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December 22, 2020

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EXPIRED: ALBERTA REMOVES LICENCE PLATE STICKERS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government first required registration expiry dates to be visible on Alberta licence plates in 1974. Due to advances in technology, stickers marking the month and year of registration, as well as stickers for fleet vehicles and permanent trailers, will no longer be issued in 2021.

In fall 2021, Alberta will

transition to high-definition reflective licence plates. The reflective plates are more easily scanned by automated licence plate readers, which will assist law enforcement agencies using that technology to validate licence plate registration at roadside.

Reflective plates will be issued on a go-forward basis after the current stock of painted licence plates runs out in the fall.

Alberta drivers and vehicle owners will still be responsible for renewing their registration on time, and will still require a valid certificate of vehicle registration. Albertans can sign up to receive an electronic renewal notice through a registry agent, the Alberta Motor Association, or MyAlberta eServices.

Quick facts

• There are more than 5.5 million vehicles registered in Alberta.

- The government currently spends about \$1.2 million per year to print, ship and store expiry stickers for licence plates.
- Stickers will still be required for farm vehicles and prorated commercial vehicles participating in the International Registration Plan
- Vehicle registrations expire at midnight on the last day of an assigned month, based on surname or company name.
- One-year online vehicle registration renewals are available for passenger vehicles and motorcycles.
- Canadian jurisdictions that have eliminated the use of expiry stickers on licence plates are:
 - Ouebec (1992)
- Saskatchewan (2012)
- Northwest Territories (2014)
- Manitoba (2016)





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A MESSAGE FROM MLA MARK SMITH

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith | Drayton Valley – Devon Constituency

Albertans are facing a critical situation with rising rates of COVID-19 and a quadrupling of outbreaks in continuing care facilities. This health emergency is putting the lives of our most vulnerable and our seniors at risk.

These are our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends, and mentors. They're the people who built Alberta and we must do everything we can to keep them safe while minimizing damage to our broader social health.

There are more than 13,000 active cases of COVID-19 in Alberta. If we do not slow the sharp rise in both hospitalizations and ICU admissions, COVID-19 will threaten our ability to deliver health services that Albertans rely on.

This is why our government recently announced targeted measures to protect the lives and livelihoods of Albertans. New restrictions and increased enforcement will reduce spread in targeted communities, protect hospitals, keep schools and businesses open as much as possible, and protect vulnerable Albertans.

This pandemic poses the greatest challenge our province has faced in more than a generation. Every decision we make in responding to it impacts the lives of our friends and neighbours. As a result, Alberta's government has resisted calls for a blanket lockdown of our society because of the profound damage it would cause, especially for the poor and vulnerable who would be the most affected.

A provincial lockdown would throw hundreds of thousands of Albertans out of work, deepen the mental health and addiction crisis, and pose a potential violation of Albertans' constitutionally-protected rights and freedoms.

Our approach stands in stark contrast to the economically devastating measures that the NDP is demanding. When asked during an interview with Danielle Smith if all restaurants and bars should be closed, the NDP leader responded saying "yes".

Alberta's restaurant sector is one of the largest sources of employment in the province, particularly for women and new Canadians. Alberta's government does not support the unscientific and unconstitutional demands of Rachel Notley's NDP to shut down this entire economic sector.

Instead, we focused on targeted measures aimed at places where the data clearly shows COVID-19 was spreading. With adherence to public health guidelines, many services Albertans love and enjoy, including retail, movie theatres, and restaurants, will remain open.

Albertans must act together to protect the vulnerable and stop the spike in COVID cases. By acting now, we can bend the curve of the virus and ensure our health care system has the capacity to protect Albertans.

I can be reached at the main constituency office in Drayton Valley at 1-800-542-7307 toll-free Monday to Friday, the Devon constituency office at 780-987-3666 Wednesdays and Thursdays or emailed at draytonvalley.devon@assembly.ab.ca anytime.









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TOUGH, SWIFT PENALTIES FOR IMPAIRED DRIVERS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Starting Dec. 1, police will be able to administer stricter impaired driving penalties on the road, while most first-time impaired driving charges will be handled quicker outside of court through SafeRoads Alberta. Impaired drivers could face larger fines and lose their vehicles for up to 30 days.

SafeRoads Alberta, a new adjudication branch, will allow drivers to pay their fees online, request more time to pay their penalty, or dispute their Immediate Roadside Sanction or vehicle seizure.

"I want to be very clear: impaired driving is always unacceptable. SafeRoads Alberta will help get impaired drivers off the road and free up court and police resources – allowing police to focus on keeping our communities safe and the courts to focus on the most serious matters." - Kaycee Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General

"SafeRoads Alberta will deliver a fast and efficient way to pay for first-time impaired driving charges, but if you get behind the wheel impaired, the toughest and swiftest penalties in Canada are waiting. These moves make Alberta roads safer and get police back fighting rural and urban crime instead of stuck in the courts." - Ric McIver, Minister of Transportation

In the most serious cases, including repeat offenders and impaired driving causing bodily harm or death, individuals will still receive criminal charges on top of

the other penalties.

"MADD Canada welcomes the implementation of these new measures to address the impaired driving problem, and we thank the Government of Alberta for its leadership. These measures deliver strong, immediate penalties and sanctions to those individuals who continue to disregard the law and put lives in danger by driving impaired. They will reduce impaired driving and save lives." - Andrew Murie, chief executive officer, MADD Canada

"Impaired driving has tragic consequences that devastate families and communities. Alberta's new impaired driving framework delivers immediate penalties that match the seriousness of this crime and are proven to reduce impaired driving and make roads safer. What's most sobering, however, is that every case of impaired driving is completely preventable - we implore all Albertans to make a plan and separate substance use from driving." -Jeff Kasbrick, vice-president of government and stakeholder relations, AMA

Quick facts

- Under the new impaired driving laws, significant penalties will be handed out roadside, getting impaired drivers off the streets immediately. Stronger penalties for impaired driving include:
 - Fines of up to \$2,000
- Vehicle seizure up to 30 days
- New mandatory education programs for repeat offenders
- Mandatory ignition interlock for repeat offenders
- New zero-tolerance consequences for novice drivers and commercial drivers will also be introduced.
- The Alberta Transportation Safety Board will finish hearing cases submitted before Dec. 1 and is expected to wrap up operations by March 31, 2021.





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MP SOROKA QUESTIONS THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT ON THE LIBERAL FUEL STANDARD

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead stood in the House today and asked the Minister of Environment the following:

"Mr. Speaker, the Liberal fuel standard will increase the cost of fuel by 4 cents per litre. This increase in cost will have disproportionate effect on Canadians living in

rural areas, like so many of my constituents. Rural Canadians don't have the same transportation options as those in urban centres.

Mr. Speaker, will this government make concessions for rural residents to even the playing field or will they continue gouging rural Canadians?"

The Minister's response:

"Mr. Speaker using cleaner fuels in our buildings, vehicles and industries is one of the biggest steps we can take to reduce emissions in this country. The clean fuel standard will cut pollution by up to 30 million tonnes in 2030, which is equivalent to taking seven million cars off the roads. It is going to create enormous opportunities for farmers and companies producing renewable fuels,

hydrogen, and biofuels. It will encourage investments in energy efficiency that will help Canadians save money. It will assist with the faster deployment of electric vehicles. It is something that will drive innovation in this country, business opportunity and environmental sustainability."

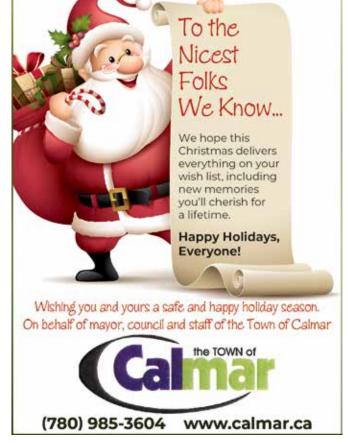
FIREARMS MARKING REGULATIONS DEFERRED

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that the existing Firearms Marking Regulations under the Firearms Act, scheduled to come into force on December 1, 2020, have been deferred until December 1, 2023. The Government will use the deferral period to continue consulting with partners and develop an effective markings regime that is appropriate for Canada, balancing the needs of law enforcement with the impact on firearms businesses and owners, while prioritizing public safety.







ALBERTA RCMP ENFORCES SAFE, SOBER DRIVING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Submitted by Alberta **RCMP Traffic Services**

Edmonton -Though the ways we celebrate the holiday season may have changed this year, the dangers of driving impaired have not. The Alberta RCMP is working to promote safe, sober driving through National Impaired Driving Enforcement Day on Saturday, Dec. 5. As part of the annual, nation-wide initiative, Alberta RCMP will be patrolling our provincial highways and conducting check stops, ensuring impaired drivers are apprehended and removed from the roads.

"In 2019, over 6,000 impaired

driving-related charges were laid, and approximately 30% of all fatal collisions in Alberta RCMP jurisdictions involved alcohol or drugs," explains Supt. Gary Graham, Alberta RCMP Traffic Services. "Please plan ahead and find a safe means of transportation to and from your holiday destinations."

The Alberta RCMP is asking motorists to remember the following this December:

- Driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol impairs your judgment and reaction time.
- · Impaired driving is criminal and dangerous.
- · Individuals with a Graduated Driver's Licence must abide by the zero tolerance law. (Government of Alber-

ta, 2020)

· Impaired driving is always preventable and can always be avoided. Call a taxi/rideshare service, use a designated driver, or stay the night.

"We want Albertans to know that it is never okay to get behind the wheel while under the influence of drugs or alcohol," says Supt. Rick Gardner, Alberta Traffic Sheriffs. "You risk not only your own safety, but also the lives of others."

To learn about newly implemented provincial sanctions surrounding impaired driving, please visit the Government of Alberta website. For more traffic safety information, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and Twitter @RC-MPAlberta.









ALBERTA RCMP WANTS YOU TO RECEIVE YOUR PARCELS!

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

'Tis the time of year when people are sending gifts and receiving gifts through the mail. During the pandemic, more and more people have been shopping online which means there will be an increase of items delivered through the mail. We want everyone to have a happy holiday and receive everything they've ordered.

So far in 2020 (January to October), there have been over 670 reports of mail theft in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction. Last year, in all of 2019, there were over 4,000 occurrences of mail theft within Alberta RCMP jurisdiction.

Here are some tips for keeping your mail safe:

Check your mail every day.

- If you plan to be away, have a trusted neighbour or family member check your mail.
- Plan to be home when packages are supposed to arrive or arrange an alternate pickup location.
- · Don't mail cash.
- Track your shipments, and if possible, opt for a "signature required" delivery.
- Consider installing surveillance cameras.

For the month of December, follow #MailSafety for more safety tips and follow our social media accounts on Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta), Twitter (@RCMPAlberta) and YouTube (RCMP-GRC Alberta).

RCMP encourage the public to report any criminal or suspicious activity to police. Reports tell us where to look, who to look for, and where to patrol in the future.



Especially For You at Christmas

We're thinking of you, and do you know why? Because we're really grateful for your stopping by! And just one more thing we'd like to say, Is have a happy holiday!

Merry Christmas from all of us at

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At this special time of year, we'd like to say thanks to all of the valued guests who have passed through our door this year. It's been our pleasure to serve you, and we look forward to sharing our hospitality with you at the holidays and throughout the new year.

We hope your season is heaped with generous portions of fun, friendship, love, happiness and holiday spirit!

Merry Christmas to you and yours.

from Management & Staff at

Zambelli's Restaurant

Leduc, AB

980-9669



May you find yourself rich in good fortune this holiday season, nurrounded by family, friends and plenty of joy. At this special time of year, we'd like to extend our sincere best wishes to you and yours. It's always a pleasure serving good folks like you, and we look forward to doing business with you again in the new year. Merry Christmas, and many thanks for banking with us. Your support is greatly appreciated.

From Management & Staff of

ATB Financial Winfield Agency Winfield, Alta 682-2447



We're overflowing with gratitude this holiday season, And good folks like you are the reason that we'd like to lift our glasses and say, We wish you the merriest holiday

from the staff at Winfield Liquor Loft 682-2474

MUST BE SANTA

Who's got a beard that's long and white?

Santa's got a beard that's long and white.

Who comes around on a special night?

Santa comes around on a special night.

Special night, beard that's white.

Must be Santa must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Claus. Who wears boots and a suit of red?

Santa wears boots and a suit of red.

Who wears a long cap on his head?

Santa wears a long cap on his head.

Cap on head, suit that's red, Special night, beard that's white.

Must be Santa must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Claus. Who's got a big red cherry nose?

Santa's got a big red cherry nose.

Who laughs this way: HO HO HO? Santa laughs this way: HO HO HO! HO HO HO, cherry nose, Cap on head, suit that's red, Special night, beard that's white,

Must be Santa must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Claus. Who very soon will come our

Santa very soon will come our

Eight little reindeer pull his sleigh,

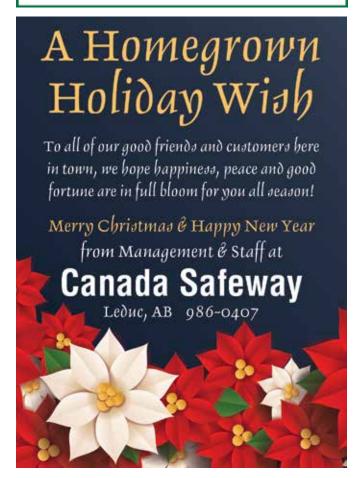
Santa's little reindeer pull his sleigh.

Reindeer sleigh, come our way, HO HO HO, cherry nose, Cap on head, suit that's red, Special night, beard that's white,

Must be Santa, must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Claus. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen.

Reindeer sleigh, come our way, HO HO HO, cherry nose, Cap on head, suit that's red, Special night, beard that's white.

Must be Santa, must be Santa, Must be Santa, Santa Claus!





ROCKING AROUNI

Rocking around the Christmas tree

At the Christmas party hop Mistletoe hung where you can see

Every couple tries to stop. Rocking around the Christmas tree,

Let the Christmas spirit

Later we'll have some pumpkin pie

And we'll do some caroling. you will get a sentimental Feeling when you hear Voices singing let's be jolly,

Deck the halls with boughs of holly.

Rocking around the Christmas tree,

Have a happy holiday Everyone dancing merrily In the new old-fashioned

And the children say he

could laugh And play just

Thumpetty thump thump,

Thumpety thump thump,

Thumpetty thump thump,

Thumpety thump thump,

Frosty the snowman knew

The sun was hot that day,

So he said, "Let's run and

now before I melt away."

With a broomstick in his

hand, Running here and

saying, Catch me if you

there all Around the square

we'll have some fun

Down to the village,

Over the hills of snow.

Look at Frosty go.

the same as you and me.

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul,

With a corncob pipe and a button nose, And two eyes made out of coal. Frosty the snowman is a

fairy tale, they say, He was made of snow but the children

know how he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in that Old silk hat they found. For when they placed it on his head,

He began to dance around. O, Frosty the snowman Was alive as he could be,

He led them down the streets of town Right to the traffic cop. And he only paused a moment when He heard him holler "Stop!" For Frosty the snowman Had to hurry on his way, But he waved goodbye saying, "Don't you cry, I'll be back again some day." Thumpetty thump thump, Thumpety thump thump,

Look at Frosty go. Thumpetty thump thump, Thumpety thump thump, Over the hills of snow.



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How sweet it is to have great friends and customers like you!

We wish you and yours all the best this holiday.

Merry Christmas from Norma & Staff at

Norma Dee's Kitchen & **Coffee Shop**

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With best wishes at the holiday season, and heartfelt thanks for your loyal patronage all year long.

Merry Christmas from Management & Staff at

Warburg, AB



4705 50 Avenue (main street)

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HAPPY HOLIDAY

Happy Holiday While the merry bells keep May your every wish come true Happy Holiday Happy Holiday May the calendar keep bringing Happy Holidays to you It's the holiday season And Santa Claus is coming back The Christmas snow is white on the ground When old Santa gets into He'll be coming down the chimney, down Coming down the chimney, It's the holiday season And Santa Claus has got a For every good girl and good little boy He's a great big bundle of joy He'll be coming down the chimney, down Coming down the chimney, down

Happy Holiday

He'll have a big fat pack upon his back And lots of goodies for you So leave a peppermint stick for old St. Nick Hanging on the Christmas tree It's the holiday season With the whoop-de-do and hickory dock And don't forget to hang up your sock "Cause just exactly at 12 o'clock He'll be coming down the chimney Coming down the chimney Coming down the chimney, down! Happy Holiday Happy Holiday While the merry bells keep bringing Happy Holidays to you Happy Holiday Happy Holiday May the calendar keep bringing Happy Holidays to you To you Happy Holiday





WISH YOU A MERRY CHRI

We wish you a Merry Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good tidings we bring to you and your kin; Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year. Oh, bring us a figgy pud-

Oh, bring us a figgy pud-

Oh, bring us a figgy pud-

ding and a cup of good cheer: Refrain

We won't go until we get

We won't go until we get some;

We won't go until we get some, so bring some out

here: Refrain We wish you a Merry Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy

Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum A new born King to see, pa rum pum pum pum Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, So to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum, When we come. Little Baby, pa rum pum pum pum I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum

rum pum pum pum That's fit to give the King, pa rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum, On my drum? Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum

Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum

Me and my drum.

New Year.







DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

Said the night wind to the little lamb,

"Do you see what I see? Way up in the sky, little lamb,

Do you see what I see? A star, a star, dancing in the night

With a tail as big as a kite, With a tail as big as a kite." Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear? Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,

Do you hear what I hear? A song, a song high above the trees

With a voice as big as the the sea,

With a voice as big as the the sea."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,

"Do you know what I know?

In your palace warm, mighty king,

Do you know what I know? A Child, a Child shivers in the cold—

Let us bring him silver and gold,

Let us bring him silver and gold."

Said the king to the people

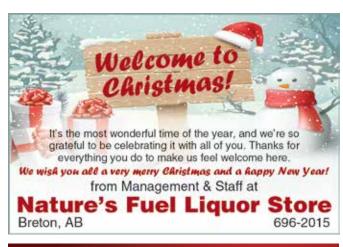
everywhere,

"Listen to what I say! Pray for peace, people, everywhere,

Listen to what I say! The Child, the Child sleeping in the night He will bring us goodness

and light,

He will bring us goodness and light."



AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,

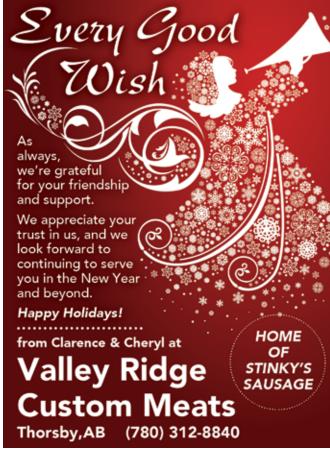
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.

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I love thee, Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until
morning is nigh.
Be near me Lord Jesus,
I ask thee to stay.
Close by me forever,
And love my I pray.
Bless all the dear children,
In thy tender care.
And take them to heaven,
To be with thee there.





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ARK! THE HERALD ANGELS S

Hark! the herald angels sing

Glory to the new-born King!

Peace on earth and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled!

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;

With th' angelic host proclaim

Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Hark! the herald angels

Glory to the new-born King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored;

Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time behold him come.

Offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead

Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with man to dwell:

Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,

Born to raise the sons of earth,

Born to give them second birth.

Risen with healing in his wings,

Light and life to all he brings

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

Hail, the heaven-born

Prince of Peace! Refrain Come, Desire of nations come.

Fix in us Thy humble home; Rise, the Woman's conquering Seed,

Bruise in us the Serpent's head.

Adam's likeness now efface: Stamp Thine image in its place;

Second Adam, from above, Reinstate us in thy love. Refrain

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy infant so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight,

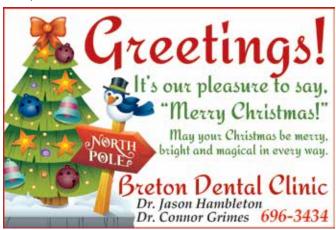
Glories stream from heaven afar,

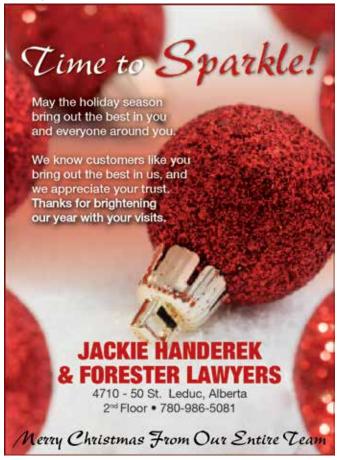
Heavely hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Saviour, is born! Christ the Saviour, is born! Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light

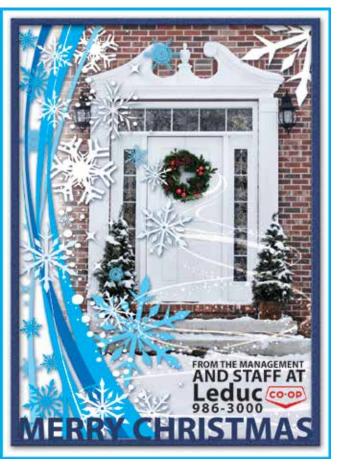
Radiant beams from thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

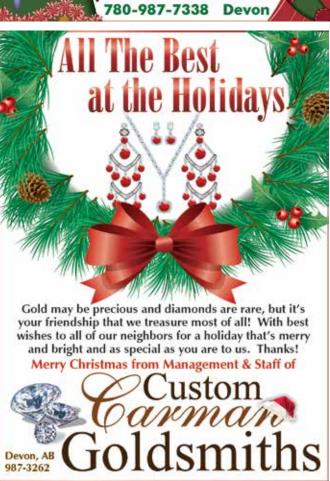












JINGLE BELLS

Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh,
Over the fields we go, laughing all the way.
Bells on bob-tails ring, making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight.
Chorus

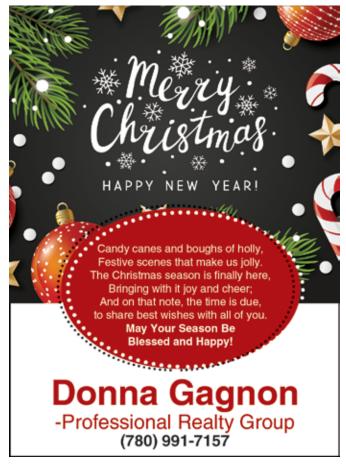
Chorus
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way!
O what fun it is to ride in
a one-horse open sleigh.
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way!
O what fun it is to ride in
a one-horse open sleigh.
A day or two ago, I
thought I'd take a ride
And soon Miss Fanny
Bright, was seated by my
side;

The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seemed

his lot; He got into a drifted bank and we got upsot (Chorus) A day or two ago, the story I must tell I went out on the snow, and on my back I fell; A gent was riding by, in a one-horse open sleigh He laughed as there I sprawling lie but quickly drove away (Chorus) Now the ground is white, go it while you're young Take the girls tonight, and sing this sleighing song; Just get a bob-tailed bay, two-forty as his speed Hitch him to an open sleigh and crack! you'll

take the lead

(Chorus)



NUTTIN' FOR CHRISTMAS

I broke my bat on Johnny's head;

Somebody snitched on me. I hid a frog in sister's bed; Somebody snitched on me. I spilled some ink on Mommy's rug;

I made Tommy eat a bug; Bought some gum with a penny slug;

Somebody snitched on me. Oh, I'm gettin' nuttin' for Christmas

Mommy and Daddy are mad.

I'm getting nuttin' for Christmas

'Cause I ain't been nuttin' but bad.

I put a tack on teacher's chair

Somebody snitched on me. I tied a knot in Susie's hair Somebody snitched on me. I did a dance on Mommy's plants

Climbed a tree and tore my pants

Filled the sugar bowl with

ants

Somebody snitched on me. So, I'm gettin' nuttin' for Christmas

Mommy and Daddy are mad

I'm gettin' nuttin' for Christmas

'Cause I ain't been nuttin' but bad.

I won't be seeing Santa Claus;

Somebody snitched on me. He won't come visit me because

Somebody snitched on me. Next year I'll be going straight;

Next year I'll be good, just

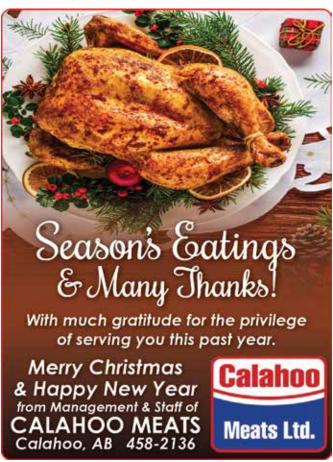
I'd start now, but it's too

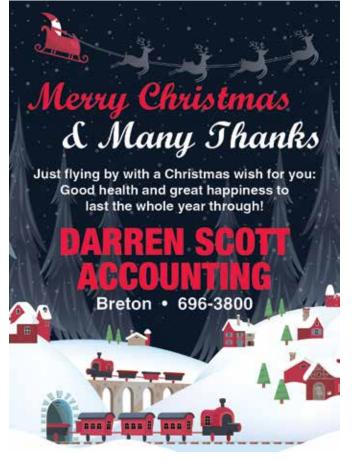
Somebody snitched on me. So you better be good whatever you do 'Cause if you're bad, I'm

warning you, You'll get nuttin' for ChristHaving customers like you fills us up ... with cheer! We really appreciate your stopping here.

Happy Holidays
from Management & Staff at
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Dreaming of a Green Christmas

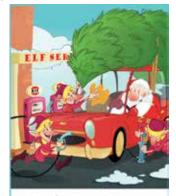
Christmas is coming, and we hope you're on course for a great holiday season! May your days be merry and bright, and your New Year happy and healthy.

Thanks for spending time with us in 2020. We appreciate you!

Merry Christmas from Management & Staff at

Bia Tee





Having customers like you fills us up ... with cheer! We really appreciate your stopping here.

Merry Christmas from the Staff at

Breton

Breton, AB 780-696-2275

WINTER WONDERLAND

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening, In the lane, snow is glistening

A beautiful sight, We're happy tonight. Walking in a winter wonderland.

Gone away is the bluebird,

Here to stay is a new bird

He sings a love song, As we go along, Walking in a winter wonderland.

In the meadow we can build a snowman, Then pretend that he is Parson Brown

He'll say: Are you married?

We'll say: No man, But you can do the job When you're in town. Later on, we'll conspire, As we dream by the fire To face unafraid, The plans that we've made,

Walking in a winter wonderland.

In the meadow we can build a snowman, And pretend that he's a circus clown

We'll have lots of fun with mister snowman, Until the alligators

knock him down. When it snows, ain't it thrilling,

Though your nose gets a chilling

We'll frolic and play, the Eskimo way,

Walking in a winter wonderland.

Walking in a winter wonderland,

Walking in a winter wonderland



Wishing you peace, joy, friendship and all the wonder

that makes the holiday season so very special.

Thanks and Merry Christmas!



Thorsby, AB 789-0005

'Tis the season for celebrating friends and neighbors like you!

Greetings and best wishes to all of the folks who make our town such a wonderful place to work and live. We can't imagine anywhere we'd rather be this holiday season, and we're especially grateful for your support through the challenges and setbacks of this past year.

Looking ahead, we're excited to keep on growing with this community and sharing more time with all of you in 2021. Thanks again for sticking with us. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!



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THE MOST WONDERFUL DAY OF THE YEAR

A packful of toys means a sackful of joys For millions of girls and for millions of boys When Christmas Day is here, The most wonderful day of the year! A jack in the box waits for children to shout, "Wake up, don't you know that it's time to come out!" When Christmas Day is here, The most wonderful day of the year! Toys galore Scattered on the floor There's no room for more And it's all because of Santa Claus!

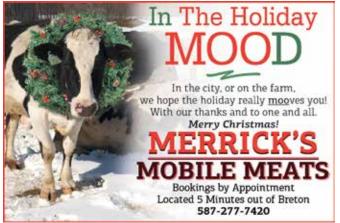
A scooter for Jimmy, a dolly for Sue, The kind that will

even say "How do you do." When Christmas Day is here, The most wonderful day of the year.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Lord

is come;

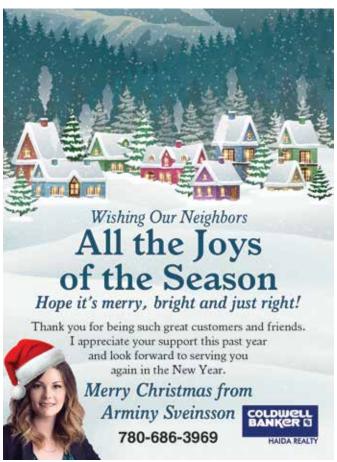


Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing. Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ; while fields and floods,

while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and

sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessing flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.





DECK THE HALLS

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,

Fa la la la la, la la la la. Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la, la la la la. Refrain

Don we now our gay apparel,

Fa la la, la la la, la la la. Troll the ancient Yule tide carol

Fa la la la la, la la la la. See the blazing Yule before

Fa la la la la, la la la la. Strike the harp and join the chorus.

Fa la la la la, la la la la. (Refrain)

Follow me in merry mea-

sure,

Fa la la la la, la la la la. While I tell of Yule tide treasure,

Fa la la la la, la la la la. (Refrain)

Fast away the old year passes,

Fa la la la la, la la la la. Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,

Fa la la la la, la la la la. (Refrain)

Sing we joyous, all together, Fa la la la la, la la la la. Heedless of the wind and weather.

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer

had a very shiny nose. And if you ever saw him, you would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names.

They never let poor Rudolph

join in any reindeer games. Then one foggy Christmas Eve

Santa came to say:

"Rudolph with your nose so bright,

won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then all the reindeer loved him

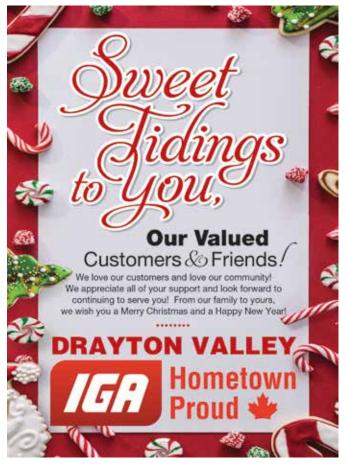
as they shouted out with glee,

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,

you'll go down in history!







E HOLLY AND THE IV

The holly and the ivy, When they are both full grown,

Of all trees that are in the wood.

The holly bears the crown: O, the rising of the sun, And the running of the deer The playing of the merry organ,

Sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom, As white as lily flow'r, And Mary bore sweet Jesus

To be our dear Saviour: Refrain

The holly bears a berry, As red as any blood, And Mary bore sweet Jesus

To do poor sinners good:

The holly bears a prickle, As sharp as any thorn, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ.

On Christmas Day in the morn: Refrain

The holly bears a bark, As bitter as the gall, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ.

For to redeem us all: Refrain

The holly and the ivy, When they are both full grown,

Of all trees that are in the wood.

The holly bears the crown: Refrain



Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun Now the jingle hop has begun.

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle

Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time

Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square In the frosty air.

What a bright time, it's the right time

To rock the night away Jingle bell time is a swell

To go gliding in a onehorse sleigh Giddy-up jingle horse, pick

up your feet

Jingle around the clock Mix and a-mingle in the jingling feet

That's the jingle bell, That's the jingle bell, That's the jingle bell rock.

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With best wishes to our neighbors, friends and associates at this joyous time of year.

For your trust in us, we are deeply grateful.

Merry Christmas from Management & Staff

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Oh! You better watch out, You better not cry, You better not pout, I'm telling you why: Santa Claus is coming to town!

He's making a list, He's checking it twice, He's gonna find out who's naughty or nice. Santa Claus is coming to town!

He sees you when you're sleeping,

He knows when you're awake.

He knows when you've been bad or good, So be good for goodness sake!

So...You better watch out, You better not cry You better not pout, I'm telling you why. Santa Claus is coming to town.

Little tin horns,

Little toy drums. Rudy-toot-toot and rummy tum tums. Santa Claus is coming to town.

Little toy dolls that cuddle and coo, Elephants, boats and Kiddie cars too. Santa Claus is coming to town.

The kids in Girl and Boy Land

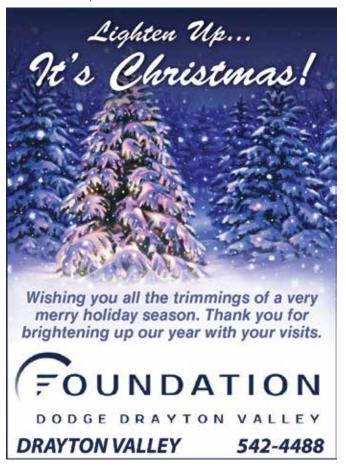
will have a jubilee. They're gonna build a toyland town

all around the Christmas tree.

Oh....You better watch out, You better not cry. You better not pout, I'm telling you why. Santa Claus is comin' Santa Claus is comin' Santa Claus is comin' To town.









GRANDMA GOT RUN OVER BY A REINDEER

Grandma got run over by a reindeer Walking home from our house Christmas eve. You can say there's no such thing as Santa, But as for me and Grandpa, we believe.

She'd been drinkin' too much egg nog,

And we'd begged her not

to go. But she'd left her medica-

So she stumbled out the door into the snow. When they found her

Christmas mornin', At the scene of the attack. There were hoof prints on her forehead,

And incriminatin' Claus

marks on her back. Grandma got run over by a reindeer,

Walkin' home from our house Christmas eve.

You can say there's no such thing as Santa,

But as for me and Grandpa, we believe.

Now were all so proud of Grandpa,

He's been takin' this so well. See him in there watchin' football.

Drinkin' beer and playin' cards with cousin Belle. It's not Christmas without Grandma.

All the family's dressed in black.

And we just can't help but wonder:

Should we open up her gifts or send them back? Grandma got run over by a reindeer.

Walkin' home from our house Christmas eve. You can say there's no such thing as Santa, But as for me and Grandpa, we believe.

Now the goose is on the table

And the pudding made of

And a blue and silver candle,

That would just have matched the hair in Grandma'swig.

I've warned all my friends and neighbours.

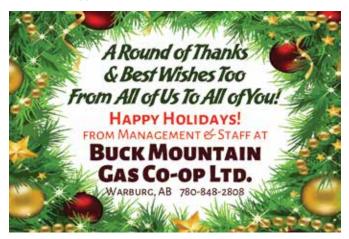
Better watch out for yourselves."

They should never give a license.

To a man who drives a sleigh and plays with elves. Grandma got run over by a reindeer,

Walkin' home from our house, Christmas eve. You can say there's no such thing as Santa, But as for me and Grandpa,

we believe.







HERE WE COME A-WASSAILING

Here we come a-wassailing

Among the leaves so green,

Here we come a-wand'ring So fair to be seen.

Love and joy come to you, And to you your wassail, too.

And God bless you, and send you

A Happy New Year, And God send you a Happy New Year.

We are not daily beggers That beg from door to door,

But we are neighbors' children

Whom you have seen before

Love and joy come to you, And to you your wassail, too,

And God bless you, & send you

A Happy New Year, And God send you a Happy New Year. Good master and good mistress,

As you sit beside the fire, Pray think of us poor children

Who wander in the mire. Love and joy come to you, And to you your wassail, too.

And God bless you, and send you

A Happy New Year, And God send you a Happy New Year.

We have a little purse Made of ratching leather skin;

We want some of your small change To line it well within. Love and joy come to you, And to you your wassail,

And God bless you, and send you

A Happy New Year, And God send you a Happy New Year. And spread it with a cloth; Bring us out a cheese, And of your Christmas loaf.

Love and joy come to you, And to you your wassail, too,

And God bless you, and send you

A Happy New Year, And God send you a Happy New Year.

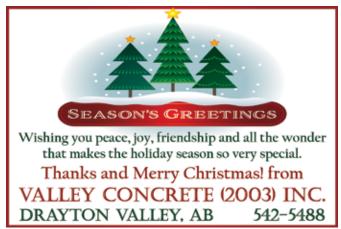
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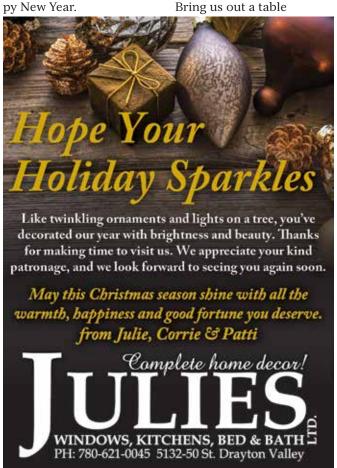
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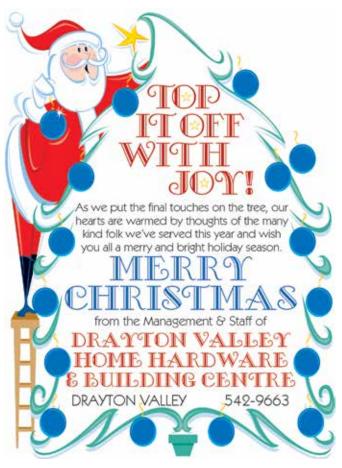
Likewise the mistress too; And all the little children That round the table go. Love and joy come to you, And to you your wassail,

And God bless you, and send you
A Happy New Year.

A Happy New Year, And God send you a Happy New Year.







CAROL OF THE BELLS

Hark! how the bells Sweet silver bells All seem to say, "Throw cares away." Christmas is here Bringing good cheer To young and old Meek and the bold Ding, dong, ding, dong That is their song With joyful ring All caroling One seems to hear Words of good cheer From ev'rywhere Filling the air Oh how they pound, Raising the sound, O'er hill and dale, Telling their tale, Gaily they ring While people sing Songs of good cheer Christmas is here Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas
On, on they send
On without end
Their joyful tone
To ev'ry home
(repeat from the beginning)
Ding, dong, ding, dong.

FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME

From heaven above to earth I come, To bear good news to every home,

Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Whereof I now will gladly sing. To you this

night is born a Child
ow will
a this
night is born a Child
Of Mary, chosen mother
mild; This little Child, of
lowly birth,
Shall be the joy of all the
earth. Glory to God in

highest heaven, Who unto us His Son hath given! While angels sing with pious mirth, A glad New Year to all the earth.

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I SAW THREE SHIPS

I saw three ships come sailing by on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.
I saw three ships come sailing by on Christmas Day in the morning.
And what was in those ships all three on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?
And what was in those

ships all three
on Christmas Day in the
morning?
The Virgin Mary and Christ
were there
on Christmas Day, on
Christmas Day.
The virgin Mary and Christ
were there
on Christmas Day in the
morning.





THE FIRST NOEL

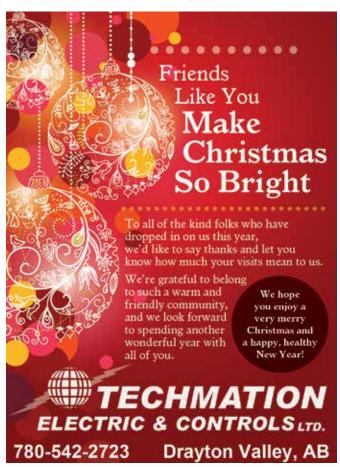
The first Noel the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel. They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east bevond them far. And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night. Refrain And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from country far; To seek for a king was

their intent.

And to follow the star

wherever it went. Refrain This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay. Refrain Then entered in those wise men three Full reverently upon their knee. And offered there in his presence Their gold, and myrrh, and frakincense. Refrain Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord: That hath made heaven and earth of naught. And with his blood mankind hath bought. Refrain







THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the first day of Christ-

my true love sent to me A partridge in a pear tree. On the second day of Christmas,

my true love sent to me Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the third day of Christ-

my true love sent to me Three French hens, Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear

On the fourth day of Christmas,

my true love sent to me

Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas,

my true love sent to me Five golden rings, Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear

On the sixth day of Christmas.

my true love sent to me Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings, Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love sent to me

Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings, Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear

On the eighth day of Christmas,

my true love sent to me Eight maids a-milking, Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings, Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas,

mas,
my true love sent to me
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear

On the tenth day of Christmas

my true love sent to me
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear
tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love sent to me

Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear

On the twelfth day of Christmas,

my true love sent to me Twelve drummers drumming,

Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear

tree!



Here Comes Santa Claus!

Another Christmas is rolling in, and we hope it delivers everything on your wish list!

Thanks for being an important part of our year. Your friendship and support have made 2020 a great ride for us, and we wish you all the best this holiday season and in the coming year.

Merry Christmas to You and Yours!

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ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS MY TWO FRONT TEETH

Every body stops and stares at me These two teeth are gone as you can see I don't know just who to blame for this catastrophe! But my one wish on Christmas Eve is as plain as it can be! All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth, my two front teeth, see my two front teeth! Gee, if I could only have my two front teeth, then I could wish you "Merry Christmas." It seems so long since I could say,

"Sister Susie sitting on a thistle!"

Gosh oh gee, how happy I'd be, if I could only whistle (thhh, thhhh)

All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth, my two front teeth, see my two front teeth. Gee, if I could only have my two front teeth, then I could wish you "Merry Christmas!"

OH CHRISTMAS TREE

O Christmas tree,

O Christmas tree! How are thy leaves so verdant!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, How are thy leaves so verdant!

Not only in the summertime, But even in winter is thy prime.

O Christmas tree,

O Christmas tree, How are thy leaves so verdant!

O Christmas tree,

O Christmas tree, Much pleasure doth thou bring me!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Much pleasure doth thou bring me!

For every year the Christmas tree, Brings to us all both joy and glee.

O Christmas tree,

O Christmas tree,

Much pleasure doth thou bring me!

O Christmas tree,

O Christmas tree,

Thy candles shine out brightly!

O Christmas tree,

O Christmas tree,

Thy candles shine out brightly! Each bough doth hold its tiny light, That makes each toy to sparkle bright.

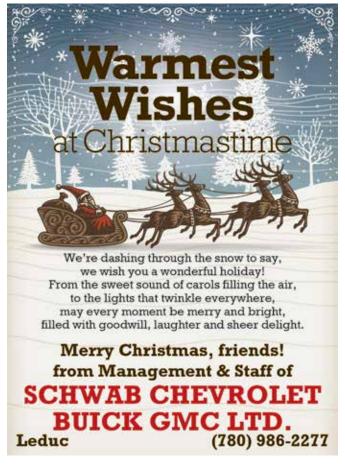
O Christmas tree,

O Christmas tree,



Merry Christmas Neil, Rose & Staff

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SILVER BELLS

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks
Dressed in holiday style.
In the air
There's a feeling
of Christmas.
Children laughing
People passing
Meeting smile after smile

And on ev'ry street corner you'll hear, Silver bells, silver bells

Silver bells, silver bells It's Christmas time in the city.

Soon it will be Christmas day.

Ring-a-ling, hear them sing.

Strings of street lights

Even stop lights
Blink a bright red and green
As the shoppers rush
Home with their treasures.
Hear the snow crunch.
See the kids bunch.
This is Santa's big scene.
And above all this bustle
You'll hear.

Silver bells, silver bells It's Christmas time in the city

Ring-a-ling, hear them sing Soon it will be Christmas

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold!

Peace on the earth, good

will to men, From heaven's all gracious King! The world in solemn stillness lay,

To hear the angels sing. Still through the cloven skies they come,

With peaceful wings unfurled,

And still their heavenly music floats,

O'er all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains,

They bend on hovering wing.

And ever o'er its Babel sounds.

The blessed angels sing. Yet with the woes of sin and strife.

The world hath suffered long:

Beneath the angel-strain have rolled,

Two thousand years of wrong;

And man, at war with man, hears not,

The love song which they bring:

O hush the noise, ye men of strife,

And hear the angels sing. For lo! the days are hastening on,

By prophet bards foretold,

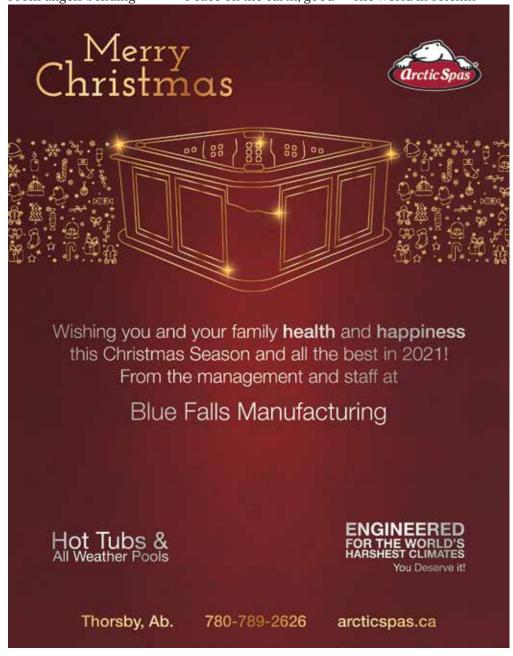
When, with the ever-circling years,

Shall come the Age of Gold:

When peace shall over all the earth,

Its ancient splendors fling,

And all the world give back the song, Which now the angels sing.



OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS

Over the river and through the woods To Grandmother's house we go. The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh, Through white and drifted snow. Over the river and through the woods,

Oh, how the wind does blow. It stings the toes and

bites the nose

As over the ground we go. Over the river and through the woods, To have a full day of play.

Oh, hear the bells ringing ting-a-ling-ling,
For it is Christmas Day.

Over the river and through

Over the river and through the woods, Trot fast my

dapple gray;

Spring o'er the ground just like a hound, For this is Christmas Day.

Over the river and through the woods

And straight through the barnyard gate.

It seems that we go so dreadfully slow;

It is so hard to wait. Over the river and through the woods,

Now Grandma's cap I spy. Hurrah for fun; the pudding's done;

Hurrah for the pumpkin pie.

I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUS

I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus Underneath the mistletoe last night. She didn't see me creep Down the stairs to have a peep; She thought that I was tucked up in my bedroom fast asleep.

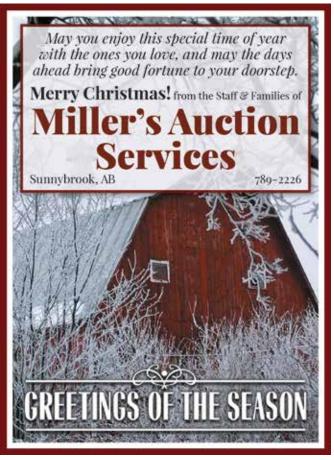
Then, I saw Mommy tickle Santa Claus

Underneath his beard so snowy white;

Oh, what a laugh it would have been If Daddy had only seen Mommy kissing Santa Claus last night.







SLEIGH RIDE

Just hear those sleigh bells jingling

Ring ting tingling too. Come on, it's lovely weather For a sleigh ride together with you.

Outside the snow is falling And friends are calling "Yoo hoo"

Come on, it's lovely weather For a sleigh ride together with you.

Giddy up, giddy up, giddy up, Let's go, Let's look at the show, We're riding in a wonderland of snow.

Giddy up, giddy up, giddy up, It's grand, Just holding your hand,

We're gliding along with a song

Of a wintry fairy land.
Our cheeks are nice and rosy
And comfy cozy are we
We're snuggled up together
Like two birds of a feather
would be

Let's take that road before us And sing a chorus or two Come on, it's lovely weather For a sleigh ride together with you.

There's a birthday party At the home of Farmer Gray It'll be the perfect ending a perfect day

We'll be singing the songs We love to sing without a single stop,

At the fireplace while we watch

The chestnuts pop.
Pop! pop! pop!
There's a happy feeling
Nothing in the world can

When they pass around the chocolate

And the pumpkin pie It'll nearly be like a picture print

By Currier and Ives These wonderful things are the things

We remember all through our lives!

Just hear those sleigh bells jingling,

Come on, it's lovely weather For a sleigh ride together with you,

Outside the snow is falling And friends are calling "Yoo hoo,"

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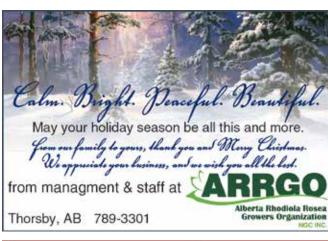
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IERE COMES SANTA C

Here comes Santa Claus! Here comes Santa Claus! Right down Santa Claus Lane!

Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeer are pulling on the reins.

Bells are ringing, children singing; All is merry and bright. Hang your stockings and say your prayers, 'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.

Here comes Santa Claus!

Here comes Santa Claus! Right down Santa Claus Lane!

He's got a bag that is filled with toys

for the boys and girls again. Hear those sleigh bells

jingle jangle, What a beautiful sight. Jump in bed, cover up your head, 'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.

Have yourself a merry little Christmas,

Let your heart be light From now on, our troubles will be out of

sight Have yourself a merry little Christmas,

Make the Yule-tide gay, From now on, our troubles will be miles

Here we are as in olden days,

Still, still, still, One can hear the falling snow.

For all is hushed, The world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping. Still, still, still,

One can hear the falling snow

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

The night is peaceful all around you,

Close your eyes,

Let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep,

'Tis the eve of our Saviour's

Dream, dream, dream, Of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number,

Watch you as you sweetly slumber.

Dream, dream, dream, Of the joyous day to come.

Happy golden days of yore. Faithful friends who are dear to us

Gather near to us once

more. Through the years We all will be together, If the Fates allow

Hang a shining star upon the highest bough. And have yourself A merry little Christmas now.



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OH COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Summoned to his cradi

Come and behold him, Born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him,

Bethlehem:

O come, let us adore him.

O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. God of God, Light of Light,

Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb: Very God,

Begotten, not created; Refrain Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,

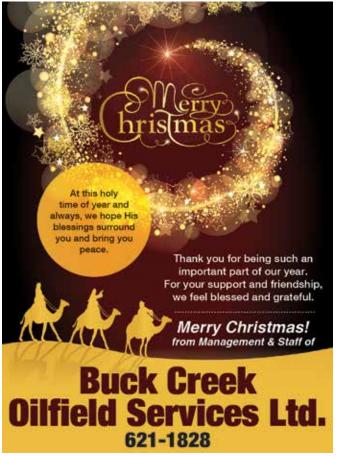
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; Glory to God

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In the highest; Refrain See how the shepherds, Summoned to his cradle. Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; We too will thither Bend our joyful footsteps; Refrain Child, for us sinners Poor and in the manger, We would embrace thee, with love and awe; Who would not live thee. Loving us so dearly? Refrain Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morn-Jesus, to thee be glory

given; Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing; Refrain





WHEN A CHILD IS BORN

A ray of hope flickers in the sky
A tiny star lights up way up high
All across the land dawns a brand new morn
This comes to pass when a child is born
A silent wish sails the seven seas
The winds of change whisper in the trees

And the walls of doubt crumble tossed and torn This comes to pass, when a child is born A rosy hue settles all around You got the feel, you're on solid ground For a spell or two no one seems forlorn This comes to pass, when a child is born

Spoken: And all of this happens, because the world is waiting.
Waiting for one child;
Black-white-yellow, no one knows...
but a child that will grow up and turn tears to laughter,
hate to love war to peace

hate to love, war to peace and everyone to everyone's neighbor, and misery and suffering will be words to be forgotten forever.
It's all a dream and illusion now,
It must come true sometime soon somehow,
All across the land dawns a brand new morn,
This comes to pass when a child is born.

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

We three kings of Orient are

Bearing gifts we traverse afar.

Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

Chorus

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect Light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,

Gold I bring to crown Him again,

King forever, ceasing never

Over us all to reign. Chorus

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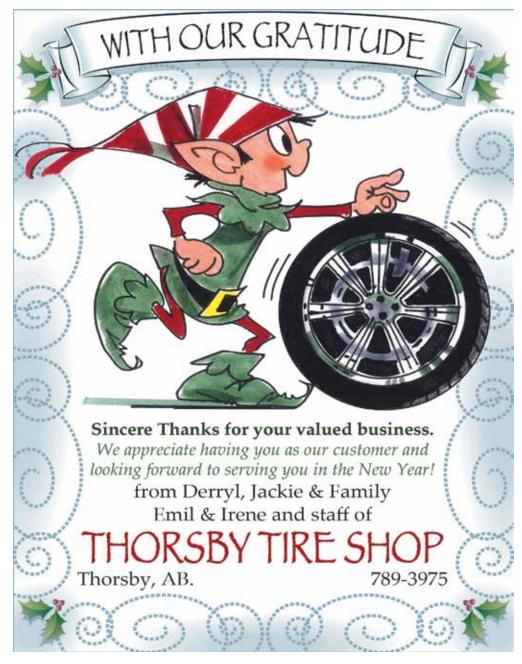
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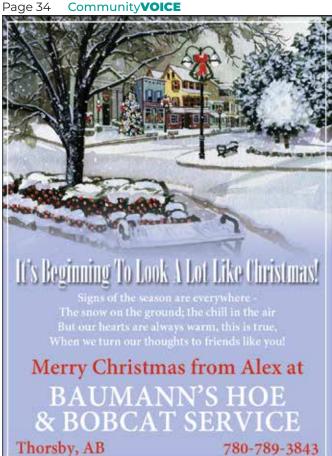
Prayer and praising all men raising, Worship Him, God on high. Chorus Myrrh is mine: Its bitter perfume

Breaths a life of gathering gloom. Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Chorus

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice. Alleluia, alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies, Chorus



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BAKED CAULIFLOWER



Prep: 15 min. Bake: 30 min. Yield: 4-6 Servings Ingredients

- · 1 medium onion, chopped
- · 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- · 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ·1 garlic clove, minced
- · 1 package (16 ounces) frozen cauliflower, thawed
- · 1/2 teaspoon salt
- · 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- · 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- · 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- · 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese

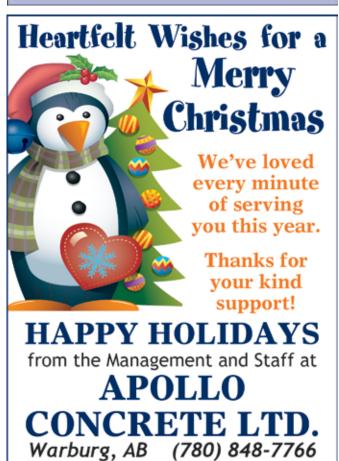
Directions

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· In a large skillet, saute onion in 2 tablespoons butter and oil until onion is tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in the cauliflower, salt, pepper and nutmeg; saute for 2 minutes.

- · Transfer to a greased 1-qt. baking dish. Melt remaining butter; toss with bread crumbs. Sprinkle over cauliflower mixture.
- · Cover and bake at 350° for 15 minutes. Uncover; bake for 10 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with cheese; bake 3-5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Yield: 4-6 servings.

Nutritional Facts 1 serving (3/4 cup) equals 170 calories, 14 g fat (6 g saturated fat), 25 mg cholesterol, 360 mg sodium, 10 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 4 g protein.





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APPLE RYE DRESSING

Prep: 30 min. Bake: 50 min. Yield: 12 Servings Ingredients

- ·1 pound bulk pork sausage
- · 4 celery ribs, finely chopped
- · 2 large onions, finely chopped
- \cdot 1 loaf (1 pound) rye bread, cubed
- \cdot 1/2 cup butter, melted
- · 2 teaspoons seasoned salt
- · 3 cups chopped tart apples
- ·1 cup chopped walnuts
- ·1 cup raisins
- · 1 cup unsweetened apple juice
- · 1/2 cup water Directions
- In a large skillet, cook the sausage, celery and onions over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain and set aside.
- In a large bowl, toss the bread cubes with butter and seasoned salt. Transfer to a 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. baking pan. Bake, uncovered, at 300° for 10-15 minutes or until lightly toasted.
 - · In a large bowl, combine

the sausage mixture, apples, walnuts, raisins, apple juice and water. Add toasted bread cubes; stir to combine.

• Transfer to a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish. Cover and bake at 350° for 50-60 minutes or until browned. Yield: 12 servings.

Nutritional Facts 3/4 cup equals 378 calories, 22 g fat (8 g saturated fat), 34 mg cholesterol, 726 mg sodium, 39 g carbohydrate, 5 g fiber, 9 g protein.





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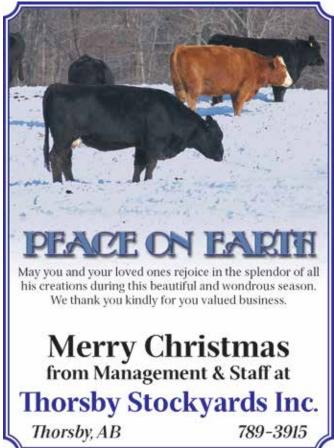
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(NC) When you've got your grill ready to go but need a quick appetizer to feed your guests, throw on

THE PERFECT GRILLED CROSTINI APPETIZER

this tasty garlic herb shrimp to make them some delicious crostini.

"These grilled crostini are ideal for backyard summer hangouts. You can prep the tomatoes and grill the baguette ahead of time, then toss the shrimp on the grill once everyone is ready to start snacking," shares Tom Filippou, executive chef for President's Choice cooking school. "The number of shrimp in each package

varies, so try to cut the baguette into the same number of slices as there are pieces of shrimp."

Garlic Herb Shrimp and Pesto Crostini

- Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes Ready in: 30 minutes Serves: 12 to 15 Ingredients:
- 1 cup (250 mL) cherry tomatoes, chopped
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil divided, plus additional for

oiling grill

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh basil
 - Pinch (0.5 mL) salt
- Half baguette, sliced diagonally into ¼-inch/5-mm thick rounds (12 to 15 slices)
- 1 pkg (340 g) frozen PC garlic and herb grilling raw butterflied shrimp
 - 2 tbsp (25 mL) pesto Directions:
- 1. Stir together tomatoes, 1 tbsp oil, basil and salt in small bowl. Set aside.
- 2. Preheat grill to medium heat. Brush both sides of baguette slices with remaining 1 tbsp oil, dividing evenly. Arrange in single layer on grill. Cook, turning once, until grill-marked, about 4 minutes. Transfer to large plate. Set aside.
- 3. Brush grill with oil. Arrange frozen shrimp, shell side down, in single layer on grill. Close lid and cook over medium heat, turning halfway through cooking time, until opaque throughout and shells are pink; about 5 to 7 Transfer to separate large plate; remove and discard shells.
- 4. Spread pesto over top of baguette, dividing evenly. Top with shrimp and tomato mixture, dividing evenly.

Chef's Tip: No barbecue? Arrange baguette slices in a single layer on a baking sheet and drizzle with oil; bake in 400°F (200°C) oven, flipping baguette once, until crispy and light golden; about 6 minutes. Set aside. Arrange shrimp, shell side down, in a single layer on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet; bake in 450°F (230°C) oven until opaque throughout and shells are pink; about 10 to 12 minutes.

Nutritional information per serving (1 crostini): Calories 80; fat 4 g (1 g of which is saturated); sodium 160 mg; carbohydrates 9 g; fibre 0 g; sugars 0 g; protein 3 g.

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SANTA-WORTHY COOKIES

(NC) Whether you're participating in a cookie exchange with friends or making a treat for St. Nick, add these adorable reindeer cookies to your holiday baking this year.

As sweet to look at as they are to eat, the salty pretzel antlers complement the season's favourite flavours of ginger, cinnamon cloves and sweet molasses. These homemade treats won't break the bank either. Costing \$0.25 each, buying all ingredients at Walmart can help stretch your holiday dollars further.

Ginger-Molasses Reindeer **Cookies**

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 1 hour Makes: 35 cookies Ingredients:

- · 1-3/4 cups (425 mL) flour
- ·1 tsp (5 mL) baking soda
- ·1 tsp (5 mL) ground ginger
- \cdot 1/2 tsp (2 mL) cinnamon
- \cdot 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- \cdot 1/4 tsp (1 mL) cloves
- · 1/2 cup (125 mL) unsalted butter, softened
- · 3/4 cup (175 mL) granulated sugar

- ·1egg
- · 1/4 cup (60 mL) fancy molasses
- · 70 mini pretzel twists
- ·1 package (200 g) prepared red cookie icing
- · 70 candy eyeballs Directions:
- 1. Heat oven to 325F (160C). Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
- 2. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon, salt and cloves.
- 3. In a large bowl using a hand mixer or in the bowl of a stand mixer, cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy; about 2 minutes. Add egg and molasses, mixing until fully combined. In 2 equal parts, add flour mixture, mixing until just combined.
- 4. Roll dough into 1 tbsp. (15 mL) balls and place on prepared baking sheets 1 1/2 inches apart, pressing down lightly with palm. Place two pretzels next to one another . 1/4 inch (0.5 cm) inside the edge of each cookie to re-

semble antlers; press pretzels lightly to adhere to cookie dough.

5. Bake in batches until just set: about 12 minutes. Let cool 4 minutes on sheets before cooling completely on racks. Once cooled, use cookie icing to adhere candy eyeballs to cookies and draw noses. Allow to set completely.

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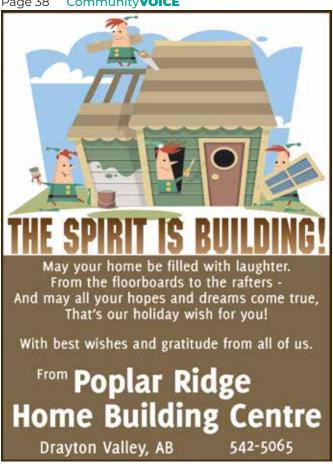


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CHRISTMAS CRUNCH

Ingredients

- \cdot 1/2 cup popping popcorn kernels, or 2 bags tender white popcorn
- · 1 (12 oz) bag Vanilla Candy Melts (such as Wilton Candy Melts)
- · 1 1/3 cups broken pretzel pieces
- · 1 (12 oz) bag green and red Milk Chocolate or Mint M&Ms
- · Red, green and white Sprinkles (I used Jingle Mix Nonpareils)

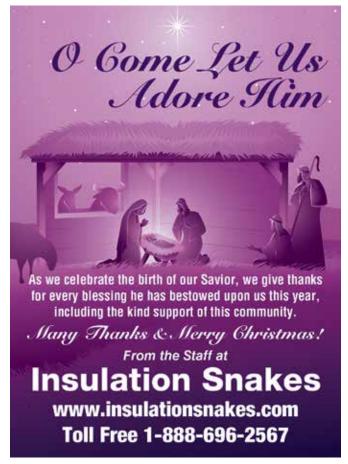
Directions

- Pop popcorn in a popcorn popper into a large bowl (or alternately in the microwave if using microwave bags of popcorn) according to manufactures directions. Remove any unpopped popcorn kernels. Toss in broken pretzel pieces and M&Ms.
- · Melt Vanilla Candy Melts in a microwave safe bowl on 50% power in 30 second intervals, stirring after each interval until melted and smooth. Drizzle half of melt-

ed chips over popcorn mixture, then stir, tossing gently a few times with a rubber spatula. Then drizzle remaining half of melted chips over popcorn, and gently stir mixture until evenly coated (don't over stir though or your sprinkles wont stick if the white chips begin to set and harden). Pour mixture into a single layer onto wax paper. Sprinkle entire mixture evenly with sprinkles (as many as you'd like) before vanilla chips set. Allow to cool and harden, then gently break into pieces and store in an airtight container.

- Note: I was able to fill 8 9 1/2"x 4" party treat bags about 2/3 full with this recipe, just to let you know so you have an idea for gift giving.
- *These can be found in the cake decorating section of some supermarkets, at craft stores or at specialty kitchen kneads stores.





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THE GIFT OF HOMEMADE FUDGE

Chocolate is one of the most universally beloved confections and is especially popular come Christmas.

Fudge is a chocolate dessert admired by many. Easy to prepare and even easier to devour, fudge can be made earlier in the day and served after your Christmas Day dinner. Enjoy this recipe for "Easy Chocolate Fudge" courtesy of Nestlé's "Very Best Baking." According to Nestlé, this glossy combination of chocolate morsels and sweetened condensed milk is even better when it's embellished with vanilla and chopped nuts.

Easy Chocolate Fudge Ingredients

- · 2 cups (12-oz. package) Nestlé® Toll House® Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
- ·1 can (14 oz.) Nestlé® Carnation® Sweetened Condensed Milk
- ·1 cup chopped walnuts
- · 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

Line an 8- or 9-inch square baking pan with foil.

Combine the morsels and sweetened condensed milk in a medium, heavy-duty saucepan. Warm over the lowest possible heat, stirring until smooth. Remove from heat; stir in the nuts and vanilla extract.

Spread evenly into the prepared baking pan. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm. Lift from the pan; remove the foil. Cut into 48



pieces.







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BAKED EGGNOG FRENCH TOAST WITH CRANBERRIES AND APPLES

Serves 6

Glazed Cranberries and Apples

- · 2 cups apple cider
- 6 tablespoons light corn syrup
- · 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- · 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, diced
- · 3 Golden Delicious apples (about 11/4 lb.), peeled, cored and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- · 2 cups fresh or frozen cran-

berries (see note 1)

- · 1/2 cup granulated sugar, plus more if needed Eggnog French Toast
- 12 thick (3/4-inch) bread slices, cut on a sharp diagonal from a day-old baguette (see note 2)
- · 21/2 cups purchased eggnog (see cooking tip)
- · 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- · Pinch of ground cinnamon
- · 3 tablespoons melted un-

salted butter

- · Confectioners' sugar Directions
- 1. For the Glazed Cranberries and Apples: Whisk together the apple cider, corn syrup and brown sugar in a large, heavy saucepan over high heat. Boil until reduced to 1 cup, about 15 minutes. Whisk in 4 tablespoons of the butter until melted. Remove from the heat and set aside.
- 2. Melt the remaining 4

tablespoons of butter in a large, heavy frying pan over medium heat until hot. Add the apples and sauté, stirring, for 2 minutes. Add the cranberries and granulated sugar, and stir until cranberries begin to pop. about 2 minutes. Stir in the reduce cider mixture and cook until the mixture has reduced to a syrup-like consistency, about 6 minutes. Taste and stir in more sugar, if desired. (The cranberries and apples can be prepared 1 day ahead; cool, cover and refrigerate. Reheat, stirring, over medium heat.)

- 3. For the Eggnog French Toast: Arrange the bread slices in a 9-by-13-inch shallow baking dish. Whisk together the eggnog, nutmeg and cinnamon in a medium bowl. Pour the mixture over the bread. Cover the pan with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 6 hours, or overnight.
- 4. Arrange a rack at center position and preheat the oven to 450 F. Butter a large, rimmed baking sheet with some of the melted butter. Using a metal spatula, transfer the bread slices to the baking sheet. Brush the bread with the remaining melted butter.
- 5. Bake for 10 minutes, and then turn and bake until golden brown on the outside and still soft inside, 5 to 6 minutes more. Watch carefully so they do not burn.
- 6. Arrange 2 slices on each of six dinner plates and mound the warm fruits on top. Dust generously with confectioners' sugar and serve.

Note 1: If using frozen cranberries, defrost and pat dry.

Note 2: You also can use a good, crusty sourdough bread; cut 3/4-inch slices from it, and if they are large, cut them in half.

Cooking tip: If eggnog is not available at the supermarket, whisk together 4 egg yolks, 1/2 cup sugar and 2 cups light cream to blend. Then proceed with the recipe.

Coming Your Way:

Our Best Wishes!

Hope this holiday season delivers a rush of happiness! May it find you surrounded by love, friendship, goodwill and good times.

Thank you for making our year run so smoothly. We wouldn't be here without good friends and customers like all of you.



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NO HOLIDAY CELEBRATION IS COMPLETE UNTIL EGGNOG HAS BEEN SERVED

The holiday season is ting the whites aside for a rife with tradition, from Christmas trees to lighting displays to visits with Santa Claus at the local mall. Families reunite come the holiday season to exchange gifts, enjoy meals together and do a little catching up along the way.

But the holiday season also is synonymous with parties. Whether it's to enjoy an office holiday party, a gathering with family and friends or a more intimate gathering at home, such celebrations are a big part of the holiday season and a main reason why this is such a festive and beloved time of year. As this is a season of celebrating, it's good to remember that no holiday party is truly complete until eggnog has been served. Enjoyed almost exclusively during the holiday season, eggnog is as much a staple of holiday celebrations as stockings hung by the chimney with care. This year, impress your holiday guests with the following recipe for "Excellent Eggnog" from A.J. Rathbun's "Good Spirits" (Harvard Common Press).

Excellent Eggnog

Serves 8

Ingredients

- · 8 large eggs, preferably organic
- · 21/4 cups superfine sug-
- · 8 ounces brandv
- · 8 ounces rum
- · 4 ounces bourbon
- ·1 quart milk
- · Freshly grated nutmeg for garnish

Directions

1. Separate the egg yolks from the egg whites, setmoment.

2. In a large mixing bowl, beat the yolks with a hand mixer until completely combined. Add the sugar and beat until it reaches a creamy consistency.

3. Add the brandy, rum and bourbon, and then the milk, beating well.

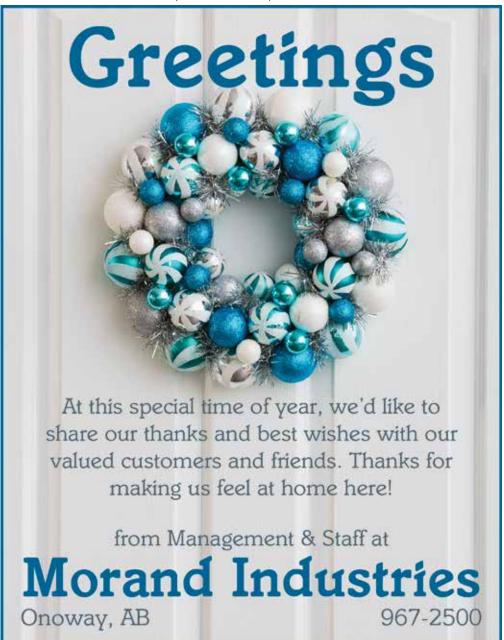
4. In a medium-size mix-

ing bowl, beat the egg whites with a hand mixer until soft peaks form (be sure before beating) the whites that you have cleaned and thoroughly dried the beaters).

5. Fold the egg whites into the yolk-sugar-alcohol mixture. Refrigerate the mix until well chilled (at least 3 hours).



6. Stir to recombine as needed. Serve the eggnog in mugs, topping each serving with some nutmeg.



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Hosting family and friends is one of the joys of the holiday season. For many families, holiday gatherings are the one time of year when all family members get together to enjoy time as a family.

Holiday hosts not only have a lot on their plates, but they

A TASTY TREAT FOR HOLIDAY GUESTS

also want to ensure their guests end up with lots on their plates. Food plays a central role at holiday parties and dinners, and hosts who want to try their hand at creating a decadent treat their guests have likely never tasted before, can consider the following recipe for "Aint Luverta's Dr. Pepper Cake," courtesy of Patty Pinner's "Sweets: Soul Food Desserts & Memories" (Ten Speed

Press).

Aint Luverta's Dr. Pepper Cake Makes one 9- by 13-inch cake

Ingredients

Cake

- · 2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted
- ·1 teaspoon baking soda
- · 2 cups granulated sugar
- · 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter
- · 11/2 cups miniature marshmallows

- · 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- ·1 cup Dr. Pepper
- · 2 eggs
- · 11/2 cups buttermilk
- · 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Dr. Pepper Frosting

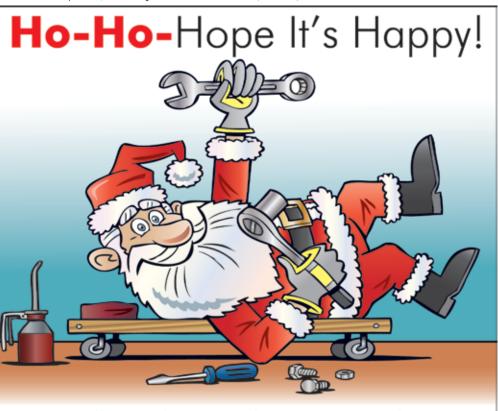
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- · 6 tablespoons Dr. Pepper
- · 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- · 1 1-pound box confectioners' sugar, sifted
 - · 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ·1 cup chopped pecans Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Grease, but do not flour, a

9- by 13-inch pan. Set it aside. To make the cake, in a large bowl, sift together the flour and baking soda. Gradually stir in the sugar. Set aside.

In a saucepan, heat the butter, marshmallows, cocoa, and Dr. Pepper. Stir constantly until the butter and the marshmallows are melted. Do not allow the mixture to boil. Pour the marshmallow mixture over the flour mixture. Beat well. Set side. In another bowl, beat the eggs until they are light and fluffy. Stir in the buttermilk and vanilla extract. Mix well. Beat the egg mixture into the flour mixture until well blended and the batter is smooth. Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake for 50 to 55 minutes, or until the center of cake springs back when lightly touched. Let the cake cool on a rack for 10 minutes.

To make the frosting, in a saucepan, combine the butter, Dr. Pepper and cocoa powder. Bring the mixture to a boil over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove the pan from the heat. Gradually stir in the confectioners' sugar until the mixture is smooth, then fold in the vanilla extract and pecans. Spread over the warm cake.



We're all revved up to wish you a merry Christmas powered by faith, family, friendship and joy.

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THE SHOWSTOPPER DESSERT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

(NC) Every year, there is always one hero recipe that leaves your guests craving for more. This holiday, whip up this rich and delicious brioche pudding that features a soft and buttery sweet loaf made in France that is hand-braided before baking for European-style flavour and flair.

"Toasting the brioche in the oven is a key step to the recipe. It helps to dry out the bread, which makes it even better at soaking up the custard for a moist, cake-like texture," shares Tom Filippou, executive chef for President's Choice Cooking School. "To make this more indulgent, serve it with vanilla bean ice cream or freshly whipped cream and garnish with a sprinkling of dark chocolate shavings."

Chocolate Orange Brioche Bread Pudding

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 1 hour, 15 minutes Cool time: 20 minutes Serves: 12

Ingredients:

- 1 loaf PC brioche loaf, cut into 1-inch cubes
- · 8 large eggs
- · 1 1/4 cups homogenized milk
- ·1 cup 35% whipping cream
- · 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- · 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- · 1 tbsp grated orange zest
- \cdot 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- · 1 tbsp orange-flavoured liqueur
- ·1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- · 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- · 1/2 tsp salt
- \cdot 1 pkg PC dark chocolate with candied orange peel, finely chopped
- · 2 tbsp PC pure orange marmalade
- · 1 1/2 tsp water Directions
- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Spread brioche in single layer on parchment paper-lined large baking sheet. Bake, stirring once, until golden; about 10 minutes.
- 2. Meanwhile, whisk together eggs, milk, cream, granulated sugar, brown sugar, orange zest, orange juice, liqueur, vanilla, cinnamon and

salt in large bowl until well combined.

3. Spread a third of the brioche in bottom of a 9-cup (2.25 litre) casserole dish and sprinkle with a third of the chocolate. Repeat layers twice with remaining brioche and chocolate. Pour egg mixture over top, gently pressing down on brioche mixture to moisten.

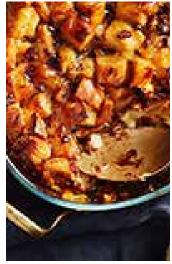
4. Cover with foil; bake 35 minutes. Uncover, bake until puffed, golden brown and set

in centre, about 30 to 35 minutes, covering with foil if top begins to overbrown.

5. Stir together marmalade and water in small bowl; brush on bread pudding. Let cool 20 minutes.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories 270, fat 15 g (8 g of which is saturated), sodium 190 mg, carbohydrates 27 g, fibre 1 g, sugars 21 g, protein 7 g.

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THE LAST CHRISTMAS TREE

I saw a truck of Christmas trees And each one had a tale,

The driver stood them in a row And put them up for sale.

He strung some twinkly lights And hung a sign up with a nail; "FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES" It said in red

"FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE."

He poured himself hot cocoa In a steaming thermos cup, And snowflakes started falling As a family car pulled up.

A mom, a dad, and one small boy, Who looked no more than three, Jumped out and started searching, For the perfect Christmas tree.

The boy marched up and down the rows, His nose high in the air; "It smells like Christmas, mom! "It smells like Christmas everywhere!"

"Let's get the biggest tree we can!

"A tree that's ten miles high!

"A tree to go right through our roof!

"A tree to touch the sky!"

"A tree SO big

"That Santa Člaus

"Will stop and stare and say,
"Now, THAT'S the finest
Christmas tree I've seen this
Christmas Day!"

It seemed they looked at every tree, At least three million times; Dad shook them, pinched them, turned them 'round To find the perfect pine.

"I've found it, mom! The Christmas tree I like the best of all!"

"It's got a little bare spot, But we'll turn that to the wall! We'll put great-grandma's angel On top the highest bough! Oh, can we buy it?"

"Please, mom, PLEASE?!
"Oh, can we buy it NOW?"

"How 'bout some nice hot co-

Asked the man who owned

the lot. He twisted off the thermos top, "Now, THIS will hit the spot!" He poured the steaming chocolate In three tiny paper cups. They toasted,

"Here's to Christmas!" And they drank the cocoa up. "Is this your choice?"

The tree man asked, "This pine's the best one here!" The boy seemed sad---

"My daddy says The price is just too dear."

"Then, Merry Christmas!"

Said the man, who wrapped the tree in twine, "It's yours for just one promise, You must keep at Christmas time!"

"On Christmas Eve at bedtime, As you fold your hands to pray, Promise in your heart To keep the joy of Christmas Day!"

"Now hurry home!
This freezy wind
"Is turning your cheeks pink!

"And ask your dad
"To trim that trunk and give that tree a drink!"

And so it went on All that blustery eve As the tree man gave Tree upon tree upon tree To every last person Who came to the lot--Who toasted with cocoa In small paper cups, Who promised the promise Of joy in their hearts---And singing out carols, Drove off in the dark. And when it was over One tree stood alone: But no one was left there To give it a home. The tree man put on his Red parka and hood

And dragged the last Christmas tree Out to the woods. He left the pine right by a stream. In the cold, So the wood's homeless creatures Could make it their home. He smiled as he brushed off, Some snow from his beard, When out of the thicket A reindeer appeared. He scratched that huge reindeer On top his huge head---

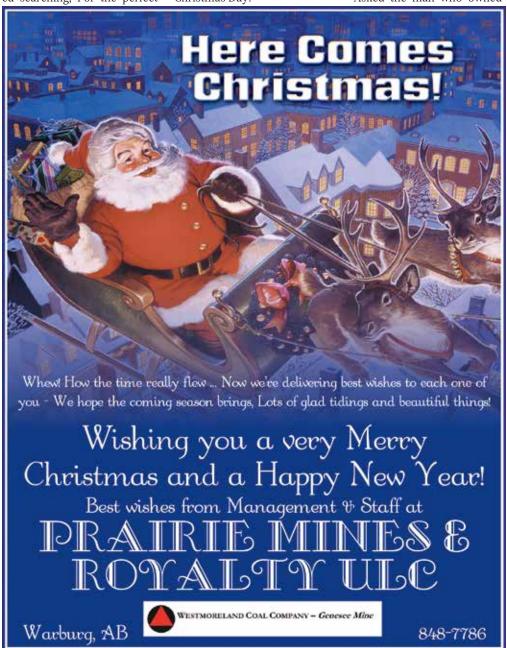
"It looks like we've Started up Christmas again!"

"There are miles more to travel, And much more to do! "Let's go home, my friend,

"And get started anew!"
He looked to the sky
And heard jingle bells
sound--- And then,

In a twinkling,

That tree man was gone!



TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,

While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.

And mamma in her 'ker-chief, and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow

Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below.

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,

But a miniature sleigh, and eight tinny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,

I knew in a moment it must be St Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,

And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!

On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, on Donner and Blitzen!

To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!

Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.

So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,

With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof

The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,

Down the chimney St Nich-

olas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot.

And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.

A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,

And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.

He had a broad face and a little round belly,

That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,

And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself!

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,

And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk.

And laying his finger aside of his nose,

And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,

And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim, fere he drove out of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"



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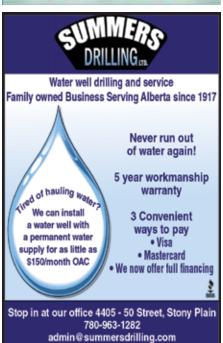
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