



*from the*  
**Baden Outlook**



*Everyone loves the Santa Claus Parade! See the smiles and enthusiasm in the photos shown throughout the paper.*



*The best things in life are free... Like snowflakes on Christmas morning, and this paper ~ Please have one!*



# Talking with Ed

## ~ 90 Degrees North



I asked my buddy Tim, "What is the biggest industry in the North Pole?"

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

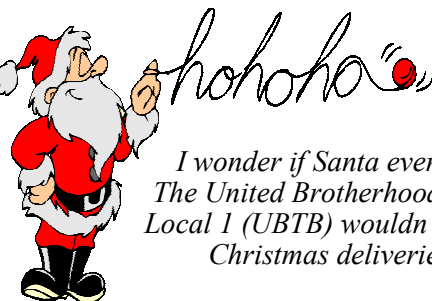
The North Pole is significantly warmer than the South Pole because it lies at sea level in the middle of an ocean (which acts as a reservoir of heat), rather than at the higher altitude of a continental land mass. Winter (January) temperatures at the North Pole can range from about -43 °C (-45 °F) to -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](http://www.northpole.com). The North Pole is really the polar opposite of childhood fantasies.



Till next year—we wish you all a very Merry Christmas!!



*I wonder if Santa ever has labour issues? The United Brotherhood of Toy Builders—Local 1 (UBTB) wouldn't dare to shut down Christmas deliveries would they?*

*Did you know that Mrs. Claus has her own Christmas cookie website with every recipe you could possibly imagine? —check it out at <http://www.northpole.com/kitchen/cookbook/Cookies>*



*Did you know that the Northwest Territories licence plate is shaped like a polar bear? How cool is that!*



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# Greetings from ~ Outlook Headquarters

W hew—that sure was an action packed month! Life around here is pretty routine and usually runs smoothly, but every now and then a curve ball comes that puts us on our toes!



As we were ready to publish the November issue, we found we were having some difficulties with our printers. We called in our supportive tech guy who found we needed parts that would be coming from the U.S. He was unsure if they'd be here in time for us to get the papers printed and delivered by the 15th. We called around for some quotes to see if we could get a plan B in place to have them printed for us. As everyone we contacted required 7-10 days lead time, we knew we had to scramble to get the paper wrapped up and sent away for the job to be done. Well, we managed pretty well, and sent it off on the afternoon of November 8<sup>th</sup>, just as the big fire broke out next door at Seasons Grande, adding more drama to our already stressful week. The fire itself was very scary and surely got our attention, taking the focus off our printing woes. But by the next morning I realized that the paper was already done and we didn't have a mention of the fire in it...so as they say, I called and hollered "Stop the press!" I couldn't wait for the December issue to get that big news on the front page. We are most grateful to Ritz Printing in New Hamburg, who understood our dilemma and gave me the time to adjust the paper and re-send the file. They made our print job a priority and had the papers done in time for the 15th. As both of our printers have well exceeded their life expectancy, we are lucky that we've pushed them thus far! We will continue to tag-team with Ritz for printing until our printers hit the bone-yard, and then we will not replace the big smelly machines in our home. We will have to adapt for the required lead time but will figure that out when we get there. It is cost efficient to print them at home (which also allowed us to fix our own bloopers), but that time is soon up!

Enough of that drama, let's talk about Christmas and the fun ahead! The paper is decked out in festive fashion and we hope you enjoy the related themed content. The Baden Santa Claus Parade started us off in the Christmas spirit and you will see from the photos that it was another success. Thanks to the Baden Optimist and the Baden & District Chamber of Commerce for organizing it again this year. The parade results are on page 4 with the winners of the many great floats that entered.

## EXTRA EXTRA!!

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, Mac's, Baden Feed, One Way Water, Baden Dental, Wilmot Rec. Complex, Tim Hortons, Baden Library, EI'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, Kasemann's, Morningside, Stonecroft, Office Pro, NH Thrift Centre, Absolute Fitness, Pharmasave, NH Dry Cleaners, NH Wellness, NH Library and various offices and retail locations throughout Wilmot Township.

Also in St. Agatha at Fishers Esso, Angies Kitchen, and Stop 2 Shop. In Petersburg at the Blue Moon, and Foxboro.

*The best things in life are free -  
like the sun on the frost on a  
winter morning...and this paper  
~ Please Have One!*



Happy Holidays ...till next year.

## Oh Canada!

*Next year we celebrate the 150th birthday of our country. In the upcoming issues you will find all kinds of interesting quizzes and trivia to get you educated or refreshed in tribute to our country.*



*Last month we paid tribute to our veterans and featured Canadian War trivia. This month we are enlightening you on Canadian Christmas trivia—check out the quiz on page 5.*

*"Keeping the Community Connected"*



# New Year's "Pre-Eve" Family Pyjama Party!

Get comfy in your favourite PJs and join us at E.J.'s for dinner and a "pre-eve" New Year's celebration!



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The Baden Hotel



## Baden ~ Our Town

'Tis the season to be busy, and the Baden Community Association sure had a busy weekend preparing for the Baden Santa Claus Parade! On Friday night they spent several hours cooking their signature kettle corn and decorating their float. At the parade they handed out a record 725 bags of kettle corn to those at the curb along the parade route. This is fifth year of handing out the delicious kettle corn and the number of bags are increasing each year!



bring your kids in their pj's so they'll be comfy and then ready for bed... adults are also welcome to wear their comfy clothes, if they choose! There will be a cash bar and activities for everyone. The BCA is hoping to make this an annual event, so get out there and join in the fun, with details seen in the ad above.

**Mark your calendars! December 31<sup>st</sup> is the first ever BCA kids' New Year's Eve Party, to be held at EJ's Baden Hotel. Children and their parents are invited to join in the New Year's Eve celebrations from 4 to 7 p.m. You'll have some food and fun, and be back home in time for adults to make it to their own adult celebrations. If you choose,**

Family Day is right around the corner and the BCA is planning their annual event at the WRC. Watch for more details in the January Baden Outlook.

And, as always—feel free to join our monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of each month (excluding December), in the basement of the township hall at 7 p.m. For more information call 519-634-8916 and watch us on Facebook to see all the fun we're having!



## THE 2016 BADEN SANTA CLAUS PARADE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!

A **Big Baden Optimist** Thank You to our sponsor: *Baden & District Chamber of Commerce*, and also to...



- ⇒ Everyone who entered a float in the Baden Parade
- ⇒ All those who made it out to watch
- ⇒ Everyone who came to see Santa and the Princesses at the Seniors Wood Working Shop
- ⇒ Our judges: Baden Integrative Health, Christie Miller and Family, Erika Jones and Family
- ⇒ And a huge thank you to our volunteers: The Youth Action Council & High School Students

**The Float winners for the three categories in the Baden Santa Claus Parade 2016 are:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Baden Guiding, Innovative Dance, Baden Fire Department

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Creative Beginning Daycare, St Agatha Lions Strawberry Festival, Enchanting Princesses & Tiffany's Hair Studio

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** New Hamburg Concert Band, K-Cuts, Sir Adam Beck & Baden P.S.



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*Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas from your friends at Melina's Grill.*



## Christmas across Canada Trivia Quiz

1. Which city is officially known as "The Christmas Capital of Canada"?

- a) Toronto
- b) Montreal
- c) Winnipeg
- d) Vancouver

2. During Christmas in Quebec, a Yuletide tradition is a **réveillon**. What exactly is it?

- a) A Christmas dance
- b) A Christmas bouquet
- c) A Christmas banquet
- d) A Christmas party game

3. Which Canadian was born on Dec. 25th?

- a) Celine Dion
- b) Wayne Gretzky
- c) Les Armstrong
- d) Justin and Alexandre (Sacha) Trudeau

4. Which Canadian chain store once featured *Give like Santa, Save like Scrooge* as its sales slogan during the holiday season?

- a) Rona
- b) Mr. Big and Tall
- c) Canadian Tire
- d) Mark's Work Wearhouse

5. How often does the average Canadian eat turkey?

- a) Once a year
- b) Twice a year
- c) 11 times a year
- d) 15.5 times a year



6. Which of the following provinces do not allow retail shopping on Boxing Day, Dec. 26?

- a) New Brunswick, P.E.I. and Newfoundland and Labrador
- b) Manitoba and Saskatchewan
- c) Alberta and British Columbia
- d) Quebec

7. Since 1982 how many letters to Santa Claus have Canada Post volunteers processed?

- a) 3.5 million
- b) 7 million
- c) 15 million
- d) over 20 million

8. What is the most popular natural Christmas tree in Canada?

- a) Balsam fir
- b) Fraser fir
- c) Scotch pine
- d) White spruce



Answers are on page 31



O' Christmas tree, O' Christmas tree,  
How lovely are thy branches....



'Tis the season of the indoor tree. With all its wonder, it's hard to believe that it could pose a hazard to our furry friends. But the type of tree you have may pose different problems to our pets.

Fir trees are considered to be mildly toxic, with the oils being an irritant to the mouth and stomach. This can cause excessive drooling or vomiting. The needles are not easily digested either, possibly causing GI irritation, vomiting, gastrointestinal obstruction or puncturing of the gastrointestinal wall. We advise keeping the base of the tree fenced off and regularly cleaning fallen needles off the floor.

Artificial Christmas trees can also be dangerous. The danger comes from the potential release of toxins from the artificial material as well as obstruction caused by non-digestible fibers.

The water used to keep our beautiful tree living during the holidays may also pose an issue. The use of special additives in the tree water may contain preservatives, fertilizers, and pesticides to keep the tree fresh. But, ingestion of this tree water can lead to stomach upsets and poisoning. If your home has a real tree this year, the best and simplest solution is to keep the tree water dish covered.

The decorations and lights on the tree can also pose an issue. Most tree ornaments look like toys and are very attractive to both cats and dogs. This may tempt them to climb your tree. Make sure your tree is securely anchored so that they can't knock it over. Also, the tree ornaments are often fragile and can easily be broken into small pieces that, when ingested, can cause gastrointestinal blockage, severe vomiting, and dehydration. Keep your pets distracted with their own safe toys and supervise them when they are around the tree to keep them safe.

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Make sure to keep your tree string lights out of reach and away from your pets. A wire can deliver burns and a potentially lethal electrical shock, while shards of breakable bulbs can damage your pet's mouth. Taste deterrents such as bitter apple can keep pets from chewing cords and away from trees or other decorations.

With a little preparation, everyone (furry and not) can enjoy the beautiful Christmas tree.



*The staff of the Baden Veterinary Hospital would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.*



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Q: Who delivers Christmas presents to cats?  
A: Santa claws!

Q: Who delivers Christmas presents to dogs?  
A: Santa paws!



## Christmas Forecast



Turkeys will thaw in the morning, then warm in the oven to an afternoon high near 300°F. The kitchen will turn hot and humid, and if you bother the cook, be ready for a severe squall or cold shoulder.

During the late afternoon and evening, the cold front of a knife will slice through the turkey, causing an accumulation of one to two inches on plates. Mashed potatoes will drift across one side while cranberry sauce creates slippery spots on the other. Please pass the gravy.



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.

## CHRISTMAS TOY MATCH UP QUIZ

Below you will find the most popular toys over the previous decades. Draw a line from the toy to the decade it was first put under the Christmas tree.

Answers on page 25

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|-----|--------------------|------|
| 1.  | Barbie Doll        | 1900 |
| 2.  | Monopoly           | 1920 |
| 3.  | My Little Pony     | 1950 |
| 4.  | View-Master        | 1990 |
| 5.  | Cabbage Patch Kids | 1930 |
| 6.  | Crayola Crayons    | 1940 |
| 7.  | Etch A Sketch      | 1910 |
| 8.  | Tickle Me Elmo     | 1970 |
| 9.  | Silly Putty        | 1980 |
| 10. | NERF Ball          | 1960 |
| 11. | Beanie Baby        | 1950 |
| 12. | Teddy Bear         | 1900 |
| 13. | Rubik's Cube       | 1920 |
| 14. | Mr. Potato Head    | 1930 |
| 15. | Ping Pong          | 1940 |
| 16. | Yoyo               | 1980 |
| 17. | Lite-Brite         | 1970 |
| 18. | Radio Flyer Wagon  | 1950 |
| 19. | Slinky             | 1990 |
| 20. | Lego               | 1960 |



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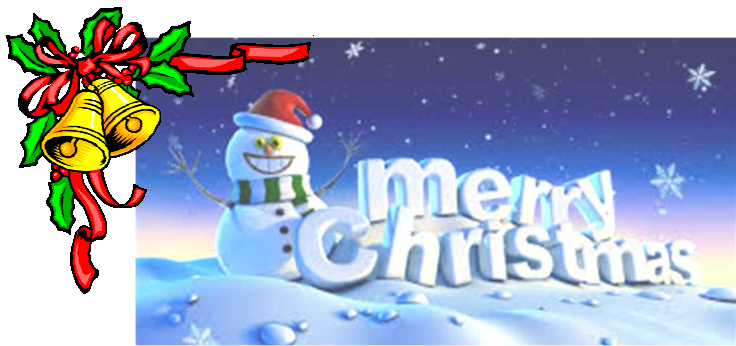



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### Name That Christmas Carol!

Can you figure out which carol matches these mock titles?

1. Bleached Yule
2. Singular Yearning for the Twin Anterior Incisors
3. Righteous Darkness
4. Loyal followers Advance
5. Array the Corridor
6. Junior 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 the Planet
13. Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Beings
14. The Dozen Festive 24 Hour Intervals



Answers on page 17

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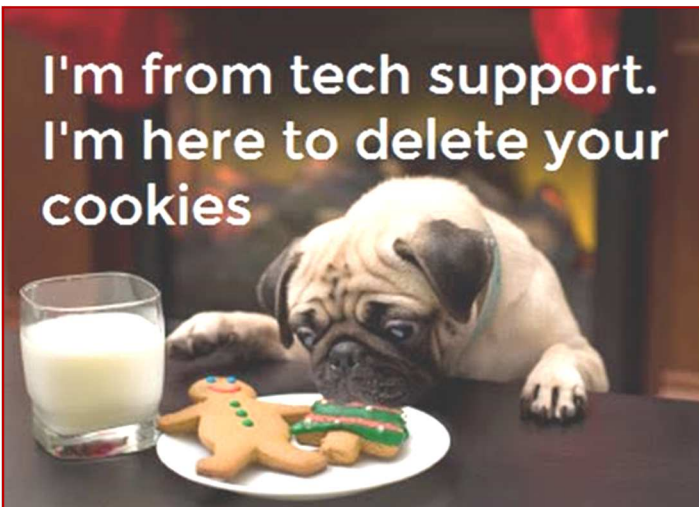
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# Checking out the Baden Branch Library



## Holiday Family Storytime

Tuesday, December 20, or Thursday, December 22, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Enjoy the season together with holiday stories, songs, and crafts! For children ages 2 to 5 years old with a parent/caregiver. Space is limited. Register online, by phone or in person.

## Holiday Movie Days

Wednesday, December 28, 2:30 to 4 p.m. - *The Angry Birds*

Thursday, January 5, 10:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - *Zootopia*

Need something fun to do after the holiday rush? 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) and remain in the library during the movie. Registration is required.

## Winter Storytime Programs

Registration for Winter Storytime programs is now open! All programs are free and begin the week of January 10, 2017. Programs include Storytime for 3-5 year olds, Toddler Tales, Wonderful Ones, and Baby & Me. Be sure to register, as space is limited.

## 1:1 Computer Coaching

### Free Computer Help - Technology Tutoring on Tuesdays

Whether you're just learning to use a tablet, computer, or email,

or consider yourself proficient with technology, why not take advantage of a learning opportunity this winter?

The Region of Waterloo Library continues to offer free, one-on-one computer training sessions at the Baden branch. Sessions are available Tuesdays: January 10 & 24 and February 7 & 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. Register for specific times online at [rwlibrary.ca](http://rwlibrary.ca) or at the branch.

Don't have time during the day? Drop-in at the New Hamburg branch to get assistance from our tech-savvy, Waterloo-Oxford DSS students trained in computers and customer service. Bring your technology-related questions; first come, first served. Join us Tuesdays: January 17 to March 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## Holiday Hours

Saturday, Dec. 24: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 27: CLOSED

Wednesday, Dec. 28: 2 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 30: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## Magazine Sale 2017

This annual branch-wide sale will run from January 3 to 28. Purchase previously enjoyed magazines for 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.

*Happy holidays from our staff - Chris, Jennifer, Hannah C., Hannah B. and Ally!*

Contact us at 519-634-8933 or [badenlib@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:badenlib@regionofwaterloo.ca) and for up-to-date information visit [rwlibrary.ca](http://rwlibrary.ca).

*Chris Baechler, Assistant Supervisor—Baden Branch*

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## READ WITH THE FIREBIRDS



*Players from the New Hamburg Firebirds visited the Baden and New Hamburg Libraries on Wed. Nov. 30 to read, play games, and get to know their fans!*



# Everyone Loves the Santa Claus Parade!



Parade photos courtesy of Michael Fisher



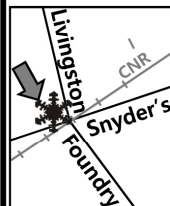
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When he visited Baden, Ontario, I had the chance to interview the big man himself, Santa Claus, and ask him the following questions:

**Q: Where do you like to go on vacation?**

**A:** I like to take about two months vacation before returning to the workshop. I like to spend time with Mrs. Claus travelling to different places around the world, seeing all of the different holiday celebrations.

**Q: What is your favourite Christmas movie?**

**A:** My favourite Christmas movie this year would have to be *The Polar Express*. They did an excellent job capturing the journey of the magical train that visits us here in the North Pole!

**Q: What is your favourite Christmas carol?**

**A:** I do enjoy the classics like Jingle Bells, but the two that really get Mrs. Claus and me up and dancing are "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" by Brenda Lee and "Run Run Rudolph" by Chuck Berry!

**Q: What is your favourite holiday activity?**

**A:** Oh boy, there are so many fun things to do! I enjoy baking cookies with Mrs. Claus, because it usually means I get to eat them afterward, along with some hot chocolate. I also like decorating the Christmas tree with crafts the elves have made and having sledding races down the big snow hills we have at the North Pole.

**Q: Do you have anything else you would like to say to the boys and girls of Wilmot Township?**

**A:** Thank you for being such wonderful boys and girls, and keep it up! Send lots of warmth and love to friends and family this season, and have a very happy holiday! Ho ho ho! (P.S. Thank you to all of you who leave cookies for me and carrots for the reindeer, just delicious!)



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## “Rudy the Baden Rooster”

*Submitted by Roy Berfelz, New Hamburg*

Once upon a time, many years ago, there was a stray rooster who hung out around Snyder's Road West in Baden causing concerns for the new residents in the subdivision behind Castle Kilbride.

The rooster showed up at the bird feeder in Jim and Marlene Miller's backyard one cold winter day. The people who lived in the new subdivision were very upset to hear this rowdy crow at 4:30-5:00 o'clock every morning for at least two years. Over time, he became known to the neighbourhood and was named Rudy. After the bylaw officer threatened to shoot poor Rudy, Jim talked to me about finding a new home for this rooster. I promised Jim and Marlene that I would find a good home for him and even couple him up with a little pretty hen. After much hesitation Jim said okay, if we could even catch him. After a couple of months we had no luck, then another friend of Jim's who had banties came over with a little hen in a cage and BINGO, he entered. The adoption took place in September, 2009

Well, poor old Rudy recently passed away, I suspect due to old age. He had been blind and deaf for the last six months, and had to be confined to a large cage so he would not wander off.

This little story is for all the neighbours of the Millers and the Heners, as he wandered all over their neighborhood.

There was a private wake with dear friends only. Egg salad sandwiches were served at the funeral and interment was held in my garden in the backyard.

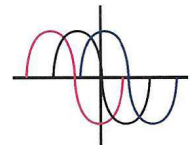


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ADULTS			KIDS		
Place	Name	PTS	Place	Name	PTS
1	Cooper Honderich	278	1	Stephen Glenney	271
2	Ryan Hadley	277	2	Ben Habel	269
T3	Lindsay Soetemans	275	T3	Paige Naumann	263
T3	David Murray	275	T3	Easton Waechter	263
5	Jayson Chips	272	T3	Madeline Lichti	263
6	I. (Will) Winn	271	T6	Jared Shantz	262
7	Cam Hauck	270	T6	Dallas Egli	262
8	Kim Gowland	269	8	Olivia Lichti	261
9	Chris Murray	268	9	Bennett Weatherup	259
T10	Terry Numan	266	T10	Justin Nelson	255
T10	Dianne Brackenbury	266	T10	Ayidn Carney	255
T12	Deanna Carney	265	T12	Sawyer Johnson	253
T12	Dave Ferguson	265	T12	Tanner Snyder	253
T12	Craig (Beller) Bell	265	T14	Logan Moore	252
15	Michelle Naumann	263	T14	Atlanta Diebel	252
T16	Courtney Hobbs	262	T14	Braedyn Carney	252
T16	Debbie Snyder	262	17	Evan Bizony	251
T16	Jodie Rellinger	262	T18	Sofia Salese	248
T19	Adam Schmitt	261	T18	Evan Hardman	248
T19	R. W.	261	20	Madisyn Wilde	247
T21	Larry Williams	260	T21	Sophia Quinn	246
T21	Lisa Holba	260	T21	Jordan Snyder	246
T23	Tim Shantz	259	T23	Lacey Egli	245
T23	Marg Litwiller	259	T23	Hudson	245
T23	Emma Gowland	259	T25	Jenny Huck	244
T26	Jan Hallman	258	T25	Ryan Boronka	244
T26	Bob Abbott	258	T27	Nash Ferguson	243
T26	Brad Habel	258	T27	Winnie Heimpel	243
T26	Lillian Gauvin	258	T27	Finlay Johnson	243
T26	Amy Papa	258	T27	Dominik Struth	243

Congratulations to  
Cooper Honderich for taking  
the Adult Leader Prize for this  
month's Hockey Pool, winning a  
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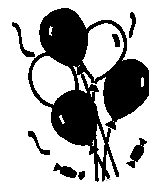
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# Wilmot Firefighters Recruitment Graduation Class of 2015-16

This group of firefighters gathered on Thursday November 24 at the New Dundee Community Centre with the encompassing recruit grads of 2015 & 2016. Absent are, Brandon Waters, Ashley McKean of station 1, Andrew Kieffer of station 2. Station recruit trainers are in picture who assisted with the 6 month program.



Back row L-R. District Chief Russell Strickler, Lieutenant Maik Stoll, Captain George Barnard, Steven Yorke (stn1), Chris Shaw (stn3), Shelby Ingold (stn3), Sam Murray (stn1), Troy Wagner (stn3), Jeff Mavity (stn2), Dillon Dickson (stn2), Lieutenant Brock Dixon  
 Front row L-R. Fire Chief Michael Raine, Wayne Durose(stn2), Nathan Gillies (stn2), Brett McKenzie (stn3), Jon Coburn (stn2), Jared Hickey (stn2), Rich Arnold (stn1), training officer Gary Mosburger, DC Paul Koenig

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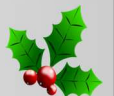


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## Baden Birding

By Ken Quanz

I usually see Waxwings only when someone else points them out to me. Perhaps these birders have better high-pitch hearing than I do so they hear what they are looking for. Perhaps they have better sight and can distinguish them from Starlings which are about the same size and shape. Waxwings, like Starlings, tend to have a similar pattern of hanging out together in a flock, often in the upper branches of trees in urban areas, or in other open areas like fencerows along fields. But there is half a world of difference between these birds and Starlings: Starlings are European while waxwings are native. Starlings are iridescent black while waxwings have a beautiful silky tan colour crested head and back. They also sport a black eye mask, often have brilliant red waxy tips on their secondary flight feathers, and seem to have had their tail feather tips dipped in brilliant yellow paint.



northern Eurasia and north-western North America, but there are now a few documented breeding sites in the far north. A careful check of a flock of Waxwings may turn up both species.

While Waxwings will eat insects, the vast majority of their diet is made up of berries and the fruit of shrubs and trees. They also have been known to eat flower petals as well as sap. Since they tend not to eat bare

seeds, bird feeders hold little interest for them. Instead, look for them in cedar, mountain ash, mulberry, dogwood, serviceberry, juniper, hawthorn, and apple trees. Being mainly a "fruitivore," they have an advantage when it comes to hosting eggs of the parasitic Cowbird. While the chicks hatch, they do not develop properly on the high fruit diet; however, the high fruit diet can be a problem when Waxwings eat overripe berries that have started the fermentation process. Impaired flying is dangerous and walking on the ground could prove to be fatal if there are predators around. Fortunately, this problem does not seem to be very common.

Cedar Waxwings breed throughout almost all of the Canadian provinces except for some of the far northern regions. Indeed, they have been documented to breed in 98% of Southern Ontario Bird Atlas squares as well as over 66% of Northern Ontario.

Bohemian Waxwings are sometimes mixed into the flocks of Cedar Waxwings. Bohemians tend to be a bit bigger, have a white wing patch as well as white and yellow spots on the tips of their flight feathers, and also sport a cinnamon rump and under coverts. They really are quite a dazzling bird to see! Bohemian Waxwings mainly breed in

Since Waxwings are so wide spread you would think we would see these birds more often than we do. Perhaps we just need to look in the right places. Perhaps we need to take a closer look and not dismiss that flock of birds in the far off tree as another bunch of Starlings. Dust off the old binoculars; there may be more out there than meets the naked eye.

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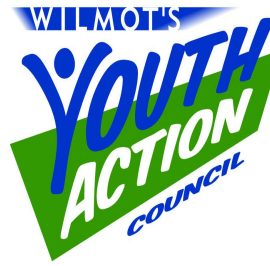
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Season's Greetings!

It's Jackie Bender, Co-Chair of Wilmot's Youth Action Council. This month, we have a fun event in store! On Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting a FREE "Christmas wishes movie

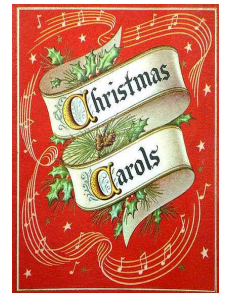
night"; all ages are welcome! We kick off this epic movie marathon with 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' at 6pm; we are decorating cookies at 7pm, and at 7:45pm we finish the night off with "Elf". This awesome event will be held at the Wilmot Recreation Complex at 1291 Nafziger Road. We hope to see you there!

To contact Wilmot's Youth Action Council email us at [wilmotyouthactioncouncil@gmail.com](mailto:wilmotyouthactioncouncil@gmail.com) or on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. From all of us at Youth Action Council, we wish you a Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year!

## "Keeping the Community Connected"

### Answers from Christmas Carol Quiz from page 8

1. White Christmas
2. All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
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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Barry and Pat Fisher joined brother Greg Cook in Mexico and bumped into an old friend, Karen (from Michigan) at the market in Bucerias, Nayarit. It was a nice surprise!



Belinda Beaulne and Ross Gingerich and their friends from Riverside Lanes Home Hardware bowling league and Wilmot Fire Station #3 took the *Baden Outlook* to the Real Royal Hotel Playa del Carmen, Mexico. Seen l-r: Andrew, Diane, Pauline, James, Patty, Mary, Dennis, Brian, Marcella, Ross, Belinda, Colleen, Dan, Marnie, and Ken.

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Barb Estabrooks and Helene Hume took their Baden Outlook along during their 3 week trip through the U.S.A. and Mexico, to reach its final destination of San Miguel de Allende and Atotonilco, Mexico.



Deb Vinski took the Baden Outlook out to dinner at Yessinia's and her family's home in Cardenas, Cuba. Deb has taken the Outlook to Cuba many times and many restaurants there have their photo hanging in their place.



The Baden Outlook accompanied Sandra Roth from Baden, Delmer Bender from New Hamburg, Shirley Dunford from New Hamburg, and others from across Canada on a Seniors Discovery Tour to Newfoundland and Labrador in late September. This photo is taken at Cape Spear, NL, the most Easterly point in Canada. They had a great trip touring the rock, enjoying the rugged scenery, and experiencing the NL culture.

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North Americans cannot afford to put on additional weight. We're maxed out already, with almost 25% of Canadians overweight. This preventable weight gain can often be attributed to sheer gluttonous excess and it is extremely difficult to remove. Nine pounds translates into a surplus of 31 500 calories. Tell me: Who needs that much extra fuel? With each passing year another size is gained and aging and disease are accelerated.

How, then, do we enjoy the holidays without putting on unwanted weight? There are no magic pills and no simple solutions. It comes down to two simple answers: **self-discipline** and **smart choices**. Only you can decide to manufacture the self-discipline required to "say no." No one else can help you in that department. Dig deep and deliberately make the *choice* to not fall into that statistic.

Here are some practical holiday suggestions and party guidelines to help you make smarter choices:

- \* Always stop eating **prior** to being full. Never eat until you are stuffed with food.
- \* Fill up on raw, living foods first. Eat a large salad, lots of raw veggies or a satisfying fruit smoothie before going out. Rich holiday foods are less appealing when you're not very hungry.
- \* Take a smaller plate and decide on your maximum allowance.
- \* Chew, chew, chew! Over-eating happens when we inhale our food. Take your time, chew your food and *relish* every taste and texture.
- \* Limit yourself to one alcoholic drink per special event. Alcohol is *empty calories*, meaning there is no nutritional or fibre-filling value. It is also pure sugar – deadly for insulin and inflammation levels and incredibly helpful if your goal is an expanding waistline.
- \* Wait. Often we rush right into dessert without wasting any time. Tell yourself that before you go to the dessert

table, you will wait 20 minutes. That is enough time for your stomach and brain to register satiation and it is likely you will eat far less.

- \* Brush your teeth. Many people find a refreshing brush after dinner discourages more nibbling.
- \* Snack often, but no bigger than your fist. Fruit, veggies, raw nuts and dried fruits are satisfying.
- \* Exercise! Being physically active reduces unhealthy cravings and makes you more likely to consume healthy fuel. It also accelerates the metabolism helping to burn off unwanted fuel. Exercise also induces deep sleep.
- \* Sleep! Being well-rested causes the cravings for simple sugars to decline. When we are tired we desire stimulants like sugar to keep us going.
- \* Check your attitude. This is one of the most important aspects of success through the holidays. If you tell yourself, *Who cares...I'll cut back in the new year*, you are not setting any boundaries. Decide ahead of time what your limits will be, and you'll be more inclined to stick to your goals.
- \* Knowledge is power! If you *understand* how unhealthy many holiday foods are, you will be more inclined to resist them. Ask yourself this question: Is this food choice going to promote **health** or **harm**? Whatever you do, be smart and remember that every choice matters.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful Holiday Season, and a happy, healthy, blessed New Year!

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## Christmas Rhyme Time

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Here is an example to give you an idea:

Clue: Standing under the mistletoe in Switzerland – is a Swiss kiss. Good luck with these, think silly—we do!!

1. The handsome reindeer in a puddle.
2. A male child's Christmas gift
3. A Christmas ringing device 
4. A totally awesome groovy Christmas
5. An old sparkling star
6. Christmas without snow
7. Santa's helpers storage area
8. Illuminated tree decoration
9. Happy Santa playing with elves
10. Dried and cured Christmas poultry
11. Joyous mistletoe fruit 
12. Santa and the Mrs. cuddling with treats

Answers on page 26

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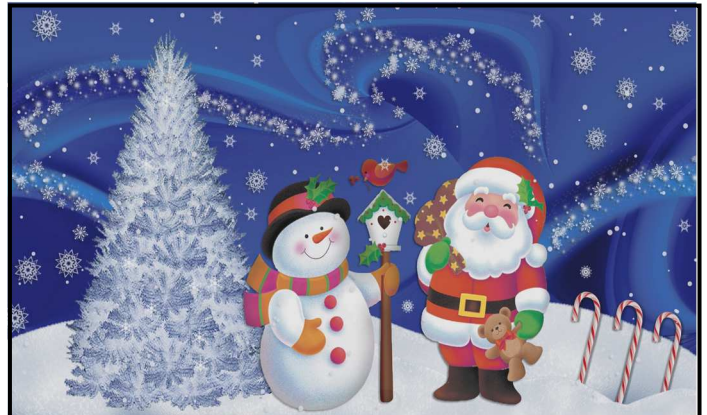
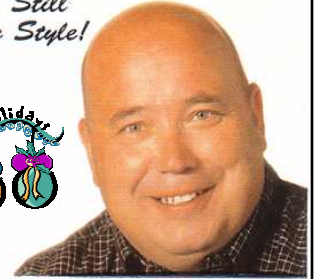
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## PROTECTING YOUR BACK DURING THE WINTER SEASON

By Dr. John A. Papa, DC, FCCP(OR)(C) - New Hamburg Wellness Centre



The winter season is upon us and extra precaution must be taken as snow removal and icy walking surfaces can contribute to an increased risk of back injuries.

Included below are some useful tips that can be followed to help keep your back healthy and injury free this winter season.

- ◆ **Warm up:** Prepare your body for physical activity by stimulating the joints and muscles, and increasing blood circulation. Climbing stairs, marching on the spot, or going for a quick walk around the block can serve as excellent warm-up activities in five to ten minutes. Follow this with some gentle stretches and exercises for the back.
- ◆ **Push, don't lift:** Push the snow to one side and avoid lifting. If you must lift, keep the shovel close to your body and avoid twisting and turning by positioning yourself to lift and throw straight at the snow pile. Be sure to lift slowly and smoothly and do not jerk with your lifts.
- ◆ **Hinge the hips, bend the knees, keep the back straight and brace:** Use your hips, knees, legs and arm muscles to do the pushing and lifting while keeping your back straight. Maintaining the natural and neutral curves of your back is important, as this is its strongest and most secure position. Contracting and bracing your abdominal

muscles during lifting improves spinal stability and decreases the chance of injury.

- ◆ **Use the right shovel:** Use a lightweight, non-stick, push-style shovel. Separate your hands as much as possible on the shovel handle for better leverage against the weight of the snow.
- ◆ **Dress for the job:** Wear warm clothing to protect yourself against the elements. Shoes and boots with solid treads and soles can help minimize the risk of awkward twisting, slips and falls.
- ◆ **Don't let the snow pile up:** Removing small amounts of snow on a frequent basis is less strenuous in the long run.
- ◆ **Watch the ice:** Caution should be exercised around icy walkways and slippery surfaces. Intermittent thaws and subsequent freezing can give way to ice build-up under foot increasing the risk of back twisting, slips and falls. Coarse sand or ice salt can help give your walkways and driveways more traction.
- ◆ **Take a break:** Know your physical limits. If you feel tired or short of breath, stop and take a rest. Make a habit to rest for a moment every 10 or 15 minutes during shoveling. This is especially important if the snow is wet and heavy. Stop shoveling immediately if you feel chest or back pain.



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As this snowmobile season approaches along with the hope for snow this year, it's that time I inform riders of changes in our local OFSC trail system. My letter also intends to help promote a safe family sport.

First, an introduction to Wilmot's/OFSC first section of Multi-use trail in our Township:

In order to ride and use the local OFSC trails, you must first hold a valid driver's licence, either a G2 or M2. A special licence is available for children 12 years and older, called an MSVOL (Motorized Vehicle License). This temporary licence will cover a child until they graduate to a G2 or M2. The next training program is January 7, 2017 and is held at Blue Sky Marine.

Remember that a snowmobile must be registered under the Ministry Of Transportation. It must display a valid license plate sticker and must carry current insurance. Any snowmobile using the OFSC trail system must also display a current season trail pass. The operator needs to understand the OFSC/MTO rules and regulations to use and enjoy the vast trail system. Snowmobiles cannot operate with a suspended licence.

New to our local trail system this year is the 1.5 km of trail known as Multi-use Trail. This portion can be found on the Schmidt Woods Trail behind Wilmot Recreation Complex. This is the first of many shared trails that will flow through our Township. Some of these trails have existed as winter snowmobile trails for 20 plus years. One advantage for this new

portion of trail is that it will be maintained and groomed to a hard packed surface through the winter. The speed limit on this section is posted at 20km.

Multi-use trails are not new to Ontario or to the OFSC trail system. You need only drive to Listowel to find one of the nicest Multi-use trails. This trail meanders from the west side of town to the east side. It is shared by snowmobilers and hikers throughout the season. This is one of my favourite trails, partly because riders and walkers usually exchange a friendly wave.

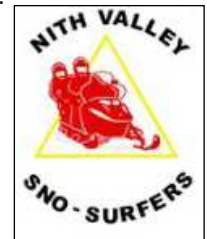
A Multi-use trail is no different from walking on a country road or a roadway without sidewalks. Both walkers and motorists must respect each other's territory.

Our local club has other trail sections, known as the main trail, to get to the connecting OFSC trails. Therefore, the volume of snowmobile traffic will be at a minimum.

To sled riders and walkers, go enjoy this new trail this season, and please respect each other. Try the friendly wave to each other. If you don't, I'll be the only one waving.

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Answers to Match the Toy to the Decade Quiz - from page 7

1. Ping Pong 1900
2. Crayola Crayons 1900
3. Teddy Bear 1910
4. Yoyo 1920
5. Radio Flyer Wagon 1920
6. View-Master 1930
7. Monopoly 1930
8. Slinky 1940
9. Lego 1940
10. Silly Putty 1950
11. Mr. Potato Head 1950
12. Barbie Doll 1950
13. Etch A Sketch 1960
14. Lite-Brite 1960
15. Rubik's Cube 1970
16. NERF Ball 1970
17. My Little Pony 1980
18. Cabbage Patch Kids 1980
19. Tickle Me Elmo 1990
20. Beanie Baby 1990



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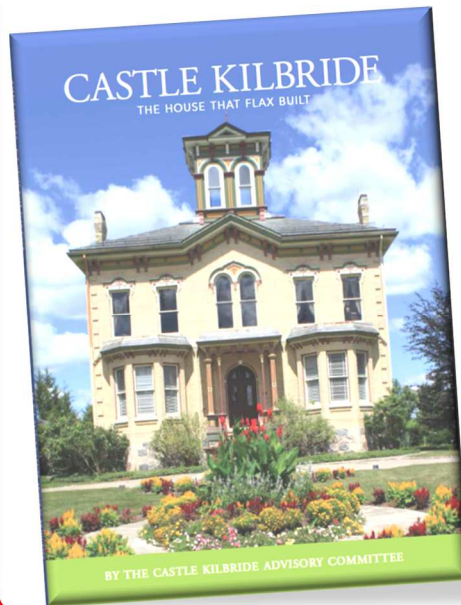


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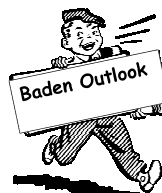
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### Answers from Christmas Rhyme Time from page 22

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| 2. Boy toy         | 8. Bright light   |
| 3. Noel bell       | 9. Jolly Folly    |
| 4. Cool Yule       | 10. Turkey Jerky  |
| 5. Wrinkle twinkle | 11. Merry berry   |
| 6. Green Scene     | 12. Cookie Nookie |



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## Combining finances: what to consider when “yours” and “mine” become “ours”

It's a new world, especially when it comes to managing money and finances. Two breadwinners are now the norm. People rarely stay with the same employer for more than a few years, let alone a lifetime, and defined benefit pension plans are disappearing faster than last year's iPhone.

As more couples opt for cohabitation rather than marriage, new questions arise about finances, responsibilities and power balances. Here, Kathy Kruiivitsky, CPA, CA, CIM, of WDS Investment Management Ltd. in Ottawa, and Christopher Alexander, CPA, CA, of CJA Professional Services Limited in Oakville, share tips for couples who are considering sharing a life, a home, and maybe some other assets, too.

**Know thyself...and thy partner.** When entering any kind of asset-mixing, income-blending or money-mingling arrangement, the overriding consideration must be openness and transparency. Know your partner's credit history and money-management mentality before you jump in. “Today, people have more responsibility for their own financial security,” says Kruiivitsky. “Don't give that power to someone else or lose control of your assets. Even if you do everything right and your relationship is solid, everyday life can sideswipe you with death, disability, job losses and so on.”

**Think coordinating, rather than combining.** The goal should be organization and balance. “Ownership and control are two separate things,” Kruiivitsky explains. “In the financial trust world, you don't have to ‘own’ to ‘control’, and that control shouldn't all rest on one side of the plate.”

**Marriage has its benefits.** The Canada Revenue Agency has its own rules and definitions about what constitutes a spouse and a couple. “Marriage and common-law are not the same thing,” says Kruiivitsky. “Do not assume anything without getting legal advice. Spouse is a legal definition under the Income Tax Act, not a choice you get to make. You must ‘tick the box’, and spouses, including same-sex couples, must file their taxes this way. Your legal tax status and income-testing levels determine eligibility for most Canadian tax credits and benefits.” The Guaranteed Income Supplement for seniors, Canada Child Tax Benefit, Canada Learning Bond and more may all be affected by your relationship status and combined earnings.

**Do or have done to you.** Be at the table when your financial issues are being discussed and decisions made. Pleading ignorance or lack of interest just won't cut it, and will only land you in hot water if — when — things unravel. Don't leave all the responsibility for paying bills or renewing insurance with one person. Share the load.

**Opt for “my” and “our” bank accounts.** If the relationship is

in anyway dicey, keep your money separate. “Draw up an agreement — even if it's only one page — stating who will be responsible for paying what,” says Alexander. Decide whether the bills will be split equally or proportionally, so the one who earns more pays more. Or, set up a joint account for paying shared expenses and each contribute an agreed-upon amount every payday.

**Keep your own credit cards.** “A good credit history is critical,” says Kruiivitsky. “Having your own credit cards in your own name and managing them responsibly is one of the best ways to establish and keep a good credit score.”

**Know the options when it comes to property.** When you're buying property with a partner or spouse, there are different kinds of arrangements. “A joint tenancy is one in which both parties have equal interest,” says Alexander. “The biggest benefit is that if one of the parties passes away, possession passes to the other. The drawback is that both are responsible for the mortgage, together and separately. The alternative is a tenancy-in-common where each party owns a percentage of the property. But if one dies, their share of the property goes to their estate, not the co-owner.”

**Don't overlook the security of insurance.** Life throws us curve balls. “Especially when one person is financially dependent on the other, like a relationship in which one is home raising the kids while the other is working,” says Alexander. “Most people think their house is their most valuable asset; in fact, it's their future earning power. Just as you protect your house with insurance, you should protect your future earning power with disability and life insurance. If you become injured and can't work, or if you pass away, your dependent family could be in big trouble without proper insurance in place.”

**Cover off other assets and investments.** Certain investments must be owned separately, like RPPs, RRSPs and TFSAs. “Upon death, RRSPs can roll over tax-free to a spouse, providing the spouse is the listed beneficiary,” says Alexander. Spouses may consolidate their TFSA accounts on death by naming a successor holder.

**Reduce your tax liability.** While you can't file joint tax returns in Canada, there are good tax software packages that help you optimize your returns to your best mutual advantage. “Splitting eligible pensions, medical expenses and charitable donations can help put money back in your pocket,” says Alexander. Going together to have your tax returns prepared by a qualified professional is another good way to make sure you stay informed and in control of your money ... and your life.

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A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

The Dad's reply—"Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"

Submitted by Robert Price

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The Lord replies, "A minute."

Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A penny."

Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?"

The Lord replies, "In a minute."



### The Empty Chair

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And cookies baked, and green wreaths hung  
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  
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Frustrated at how tired he was following the Christmas turkey dinner, Ned did some research on his phone and was pleased to learn there's **a-napp-for-that**.

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Ned's wife suggested that they might cut back on the booze this Christmas. Ned was reluctant: "Honey, alcohol affects everyone differently. I'm not a wafer thin guy as you know, and there is a scale of tolerance for such things!" To which Ned's partner replied: "I understand.... And your scale is doh re mi fa **vod-ka-so-dal**"

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Answers from Canadian Christmas Trivia Quiz from page 5

C -Winnipeg

C -A traditional réveillon, or "waking up," is eaten after people return from Midnight Mass.

D -Pierre and Margaret Trudeau had three sons, two of whom were indeed born on Christmas Day: Justin in 1971 and Alexandre, in 1973.

C- For years, Canadian Tire's TV ads showcased Santa Claus and Ebenezer Scrooge trying to decide which was the better reason for Canadians to do their holiday shopping with Canadian Tire: the great selection or the low prices.

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*Christmas is busy and can get very expensive. Gift giving can be simpler, more personal, and fun too! So don't go crazy at the mall, go crazy in the kitchen and whip up something fun and yummy to give this year. Fuss it up with a ribbon and a bow and give with pride.*

## Country Soup In a Jar

### Recipe Ingredients

- 1/2 cup barley
- 1/2 cup dried split peas
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- 1/2 cup dry lentils
- 2 tablespoons dried minced onion
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper
- 2 tablespoons beef bouillon granules
- 1/2 cup uncooked alphabet pasta
- 1 cup uncooked twist macaroni

1. In a wide mouth 1-quart jar, layer the barley, peas, rice and lentils. Then layer around the edges the onion, parsley, salt, lemon pepper, bouillon and the alphabet pasta.
2. Fill the rest of the jar with the twist macaroni. Seal.
3. Attach the recipe to the jar. Fills a one quart jar.

### Making the Soup

Add contents of jar to 3 quarts of water, 2 stalks chopped celery, 2 sliced carrots, 1 cup shredded cabbage (optional) and 2 cups diced tomatoes. Over medium low heat, cover and simmer about 1 hour, or until vegetables are tender.

## Brownies In a Jar

Ingredients to go in the jar:

- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 95 g plain flour
- 35 g cocoa
- 75 g plain flour
- 135 g brown sugar
- 150 g sugar
- 100 g chocolate chips
- 100g white chocolate chips
- 50 g walnuts or pecans (optional)



To be added when baking...  
150g melted butter and 3 beaten eggs

Method: Layer the dry ingredients in a one litre jar, following the order above from the top. Press each layer down before adding the next. The amounts given should exactly fill a one litre jar. (After adding the cocoa wipe the powder off inside the jar so the other ingredients can still be seen).

\* Give to your friend and remember to include a tag with the following instructions:  
Combine the contents of the jar with 150g melted butter and 3 beaten eggs. Mix well, and pour into a lined 9 x 9 inch tin. Bake 350 F for 25-35 minutes.



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An addiction to gardening is not all bad when you consider all the other choices in life. --Author Unknown

The Holly or Ilex family is associated with Christmas. Mostly we use it in bouquets, garlands, and sometimes as a fresh small plant. *I. aquifolium* is the species typically associated with Christmas and it is of European origin. It is evergreen and bears red berries, when you have both a female and male plant. The berries are slightly toxic for people when eaten, causing diarrhea and vomiting. The birds love the berries and are a vector for dispersing seeds, which has become an issue in the west coast forests. Holly is grown commercially there and now holly has become a noxious weed in the wild. Oregon and Washington states have declared it a noxious/invasive plant. It is crowding out the native species in their forests and in British Columbia.



Christians consider holly symbolic of Jesus Christ in two ways. The red berries represent the blood that Jesus shed on the cross on the day he was crucified. A holly's pointed leaves symbolize the crown of thorns placed on Jesus' head before he died on the cross.

Hollies need moist but well-drained, humusy soil of moderate fertility in full sun (especially for variegated plants) or partial shade. A protected area is best in our zone 5. It is best to plant or move hollies in early spring. Prune in late winter or early spring if necessary. I always pruned mine in December when creating arrangements. The greenery looks great with other berry branches, and when used in outdoor arrangements, it will stay fresh-looking all winter.

*Ilex verticillata* (zone 3-9), or winterberry, is our native holly which has a very different look from the European version. At the local nurseries, winterberry branches are available too for Christmas decor. Our native is not an evergreen but has yellow fall foliage and branches loaded with red berries. There is a cultivar with yellow berries. Winterberry is easy to grow in moist soils and you need a male and female plant to get berries. One male plant will be enough to pollinate 6-10 female plants, which bear the berries. Flowers appear on new growth. Prune to shape in early spring just before new growth appears.

Wilmot Horticultural Society's **first meeting in 2017 is at 7:30 pm, on January 11th**. After a short AGM, our evening presentation will be **Celebrate Wilmot's Local Bounties**. **David Hutchinson**, owner and chef of **Scran and Dram Pub** in New Hamburg will share his culinary knowledge about using local harvests in his restaurant. David will also share a tasty treat ... Yummy!!! . Join us at Wilmot Recreation Centre, upstairs in Meeting Room A. The free meeting concludes with a 50/50 draw (bring your loonie or toonie), door prizes and tea/coffee with snacks. Membership is \$12 per person and one of the many benefits of a membership is a 10% discount at the local nurseries and some other vendors.

*Keep your fingernails and knees dirty!*

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