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Photo by Teresa Brown

Once again an enthusiastic crowd gathered for the Santa Claus Parade. See inside for more parade pics.

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Baden Makes the Big Screen



In November, Baden had a taste of bright lights and a piece of the action as movie stars and film crews arrived in town to make a movie. STMS Films, a Toronto company, called us at Outlook Headquarters asking for our help in finding them a boy to be in the movie. This got us into the scene and what a fun time we had!

Read more about "Hollywood Town" on page 4. To follow the movie and its production check website...
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1429392/>



Ho-Ho-Ho!! This paper is priceless... Please have one!

Talking With Ed Winter?... What Winter?



A record was set this November with no measurable snow accumulation! What a difference from last year! According to the University of Waterloo Weather Station, in November 2008, we had above average precipitation and colder temperatures – especially towards the end of the month. Weather reporters are saying that this might be the year that El Nino is holding the cards, determining how severe our winter will be. According to a report issued by the Climate Prediction Center, an agency of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, El Nino conditions "are present across the equatorial Pacific Ocean."

Along the equator, the western Pacific has some of the world's warmest ocean water, while in the eastern Pacific, cool water wells up, carrying nutrients that support large fish populations. But, every two to seven years, strong westward-blowing trade winds subside, and warm water slowly moves back eastward across the Pacific, like water shifting in a giant bathtub. The warm water and shifting winds interrupt the upwelling of cool, nutrient-rich water. Fish die; climatic changes affect many parts of the world.

So will this be the year of El Nino, or just a warmer start to an average winter? During a recent conversation with locals, John and Maureen Westlake, Maureen mentioned that a sure sign of a hard winter, according to her father, was that a squirrel's tail becomes extra bushy. Now I consider myself somewhat observant but I really can't say I have noticed an increase on the *Squirrel Bushy Tail Meter*.

With some investigation I did come across some other old fashioned ways to tell if we are in for a tough winter. Here are a few indicators and my observations:

- **Thicker than normal corn husks** – (*who measures?*)
- **Woodpeckers sharing a tree** – (*don't all birds share trees?*)
- **Early departure of geese and ducks** – (*I don't think they leave anymore*)
- **Early arrival of the snowy owl** – (*Not without Harry Potter*)
- **Heavy and numerous fogs during August** – (*hmm... I remember rain*)
- **Pigs gathering sticks** – (*Are they building a home or starting a fire?*)
- **Insects marching a bee line rather than meandering** – (*Don't Bees Fly?*)
- **Early seclusion of bees within the hive** – (*Lots of bees around in October*)
- **Unusual abundance of acorns** – (*That's an oak in a nutshell*)
- **Muskrats burrowing holes high on the river bank** – (*haven't checked*)



Well, the jury is out, but I am going out on a limb and make a fearless prediction for this winter – (*Snowmobilers, please don't hate me*), but I think it will be another lousy year of sledding. Don't blame me, blame the birds, bugs, pigs and muskrats. But seriously, safe driving during whatever comes our way, and let's all believe that we will have a white Christmas! Till next month, year....HO! HO! HO! - Ed

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Submissions are due on the 1st of each month.



When I wrote my article around the first of December it seemed like another sunny, fall day. At the time of printing on the 11th we had just endured our first week of heavy snow fall - hello winter! -- go figure, call me kooky.... Ed



EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

There are extra copies of The Baden Outlook available at Teddy's Bakery, Stop 2 Shop (Baden & St. Agatha), Old Fashioned Variety (Petersburg), N.H. No Frills & Sobey's, Short Stop, the New Hamburg and Baden Libraries and various businesses throughout Wilmot Township.



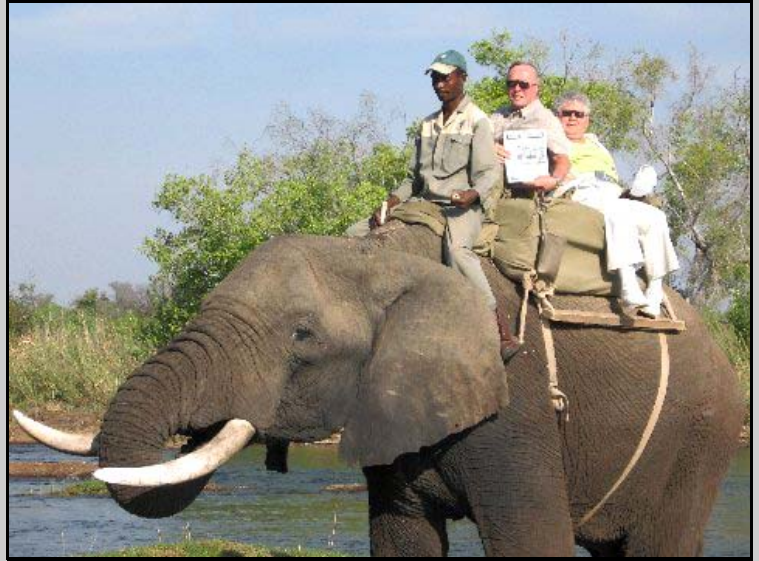
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Wow! More exciting destinations as *The Baden Outlook* continues to travel - from Florida to Africa, to Hawaii, and perhaps Hollywood! Thanks for sharing your holidays with us!!



Connor, Cal, Emma, Madison, and Riley McGrogan, Danielle Finch and Alli McGrogan at Universal Studios, Florida on a family vacation.



The Baden Outlook travelled to Livingstone, Zambia in September where Mary and Frank Speers of New Hamburg enjoyed an elephant ride after viewing the famous Victoria Falls.



This may be the closest the Outlook will get to Hollywood. Stephanie Hoare and baby Briar share the Outlook with film star Peter Stormare on the day of the movie shoot in town.



Yvonne Zyma took her Outlook to Poipu on the island of Kauai, Hawaii.

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BADEN GOES HOLLYWOOD: LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

By Teresa Brown

If you happened to be strolling along Baden's quiet Beck Street in November, you may have noticed an unusual amount of activity ... and perhaps even a few famous faces! During three gorgeous fall days, the street was taken over by STMS Films, a Toronto company that discovered Baden when it was scouting out locations for their film: *Small Town Murder Scenes*, a movie about a police officer who was raised in a Mennonite community, and who returns home to investigate a murder.

Naturally, the production company required small towns and rural areas for their shooting. After several days in Palmerston, Listowel, and Hanover, they came to Baden -- specifically, to the Beck Street Centennial Hall, which had been discovered when location scouts from the company were looking for someplace to use as a "police station." After some negotiations with the Township, the crews moved in, and soon the Beck Street building was transformed inside and out into a film set.

The hall was surrounded by huge trailers (used for accommodation of the cast and crew), towering lights, cables snaking everywhere, and of course many, many people, all working late into the nights to meet the film's stringent deadlines. At one point, there was a fake "police car" parked outside. Inside the hall, more

transformations took place as the basement became the makeup, costume, and refreshment area, while the main floor turned into the "police station" the film needed.

The company hopes to see *Small Town Murder Scenes* at the Toronto Film Festival in 2010, and possibly at Cannes; thereafter, it will likely be played on television and perhaps in theatres in major cities. The film carries some significant "star power," too: top-billed actors include Jill Hennessey (from *Law and Order* and *Crossing Jordan*), Peter Stormare (*Prison Break* and *Fargo*), and Martha Plimpton. Despite these urban connections, the film crew and cast reported that they enjoyed their time in Baden -- and yes, they did visit E.J.'s and Teddy's Bakery!

There's one final connection to Baden that shows up in the film. When the filmmakers found themselves short one actor to stand in for an eight-year-old Amish boy, they filled the part with Braydon Gingerich, son of Janice and Duanne. Braydon was thrilled to take part: he had to sign a contract, was spoiled with treats, and even got paid! We'll all watch for the film -- and for Braydon's moment in the spotlight -- next year; you never know, maybe Baden will become the next "Hollywood North!"



The crew were fun, friendly and hammed it up behind the police desk. Seen are actors Peter Stormare, (Pat), Aaron Poole and Kat Germain.

Merry Christmas!

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The University has converted the films to DVD format and our town's DVD is now available at the Baden Branch of the Waterloo Regional Library. The DVD, owned by our library, features the towns of St. Jacobs and Baden and was filmed in July 1947.

We borrowed the DVD and found it most interesting. The video is obviously in black and white with no audio; however, it gives a real feel for our town in those days. Scenes such as a passenger train rolling into Baden Station, Noah Steinmann tidying his shelves, Egli's Meat Market as a gas station and the Baden hills without trees, give a vision of life and times in the late 40s.

This video is a must see for the long-time Badenites as they will surely enjoy this stroll down memory lane. Drop by the library and pick it up and see a bit of history; for those who are unfamiliar with our town, it will be enlightening.



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Thank You!! Mickey is Home!

My name is Jennifer Donald and I live in Baden with my boyfriend, our dog, and our cat. We would like to thank our neighbours for helping us find our lost cat, Mickey. He went missing October 6/09 and after many phone calls from people responding to our signs on mailboxes around Breneman Drive and at Teddy's Bakery, we tracked his progress. We found Mickey on November 8/09 five houses down from ours, just over a month after he disappeared. We want to send a big thank you to everyone who called, and to let you know that he is in good health, just needed a few good meals, lots of love and sleep. We also wanted to thank Teddy's Bakery for allowing us to put up our sign and Dr. Chris, Julie and Candace from the Baden Vet Clinic for checking him out. We just can't thank everyone enough and Mickey is very pleased to be home.

Sincerely, Jennifer Donald, David Lyon,
Bella the dog, and Mickey the cat



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*Congratulations to:
(left to right)*

Randy Balfour - \$1,000 winner, Tara Olheiser - \$250 winner and Optimist Club of Petersburg President, Lewis Straus.

The winners are:

- 1st ticket drawn - \$2,000.00 - Margaret & Malcolm Telling
- 2nd ticket drawn - \$1,000.00 - Randy Balfour
- 3rd ticket drawn - \$500.00 - Susete Heit
- 4th ticket drawn - \$250.00 - Tara Olheiser
- 5th ticket drawn - \$150.00 - Steve Dahms
- 6th ticket drawn - \$100.00 - Al Bredrick

These funds have been distributed as follows: \$3,000 to Childhood Cancer, \$3,000 to Computers for Kids @ London's Children Hospital and \$3,600 for local youth programs. Permit # 548888.

The Baden and District Chamber of Commerce invites you to take part in the **Outdoor Holiday Decorating Contest.**

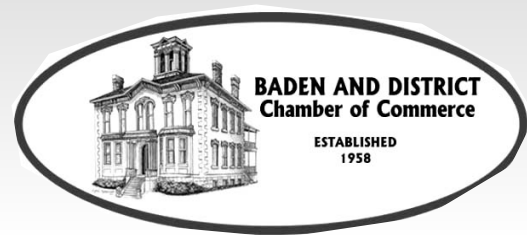
Judging will take place the week before Christmas by the Baden Chamber Board of Directors. The winners will be notified the week after Christmas and then acknowledged in the Outlook in January.



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!!



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How to make opening your gifts even more fun! Have everyone wear big mittens. Make your mom the star and make her wear her oven mitts!



One Christmas I got a battery with a note saying, "Toy Not Included"... ha ha!!

You Must be Joking!!



1. What do elves learn at school?
2. What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?
3. Who is not hungry at Christmas?
4. What do Eskimo's sing at Christmas?
5. Describe a slippery sidewalk with only 2 letters.



ANSWERS

1. The elf-abet
2. Claustrophobic
3. The turkey, it's already stuffed
4. Freeze a jolly good fellow..!
5. I-C

REINDEER WORDSEARCH—Find the words about Santa's Reindeer in the letter grid. The words can be forwards or backwards, vertical, horizontal, or diagonal. Circle each letter separately - letters in each reindeer word may be used in more than one

S	C	U	P	I	D	A	S	H	E	R	R
N	E	X	I	V	A	R	C	T	I	C	C
D	O	B	G	N	E	Z	T	I	L	B	A
R	A	R	U	L	A	C	I	G	A	M	M
E	E	N	T	C	O	M	E	T	Y	A	C
C	R	N	C	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	S
N	A	S	N	E	P	A	V	H	U	C	H
A	F	R	V	O	R	O	G	M	N	G	Q
R	W	S	R	U	D	Q	L	U	I	O	H
P	H	P	L	O	D	U	R	E	S	D	R
N	H	F	L	Z	T	Q	L	Q	O	D	E
C	U	U	N	E	N	S	D	D	B	A	E

word. When the Santa's Reindeer Word Search puzzle is complete, read the remaining letters left to right, top to bottom, to learn an interesting fact about Santa's Reindeer.

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|-----------|-------------|
| ANTLERS | DONNER |
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- ⇒ She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.
- ⇒ A grandmother was telling her little grand daughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
- ⇒ When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised, "mine says I'm 4 to 6."
- ⇒ A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

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 December 31 & January 1: Closed
 January 2: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.



All I Want for Christmas is the annual magazine sale – pick up past issues of your favourite magazines for 25 cents each!

Do You Hear What I Hear? Family Storytime is returning!

Thursday evenings from January 21 – March 11 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!

Joy to the World! The ABC (Awesome Book Club) Kids Book Club next meeting is Thursday January 14 from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. Recommended for boys and girls ages 8 – 11 years old. New members always welcome!

Have A Holly Jolly Christmas! Drop by and take a chance at the **Holiday Candy Guess**.

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Comic Books! The library now has Archie Digest, Archie & Friends, Scooby Doo and Batman & Robin.

Hark the Library Angels Sing! New library memberships are free! And don't forget the library is now open on Wednesday evenings!

It's always **The Most Wonderful Time of the Year** when you're at the library! Drop by soon!

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The Twelve Days of Christmas - A Christmas Carol?

There is one Christmas Carol that has always been baffling - what in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas? Well, we found out.

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practise their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics.

It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
- The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So there is your history lesson for this season. This knowledge was shared from an email - we found it enlightening how that song became a Christmas Carol.

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You Must be Joking!!

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."



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T2	Nathan Roth	329	2	Adam Roth	323
T2	Thomas Pestell	329	3	Liam Boronka	319
4	Emily Miller	327	4	Daniel Jutzi	313
5	Linda Miller	325	5	Tanner Schwartzenruber	304
6	Rachel Jutzi	322	T6	Tanner Heinbuch	303
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Congratulations to Bonnie Dietrich for taking the leader prize in this month's Adult Hockey Pool - winning a gift certificate from EJ's of Baden.



The lucky random draw winners are Brad Wilson winning a gift certificate from Egli's Meat Market, and Linda Simas winning a breakfast from Teddy's Bakery, & a Baden Outlook shirt.

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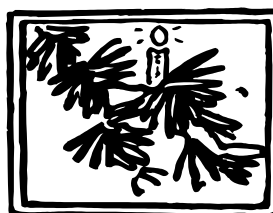
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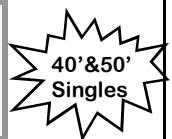
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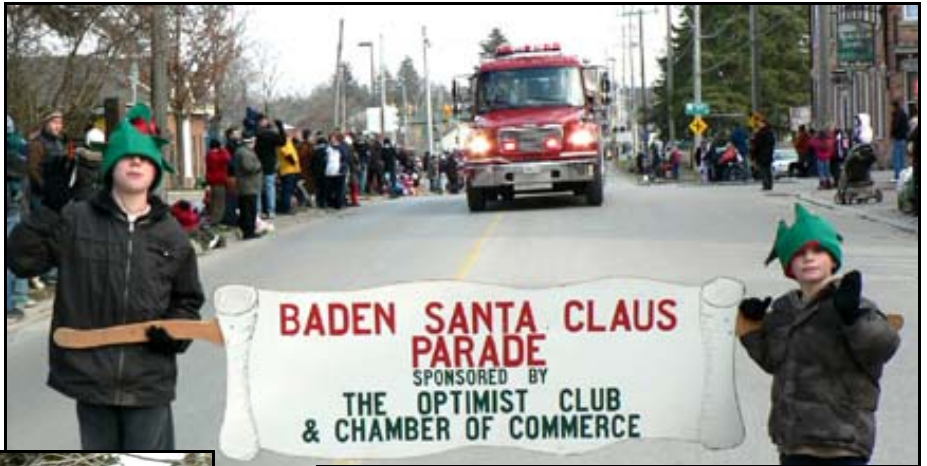
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In Quest of the Largest / Oldest Maple Tree in Wilmot Township

We received an e-mail from a Foxboro reader, Gary Waldeck, inquiring about a particularly large tree. Just south of the Foxwood Golf Course property and adjacent to the power transmission corridor is a grove of large maple trees. One maple in particular (seen to the right) is immense with a circumference of 12 feet 5 inches. It can even be located on Google Earth at Latitude 43 degrees 24 minutes 57.8 seconds North, Longitude 80 degrees 41 minutes 45.1 seconds West. Are there any of our readers who know of a larger maple in all of Wilmot Township?

We contacted Mike Henry, who is an associate ecologist and Webmaster with Ancient Forest Exploration and Research.

Mike has visited more of Ontario's old-growth forests than most people alive today, and has written reports, trail guides, and magazine articles on the topic. He designed and constructed the Blueberry Lake Ecology Trails in Temagami, Ontario. While he is a passionate advocate for forests, he has also selectively logged trees from a woodlot in southern Quebec. Michael Henry is the lead author of [Ontario's Old-Growth Forests](#), co-authored with Peter Quinby (available Dec 2009).

He was given a limited amount of information but still made this assessment: "It's a large tree for sure, but

given the low branching it is very open grown (it grew up in a clearing) and so is likely a short but wide tree. As such, it's very hard to guess its age, but I would say it's probably not among the oldest trees. A great climbing tree however!"

Having said that we put out the challenge to Wilmot Township – Have you seen a larger Maple tree? Let us know at badenoutlook@hotmail.com



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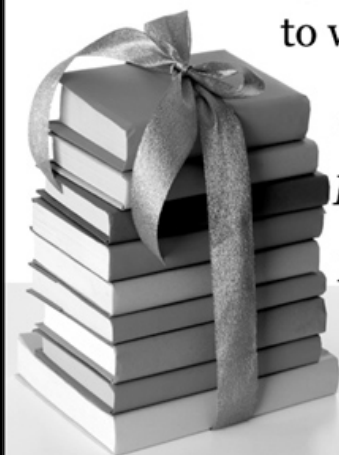
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Many of us remember our favourite teachers: some were the first smiling faces we met in kindergarten, while others were inspiring coaches or principals. Few teachers, however, are recognized for such significant and lasting impact on their students that they merit a national award -- one given by Canada's Head of State, the Governor General. Brent Pavey is one such teacher: the head of Waterloo Collegiate Institute's History Department, and longtime resident of Baden, was one recipient of the 2009 Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History.

Brent was nominated by two students, Lucky Manku and Megan Stacey, who over several weeks enlisted the help of other teachers to create a comprehensive nomination package. "They basically broke into my classroom to get copies of my lesson plans," explained Pavey. "How they found anything, I really don't know, as most teachers keep their plans up here," he laughed, tapping his forehead. Nonetheless, the girls collected the lessons, along with samples of student work, testimonies, and more, to create the nomination that won Brent this honour.

And an incredible honour it is: the award was established in 1996 by Canada's National History Society and the Right Honourable Roméo LeBlanc, Canada's 25th Governor General, in order to commend "history teachers in the classrooms of our nation who have inspired and challenged students to explore Canada's past" (from www.historysociety.ca). Only six such awards are given annually throughout Canada (this year, there were seven recipients as one award was shared); Brent was one of only two teachers in Ontario to win.

The honour was significant, indeed: along with national recognition, Brent, accompanied by his wife, Marie and sons Jonathan and Michael, travelled to Ottawa for several unforgettable days. "We arrived on a Wednesday, and on Thursday visited the House of Commons. There, after Question Period, the Speaker recognized the award recipients," explained Brent. That evening there was a gala dinner, where Brent received the Canadian National History Society's portion

of the award: \$2,500, along with \$1,000 for Brent's school.

The next day was the ceremony at Rideau Hall. Of course, as a history teacher, Brent had visited the popular destination many times, but this particular visit will always be a much more poignant memory. "It was all very humbling," Brent said. "I've been in the Ceremony Room about ten times, and in the days leading up to the ceremony, I thought 'oh, no problem.'" Brent found, however, that the impact of receiving such an honour made this experience much different. "The recipients were all waiting, and when the Governor General walked in, it was -- gulp!"

Her Excellency wasn't the only significant personage met by Brent and his family. Dick Pound, Don Newman, and Andrew Cohen (journalism and international affairs professor at Carleton University) were only some of the personalities encountered by the Paveys. And Michaelle Jean herself? "There was a protocol meeting before the ceremony, so that we knew what to do and what not to do," explained Brent. "There are many rules, which is a bit daunting. But when you meet her, it's obvious that she's very warm, very nice." It was Her Excellency, of course, who presented Brent with the award itself: a gold medal.

While the medal will be something he always cherishes, Brent hopes to use the award money to assist financially strapped students take part in field trips, or perhaps to establish a commencement award for a student "who turns it around, who shows real change towards the positive." It's a generous gift, but perhaps a much more important one is what Brent offers *all* of his students: his enormous talent for guiding young minds to achieve, and his quiet confidence that -- with excellence to guide the way -- every young mind can do so.

Author's Note: For several years, I had the wonderful pleasure to teach alongside Brent in WCI's history department. His extraordinary wealth of knowledge, his ability to nurture learning, and above all his personal and professional integrity impressed many. Most telling of all was his impact on students, many of whom have gone on to very impressive academic achievements -- and who continue to remember the teacher who inspired them to become learned and thoughtful voices in Canadian history and politics. Congratulations, Brent! -- Teresa Brown



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Four years ago, in January, I was sitting in a house in Calgary surrounded by a profusion of green, healthy houseplants while the landscape outside was stark white and frigid. I had been invited to the home of a woman who had a thriving business, landscaping the indoor spaces of professional and municipal offices.

Alberta has a prolonged period of short daylight hours and very low natural light, yet in her home I did not see evidence of grow lights or other artificial means of extending light hours. Having lived most of her life in Siberia, she recognized the therapeutic value of growing plants indoors during the winter months. Her motto was "The right plant in the right place and the right space."

Later in the week, while in Edmonton, I met with the chief Horticulturist at the Muttart Conservatory. His first comment to me was how much they envy our Southern Ontario climate. We discussed the challenges of growing plants indoors under prolonged periods of low light. He explained that all plants in the conservatory, including the most tropical such as banana and palm trees, must adapt to the prolonged low light conditions. The cost of providing extended lighting by artificial means, was prohibitive. He, too, recognized the therapeutic value of indoor plants and stated that the volume of visitors to the Conservatory increases dramatically during their long winter season.

Not only do plants provide a cheerful and pleasant atmosphere to a room, but many are also known to act as air purifiers. NASA has done extensive research on a wide variety

of houseplants to determine their effectiveness in removing pollutants from the air. They found that plants may provide a natural way of helping to combat the "Sick Building Syndrome."

Leaves of plants have pores, just as human skin does. These pores allow the plant to "breathe" and absorb the vapours in the atmosphere around them. Roots of the plants as well as the soil in which they grow are also important in the process of removing toxic vapours. During the winter months when our homes are tightly sealed against the cold outdoor weather, indoor air quality should be a concern.

An indoor garden requires a firm commitment to watering and feeding but it can also be a front line of defense against dust and allergens. In exchange, you can enjoy the greenery and added colour to your interior design.

NASA's research found that tropical plants which survive in low light are most effective in removing gases. They do, however, recommend that a combination of plants should be used. Some plants are more effective in eliminating specific types of pollutants than others. The following is a list of recommended plants.

Common Name

Botanical Name

Heart leaf Philodendron	(Philodendron scandens)
Elephant Ear Philodendron	(Philodendron domesticum)
Corn Plant	(Dracaena fragrans 'Massangeana')
English Ivy	(Hedera helix)
Spider Plant	(Chlorophytum comosum)
'Janet Craig'	(Dracaena deremensis)
Warneck' Dracaena	(Dracaena deremensis 'Warnecki')
Weeping Fig	(Ficus Benjamina)
Golden Pothos	(Epipremnum aureum)
Peace Lily	(Apathiphyllum 'Mauna Loa')
Chinese Evergreen	(Aglaonema molestum)
Gerbera Daisy	
Mother-in-law Tongue	(Sansevieria laurentii)
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Scouts Need Your Help – Baden Scouting has also been short of help and has been rocked by the H1N1 crisis, taking leaders home to rest. They are also critically short of help -- so if anyone could help, in any regard - please call Sheila at 662-3430.

New Baden School – Construction is progressing at the Sir Adam Beck School site just west of Baden. The opening date has been moved back to January 2011. Students will continue to be accommodated at Baden P.S. for the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. The principal of Sir Adam Beck P.S. will be Roger Boettcher, who is expected to begin his position in March of 2010.

Centennial Hall Update – Baden's Centennial Hall, which is home to Baden Scouting Group, Baden Girl Guides, Wilmot Optimists, Especially For You Senior's Group and Wilmot Resource Centre, is not available for use until the end of January due to a sewage backup - work is being done. This year Santa met with the children at the Wilmot Senior's Workshop after the parade.

Firebirds are on the Move! – After a slow start (two wins and seven losses), the New Hamburg Firebirds climbed into fourth place in the six team division. It's not that they haven't played well the first nine games, as they lost some close games to some very good teams. We are glad to see they are on the winning way with a record of nine wins, 12 losses and one-overtime loss. *Go Firebirds Go!*



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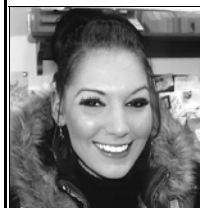
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- Couple of Christmas decorations, eg. snowmen, nativity scenes

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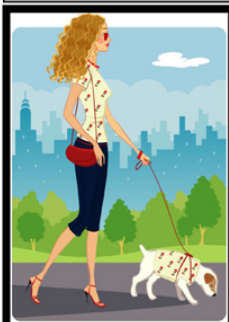
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Answers to Word Scramble
from page 15

1. Cranberries
2. Chocolate
3. Gravy
4. Walnuts
5. Yams
6. Cookies
7. Pudding
8. Turkey
9. Stuffing
10. Mints



Is Baden Becoming Hollywood North?

In the February 2009 issue of the Outlook we featured Baden resident Martin Mattes and his two planes – an L-29 Delphin trainer jet and a Yak-52 propeller driven plane. He has made many flights over Baden and given residents a display of incredible aerobatics. Thank you Martin!

Martin was contacted, since that article, about the use of his Yak-52 in the upcoming movie, *Resident Evil 4 Afterlife*, starring Milla Jovovich and Ali Larter. Filming took place in Oshawa in mid November and the movie will be released in 2010.

Martin enjoyed the many challenges taking part in this movie. As his plane was used for many scenes he spent several hours in the make-up chair and had a \$7000 wig glued to his head. He wore a long Russian coat to be disguised as a stand-in for Milla. Martin was to land the plane on a grass runway with one foot ruts. Since the movie was filmed in 3D there

was a \$500,000 camera attached to the plane to capture the plane segments. Martin met the cast and crew and watched for several days as the scenes were shot in and around his plane.

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Top photo is Martin's Yak-52 plane - photo below is the plane with paint make-over for the movie.



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Meet Jacob's Well Ministry

Many locals drive by the *Jacob's Well* building at the foot of the Baden Hill everyday and wonder what is it? The Baden Outlook had a visit with Howard Ellis, founding member of the group, to get information on this local institution.

Howard Ellis, who was district supervisor at Carnation Foods of Canada for nine years, was concerned about the growing number of wayward kids on King Street in Kitchener. So, in 1973, Howard and Carl Hiltz (a teacher from Conestoga College) decided to rent a small room every Friday night at the St. John Evangelist Anglican Church. The evening, which ran from 8 to 10:30 pm, consisted of music for the first hour, followed by teaching the bible. The program grew from that small room to the sanctuary and finally the gymnasium; the numbers swelled to over 600 many nights. The meetings in Kitchener ended after 13 years but it was a start of something new for Howard and his wife Margaret and their four boys.

Meanwhile, Howard and his wife Margaret, who live in New Hamburg, held life-rebuilding meetings, one night a week in their home for the same 12 years. The pair was in search of a permanent home to build on their home counselling meetings, so when the four-acre property, which housed the Green Hills Hotel, became available in 1985, they took the plunge and bought it. Howard left his job at Carnation Foods a year later to devote full time to the ministry. They shared the building with a Christian School until both groups had outgrown their space, so the school was closed.

Jacob's Well believes that a solid foundation is key to a person's well being. Sometimes people have a rough childhood, depression or incidents in their life that destroy that foundation, giving individuals a poor opinion of themselves. Howard's group tries to rebuild that foundation through putting a person's trust in God and putting into practice the teachings of the New Testament.

Seminars are held every third week and run Monday to Friday. Students stay in one of the seven rooms at the facility; work manuals, meals and teaching are provided. An average day consists of: a wake up call at 7:30 a.m., breakfast, two hours of videos starting at 9 a.m., followed by a question period. Some of the videos are taught by a doctor from New Zealand regarding the struggle people have due to rejection and the lack of parental love as a child. After lunch more videos are viewed and once again topics are discussed. Howard teaches about a third of the time in class. Following supper, clients go to their rooms for several hours of homework to reflect on and pray

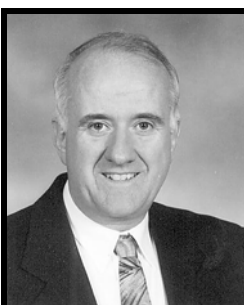


through what they have learned that day.

People come from all over the world, but mainly North America. Recent students travelled from Kansas, Montana, Florida, and from all over Canada. There have been many testimonials and the ministry has seen many wonderful things happen in people's lives.

Jacob's Well has two couples on staff that stay at the facility—Kevin and Mary Gascho and Gerald and Cheryl Larsh.

The main emphasis of the ministry is the Monday to Friday seminar, referred to "Five Days of Healing". *Jacob's Well* also offers single day counselling workshops and seminars to anyone that is interested. Topics include: financial planning, overcoming anger and marriage issues to name a few. There is a full schedule on their website at www.jacobswellministries.ca or call 519-634-8488.



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Busy Bulldogs Are Ready for Holiday Cheer!

Written by: Hannah Verbiski



It's unbelievable that the first three months of the school year are already behind us. November has definitely been a very busy month here at Baden Public, filled with sports, trips, and assemblies. The boys and girls' volleyball teams have had a demanding season, playing three games a week. Both teams came out of the regular season in third place and are currently practising intensely for their upcoming play-off games. They've both had very successful seasons so far and are continuing to play hard in every game. On the 20th, they teamed up to battle it out against the Baden staff. The Bulldogs played well, but couldn't quite pull out the win against our athletic staff!

Our Eco-team has been hard at work this month coming up with ways to help our community and environment. On November 5th, they hosted a movie night for which anyone could come out and watch Disney's *Earth*, a remarkable story that shows the lives of three different animal families and their journey across earth. Admission was one item of non-perishable food, a low price for an extremely fun night! The team has also just kicked off a paper recycling drive. Students can bring in any old newspapers or magazines that we will re-use and recycle. However, they're not the only group here at Baden who has been busy this month. Our Me to We committee organized a Stand Up to Bullying day, for which students wore pink and were invited to participate in a vow of silence. Students who did so were silent throughout the day to show empathy for less privileged children around the world who don't have a voice.

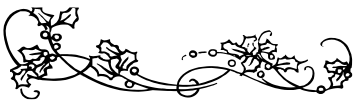
There have been many exciting field trips this past month too. On the 2nd, our Grade 5s went to the landfill and on the 19th, they joined the Grade 4s and attended a play at the Centre in the Square. On the 20th, the Grade 3s

went on an exciting trip to the Safety Village and on the 24th, the Grade 1s went to the Clay and Glass Gallery. The Grade 4s ended the month's field trips with an excursion to Camp Heidelberg on the 25th.

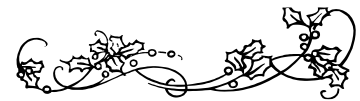
We've also had multiple presentations and assemblies this November. They began with a Treasures' assembly, which informed the students about the protocol for selling Treasures' books and outlined the fundraising benefits to our school. With the fundraiser now complete, it has been determined that Baden students participated in another successful Treasure books' fundraiser! On the 11th, our Baden Leadership Team held a moving Remembrance Day assembly which showed everyone the importance of Remembrance Day. Later in the month our intermediate students saw a CLEAN presentation, which included speakers talking about their real life experiences with alcohol and drugs, telling us how it can affect our lives in a horrible way. To wrap up the month, members of Waterloo-Oxford's Band and Choir visited Baden to promote their music program and give the Bulldogs a bit of a show that included some great holiday songs and carols to get us into the Christmas Spirit.

With December now upon us, we have many things to look forward to here at Baden. Our intermediate students are excited for the Mistletoe Dance and the whole school is working on pieces for the upcoming Christmas Concert. The library is holding a book fair and the BLT are hosting a Christmas assembly that will be sure to get everyone in the mood for the holidays.

We, Bulldogs, have had a great month and are eager to see what December brings!



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Why am I supposed to eat more vegetables?

Submitted By Michael Fisher



Vegetables are fundamental to a healthy diet, but does anyone know WHY they are healthy? Here's a brief look into the superior healing qualities of vegetable foods:

- Complex carbohydrate: vegetables contain carbohydrates (that many people will call 'sugars') that metabolize easily and don't spike blood sugar levels, and in fact balance them! Even though carrots contain many 'sugars', they will regulate a sugar high that normally comes from sugar. This makes vegetables a quality source of carbohydrate energy that serves the body best, and helps regulate weight.

- Fibre: all vegetables contain fibre which also help normalize blood sugar levels, and help keep your digestive tract clean to prevent digestive stagnation and bloating. It also helps produce healthy stools and regularity. The fibre from vegetables is much softer and gentler on the digestion than most fibre supplements such as wheat bran, which can be abrasive. The best quality stools come from starchy, well cooked vegetables, like potatoes!

- Minerals: minerals are important to all metabolic processes, but especially important to help with stress and keeping the body's constitution and immunity strong. Minerals are the 'foundation' nutrient, that is dependent on all other nutrients! They are responsible for keeping us calm and beautiful since they strengthen the hair, nails, skin, teeth, etc. Vegetables grown in healthy, strong soils are typically more mineral abundant.

- Chlorophyll: green vegetables contain chlorophyll which helps neutralize toxins in the body, but also

repair and regenerate tissues. Chlorophyll is known as 'green blood' as it is nearly identical to red blood cells and deeply supports the liver and blood producing systems in the body.

- Vitamins and enzymes: vegetables contain a variety of vitamins, particularly vitamins A and C, but green vegetables contain substantial vitamin D, which is why they are considered 'stored sunshine'! When eaten raw, they contain enzymes that help breakdown toxins in the body, including excess weight, growths (such as cancer), and unwanted substances in the body such as residues of old drugs.

- Protein: all foods from the earth contain protein, as they have the capability to grow! Some vegetables have low amounts of protein, but others contain substantial amounts of protein. Examples are young vegetables that have lots of growing to do yet, such as brussel sprouts, fresh peas, green beans, which contain sufficient amounts of protein to satisfy the recommended daily intake for protein in a day, if eaten to meet caloric needs.

- Healing properties: each vegetable has special healing properties, much like various herbs containing unique healing properties. Examples are: garlic, onion and leek are anti-biotic and decongestants; potatoes and asparagus help build the adrenal glands; bitter greens help reduce blood pressure and clear arterial blockages; cucumbers and zucchini are diuretics; celery is a pain killer; and everyone knows that carrots can improve your eye sight!

Since everyone is unique, we may find ourselves gravitating to the vegetables that make us feel best! Since vegetables offer a host of healing potential, eat the vegetables that resonate most with you! If you have an affinity to broccoli, eat it, because there may be something in it that is just for you! Science is only on the brink of discovering the vast and incredible nutrients that plants contain, but our body knows best - as always, listen to it, and eat sensibly!

Michael Fisher is a Registered Nutritionist with a focus on whole foods and cooking. This article is intended for educational purposes only, and not to replace the efforts of the medical system. For more information on Michael, visit www.michaelfisher.ca or email mike@michaelfisher.ca to have him look at your diet and show you how you can improve your health!

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