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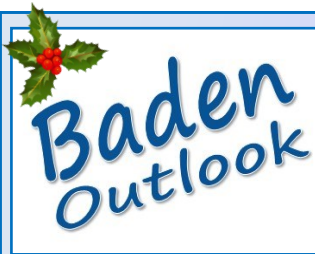
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*Check out what's happening in the paper this month:*

- Featuring photos from the Baden Santa Claus Parade
- Check out Baden Library's holiday events and schedule
- Interested in watching a Firebirds game? We got the dates for you
- Try your hand at the Waterloo Region quiz
- Looking for a night out and enjoy painting? Ida Tong is hosting a Paint Nite
- Get your cozy wear on and have fun with our *Home Alone* Bingo!
- Barry met up with Erik Kuttis from TLC Pet Food
- Cathy Cook will have you hooked on her Skor Bar recipe
- John Dinner from ICC gives us tips on how to manage stress around the holidays
- Try out Theresa Billo's *Twas the Night Before Christmas* word search

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# Greetings from Headquarters ~



Hard to believe the end of 2024 is near. It's amazing how some days can feel so slow yet a year goes by so quickly.

I'd like to take a moment to honour the people who work in retail. I worked in that industry for years and you could tell the shoppers who have experienced it versus those who have not. It can be such a grueling experience. The lines can be long, the lunch breaks short, and repetitive Christmas music can zap the spirit from within. Thank you to those who work retail so we can prepare for Christmas whether it be in grocery stores or gift giving experiences.

I am a big lover of Christmas music. I did find it overwhelming working in malls to hear the same songs over and over. But there is something so magical about seasonal tunes. There is no other genre of music that is specific to a time of year. Radio stations don't play 24/7 Easter music or Halloween music. Many of the songs are in a minor key and yet calming like "What Child is This" or "God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman." It creates such a mood. Tea in my hand with snow falling outside and the right Christmas music take my spirit to an all-time high. My most favourite Christmas song is "Mary's Boy Child" by Boney M. It reminds me of my childhood and when I ask my youngest his favourite Christmas song, it is now this one too! My love has passed on.

Some people in Wilmot do not celebrate Christmas. Some may celebrate Hanukkah or Kwanzaa. Some may put emphasis on Winter Solstice. Or some may just ring in the New Year at home. Whatever you celebrate this December, I hope you have a wonderful time with friends and family, food and laughter. Merry Christmas!



We are halfway through December and wrapping up 2024, along with all the Christmas gifts we've been buying for the past few weeks. It's important to keep our feet firmly on the ground as we move through the holidays one day at a time. It is so easy to become overwhelmed with the to-do list and the many social gatherings. Christmas is meant to be a joyous event and joy comes in many ways for many people; just try to find yours! I've amazed myself by saying the fresh white stuff has been one, and also the smell of the baking in my kitchen is another. It's fun being in the kitchen, using my hands and stashing away the sweet baked goods I've prepared to share with friends and family. I find it a sense of accomplishment that is also relaxing.

Speaking of joy—last month when Katie was delivering the papers in Baden, and Barry was delivering in New Hamburg they both called me at home just minutes apart laughing and telling me how people went up to them to reach for the paper before they even had them placed. They were both delighted to see how excited people were to get their hands on their favourite paper! Thanks so much for giving them that joy and I hope you find your joy in reading this month's issue too. You'll find some great recipes from Cathy, an update on TLC and their move to the new facility, support tips for managing stress around the holidays, along with some fun things to read, like — *Wilmot We've Got Your Number* or the festive puzzles. We hope you bring your *Baden Outlook* with you as you gather to celebrate and share a photo with us of the fun festivities! It would be a privilege to join you. Best wishes from our house to yours.



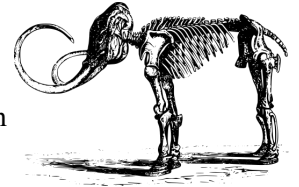
# Talking with Ed

~ Let's Not Go Backwards



One of my old supervisors at Zehrs had a saying, "If you don't move forward then you are going backwards?" Profound words in a way, but very true. All you have to do is look at our Earth, which has been in a constant state of transition, or even extinction. One day while scrolling through Facebook I saw a post about Doggerland. That piqued my interest, what is a Doggerland? I dug in and found this:

Doggerland is a submerged lost land that connected Britain to Continental Europe, specifically Belgium, the Netherlands and Scandinavia. The area was wiped out by a massive tsunami 8,000 years ago plus rising waters from glacial melt 6,500 years ago submerged the land. In 1931 a trawler dredged up a lump of peat containing a spear head. Since then, there has been a large amount of exploration to prove that the area was at one time above water, with the results displayed at an exhibition in Holland. The exhibition *Doggerland: Lost World in the North Sea* displayed 200 objects found in the area ranging from a deer bone with an arrowhead imbedded in it, mammoth molars and a fragment of a skull of a young Neanderthal.



Doggerland isn't the only land mass that has disappeared on our planet. I have found ten other land masses that have disappeared, the most familiar one for me was Beringa which disappeared in 9,000 BC. Like Doggerland, but many times bigger, Beringa was an enormous land bridge comprising of an estimated 1.5 million square miles which linked Alaska to Russia. Other land masses that disappeared include; Zealandia, once a part of the Super Continent Gondwana which is now 94% submerged and would have been considered a continent on its own, and Sundaland which consisted of an area that would have connected Bali, Borneo, Java, and Sumatra. Other lost lands include Maui Nui islands (near Hawaii), Kerguelen Plateau (south of Australia and was three times the size of California), Ferdinanda (a small lost island in the strait of Sicily), and Viking-Berkan Banks (a small lost island in the North Sea).

According to NASA over 410 million people could be at risk from rising sea levels by 2100 as a result of the climate crisis. Observed sea level data shows that global sea levels have already risen by more than 10cm over the last decade. With the ice sheet at "a tipping point of irreversible melting", scientists currently expect an unavoidable sea level rise of 1-2 metres. I immediately thought that Florida would have been an area that would have been affected by rising sea levels. NASA reported that Florida would be impacted along with the rest of the US eastern sea board. Most coastal areas in the world would have issues but in particular the countries of India, China, Bangladesh, and Holland – they would see major land loss.

South Korea and the islands of the Maldives in the Indian Ocean are experimenting with floating homes, while China, India, and other nations are finding ways to absorb and reuse storm water. More drastic action is taking place in Fiji, where government officials are making plans to relocate whole villages because of rising sea levels – 42 communities are recommended for relocation in the next five to 10 years, while six have already been moved to safer ground, *The Guardian* reports.

We are certainly blessed living in the Wilmot area that we do. We have some flooding issues that we have to contend with, but we are typically free from hurricanes, typhoons, wildfires, earthquakes, landslides, rising sea levels and for the most part tornados. As mentioned, our world is constantly changing and here is hoping for our leaders to come up with ideas on how to slow down the climate warming, something that scientists have warned us about for many years. Are we paying attention? Until next month...Ed





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## Where Did These Sayings Originate From?

- **Bite the Bullet** – Between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century Doctors literally told patients (quite often soldiers) to bite the bullet in an effort to distract them. This was due to the unavailability of anesthesia.
- **Crocodile Tears** - This phrase originated from the belief that crocodiles cry but the tears produced by crocodiles are not emotionally driven.
- **Blood on Your Hands** – This saying dates back to 15 century Scotland refers to criminals having blood on their hands after a crime.
- **Run Amok** - The word "amok" comes from the Malay word "mengamok," which means to make a furious and desperate charge. Captain Cook used the phrase to describe the behavior of Malay tribesmen.
- **Rub the Wrong Way** – Refers to rubbing cats the wrong way as noted in Mary Hughes' book *Aunt Mary's Tales* in 1819.
- **Barking up the Wrong Tree** – Dates back to the 1800s where hunters used packs of dogs. Barking under an empty tree meant their prey eluded them.
- **Paint the Town Red** - People in the UK believe it references the Marquis of Waterford and friends in 1837, who went on a night of drinking through the English town of Melton Mowbray.
- **Bury the Hatchet** – It is believed that when two Native American tribes decided to settle their differences, then the chief of each tribe would bury a war hatchet.
- **Cold Feet** - Poet Stephen Crane in 1896, released the novel *Maggie: A Girl of the Streets*. In it, Crane wrote, "I knew this was the way it would be. They got cold feet."

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# Baden — Our Town



We did it - we got the parade back on the streets of Baden! We had a lovely touch of snow and many people commented on how much they enjoyed seeing the parade. It's been a rough go with the parade as the last four years threw out many roadblocks. We plan on running the parade again next year, but will let you know as the route might change again with the ongoing road construction that Baden has been experiencing.

The Baden Santa Claus Parade Committee, consisting of members from the Baden Community Association, Baden Chamber of Commerce, Lambert Real Estate Group and CVE Mortgage Group would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make this parade a great success. They would also like to thank the supporters of the parade who have made valuable contributions including the following: OK Tire Baden, New Hamburg Optimist Club for the use of their float, the Township of Wilmot for their guidance and help with road closures, and all of the entries in the parade and the judges that helped us determine the winners.

# Get Your Tickets for the Kids Party!

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**The following is a list of the parade winners:**

- Family:** 1<sup>st</sup> Nithy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Conservative EDA, and 3<sup>rd</sup> New Hamburg Jr. Firebirds
- Commercial:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kibbles and Sits, 2<sup>nd</sup> Findaway Equestrian, 3<sup>rd</sup> NW Roofing
- Children:** 1<sup>st</sup> Creative Beginnings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baden Central Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wilmot Softball

# Baden is Filled with the Spirit of Christmas!



Thank you St. James Lutheran Church and Wilmot Senior's Woodworking for hosting lovely Christmas bazaars and bake sales. It was wonderful catching up with old friends and meeting new people. Thank you to Rick Hook in the carving room at the Senior's Woodworking who created the fantastic Santa featured on the front page and the Santa to the right.



*Baden's Wagler sisters*



# Checking out the Baden Library



Call 226-748-8030 or email [rwlprograms@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:rwlprograms@regionofwaterloo.ca) if you have questions about upcoming programs.

## Program Highlights at Region of Waterloo Library

### PROGRAMS IN BADEN

- Craft Time: Gingerbread Man Collage Art – Monday, December 16 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Designed for ages 2-9; Drop-in).
- BINGO is my Thingo: Holiday Edition – Thursday, January 2 from 11:00-11:45 a.m. (Designed for ages 6-12; Registration required).
- Popcorn Theatre Presents: The Garfield Movie – Thursday, January 2 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. (Designed for ages 2-12; Registration required).
- After School Drop-In in partnership with Wilmot Family Resource Centre – Tuesdays (January 7 to February 25) from 2:45-5:00 p.m. (Designed for ages 6-17; Drop-in).
- Family Art in partnership with Wilmot Family Resource Centre – Thursdays (January 9 to February 27) from 3:15-4:15 p.m. (Designed for all ages; Registration required).
- Craft Time: Handprint Polar Bear – Monday, January 13 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Designed for ages 2-9; Drop-in).
- Snowy Day Storytime – Tuesday, January 14 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. (Designed for ages 2-5; Registration required).

### PROGRAMS IN WELLESLEY

- Storytime – Wednesdays (January 8 to February 26) from 9:30-10:15 a.m. (Designed for ages 0-5; Drop-in).
- Baby & Me - Wednesdays (January 8 to February 26) from 11:00-11:30 a.m. (Designed for ages 0-18 months; Registration required).



### PROGRAMS IN NEW DUNDEE

- Storytime – Wednesdays (January 15 to February 19) from 9:30-10:15 a.m. (Designed for ages 2-5; Drop-in).

### PROGRAMS IN NEW HAMBURG

- Drop-in Yarn Craft Club – Every Wednesday (Except December 25 and January 1, 2025) from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Designed for 18+; Drop-in).
- Baby & Me – Mondays (January 6 to February 10) from 10:30-11:30 a.m. (Designed for ages 0-18 months; Registration required).
- Arts & Tech Hub – Tuesdays (January 14 to February 4) from 4:00 -4:45 p.m. (Designed for ages 6-12; Registration required).
- Storytime – Thursdays (January 16 to February 20) from 10:30-11:00 a.m. (Designed for ages 2-5; Registration required).

**Registration for Winter 2025 is now open!**

Scan to see our full Events Calendar and to register for our programs!



*Happy Holidays from the Baden Branch Library!  
Drop by and check out some holiday materials.*

#### Holiday Hours:

Mon. Dec. 23	10 am – 5 pm
Tues. Dec. 24	10 am – 2 pm
Wed. Dec. 25	Closed
Thurs. Dec. 26	Closed
Sat. Dec. 28	10 am – 2 pm
Mon. Dec. 30	10 am -5 pm
Tues. Dec. 31	10 am – 2 pm
Wed. Jan. 1	Closed
Thurs. Jan. 2	10 am – 5 pm



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*Holiday Hours: Christmas Eve – open until 4 p.m.  
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## Looking Back at Baden 100, 75, and 50 Years Ago

Submitted By: Sherri Gropp, Curator and Elizabeth Luksall

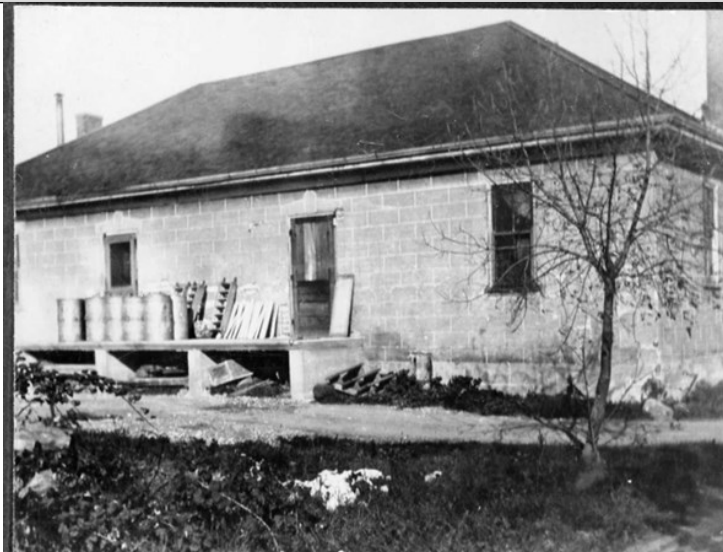
### 100 Years Ago

Friday, December 12, 1924

### Baden News Notes

After the cold spell we are warmed up again to write a few notes about our thriving village of Baden.

- \* The D.L.O. have just unloaded 150 carloads of flax seed, which filled up all their large elevators and will give employment for their hands until next summer, turning out linseed oil and flax seed meal.
- \* Mr. Noah Liebler, who recently started a new cheese factory in part of Mr. Eddie Rieck's abattoir, is increasing his output and is finding a ready sale for his old reliable brands of limburger and brick cheese.
- \* Our up-to-date hotelkeeper, Mr. Jack Stiefelmeyer, is again making great improvements to the Baden Hotel. He had fine scenic metallic ceilings put in and is also having the interior repainted and decorated. Mr. Harry Lederman has the painting job and Mr. Wm. Beeker, of New Hamburg, is finishing the barroom.
- \* Mr. Fred G. Holwell has bought the residence formerly known as the Bert Kriesel property and has an addition to the place where he has opened a grocery and confectionary store. We wish him success.
- \* Mr. Gideon Bechtel is having a new 50 horsepower electric motor installed in the Baden Flour Mill.



*Baden Cheese Factory Note: This was the second building, Noah Liebler's original location was at Louisa and Brewery Streets.*

Check out Castle Kilbride decorated for Christmas! It has so much spirit it can warm you on a cold day!

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## 75 Years Ago

Friday, December 16, 1949

With Christmas only one week away the various Sunday Schools are busy preparing their Christmas programs. St. James' Lutheran Church School will hold theirs on Sunday evening, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 7:15. Everybody is welcome. Livingston Presbyterian Sunday School is holding theirs on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 2 p.m. Their program consists of recitations, Christmas carols, duets, solos, and a pantomime by the Senior Girls' class. Everybody is welcome.



St. James Lutheran Church, Baden

## 50 Years Ago...

Wednesday December 11, 1974

An envelope containing a letter was found at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lorfing, RR 2, Baden. It wasn't the slow mail that held it up. The item had been laying around the Lorfing household for a few days. The date? February 17, 1897.



## WILMOT~ WE'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER!

We asked Sherri Gropp, the Curator at Castle Kilbride, to play numbers with us. Check out the fun number facts she shared.

- There are **77** spindles on the main staircase of Castle Kilbride.
- **3** generations of the Livingston family have lived at Kilbride from **1877-1988**.
- Castle Kilbride became a museum in **1994**.
- It takes **20** totes of various sizes to store the Christmas decorations (not including the Herner Victorian Village). **6** of these totes are for the parlour tree alone.
- There are **4** beautifully carved marble fireplaces in Castle Kilbride.
- James Livingston was **39** years old in **1877** when Castle Kilbride was built.
- The museum features **4** of the original **6** bedrooms. The maids' quarters bedrooms were taken out in **1994** to make way for interior bathrooms.
- There are **3** Homer Watson paintings hanging on the walls. **1** was original to the Livingston family. And **2** were donated by local residents.
- The Castle has **1** privy with matching architecture to the Castle itself.

.... Bet you didn't know that!



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# The Night Before Christmas Word Search

By Theresa Billo

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*The Night Before Christmas* is an incredibly old and beloved book often read by families on the night before Christmas. It was written by Clement Clarke Moore in 1823! The words below are found in the book but also found in the grid to the right. Have fun and good luck!



- BLITZEN
- BUNDLE
- CHERRY
- CHIMNEY
- CLATTER
- COURSERS
- DASH AWAY
- DIMPLES
- DONNER
- ELF
- FUR
- JELLY
- JOLLY
- KERCHIEF
- LIVELY
- MOUSE
- PAWING
- PIPE
- PRANCING
- REINDEER
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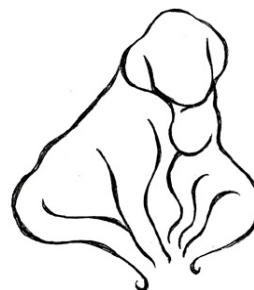
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## Baden Birding

By Jim Burrell



Christmas is coming and one of the highlights for me is the annual **Christmas Bird Count (CBC)**. This is the longest running Citizen Science Project in North American history. It wasn't always a count though. Before 1900 it was a hunt!

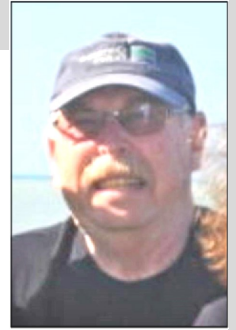
Participants were encouraged to shoot as many birds (and other things) as they could in this one-day hunt done on Christmas day.

In 1900, Frank Chapman (a conservationist) and some other like-minded friends in New York State came up with an alternative hunt: a bird census! Twenty-five (25) counts were held on December 25, 1900 and twenty-seven (27) observers tallied 90 species. Thus, the CBC began.

This year, counts will be conducted between December 14, 2024 and January 5, 2025. This 124<sup>th</sup> rendition will take place in more than 2000 count circles in the western hemisphere. I will participate in my 27<sup>th</sup>.

Count circles, each 24 kilometers in diameter, are usually centred on an urban site or some well-known

geographical feature. Near the Baden area, there are counts in Kitchener, Cambridge, Linwood, and Stratford. Compilers for each count circle will divide their circles into smaller areas which are then assigned to teams of counters. These teams are out before sunrise on count day to count all birds they can see or hear. They will spend the entire day on foot, in cars, or near feeders. At the end of the day, counters meet at a rendez-vous site to compile all the data accumulated during the day. The rendezvous can be done in person or via the internet after a warming, social meal. Sounds like fun, eh?!



What if someone spots a bird before or after the count day? Data from three 3 days before or 3 days after will be inserted as appropriate data. This is known as Count Week data.

The data collected is stored in a data bank at Cornell University in New York state. It can then be drawn on by ornithologists (bird scientists) to help with conservation research and establishing programs to assist bird communities.

Compilers are always looking for volunteers to take part. If you are interested in helping, contact these people, let them know you have an interest and a little skill. They will then assign you to a team within their count area. Here is a list of local compilers:

**Kitchener** – Ethan Gosnell, [cbckitchener@gmail.com](mailto:cbckitchener@gmail.com)

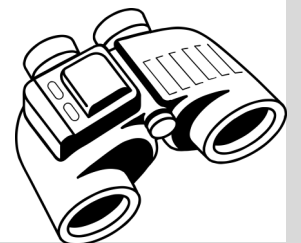
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**Stratford** – Ken Clarke, [kennclarkebirds@hotmail.com](mailto:kennclarkebirds@hotmail.com)

You will note that there is presently no CBC for Baden. Could one not be started? I wonder what lurks on the Baden Hills? Along the Nith River? In the bush between Baden and Foxboro Green? If there is an interest, contact Yousif Attia, the CBC Count Coordinator at Birds Canada ([CBC@birdscanada.org](mailto:CBC@birdscanada.org)). He will gladly help you set up the first ever **Baden CBC**.

Enjoy the Christmas season counting birds.



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- Embrace any chance to go cross-country skiing, skating or snowshoeing which are less polluting than snowmobiling.
- Bundle up to be comfortable! Layering clothing allows easy adjustments as you warm up. A good quality second hand coat from the local thrift store is a responsible choice.
- Walk through one of Wilmot's trails to identify trees by their bark, watch for animal tracks, and appreciate the cycles of the animals and plants. Leave no trace behind and stay on trails to respect and preserve habitats.
- Warm up before and after with a hot drink (fair trade and ethically sourced) from a reusable mug.

**With a bit of planning, the chilly months ahead can be both joyful and sustainable for our planet!**

The **Nith Valley EcoBoosters Youth Advocates** is a working group led by youth and young adults. It originally started with the goal of organising sustainable initiatives and activities in schools. Since then, the focus has shifted to making climate action and sustainability accessible and appealing to youth and young adults through a variety of education initiatives and events.

**All students and young adults are encouraged to join.** As the climate crisis continues, we need profound changes, and we need them now. NVEB Youth Advocates is a community where we can learn, grow, and help each other find our roles in these changes. We understand the hectic schedules of students, so your level of commitment depends on your personal capacity.

**Have any questions about NVEB Youth Advocates?** Don't hesitate to reach out to us at [nveb.youthadvocates@gmail.com](mailto:nveb.youthadvocates@gmail.com)

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## Navigating the Holidays is All About Managing Expectations

By John Dinner, Register Psychotherapist at Interfaith Counselling Centre

One of the most stressful times of the year is upon us. The holiday season that seems to hold such promise can just as easily betray us. As we anticipate time with family and friends, time away from work and school, and the permission we give ourselves to indulge a bit, the anticipation of the holidays and the accompanying expectations can come with a lot of stress.

The holidays are *supposed* to be the most wonderful time of the year. Songs have exclaimed this and, as a matter of course, we've been telling ourselves this since childhood. The holidays can also be painfully disappointing: because they are supposed to be the best of times, they can also be the worst.

The main culprit is our expectations for the season (and those promoted by those who stand to benefit). These expectations are infused with feelings: fear family conflict may not remain contained; panic a meal-time disaster might repeat itself; pressure to surpass last year's gift-giving (the remnants of which may still be lingering on monthly credit card statements); and the residual anger that lingers from the lack of appreciation

and gratitude for our thoughtfulness and efforts. It doesn't help when, instead of a fresh snowfall, days are dull, damp and gray. The tree is almost needless come Christmas Eve and travel warnings threaten to thwart everything.

Much of the anxiety we experience can be laid directly at the feet of overspending, overthinking, and underdelivering in comparison with the Pinterest-like perfection we see online. And unique to this emotion, anxiety is the "gift that keeps on giving" -- to ourselves and to those around us.

Unlike our ability to take a break from work and other routines, it's harder to take a holiday from the holidays. The pressure we assume or impose on ourselves can be unbearable. As much as we may profess to place more importance on presence of others than presents to others, there is evidence the latter often wins out over the former. But there is hope for those sick and tired of being sick and tired at this time of year.

It starts with setting reasonable expectations and clarifying them with those closest to you. Give priority to your own emotional well-being by giving yourself permission to live within reasonable boundaries. Set healthy limits with respect to your time and finances and keep the pressure under wraps by only making those commitments you can gladly and gratefully keep. Protect yourself from the unreasonable or untenable expectations of others. Try living into the idea that it really is "the thought" rather than the pursuit of perfection that counts. And have a planned response should your expectations not be met, accepting what is and for which you can be sincerely grateful.



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# ALL THINGS SCRAMBLED

Within each category the words are jumbled up.  
Can you unscramble them? Answers on page 34

## Snow \_\_\_\_\_

- NMA            \_ \_ \_ \_
- LAFL          \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- LBLA          \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- KALEF        \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- SMORT        \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- FDIRT         \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- LEGAN        \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- SHRUB        \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- LOMBIE       \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- RULFRY       \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



## \_\_\_\_\_ Fire

- GNU            \_ \_ \_ \_
- CABK          \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- PMCA          \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- DLIW          \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- RUES          \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- TIPS           \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- SHUB          \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
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## GLOBAL OUTLOOK - Islands



What country has the most islands? Canada, comes to mind immediately; however, our great country is fourth in the number of islands category. Sweden takes top honours having 267,570 islands followed by Norway with 239,057, Finland 178,947 and Canada with 52,455.

Millions of years ago Sweden was located around the equator. Many geologists believe it was once a coral reef, but the land drifted north due to continental drift. The carbonate sheets and sponges created the building blocks of many islands. The lands continue to rise which has a reserve effect in regards to sea levels rising. Approximately 1,000 of the islands are permanently inhabited (0.04%) - Stockholm has 14 connected islands in their city alone.

Greenland, which is three times the size of Texas, is the largest island in the world measuring 836,330 square miles. Canada has three islands in the top ten which are #5 Baffin Island (195,928 square miles), #8 Victoria Island (83,896), and #10 Ellesmere Island (75,767). The other

top ten islands consist of New Guinea (317,150 square miles), Borneo (288,869), Madagascar (226,756), Sumatra (171,069), Honshu (Japan 87,992) and Great Britain (80,823).

The ten most populated islands in the world include Java (148 million people), Honshu (103 million), Great Britain (66 million), Luzon (Philippines 64 million), Sumatra (60 million), Madagascar (28 million), Mindanao (Philippines 26 million), Taiwan (24 million), Salsette (India 23 million), and Borneo (23 million).

Australia is the smallest continent on Earth, and although it is an island, it is considered a continent with an area of three million square miles. There was a debate on why Greenland wouldn't be considered a continent but most geographers consider islands and continents two different things. There is a strict scientific definition of a continent regarding the matter of size of the land mass. Australia is four times the size of Greenland therefore is considered a continent.



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**You Must Be Joking!!**

- \* Have you heard of the new diet trend? We wear gloves to make it harder to eat. We call it Inter-Mitten Fasting.
- \* What's the difference between ice and icicle? Ice has noel.
- \* What did the icy road say to the car? Wanna go for a spin?
- \* Why was the snowman rummaging through a bag of carrots? He was picking his nose.

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**Reduce to Produce** *Answers on page 34*

Eliminate words from the clues below. The remaining words will create the answer to this riddle.  
(Read remaining clues left to right, top to bottom)

Why did dad stop using his loyalty card to scrape ice from his windshield?

A	B	C	D
HE	WHITE	FROST	HIM
SEE	MITTENS	ONLY	TREE
FROZEN	GOT	BOOTS	THE
TEN	LOST	MONTH	COLD
TOQUE	HOURS	GREY	PERCENT
MITTENS	FREE	OFF	SCARF

1. Remove all words that describe ice.
2. Remove all words containing "EE"
3. Remove all measurements of time.
4. Remove all 3-lettered words in column D
5. Remove all winter articles of clothing
6. Remove all words that are colours
7. Remove all words that rhyme with cost

Write leftover words here:

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**You Must Be Joking!!**



- \* What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense? "Wait, there's myrrh!"
- \* What happened to the man who stole an Advent calendar? He got 24 days.
- \* What did Santa say when he stepped in a puddle? "It must have reindeer."
- \* What do you call an elf who has runaway from Santa's workshop? A rebel without a Claus.
- \* What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? "It's Christmas, Eve."
- \* How did Joseph and Mary weigh baby Jesus at birth? They had a weigh in the manger.
- \* Why did Rudolph have to go to summer school? Because he went down in history.
- \* What did the snowman say to the aggressive carrot? "Get out of my face!"
- \* How do sheep say Merry Christmas to each other? Fleece Navida.



**The Empty Chair**

*This year when Christmas boughs are draped  
 And cards around the doorway taped  
 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  
 More grandly than we can on earth.*

*And may those visions of your care  
 Bring hope enough to fill that chair  
 So Christmas carols may be sung  
 And Christmas bells may still be rung  
 And Christmas peace replace all fears  
 And Christmas joy be felt through tears.*







## BADEN SANTA CLAUS PARADE!

What a great time! The Baden Santa Claus parade was on November 30th. Thank you to the BCA for hosting!



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The Baden Outlook continues to travel and have a wonderful time!



Avinash, Shashi, Sakshi, and Anita took their Baden Outlook to a family wedding in Chandigarh, India.



The Baden Outlook is a Snowbird and headed south with The Hendersons, the Shavers, and the Schusters of New Hamburg. They are enjoying their time in Fort Myers, Florida.

*Don't forget to take your Baden Outlook along, whether on vacation or to a special event, we'd love to join you and then share your story! Simply email us at [badenoutlook@hotmail.com](mailto:badenoutlook@hotmail.com)*



Steve and Cheryl Ullman with daughter Emily and sons, Owen and Oscar, took their Outlook along for some fun at Charlie's Restaurant in Tulum, Mexico. Charlie joined in on the left.



Dean Peachey, of New Hamburg, can't stop reading the Baden Outlook while cycling in Cambodia en route to Ho Chi Minh City.

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- Why is it that bullets ricochet off of Superman's chest, but he ducks when the gun is thrown at him?
- Why is it that night falls but day breaks?
- Why is it that you must wait until night to call it a day?
- What if the Hokey Pokey IS what it's all about?
- When your pet bird sees you reading the newspaper, does he wonder why you're just sitting there, staring at carpeting?
- What happened to the first 6 "ups"?
- If a word in the dictionary were misspelled, how would we know?
- If you're in a vehicle going the speed of light, what happens when you turn on the headlights?
- How does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work in the morning?



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We're pumped to bring more great community events to you in 2025. Check out our website at [www.lambertgroup.ca](http://www.lambertgroup.ca) and follow our socials for an announcement on our 2025 event calendar!



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- Saturday, December 14th - 7:30 p.m. at Wellesley Community Centre vs Wellesley
- Friday, December 20th - 7:30 p.m. at Wilmot Rec Complex vs Paris
- Friday, January 3rd - 7:30 p.m. at Wilmot Rec Complex vs Norwich
- Thursday, January 9th - 7:30 p.m. at Wilmot Rec Complex vs Woodstock



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**WILMOT HERITAGE FIRE BRIGADES**

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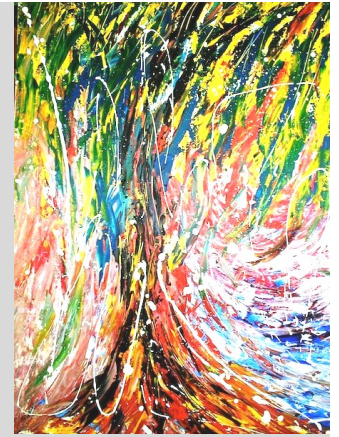


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## Ida Tong's Soul

### Painting Workshop:

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Soul Painting is for everyone who's interested in getting in touch with their creativity. Participants are encouraged to have a dialogue in a group setting of max. 10 - 12 people. They will be guided by Ida Tong with mediation to relax their busy mind in a safe environment, and then hands-on making paintings on canvas without any inhibition. It is a creative process; previous painting experience is not required.

The artist, Ida Tong, has taught art and Soul Painting to many individuals for over 15 years in Toronto where she used to live. She is now living in Baden and she enjoys exploring art and helping others who have difficulties to tap into their creativity through painting. Art, Ida believes, is a great healing tool and therapy for growth. For more information about her artwork, inspirations and aspirations, please visit her website: [www.idatong.org](http://www.idatong.org).

## New Hamburg Hockey Association Invites You to Shamrock Hockey League U16 and U18 All Star Showcase - Tuesday, December 17, 2024

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It's a wonderful time of year for Christmas movies. Yes, I know some believe *Home Alone* is not a Christmas movie, but if you do watch it this year, consider having fun with our *Home Alone* Bingo during the holidays. Share these bingo cards, then simply cross off items as you hear or see things! Decide if it's first person get to get one, three, or five lines to win! Have fun!

"Kevin!"	John Candy arrives	Pizza is delivered through the dog door	Kevin talks to Santa	Old man Marley with his shovel
Marv gets an iron to the face	Santa gets a ticket	Kevin eats popcorn	Aftershave	Jumping on the bed
Instruments in the van of a van	"...You filthy animal"	<b>FREE</b>	Rocking Around the Christmas Tree song	Furnace laughs at Kevin
Kevin cuts the rope	Buy a toothbrush	"We slept in!"	Treehouse	Toboggan down the stairs
"We're the Wet Bandits"	Crow bar	"I'm not afraid anymore!"	At the airport	Harry's head is blow torched

"I made my family disappear!"	Kevin has a pellet gun	Mom calls the police	Aftershave	"I'm not afraid anymore!"
Kevin wears a toque	Marv steps on the ornaments	"I just want my family back"	"Keep the change..."	Kevin is in Buzz's room
Pizza guy hits the statue	On the plane	<b>FREE</b>	"Polka King of the Midwest"	Harry loses a tooth
Kevin goes to church	Run, Run Rudolph song	"Kevin!"	Paint cans	Tarantula on the loose
Eating ice cream	Firecrackers	Marv steals something	Milk, eggs, and fabric softener	Old man Marley with his shovel

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Can you see yourself in any of these reasons? Whether it's the thrill of the hunt, the joy of finding something unique or knowing you're supporting a great cause, there's something magical about secondhand shopping. Next time you're searching for the perfect gift, why not stop by MCC Thrift and see what treasures you might uncover? You never know what gem is waiting for you!

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## TLC PET FOOD IS ON THE MOVE

This year TLC Pet Food celebrated 30 years of being in business—a remarkable milestone! Another milestone the company will be experience is their move into their brand-new building on Bleams Road early next year. TLC Pet Food has an amazing history and the *Baden Outlook* sat down with Erik Kuttis, the President of TLC Pet Food, to find out more.

Erik grew up in St. Agatha and attended Waterloo-Oxford High School while his wife Sandra grew up in Nithburg and was schooled in Stratford. At one point they were both employed at Kennedy's restaurant, Sandra in the kitchen and Erik as a server. They both became great friends with Mike and Linda Kennedy, who were both involved with their eventual wedding.

Erik attended the University of Guelph where he met an individual who had an interest in dog food. In June of 1994 the two developed a formula, opened a facility in Mississauga and after two years they parted ways. Erik and Sandra became sole owners of TLC Pet Food. In September of 1996 they moved operations to 18 Neville Street in New Hamburg - they spent 12 years at that location.

Their approach to the business was an interesting one; stand behind their quality and service, always have a phone person available that you can talk to, become the first "online only" pet food distributor in Canada, and the first pet food company in Canada to offer recyclable packaging. There must have been some risk not having their products available in stores, but it has certainly worked well for them. Once their products are ordered online, they are packaged and shipped directly to customers. They offer only four products; dog food, cat food, puppy food, and dog biscuits. TLC have their own "pet mobiles" who deliver free to households in Waterloo Region and will also deliver bulk orders free (up to 300 kilometres) to pet breeders and pet professionals. The rest of the orders are delivered by Federal Express in Canada and United States.

In December 2010, the business moved operations to

their current location at 3514 Bleams Road which backs onto the New Hamburg Thrift Store property. Business continued to grow and they opened a

shipping, sales, and customer service center, in Buffalo, New York for their United States customers, followed by a shipping only centre in Burnaby, British Columbia. To handle a remarkable 160,000 active customers, they have a staff of 40 at all three locations. The pair feel it is important to hire locally. All but two employees at the New Hamburg operation are from

Waterloo region with most of them from Wilmot Township - all of their products and packaging are from Canada. There are many celebrities from Canada and USA that are customers of TLC Pet Food and their pet food was used on the Super Bowl Challenge on the Jimmy Fallon show.



A Christmas-themed advertisement. The top half features the text "Merry Christmas!" in a white, cursive font against a dark, starry night sky. Below the text is a quote: "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'" followed by the reference "Luke 2:10-11 NIV". The bottom half of the image shows a stack of logs on a wooden stand in a field under a starry sky.

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The company plans to move into the new facility in January or February of 2025 and they are excited about their relocation. It is almost four times the size of the current facility with many new features including five loading docks (two for tractor trailers and three for the pet mobiles) compared to one at their location. They will have two floors of office space, with an elevator, and a lot more storage for their inventory. The pair thought that it was important to have an attractive looking building with superior landscaping as they value their neighbours' reflections. During the building process they strived to use local companies and they are thankful for their remarkable efforts.

Something else that is important to Erik and Sandra is supporting local volunteer initiatives and it is very evident. Erik shared some of the donations that he has made in the past including; \$100,000 to the electronic sign at the sports field (Alumni Field) at Waterloo Oxford high school, \$25,000 to a new van for the Wilmot Family Resource, a major sponsor of the Community Players of New Hamburg, \$30,000 to this year's Farwell 4 Hire campaign, and countless other local volunteer initiatives. Baden knows first hand about their generosity as they were a major sponsor of the Baden Corn Festival and Baden Community Association. The company was a recipient of the 2012 Arts Award for Waterloo Region in the Corporate Arts Category. Wilmot is fortunate to have this successful independent company give back to this community in the way that they do. Wishing them all the best as they move to the new building and continue to grow!

### Important and Weird National Days in December

- December 2 - National Mutt Day
- December 3 - International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- December 4 - Wildlife Conservation Day
- December 5 - International Volunteer Day
- December 7 - National Letter Writing Day
- December 9 - National Pastry Day
- December 12 - Gingerbread House Day
- December 17 - National Maple Syrup Day
- December 20 - National Ugly Sweater Day
- December 21 - Yule
- December 22 - National Cookie Exchange Day
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# Cook's Corner

By Cathy Cook

December... the month with an abundance of holidays and no matter your beliefs, customs, or religion, one thing in common is food and the memories it can create and evoke. Most traditions involve food, the creating of, the aroma of, and the sharing of with family and friends. With so many holiday treats to choose from I realized that the one my family most looked forward to was Skor bars, so this year I share it with you. And, of course, as you get to know me, you will quickly realize my love of soup, so turkey dinner soup seemed appropriate. Good to use up those leftovers right down to the bones! Enjoy the comfort of good food, fun friends, and loving family. Happy holidays!



## Skor bars

- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 pkg chocolate chips
- 1 pkg Skor toffee bits



Cream together first 3 ingredients, press into 13 x 9 pan lined with parchment paper (ingredients look crumbly but will press together) and bake at 350 for 20 minutes or until golden. While shortcake is cooling slightly, heat sweet milk and 2 tbsp butter in heavy bottomed saucepan, stirring constantly, 5-10 minutes or until thickened. Pour over base and bake 12-15 minutes until bubbly and golden. Sprinkle chocolate chips evenly and return to oven for 2-3 minutes. Spread the chocolate, then sprinkle with Skor chips, press them lightly into the chocolate. Best to let sit overnight before cutting; no need to store in refrigerator. Remove entire piece to cutting board with parchment for easier cutting into desired sized pieces.

## Turkey soup

- 2 tbsp each butter and oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 cup diced celery
- Melt oils in stock pot and sauté until softened, about 5 minutes
- Add
- 6-8 cups turkey stock \*
- 3-4 cups leftover turkey
- 1-2 cups leftover vegetable
- 1-2 cups diced cooked potatoes



Bring to a boil, reduce heat and let simmer a good 30 minutes. Add 2 tbsp cornstarch to 1/2 cup stock or water and mix well. Bring soup to a boil again and add cornstarch to thicken. A little cream can be added if you choose. If there's leftover stuffing it makes wonderful "croutons" when warmed up in the oven.

### \*Turkey stock

Throw all turkey bones and skin, everything you don't eat into a stock pot and cover with water. Add 1 onion cut up, 3 celeries with greens if you have, 2-3 carrots, 6-8 fresh thyme sprigs or 2 tbsp dried, good handful fresh parsley and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to boil, reduce heat, and let simmer 3 hours. Remove all solids and strain into jars.

*Did you know 'food comas' are not real! Although turkey contains tryptophan that helps relax the body, it's not in high enough quantities to lull you to sleep. That tired sensation you are probably feeling is from overeating and your body needs to rest to digest!*

*Good luck on your 'food coma' this year!*





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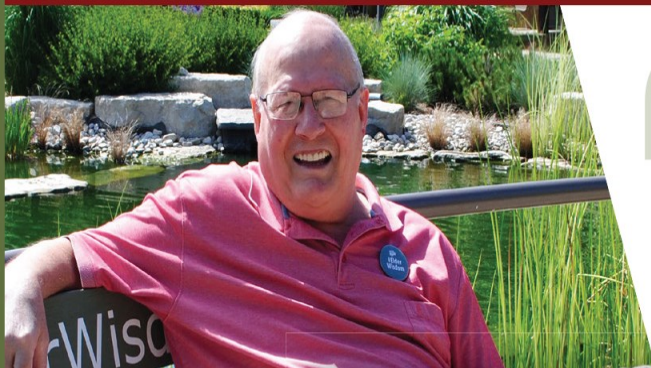
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We all know that there are three major cities and four townships in Waterloo Region, but did you know that there are 38 towns? We have created a quiz asking you to fill in the list of towns and to help you out we have given you the first letter of each community. Some of them will be tricky! (we did not include hamlets.. And one city is comprised of Hespler, Galt and Preston). We can also tell you that the townships of North Dumfries has 5, Wellesley 7, Woolwich 10, Wilmot 13, and of course the three larger cities. To start you off we have given you one name (Baden) – Good Luck!

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It's a festive time of year, so when we sat down with Margaret Soehner, TCMH's featured resident this month, we wanted to learn about how she experiences the holidays. Marg has been living at Tri-County Mennonite Homes (TCMH) Nithview Community for about 5 months. This will be her first Christmas at Nithview, and she's already put up decorations in her room. Marg is excited for the holidays ahead!



Growing up on a farm by Fordwich, near Listowel, Marg and her three sisters celebrated Christmas with a couple gifts like apples and oranges, a Christmas service at Church, and of course a Christmas meal. As a kid, her favourite part of the meal was roast turkey and mashed potatoes. They didn't get to have those foods very often, so they felt very special. When Marg had a family of her own, she was usually the Christmas cook, but she always preferred to eat the meal over preparing it.

For Marg, the best part about Christmas is gathering with the people you love. It's a special time of the year to connect with friends and family. Marg likes to attend Christmas functions both in the community and with her loved ones so she can visit with the people who make her heart happy. This year, Marg will spend time with her family, and she hopes the family from out West will also be able to make it out. The more the merrier during the holidays.

And what better way to help spread Christmas cheer than by putting up decorations and listening to carols. Marg's favourite Christmas songs are "Silent Night" and "Away in a Manger." She likes the way they sound. We can well imagine Marg trimming the Christmas Tree with those tunes playing softly in the background. When Marg was a stay-at-home mom, she and her family enjoyed the Christmas tradition of putting up the tree. Her family didn't adorn the tree with too many ornaments, but the ones they hung were special. Most of all though, Marg enjoyed watching her kids work together to make the tree as beautiful as possible.

Under many Christmas trees, you'll find gifts wrapped in paper of all colours. For Marg, her most cherished Christmas gift is a pearl necklace from her husband. It was the first gift he ever gave her before they were married, and it was also their first Christmas together. The necklace holds a special place for Marg because it was the start of what would be a good life with her husband and family.

Because the holiday season is also filled with fun and frivolity, we wanted to know if Marg was on the Naughty or the Nice list... Marg really hopes she's on the nice list! She can't think of anything bad or mean she might have done

that would make her naughty. More so, if Marg was granted just one wish for Christmas, it would be to have peace in the world. That fighting and wars would stop so the world would be happy. And if Marg could be any Christmas character, she would be Santa, so she could deliver gifts to all the children who have nothing. Marg's heart is full of kindness and well wishes for others, so surely, she must be on Santa's nice list.

At the close of the holiday season, people around the world will ring in the New Year. Marg didn't remember any particular family traditions from her childhood, but she remembers watching the countdown with her own kids. To ring in the New Year, she and her family would enjoy a special meal, maybe attend other planned activities in the community, and stay up late to count down the start of the New Year. It was always a special time to say goodbye to the year past and welcome the fresh start that came with the stroke of midnight.

Marg's last thought from her interview was to say hi to the readers and to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. From all of us at TCMH, we echo Marg's well wishes for everyone!

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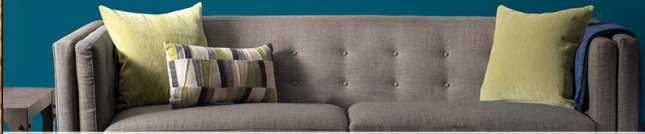
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2. I am often round, white, and shaped like a ball yet I cannot be bounced. What am I?
3. I am sharp and you wear me. I glide and scrape. I can go really fast on ice. What am I?
4. I am something you use. I can both lift and push. I help you clean the driveway. What am I?

Answers on page 34!

Cheers to making more happy memories with your family!

## Happy Holidays





How many words can you create using only the letters in the word

### SNOWMAN

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Flake		Wild
Storm		Sure
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