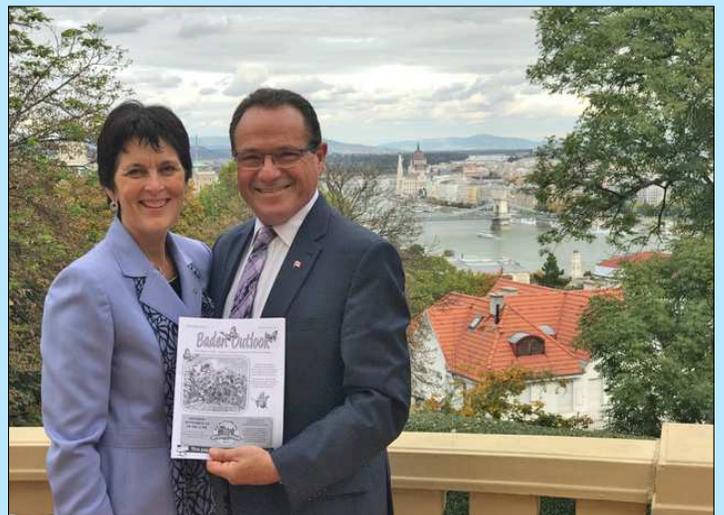


Mary and Bryan Pfaff took their Outlook along to Africa and went on seven safaris. Seen with their guide Richard, they had a wonderful time and saw lots of exotic animals.

Jalyssa and Ryan Brink continue to travel the world, taking the Baden Outlook along for the journey. In November, Jalyssa's dream came true as they went to Chiang Mai, Thailand and saw Loi Krathong (floating lanterns). Loi Krathong is preceded by Yee Peng (The Lantern Festival), during which people release floating lanterns into the sky. It is during Yee Peng that you see locals' homes and public places decked out in colourful hanging lanterns and flag decorations. It was a magical night!



Arden and Garth Linton took their Outlook along on a transatlantic cruise...Barcelona to Fort Lauderdale. They took this picture at the El Grifo Bodega in Lanzerote, the oldest winery on the Canary Islands. Malvasia grapes are grown in volcanic rock to produce an excellent product!



Harold and Darlene Albrecht recently took their Baden Outlook along with them to Budapest.



The character of Santa Claus is largely based on St. Nicholas of Myra and Sinterklaas of Dutch lore. Both of those figures traveled via a noble, white steed. Yet in some Western cultures, particularly America, Santa Claus travels the world on Christmas Eve delivering gifts in a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer. How and when did reindeer become a significant part of the Christmas story?



In 1812, American author Washington Irving refers to St. Nicholas as "riding over the tops of the trees, in that self-same wagon wherein he brings his yearly presents to children."

The first known written account of reindeer in association with the legend of Santa Claus occurred in 1821. That year, New York printer William Gilley published a sixteen page booklet titled *A New Year's Present, to the Little Ones from Five to Twelve Number III: The Children's Friend* by an anonymous author. In the book, reindeer are introduced into the Santa Claus narrative:

*Old Santeclaus with much delight
His reindeer drives this frosty night.
O'er chimney tops, and tracks of snow,
To bring his yearly gifts to you.*



In 1823, the *Troy Sentinel* published the poem *A Visit from St. Nicholas*, commonly known as *The Night before Christmas*. The poem features eight flying reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh and, for the first time, they are identified by name. But how and when did Rudolph make his appearance?

Robert L. May created Rudolph in 1939, as an assignment for Chicago-based Montgomery Ward. The retailer had been buying and giving away coloring books for Christmas every year and it was decided that creating their own book would save money. May considered naming the reindeer "Rollo" or "Reginald" before deciding upon using the name "Rudolph." Both of those names seem odd to me now. In its first year of publication, Montgomery Ward had distributed 2.4 million copies of Rudolph's story.

Of note is the change in the cultural significance of a red nose. In popular culture, a bright red nose was then closely associated with chronic alcoholism and drunkards, and so the story idea was initially rejected. May asked his illustrator friend at Montgomery Ward, Denver Gillen, to draw a "cute reindeer," using zoo deer as models. The alert, bouncy character Gillen developed convinced management to support the idea.

The spinoffs of the Rudolph story have been endless. In 1948 there was a short theatrical cartoon entitled "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer". In 1949 Johnny Marks adapted the story of Rudolph into a song. Gene Autry's recording of the song hit No. 1 on the Billboard pop singles' chart the week of Christmas 1949. From 1950 to 1962 there were 13 annual comic books produced by DC Comics, and in 1958 there was a children's story book. In 1964 there was a top motion animated television special, followed by sequels produced in 1976 to 1979. There was also a full length feature film in 1998 entitled *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Movie*. Over the years, Rudolph certainly became a marketing gem!

So, two last questions: **How does Santa Claus get down a chimney?** It is said that Santa Claus uses magic to make himself, his sleigh, and his reindeer small so he is not spotted in the sky driving his sleigh by airplanes or on roofs delivering presents, and that magic makes him able to fit down those chimneys. **How about if you don't have a chimney?** Santa Claus has a magic key that he uses to get into homes, apartments, townhouses, and condos without a chimney. He also uses this key for homes that have a chimney that is too small for him to fit down (too many Christmas cookies makes it a tight fit).

Wishing you a Magical Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year! Until next year ...Ed



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Greetings from ~ Outlook Headquarters

'Tis the season to be jolly... and creating the December issue guarantees to get me into the festive spirit. How can I not with all those fun clipart Christmas decorations to stir the holiday pot. It seems once I get the



paper all decked out it naturally sets the stage for me to get my home and heart going in that direction. It would be so easy if I could just click on my clipart and splash the garland, bows, bells and tinsel around my house as easily as is in the paper—although my kids would surely ridicule me as I tend to over-play with the clipart graphics and our house would look silly. My ever thrifty daughter has her shopping done already, as she starts in September and paces her time and pocket book appropriately. Me... not so much. Once the paper is published on the 15th I am free to move into my Christmas frenzy of decorating, shopping, baking, and wrapping on the final hour. Whatever your strategy is, I hope you all get it together and enjoy the holiday season!



We thank you for the many compliments we had on the glossy cover pages and we intend to continue doing that. If you've ever seen our paper on-line at our web-site you will surely agree how nice it looks in colour. So, just for the December Christmas issue we are going to print the cover with the glossy paper and in colour. Also we are going to shift our travel photos from the inside pages to the back side of the front cover so they too can be seen in colour. We so appreciate the time and effort it takes for travellers to include us in their vacation; we thought they deserve to have their pictures in colour. The layup of the paper is a bit different than usual—it may feel like going to the grocery store after a re-line has been done and nothing is in its usual place.

I highly commend those who do not litter... but really? Apparently our postal boxes have been regarded as trash bins. Over time we have found assorted garbage, junk mail, a thawed and messy slushy, a half eaten piece of chocolate cake, but last month was the most disturbing treasure—a bag of dog poop. Yes, we took care of your trash but please be courteous so we don't need to carry cleanser and towels to clean up before we put our papers in each month.

In this issue you will see the photos from the Santa Claus Parade, the float winners and some shopping tips from Donna and Rhonda on page 32. You'll find out how the New Hamburg Firebirds are doing and what's happening at the Baden Library. There are some smart fire safety tips to pay attention to on page 24. I hope you have fun with the Christmas quizzes and that the paper gets you in the spirit of things too! I am happy to share another lovely poem from our granddaughter Lily—she has a knack for this!

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The Night Before Christmas ~ by Lily

Lying in bed with my covers pulled high
I gaze out my window into the cloudless sky.

In just a few hours Santa will be there!
Perhaps I'll stay awake, but no, I don't dare.

Tomorrow I'll be opening presents by the tonne.
But tonight is when I really have fun!

Laying here full of anticipation,
I can hear the music and my parents' conversation.

Dreaming of tomorrow's delight,
I drift off into the night.

Merry Christmas



Corrections to Last Month's Issue

We received an E-Mail from John Wagner who corrected us on two articles from last month. The article regarding the concession stand at the Baden Park stated that it was built by the Parks Board, when in fact planning and fundraising for the building was by the Baden Chamber of Commerce. It was supposed to be followed by an adjoining community centre but that never happened. Secondly, the Baden Fire Hall and Oscar Rumpel Slipper Factory were located between the Baden Library and the Old Baden Post Office not at the Baden Library location. The Baden Library Location was home to the Baden Hydro and before that John Hahn Repair Shop. We thank John for bringing that to our attention.

Keep Your Pets Healthy and Happy this Christmas

The most wonderful time of the year is upon us... Christmas! This is a special time of year and it should be a great time for our furry friends too. Here are some tips to help keep your pet happy and healthy this Christmas.

1. Avoid human food

Even though your pet will be begging for Freddy's special Christmas summer sausage – Yummy! —please resist sharing with your furry friends. We commonly see pets that have over indulged during the Christmas period - they can have tummy upsets, like vomiting or diarrhea – Yuck!— and more seriously, pancreatitis. Keep all chocolate, fruit laden Christmas cake, and any sugar-free desserts or treats containing xylitol out of reach as they are toxic to your pet. Alcohol is also dangerous for pets, so enjoy your holidays responsibly!

2. Watch out for potential hazards

Look for things your pet might find interesting and tasty, and move it out of reach. Christmas ornaments, electrical wires, ribbon, string and wrapping paper can all cause a problem if ingested. These things should be kept out of your pet's reach to avoid a problem. Candles and burning oils can also be dangerous as can floral arrangements. Remember that ingestion of stems, stamen or the flowers of Christmas lilies can cause kidney failure in cats.

3. Make plans for your pet

Christmas is a hectic time of year and your pet will pick up on this. Do your best to stick closely to their usual routine, feed them their regular food, and provide a quiet escape for them. Possibly fill their stockings with a new toy to keep them occupied during the day and take photos with them to preserve your happy memories.



Merry Christmas and have a safe and happy holiday season! Dr. Rebecca Ricker

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The Baden Community Association gathered together early December 2nd to cook their delicious Kettle Corn for the Baden Santa Claus Parade. It took four hours to package over 700 bags which were handed out to one of the biggest crowds gathered in recent memory.



Lots of fun popping and bagging the specialty kettle corn for the parade. *(We missed you Adrian Vorstenbosch!)*

Be sure to get your tickets for the BCA Kids New Year's Eve Party which is sponsored by EJ's Tavern, Baden Pharmasave, and Eaton Realty. There are only 100 tickets available, and they are on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets can be purchased at EJ's. This year, Erick Traplin will be on hand to entertain kids and adults alike, and there will be door prizes. The menu will consist of pasta, salad, pizza, and dessert. The event will go from 4:30 to 7 p.m. which will give moms and dads lots of time to get home and tuck the youngsters into bed and enjoy their own festivities.

The BCA is already preparing for its annual Family Day event at the Wilmot Rec Centre. Watch the Baden Outlook for more details in the January issue. If you would like to be a part of the Baden Community Association, please call 519-634-8916 for more details, or feel free to pop by and join a meeting on the last Wednesday of every month (except December, in the basement at the Township Hall at 7 pm. Everyone welcome!



It was a lovely day for walking and handing out kettle corn to the curbside folks at the Santa Claus Parade.

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Here's a Christmas Quiz with 15 questions for you to try! The answers can be found on page 12

1. What's the name of the period leading up to Christmas?
2. In what town was Jesus born?
3. How many presents were given in total in the song *12 Days of Christmas*?
4. How many of Rudolph's eight companions' names start with 'D'?
5. In what country did Christmas trees originate?
6. What's the second line of *I'm dreaming of a white Christmas*?
7. What was Joseph's job?
8. Who were the first people to visit the baby Jesus?
9. What Angel visited Mary?
10. Where did the baby Jesus sleep?
11. Why candy canes at Christmas?
12. Where does the poinsettia plant originate?
13. What did Frosty the Snowman have for a nose?
14. In the song *Winter Wonderland*, who do we pretend the snowman is?
15. How many la's are in a line in *Deck the Halls*?

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You'll find us around the 15th of each month, available at over 80 places within Wilmot Township, while quantities last.



You'll find us In Baden at Mars Variety, Circle K, Baden Feed, Baden Dental, Wilmot Rec. Centre, Tim Hortons, Baden Library, EJ's, and several outdoor magazine boxes located conveniently throughout town for Baden readers.

You can pick it up in New Hamburg at No Frills, Sobey's, Short Stop, NH Legion, McDonalds, Morningside, Stonecroft, Office Pro, NH Thrift Centre, Pharmasave, NH Dry Cleaners, NH Wellness, all libraries and various offices and retail locations throughout Wilmot Township.

It can also be found at Foxboro, in St. Agatha at Fishers Esso, Angie's Kitchen, and Sunny Place.

The best things in life are free - like children on Christmas morning, and this paper ~ Please Have One!



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"What are my choices?" the man asked.

"Yes or no," she replied.

A lady was picking through the frozen chickens at the grocery store but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a passing assistant, "Do these chickens get any bigger?"

The assistant replied, "I'm afraid not, they're dead."

Policeman got out of his car and addressed a teenager he stopped for speeding. He rolled down his window and the officer said "I've been waiting for you all day."

The lad replied, "Well I got here as fast as I could."

When the policeman finally stopped laughing, he sent the lad on his way without a ticket.

A trucker was driving along on a country road. A sign came up that read "Low Bridge Ahead." Before he realized it, the bridge was directly ahead and he got stuck under it.

Cars were backed up for miles. Finally, a police car arrived.

The policeman got out of his car and walked to the truck cab and said to the driver, "Got stuck, eh?"

The driver said, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of diesel!"

Submitted by Bruce Bousher



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Checking out the Baden Library



Holiday Hours

All Region of Waterloo Library branches will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 26 after which regular library hours will resume.

Holiday Family Storytime

Tuesday, Dec. 19 or Thursday, Dec. 21, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Join us to share some holiday stories, sing songs and make a special craft. All ages welcome. The program is designed for children ages 1-5 with a parent/caregiver. Space is limited. Register online, by phone or in person.

Holiday Movie Days

Thursday, Dec. 28, 10:30 a.m. - Cars 3
Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2:30 p.m. - Despicable Me 3
Looking for something fun to do over the holidays? Come see a movie! It's free, and popcorn is included! Children under 5 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Children 9 and under must have a caregiver (12 years or older) remain in the library during the movie. Space is limited - please register online, by phone or in person.

NEW! Games Collection

If you are hosting a family games night or looking for a new game to play, check out the Region of Waterloo Library's new collection of social, board, and card games to borrow using your library card. A maximum of five games can be borrowed for a loan period of three weeks. Check our catalogue for a list of available games including Blokus, Pandemic, Settlers of Catan, and many more.

Magazine Sale 2018

Our annual sale will run from Jan. 2 – 31, 2018. Purchase previously enjoyed magazines for 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.

Let's Read Program

Let's Read is a family literacy initiative in Waterloo Region that encourages families to read the same book. This year's selection is **Good Morning, Canada** by Andrea Beck. Drop by the Baden branch before the end of January 2018 to read the book and participate in the scavenger hunt. Enter your name for a chance to win a prize!

Winter Programs

Registration for winter programs started Dec. 12. Programs are free and begin the week of Jan. 16, 2018. Storytime programs include Ready, Set, Go! Kindergarten, Family Storytime, Toddler Tales, Wonderful Ones and Baby Connections, further details are available at rwlibrary.ca. Space is limited. Register online, in person or by phone.

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Can't get to the branch during the day? No problem. Drop in at the New Hamburg branch on Tuesday evenings, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. to get assistance from our tech-savvy, Waterloo-Oxford DSS student volunteers. Bring your technology-related questions - no appointment necessary. The program runs from Feb. 13 - March 13.

Baden branch staff (Chris, Jennifer, Hannah C., Hannah B. and Ally), wish you a very happy holiday and all the best for the New Year ahead!

Chris Baechler, Assistant Supervisor — Baden Branch



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The kids had a great time at the Baden Library on November 29th with the annual *Read With The Firebirds*.

Do You Know These Christmas Songs? Fill in the blanks.
We hope you are humming along! Answers are on page 20

	Start of Song Title	Rest of Title	# of words
1	Have Yourself...		4
2	Away...		3
3	Do You Hear...		3
4	Rudolph...		3
5	It's the Most...		5
6	Hark!...		4
7	O Little...		3
8	I Saw Mommy...		3
9	Grandma Got...		5
10	It Came...		4
11	The Little...		2
12	God Rest...		3
13	It's Beginning to...		5
14	A Holly...		2
15	The Holly...		3
16	Santa Claus Is...		3
17	Go Tell It...		3
18	Angels We...		4
19	I'll Be...		3
20	We Wish...		4

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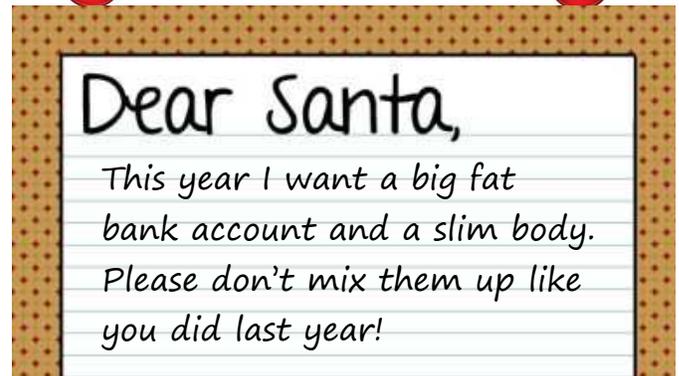
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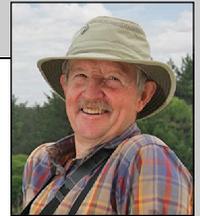
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Baden Birding ~ Early Morning CBC

By Fraser Gibson



She rises silently in the pitch black of the pre-dawn hours and quickly picks up a flashlight and a few other tools of the trade. Quietly she steals out of the house ensuring not to arouse others who are still fast asleep.

Once in the car, she heads away from the bright lights towards those less travelled roads; a place where few eyes will be open at this early hour. There she rendezvous with several others at a secluded backcountry site. After checking a map and deciding on their first target, they set off with more than an hour of complete darkness for cover.

They drive slowly down a back rural road, strategically parking adjacent to a wooded area. Lights are extinguished immediately. Occupants of the car silently climb from the vehicle. Doors close so as not to arouse sleeping dogs. Conversation is minimal and restricted to whispers.

The night is quiet and the air still. They listen intently and wait. Then they hear it - the muted call of a Great-horned Owl closely followed by a deeper and similar call. A smile crosses their faces. Two GHOWs are recorded on a list. Their Christmas Bird Count (CBC) has just begun!

In the years prior to the first CBC, a Christmas holiday tradition known as a "side hunt" was held in which teams competed to see who could shoot the most game, including birds. A Christmas Bird Census was suggested that would count birds instead of shooting them, and on Christmas Day in 1900 twenty seven conservationists in 25 locations participated in the first count. Toronto, ON and Scotch Lake, NB were the only Canadian locations. There are now over 2000 CBCs conducted throughout the Western Hemisphere.

All CBCs are conducted between December 14 and January 5 within a 24 km diameter circle that remains in the same location year after year.

The 24 km diameter circle is divided up into 7 - 10 smaller units, each with its own team of volunteers.



Teams, comprised of both experienced and novice birders, often begin before daybreak, listening and calling for owls. Owls can sometimes be coaxed into replying to recordings or a human imitation of their call. Once an owl is heard the party records the species and number of owls heard and then drives to another probable owl habitat where the procedure is repeated. At dawn, when other birds begin moving and calling, the observers shift their attention to every bird seen or heard. Each team's task is to explore the habitats in their unit and record all species and the numbers of each present.

Each count brings the excitement of friendly competition. Participants always hope to find more species than other groups, more species than last year, an unusual species or a species new to the circle.

At the end of the day all unit volunteers meet to share their sightings. The count compiler creates a comprehensive list of birds for the entire count circle which is then forwarded to Bird Studies Canada.

This annual event is the largest and longest running citizen science project in the world. The survey data is used to gauge: winter ranges, the health of bird populations, population trends, impacts from development, deforestation, climate change and helps guide conservation measures.

There are four nearby counts. The Kitchener Count (Dec 16), centred at the site of Kitchener's old city hall, began in 1934. The Cambridge Count (Dec 17) began in 1978 and is centred at Branchton. The Linwood CBC (Dec 29) began in 2006. The Stratford count (Dec 30) is centred south of Stratford. CBC circles are strategically chosen to avoid overlap.

If you enjoy birds you might like to participate in a count. If interested please visit Waterloo Region Nature's website at <https://waterlooregionnature.ca/outings/> and contact one of the three area count compilers.

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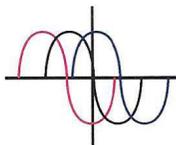
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The answers from Christmas Quiz on page 7

1. Advent
2. Bethlehem
3. 364
4. Three - Dasher, Dancer and Donner
5. Germany - it was Latvia but it was part of Germany then!
6. Just like the ones I used to know
7. Carpenter
8. Shepherds
9. Gabriel
10. In a manger
11. They represent the shape of a shepherds crook
12. Mexico
13. A button
14. Parson Brown
15. There are eight plus one fa: fa la la la la la la la



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The New Hamburg Firebirds had a tough November playing Woodstock, Tavistock, Ayr, Wellesley, Norwich, Burford, and Delhi. Most of the teams are on big winning streaks, but that hasn't stop the Firebirds from fighting back to keep the other teams on their toes. On Friday, November 3rd, Tyler Kleine scored 1 goal and got 2 assists to help the Firebirds win against the Burford Bulldogs 7-3. The Firebirds then traveled to Delhi on November 4th, winning 6-4, and to Norwich on November 5th, where they lost to the Merchants 4-2. On Friday, November 10th, the Firebirds beat Delhi 5-2; James Thorpe had 3 assists to help the Birds win. The next night, New Hamburg traveled up Nafziger Road to Wellesley where they fell short to the Applejacks, losing 4-0. On Friday, November 17th, Michael Black helped keep the Firebirds in the game with his outstanding goal saves, as the Navy Vets outshot the Birds 47-32. The Firebirds lost that game 3-2, but without Black in the net almost standing on his head at times to save the puck, the score could have been way worse. On Friday, November 24th, the Firebirds hosted the Ayr Centennials and had a HUGE win over them at 2-1. Michael Black won the CVE Mortgage Group Inc. Player Of The Game again. Black was outstanding in the game, trying to stop everything Ayr was shooting at him. It was a nail-biting game, and had to be taken into overtime; just 44 seconds in, Colby Shatilla scored on Ayr's goalie Brennan Hadad.

Come on out to the next home game and cheer on your Firebirds; they will be in New Hamburg on December 15th and 22nd, and January 5th.

STANDINGS as of November 29, 2017

Team	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS	PIM
Woodstock	23	19	3	0	1	39	300
Tavistock	21	18	1	0	2	38	375
Ayr	23	18	4	0	1	37	467
Paris	23	14	8	0	1	29	540
Wellesley	21	11	9	0	1	23	514
Norwich	23	10	12	1	0	21	448
New Hamburg	24	8	12	1	3	20	387
Burford	22	2	20	0	0	4	494
Delhi	22	0	22	0	0	0	485

The Firebirds are not just about stats...they are busy active guys in the community too! They gave the kids a fun time at the Baden Library on November 29th (photo seen on page 9). The Firebirds also made their presence shown as they walked in the Baden Santa Claus parade collecting food for the Wilmot Family Food Bank. — **GO FIREBIRDS GO!**



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Adults			Kids		
Place	Name	PTS	Place	Name	PTS
1	Brayden Gingerich	346	1	Taylor Naumann	320
2	Kristen Struth	333	2	Vance Hallman	317
3	Devon Grozn	326	3	Ryan Boronka	312
4	Norm Poirier	325	4	Scott Snook	311
T5	Lynn Moore	324	T5	Lydia Jokic	309
T5	Bonnie Jokic	324	T5	Joel Miller	309
T5	Adam Roth	324	T7	Cameron Langer	307
T5	Ty Brenner	324	T7	Kate Papa	307
9	Bob Miller	321	9	Hailey Jokic	306
T10	Eric Horst	319	T10	Evan Bizony	305
T10	Ernie Faulhafer	319	T10	Sabrina Hallman	305
T12	Denise Acton	318	12	Kailey Patten	303
T12	Sharon Horst	318	13	Jahveda Faulkner	302
T12	Maggie Litwiller	318	14	Avery Shantz	298
T12	Chris Murray	318	15	Braedyn	296
T16	Sadie Acton	315	T16	Finn Hofford	295
T16	Wayne Erb	315	T16	Sofia	295
18	Ron Yoworski	314	T16	Elias Bizony	295
T19	Norma Weiler	313	T16	Kohen Patten	295
T19	Lindsay Soctemans	313	20	Madisyn Wilde	294
T19	Ryan Heinbuch	313	T21	Jake Durrer	293
T22	Grant Gingerich	312	T21	Ayden Ziegler	293
T22	Cooper Honderich	312	T21	Eric	293
T24	Jacob Ertel	311	T24	Calvin Linthorne	292
T24	Nathan Boronka	311	T24	Nolan Snook	292
T24	Josh Durrer	311	T26	Joey Durrer	291
T27	Bradley Sousa	310	T26	Brett Fraser	291
T27	Lee Fitz	310	28	Mason Beaver	290
T27	Greg Schwartzentrubr	310	29	Lucas Witteveen	289
T27	Bryn Fournier	310	T30	Sophia Quinn	287



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How's Your Vocabulary...

Here is an interesting angle about the famous red-nosed Rudolph... see if you can keep up!

Rudolph was a four-hoofed ungulate

Rudolph was a four-hoofed ungulate, who, incidentally, possessed a nasal appendage of a maroon luster. Consequently, if circumstances were to present themselves that he ever came into your view, you would most undoubtedly remark about its illuminary qualities.

The multitude of other members of the population in his ecological community had previously teased, chuckled boisterously, and dubbed him unspeakable pseudonyms -- the objective of which was to lower his self-esteem and make him miserable. They also excluded him from participation in leisure activities consistent with their species.

However, on the twenty-fourth of December in an unspecified year a mythological, supernatural being inherent to western culture (who symbolizes the Christmas attitude and allegedly brings gifts to children) arrived through the supersaturated, humid air.

He formally invited Rudolph, due to his extraordinary nasal characteristic to stand at the forefront of his snow vehicle with the express purpose that he navigate through the nocturnal mist.

At that point, the multitude of other members of the population in his ecological community who had previously teased, chuckled boisterously, and dubbed him unspeakable pseudonyms, reversed their disposition toward Rudolph to a more congenial, amicable relationship. They consequently exclaimed with great exaltation and fervor, Rudolph, the antlered mammal with a maroon nasal appendage, you shall most certainly be recorded in the annals of time, and your memory will be preserved for posterity!

Now wasn't that fun? Oh...ok...we'll do it your way... *Rudolph the red nosed Reindeer...*



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I find it difficult to believe that I'm writing an article on snow shoveling in November, when temperatures hit 15 degrees Celsius in the KW region this week. Either way, it's probably best that you get this information before we welcome (or for some, not welcome) Old Man Winter. Some of you will not be happy to hear this, some of you may look at me like I'm crazy, but I love winter! For some, winter is a special time of year where you can project yourself down a hill wearing nothing but one (or two) planks on your feet. Skiing, snowboarding, hiking, tobogganing with the boys, skating, and building snowmen or snow forts are among my favourite winter activities. Maybe my boys are bringing me back to my childhood. I just can't help but enjoy myself playing in the fluffy white stuff. Perhaps I'm looking forward to winter a bit too much because I miss it from last year, perhaps I've forgotten the slush and slippery ice—I have definitely forgotten about snow shoveling. For me, the only good day for a big dumping of snow is a Saturday or Sunday. That way I don't have to wake up early to shovel. I can actually take my time and make it fun with my family.

The Ontario Chiropractic Association has published some strategies on safe shoveling and I'd like to share some of the information with you, along with some of my own! It's called "Lift right and shovel light." Catchy and smart; I'll summarize the meat and potatoes of it for you!

Before you start:

- * Make sure you are hydrated; this can be as much of an issue in the winter as the summer.
- * Dress appropriately for the weather; it's easier to remove a layer than add one.
- * Wear winter appropriate footwear to minimize slipping.
- * Pick the right shovel. They recommend a lightweight, non-stick push-style shovel. There are some ergonomically friendly choices that may help prevent injury and fatigue.



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- * Try to warm up before getting started; a brisk walk will do the trick.
- * Try not to shovel first thing in the morning, let your body wake up.

When you are ready to get out there:

- * Try to push the snow and not throw it!
- * If you must throw it, try not to twist or rotate.
- * Walk behind the shovel and use your body weight to push the snow.
- * Try to keep a straight and neutral back.
- * Try to use your legs as much as you can, as they are the strongest muscles in your body and will keep the work off of your back.
- * Watch out for ice! Slipping on ice when shoveling can lead to pretty serious injuries, the kind that may keep you away from the fun stuff for a little while!
- * Intermittent thaws and subsequent freezing can build up ice, so be careful of areas prone to this. Use salt or sand in known areas regularly.

Stay safe out there and have fun.
Hope to see everyone out there enjoying winter.

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Answers to Christmas Song Quiz
from page 10

1. A Merry Little Christmas
2. In a Manger
3. What I Hear?
4. The Red-Nosed Reindeer
5. Wonderful Time of the Year
6. The Herald Angels Sing
7. Town of Bethlehem
8. Kissing Santa Claus
9. Run Over by a Reindeer
10. Upon a Midnight Clear
11. Drummer Boy
12. Ye Merry Gentlemen
13. Look a Lot Like Christmas
14. Jolly Christmas
15. And the Ivy
16. Coming to Town
17. On the Mountain
18. Have Heard on High
19. Home for Christmas
20. You a Merry Christmas



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At the end of yet another discouraging and fruitless day checking his computer (MADE IN MALAYSIA), Joe decided to relax for a while. He put on his sandals (MADE IN BRAZIL) poured himself a glass of wine (MADE IN FRANCE) and turned on his TV (MADE IN INDONESIA), and then wondered why he can't find a good paying job in CANADA...go figure!*

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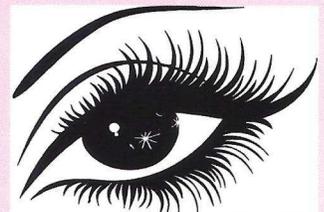
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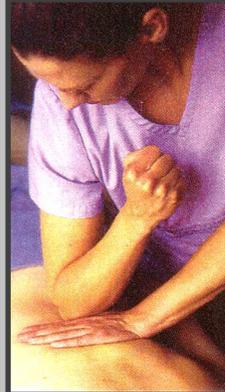
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How do anti-oxidants work?

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Vitamin E sources are cold pressed safflower oil that can be used in your home made salad dressing, uncooked peas, spinach, asparagus, kale, and cucumbers.

Niacin is found in foods such as beef liver and other organ meats, tuna, salmon, and halibut, poultry, nutritional yeast (has a cheesy flavour), wheat germ, whole grains, avocados, dates, figs, and prunes.

Anti-oxidant herbs are also helpful in fighting free radical damage. As well as pomegranate juice, we also have Aloe Vera, Bilberry (especially for eyes), Garlic (heart), Gingko Biloba (brain and nervous system), Green Tea(protects against UVB radiation), Hawthorn(heart), Milk Thistle (liver), Wolfberry, Mangosteen, Gac, and Goji Berries.

Dietary options to consume this wonder fruit are easy. Drink natural and unsweetened juice bought in a glass bottle or, buy a pomegranate and cut it open to reveal juicy seeds. Google “how to cut and peel pomegranates easily” to learn how to eat it. They can be eaten out of a bowl, sprinkled on salads, yogurt, or on hot or cold cereal. They are best eaten on an empty stomach. All fruits are digested quickly, so it is best to eat them before you eat more concentrated foods to avoid slowing down the digestion process.

These polyphenols in pomegranate juice have been studied and *Business Insider* states through Pharmacological Research, pomegranate juice “significantly reduces both Systolic (SBP) and Diastolic Blood Pressure (DBP)”, reversing atherosclerosis and decreasing vascular inflammation. The amount of pomegranate juice was not important, just that it was taken every day. Another study stated that drinking 5 ounces a day decreased inflammation after 2 weeks, including inflammatory arthritis and gingivitis. It has anti-bacterial properties that also address bacteria in periodontitis. It may also inhibit growth of cancer cells, including breast and prostate.

So eat up the goodness of wonderful Pomegranates this holiday season! Merry Christmas. Please let me know if you find the past year’s articles helpful. Thank you! Helen@pureandsimpleholistichealth.com



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8 Simple Fire Safety Tips We All Need to Follow this Holiday Season

Submitted by Brian Leverton, Wilmot Fire Prevention Officer

Everyone enjoys being part of the holiday preparations, from testing family recipes to decorating cakes and cookies. But when there are a lot of people and lots of activity going on around you, it's easy to get distracted. Read more to get eight simple fire-safety tips that can help you and your family reduce the risk of kitchen fires during this joyous time of year.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the leading cause of kitchen fires is unattended cooking. Thanksgiving ranks at the top of the list for home fires involving cooking equipment with three times the average number, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.

But the potential for a kitchen fire doesn't have to turn your next holiday party into a bah-humbug affair. Here are the "ingredients" for a safe holiday:

- ◆ Stay in the kitchen when cooking so you can keep a close eye on the food, especially when frying and sautéing with oil.
- ◆ When cooking a meal that takes a long time like roasting a turkey or baking a roast, check it frequently. A timer is your friend. Use one to help remind you there's something cooking. Some people even put timers in different rooms so they can hear it over the music and party chatter.
- ◆ Be alert and focused when cooking. It's easy to get distracted when there is a lot of activity around you. To help minimize the risk of injury, if you're sleepy or have had an extra glass of eggnog or two, ask others to take over in the kitchen. Or save that glass of wine to have during dinner or after you've cleared the table and washed dishes.
- ◆ Keep things that can catch fire, such as oven mitts,

wooden utensils, food wrappers, and towels away from the cooking area.

- ◆ Make sure kids stay at least three feet away from the stove and oven, hot food, and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy, or coffee could cause serious burns.
- ◆ Store toys, pocketbooks, and bags in a safe place so you, your guests, and the kids don't trip near the stove and oven, or on a sharp corner of the counter.
- ◆ Move matches and utility lighters out of reach of children.
- ◆ Secure cords from electric knives, the coffee maker, plate warmer, mixer, and other cooking equipment at the far end of counters so no one accidentally pulls them off the edge.

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When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where.

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drunk all the cider and hidden the liquor. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang. An irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, 'Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?'

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Submitted by Bob Smith

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We would like to thank all volunteers, donors and the community for the generous support we've received so far in 2017. This support allows us to continue to provide a much needed service to Wilmot and surrounding areas.

On Wednesday November 22nd, Michael Landsberg spoke at Steinmann Mennonite Church to a sold out crowd of over 300 people. Michael spoke about his experience living with mental illness, specifically depression and anxiety. His main message was to help people understand that mental illness is a sickness, not a weakness.

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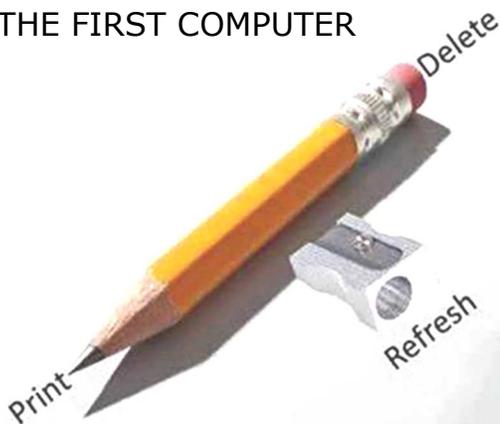
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2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
4. Say No to projects that won't fit into your time or do not interest you.
5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many).
8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
10. Take one day at a time.
11. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.
12. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.
13. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.
14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
15. Do something for the Kid in You everyday.

16. Get organized so everything has its place.
17. Get enough rest, take a nap if you need to.
18. Eat right.
19. Talk less; listen more.
20. Slow down.
21. Write down thoughts and inspirations.
22. Every day, find time to be alone.
23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.
24. Make friends with Godly people.
25. Sit on your ego.
26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good 'Thank you GOD ..'
27. Laugh.
28. Laugh some more!
29. Take your work seriously, but not yourself at all.
30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).
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And carols in the crisp night sung
This Christmas cannot be as fair
In homes where there's an empty chair.*



*Dear God in Heaven, bless with peace
Those whose Christmas joy has ceased
For those who grieve and cannot bear
The stillness of that empty chair.*

*Instill in them a second sight
To see in death a lasting light
Which reassures that those who've died
Now kneel before the manger side
To celebrate the blessed birth
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*And may those visions of your care
Bring hope enough to fill that chair
So Christmas carols may be sung
And Christmas bells may still be rung
And Christmas peace replace all fears
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Take stock of what you already have on hand – maybe there are some things you purchased during the year that you have forgotten about. It is always a good idea to keep a list all year round of gifts you buy and tuck away for Christmas.

Set a budget and stick to it. Pay cash or debit if possible.



Brainstorm gift ideas before you head out. Ask friends or colleagues at work what sorts of gifts they are buying. It might give you some creative ideas. Flip through flyers or do some looking on-line to get creative ideas.

Prepare a list. There is nothing worse than wandering aimlessly through the crowds at the mall. Decide before you head out what you are looking for and what stops you are making.

Plan your route so you are not zigzagging around.

Buy the same thing for more than one person.

- candles for all the teachers, childcare providers etc.
- slippers for all the sons and sons-in-law
- cozy throws for all the sisters and sisters-in-law

You get the idea!

Or better yet, experiential gifts are the way to go. Gift cards for restaurants, spa treatments or the movie theatre.

Create your own gift certificate for a family bowling night and pizza with your children and grandchildren.

Consider going to a small town rather than battling the crowds of the city. New Hamburg is a great example – they have a Home Hardware, a delightful gift shop – Is This Chair Taken, The Bargain Shop and lots of other great options. New Hamburg is just one example, but consider an alternative shopping experience.

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Ask Armand ~



Laura from New Hamburg asks – We all know about Castle Kilbride and that it is a National Heritage Site, but can you give me some details about the building itself?

feet wide, 42 feet deep and 44 feet high. The beautiful exterior, however, is overshadowed by its outstanding interior décor.

Armand says – Yes Laura - In 1864, James and John established the J&J Livingston Linseed Oil Company and in 1867 the Baden Linseed Oil Mill opened. In 1876 James purchased land from Christian Wagler to build his home "Castle Kilbride".



It is an Italianate villa that had beautiful art work. However, the actual paintings that are displayed on the walls are original and are considered to be a part of art known as *trompe l'oeil*, which means "fool the eye". These interior paintings are one of the finest examples of skillful artwork in a domestic home from the mid-Victorian Era in Canada. Found within the paintings at the Castle are a number of hidden images and classical motifs.

The home was designed by architect David W. Gingerich who also designed major projects such as the Mutual Life office block, the Waterloo Town Hall and the Governor's (jailer's) house at the Waterloo County Gaol. The construction of Castle Kilbride took about one year to complete and was finished in 1878. The house was designed in the Italianate style of architecture and capped with a belvedere lookout. The castle ended up consisting of over 10,000 square feet of living space. It also had the approximate dimensions of 44

One thing that James Livingston did with the design was to make the front lawn in the shape of a heart, a tribute of his love to his wife, Louise. In 1993, Castle Kilbride was purchased and restored by Wilmot Township. In 1994 it was named a National Heritage Site and its doors were open as a museum - it is the jewel of Wilmot Township.

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Ned's elderly Mom broke her walking stick at their family Christmas gathering, "...so it's not long enough to do her any good... and on top of that, the young employee that's supposed to help her hasn't shown up once during the holidays!!" MaryLou didn't even look up from her paper: "Talk about short-staffed..."

Little Emma asked in her patented noisy fashion: "HOW DO YOU THINK SANTA GETS TO THE TOP OF ALL THOSE HOUSES AND BUILDINGS?!?"

Ned replied... "Well, given a choice between a small room that electronically raised him to various floors of a building and an extending metal device that had rungs as steps to ascend, I suspect Santa would take the ladder".

Ned was almost crying as he described his Christmas party shenanigans: "... and he was laughing so hard that he soiled his pants.... my goodness we were so embarrassed for him, and it smelled so bad, and he just laughed even harder!" Mary-Lou: "who doesn't love self-defecating humour?!"

You Must Be Joking!!



Frank and Dianne were in a local shopping centre just before Christmas. Dianne suddenly noticed that Frank was missing, and as they had a lot to do, she called him on his cell phone. Dianne asked, "Frank, where are you? You know that we have lots to do."

Frank said, "Do you remember the jewellery store we went into about 10 years ago, and you fell in love with a diamond necklace? I could not afford it at the time, and I said that one day I would get it for you."



Little tears started to flow down Dianne's cheek, and she got all choked up. "Yes, I do remember that shop," she replied.

"Well, I'm in the Hooters next to that."

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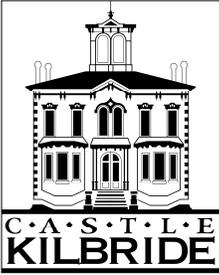


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"How are you dear Santa?"

Submitted by Teresa Brown

Here at Castle Kilbride, it's easy to lose yourself in the sheer beauty of the place. The lavish furnishings, the elegant wall murals, the spectacular woodwork gracing every room --

everywhere we look there are rare artifacts, astonishing architecture, and stunning decor.

And here at Castle Kilbride, it's just as easy to be reminded -- as we are reminded almost daily -- that this grand mansion was a home. Four generations of a family lived at Castle Kilbride, and our archives are bursting with ordinary objects from those years that are more precious than the most valuable fine art. Over and over, we are deeply moved by these astonishing keepsakes, each of which represents a moment from the lives of the Livingston family.

There are scrapbooks and school medals, recipes, and receipts. But one special object has always touched us more than any other, especially at this time of year: a child's letter to Santa.

Written in 1927 by Laura Louise Livingston when she was nine years old, the letter is charmingly typical of such correspondence. Laura Louise begins by inquiring after Santa's health: "How are you dear Santa," she asks. "I hope you are well." Laura Louise then asks for dolls -- three of them, to be exact -- describing each in careful detail. "A French dolly," she explains to her dear Saint Nick, "with white kid gloves and a pink dress and hat with roses on

the dress and hat." We can imagine her little hand gripping her father's fountain pen as she writes this most important of letters; we can almost see her knitting her brow as she makes sure she spells the words correctly -- well, most of them, anyway.

Perhaps this is what touches us so: that, despite her family's enormous wealth, despite the lavish existence she led in the opulent 1920s, Laura Louise Livingston was simply a little girl. She was a little girl from Baden, Ontario, breathless with hope and exhilarated by the possibilities of Christmas ... just as any child from any small town might be.



This Christmas, we invite you to enjoy this most special of seasons as a child would: with wonder and excitement, and with gladness and hope for the future. Whether you live in a palace or an apartment, whether you have a small circle of companions or a family bursting your home at the seams, remember what every child knows: that Christmas is for closing your eyes and dreaming.

2018 marks Laura Louise Livingston's 100th birthday. Watch for news in the spring of an exhibit about her magical childhood at Castle Kilbride. Until then, you can see Castle Kilbride decorated for Christmas, including Dave Herner's remarkable Dickens Christmas Village, until January 7, 2018. The museum is open Tuesday - Sunday from 11:30 am - 4:00 pm; closed Mondays and holidays. Holiday Hours are December 27 - 30 and January 2 - 7 from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm.



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Wilmot Horticultural Society

In his garden, every man may be his own artist without apology or explanation ~ Louise Beebe Wilder

The amaryllis (*Hippeastrum*), meaning "Knight's-star-lily," is a traditional plant given during the Christmas season. There has been confusion among botanists over the generic names *Amaryllis* and *Hippeastrum*, one result of which is that the common name "amaryllis" is mainly used for cultivars of this genus. Why? The ones we see are the South American version but there is also an African genus. The amaryllis we buy have been bred intensely and cultivated since the early nineteenth century to produce large, colourful, showy flowers. In temperate climates these can be placed outside in the summer, and after a dormancy period, can be potted to rebloom inside in the winter. Most bulbs have a protective dry outer layer and fleshy concentric inner scales or leaf bases similar to an onion inside. The bulbs are generally between 5–12 cm (2"–5") in diameter and produce two to seven long-lasting leaves that are 30–90 cm (12"–36") long and 2.5–5 cm (1"–2") wide. The leaves appear after flowering.



The 2-14 flowers are supported on an erect hollow stem which is 20–75 cm (12"–30") tall and 2.5–5 cm (1"–2"). The native species are usually purple or red. The amaryllis comes in: *Single flower (large flowering)*, *Double flower*, *Miniature (dwarf, or small flowering)*, *Trumpet or Jumbo (mammoth)*. In warm countries, you will see these beauties in gardens as they are perennial. You can keep the bulbs and have them rebloom next year.

See Sonia Day's article on how to do this: www.thestar.com/life/2013/01/19/how_to_get_amaryllis_to_bloom_again.html

 **Winter To Do List (or Should or Might Get To List)**

- ✓ Watch for pests (white flies, spider mites, and aphids) and diseases on houseplants.
- ✓ Protect your rose bushes.
- ✓ Apply mulch—it can go on top of the snow!
- ✓ Order seed catalogues or look online at their websites (<http://smallfarmcanada.ca/2017/2018-seed-buying-guide/>).
- ✓ Repot tropicals? If the roots are growing into the surface of the soil and through the drainage holes in the bottom of the pot, it is time to up-size one pot size. Use quality soil and pull away the excess soil around the plant roots and cut back up to 1/3 of the existing roots. Water well and place your plant in a well-lit room, in the brightest window in the room. Watering well does not mean drowning. Often plants die of 'too much love'. Dropping leaves are okay.



WHS's upcoming meeting is **Monday, January 8, 2018** at 7:30 pm, after a brief AGM, **Gardens as Art Spaces** will be presented by **David Hobson, KW Record garden columnist, photographer and garden expert**. He will take us on a tour of exceptional gardens showcasing art. **Wilmot Recreation Centre, upstairs in Meeting Room A**. **Free meeting**, 50/50 draw (bring a loonie or toonie), door prizes and social with tea/coffee with snacks.



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