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A second person told him that drum beating was a sacred activity and should be carried out only on special occasions. The third person offered the neighbours plugs for their ears; a fourth gave the boy a book; a fifth gave the neighbours books that described a method of controlling anger through biofeedback; a sixth person gave the boy meditation exercises to make him placid and docile. None of these attempts worked.

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## Santa Claus Parade A Huge Success!

*Written by: Al Jones, Chair of the Santa Claus Parade*

The Airdrie Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Santa Claus Parade Committee would like to thank all of our dedicated volunteers for their hard work this year. Our parade this year was our biggest and best yet with a record crowd. We would like to thank Wal-Mart for donating almost 10,000 candy canes and the Range 106.1 FM for their generous marketing donation; Committee members - Shelley Bitz, Samantha Urban, Melody Sharuga, Allan and Lorna LePoudre, our parade marshal Carey Laminski, Ted Devins from the City of Airdrie, Glenda Alexander and Lorna Hunt. Airdrie Chrysler supplied the cars for the dignitaries and thank you to our drivers, Susan Wallace and Linda Leibel. We would also like to thank René, Wendy and the rest of the "Here's the Scoop" Troop, Airdrie EMS and Municipal Enforcement as well as all of our friends that supervised the barricades - Airdrie Thunder Junior B Hockey Team, Teri and her mom, Russ, Jeanette, Maria, Michelle, Matt, Ken, Marlene, Laura, Craig and our judges Sheila, Andrea and Theresa. We would also like to thank Phyllis, Bob, Bret and Erin Hunter with helping Santa get around town the night before during Moonlite Madness. Congratulations to all of the parade entries...you all looked amazing and to First place winner Star Baton Dance Company, Second place Curves for Women, Third place Airdrie NHL Ladies Hockey Team. Thank you to all that came out to enjoy the day with us. We hope you all had as much fun as we did.

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