# THE NORTHSTAR CHRONICLE



# This Month's Chronicle Winner Summer Silcoff

Here's Summer's submitted poem titled 'Hate Will be the Death of Me'

Hate will be the death of me

It seeps into my soul

Devouring it piece by piece

Another insult, another blow, another shove to the ground

How can they hurt me more?

How will I endure?

How can I smile? When all I see are glares

None love me

The ones that did have fallen, the same way I will Hate will surely be the death of me

My last piece will not be devoured

By the Nazi walking towards me

\*Written in response to reading about Nazi Germany in her English Class

## What's in this Month's Edition?

Jokes Contest Winner Featured Artists Recipe Tips and Tricks Riddles Fun Facts Book Review Talisman Resort Montenegro Comic Strip Word Search Craft Silver Moon Academy Poem

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# **Jacobs Jokes**

What has ears but can't hear? A cornfield.

What did one plate say to the other? Dinner is on me.

When you look for something, why is it always in the last place you look? Because you stop looking once you find it.

What did the science book say to the math book? Wow, you've got problems dude.

How does a vampire start a letter? Tomb it may concern.

How do you make a lemon drop? Just let it fall.

What is worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing taxis.

How can you tell a vampire has a cold? It starts coffin.

What's worse than finding a worm in your apple? Finding half a worm. Riddles

~Simeon Buchner

Q: Which one of Santa's reindeer can you see from outer space? A: Comet

Q: Rip me off quick so I no longer hide, your precious gifts that are concealed inside. What am I? A: Wrapping paper

Q: I'm made of two colours and I look just like a hook. You'll give me a lick, but I'm not something you cook. What am I? A: A candy cane

Q: I fly when I am born, lie when I'm alive, and run when I am dead. What am I? A: snow

Q: What does Santa do in his garden A: Ho Ho Ho

Q: What did Adam say the day before Christmas? A: It's Christmas, Eve!



# Featuring...



Finding Light ~Michaelyn Redgwell



Christmas Picture (Submission for contest) ~Marcus Nissly

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Last months Word Search! ~Natalie Dryden



#### Overview

This tiny country is located off the cost of the Adriatic Sea. It is bordered by Albania, Kosovo, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia. Its capital city is Podgoria, which is home to these well-known landmarks: Dajbabska Gora Tower, Morača river, and King Nikola I monument. Their official language is Montenegrin, which is closely related to Croatian, Serbian and Bosnian. About 75% of the population would identify as Christians, with the other 25% belonging to various other religions such as, Islam.

### **Fun Facts & Stories**

When I was researching this tiny country, I realized that, although it is small, it is full of interesting stories, histories, and people. About 500 years ago some Montenegrin fishermen had cast their nets just off the shores of Montenegro. On their way back to the mainland they came across an icon of the virgin Mary stranded in a coral reef.

They eventually built an island there and on top of this island stands the church. Our Mother of the Rocks. Another interesting custom of the Montenegrin people is their Lazy Olympics! In this contest the people battle it out to see who is the laziest of them all. Contestants can win up to 400 euros (616 dollars) for being the laziest. In fact, Montenegrin are known as the sleepiest people in the world! One of their most notable athletes would be Jovanka Radičević, a national handball champion. They have also had several basketball players make it to the NBA. These include Predrag Drobnjak, Nikola Mirotić and Nikola Vucevic.

Wow! That was a lot of information really fast. While that isn't even half of all the intriguing things about Montenegro, I think that's enough for now! Join me next time as we study the East African Island nation of Mauritius.

# TIPS AND TRICKS

Hello everyone! The following is a bunch of pictures of helpful tips and tricks to make your life and your parent's lives a lot easier! (I do not own these pictures and came from this website:)

https://removeandreplace.com/2013/06/01/50-useful-tips-and-tricks-for-makingeveryday-life-easier/



# Talisman Resort

~Benjamin Widish

Close to the town of Flesherton, Ontario sits two ski resorts: one abandoned, one operating. The abandoned one goes by the name of Talisman Mountain Resort. The Talisman opened up in the 1960s with a handful of double chairlifts. The resort grew over the years, and in the late 60s, a 57-room luxury hotel opened up with a spa, pool, gym and dining. In the 80s, a golf course on the property was also developed, and most of the double chair lifts were replaced with more modern lifts. The future was looking bright for Talisman, when in 2011, it all came crashing down to a grinding halt. The resort owed more than 2 million to the province in taxes, and additional millions to creditors.



Fun Facts ~Jacob Brown

Scotland has 421 words for snow

3.572 billion people viewed the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

The human nose can distinguish over one trillion odors.

Hawaiian Pizza was invented by a Greek immigrant who lived in Ontario.

Shaking hands was first practiced to let the other person know that you were unarmed. The Talisman closed almost overnight, with the hotel restaurant tables still set for guests the next day. One of the quad chairlifts and the triple chair lifts were sold, but one quad chair continues to reside (partially) on the mountain. In 2017, the hotel was bought, and new owners unveiled grand plans to restore the hotel to its former glory. Unfortunately, while much work has been done on the property, the hotel is still not completely finished. The ski hill remains closed for the foreseeable future.

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## **Crunchy Banana Muffins**

~Sean Umbsaar

1 cup mashed bananas

1 tsp baking soda ½ tsp cinnamon

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup raisins

(optional)

6 Tbsp oil

1/2 cup sugar

1 tsp salt

1 egg, well beaten

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup chocolate chips

1 cup flour

1 tsp baking powder

### Directions

Pre-heat the oven to 350 Degrees

Sift the flour, baking powder, soda and salt together.

Mash the bananas and add sugar, oil, egg, water and vanilla; beat well together.

Stir with wooden spoon into flour mixture.

Fold in raisins and chocolate chips.

Scoop into a well-greased muffin pan.



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## Silver Moon Academy – Book 2: Ghosts in the Shadows Chapter One (Not Complete)

A blanket of snow covered Jamaa. The field outside of Silver Moon Academy was covered in a thick layer of the glittering crystals. The sun shone bright overhead, causing the carpet of sparkles to shimmer like a meadow of diamonds. The air was chilly and carried the brittle scent of winter. There was a very slight breeze, just enough to make your skin tingle, but not to make you shiver. The air was frosty and nipped softly at all the animals of Jamaa.

I walked alone across the white sheet of crystals. Every time I took a step, there was the soft hiss of scattering snow and the little flakes danced into the air, spiraling off into the sky never to be seen again. As I walked, my breath came out in swirls of misty tendrils, curling and stretching for freedom before dispersing and vanishing into the still, cold air.

December had crept up on all of us at Silver Moon Academy, and the Jamaalidays were soon to come. There were only a few more weeks of school before we were free to celebrate the holidays.

I raised my muzzle, closing my eyes and soaking in the warm sunshine that waved cheerily down at me. There was not a cloud in sight and the sky was a brilliant, radiant blue.

I sighed and my breath spun into the frozen atmosphere. I needed to be getting back to the school for my next class. As I began to dawdle back towards the academy, I felt my pocket vibrate and my melodic ringtone go off. Quickly sliding the device from its place, I answered it, holding it close to my ear. "Hello?" I spoke into it. A familiar and beloved voice responded to mine. "Hey Isis!" It was one of my three best friends, Astron.

"Oh hello!" I called back, beaming. I heard him laugh lightly at my enthusiasm before continuing. "I have good news." He informed me, pausing for dramatic effect.

"My family and I are finished here and will be returning to Jamaa *very* shortly and I will be able to continue my schooling at Silver Moon in a week!" I gasped. "Oh, that is wonderful!" I cried, adding a skip to my step while continuing back in my pawsteps.

"That means I will be able to spend the Jamaaliday break with you guys at the school." He said. I smiled. I was so happy. "Well," I began. "I am very sorry to cut this short, but I believe I am about to be very late for class and therefore in a lot of trouble." I informed Astron, quickening my pace as I heard the warning bell toll loudly within the school.

"Alright." Astron replied. "Good luck with your studies!" We hung up and I flat outran the rest of the way to the school.

I raced into the building, my heart pounding and my paws icy and numb. I quickly took off toward my locker where I grabbed my schoolbooks and headed quickly to Miss. Belinda's English classroom.

I wasn't *too* late, but according to Belinda I was *very* late. Teachers, ya know? *Continued...* 

\* Thank you so much for reading my story! This was only part of the first chapter of the book, so if you are interested in the full version and if you want to read more Silver Moon Academy adventures, email me at <a href="https://ndbooks@kcnw.ca">ndbooks@kcnw.ca</a>! Just tell me what chapter you need!

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## It's About the Cross

~Naomí Schiltroth

It's not just about the manger Where the baby lay It's not all about the angels Who sing for him that day?

It's not all about the shepherds Or the bright and shining star It's not all about the wise men Who travelled from afar?

It's about the cross It's about my sin It's about how Jesus came to be born once So that we could be born again

It's about the stone That was rolled away So that you and I could have real lífe someday It's about the cross

It's not all about the good things In this life I've done Its not all about the treasures Or the trophies that I've won

Its not about the righteousness That I've find within It's all about His precious blood That save me from my sin It's about the cross It's about my sin It's about how Jesus came to be born once So that we could be born again It's about the stone That was rolled away So that you and I could have real lífe someday It's about the cross

The beginning of the story Is wonderful and great But it's the ending that can save you And that's why we celebrate

It's about the cross It's about my sin It's about how Jesus came to be born once So that we could be born again

It's about God's love Naíled to a tree It's about how every drop of blood That flowed from Hím when ít should have been me

It's about the stone That was rolled away So that you and I could have real life someday So that you and I could have real life someday It's about the cross It's about the cross It's about the cross



The False Prince, by Jennifer A. Nielsen Reviewed by Abbie Rae Kornelsen

Genres: Fantasy Fiction, Historical Fiction, Action Interest Level: Grades 4-10 Rating: 8/10 Similar to: The Hunger Games, The Selection, Protector of the Small Author: Jennifer A. Nielsen Part of: The Ascendance Series Other titles in this series: The Runaway King, The Shadow Throne, The Captive Kingdom, The Shattered Castle (Fall 2021)

#### Summary

This book follows Sage, an orphan boy living in an aggrieved country on the brink of civil war. To help save his country from this impending threat, noble man Conner devises a plot to find the impersonator of the king's long-lost son and place him as a false prince. Sage, along with 3 other young orphans move from their less than promising lives into a life of luxury in the palace. As the contest goes on their lives hang on a thread as lie after lie is revealed. Who will be the False Prince?

## Overview

Overall, this book displays a positive message of never giving up. It is a beautifully written book, full of witty and creative dialogue. When I was reading this book it was torture to put it down for even a few minutes. It is a definite page turner! If you are a fan of the Hunger Games, then I have no doubt you would thoroughly enjoy this book just as I did!

> In Christ, Abbie Rae

Authors note: If you have any questions about this book or if you have any suggestion for other book reviews contact me at <u>abbie.kornelsen@nsaschool.ca</u>

\*(The sexual and violent content was excluded because of our audience, contact Abbie for the full review!)

# **Merry Christmas Chroniclers!**

December already?! Wow! I want to say a huge thank you to the team for working so hard this month! There are some exclusives from last month that weren't posted as well as some new columns. I'm open to any feedback you guys may have or ideas for the new year! This newspaper has gone through so many contributors and editors and it wouldn't be here without them! I hope you all have a very merry Christmas and don't forget the real reason for the season!

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