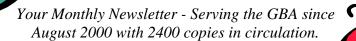
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# Baden

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The snow fell as the crowd gathered for the annual visit from Santa at the Baden Parade.

See pages 20-21 for parade pics



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"Keeping the Community Connected"



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# TALKING WITH ED ~ RANDOMLY SPEAKING~MY SCATTERED THOUGHTS

Congratulations to our Member of Parliament, Harold Albrecht, on his new appointment as Deputy Whip. The main role of a Deputy Whip is to make sure members of the Conservative Party are in Ottawa to vote on crucial issues. The whip also acts as ears for leadership and for the party, and acts as a liaison between the members and the Prime Minister.

Many thanks to all the hockey fans who attended the New Hamburg Firebirds game on November 21, which was sponsored by this publication: you were a great crowd! Thanks to the Baden Public School Choir for starting off the evening with a stirring rendition of the national anthem. The Firebirds provided an entertaining game - full of heart put on by the Baden and District Chamber of and action. Special thanks to the Tykes, who also played their hearts out between the first and second period. The Firebird's management, a first class organization, were very helpful in planning for the event.

Construction of the new commercial development has begun at the corner of Foundry Street and Snyder's Road. Activa Group, the property owners, has proceeded with the grading and services

of the property. There are no confirmed tenants as of yet and the 14,500 square foot building will be subdivided based on tenant's requirements.

The Olympic torch route has been announced with Shakespeare, New Hamburg and New Dundee among the towns that it will pass through. Day 59 -December 27, 2009-will be our area's turn. More than 12,000 people will have an opportunity to take part across Canada. Information on how Canadians can apply to become torchbearers is available on iCoke.ca, sogoactive.com or rbc.com/carrythetorch.

That was another terrific Santa Claus parade, Commerce. We have published some pictures in this issue and more can be seen at our website www.badenoutlook.com in colour.

The New Hamburg No Frills grocery store opened its doors as of November 29. The retail landscape continues to change.

Till next year... Ed



"The Wilmot Fire Fighters remind everyone to clear the snow from all hydrants near your homes and businesses: You never know when you're going to need them!"





# Season's Greetings from the Baden & District Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Directors: Eva Pocsai-Director at Large; Mike Douglas-VP Membership; Elaine Bechthold-Secretary/Treasurer; James Yahn-Vice President; and Sylvia Forbes- President. In celebration of our *50th Anniversary*, the Baden and District Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce our Outdoor Holiday Decorating Contest.

Judging will take place on **Dec. 18th** by the Baden Chamber Board of Directors.

The winners will be announced on Dec. 19th, at the homes, in person, and then acknowledged in the Outlook in January.

The four categories for entrants are:

- 1. Best Traditional outdoor display
- 2. Best Children's outdoor display
- 3. Best "GREEN" outdoor display (eco-friendly)
- 4. Best Overall outdoor display

So - Get out there, be festive - get creative!!



# Name That Christmas Carol!

Match these titles with common carols.

- 1. Bleached Yule
- 2. Singular Yearning for the Twin Anterior Incisors
- 3. Righteous Darkness
- 4. Loyal Followers Advance
- 5. Array the Corridor
- 6. Bantam Male Percussionist
- 7. Monarchial Trio
- 8. Nocturnal Noiselessness
- 9. Frozen Precipitation Commence
- 10. Proceed and Enlighten on the Peak
- 11. Query Regarding Identity of Descendant
- 12. Delight for this Planet
- 13. Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Beings
- 14. The Dozen Festive 24 Hour Intervals



Answers on page 10



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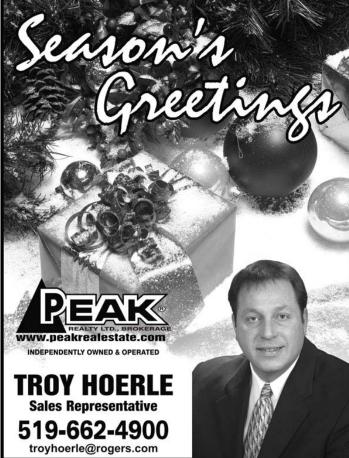
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# Local Author Publishes First Book

Congratulations to Laura Davies on publishing her first novel entitled "Full Circle". Laura Davies (Welton), lived in Baden at the site of the old cheese factory (which is now Coachman's Lane), and currently lives in Plattsville.

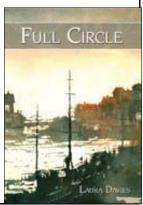
This is the story of a beautiful young woman who has everything the world of luxury has to offer: money, nice car even an upcoming arranged marriage to her best friend. But in matters of the heart, it is not enough.

#### Here is a short review of the book from a reader:

"Full Circle" is a very easy read. It is the type of book that is great to curl up with on a cold winter's day. You don't want to put the book down, for wanting to find out what was going to

happen next. Laura seems to have found a way to write something that just about anyone can read. It is a nice change to read something that isn't full of swearing and explicit situations. This is definitely a book that would make a great gift for that woman in your life, be it your mother, sister, grandmother or girlfriend.

Copies of the book are available at Upper Case Books in New Hamburg.





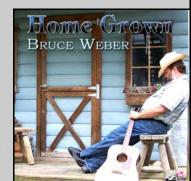
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The album consists of eighteen songs that move easily from country, to blues, gospel, folk, humour and even a children's song - "The Bathtub Song" inspired by his kids. The entire Weber family was involved with this project, making it extra meaningful.



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# Oh Christmas Tree!

By Verda Cook

As a child, Christmas excitement began with a tree trimming party. Popcorn and apples were the simple party fare. Christmas carols played in the background usually from the record player but sometimes on shortwave radio. Especially loved was the broadcast of the Kings College Choir over the BBC network (Now, that dates me). The tradition of a tree trimming party was carried into our married life. As our two sons entered post secondary education, they returned with friends to join in this tradition. We were fortunate enough to have a woodlot that allowed us to harvest a tree. An artificial tree was stored in the attic to act as 'stand in' on the few occasions when no tree could be taken from the woodlot.

Over the years I have noticed a new trend emerging: small evergreen trees in pots sold as live Christmas trees. A few years ago I was the recipient of such a tree, given to me after Christmas by a friend who could not maintain it in her apartment. I wondered how many of these live trees eventually go to the landfill and how many survive to become part of the home landscape.

Since then, we have been the owners of the four-foot Norfolk Island Pine which has a four-foot spread. This is an ideal solution for anyone with a small grandchild. The tree can be set out of reach atop a table fully decorated with miniature lights and other small decorations. It is also an ideal choice for apartments or condos. When the Christmas season has ended and the decorations have been removed, the tree adds life to the living space.

The Norfolk Island Pine is native to Norfolk Island located near Australia. In South Florida, the Carribean and South America, these trees are used as Christmas trees and in landscaping. It is an indoor pot plant in our

climate. The price of a Pine is comparable to a natural Christmas Tree but this is a one time expenditure.

These plants do best in bright indirect light. They prefer day time temperatures of 68°-72°F (20°-23°C) and night temperatures of 50°-55°F (10°-13°C). The soil should be kept barely moist during winter months. In summer the plant should be well watered but allow the soil to dry slightly between thorough waterings. It requires an atmosphere of high humidity. To provide this, set the pot on a tray of pebbles and keep water in the tray. Misting the plant occasionally, will also help. It is common for a few needles on the lowest branches to drop. Sometimes the lowest branch will die. This happens as the needles and branches age, or it might be a sign of insufficient light for the lower branches. The Norfolk Island Pine can be set on the verandah during the summer, in a shaded location. They appreciate the fresh air.

There is an interesting legend on Norfolk Island. It is said that a convict named Barney Duffy escaped from prison and lived for some years in the hollow of a Norfolk Island Pine tree trunk. Until recent years, the tree was pointed out as 'Barney Duffy's Pine'. As the story is told, Duffy was eventually captured while robbing a garden and was subsequently executed.

As you decorate your tree, may the wonder and love of this beautiful season fill your world with joy.

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# Christmas Message from Pastor Karen Kuhnert, St. James Lutheran Church

"Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: for unto you, born this day in the City of David, a Saviour who is the Christ, the Lord." Luke 2: 10b-11 (NRSV).

We wrestle with understanding Godly challenges every week at St. James Lutheran, as do our friends-in-faith in other churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples. At St. James we'll be particularly wrestling with Luke 2 during the December 21<sup>st</sup> children's Christmas Pageant, 7 pm and the Christmas Eve, 10 pm and Christmas Day, 10 am services. All are invited and welcome.

This is the reason for the season for Christians to be sure. This is the essential proclamation of the *gospel*, that God took and takes on the vulnerability of flesh and the cruelty of the cross for the love of us, battered, bruised, broken and sinful though we are. *Soli deo gloria!* Glory be to God

How do we understand such graciousness in our so-often selfish and

self-centered world today? How do we understand that this triumphant birthed love *is for us* and *for all* when even in this "Hap,

Happiest Season of All" precious ones are hurting, addictions are advancing, nations are warring, the economy is struggling ...? It's, well, challenging.

We might wish that faith and grace could be found in pre-Christmas mark-down sales at local stores. I'll admit that I'd stock up! I'd flex my retail-therapy muscles by hauling case loads of God's love to my van and then down to my

basement store room. But faith is not found on a

shelf, grace is not found in packagable quantities at the store and cannot be shopped for or stock-piled.

Saving grace is not for us to produce, locate, purchase, control or hoard.
Saving grace is to be received. It is a gift shared which finds us and sets us free from our fear-formed selfishness and self-centeredness. It's not within our capacity to fully understand the production or distribution mechanism for this gift. Yah, I know, it' challenging.



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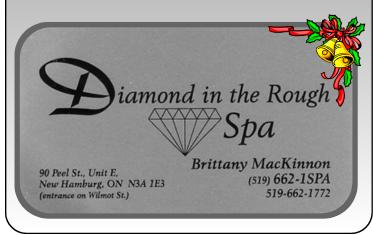
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And your pies take the prize,
And may your Christmas dinner stay off your thighs!

(Ho Ho Ho! Just eat and be merry)
Happy Christmas Everyone!

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# NOTES FROM THE ATTIC: Shared Memory of Grant Bechthold - "One Ringy-Dingy"

Grant Bechthold, who passed away at age 70 on October 23 of this year, was born and raised in Baden. He was the son of Walter and Elsie Bechthold, who owned an American Motors dealership on the east side of the Baden Emporium Complex. Grant left Baden in 1959 to move to Ottawa where he was employed by the National Research Council until his retirement.

Grant was an avid reader of *The Baden Outlook* and he sent us an e-mail about an attempted long distance phone call he tried to make from Toronto to Baden. It describes perhaps the earliest recorded techo-glitch. Here is a copy of that email.

In the 40's and 50's, Baden still had its own telephone system, although Bell Canada had a near monopoly. The original telephones had a crank that was rotated to reach the operator or other persons on the same line if you had a party line. The system was later modernized, so simply picking up the phone connected you to the operator. It was after Bell took over that the rotary dial system was introduced in Baden.

But, in the latter part of the 50's, I was in Toronto and tried to place a phone call home. A long distance call was initiated by calling the operator and giving her the number you wished to reach. My Dad's car dealership had the phone number "two". The following is what occurred as I attempted to call home:

Grant: I wish to place a call to Baden, Number 2.

Operator: Yes. (Long Pause)

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- G: Baden, Number 2.
- O: Yes, Two what?
- G: Baden, Number 2.
- O: Yes. Two what?
- G: I want to place a call to Baden, Number 2.
- O: What are the other numbers?
- G: It's just Baden, Number 2.
- O: There have to be five digits. (In those days Bell had a two letter code for the exchange, ie PE for Pennsylvania, followed by five digits).
- G: I'm calling the town of Baden and the Number is 2.
- O: But there have to be five digits.

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G: Will you place the call to the Kitchener operator and ask her to connect to the Baden operator and ask for Number 2?

Reluctantly she does so, although I am left with the feeling that she still doesn't believe me.

O: (To the Kitchener operator) Will you connect me to the Baden operator for N u m b e r 2? The Kitchener operator does this and the call goes through imediately.

I often wished I knew the operator's thoughts on having a call go through on a single digit number. And, thus ends an era.

The Baden Outlook would like to offer our condolences to the Bechthold family.

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The Senior Girls Basket Ball team would like to thank all of the teachers, students, friends and families who attended the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. The evening was a big success. Lots of great spaghetti was dished out to many hungry people.

Many in attendance took the opportunity to connect and visit with friends and neighbours as they lingered over a delicious dessert and a great cup of coffee.

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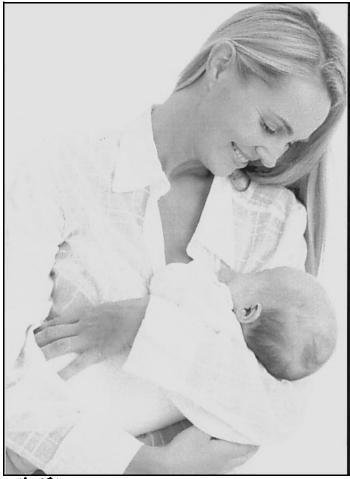
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- 1. White Christmas
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- 3. O Holy Night
- 4. O Come, All Ye Faithful
- 5. Deck the Hall
- 6. Little Drummer Boy
- 7. We Three Kings
- 8. Silent Night
- 9. Let it Snow
- 10. Go, Tell it on the Mountain
- 11. What Child is This?
- 12. Joy to the World
- 13. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- 14. The Twelve Days of Christmas





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# **Baden Branch Library News**

The Twelve Days of Christmas at the Baden Library

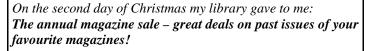
On the first day of Christmas my library gave to me:

Holiday Hours: December 24 – 26: Closed

December 27: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

December 30: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

December 31: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.



On the third day of Christmas my library gave to me: Family Storytime on Thursday evenings from January 8 – March 5 from 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. Read, play games and learn about literacy in fun ways. Recommended for parents/caregivers and children ages 3 – 7 years old. Drop in – it's free!

On the fourth day of Christmas my library gave to me: Holiday books, movies and music!

On the fifth day of Christmas my library gave to me: Computers for Adults – Intermediate Classes beginning Tuesday January 6 - March 9 from 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. OR 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.

(Put your name on a waiting list for spring beginner classes!) Cost is \$125 for eight sessions and registration is required.

On the sixth day of Christmas my library gave to me: The Kids Book Club for ages 7 – 10 years old. The Book Hoggers next meeting is Wednesday December 17 from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

On the seventh day of Christmas my library gave to me: A Holiday Candy Guess!

On the eighth day of Christmas my library gave to me: Lots of great new books for adults, teens and kids!

On the ninth day of Christmas my library gave to me: ALL NEW Read With Me Kits that promote early literacy skills in children age newborn to 6 years old. Kit themes include Baby Sign Language, Dora and Friends, Tick Tock 123 and many more!

On the tenth day of Christmas my library gave to me: New French books for children of all ages!

On the eleventh day of Christmas my library gave to me: Storytime for children ages 3 -5 years old begins the week of January 6. Choose from Tuesday afternoons 1:45 – 2:30 OR Wednesday mornings 9:15 - 10:00. Some spaces are still available.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my library gave to me:

Happy wishes for a special holiday season and wonderful New Year!

Submitted by Chris Baechler, Assistant Supervisor, Baden Branch



# Welcome Benjamin to Baden!

Kristina and Brad Ziegler and big brother Ayden are happy to announce the arrival of Benjamin Parker Ziegler. Benjamin was born at Grand River Hospital on November 6th, weighing 9 lbs. 13 oz.



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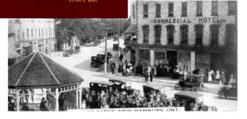
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#### 2) Remember.... You Have 24 Hours

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#### 3) Don't Get the Windrow Woes

We understand your frustration when you clear your driveway and then a plow comes by and leaves a pile of snow – a windrow. Unfortunately it's impossible to plow without leaving one.

#### 4) Ask Yourself if it's Wise to Park

Parked cars are a snowplow operator's biggest obstacle. If your street has not been plowed please do not park on it. Parking is prohibited for a period of time longer than 3 consecutive hours and also between 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. all year round. During the winter season, By-Law Enforcement will be actively enforcing this provision in order to alleviate any interference with snow clearing operations. Failure to adhere to the by-law may result in a fine or towing of your vehicle.

#### 5) By-law 84-72

Please remember that it is illegal to deposit snow from driveways / laneways onto the road. Those found to be in contravention of the by-law may be subject to a fine up to \$2,000.

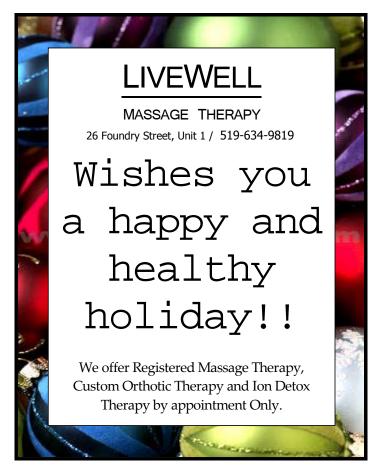
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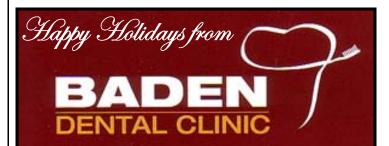
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Find the Christmas related words in the grid. They can be found horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forwards and backwards. Good luck... Ho Ho Ho, have fun!



The answers are on page 17

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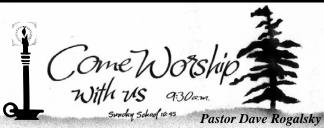
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Weight watch and indigestion warnings have been issued for the entire area, especially around the beltway. During the evening, the turkey will diminish and taper off to leftovers, dropping to a low of 34°F in the refrigerator.

Looking ahead to the next two days, high pressure to eat sandwiches will be established. Flurries of leftovers can be expected both days with a 50 per cent chance of scattered soup late in the day. We expect a warming trend where soup develops.

By early next week, eating pressure will be below normal.



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# Interesting People – *Meet Dave Rogalsky*

This is a very special year for Pastor Dave Rogalsky. He is celebrating 25 years in the ministry, 30 years of marriage to his wife Annmarie and 50 years of life. He was recently installed as pastor at Wilmot Mennonite Church on Bleams Road.

Dave, originally from St. Catharines, met Annmarie through a church youth group while they were in their final years of high school (1977). Annmarie, who is originally from Paraguay, married Dave one year later. They have two children – Allan, who will be married next year, and Liz, who was married last year to her husband Mike.

Dave's academic credentials include a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from the University of Winnipeg and Mennonite Brethren College in Waterloo plus a Master's degree from the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana.

Dave's first position in the ministry was at Winkler, Manitoba as an associate Pastor for five years beginning in 1983. The last two postings, Hanover and East Zorra, were in an intern pastor position. He helped both churches in establishing a vision and commencing the process to achieve their goals. He feels that Wilmot Mennonite is in a transformation period and his past experiences will be an asset to them.

Dave and Annmarie enjoy the outdoors, hiking, camping, bird watching and gardening. Ann Marie graduated in the spring of 2007 with Honours Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts, from University of Waterloo, with a passion for painting. Dave enjoys wood working and making wine directly from grapes.

Dave also works 30 hours a month as the eastern correspondent for the Canadian Mennonite Magazine. The magazine is published 24 times a year, with circulation of 16,000 across Canada but is read by 30,000 to 35,000 people worldwide. There are five correspondents across Canada (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Eastern Canada) and Dave's territory includes Ontario, Quebec and one church in New Brunswick. Here he reports news, events and lifestyles that are associated with the Mennonite Church. You will be sure to see him at the Mennonite Relief Sale in New Hamburg each year. He is given feature articles from time to time and is currently working on "Post-Modernity in the Church".

Dave feels a strong desire to serve his faith by caring for the Wilmot Mennonite congregation. He is happy to be serving close to home, as he lives in Waterloo, and is looking forward to growing with Wilmot.



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# Get me off this roller coaster! The demands of Doing-It-All

By Susan Rosenblum, M.S.W., R.S.W.—Southern Ontario Counselling Centre

For most people, juggling the demands of career and personal life is an ongoing challenge. The stress of "doing it all" can lead some to feel overwhelmed, overloaded, and stressed to the *max*. Over time, this can lead to burnout.

Being stressed can lead to problems in relationships, loss of interest in sex, sleep deprivation or over-sleeping, and a loss of interest in things previously enjoyed. Sometimes people cope with the discomfort of stress by using alcohol, drugs, gaming, or addictive behaviours. Striking a work-life balance takes a bit of effort, and is a continuous process.

#### What is burnout?

It is an exhaustion that comes from excessive stress and demands caused by jobs, family responsibilities, friends, self, or societal expectations. It zaps our energy, and can interfere with our ability to cope. It evolves over time and accumulates from on-going stress.

#### Signs of stress and burnout:

Stress is marked by feelings of being trapped, in powerlessness, hopelessness, exhaustion, detachment, isolation, irritability, frustration, failure, cynicism, and apathy. It can make people feel uninterested in the things previously enjoyed.

#### Strategies to deal with burnout:

- Time management. Your time is like your income: it is finite, so try to budget your time the way you do your money. Notice how much time you spend doing your various activities.
- Prioritize: Sometimes we want to do more than is actually possible. Set priorities for what is most important. Let go of some of the tasks.
- Take control. People tend to feel better when they have some control, choice and flexibility in their lives at work and at home.
- Learn to say no. This means deciding what you need, or want, in your life. It's OK to say no respectfully. You will make more room in your life for the activities that you have prioritized.

- Leave work at work. With technology to connect to anyone at any time from virtually anywhere, there's no boundary between work and home unless you create it. Make a conscious decision to separate work time from personal time. For instance, turn off your cell phone, put away your laptop computer, and don't answer the phone during personal or family time.
- Rethink your cleaning standards. An unmade bed or sink of dirty dishes won't impact the quality of your life. Do what needs to be done and let the rest go. If you can afford it, pay someone else to clean your house.
- **No more guilt.** Remember, having a family and a job is OK for both men and women.
- Take care of yourself. Set aside time each day for an activity that you enjoy, such as walking the dog, playing with a child, working out or listening to music.
- **Time for recreation.** At least once a week, take the phone off the hook, turn off the computer and the TV. Find activities you can do with your partner, family or friends that will rejuvenate you.
- **Sleep enough.** There's nothing as stressful and potentially dangerous as being sleep-deprived.
- Exercise. Getting daily physical exercise is known to be a stress-buster. Get moving in any way that works for you walking, biking, playing a sport, throwing a ball or Frisbee. It doesn't matter what it is.
- **Nutrition**. Take time to build healthy meals into your schedule. Healthy doesn't mean it takes longer, in fact it can be faster and cheaper than "fast food" -- And it makes you feel good.
  - Emotional Supports. Cultivate a network of friends and relatives who can support you.
  - > Seek professional help. Everyone needs help from time to time. If you feel overwhelmed, talk with a professional, such as a counsellor or your family doctor.

Balance does not mean doing it all. Look at your priorities and set boundaries. Be firm in what you can and cannot do. Only you can be the judge of what you need in your life.



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# Seasons Greetings to You!!



Thanks to Angela & Marc Desjardins for sharing their photos.

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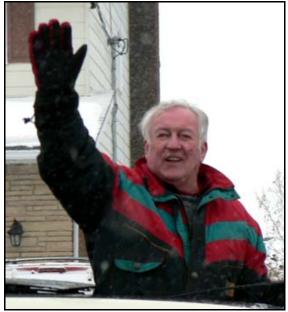
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# Holiday Traditions

By Grade Two Class of Baden Public School

We go to my Grandma's and Grandpa's house for Christmas and open presents and we get to look in our stockings. And last year we got underwear. I get lots of different toys each year.—Rachel

My traditions is my brother's birthday and it is Christmas Day. My family goes to my cousin's and I play his PS-2.—Ryan.

On the 24th of December we make Christmas cookies for Santa and for the reindeer. They have celery and some dip and I am happy! - Cameron

One of our holiday traditions is we always go to my Grandmother's house and spend time with each other. And it makes me feel good.—Jake

My tradition is football Sunday. On football Sunday we bet money, we watch games and whoever gets the most games right wins, and the fun part is we play football in the backyard and I feel great.—Jake

For Christmas I go to a tree farm and I get a Christmas tree and I get to pick it out. We hang up stockings and then we hang up decorations for the tree.—Aidan

Every holiday I celebrate Christmas because every Christmas I wake my brothers up and my parents and go open my presents and that was fun. On Saturday I was in the parade handing out tooth brushes and that was really fun too.—Jessica

My traditions for Christmas is getting presents from my family and I go to bed early on Christmas night.—Julia

Every Christmas I wake up my family and then my family and me open the presents. Its fun.—Scott

On Christmas my Family wake up early and we open presents. We give xo xo xo xo.—Ainslee

On every December 10th we put the Christmas tree up and decorate it with beautiful ornaments.—
Conner

Every Christmas I go Christmas shopping with my Grandmother and my cousins at the store to buy presents for my family and my dog.— Zack

I decorate for Christmas as a family. My Dad puts up the tree and my Brothers and me and my Mom decorate the tree. Then me and my brothers put the star on the tree. —Kicran

Every year we are in the parade when it is Christmas time of the year and that was my first. My second favourite one is Christmas because we get to open the presents on Christmas eve, it is just so fun here. My third favourite thing is Easter because in the morning we get search for the eggs and I get to eat the eggs when I found all of it. My fourth favourite thing is Halloween, because when we get home I get to have five Candies.—Tyler



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My family tradition is we exchange gifts and presents with friends and family and the gifts that Santa gave us too.—Alex

My family decorates a Christmas tree and my family does not have a Chimney, so Santa Claus comes in my front door instead.- Melissa

My favourite tradition is Christmas because I go to my Gramma and Grampa's cottage at Cochrane.— Connor

Every year we either go to my Mom's brother's house or stay at my house and my family goes to my house. When we go to my Mom's brother's house we have supper and play in the snow. When they come to my house they play in the basement or TV room or the snow and make snow people with a carrot for the nose and a scarf and some mittens.—Kaitlyn



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# 90 Degrees North

Hey Tim – what is the biggest industry in the North Pole? I asked.

"I don't know, reindeer breeding I suppose or maybe toy construction. Maybe 75 per cent of the residents wear red suits and are under the height of three feet," he responded chuckling.

As children we learned through television and books what the North Pole would look like. A red striped pole, Santa's workshops, a mailroom, Mr. and Mrs. Claus's house and, of course, a corral for all his reindeer. Lots of snow and all the beauty of winter.

Oddly enough, the North Pole is located <u>in</u> the Artic Ocean with constantly shifting ice, unlike the South Pole, which is located on a landmass. The sea depth at the North Pole has been measured at 4,261 metres (13,980 ft). The nearest land is said to be Kaffeklubben Island, off the northern coast of Greenland about 440 miles (700 km) away, though some perhaps impermanent, gravel banks lie slightly further north. The North and South Pole have a latitude of 90 degrees whereas Baden's Latitude is 43.400 (For interest's sake, Baden's longitude is 80.667).

The first person to reach the North Pole was Robert Edwin Peary. He arrived on his third attempt in April 1908. A British Explorer, Wally Herbert, disputed the claim but in the end Peary was credited with reaching the site first. Peary died in 1920.

At the North Pole, the sun is permanently above the horizon during the summer months and permanently below the horizon during the winter months. Sunrise is just before the vernal equinox (around March 19). The Sun then takes three months to reach its highest point of about 23½° elevation at the summer solstice (around June 21), after

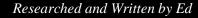
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which time it begins to sink, reaching sunset just after the Autumnal Equinox (around September 24).

The North Pole is significantly warmer than the South Pole because it lies at sea level in the middle of an ocean (which acts as a

reservoir of heat), rather than at higher altitude on a continental land mass. Winter (January) temperatures at the North Pole can range from about -43 °C (-45 °F) to -26 °C (-15 °F), perhaps averaging around -34 °C (-30 °F). Summer temperatures (June, July and August) average around the freezing point (0 °C, 32 °F).

Today the North Pole has become an increasingly hot subject as to who owns the resource rich area as sea ice opens up, due to global warming, making travel more feasible. Russian explorers have planted their country's flag on the seabed 4,200m (14,000 ft) below the North Pole to further Moscow's claims to the Arctic. The rust-proof titanium metal flag was brought by explorers travelling in two mini-submarines, in what is believed to be the first expedition of its kind. Canada, which also claims territory in the Arctic, has criticized the mission.

If you are looking for a children's website about the North Pole that can be entertaining for the young ones, then visit www.northpole.com. The North Pole is really the polar opposite of childhood fantasies.



# the Health & Wellness Page

**Nutritional Neurosis** 

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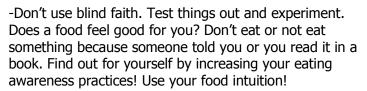
Newly health conscious individuals are often associated with radical diets and ideas about food that seem very limiting and strange to others. So afraid to fall off of their plan, they stick to their foods and regimes so strictly that they actually seem sort of neurotic. Carrying around supplement bottles, substituting food items in restaurants, always asking for ingredient lists, constantly turning down "bad" foods, preaching to others about their particular diet, and then not enjoying what they're eating, are all signs of this affliction!!

If this sounds like you, don't worry - I've been there. When in a healing transition, doing things harmoniously and slowly is important. Becoming neurotic about food isn't healing at all. It's really becoming fearful of food, and not having faith. It's practising instability and obsessing, making you mentally and spiritually exhausted and possibly ill.

Finding the balance between a healthy transition and your current routine is often the most stable and the path of least resistance - yielding the most enduring results. Some tend to think that if something is good, more must be better, and if something is bad, none must be best. This is not necessarily true! Imbalance is the problem, and eating extreme diets, one way or another, will create more imbalances, which isn't balancing at all! To transition harmoniously, remember these few points:

- -Go slow! Don't drop your whole routine for a new diet overnight; often the sudden change is debilitating and can do a lot of damage.
- -Don't be extreme. Try introducing or eliminating foods gradually, and don't feel that completely avoiding a food is the answer. If you start to feel better without a food, slowly discontinue it. If you quit things cold turkey,

cravings for other foods may arise and create a separate destructive cycle.



-Remember that you are different from everyone else! What works for you may ruin someone else, as everyone is on their own health journey.

Just remember that you are deeply connected to your food, on many levels. Disconnecting yourself from your foods for health reasons can have negative effects. Food should be enjoyable and nourishing on all levels, let it remain a manifestation of love by enjoying each meal, without guilt, fear or embarrassment. Just remain conscious of your choices and trust that what your body is asking for is the right thing. If you constantly let your emotions control you, you may never get out of your box of cookies, bag of chips, or whatever other food keeps you emotionally fed and unable to fully transition to a harmonious and healthy diet.

The body is like a cruise liner, make a small change at the wheel - and with time the ship will go in a whole new direction! Fight with the wheel to change your direction, and you'll flip the ship over and sink! Just take it easy and enjoy the ride... and your Christmas!

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