

# January 2015



All information must be received by **January 22, 2014** to be included in the **February 2015 issue**.

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- \$10—Business card size,
- \$30—quarter page ad,
- \$60—half page ad,
- \$120—full page ad.

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Send news items to the [balgonienewsletter@sasktel.net](mailto:balgonienewsletter@sasktel.net)

## IMPORTANT DATES

- January 5th—School Starts
- January 9th—Balgonie Bisons vs. Radville Nationals
- January 12th—TREE Pick Up Council Meeting
- Tae-kwon -Do Starts at Elementarry School
- January 17th—ELKS Curling Funspiel
- January 23rd — Balgonie Bisons vs. Milestone Flyers
- January 30th —Balgonie Bisons vs. Grenfell Spitfires
- No School
- Save the Date—Feb 28th, Youth Curling Funspiel



### Reminder to Residents






Please do not shovel your snow on to the streets.

### Sparkle Tour Winners

- #1 - 232 Main St.  
*Trevor and Kelly Kessel*
- #2 - 425 Main St.  
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- #3 - 143 Hyde St.  
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# Ladies Night Out



**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

**Balgonie Multiplex**

All proceeds to the Balgonie Playschool

Appetizers and Desserts catered by

Susie's Cinns

Photobooth, Door Prizes, DJ

Coctails start at 6PM

Cash Bar

Table Decorating from 1 – 4:30 PM

**Early Bird Tickets - \$25 (January 15 – February 15)**

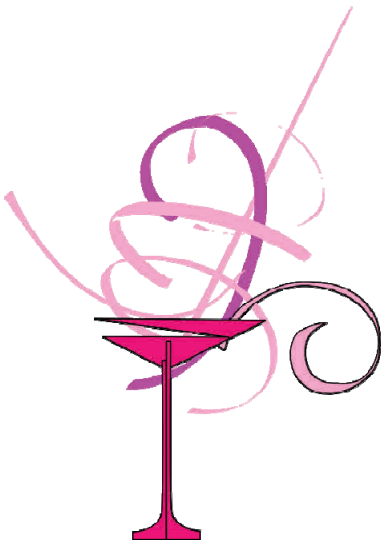
Regular Tickets - \$30 (February 16 – March 1)

To purchase tickets or book a table contact

Niki at 530-4722 or [nikitodos@hotmail.com](mailto:nikitodos@hotmail.com)

Donations for Door Prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Alexis Wagman via email at  
[wagman29@hotmail.com](mailto:wagman29@hotmail.com) if you wish to donate





# SOCCKER

General Meeting

January 28th at 7pm at Multiplex

**Volunteers are NEEDED for the 2015 Season.**

Please contact Ted @ 306-526-8706 with any questions or to volunteer



**Crib – December 13, 2014**  
**50+ club winners**

Winner:

1st—Deanna Radmacher and Erma Revell

2nd—Doris Geiger and Agnes Huber

3rd—Bob and Shirley Campbell

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# From the Town

## REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

9:00 to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Please welcome our new employee, Jen Cordick-Stephen to the Town Of Balgonie Office,

## ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS:

Taxes and utility bills may be paid electronically through your online banking website. The payments would be under Town of Balgonie Taxes and Town of Balgonie Utilities.

(Do not choose Balgonie Water—this payee is a previous business and is not connected with the Town of Balgonie.)

Please contact the Town office to obtain your account numbers.

Electronic payments for utilities and taxes are a convenient way to pay your bills, but they are not instantaneous. Please allow 2-3 business days before any due date so that your payment is received by our office before any penalties apply. The bank requires time to process the payment and advise the Town.

The receipts for electronic payments will be available for pickup or mailed or emailed upon request.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS** are open to the public. They are regularly scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month starting at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Balgonie Administration Building.

The **Council meeting are scheduled for January 12th and January 26th, 2015**

## **Reminder to Balgonie Residents:**

Vehicles are not to be parked on the street for more than 24 hours except weekends and holidays. If your vehicle is not used regularly, you must park it on your own property. All vehicles stored on your property must be licensed and in good repair. Storage of unlicensed and junked vehicles on your property are considered to be a “nuisance” by Town of Balgonie Bylaws.

## **SNOW REMOVAL:**

Our Town is fortunate to have great staff to clear our streets for us!! This time consuming job is made a lot easier when vehicles are moved off the streets for the graders to come through. As well, the Town Boulevard areas (the first 12-15 feet of each property) are where the snow is placed need to be free of vehicles and trailers.

The main streets are done first, followed by side streets and alleys are last. Depending on the severity of the storm and amount of snow, it may take a while for all streets to be cleared. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Thank you for treating our staff with respect.

# Balgonie Town Council...

## What's on the Table?



### **The Regina Bypass Project—Balgonie**

Regina Bypass Project include a portion of some improvements from the 46 Highway to Highway 1. The current plan for Balgonie is to alter the intersection between Highway 46 and Highway 1. This intersection is designed to eliminate the need for crossing Highway 1. In addition, the Main Street access is planned to be closed. It is important that level crossings be removed due to traffic safety. However, this closure will have economic, access and safety implications for Balgonie. Town Council has been working to persuade the Department of Highways to keep the right-in/right-out access at Main Street.

### ***Water and Sewer Bylaws***

The following Bylaws were passed at the Council Meeting on November 10, 2014 :

Bylaws 375/2014—A Bylaw to Regulate and Control the Use And Consumption of Water From the Municipality's Waterworks System And Controlling And Regulating the Discharge of Sewage Into the Municipality's Sewage System and Control of Sump Pit and Surface Discharge of Water

376/2014 —A Bylaw to Fix the Rates To Be Charged For the Use And Consumption Of Water And to Fix The Rates To Be Charged By Way Of Rent Or Service Charge For The Use Of Sewer

As costs have increased to the Town in providing the Water and Sewer Utilities, the utility bills have increased as well. A letter outlining the increases will be in the mail boxes of Balgonie residents, businesses and services. They will take effect in the New Year.

#### **ASK COUNCIL:**

***The Town of Balgonie Council is inviting residents to ask questions which you may have. Please send in your questions to Council at [balgonienewsletter@sasktel.net](mailto:balgonienewsletter@sasktel.net). In upcoming newsletters, a space will be dedicated to answering your questions!!!***





### **REAL CHRISTMAS TREE**

#### **PICK UP**

Trees will be picked up  
January 12th, 2015

Please have trees **LAYING** at end drive way, **DO NOT STICK** them upright in snow, as operators picking them will think they are planted and should not be picked up.

### ***Sympathy for***

*Jared and Allison Romich,  
Joanne and Darwin Romich on  
their loss.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are  
with you.*

*From Your Fire Department  
Family*

### **Balgonie Residents**

There has been some  
vandalism to properties around town.  
Please make sure that if you receive  
damage to your property or see the  
vandalism happening, please contact the  
White Butte RCMP at 306-781-5050

### **Reminder to Balgonie Residents**

Snow from private property should not be pushed onto the streets. Please pile it on your property.

Property owners are responsible to arrange for the snow to be removed from their own property. The designated snow dumping site for Balgonie properties is on the West side of Westview Dr. North. (West of Stage 7 subdivision)



### **Project Plumbing & Heating**

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# 2015 Balgonie Waste & Recycling Pickup Dates

**REMINDER:** Garbage and Recycling Carts are to be put out on the street at 7am and brought in after garbage or recycling collection is complete. If carts are damaged before or after these hours, homeowners are responsible for the charges.



Jan. 6	Recycling	May 12	Recycling	Sep. 15	Recycling
Jan 13	Garbage	May 19	Garbage	Sep. 22	Garbage
Jan. 20	Recycling	May 26	Recycling	Sep. 29	Recycling
Jan 27	Garbage	Jun. 2	Garbage	Oct. 6	Garbage
Feb. 3	Recycling	Jun. 9	Recycling	Oct. 13	Recycling
Feb 10	Garbage	Jun. 16	Garbage	Oct. 20	Garbage
Feb. 17	Recycling	Jun. 23	Recycling	Oct. 27	Recycling
Feb 24	Garbage	Jun. 30	Garbage	Nov. 3	Garbage
Mar. 3	Recycling	Jul. 7	Recycling	Nov. 10	Recycling
Mar. 10	Garbage	Jul. 14	Garbage	Nov. 17	Garbage
Mar. 17	Recycling	Jul. 21	Recycling	Nov. 24	Recycling
Mar. 24	Garbage	Jul. 28	Garbage	Dec. 1	Garbage
Mar. 31	Recycling	Aug. 4	Recycling	Dec. 8	Recycling
Apr. 7	Garbage	Aug. 11	Garbage	Dec. 15	Garbage
Apr. 14	Recycling	Aug. 18	Recycling	Dec. 22	Recycling
Apr. 21	Garbage	Aug. 25	Garbage	Dec. 29	Garbage
Apr. 28	Recycling	Sep. 1	Recycling	Jan. 5/16	Recycling
May 5	Garbage	Sep. 8	Garbage	Jan. 12/16	Garbage

# BALGONIE CURBSIDE RECYCLING CONTAINERS



## STOP AND CHECK THE RECYCLING LIST!!!

Many residents are recycling and reducing the amount of household waste that goes to the landfill. We can even do better by making sure everyone in the household is checking labels before tossing items into the trash.



**Please post this information near your garbage can!!**

### Things that can go into your blue curbside recycling carts in Balgonie.

- **Cardboard and Paper:** Cardboard and paperboard such as empty laundry detergent boxes, cereal boxes, tissue boxes, shoe boxes, chocolate boxes, paper and cardboard packaging from Christmas gifts, newspapers, flyers, inserts, junk mail and envelopes, magazines, catalogues, telephone books, paperback books, hardcover books with spines removed, paper bags, toilet paper and paper towel cores, gift and packing paper, paper egg cartons, copier paper, and NCR paper (No carbon required)
- **Aluminum & Tin:** Soft drink and beer cans, foil trays and pie plates, and household tin cans. These items should be rinsed before placing in recycling bin.
- **Plastic:** Containers with logo 1-7, plastic bags, plastic drink bottles and plastic wrap. This would include things like: packaging from toys and electronics, lids from milk jugs and soda bottles, shampoo bottles, hairspray, lotion, cleaning bottles, empty salad dressing bottles, mayonnaise bottles.
- **Aseptic Packaging and Cartons:** Juice and milk cartons, milk jugs, tetrapak containers, pouches

### **Sorry, we do not accept the following in the Loraas Single Stream Recycling carts.**

- Glass
- Household garbage, organics, or hazardous waste
- Waxed, plasticized or food contaminated paper, cardboard cups or plastic plates
- Soiled tissues, napkins and paper towels
- Confetti shredded paper
- Styrofoam or other foam packing materials
- Auto parts or batteries

#### ***How should you prepare recyclables before putting them in the bin?***

Flatten all cardboard boxes. Wash and rinse all food and beverage containers. Remove all lids and caps from containers.



# Balgonie Public Library

Starting in January ,  
the Balgonie Library will  
have a fresh face and a new  
smile.

Come meet the  
**NEW** librarian, beginning in  
January.



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Twitter



January Book of the month  
  
Dare to Die by Carolyn Hart

## EBooks and Audio Books

The Library has a brochure to  
help you download the software so  
you can read your favorite book in  
your favorite format. Pick one up  
the next time you visit the Library.



## Open Hours

Monday – 1:00 – 5:00 pm  
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Wednesday 9:00 – Noon  
Thursday – 3:30 – 8:00 pm  
Friday – 1:00 – 5:00 pm





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## PUBLIC SKATING AND STICK & PUCK / RING TIMES FOR 2014-15 SEASON



### Public Skating times

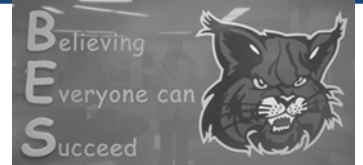
Tuesday 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.  
Thursday 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.  
Sunday 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

### Stick and Puck

Monday 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.  
Wednesday 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.  
Friday 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Helmets must be worn at all times FOR ALL SHINNY PLAYERS!

# Balgonie Elementary School Community Council



"When you are curious, you find lots of interesting things to do"—*Walt Disney*

## **BOARD GAMES OR LEGO THAT NEED A NEW HOME?**

Consider donating them to the Elementary School. Kid friendly, gently used board games are most welcome for the indoor recess collection.

Sincere THANKS in advance!!

## **THANK YOU SASK LOTTERIES!**

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Sask Lotteries Community Grant program. We were the grateful recipients of funds that were used to help purchase the AED we had installed in the school at the beginning of this school year.

BRICKS 4 KIDZ: LEGO based After School Program

Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 Jan 27 - Mar 10 ages 5 - 12

limited spaces available. Register at [www.bricks4kidz.com/regina](http://www.bricks4kidz.com/regina)

If you have any questions about the SCC or would like more information as to how you might **be involved** please contact Council Chair, Kimberly Kiel-Reynolds at [kkiel@kimberlykiel.com](mailto:kkiel@kimberlykiel.com) or 306.771.4822

**Next meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 6:30 pm Balgonie Elementary staffroom**

## *ELCIC Lutheran Churches*

*Regular Services at St. Paul's in Edenwold are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and at St. John's on Correction Line Road every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9:30 a.m.*

*Contact Pastor Kragbe Legre at 306-771-4112 or 306-530-2728(c) for more information.*





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DM's KORNER STATION



**Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

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**Confectionery \* Coffee/Cappuccino**

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**Hunting/Fishing Licences \* Bait**

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# Balgonie Elks #572

*Congratulations!*

The Balgonie Elks are very proud to be selected as one of the 4 top Service Clubs in the Province of Saskatchewan.

In December, at our 35th Anniversary banquet, the lodge was presented with The Premier's Service Club Award. This is a new award sponsored by The Premier of the Province of Saskatchewan and was presented to the lodge by the Honourable Nadiene Wilson the Provincial Secretary.

**Congratulations** to all current and past members of our lodge, for your dedication and hard work in helping to create a safe and caring environment in the communities that we serve.

**NEXT ELKS MEETING: Jan 20th, 2015 at 8:00pm at the Balgonie Multiplex.**

New members are always **welcome, if you** are interested please contact Darren Kiel 306-771-4230

# RECREATION NEWS

By Shaun McBain

*We hope everyone had a safe and festive holiday season!*

*Let's make 2015 another great year.*

The outdoor arena is now in full swing. Just a reminder to all users - there are snow shovels provided for clearing the ice surface.

Please put scrapers back when you are finished with them.



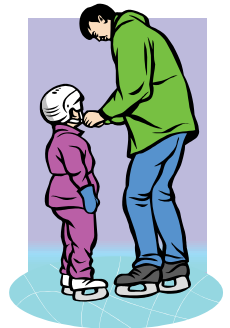
The Zamboni will flood the ice once a week.

There is no set day for this.

The lights will turn on around 5:30 p.m. and turn off at 9:30 p.m.

If the weather is above zero for a few days, please refrain from using the arena so we do not damage the ice.

Please be courteous to others who are also using the facility.



The final numbers are in for the 2014 Dinner Theatre, the total was **\$30,820.00**

Thank you to everyone, another great success!

**Be Careful and Have Fun!**

**Helmets are MANDATORY**



# Balgonie Elks #572 Curling Funspiel

## Balgonie Elks #572 Curling Funspiel

January 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Balgonie Curling Club

\$40 per team. 3 four end games.

Activities start at 6:30pm

Everyone is welcome.

To register contact Trevor Kiel at (306) 529-3709

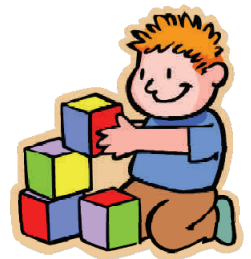
or email [Balgonie.elks@gmail.com](mailto:Balgonie.elks@gmail.com)



## BALGONIE PLAYSCHOOL



Balgonie Playschool is accepting registrations for Winter 2015.



**1 spot left**

**4 year olds class**

**Tuesday and Thursday Afternoon**

**Please call Pam at 771-9159 to register.**





## **Buffalo Plains Tae Kwon-Do**

**Winter session registration  
is on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
From 6:15pm to 7:15pm at  
Balgonie Elementary School**

### **Cost per session**

New students - \$200 (includes one time membership fee, dobok, and Tae-kwon do manual)

Returning students - \$100

There may be an additional \$25 fee charged for late registration

**Tae Kwon-Do** is a recreational family orientated program that increases your fitness, coordination, flexibility and self-discipline and also teaches a very important skill – self defense.

All ages and fitness levels are welcome to join. This is a great activity for parents to do with their children, so parents please feel free to join. If you are unsure about joining please come a try a class or two free of charge.

Buffalo Plains TaeKwon-do is a non-profit organization that has been serving the Balgonie, Pilot Butte and White City since 2003.

### **Beginner classes (white belts) –**

Each week, Monday and Wednesday - 6:30pm to 7:15pm

### **All other colored belts –**

Each week, Monday and Wednesday – 7:15pm to 8:15pm

At

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Contact Information – John/Gail Winter (306)771-4760 or Ms. Stone (306-)525-0005

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*Wishing everyone  
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*Kenten, Leah and Elaine*

**We will be CLOSED—January 1st, 2015**

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**Fr. Ed Hengen** and

**St. Joseph's Parish**, of Balgonie,

would like to welcome you to come and worship with us.

**Mass times:**

**Saturday 7:00 p.m.**

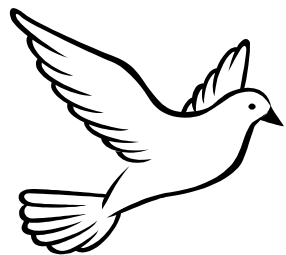
**Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

For information please call 771-2387, email us at [st.jobal@sasktel.net](mailto:st.jobal@sasktel.net), or visit our website at [www.catholic-church.org/stjosephbalgonie](http://www.catholic-church.org/stjosephbalgonie)



***"For where two or three are gathered in my name,***

***I am there among them."*** (Mt. 18:20)



**Balgonie United Church**

Time of Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

*If you would like a ride,  
please call by Friday: 771-4303*

**Office Hours:**

1st Wednesday of the Month 6:30—8pm, remaining Wednesdays 3-5pm

OR by Appointment with Rev Bev Diduck 306-519-4481



## **1<sup>st</sup> Balgonie Girl Guides**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Balgonie Girl Guide unit would like to send out a BIG thank you to the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association for the funds given to our group through the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program. The funds are much appreciated and will greatly help our group with various expenses, outings, and supplies.

In December we held our first enrollment night where we welcomed 37 girl members both new and old to our Girl Guide unit. Our leaders also received membership and enrollment pins that evening. We had a special guest, Colleen Reynard – district commissioner of our unit's district, Tipitotum, attend the enrollment to present the leaders with their pins.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, we visited the William Albert House in Emerald Park to sing Christmas carols with the residents of the home. We had such a wonderful time meeting all the residents, as well as the resident pets! We sang a variety of classic carols, as well as a few hits from the movie, Frozen. We may need to work on our ability to sing together and in tune, but at least we had fun! Thanks so much to the workers and residents of the William Albert House for welcoming us, providing snacks, and for sharing some holiday cheer with our girls.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Balgonie Girl Guide unit wrapped up 2014 with a Family Skating Party at the Balgonie Skating Rink. We enjoyed our time on the ice and finished our activity with some hot chocolate and treats.





Happy New Year from the staff and students at BES! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends! **School resumes on Monday, January 5th.** A reminder there is **No school on Friday, January 30th** as the staff will be engaged in Professional Learning and staff meetings for the day.

**Coming again in the New Year –  
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6 Week Program:  
Tuesday's  
January 27<sup>th</sup> - March 10<sup>th</sup>  
3:30 - 4:30 pm  
Cost: \$78.75

Space is limited! Register online.

For a full description of our programs and to register online, please visit our website at  
[bricks4kidz.com/regina](http://bricks4kidz.com/regina)  
[regina@bricks4kidz.com](mailto:regina@bricks4kidz.com)  
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## Balgonie Baptist Church

102 Service Road, Balgonie Saskatchewan S0G 0E0

Church Phone: (306) 771-2545

website: [balgoniebaptist.wix.com/balgonie-baptist](http://balgoniebaptist.wix.com/balgonie-baptist)

Pastor Glenn Hobden

**Please join us for Sunday morning worship services at 10:30 am**

As Christmas has become a memory I can't help but wonder just how well we did at erasing some of the confusion that exists for many of our children. I recall watching a small child as they gazed up at the lights and decorations of a beautifully decorated home. The tree was spectacular with the ornaments carefully placed in just the right places. There were stockings hung tastefully on the mantel of the fire place, and candles sat on a red plate in the center of the living room coffee table. Angels seemed to be standing guard over a ceramic village and then there are the Nativity scenes carefully placed in prominent places. The home was surely one to be proud of. Everything looks perfect.

Yet, as Christmas Day becomes but a memory I can't help but think that in far too many cases what we interpreted to be wonder on the faces of children might actually have been a bit of confusion. How is that child to understand how everything fits together? How does a jolly fellow in a red suit tie into the Nativity scene? Why did he bring more and nicer toys to affluent families than those who deal with low income? I can't help but wonder if that child looked at things and said, "I just don't understand"

A play school class was practicing for the Christmas program that they were going to present to their parents and grandparents. Everything was perfect, this was going to be a living Nativity Scene and each of the kids had a part to play. There was a manger, they had Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the wise men, and even a couple of kids playing parts as sheep. After the final practice the teacher called the kids to come back to sit at a table for snack time. All the kids raced over to the table to enjoy a Christmas cookie that had been made especially for the occasion.

Though one little boy, named Tim, stayed behind and as the other kids were enjoying their snack. He kept staring at the Nativity Scene. The teacher noticed that he had stayed behind, she called him to come and join them, but Tim didn't seem to hear her. He was somehow lost in his own thoughts and so the teacher went over put her arm around him and said, "Is something wrong?" Tim still looking at the Scene said, "I don't understand?" "Understand what?" said the teacher. With a puzzled look on his face Tim said, "I don't understand where Jesus fit in."

The challenge for us, is to remove the confusion and help each and every child to understand that there is a reason for this season that has just past. A reason that goes far beyond the tinsel and glitter, beyond the decorations on the tree. Further still, it goes beyond the man in a red suit, we need to ensure that every child understands where Jesus fits in. May each and every one of us come to gaze upon the Christ Child with eyes full of wonder knowing that He left the splendor of Heaven to come to earth because He loved us so much. He wanted to provide us with the opportunity of knowing Him in a real and personal way. Not only at Christmas but each day of the year.

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