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What's Inside

Rockwood Farmers' Parade of Lights attracted thousands of people to watch the unique parade. See photos on Page 14.

The star that led the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem - was it a miracle or a phenomenon? See Page 8.

Lots of hockey reports on the Sports pages, 24, 25 and 27.

The True Spirit of Christmas

The Birth of Christ
And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1-7

The Flight
And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Matthew 2:13-15

Churches celebrate birth of Christ

Churches of Acton, Rockwood and area will be celebrating Christmas on Sunday, on Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day with special services and masses.

According to psychologists and other social scientists, many people are questioning lifestyles, which had strayed from the basics of family, love and responsibility. Churches are noticing a renewed interest in their message and the "good news" of Christmas this year after the gloomy months of introspection following September 11.

Everyone enjoys receiving good news and the message of Christmas has always been that of the angel appearing to shepherds in the fields, "Behold, I bring you good news which will bring great joy to all people. This very day in David's city your Saviour was born - Christ the Lord."

Despite all the trappings that have grown around the celebration of Christmas, there is much to be thankful for. The warmth of joining family and friends in festive mood, the joy of children receiving gifts from the jolly old elf, Santa Claus, and the spirit of Christmas which pervades into the marketplace where the stock market indices usually set the mood.

We at The New Tanner, in the spirit of the season, wish all our readers a happy and joyful Christmas of enjoyment and love.

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