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Have yourself a thrifty little Christmas

by Adele Eyman

Looking for ways to simplify your Christmas this year? Concerned about the environment? Need to stretch your budget this holiday season? Here are some tips to have yourself a simple, green, and thrifty Christmas this year.



Adele Eyman

Buy used. The earth already has enough "stuff" and there are lots of used items available in thrift, consignment, and other second-hand stores. Buying used has many advantages, including:

• You can often get brand-name stuff and top-quality items in new or nearly new condition, for a fraction of their retail price.

• You can often get unique, unusual, one-of-a-kind items not available in retail outlets.

• You can often get vintage, rare, or collectible items not found in other stores.

• You can often find items to embellish, re-purpose, or alter to create something new. We are all familiar with reupholstering a chair to change its look. How about turning a dull item into something completely different, like the *Junk Brothers* on the DIY television network do?

• You can beat the crowds at the mall by shopping at local thrift stores.

However, there are a few disadvantages to buying used:

• You cannot always find the size, colour, or selection of items that you want.

• You cannot always know what items will be in stock and available for sale on any day.

• You may need to polish, paint, clean, or otherwise spruce up the item before "gifting" it. This depends on the store and the general condition of reused items it offers.

• Used items still carry a stigma for some people, especially if they believe that buying "used" means being poor. Don't let this attitude stop you from being thrifty this Christmas!

Therefore, buying a combination of new and used items this Christmas can benefit your bank account — and the planet too.

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Christmas Eve services

Here is a list of some of the local church services taking place on Christmas Eve.



Winchester United Church: Intergenerational service, Thurs., Dec. 24 at 4 pm, followed by a carols and candlelight service at 8 pm.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Thurs., Dec. 24 at 7:30 pm.

Winchester Wesleyan Church: *A Night in Bethlehem,* Christmas play, Sat., Dec. 19 at 6 pm. The performance is an opportunity for you and your family to wander the streets of Bethlehem. Drop in to check out a craft shop, a bake shop, woodworking shop, candy shop, and more. Visit with the shepherds, hear the angels sing, and even stop in for a few moments at the manger. The church will also offer a Christmas Eve family service, Thurs., Dec. 24 at 6:30 pm.

Trinity United Church, Chesterville: A Holy Communion, Thurs., Dec. 24 at 6:30 pm.

Morewood United Church: Christmas Eve service, Thurs., Dec. 24 at 8 pm.

St. James United Church, Avonmore: Christmas Eve service, Thurs., Dec. 24 at 7:30 pm.

Harmony Church: Community Candlelight & Communion Service, Thurs., Dec. 24 at 7:30 pm.

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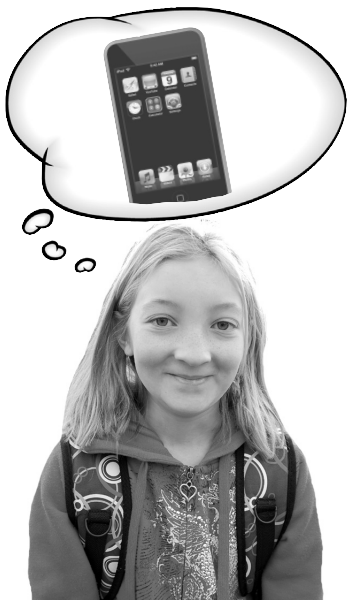


Myranda Symonds *isn't impressed with the high cost of gas, water, and other items, so she wishes everyday necessities were less expensive for consumers this Christmas. And for herself? "An iPod touch."*



If there was no price limit on her ideal Christmas gift, ***Jade Barnett*** *would wish for her own swimming pool. On a more serious note, she also wishes all kids around the world could attend school.*



Zachaire Gutknecht *would like a toy high-hoe this Christmas, and access to medicine for everyone.*



Braxton Bowers *would like a remote-controlled car. He also wishes all kids around the world could get presents for Christmas, because "that's what Christmas is all about!" he said.*



Elexa Carruthers *has her fingers crossed for a guinea pig for Christmas. She also wishes everyone around the world had proper clothing.*

Word on the Street

We asked local students two questions: "What's your wish for yourself this Christmas, and what's your wish for the world?"



Saleh Bujra *thought it would be best to give the pageant answer: "World peace!" Bujra would like new technology, like a laptop or a PS3, for Christmas this year.*



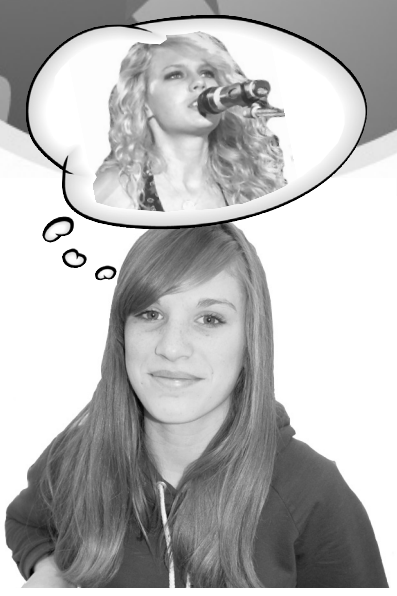
Elliot Delage *wants a bigger kitchen. And for the world, he wishes the H1N1 flu virus would completely disappear.*



Alex Keyzer-Cournoyer *would like to stock up on Ikea products this Christmas to allow for a complete bedroom overhaul. She'd also like everyone to be able to experience a white Christmas at some point.*



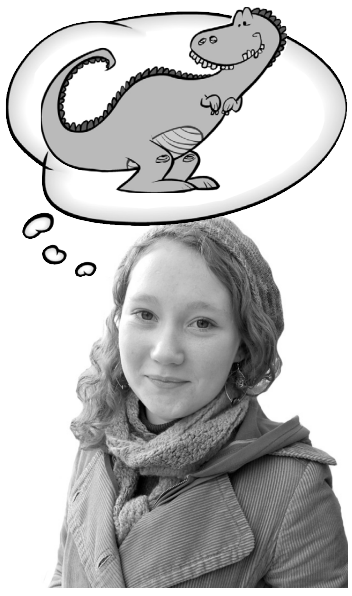
Tara DeJong *would like world hunger to end this Christmas. Meanwhile, DeJong is hungry too — for a snowmobile jacket, which can be prohibitively expensive. "They're like $300!" she lamented.*



Jessica Shirreffs *wishes everyone could spend time with their families this Christmas. But Shirreffs herself would love to receive Taylor Swift concert tickets and see the teenage country-pop sensation when she comes to Ottawa in May.*



"I want everyone to have a safe Christmas — no drinking and driving!" said ***Alison Wheeler,*** *co-president of the Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving club at North Dundas District High School. And for herself? "Curling clothes."*



Franziska Glen *only wants a new pair of hiking boots for herself this year. But for children around the world, she prays for a jurassic miracle. "I want scientists to reinvent dinosaurs so every boy and girl can have a dinosaur for Christmas!" she said.*

Joy To The World

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Upper Canada Playhouse

Last stop for *The Christmas Express*

The Christmas Express, which was the Upper Canada Playhouse (UCP)'s yuletide production for 2009, screeched to a halt on Sun., Dec. 13 after running since mid-November.

According to Donnie Bowes, the artistic director for the playhouse, *The Christmas Express* is the kind of play regular audiences tend to enjoy.

"Upper Canada Playhouse has a covenant with its audience," said Bowes. "The audience has taken ownership of the theatre and its programming, and that's exactly what should happen. They know not only what kind of shows they want to see, but they also know why this type of theatre is important to them."



A song-and-dance number at the end of The Christmas Express *had audiences cheering. Pictured are Gilroy (left) and Greaves.*

That type of theatre in question is — for lack of a better description — comedy, said Bowes, but that description covers a very wide territory. There's slapstick, physical, and circumstantial comedy like farces (which the playhouse features once or twice a season, like the popular play *Cash On Delivery*). Or, added Bowes, the comedies can feature characters in awkward and recognizable situations, like the popular Norm Foster plays do. Or, they can be family and relationship-focused plays that reach an audience through humour (like last season's *Having Hope at Home* and, recently, *The Christmas Express*).

"Comedy is a serious thing," said Bowes. "People know that [we're there to give] them an experience that makes them feel good. And we will continue to do that."

Bowes added that despite the rough economy, the playhouse's audience base and attendance remained the same or increased throughout the season.

The 2010 season will feature a brand-new show from last season's hit star of *Sweet Dreams: A Tribute to Patsy Cline*. Leisa Way will premiere her new show, *Rhinestone Cowgirl: A Tribute to Dolly Parton* (Fri., April 30 to Sun., May 16). The comedy *The Amorous Ambassador* follows from Thurs., June 10 to Sun., July 4. Next up is Norm Foster's comedy, *The Long Weekend,* which will run from Thurs., July 8 to Sun., Aug. 1, followed by the farce *There Goes The Bride,* which hits the stage on Thurs., Aug. 5 and runs until Sun., Aug. 29. Finishing up the summer portion of the season is *The Odd Couple Female Version* (Thurs., Sept. 9 to Sun., Oct. 3).

The 2010 Holiday Christmas Show is *A Christmas Carol,* complete with a carolling concert running Thurs., Nov. 18 to Sun., Dec. 12.





All aboard!

Above: *The Upper Canada Playhouse performed the* Christmas Express *for the last time on Sun., Dec. 13. Pictured are actors Liz Gilroy (left), Parris Greaves, Doug Tangney, Richard Bauer, Susan Greenfield, and Meredith Zwicker.*

Left: *Tangney played the part of a mysterious stranger who helped brighten the gloomy town of Holly. Pictured at left is Linda Goranson, who played the station manager, Hilda.*



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After yuletide show, DCP sets the stage for next season

The Dundas County Players (DCP) recently wrapped up a Christmas play, *Ethan Claymore,* but are nonetheless already preparing for a busy 2010 season.

Attendance was good for *Ethan Claymore* during the two consecutive weekends of performances at the Old Town Hall in Winchester, according to Tony Glen, past president of DCP. From Fri., Nov. 20 to Sat., Nov. 29, the DCP staged the Christmas play six times.

Already in the works for next year is a fast-paced farce called *Hotbed Hotel,* written by Michael Parker. It features all the classic hallmarks of a farce, including outrageous characters, door slamming, bed hopping, and mistaken identities — all taking place in a one-star Florida hotel.

"Director John Orton — who recently appeared on stage as Douglas in DCP's latest production *Ethan Claymore* — held auditions this month, and the production is scheduled to be presented in April," said Glen.

Two mystery-comedies are being planned for the fall of 2010. In October, the group will present *The Reluctant Resurrection of Sherlock Holmes* by Canadian playwright David Belke. The creator of Sherlock Holmes, Arthur Conan Doyle, is haunted by his literary creation.

The mystery will be followed in November by *Murder by the Book,* written by local playwright Mat Kelly of Cannamore. In this production, five crime writers combine their imagination and paranoia to try to solve a murder in their midst and keep the audience guessing until the end.

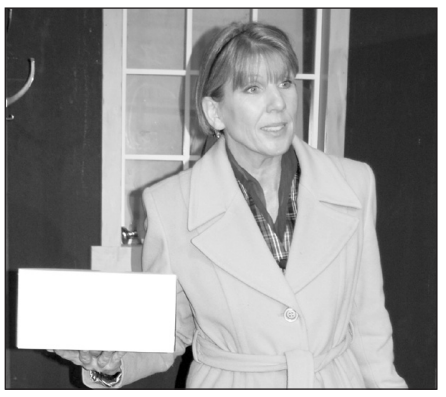
Other productions, including a summer youth production and a cabaret, are also in the planning stages.

Participation in DCP is open to anyone in the community, and the group is always looking for new members to get involved in all aspects of the productions, from set building, costumes, backstage help, photography, and more.

For more information, call 613-448-3534.



The play Ethan Claymore *relies on several flashback scenes, where the character of Ethan assumes the role of his father, and the audience gets to see the younger, more artistic Ethan (right - Sean-David Arel) and junior jock Martin (Ty Beaudry).*



At first, Ethan doesn't notice there's a new schoolteacher in town, named Teresa (Suzanne Steele).

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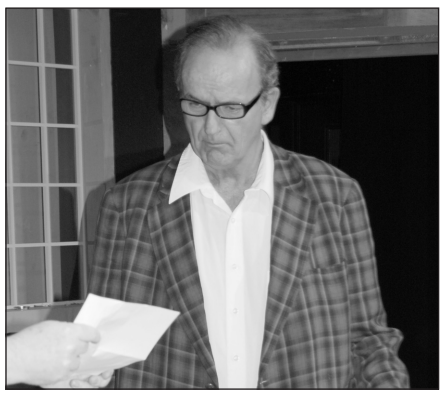
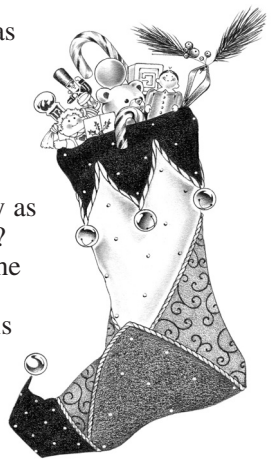


The ghost of Ethan's dead brother, Martin (played by Ted Stiles) comes back to make amends and attempt to patch up their bitter relationship.

Stuff a stocking with tickets for *A Few Good Men*



With Christmas around the corner, why not buy tickets to the Russell Association for the Performing Arts (RAPA)'s upcoming play as a stocking stuffer or gift?

A Few Good Men is the story of Navy Lawyer Lieutenant Kaffee and his defence of two marines charged with killing a fellow marine.

Aaron Sorkin's play blends drama and comedy, and it was a Broadway hit before it was filmed with Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson, and Demi Moore in 1992.

The production was initially planned to run in November at Russell High School (RHS). However, the Upper Canada District School Board cancelled all community use activities in their schools due to the challenges that it was facing due to the H1N1 flu season. RAPA postponed the play and is now ready to perform it in January.

The intense military courtroom drama now opens on Wed., Jan. 20 and runs until Sat., Jan. 23 at the Russell High School. Shows are at 7:30 pm. The Jan. 20 show is a special evening for senior citizens, with complimentary snacks and drinks. Thurs., Jan. 21 is an "invitation only" gala event for sponsors, patrons, and dignitaries. Tickets can be purchased in Russell at Pronto, Foodland, and Angles Salon at the cost of $15 ($12 for students or seniors). Tickets are also available by calling 613-496-0058. Note: Some language may offend (the rating is about PG-14).

This is RAPA's inaugural production in the new venue of the RHS cafetorium. RAPA has had a busy year securing funding for sound and lighting equipment (including a Trillium Fund grant) to further enhance the theatrical experience for local theatre goers.

Actors have been cast from Russell, Ottawa and the region. A production crew has been assembled including experienced volunteers co-ordinating set design, costumes, makeup, stage management, props, sound, and tech.



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Sweet success

Shortly before the official opening of the new South Mountain Library Resource Centre, committee members of the Friends of the South Mountain Library held the fifth annual Gingerbread Workshop at the South Mountain Agricultural Hall on Sun., Nov. 29.
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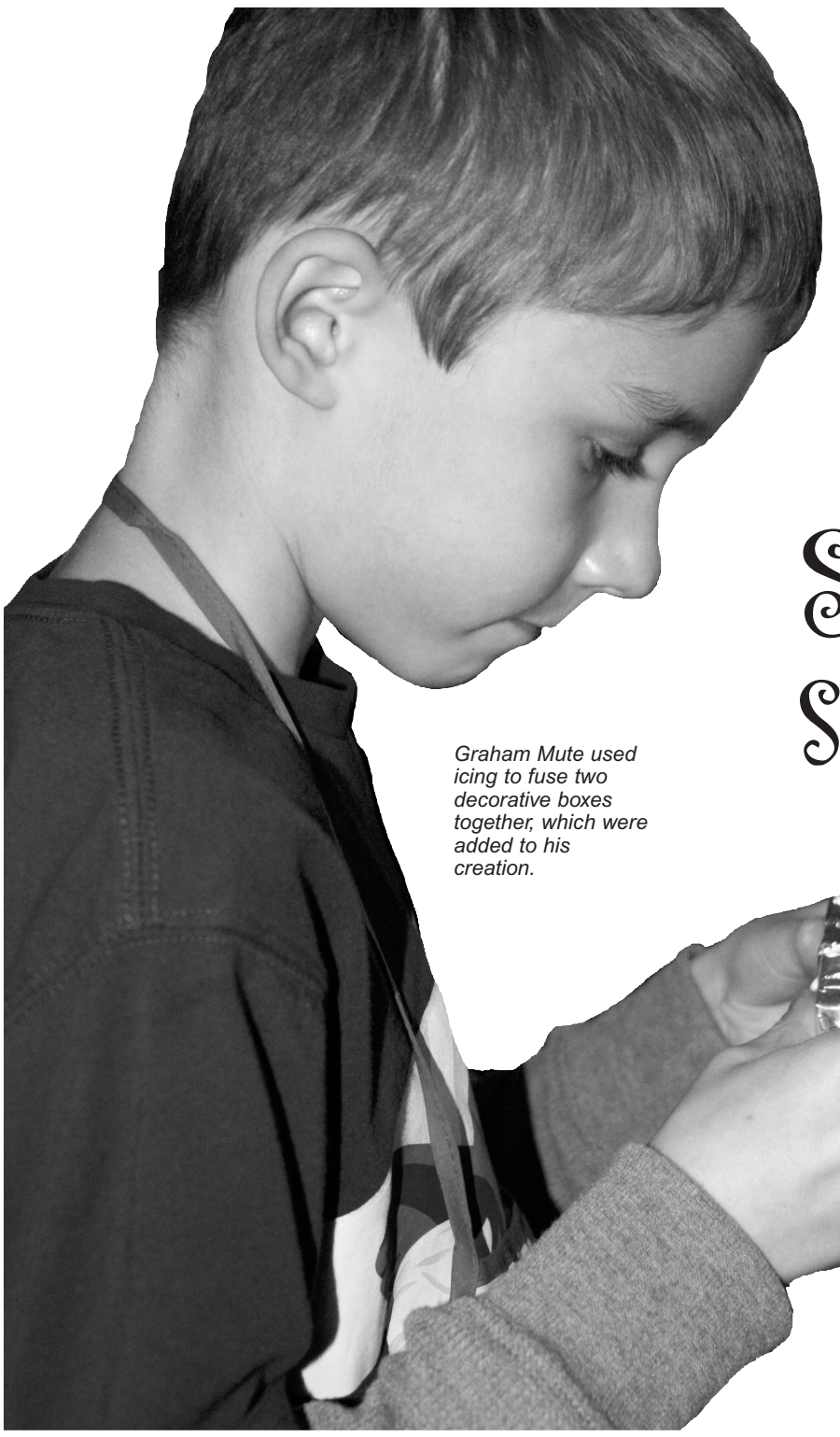


Graham Mute used icing to fuse two decorative boxes together, which were added to his creation.



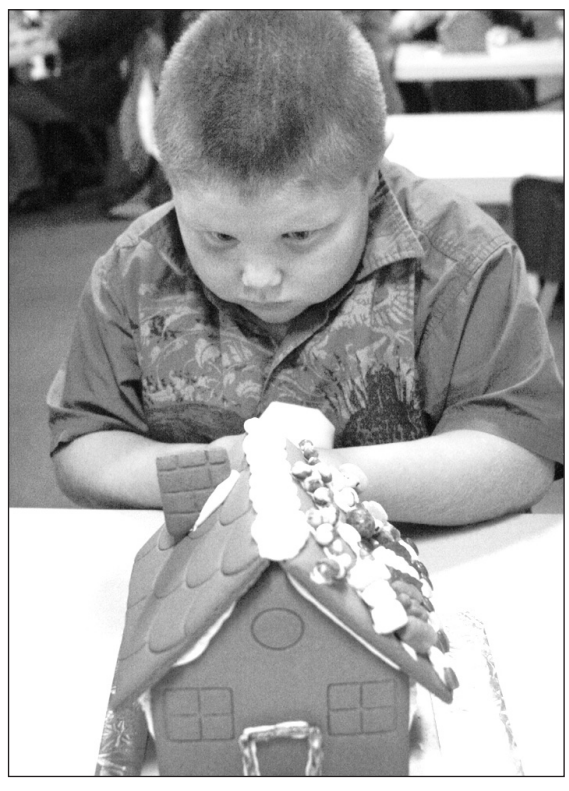
Nancy Milne-Servage brought her children, Carley and Nathan, with her for to help make a gingerbread house creation.



It was a family effort for Devlin Fraleigh and parents, Angie and Jeremy.



Abigail Armer (right) and Jada Ouellette got things done by working as a team.



Nathan Derrick gave his creation complete focus.



Jeremy Armer added icing to the exterior grounds around his gingerbread house.

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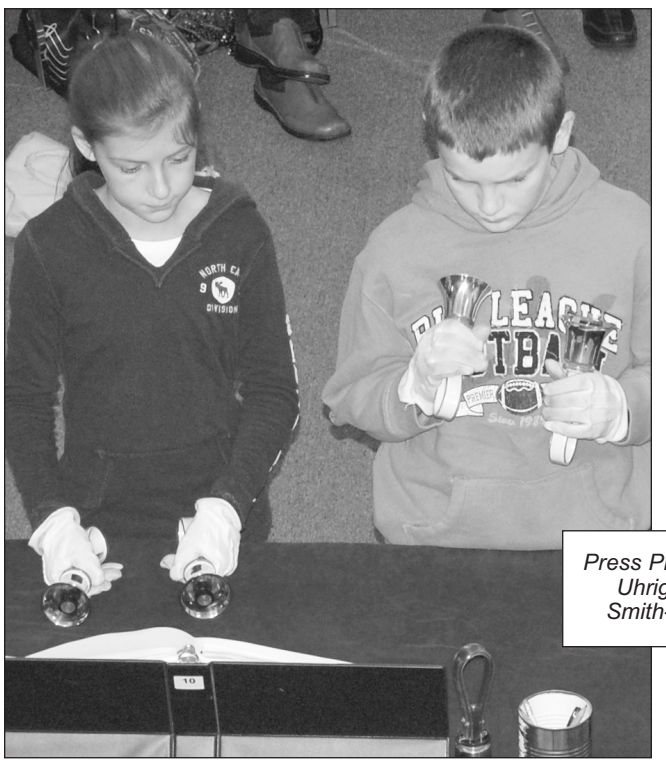
The Winchester United Church hosted a tea and bake sale on Sat., Nov. 21 from 2 to 4 pm. Lilias Lancaster (left) and Lillian Moore were in charge of selling the baked goods to guests.



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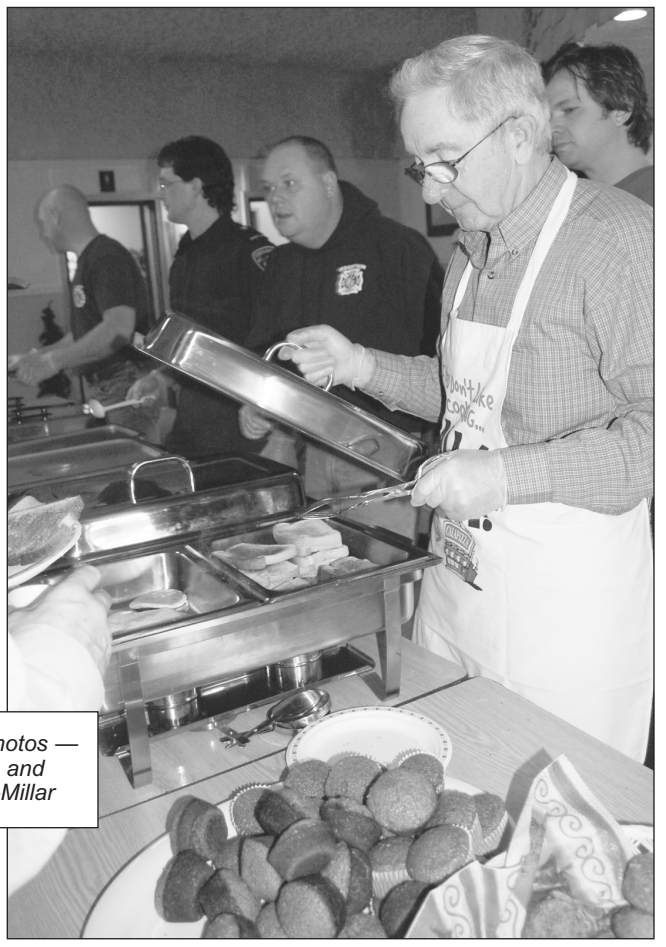
Ringers Lyndi Christophersen (left) and Marshall Steele worked hard to concentrate and wait for their turn.



Volunteer Terry Foley at the Mountain Fire Department's Annual Fundraising Breakfast on Sun., Dec. 6.



The Winchester Wesleyan Church was the scene for the annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale on Sat., Nov. 21. Local residents were selling baked goods and other craft items, as well as serving up a hot lunch. Marion Carkner (left) and Willow Patterson looked over some items during the event.





The Crafter's Christmas Sale took over the old red schoolhouse in Marvelville for one weekend at the end of November. With soup and other goodies available from Moose Creek's Swiss Farmer Bakery, guests could stroll through the building and look over festive crafts, pottery, and jewellery. At left: Heidi (left) and Irene Schoeni served soup and other treats to guests. Above: Some of the sale items available to guests.

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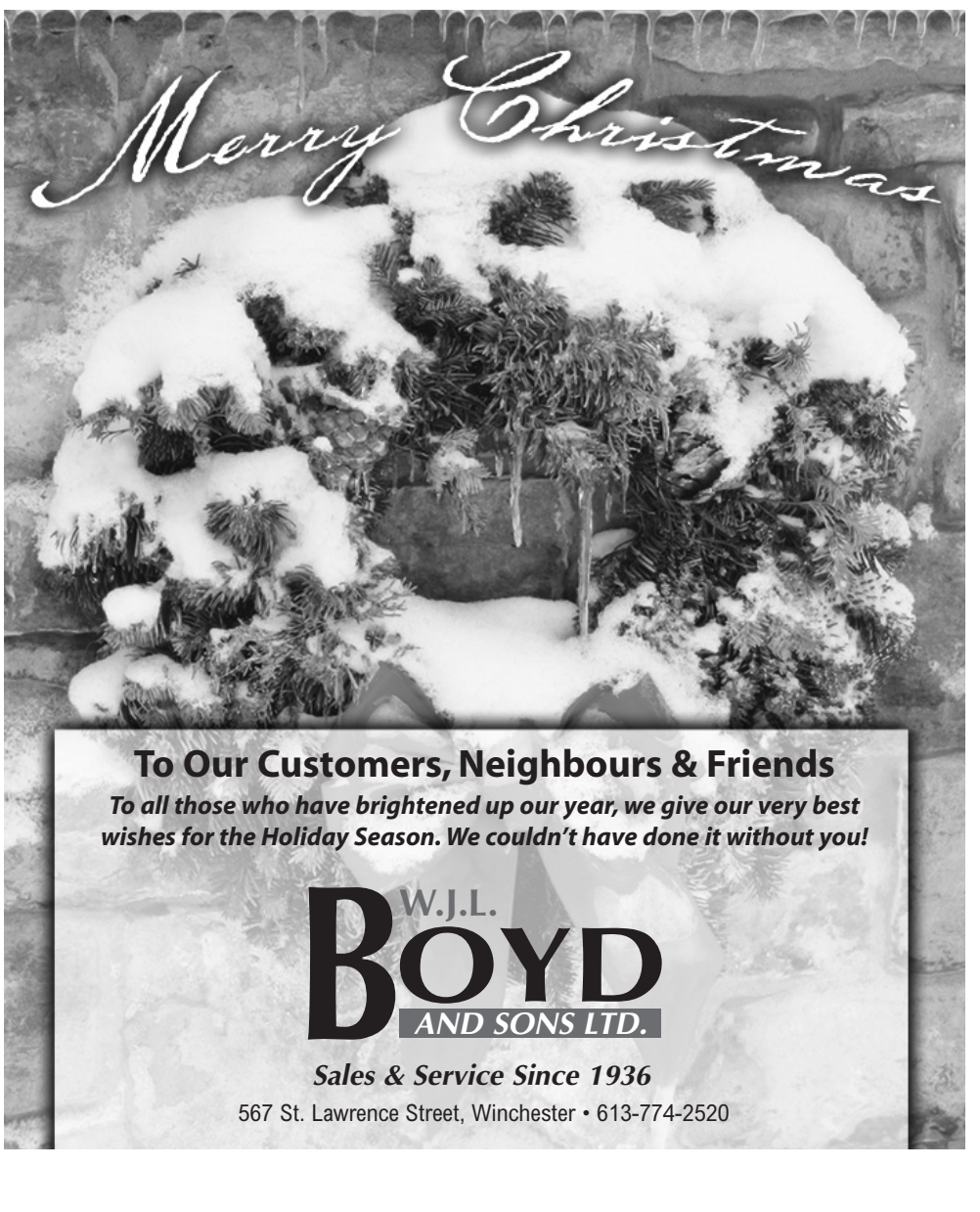

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Movie review

Four Christmases is a real snore

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

When most people think about the holiday season, they picture time spent with family members, regaling one another with stories from times gone by.

However, for Brad and Kate (played by Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon) spending time with the family is a worst-case scenario.

Every December 25, the happily unmarried and satisfied San Francisco yuppies honour a tradition they began when they first met years before: ditching their respective families.

In its opening scenes, *Four Christmases* lacks any shred of holiday cheer as Brad and Kate concoct and calculate their escape plan from another year of yuletide festivities.

The annual routine was set: take off to a sunny, tropic locale for rest and relaxation. They would bask in the glow of the sun, sip margaritas by the pool, and then look into each other's eyes while they toast to, again, successfully skipping the emotional chaos stirred up by their four divorced family households.

Unfortunately for Brad and Kate, Christmas in 2007 would end up being much different then they had envisioned.

With sunglasses and shorts packed, Brad and Kate arrive at San Francisco International Airport only to find out that due to extreme fog, all outgoing and incoming flights have been cancelled.

To make matters worse, the local CBS news affiliate arrives on scene with cameras, airing Brad and Kate's devastated faces to the whole city and their families.

With no escape and no excuse, Brad's father (Robert Duvall), Kate's mother (Mary Steenburgen), Brad's mother (Sissy Spacek), and Kate's father (Jon Voight), expect the couple to be home and celebrate four Christmases in one day.

Brad and Kate brace themselves for a series of awkward, tension-filled visits, and that's exactly what they get. However, the fallout following the events at the airport only make the incohesive storyline and series of scattered episodes more scrambled.

Four Christmases

** *(out of five)*

Starring: Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon
Directed by: Seth Gordon
Distributed by: New Line Cinema
Rating: PG-13, due to scenes of sexual humour and language that may offend some viewers
Running time: 88 minutes



Throughout the trips to the four households, there are attempts at humour, but they fall short. From Brad getting beat up by his brothers at his father's house, to Kate getting puked on by her niece at her mother's house, the scenes appear to replicate events that have taken place in more than one movie within the last 10 years.

The film is not without some moments of humour, however — like when Brad finds out that Kate was fat in high school (Kate explains that she "ate her feelings") or when Kate finds out that Brad's real name is Orlando. (Brad's brothers, Dallas and Denver, also bear unique names, and Duvall's character explains that all three boys were named after the cities in which they were conceived.)

Following the tedious family moments, both Brad and Kate realize that maybe they are not meant for one another, and both fear committing to marriage because of the craziness of their respective families.

Four Christmases attempts to be heart-warming, but the film only culminates in a sappy ending similar to many other movies.

Four Christmases is not Vaughn's best effort, while Witherspoon doesn't appear to have the acting chops to support a successful comedy.

The film also stars Kristen Chenoweth, Jon Favreau, Dwight Yoakam, and Tim McGraw.

Film classics to rev up holiday spirit

Families often have their own unique traditions when it comes to the holidays. Lately, families have begun to include films in many of those traditions. That's thanks largely to the array of classic holiday films that have consistently put people in the holiday mood.

Families reuniting for the holidays this year have a host of films from which to choose to enjoy a night in and a bucket of popcorn. When heading to visit family and friends, consider bringing one of the following as a gift to make a memorable night with loved ones.

***National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (1989)**

Led by an all-star cast including Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo, the Griswold family Christmas should be merry, but naturally turns into a hilarious disaster. Look for appearances by "Seinfeld" veteran Julia Louis-Dreyfus and legendary comedienne Doris Roberts in supporting roles.

***A Christmas Story* (1983)**

Growing up in 1940s America, young Ralphie has his heart set on a Red Rider BB gun for Christmas, but it seems like Mom, teacher and even Santa are certain he'll "shoot his eye out" with such a gift. Will Ralphie find his heart's desire under the tree? Watch to find out.

***It's a Wonderful Life* (1946)**

When distraught George Baily (Jimmy Stewart) meets a compassionate angel, he learns what life would have been like if he'd never existed. Holiday magic wins out in the end.

***Miracle on 34th Street* (1947)**

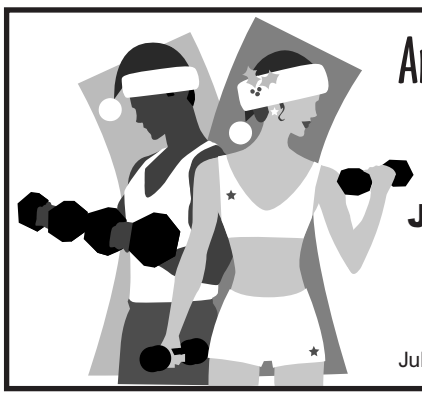
Another classic that can't be missed! When a man claiming to be Santa Claus is deemed insane, a young lawyer and a headstrong young girl come to his rescue.

***A Christmas Carol* (1951)**

Yet another movie that has spawned a series of more recent remakes. This one stars Alastair Sim as Mr. Scrooge, a bitter, miserly man who doesn't give a bah humbug about the holiday season. But will a haunting by three ghosts change his mind and ill will?

***A Charlie Brown Christmas* (1965)**

Charlie Brown is depressed and can't find the Christmas spirit. When he is put in charge of the school's holiday pageant and comes in with a meager Christmas tree, the schoolkids ultimately learn about the true meaning of Christmas.



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Movie review

Nothing Like The Holidays:

A typical family Christmas... minus the typical

For a film that was marketed as a radical departure from standard yuletide flicks, *Nothing Like The Holidays* is your typical holiday movie — with a Puerto Rican twist.

Nothing Like The Holidays introduces us to the semi-dysfunctional Rodriguez family, which is meeting in Chicago for a traditional Christmas with mom and dad. From the start, all is not well. Jesse (Freddy Rodriguez) is a psychologically scarred U.S. marine who feels like a stranger in his childhood home after a harrowing experience in Iraq. His sister (Vanessa Ferlito) is a struggling actress who can't even convince her family that her career is going well. Brother Mauricio (John Leguizamo) has married a Jewish career girl (Debra Messing), whose childlessness is a source of heartache for family matriarch Anna (Elizabeth Peña).

The bombshell drops when, at an initially pleasant get-together dinner, Anna announces that she's sick of her cheating husband (Alfred Molina) and wants a divorce.

It might seem like a lot of drama. However, *Nothing Like The Holidays* has its light-hearted moments too. In fact, the movie explores the same themes as most holiday movies — the importance of family, appreciating one's roots, prioritizing loved ones over professional commitments, etcetera.

The performances are fantastic. *Nothing Like The Holidays* introduces us to many talented actors who haven't hit the radar of mainstream Hollywood cinema yet. (Might I add that the whole cast is easy on the eyes?)

The chemistry between Messing and Leguizamo is simply a joy to watch. We can marvel again at Leguizamo's versatility — yes, this is the same man who amazed as bad-boy Tybalt in Baz Luhrmann's 1996 *Romeo + Juliet* and irritated as sidekick Toulouse-Lautrec in *Moulin Rouge.*

Alas, the chief strength of *Nothing Like The Holidays* is also its greatest weakness. You get the sense that the filmmakers really wanted to give their audience a much-needed lesson in Puerto Rican culture 101, from the exuberant dinner table talk, to the Christmas traditions, to the gang violence culture that seduces too many young men.

If you can stomach the paternalistic tone, *Nothing Like The Holidays* achieves its mission.

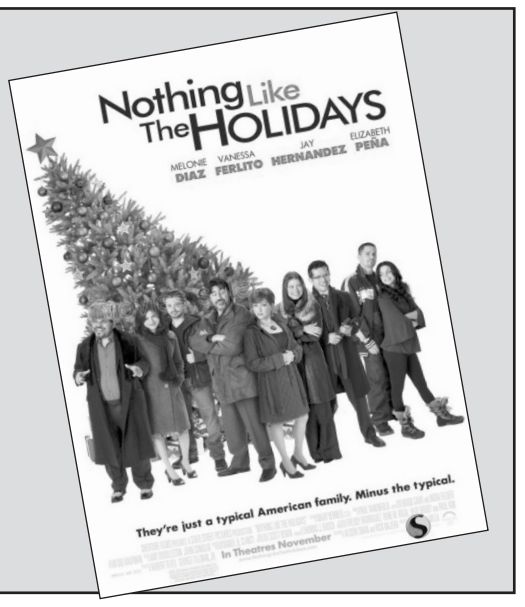
Nothing Like The Holidays

*(*** out of five)*

Directed by: Alfredo De Villa

Rating: PG-13 for thematic elements including some sexual dialogue and brief drug references.

Running time: 98 minutes



Christmas DVDs

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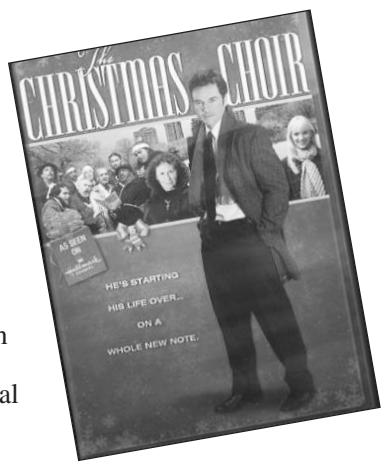

***The Christmas Choir* (2008).** A workaholic turns his life around when he directs a Christmas choir of homeless men. Based on a true story. Rated G, 84 minutes.

***The Most Wonderful Time of the Year* (2008).** A snowbound stranger brightens the holidays for a retired police officer and his niece. Rated G, 86 minutes.

***The Christmas Proposal* (2008).** A lawyer and the future son-in-law of a real estate tycoon fight over a proposal to turn a quaint mountain town into a ski resort. Things are confrontational between the two — until they discover they're former childhood sweethearts. Rated PG, 85 minutes.

***Christmas Town* (2008).** Shortly before Christmas, a woman visits her estranged father, who lives in a town decked out for the holidays and full of Christmas spirit. Strange events immediately occur, which challenge everything she once believed in. Rated G, 90 minutes.

***Moonlight and Mistletoe* (2008).** A movie about a year-long theme park called Santaville and the Santa who owns it. Rated G, 87 minutes.

***Single Santa Seeks Mrs. Claus & A Boyfriend for Christmas* (2009).** In *Single Santa Seeks Mrs. Claus,* a cynical widow devotes her life to raising her son and advancing her career. Then she meets a man who renews her faith in love — but claims to be the son of Santa in line for the North Pole's top job. Rated PG, 85 minutes. In *A Boyfriend for Christmas,* an old crush returns from the past in this disarming romantic fantasy of mistaken identity and good luck. Rated PG, 100 minutes.

***Snow & Snow 2: Brain Freeze* (2008).** In the first movie, Santa is handsome, single — and clueless about women. With the holiday season only three days away, a reindeer rescue mission will take him on a special journey to save Christmas and find his future Mrs. Claus. Rated G, 89 minutes. In *Snow 2: Brain Freeze,* Santa decides he can't take the pressure of Christmas and can't spend time with his wife due to work. He gets amnesia, and his wife has to work to recharge his memory and save Christmas. Rated G, 87 minutes.

***Mickey's Magical Christmas: Snowed in at the House of Mouse* (2001).** After a zany cast of Disney characters are snowed in at the House of Mouse, Mickey suggests they throw their own Christmas party. Rated G, 65 minutes.



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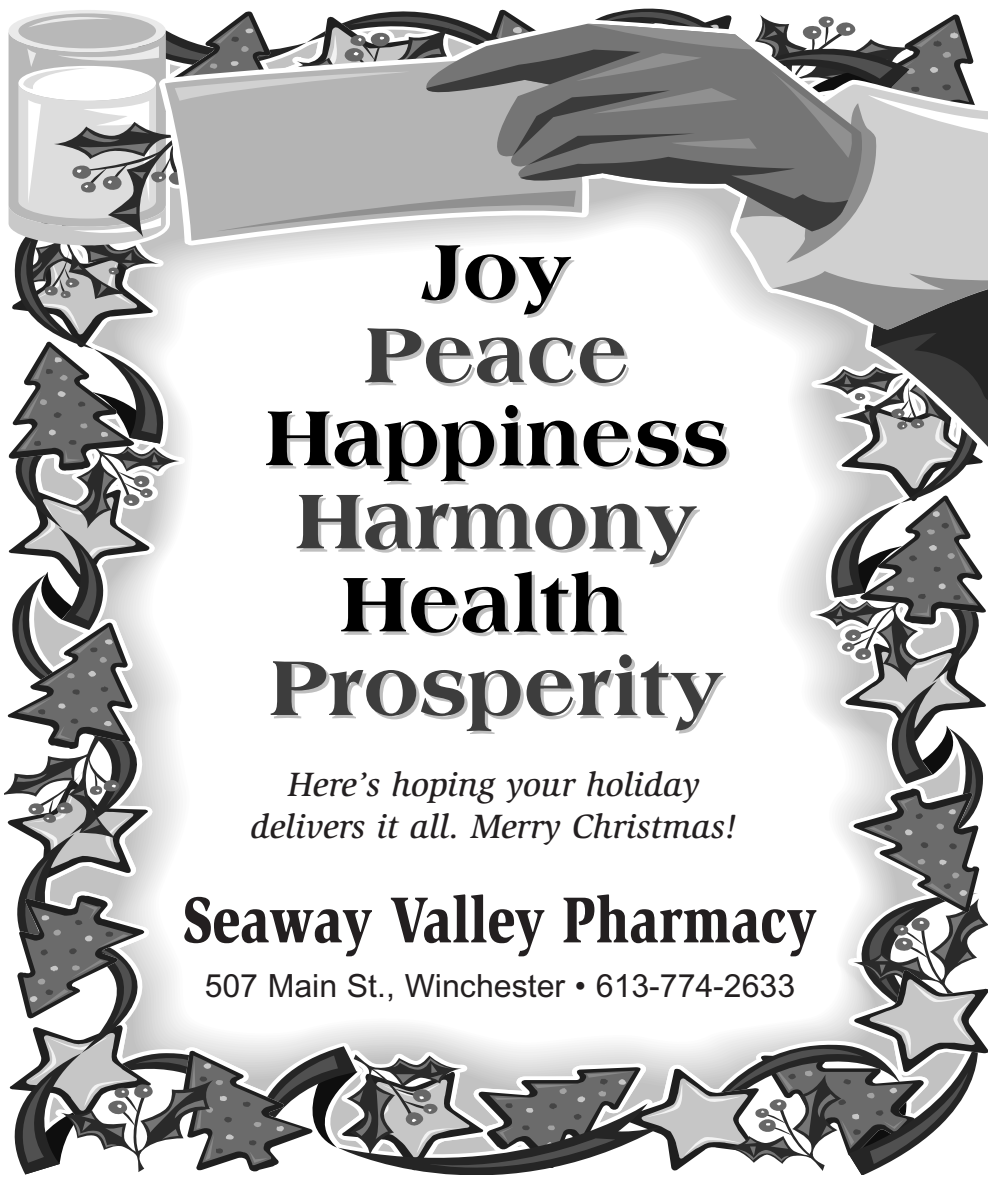

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Right: *Happy Face Nursery School volunteer Martha Link-Horvath played the role of helper elf during a photography fundraiser with Santa at the Winchester Community Centre.*
Centre: *Dairy educator Leslie Johnson was giving out reusable grocery bags promoting milk consumption. Mack Fournier looks on.*
Far right: *The Bell family — including Curtis (left), Kylie, Kevin, and Crystal — took advantage of the ballons being offered to little ones.*



According to volunteer organizer Gina Welch (left), the pastry baking contest was a huge success. Krystyna Zygmunt (back, centre) won the Judge's Choice Award for having the best apple pie. Clara Edwardson (back, right) won the People's Choice Award for her pie. Meanwhile, Jacob Centen won the People's Choice Award and Santa's Choice Award for his chocolate chip cookies. The two ladies won gift certificates to Sears, while Centen won a CD and four gift certificates to see movies at the Old Town Hall.

Parade Day highlights





Morgan Raymond, left, was one of Santa's youngest visitors at the Winchester Community Centre. Carter Daines, above, tried out the toy train at the Winchester 100 Club Park.



Wendy Byers of Marion's flowers (which is located in the same store as Jewels Esthetics and Bridals) offered apple cider and food to visitors coming in from the cold. Many business owners had special sales on during the day.



Vendor Cheryl Beasley had home-made cards for sale, along with calendars featuring local art that are being sold to help the Dundas County Food Bank.



Volunteer face painter Jodi Crump with Monique Best.

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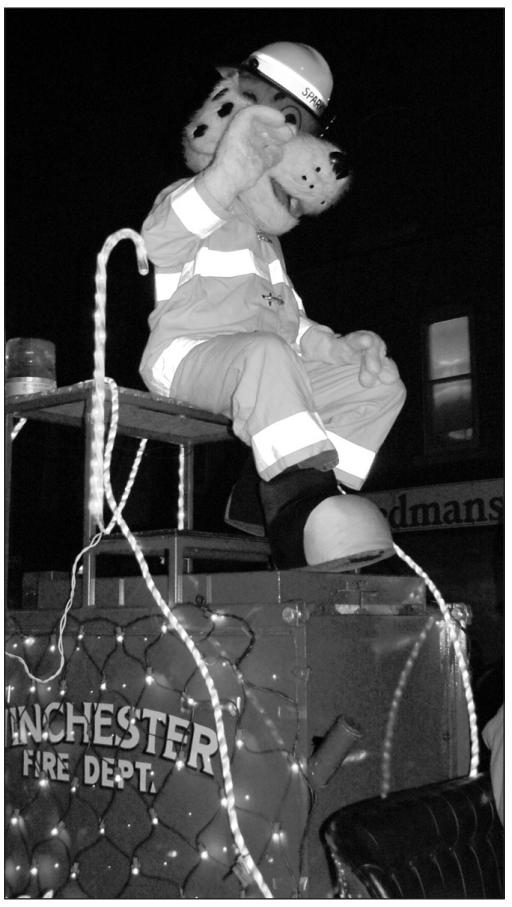
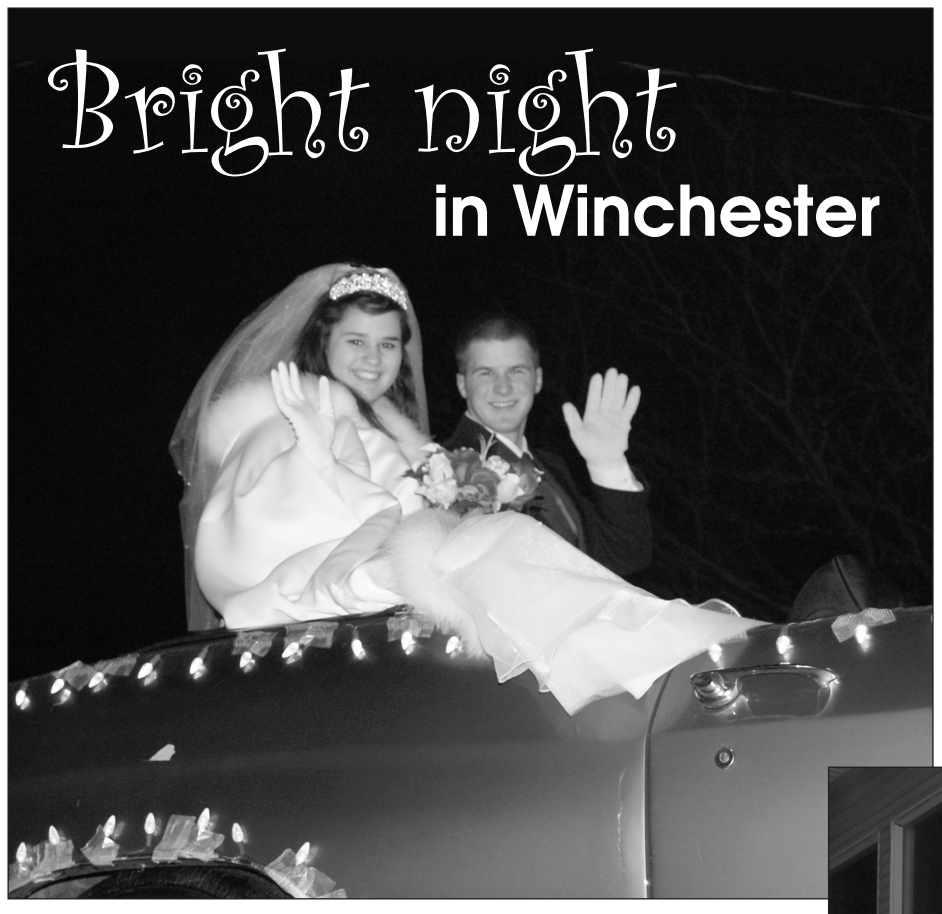
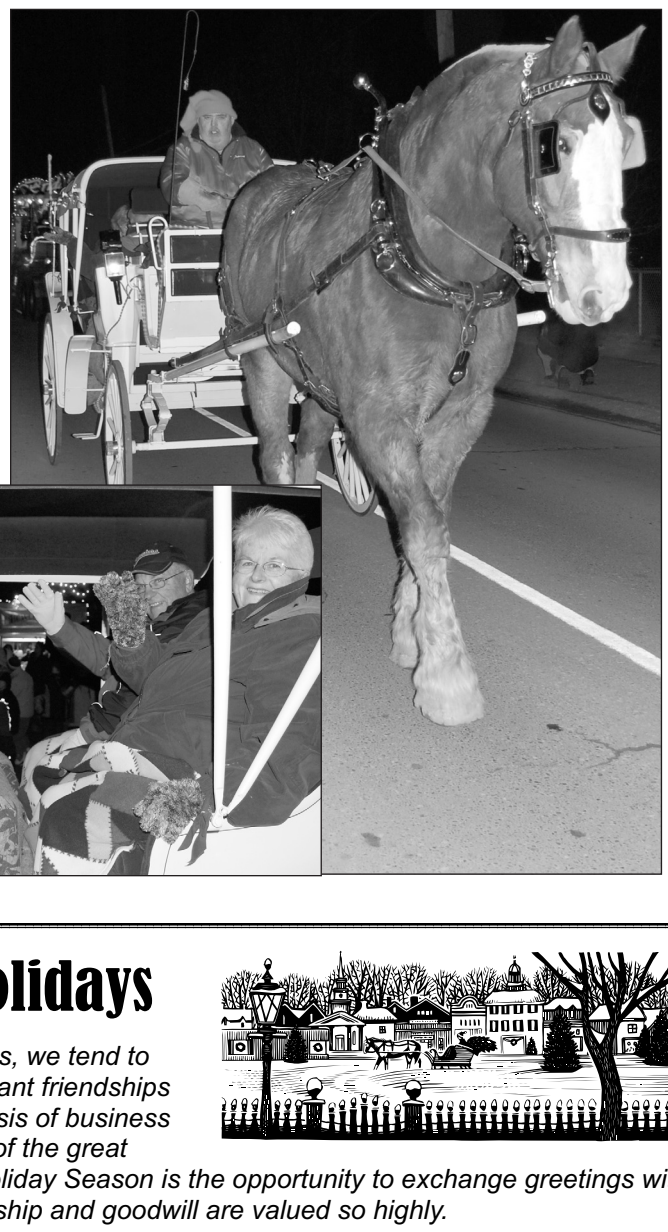






Shir-El Kline played the role of Mary on the Discovery Bible Fellowship Church of Winchester's float.

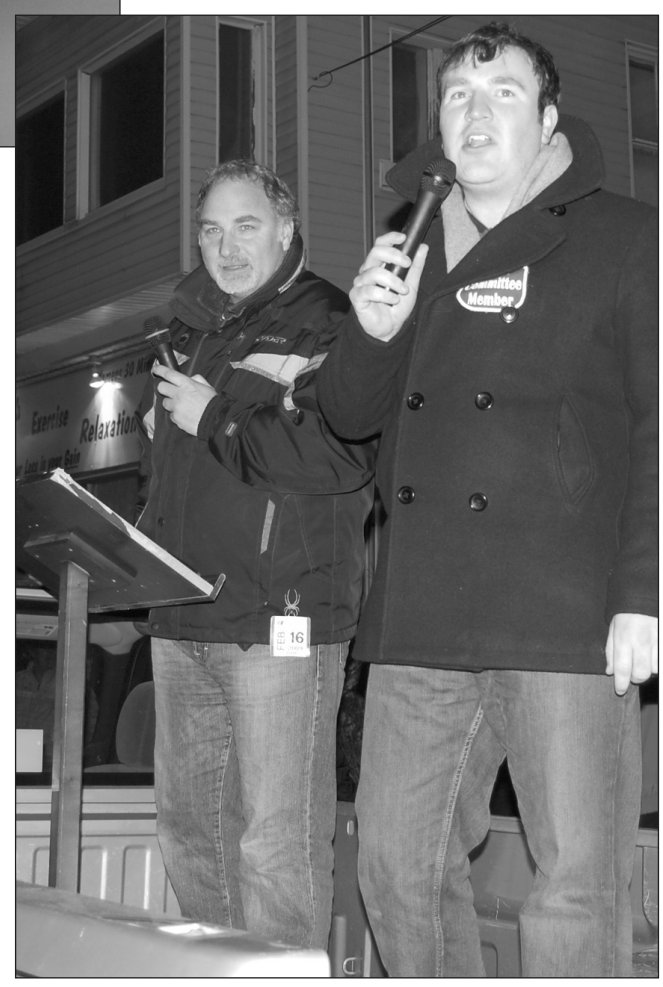
Above:
Sparky the Fire Dog.
Below:
Township of North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls (back, left) with his wife, Dawn joined the parade route in a horse and carriage along with Deputy-Mayor Estella Rose and her husband, Ed.
Right:
At the reins: Denzel Duke of Dukedale Farms.



Miranda Carruthers and Jamie Hay on the "Just Married" float by Bridals.



Spectator Melody Dunning with her mom, Lisa.



Al Armstrong (left) and Eric Duncan, two Township of North Dundas councillors, served as announcers.

Happy Holidays

In the rush of events, we tend to overlook the important friendships that are the true basis of business relationships. One of the great pleasures of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to exchange greetings with those whose friendship and goodwill are valued so highly.

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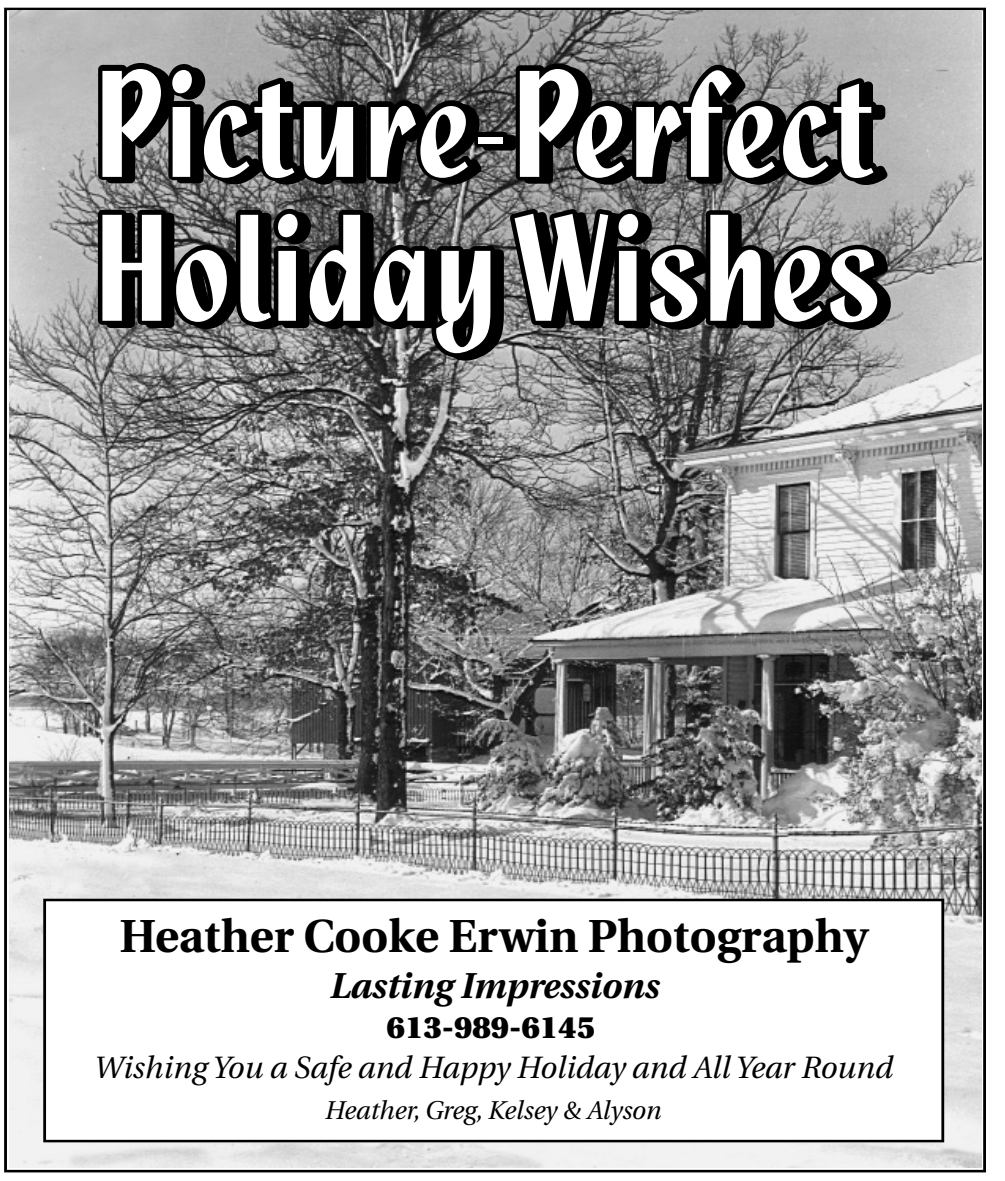

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Picture time!

Students and staff in art and shop classes at North Dundas District High School worked hard to construct and paint three photo boards — just in time for the North Dundas Country Christmas Parade of Lights on Sat., Dec. 5. The Township of North Dundas owns the boards, but any community group will be able to borrow them in the future for their own winter events. The wood was donated by Guildcrest Homes.







Sleigh: *Kyle Brewer (left), Rebecca Keffer, and Jannah Vanderlaan.*
Snowmen: *Teachers Troy Smith (left) and Ray Bougie with Justin Fawcett.*
Tree: *Katelynn Rodie (top, left), Catherine Szaulis (bottom, left), and Alex Pepin. On the floor: Parade volunteer Martha Link-Horvath (left) holding daughter Kate, and babysitter Shannon Duncan (right) with Link-Horvath's other daughter, Gracin.*
Absent: Dillon Ducharme.
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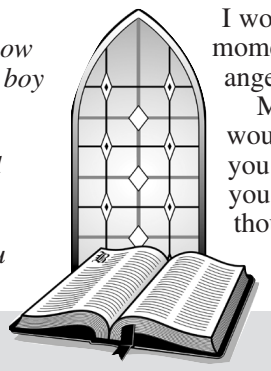
Mary, did you know?



Shepherd Talk

by Carol Heymans

"Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water? Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters? Mary, did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new; this Child that you delivered will soon deliver you?"

Those are some of the words to the song "Mary, Did You Know," written by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene.

It was every Jewish girl's dream to be the one to carry the Messiah. Yet, how many had ever dared to truly believe it would come to pass. Here was Mary, betrothed to Joseph, and now being told by the angel that she, yes she, would become the mother of the Messiah. Although she questioned how it could be, I don't believe that she doubted it would happen. She was a willing servant, saying, "be it unto me as You have spoken."

Wow! What trust, what faith. Imagine being the one chosen to deliver the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God; what an honour. What a responsibility.

I wonder if she realized at that moment the full ramifications of the angel's message to her.

Mary, did you know that society would look upon you as though you had committed sin? Mary, did you know that even Joseph, though he loved you, would initially have some doubt about your faithfulness? Mary did you know that your firstborn son would be the sacrificial atoning lamb for all mankind?

If you had known, would your answer have been any different?

Have you ever stopped to wonder, to what extent did Mary realize what was being asked of her? Did she wonder what price she would pay?

When God asks something of you, are you ready to say, "be it unto me as You have spoken" or do you — do we — hesitate, question, doubt, and refuse to answer?

After all, God has given us the freedom to choose. What do you choose this Christmas season? Do you choose to seek Him or do you refuse?

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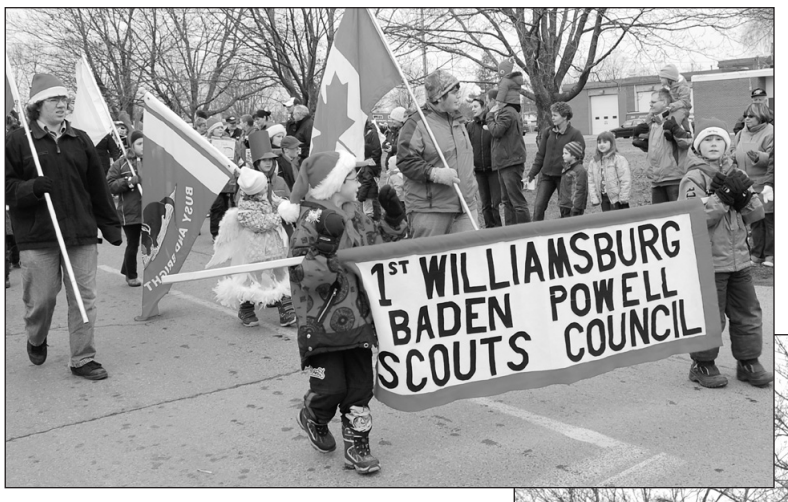

David Vreman (front, left) and Kendrew Byers led the 1st Williamsburg Baden Powell Scouts Council procession.



Ozzy the horse led Leanne Casselman around the parade route.











Above, left: *Timothy Christian School's float. Pictured are Akira Van Dyke (left), Ashley Hawkins, Leah Hawkins, Cameron Hawkins, and Juanita Hawkins, with Zwany Havenaar at the back.*
Above, right: *The Gingerbread Man and Bob the Builder (bottom, far left) received plenty of laughs and cheers.*
Left, centre: *The Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle Church entered a nativity float including Camille (front, right) and Ben Wickwire (in a Santa hat) with their pals.*
Left: *The Lyndon Marshall Auction Services float was accompanied by Glenda and Richard Lafortune in eye-catching costumes.*
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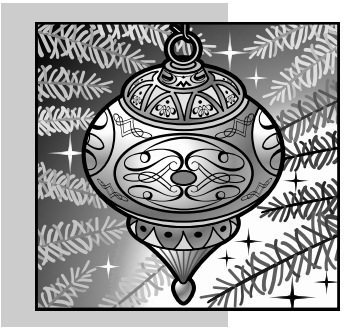

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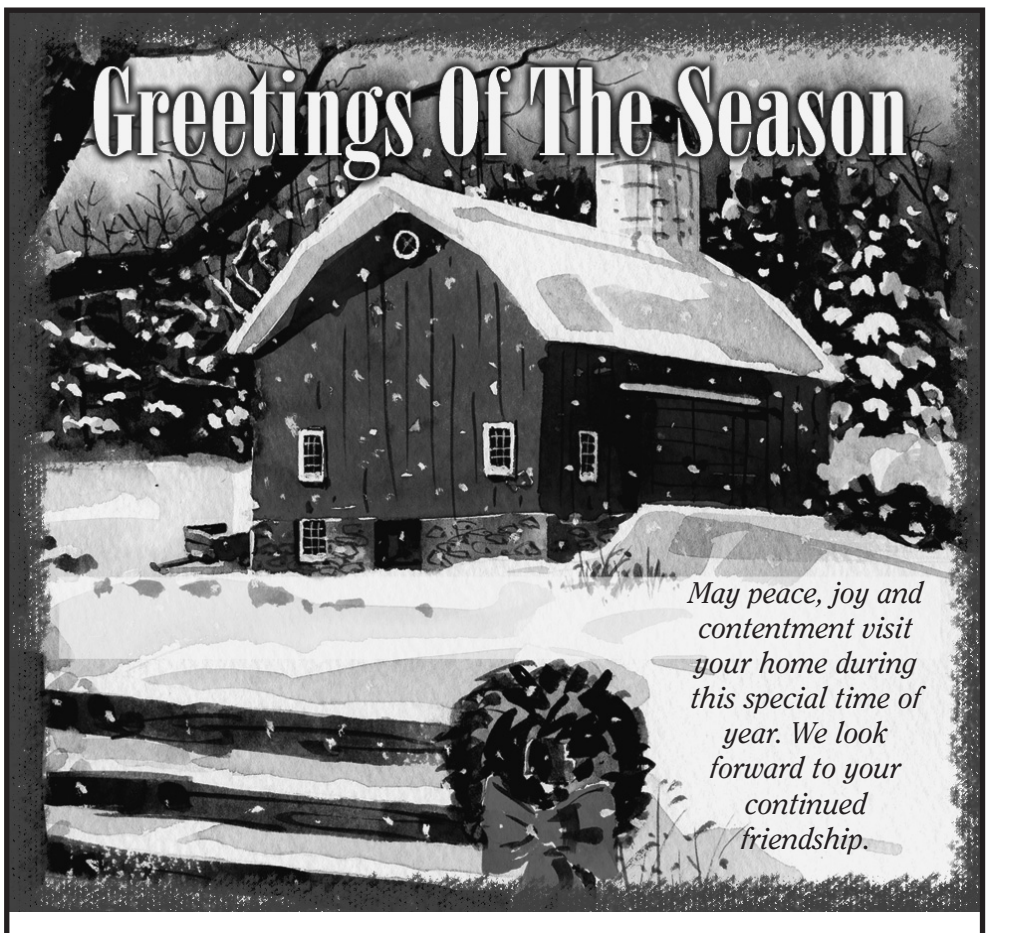

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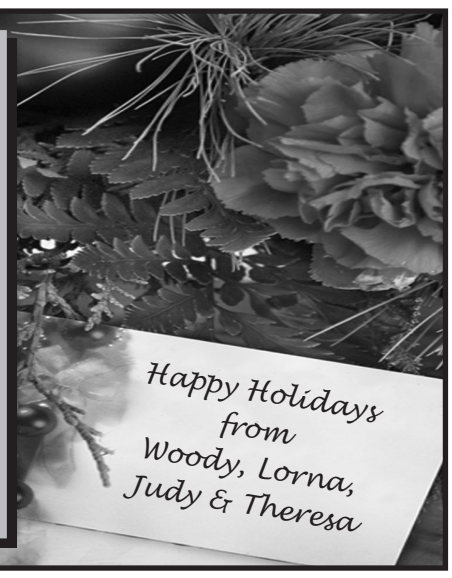

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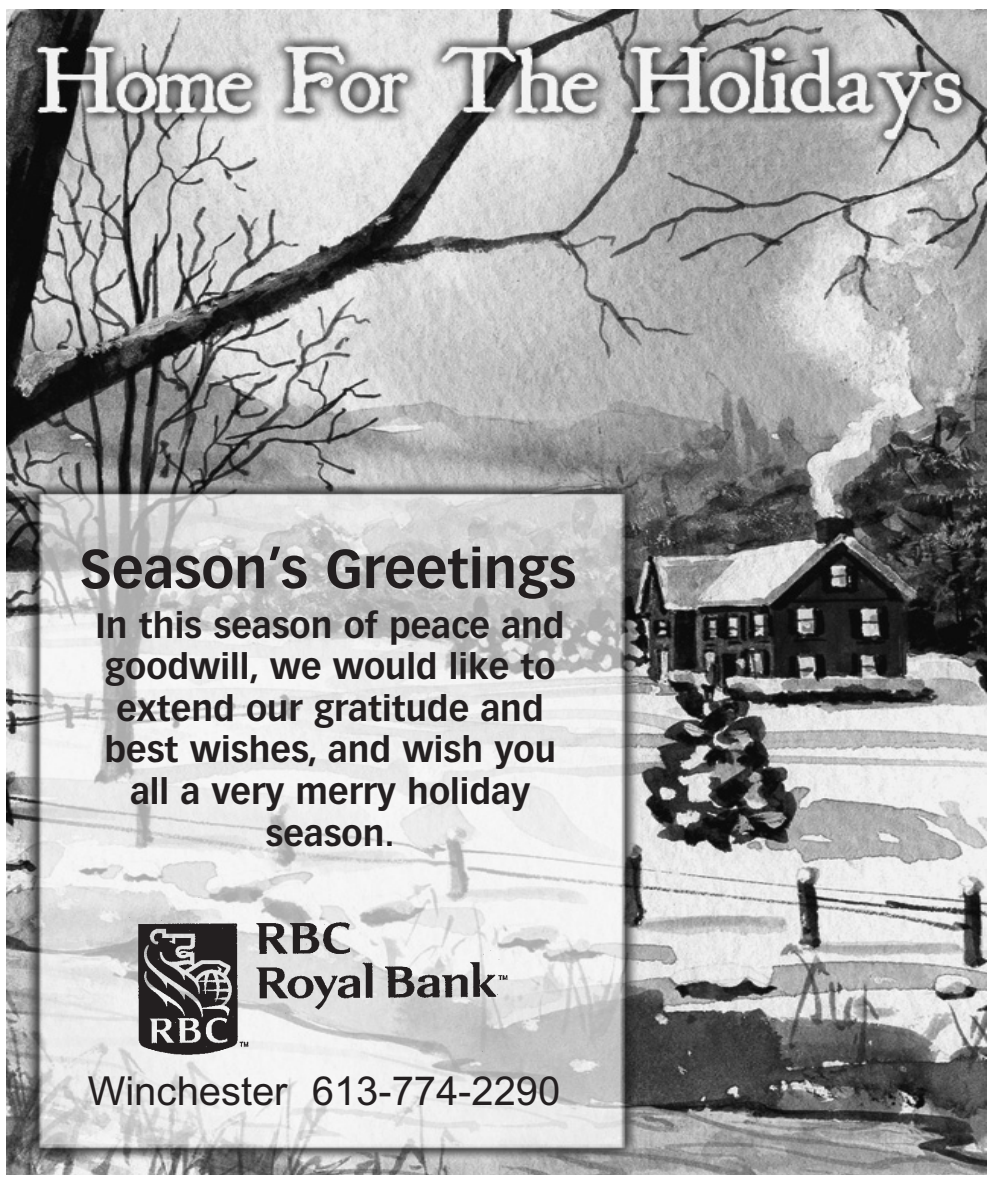

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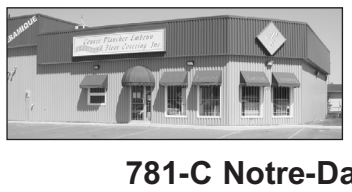

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Magical moment

Christmas is about creating a little magic and letting the younger generation know that the world is a wonderful place. Pictured here are McKenna Rory O'Brien and Andrew Isaiah O'Brien of Masstown, Nova Scotia, great-grandchildren of Carl and Joy Docksteader, Greely, Ontario.

Through the eyes of a child…



St. Lawrence Street speculation

by Meghan Duncan

It's almost here — the most hyped up, commercialized, and nevertheless stressful day of the year.

Is Sally over her feud with Jeff, or will they not be speaking at the Christmas dinner table? Will Aunt Lucille make it through the day without throwing a fit because the napkins don't match the table cloth? Will Uncle Ted show up drunk again this year?

We all have lots to consider when we get together with extended families and put too many relatives in the same room. But we all have to remember: Christmas is for children, and they should be the focus.

Christmas is special to them. It's dazzling. It's enchanted. And we'd all be healthier if we took our cues from them and let the magic guide us through the many events that the holidays offer us.

I have the pleasure of caring for five kids under the age of five. It's sometimes exhausting, but more often inspiring, and through them I've gained a renewed appreciation for the Christmas season.

It's not all about the gifts and the glory. It's about creating a little magic and letting the younger generation know that the world is a wonderful place.

I was chatting with my best friend recently about how I felt that good elves can make all the difference when it comes to a child's visit with Santa Claus. The elves can help remind Santa of a child's name and perhaps even prompt him of what the child's Christmas wish is, making the experience all that more thrilling. Then my friend said, "I know what you want to be when you grow up — an elf!" And I had to laugh, because I agreed completely.

Regardless of the fact that I'm supposed to be all grown up already, I'd love to be able to make magic happen for children and adults alike (whether it's Christmas or not). And we all have the ability to be "elves," especially at this time of year.

So when you get wrapped up in the holiday drama, the family tension, and the stress of shopping, take a step back and remember: In the eyes of a child, all Christmas trees are 30 feet tall, reindeer are the most aerodynamically efficient method of travel, and crazy Uncle Ted is a lot of fun!

Merry Christmas to all my fellow wannabe elves.

Columnist Meghan Duncan is a nanny, Winchester resident, and former Winchester Press *editor.*

Food Bank dealing with increased holiday season needs

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

The shelves at the Winchester branch of the Dundas County Food Bank (DCFB) are starting to look bare once again, so DCFB administrator Donna Quesnel and her staff are hoping for contributions from the local community.

Around the holiday season, the needs of the DCFB are "paramount," according to Quesnel.

"Our many volunteers are very encouraged by the support demonstrated thus far in 2009," she said. "Without this assistance, no matter how small, we would not be able to help our neighbours in need."

Quesnel said that demand at the local food bank has increased by more than 20 per cent in 2009.

"Our active client base is at its highest, with more than 350 families visiting the food bank so far this year," she said. "Over 40 per cent of those who benefit from the food bank are children."

Items most commonly in demand at the food bank include: canned fruit and vegetables, canned soup, apple and tomato juice, pork and beans, kidney beans, canned tomatoes, rice, dry pasta, canned pasta, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, crackers, and canned meats (tuna, salmon, ham, chicken, and turkey).

As well, certain items are valuable for school-aged children, such as: granola bars, fruit cups, pudding cups, juice boxes, and crackers and cheese.

According to Quesnel, baby items such as diapers and baby food, as well as products like shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper, and laundry soap are also much-needed items at the food bank.

Things aren't all bad at the food bank these days, however. After exhausting its food budget, for the first time ever this year, Quesnel said community residents have been "digging a little deeper" to help the food bank.



Dundas County Food Bank (DCFB) administrator Donna Quesnel (left) and co-ordinator Judy Hilson spent some of the afternoon on Thurs., Dec. 10 looking over the items inside DCFB's stockroom. The food bank is beginning to get low on some very essential items, and donations from the local community would be appreciated by DCFB staff. *Press Photo — Uhrig*

Donations can be dropped off at DCFB's Winchester location (497 May Street) on Monday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and Thursday afternoons.

As well, the food bank is a registered charity, accepting monetary donations of any value. Tax receipts for any donations are issued and sent out in January.

"With the money donations, we can buy items like frozen meat," said Quesnel.

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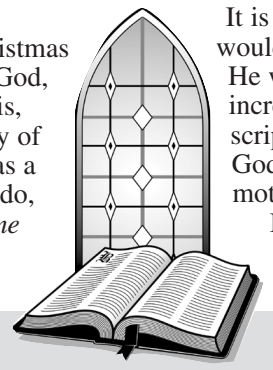

Shepherd Talk

by Tim Edwards

The great mystery of Christmas is that the all-powerful God, who transcends all that is, would choose to leave the glory of His reality to enter our reality as a dependent newborn. Max Lucado, in his excellent book, *God Came Near,* tries to capture in words this incredible transition when he writes:

"He looks like anything but a king. His face is prunish and red. His cry, though strong and healthy, is still the helpless and piercing cry of a baby. And he is absolutely dependent upon Mary for his well-being. Majesty in the midst of the mundane. Holiness in the filth of the sheep manure and sweat. Divinity entering the world on the floor of a stable, through the womb of a teenager and in the presence of a carpenter. She touches the face of the infant-God. How long was your journey! This baby had overlooked the universe. These rags keeping him warm were the robes of eternity. His golden throne room had been abandoned in favour of a dirty sheep pen. And worshipping angels had been replaced with kind but bewildered shepherds.

An incredible journey, indeed.

I have been reading about, and contemplating this incarnation, for the last few months. Merriam-Webster defines incarnation as, "the embodiment of a deity or spirit in some earthly form." In the first verses of John's gospel we read that, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God and the word was God. The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." A second definition of incarnation as recorded in Merriam-Webster's Dictionary is "the union of divinity with humanity in Jesus Christ."

It is hard to comprehend that God would be so concerned for us that He would embark on such an incredible journey. But the scriptures teach us that it was God's limitless love for us that motivated His incarnation.

I am the farthest thing from a deity, but Christ's incarnation encourages me to follow His lead in incarnation — in this case, meaning to love others to the extent that I am willing to enter their world, identify with them, walk with them in their struggles, and provide them with the hope that only God can provide. By the grace of God and through His limitless resources, I too can incarnate and help a fellow traveller navigate the often, at times, treacherous path that we call life.

God's incarnation in Christ was not "a walk in the park." When you consider what He gave up to live the short and challenging life that He lived on earth, you have to be struck by His profound love for us. It follows, that we can't expect our incarnation to be easy either. It will cost us much. The cost may be measured in time, money, and emotional resources, just to name a few. The results may be great, but they may also be scant, but there will always be the reward of knowing that we have followed Christ in obedience.

This Christmas, as we celebrate the incarnation of God in Christ, may we all look for ways to emulate His great concern for humanity and be a people who are willing to pay the price of following Christ in incarnation.

This column is provided courtesy of the Dundas Ministerial Association.

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Christmas through the years....

A snapshot from each decade

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While sending out Christmas greetings, the *Winchester Press* made sure no one was left out. "In dispensing Christmas cheer, don't forget the horses, cattle, dogs, cats, and poultry," the paper advised. "They will all enjoy the special treat as much as you...

Don't set your own happiness up as the chief thing to be looked out for at Christmas time. Try to make other people happy and forget yourself, then you will be surprised to see how really happy you are."

1937

T.O. Keyes informed the *Press* that "the sale of Christmas goods this season was the best in some years." The *Press* also reported that Keyes' store received 961 customers in just one day.

In its "Christmas Observations" section, the *Press* reported that "Christmas is always a time of merriment, and the hostess who can provide a series of mirth-provoking games is assured success."

1944

Henderson's Dairy of Winchester placed a special message in the Thurs., Dec. 21 edition of the *Press,* stating that "due to Christmas falling on Monday, we will deliver early Monday morning (Dec. 25). Customers needing milk must have bottles out. Please co-operate."

The *Press* reported that "wherever the Union Jack flies this Christmas Day, people of the British Empire will gather round their radios to hear the voice of his majesty, King George the Sixth, giving his annual message of goodwill and greeting to his people."

1957

It was estimated by *Press* staff that more than 1,400 "youngsters" attended the 1957 edition of the Winchester Santa Claus parade. Unfortunately "a heavy downpour of rain, which lasted most of the afternoon, forced Santa's helpers to re-route the big parade to the Winchester Community Centre." In total, 15 floats participated in the parade.

The staff at the *Press* made note that "as the church bells toll out into the night and as the youngsters make ready for bed in anticipation of Santa's visit on Christmas Eve, our thoughts travel through time and space, and we find that although we have become older and have changed location in life, Christmas has retained its same, wonderful spirit."

1969

"With all the tranquility of a snow-covered landscape, the spirit of Christmas comes to bless and brighten every heart and home. It is our wish that you may enjoy thrice fold this yule all the wonderful things that go into making the Christmas season such a special time: the joyful hours, the happy memories, and the cheerful gatherings with family and friends," was the special message passed on by the staff at the *Press*.

The *Press* made an observation when it came to shopping for children's Christmas presents in 1969. "Toys under the Christmas tree might be aimed a little closer to peace on earth, because sales of realistic-looking toy guns have dropped rather sharply. Children are still interested in guns; however, parents are not encouraging their young ones to 'see how it works'. Interest had turned to basic games and educational toys."

1974

"Christmas brings joy to all the boys and girls. Boys ask for baseball stuff and other sports equipment. Girls ask for dolls or skipping ropes. Parents don't ask for stuff, they just get whatever is for them. Some kids get up on Christmas morning and see what Santa brought them. Some kids like to sleep in on Christmas morning, but most of the kids like to get up and get the gifts and surprise their mother and father. That's what Christmas means to me. Merry Christmas," wrote Winchester Public School Grade 4 student Bradley Hanes in his letter, "What Christmas Means to Me."



In the Press' *1969 Christmas supplement, this picture of the "traditional" family was published to pay homage to the simplicity of Christmas Day of years gone by.*

1984

To celebrate the Christmas season and in an effort to help others in need, the residents of Winchester held a fundraising luncheon and auction at the Winchester Lions Hall. In total, $7,000 was raised during the December 1984 event.

1992

The *Press* reported that the 1992 edition of the Mountain Township Santa Claus parade went "off without a hitch" as the sun shone bright during the Saturday afternoon parade. The weather, according to the *Press,* was very nice during the event, when compared to the storm that took place the night before that blanketed the region with 25 centimetres of snow.



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Avoid housefires this holiday season, urges North Dundas Fire Department

All detachments of the North Dundas Fire Departments are urging families to be especially vigilant about fire safety throughout the holiday season, which is one of the deadliest times of the year for house fires.

"This is a very busy time for many people and it's easy to get distracted or forgetful," said Bruce Casselman of the North Dundas Fire Department. "All it takes is for a pot to be left on the stove, or a candle left burning unattended, and a family's holiday celebrations can go up in smoke."

Enjoy a fire-safe holiday season by following these tips:

• Cooking is a major cause of home fires, so don't leave the kitchen if there's something cooking on the stove. If a pot catches fire, don't try to move it. Cover the pot with a lid to smother the flames and turn off the burner.

• If the smoke alarm activates when you're cooking, do not remove the batteries. Try moving the smoke alarm, or install an alarm with a hush feature.

• Lit candles should be placed in sturdy candleholders that won't tip, covered with a glass shade. Candles should be situated away from children, pets, and any combustible items.

• Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

• Drink responsibly and keep an eye on those who do not. Excessive alcohol consumption is a contributing factor in many residential fires.

• Install and maintain working smoke alarms on every story of the home and outside all sleeping areas. It's the law. Failure to comply with the smoke alarm law can result in a ticket for $235, or a fine of up to $50,000 for individuals and $100,000 for corporations.

"Take a few minutes to test your smoke alarms and install new batteries, if needed," said Casselman.

To download holiday fire safety public service announcements, visit www.ofm.gov.on.ca.

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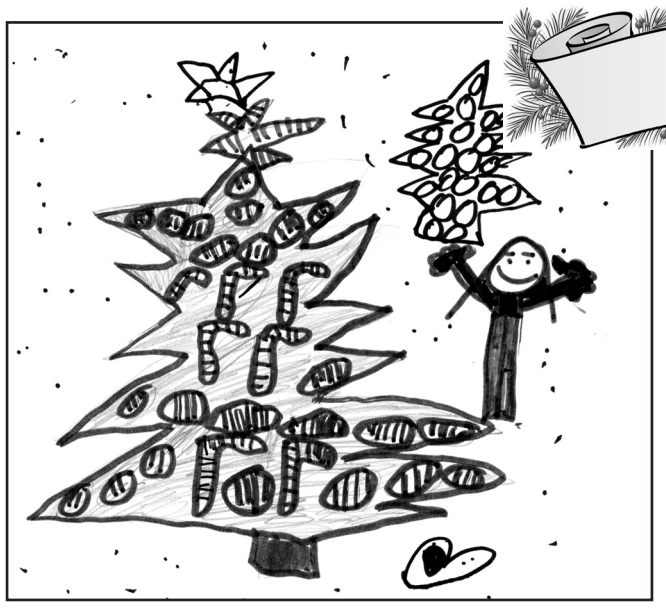


"My favourite Christmas memory is Christmas dinner."

— Liberty



"My favourite Christmas memory is getting a puppy for Christmas."

— Jamie

"My favourite Christmas memory is decorating the Christmas tree."

— Teri

"My favourite Christmas memory is when I heard Santa's reindeer's bells."

— Leen

"My favourite Christmas memory is getting a T-rex for a present."

— Trevor

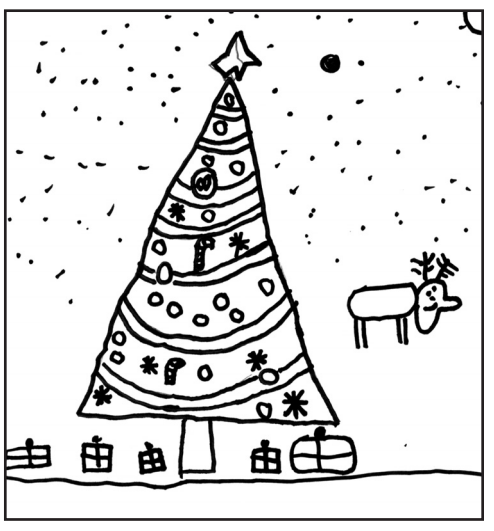
"My favourite Christmas memory is decorating the Christmas tree."

— Riley



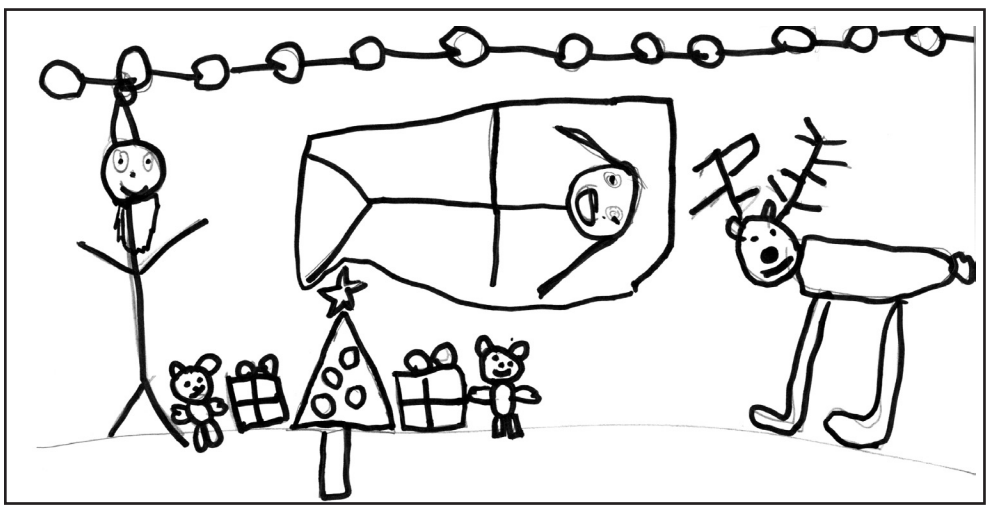
"My favourite Christmas memory is when I decorated the tree on Christmas."

— Megan



"My favourite Christmas memory is decorating the Christmas tree."

— Austin



"My favourite Christmas memory is when I went to the Dominican. It didn't snow. I went on the beach and I had a little tree."

— Jaden

"My favourite Christmas memory is that I saw Santa. I gave Santa cookies and milk. Santa gave me presents."

— Halima

"My favourite Christmas memory is getting presents and coming home and I found candy canes."

— Gracie

"My favourite Christmas memory is when I got all my candy."

— Cody

"My favourite Christmas memory is putting up Christmas lights."

— Victoria

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Students from the Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts School in Ottawa helped judge the competition, and also created demonstration houses of Upper Canada Village buildings including the school house (top, left), Bellamy's Mill (top, second from left), and Robertson House (top, second from right).

Visitors can not only check out these demonstration houses, but also vote for their favourite competition entries too. The competition house that gets the most support will win the People's Choice Award at the closure of the Alight at Night Festival on Sun., Jan. 3. All entries will be on display at Upper Canada Village until that date.

Top right, and below: A selection of competition houses.

Press Photos — Smith-Millar









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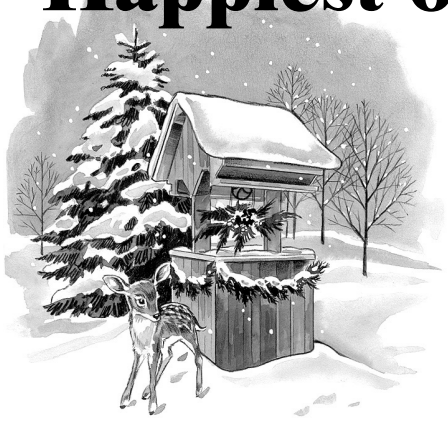

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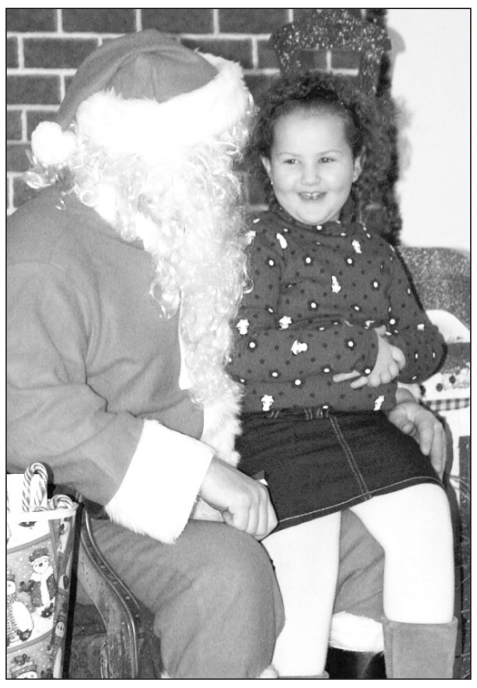
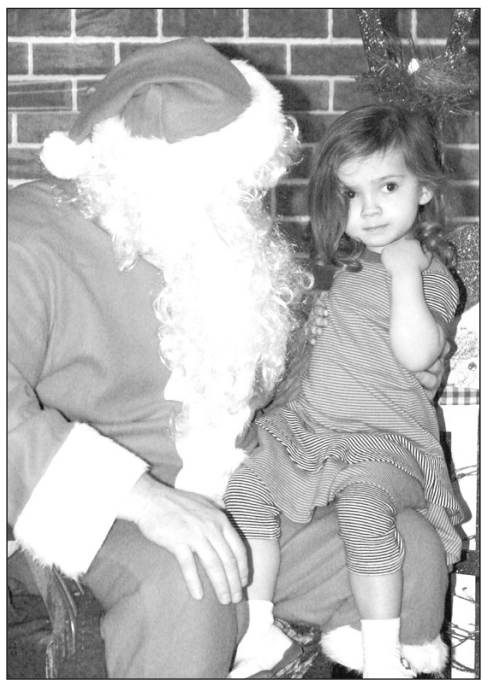


Brooke Graham spent some time on Santa's knee.



Mikayla (centre) and Kahlan Baak dropped some hints of what they would like for Christmas.



Erika Hyslop played shy with the big guy.

Santa comes to Metcalfe

On Sat., Dec. 5, Santa Claus paid a visit to the Metcalfe Community Centre, upstairs at the Larry Robinson Arena in Metcalfe. The annual event, sponsored by the St. Catherine Catholic School Council, allowed parents to bring their children by for a pancake breakfast, followed by a chance to design a Christmas ornament and have a picture taken with Santa.
Press Photos — Uhrig



Summer Denault-Franey helped herself to Santa's candy canes.



Hallie Groulx (left) and her brother, Joshua, who was clearly excited about meeting Santa.



Amanda Langfield (left) and her father, Victor, decorated their own Christmas ornament.

Merry Christmas
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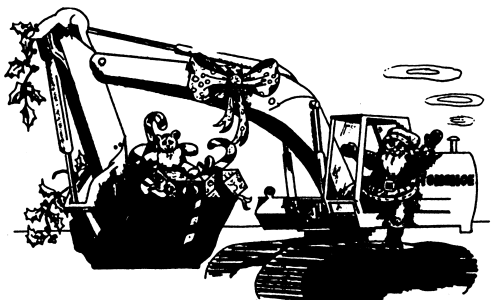

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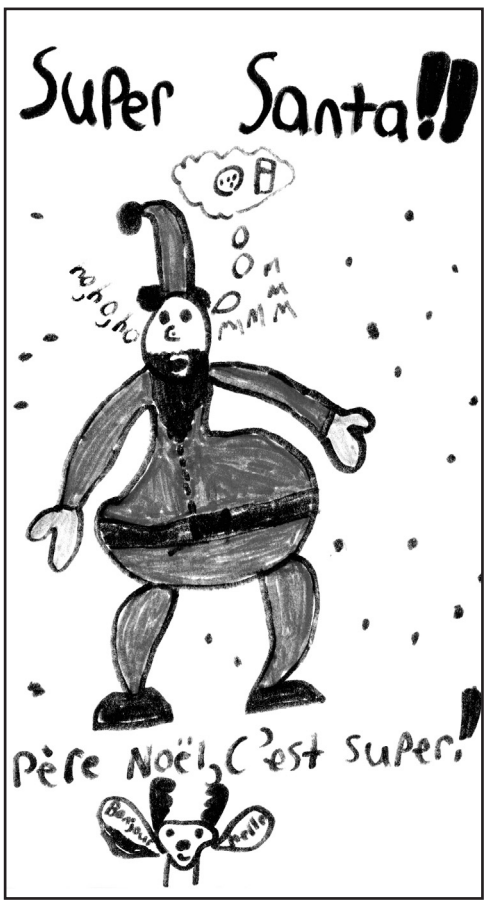

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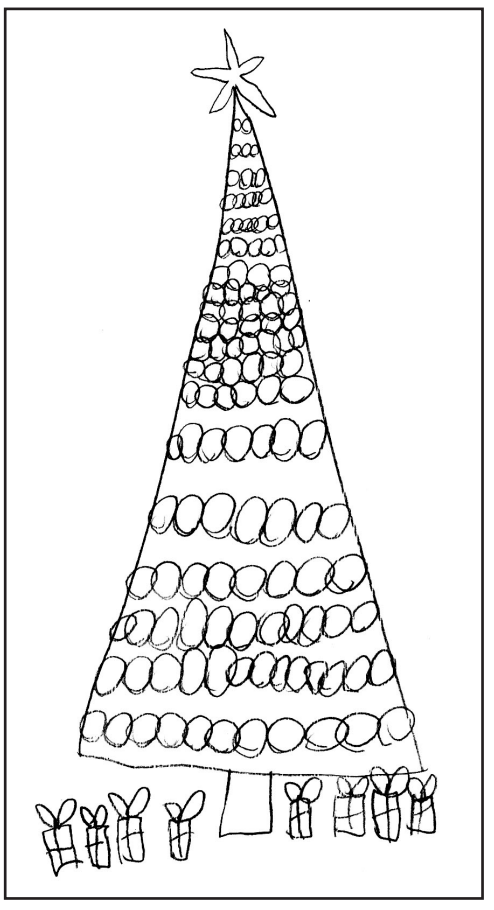

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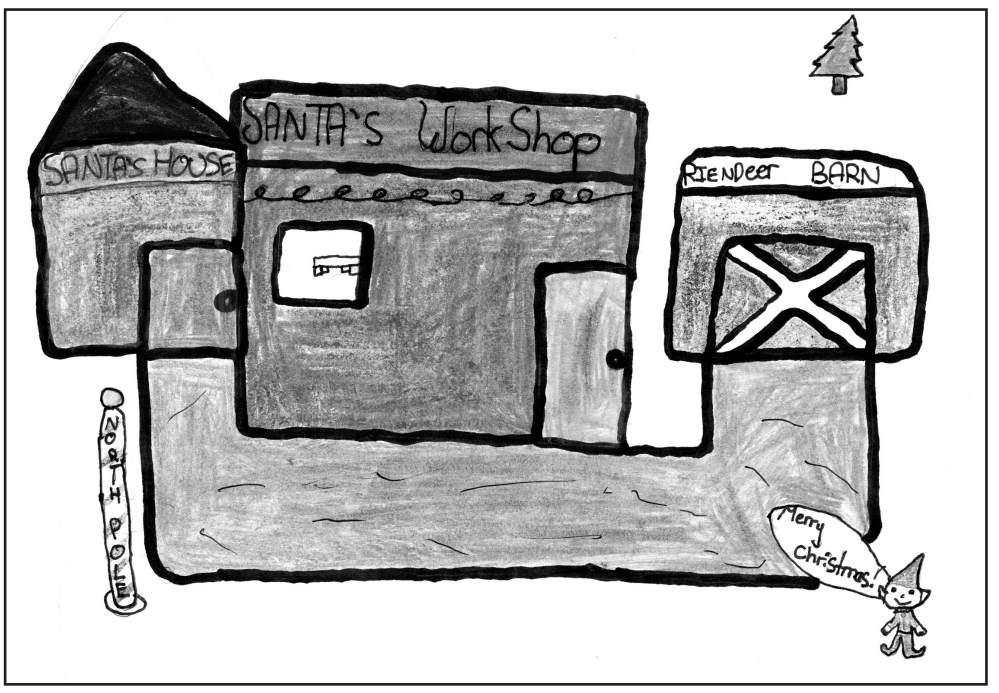

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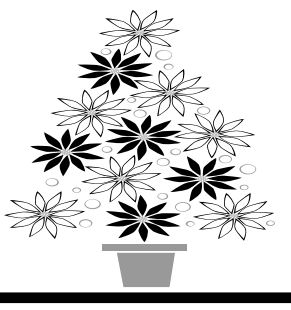

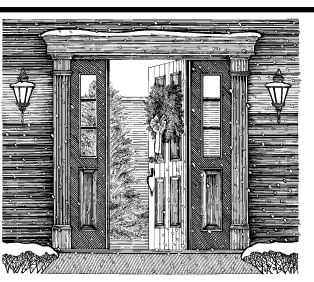

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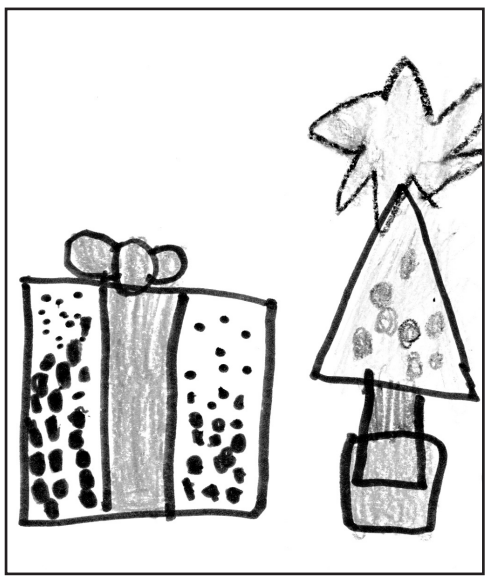

Braxton Bowers, SK,
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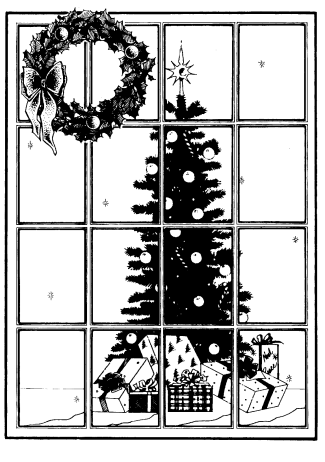

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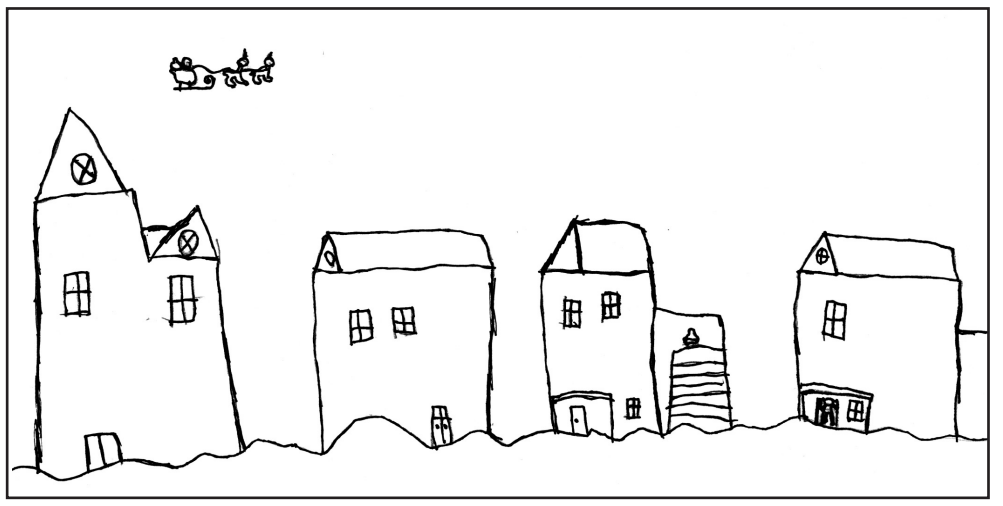
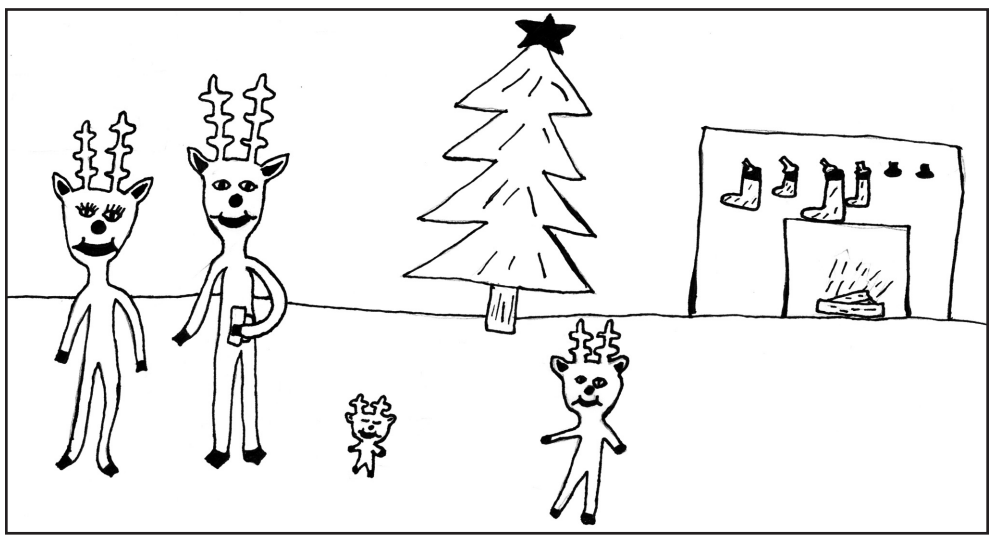


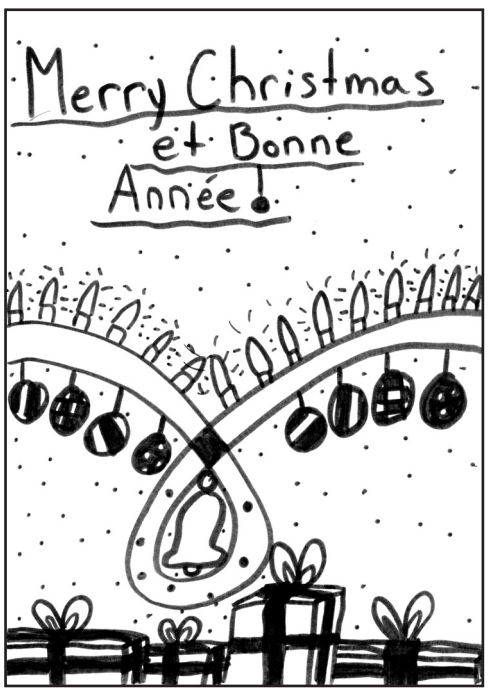
Jeffrey Cane, Grade 5, Winchester Public School



Alyssa Cooper, Grade 5, Winchester Public School



Julia Gibson, Winchester Public School



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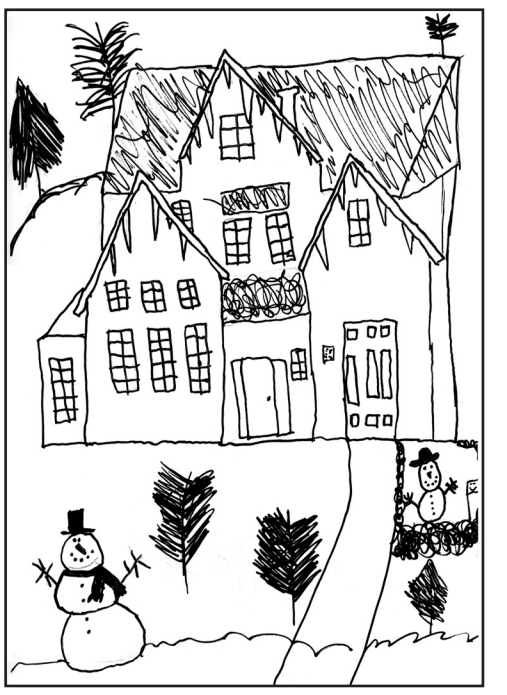

Angelica Don, Grade 4, Winchester Public School



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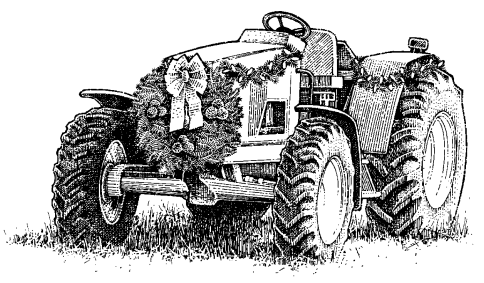

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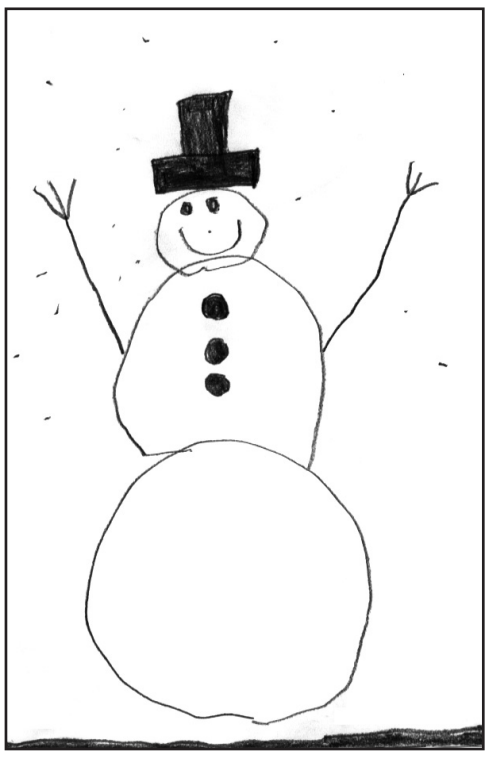

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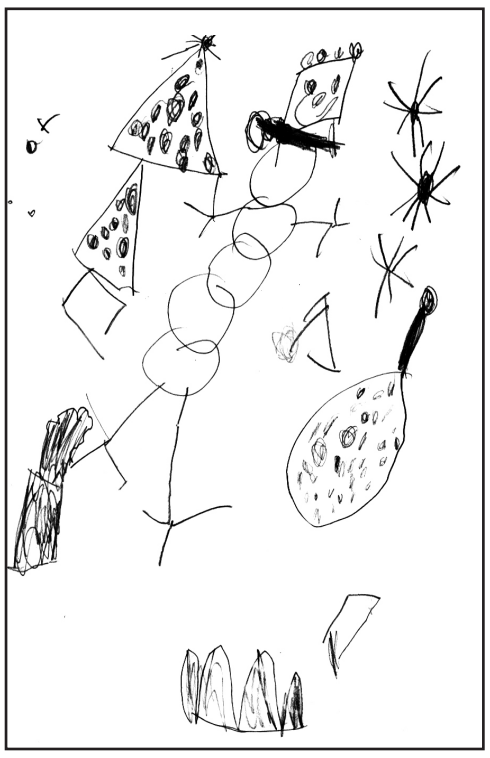

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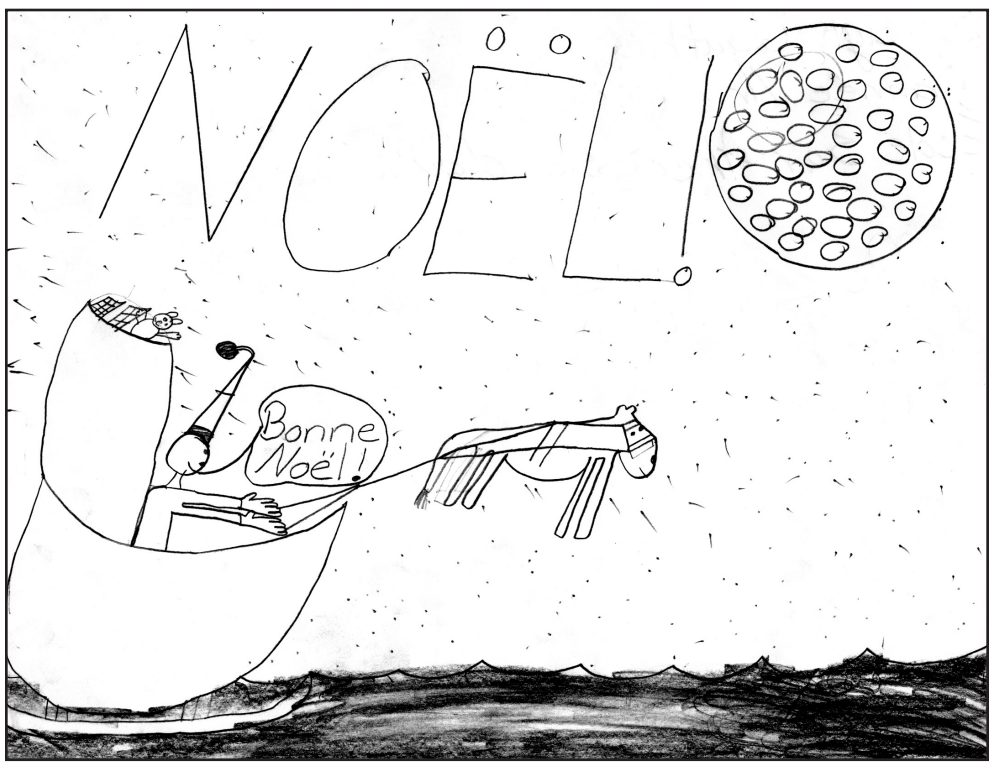

Ashleigh Gauthier, 4e Année, École Ste-Thérèse-d'Avila

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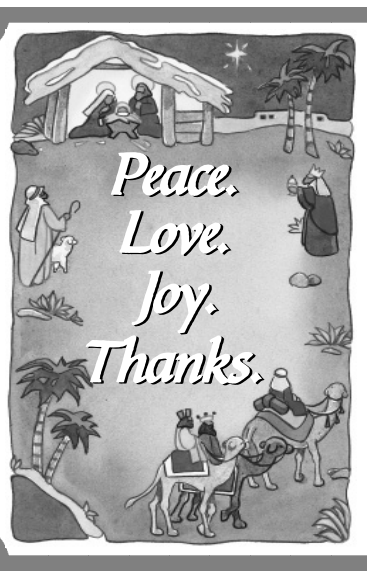

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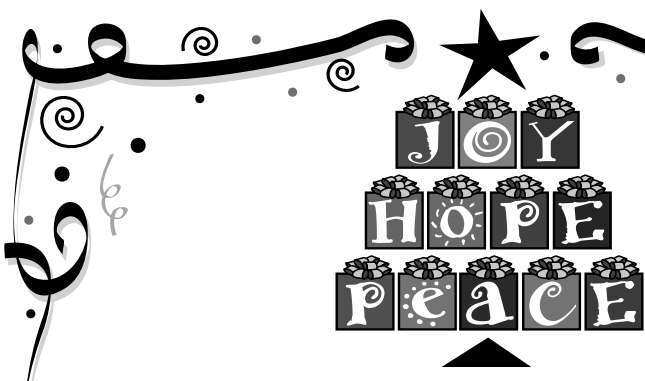

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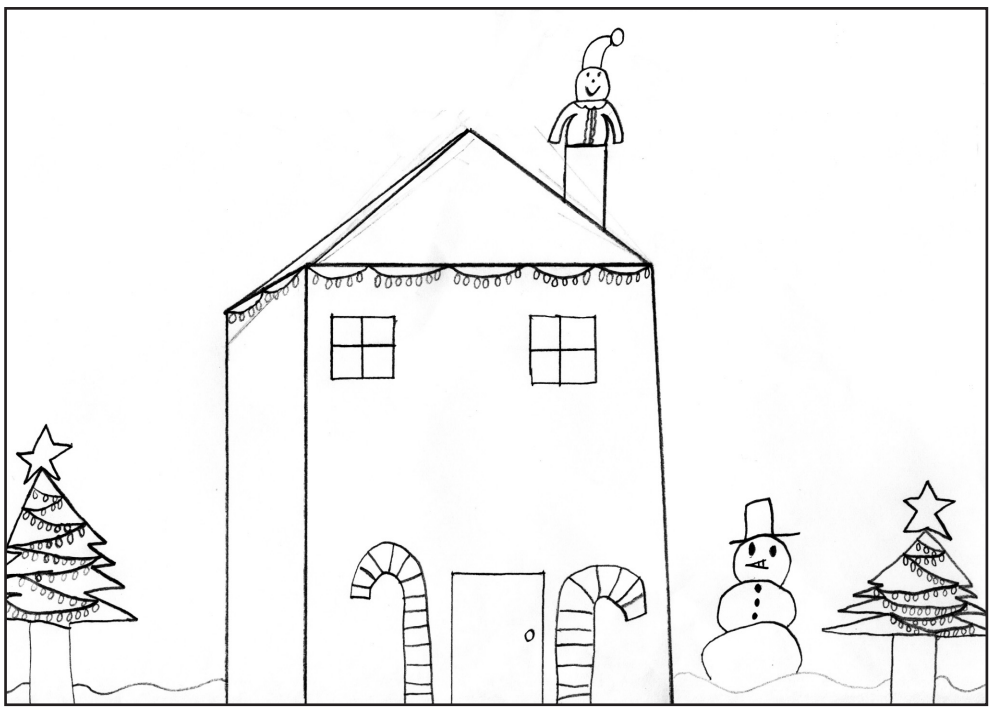

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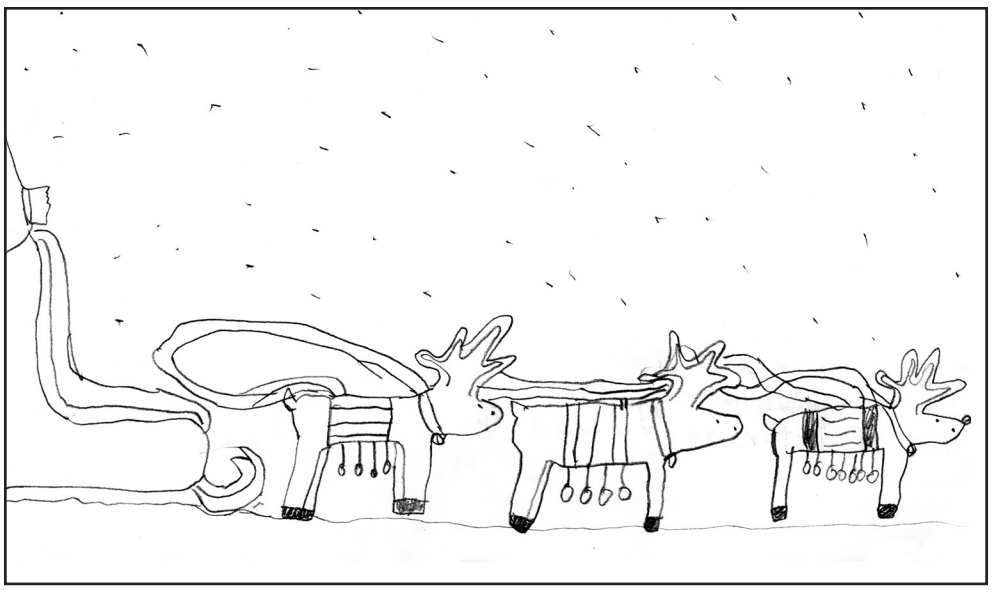

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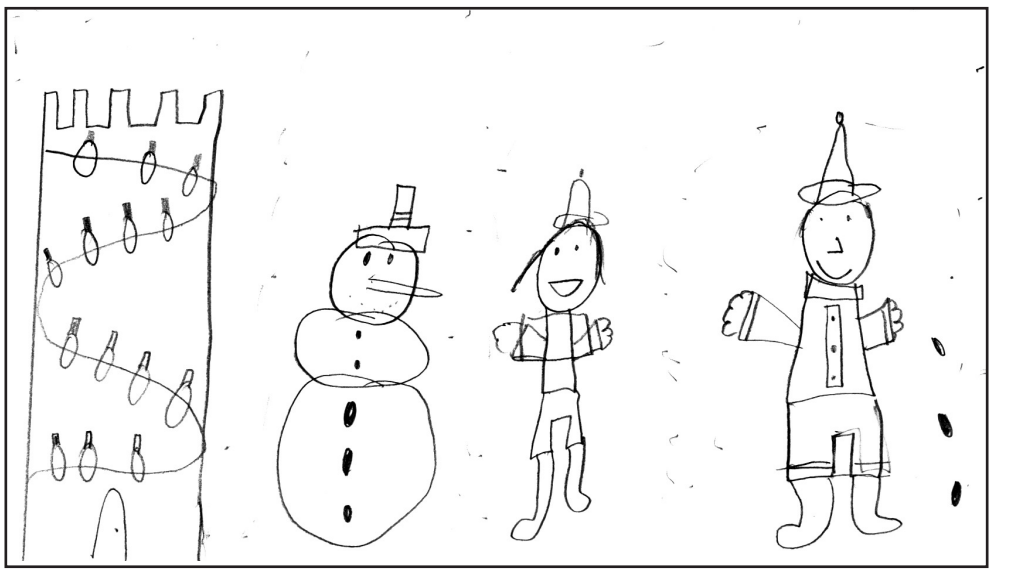

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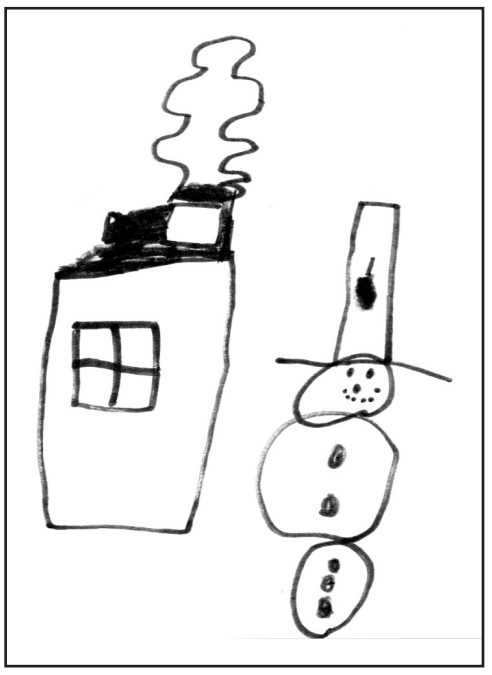

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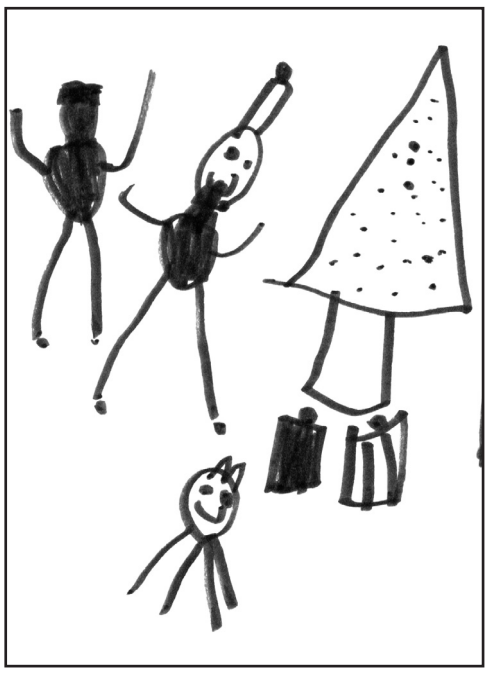

Michael, 5 Ans,
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With Gratitude At Christmas

To all of our loyal customers go our sincere thanks for visiting this year. We wish you and yours the very best this Holiday Season, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



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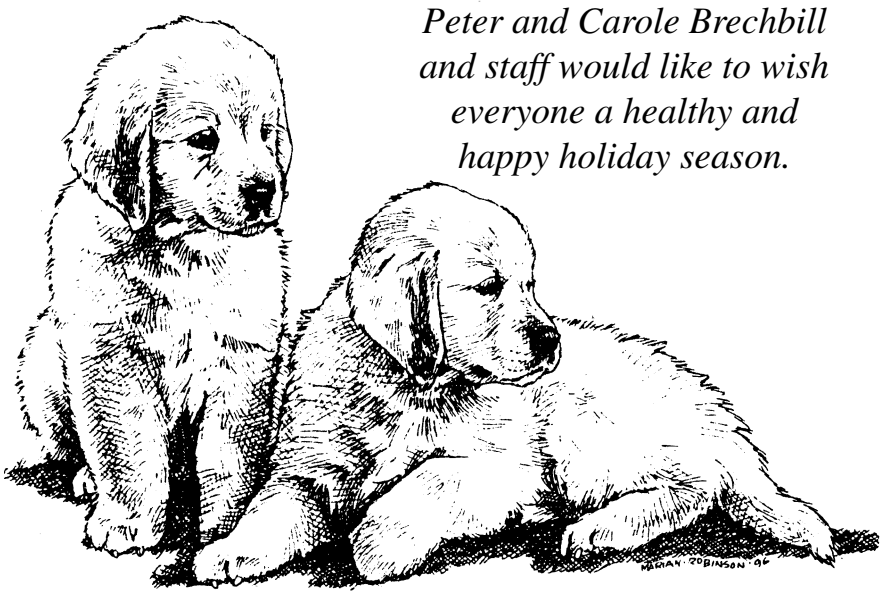

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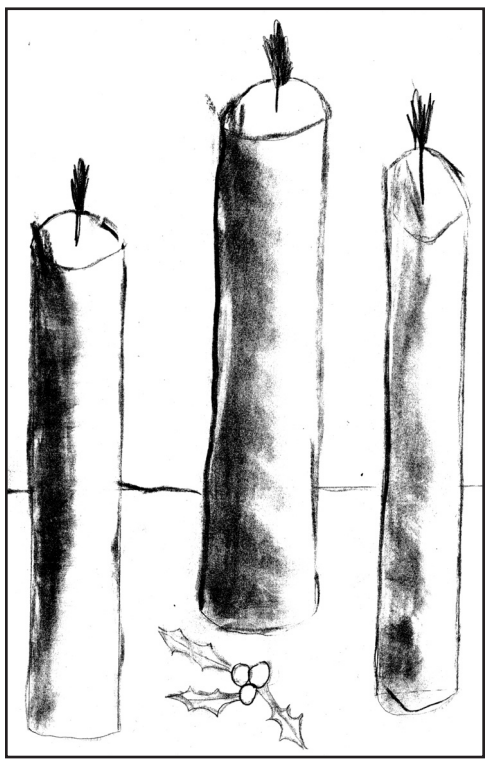
Josiah, Grade 2, Community Christian School



Joren, Grade 7,
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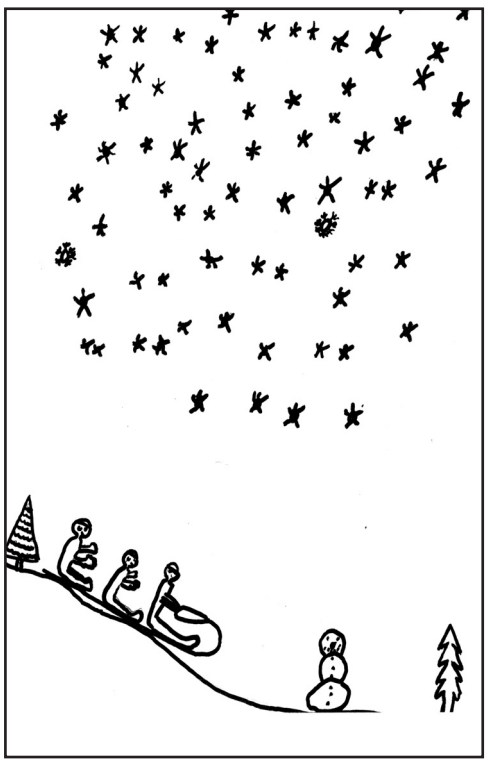

Caleb, Grade 3,
Community Christian School



With Bright Wishes

We're all aglow this holiday season…
And your kind friendship is the reason.
So without any fanfare or further delay,
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In The Spirit Of The Season

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Merry Christmas!

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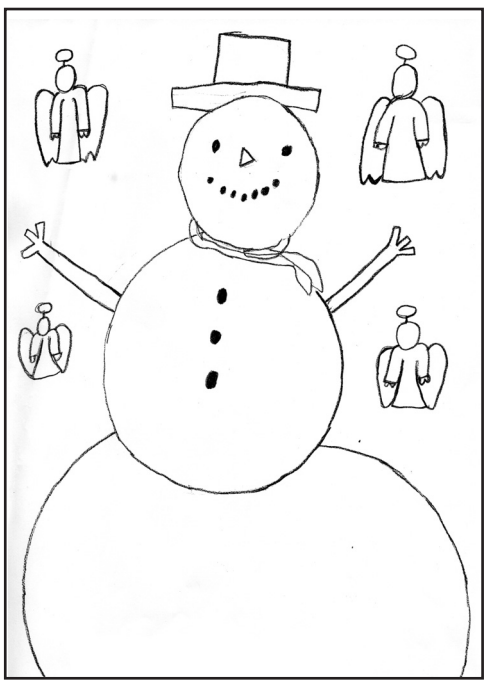

Devon, Grade 4,
Community Christian School



Carter, Grade 8,
Community Christian School



Miriam, Grade 6, Community Christian School

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

By the Junior and Senior Kindergarten class at Community Christian School

Christmas is the time that we celebrate Jesus' birthday, but it seems like everyone else receives the presents. Together we read *Jacob's Gift* by Max Lucado. The theme of this book teaches us that giving gifts to God's children is like giving gifts to Him. We decided that for this Christmas celebration of Jesus' birth we would give gifts of kindness to others.

Here is our giving list... Shhh, don't tell!
I will help my parents clean the house. — Adam
I will help a hurt animal. — Ellona
I will be careful of school property. — Josh
I will help Mom with my baby brother. — Adalia
I will help someone make his or her bed. — Katarina
I will walk with someone to the washroom when they are afraid to go by themselves. — Megan
I will help my brother or sister with the dishes. — Gannon
I will help someone who is hurt. — Eden
I will help Mom clean the kitchen. — Katherine
I will let someone go ahead of me in the cashier's line. — Mrs. Downs
I will help people get dressed. — Mattheus
I will teach people about God. — Joanna
I will clean my bedroom. — Isaac
I will help Mom or Dad clean the windows. — Zachary

Happy Birthday, Jesus!!!!

Love the Kindergarten class at Community Christian School

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From our kitchen to yours

Press *staffers have sifted through their recipes to share some of their secrets with readers. Here's a selection of our holiday favourites that will hopefully become your holiday favourites, too.*



Christmas Morning Wifesaver

Submitted by Donna Rushford, co-publisher and advertising manager

16 slices white bread, crusts removed
16 slices Canadian back bacon or ham
16 slices sharp cheddar cheese
6 eggs
1/2 tsp pepper
1/2-1 tsp dry mustard
1/4 cup minced onion
1/4 cup finely chopped green pepper
1-2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
3 cups milk
dash Tabasco
1/2 cup butter
Special K or crushed Corn Flakes

Set 8 pieces of bread into a 9" x 13" buttered, glass baking dish. Cover bread with slices of back bacon. Lay slices of cheddar cheese on top of bacon and then cover with remaining slices of bread to make it like a sandwich. In a bowl, beat eggs and pepper. To the egg mixture add dry mustard, onion, green pepper, Worcestershire sauce, milk and Tabasco. Pour over the sandwiches, cover and let stand in fridge overnight. In morning, melt butter, pour over top. Cover with Special K or crushed Corn Flakes. Bake, uncovered, one hour at 350 F. Let sit 10 minutes before serving. Serve this with fresh fruit and hot cinnamon rolls.

Superb! Make the day before and pop in the oven in the morning. Serves 8.

Gala Raspberry Bavarian Dessert

Submitted by Marlene Harper, administrative assistant

1 jelly roll (raspberry)
1/4 cup sugar
1 tbsp unflavoured gelatine
1/4 tsp salt
2 egg yolks, beaten
15 oz. frozen raspberries
1/2 tsp vanilla
2 egg whites
1/4 cup sugar
1 cup whipping cream, whipped

Line sides of 8-inch or 9-inch spring-form pan with strip of waxed paper. Cut jelly roll into 12 equal slices. Place 8 slices around sides of pan. Place remaining slices in the bottom.

Raspberry Bavarian Cream
Combine sugar, gelatin, and salt in a saucepan. Add egg yolks and raspberries. Cook over direct heat stirring constantly until gelatin is dissolved, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat, add vanilla. Chill until consistency of unbeaten egg white. Beat egg whites until soft peaks form, gradually add 1/4 cup sugar beating to stiff peaks. Fold gelatin mixture into stiffly beaten egg whites. Fold in whipped cream.

Turn Raspberry Bavarian Cream into cake-lined pan. Chill until firm at least 3 hours. To serve remove sides of spring form pan. Place dessert on serving dish and garnish with rosettes of whipped cream. Makes 10-12 servings.

Chocolate Trifle

Submitted by Sharon Holmes, administrative assistant

1 brownie mix
3 packages chocolate mousse
Cool Whip
Semi-sweet and milk chocolate (grated)
1/3 cup khalua (optional)

Make your favourite brownie recipe. Let cool and poke cake with fork. Pour khalua (if using) and let set 1/2 hour. Cut into 1 inch squares. Place 1/2 of cake into a trifle bowl (or glass dish). Layer with mousse, Cool Whip, semi-sweet grated chocolate. Repeat using grated milk chocolate, ending with Cool Whip. Refrigerate for up to 48 hours.

Broccoli Casserole

Submitted by Nancy Torrance, graphic designer

2 - 10 oz. packages frozen broccoli, thawed and drained (I use fresh, lightly steamed)
1 1/2 cups cooked rice
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
3/4 lb. Velveeta cheese, cubed
(I use a similar amount of cubed cheddar)
1 - 2/8 oz. can french fried onions

In a large bowl, combine 1 cup of the onions and everything else. Mix well and spoon into a 1 1/2 - quart casserole. Bake at 350F for 35 minutes. Top with remaining onions and continue baking five minutes.

I can't take the credit for it -- it's in the "Favorite Brand Name Recipes Treasury of Christmas" cookbook. It's worth finding and using the french fried onions, but you can leave them out and top with buttered crumbs or crushed Ritz crackers if you'd prefer.

Serves 6-8

Shortbread cookies

Submitted by Amanda Smith-Millar, editor

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/2 cup powdered (confectioners or icing) sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature

In a separate bowl, whisk the flour with the salt. In another bowl, use an electric mixer (or a hand mixer) to cream the butter until smooth. Add the sugar and beat until it is smooth. Beat in the vanilla extract. Gently stir in the flour mixture. Flatten the dough into a disk shape, wrap in plastic, and chill the dough for at least an hour. Preheat oven to 177 degrees Celcius with the rack in the middle of the oven. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to 1/4 inch (0.5 cm) thick. Cut into rounds or whatever shapes you wish using lightly floured cookie cutter. Place the cookies on the prepared baking sheet and refrigerate for about 15 minutes. Bake for eight to 10 minutes, or until cookies are lightly brown. Cool on a rack. Makes about 20 cookies. Based on the joyofbaking.com recipe.



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From our kitchen to yours

Harvest Vegetable Bake

Submitted by Janet LaPierre, production manager

1 medium butternut squash
2 medium onions, cut into 1-inch wedges (or diced)
3 tbsp canola oil
1 tsp salt
1 tbsp grated orange rind
1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
1/2 tsp dried rubbed sage
1/2 tsp freshly ground pepper
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1/2 cup toasted walnuts

Preheat oven to 400 F. Peel squash, cut in half lengthwise, scoop out and discard seeds. Cut squash into 1 inch cubes and place in medium bowl. Add onions, oil, salt, orange rind, nutmeg, sage and pepper. Mix until vegetables are coated evenly. Place in shallow baking pan. Roast until tender and golden brown, about 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Squash should be firm, not mushy. Remove from oven and add cranberries and nuts, tossing lightly to blend. (Can also be baked with cranberries and nuts already mixed in – your choice!)

Cheese Ball

Submitted by Linda Johnston, graphic designer

1 1/2 packages (250g size) cream cheese
1 1/2 tbsp Worchestershire sauce
1 1/2 cups grated mild cheddar cheese
1 1/2 cups grated old cheddar cheese
2 tbsp ranch dressing
1 1/2 tbsp finely chopped green onions
1 cup finely chopped walnuts or pecans

Blend together cream cheese and Worchestershire sauce and onions. Add sour cream to make mixture smooth. Mix in cheddar cheeses. Form into a ball and roll in nuts.

Spicy Pecans

Submitted by Janet LaPierre, production manager

4 cups unsalted pecan halves
2 tbsp real maple syrup
4 tsp coarse salt
1 tsp red pepper flakes
1 tsp chili powder
1 tsp cayenne pepper
1 tsp chili paste

Line cookie sheet with parchment paper. In medium bowl combine pecans and all ingredients LESS 1 teaspoon salt. Toss to coat, spread single layer on cookie sheet. Bake 20 minutes at 300 F. Remove from oven and toss with remaining 1 teaspoon of salt. Let cool and store in airtight container at room temperature. Recipe can be doubled or tripled – just use one cookie sheet per recipe.

Flat Truffles

Submitted by Connie Hart, office manager

1/2 cup butter
1/3 cup cocoa
3/4 cup icing sugar
Crushed nuts

Cream the butter until soft and pliable. Add the cocoa (sift if necessary so there are no lumps), blend well. Add the icing sugar (sift if necessary). Mix well, adding more icing sugar, up to 2 tablespoons, if too soft to roll. Shape into roll. Coat with crushed nuts. Chill for several hours. Slice and serve.

Peanut Butter Balls

Submitted by Elan Slack, advertising sales

1 cup icing sugar
1 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup sweetened coconut
1/3 cup butter, melted
4 cups Rice Krispies

Chocolate Dip:
3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup hot water

Line a cookie sheet with waxed paper. In a large bowl, mix icing sugar, peanut butter, coconut and 1/3 cup of butter together until well blended. Gently fold in the Rice Krispies until well coated. Roll into one-inch balls – to make rolling easier lightly dampen hands. Place balls on cookie sheet and put in the fridge for a 1/2 hour.
To make the chocolate dip: Melt chocolate chips, butter and water in a medium saucepan on low heat. If the mix is too thick add an extra one to two tablespoons of hot water. Using two forks drop a couple of peanut butter balls into the chocolate dip. Roll balls around to coat. Chill on waxed paper-lined cookie sheet until chocolate is set.
OPTIONS: Serve balls plain, or drizzle chocolate onto the balls with a spoon.
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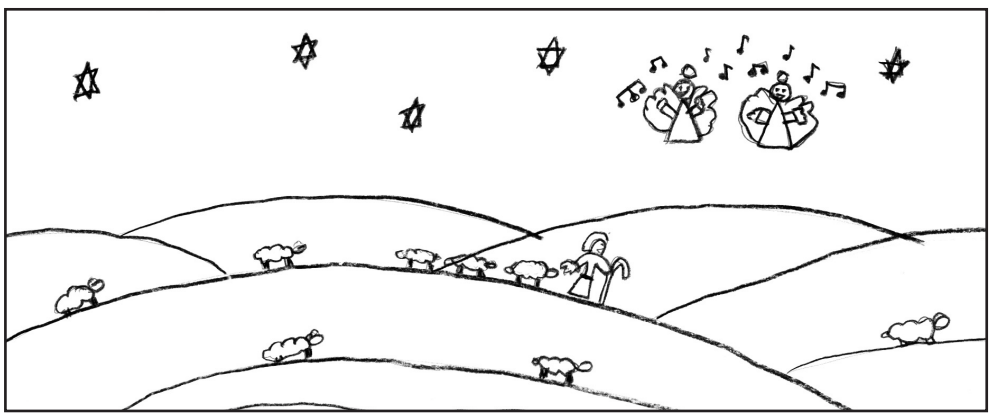

James, Grade 8, Timothy Christian School



Josiah Luchies, Grade 3, Timothy Christian School



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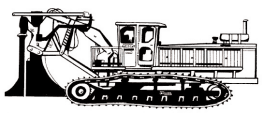

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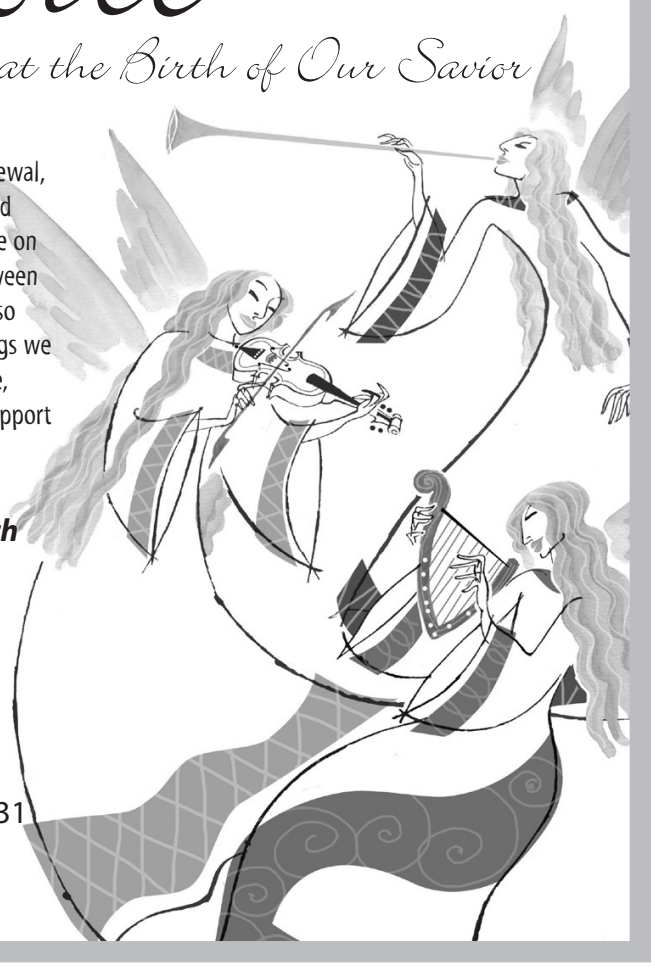

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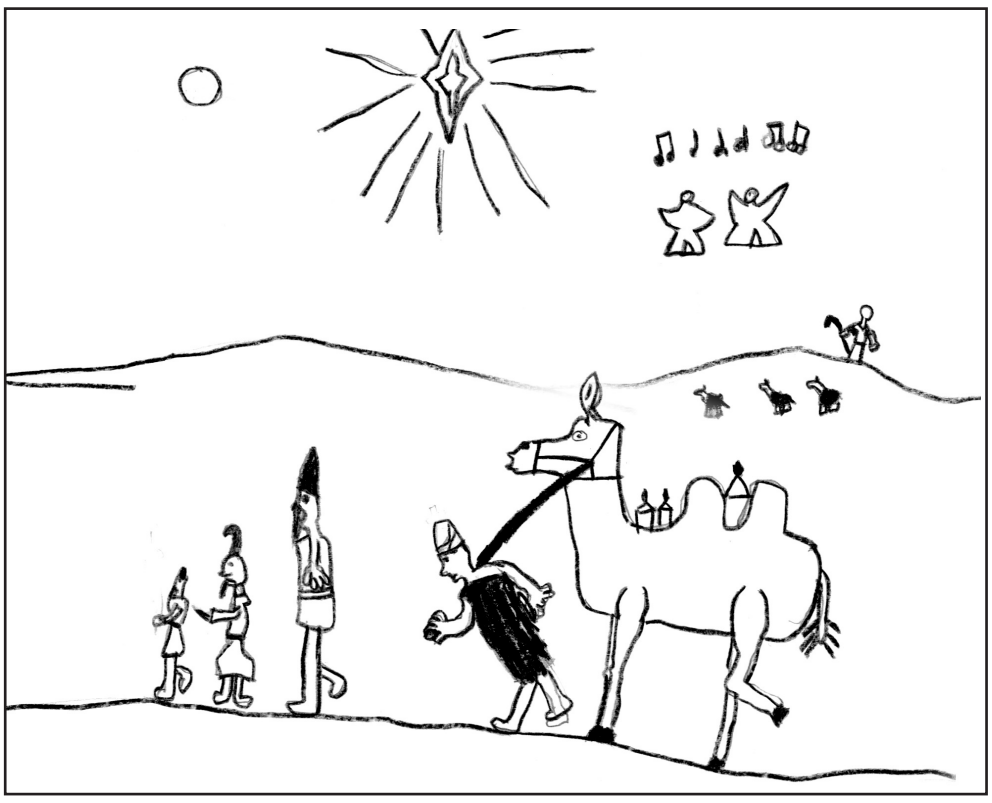

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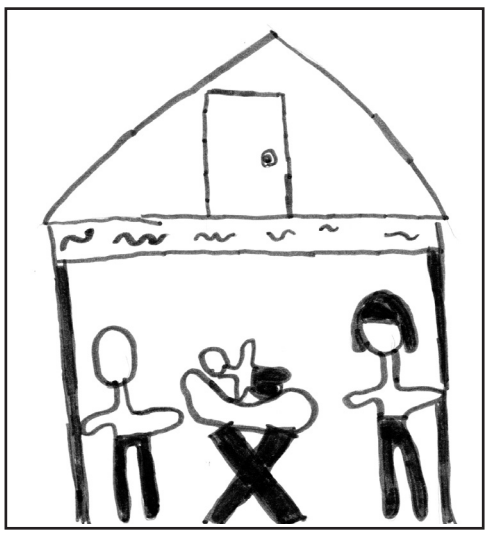

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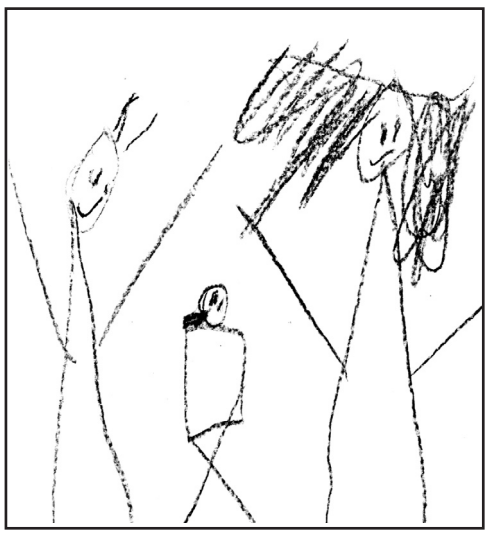

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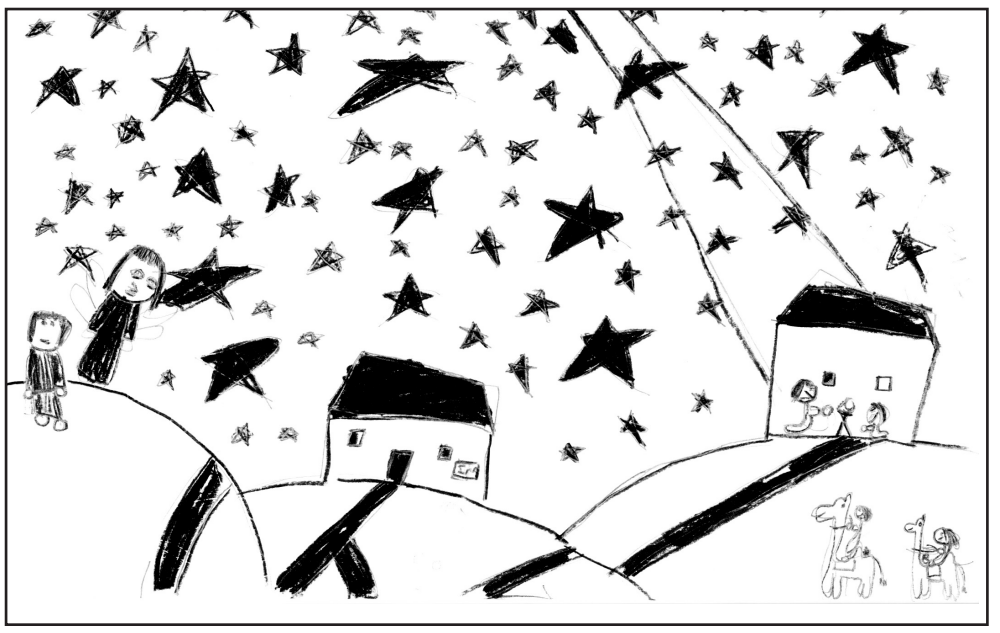

Jackie, Grade 4, Timothy Christian School



Jasmine Kaldeway, Grade 7, Timothy Christian School

Christmas peoms

Jesus was born in a barn,
He slept in a small manger,
Wise men gave Him gifts,
Angels sang "Joy to the World".

Elizabeth ter Horst, Grade 2, Timothy Christian School

Christmas is about baby Jesus,
Christmas is about family,
Christmas is Jesus' birthday,
I am joyful!

Tyrel Luchies, Grade 1, Timothy Christian School

Jesus is born in Bethlehem,
Jesus is born in a manger,
The shepherds saw and heard the angels sing,
They came to see the baby Jesus,
Christmas is all about Jesus,
The Christ, the Messiah, and the Saviour.

David Tibben, Grade 2, Timothy Christian School

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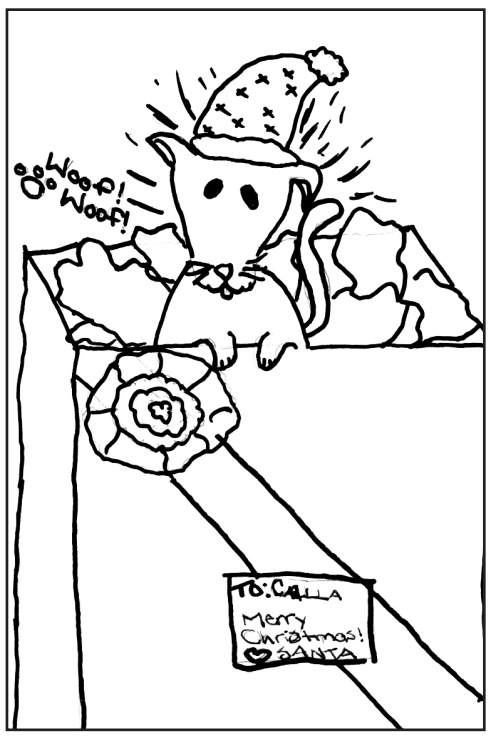

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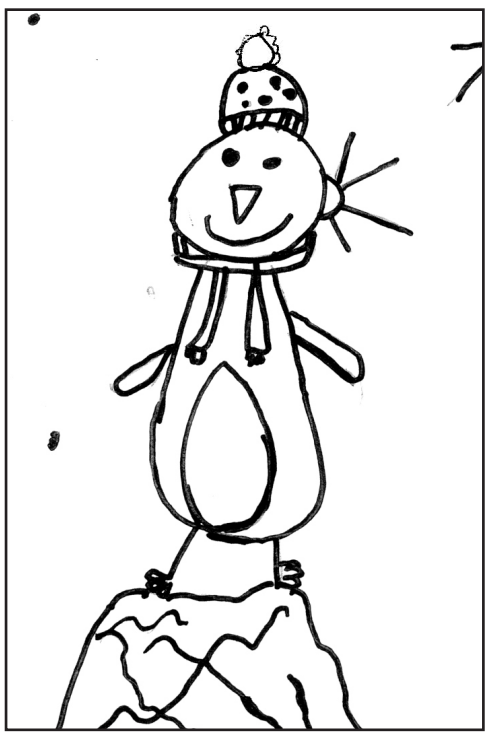

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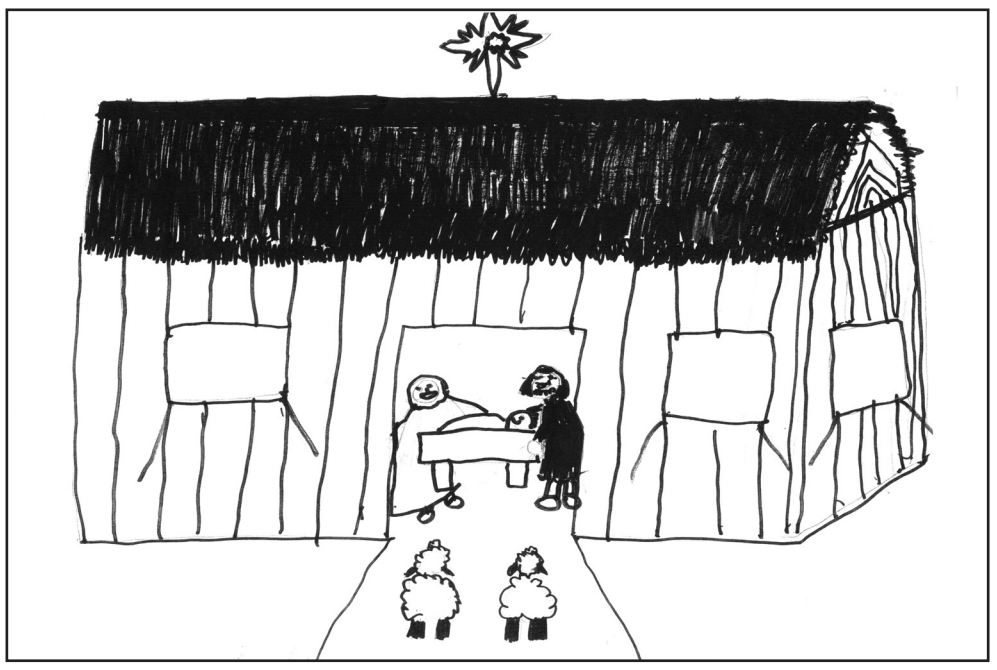

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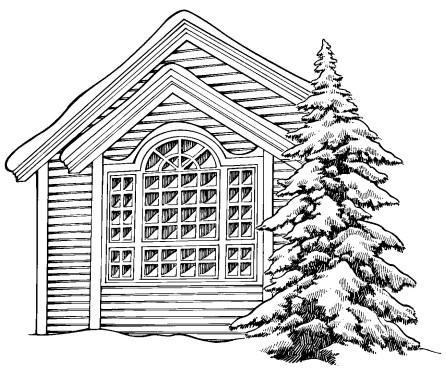

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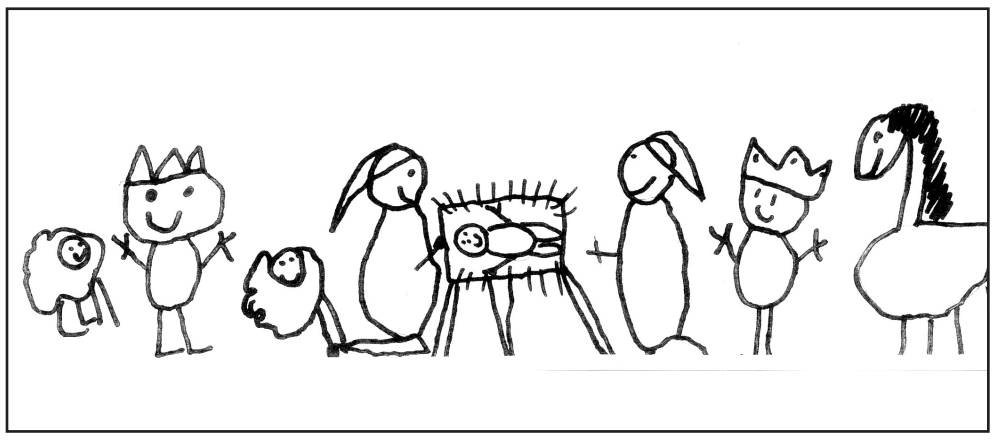

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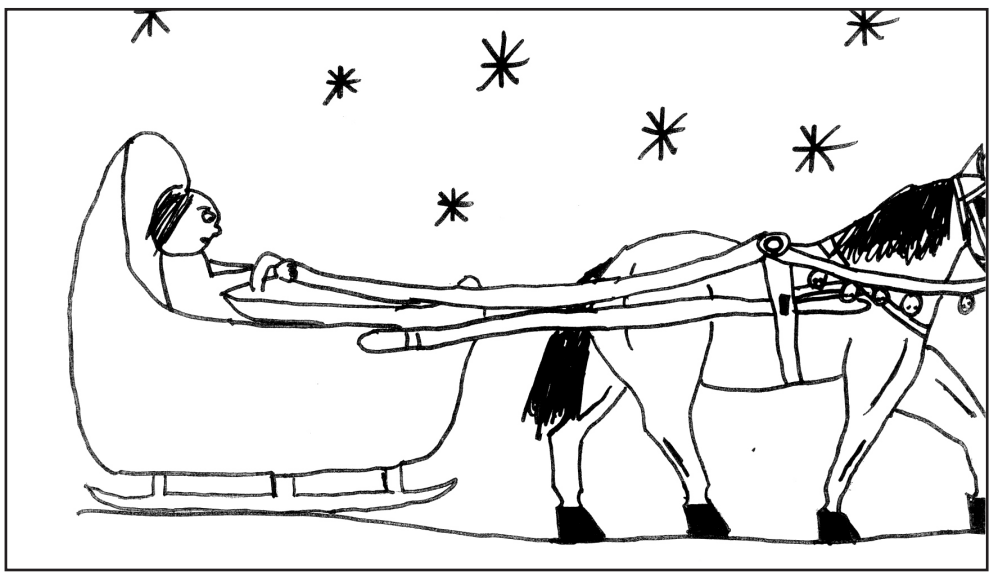

Marcelle Keyzer, Grade 4, St. Mary School, Chesterville

Lilly's snowman

There once was a girl named Lilly. She loved to build snowmen! One day she made a snowman, and there was something special about that snowman! She looked and looked at that snowman for one straight hour. Lilly couldn't see anything special about it, but somehow, some way she knew it was special!

One day, she could swear it was smiling at her! But then Lilly looked again and it was just a plain old snowman! The next day Lilly wasn't feeling so happy, she hadn't made the soccer team and she really wanted to! As Lilly was standing beside the snowman it was almost like it was saying, "That's ok, you can make it next year." That really made her feel better! That snowman became one of her best friends, every day she would drop by and tell him about her day – he was such a good listener!

One warm day, Lilly was going to tell him really exciting news, but he had melted. She was so disappointed. She felt like she had lost her best friend. Her heart felt like it was melting. Lilly started thinking about all the good talks they had had and realized that she would always have good memories of that snowman!

Toni Steele, Grade 4, St. Mary School, Chesterville

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Sam Horner, Grade 4, St. Mary School, Chesterville

Christmas, oh Christmas

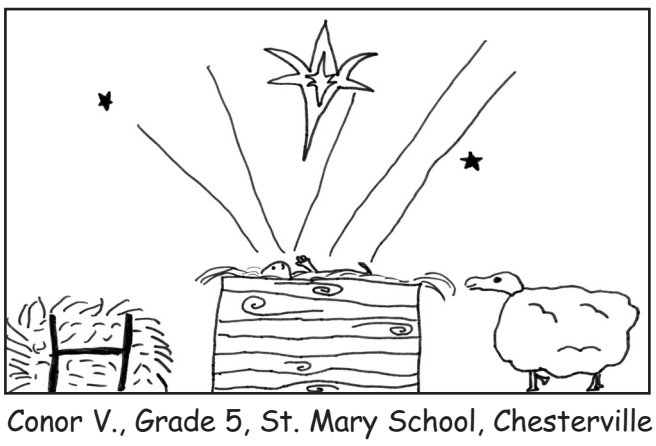
Christmas, oh Christmas,
Santa is here!
Really, oh really,
Cookies are near.

Santa, oh Santa,
You are so jolly.
Stockings, oh stockings,
So full, just for Molly!

Presents, oh presents,
The surprises you hold.
Candy cane, oh candy cane,
How minty and cold.

Here is my poem
For you and me to share.
I hope you like it
Because it's going to be everywhere!

Molly Armstrong, Grade 4,
St. Mary School, Chesterville



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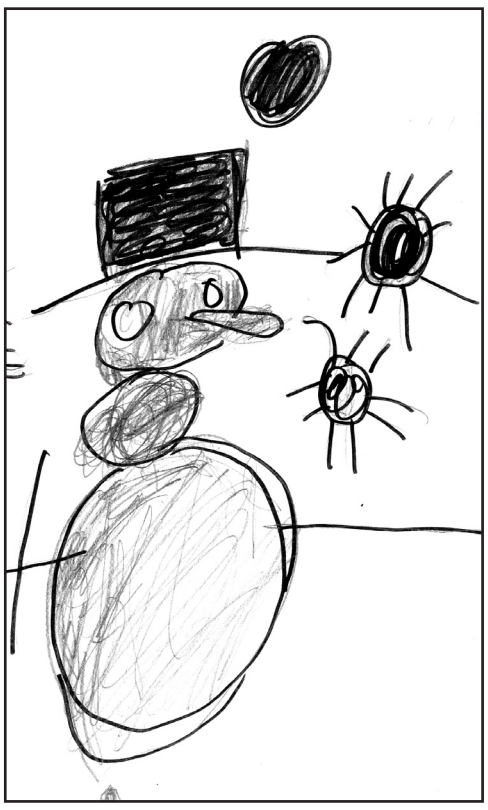

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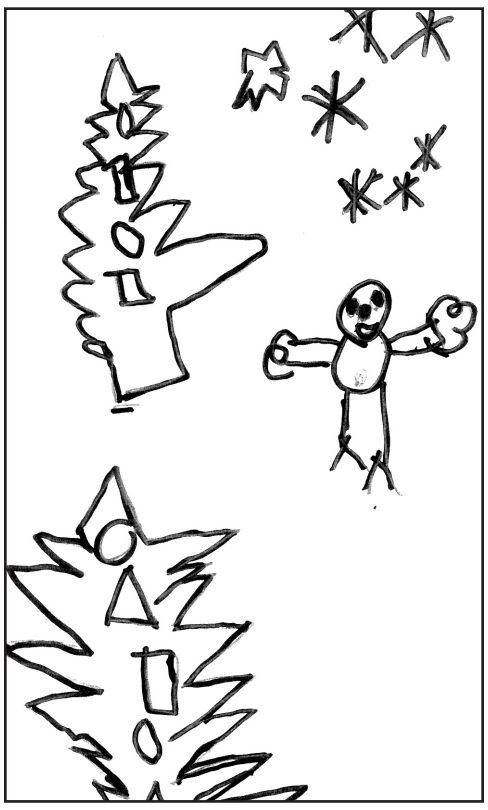

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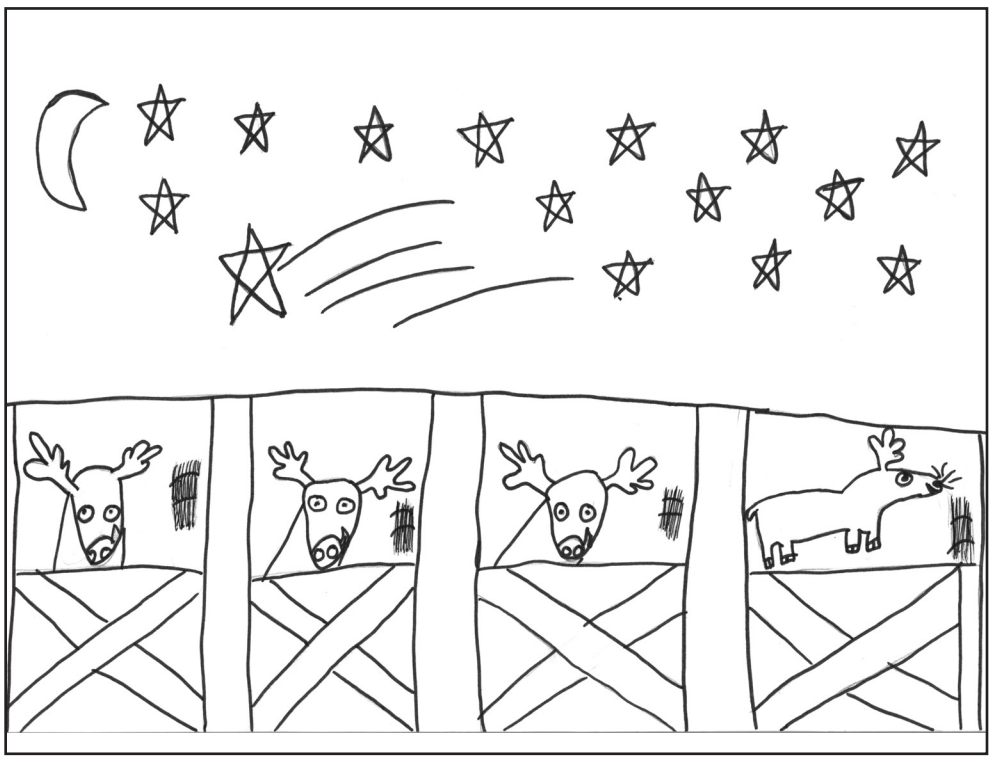

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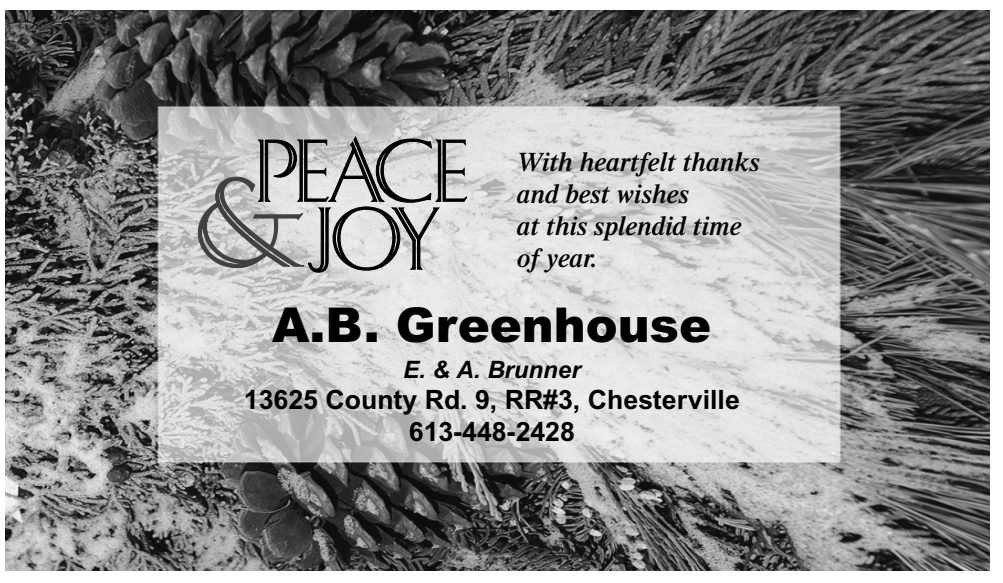

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Jamie MacFarlane, Grade 3,
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Jada, Grade 2,
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Goalie

Fast, quick.
Flail, butterfly, stand up.
Stopping the blistering shot from
My family on Christmas.

**Aaron Turcotte, Grade 5,
Nationview Public School**

Snow

Snow is falling all around,
Snow is falling to the ground.
Snow is falling everywhere,
Snow is falling from the air.

**Mackenzie Pritchard, Grade 5,
Nationview Public School**



Ryley Ault, SK,
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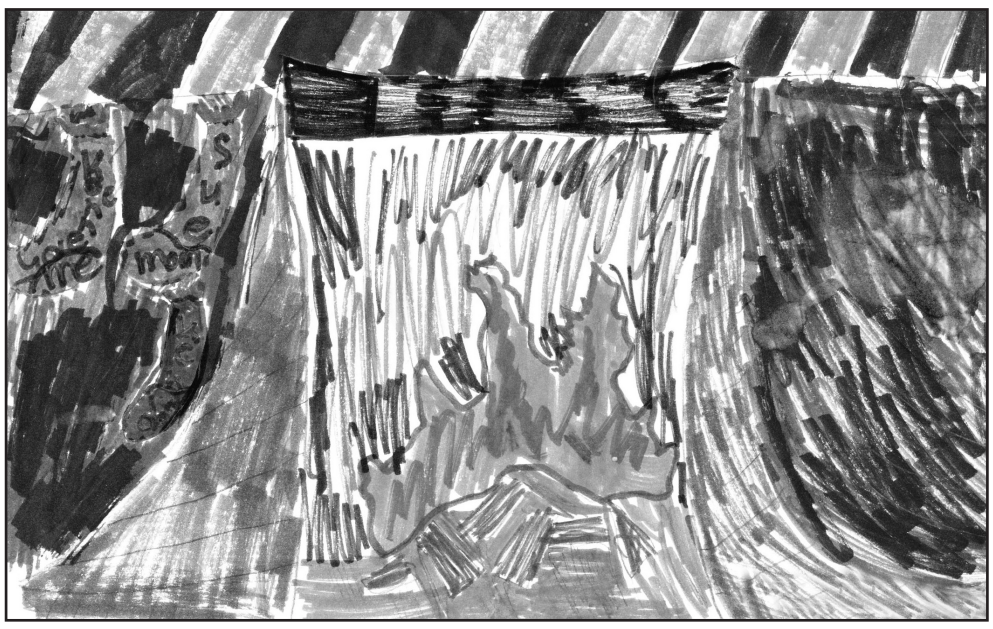

Kennedy Handler, Grade 2, Nationview Public School

Hot chocolate

Thick, brown.
Hot, good and creamy.
It fills your tummy.
Warm drink.

**Jacob Shepherd, Grade 5,
Nationview Public School**

Ode to my Teddy Bear

Teddy Bear, oh I love you so much.
You always cheer me up.
You are the best to me.
I got you on Christmas.
I love you on Christmas.
You are my best friend.

**Sean Devries, Grade 3,
Nationview Public School**

Ode to Frosty

Frosty, I love you!
I love you because you're a snowman that's jolly and freezing!
I love the way you sing.
I wish I could make you right in the middle of my yard.
I wish you could come see me every Christmas!
I like your hat and the way you walk with your broom.
You sing, dance, talk, and walk.
You're amazing! Well... for a snowman.
I love you Frosty!
Merry Christmas!

**Zach Jacques, Grade 3,
Nationview Public School**

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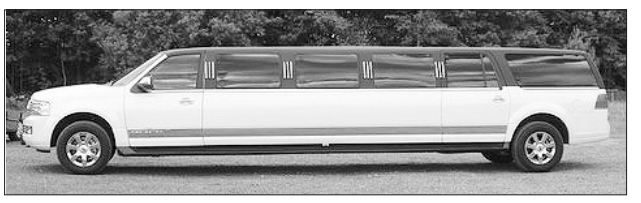

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Ode to presents

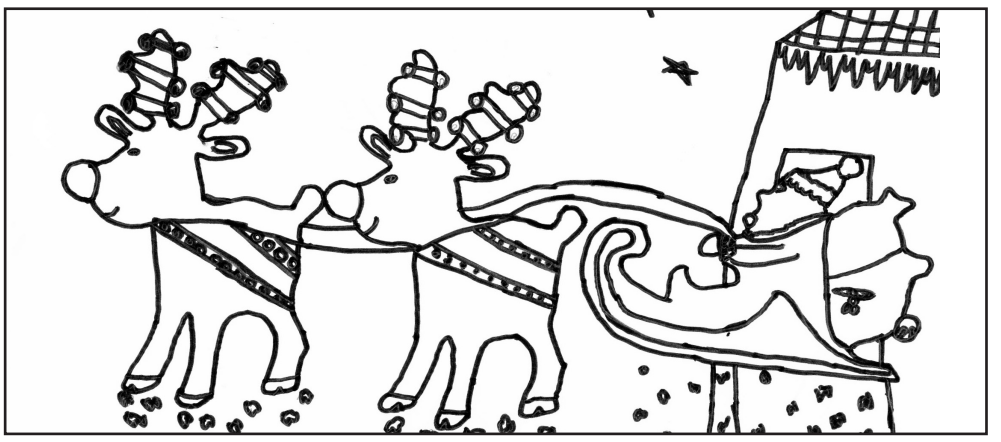
I like presents. Presents are cool.
The thing I don't like about presents is sometimes you don't get the presents you really want.
But most times you get the presents you want.
So presents are the best thing ever.
Like last year I got a Nintendo DS!!
But this year I want a Nintendo DSI III - even better than a Nintendo DS.
I hope I get awesome presents... special presents too.

Chase Holmes, Grade 3,
Nationview Public School

Ode to December

O December, I love you so much.
You are my favourite month.
I love your snow that falls so gently.
I love Christmas, especially because it is in December!!!
You make me SO happy because I can play in the snow a lot!
After I play in the snow I go inside and have a nice warm cup of cocoa.
But the next day I go and do the same thing.
I LOVE YOU DECEMBER!!!

Jordyn Francis, Grade 3,
Nationview Public School



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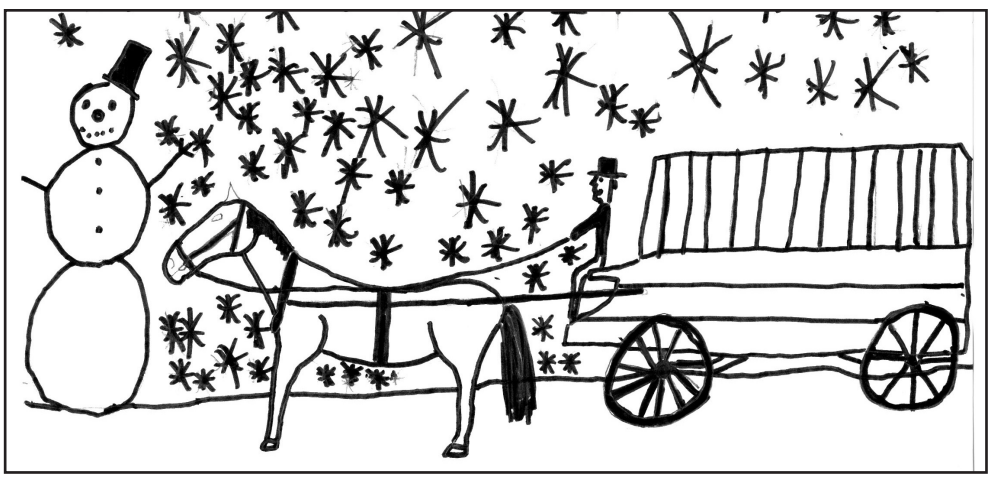

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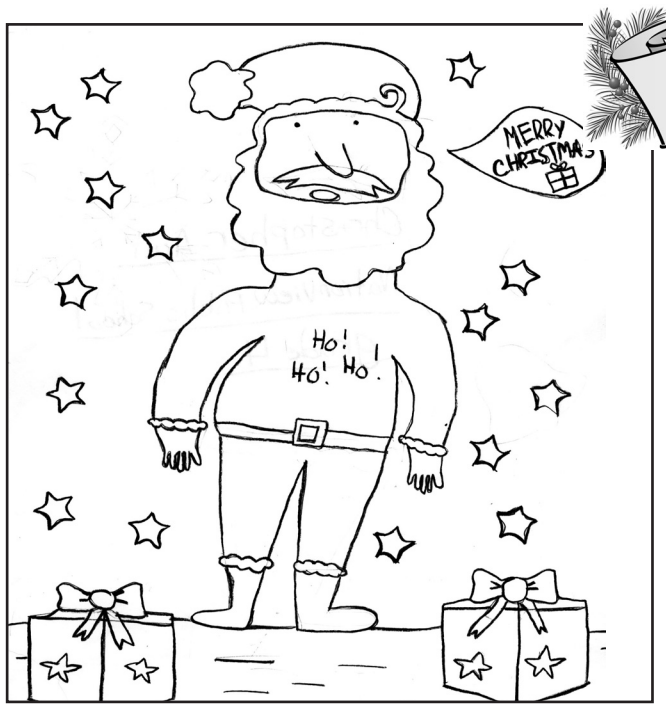


Christopher Ault, Grade 4,
Nationview Public School

Ode to a candy cane

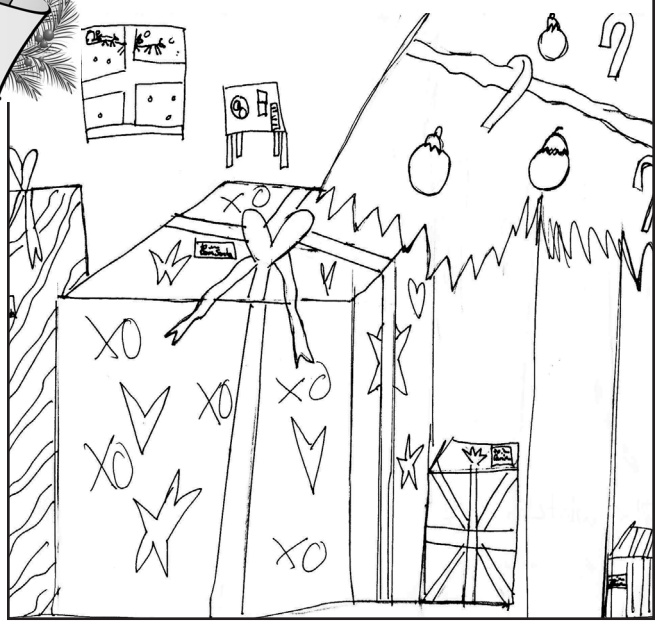
O candy cane, it's hard to eat you.
You're so delicious!
You make my mouth water.
Well I have no choice, so I guess I have to eat you.
The one thing I hate about you is it's hard to get the plastic off of you. I love you!

Brittany Carkner, Grade 3, Nationview Public School

Ode to my Christmas tree

I love my Christmas tree.
You are so beautiful with sparkles on you.
You are so pretty.
I love you,
I decorate you with Christmas lights, tinsel and a star on top.
I'll be sad when you are not there anymore when winter is over. I love December.

**Karin Baldwin-Fawcett, Grade 4,
Nationview Public School**



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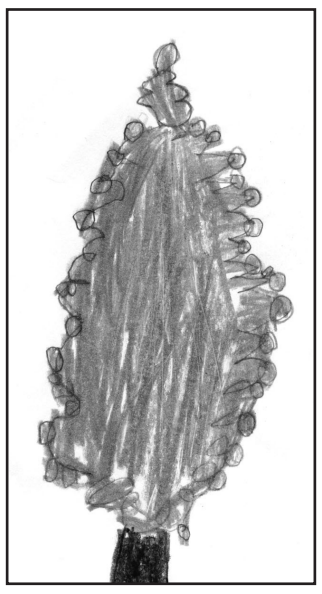

Adam, Grade 1,
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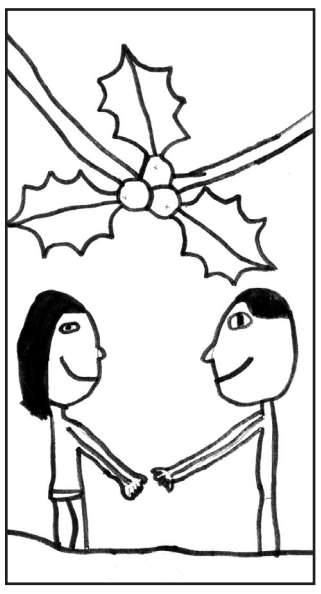

April Foster, Grade 5,
Nationview
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An ode to snow

Oh heavenly snow, what shall we do?
I'd love to make a snowman with bright eyes blue,
Wearing a lovely orange scarf
And glamorous pink buttons
With a hat sparkly green
And a smile to cheer up the day.
Oh heavenly snow.

**Halee Anne Preston, Grade 4,
Nationview Public School**

Ode to a gingerbread man

You are so delicious!
You smell so good.
You look so decorated with candy.
You look so good to eat.
You taste so spicy in my mouth.
I'm ready to eat you!

**Hein Sterkenburgh, Grade 4,
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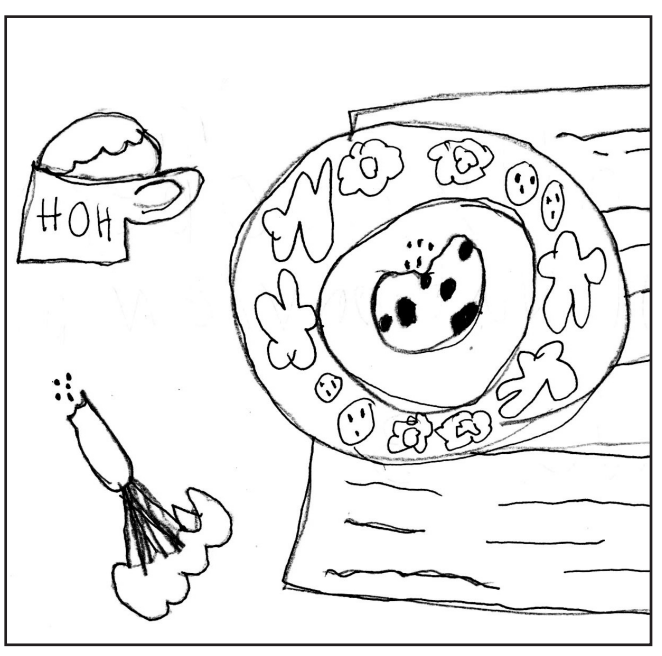

Emily Cooper, Grade 3,
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Kris Kringle

I once knew a man named Kris Kringle.
And he loved to hear jingles.
He hooked up the reindeer,
And he replied, "I'm pulling on the reins dear".
There he goes into the sky with cold cheeks and wrinkles.

Megan Derick, Grade 5, Nationview Public School

Christmas night

Christmas bells ring all night.
I look out my window and see Santa in my sight.
I tip-toe downstairs and wait for him.
But nothing shows up except my dog Tim.
I look out the window one last time, and see Santa
Flying away in the foggy white.

Kyle Ault, Grade 5, Nationview Public School

A secret I keep

Amongst shining stars,
I hear a little jingle,
From old Kris Kringle.

Kaitlyn Stewart, Grade 5, Nationview Public School

Christmas

Jesus, joy,
Celebrations, decorations, baking.
All families get together and celebrate Christmas.
Happiness.

Emily Hitsman, Grade 5, Nationview Public School

Snow

Snow,
Frigid, beautiful,
Whirling, swirling, floating,
Thinking about that warm, creamy hot chocolate,
Snowflakes.

Malerie Paterson, Grade 5, Nationview Public School

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