

# CLANCY'S CLICHÉ'S

Who are you? Why were you born? What purpose is your life? What ripple effect do you have on others? Loaded questions. The Little Drummer Boy had these same questions as did George in "It's A Wonderful Life."



As I sit staring at the stepstool my water bowl sits upon, I wonder as I wonder about the forest and the tree the wood was from, the people who cut and transported the wood, and the person who created the design and stained that little stool, exhibiting talents of care and precision. We could start, "Once upon a time, from a seed to a tree, it was part of a forest nurtured by the elements of nature..." Many had a role and benefitted from the purpose and even the income of their efforts. They also benefitted others by their purpose. The stool is now enjoyed and used in the St. Leo office. It's a ripple effect that goes on and on and on.

We all walk amongst people yet may not realize special skills and passions in them. An encouraging word to someone about an ability they possess can influence the person to develop their talent and grow in confidence and purpose. Ripples. The true gift, of course, is in the giving.

As we celebrate Christ's birth, do you think Mary and Joseph knew what the future would bring and what purpose and role their lives had? And as silly as it may seem, what of the animals in the stable? Perhaps the heat from their bodies made for a more comfortable Holy Night! Sitting with the peace of this holy season, remember that each moment brings opportunities for the specialness in us all. Full of Purpose. Full of Gifts. Full of Ripples.



## Clancy's Cackles

Knock knock! Who's there? Hanna. Hanna who? Hanna partridge in a pear tree!

What goes Ho Ho Whoosh, Ho Ho Whoosh?  
*Santa going through a revolving door!*

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?

*Claustrophobia!*

What do you get if Santa goes down the chimney when a fire is lit?

*Krisp Kringle!*

What do you call a dog who works for Santa?

*Santa Paws!*

