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December 17, 2019

Extra, extra big thanks to all of our readers and advertisers this holiday season! We really appreciate your continued support. May 2020 bring plenty of good news for you and yours.

# Page 2 Community VOICE December 17, 2019 PLANNING SAFE WINTER TRAVELS

## JOIKE OF THE WEEK

A Bulgarian tourist visiting America was interested in all types of American games. When he returned home, his friends asked him to describe the things he saw. "One interesting game I witnessed", he said, " was one called 'Oh shit', where one fellow calls out things like G4, 19, etc. After a while someone in the audience calls out 'Bingol' and the croud yells 'Oh shit!!"



#### Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP - Yellowhead

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, would like to remind Canadians preparing for their winter getaway, the importance of making safe travel arrangements.

There are several tools available at https://travel.gc.ca/on how to have a safe and enjoyable journey, whether you are travelling in Canada or abroad.

More information can be found at https://www. canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2019/12/ advice-for-canadians-plan-safe-winter-travels.html



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# Delivering Our Best at Christmas

As we turn the page to another holiday season, we'd like to take a moment to thank you, our loyal readers, for your trust and support. We hope this Christmas delivers all the good news you've been hoping for and more. **Happy Holidays!** 



## CHECK OUT THE SELLER BEFORE YOU CHECK OUT

#### Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, would like to inform constituents on how to recognize third-party sellers in online marketplaces. As more and more retailers switch to using third-party sellers on their websites, it is important to learn how to avoid unwanted surprises.

To identify when a third-party seller is being used, be on the lookout for sections on the retailer's web page that feature a list of "partners" or labels like "marketplace". Another sign to be on the watch for is the use of phrases like "fulfilled by", "sold by", or "shipped by" near the descriptions of products.

In order to ensure that the retailer is using a trusted third-party remember that if the price of an item looks too good to be true, it probably is. Another important note to keep in mind is that credible vendors will likely have detailed contact information and return policies.

More information can be found at: https://www. canada.ca/en/competition-bureau/news/2019/11/ check-out-the-seller-before-you-checkout.html



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#### Submitted by City of Leduc

Leduc Fire Services is looking to fill up to 24 positions in 2020 - 16 paid oncall firefighters and eight casual advanced care paramedic (ACP) positions.

"To be a member of the Leduc Fire Services family, it means each candidate will have the willingness and heart to serve this community in such a selfless manner," says Deputy Fire Chief Bo Moore.

Please join me and my staff for the GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE EDSON CONSTITUENCY OFFICE located at: 119-50th Street. Wednesday, December 18th 1:00pm to 5:00pm Looking forward to meeting you! GERALD For further information please contact:

Merry Christmas to All. Enjoy a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. I look forward to serving you as your MLA in the New Year. MLA FOR DRAYTON VALLEY-DEVON TEL: (780) 542-3355 FAX: (780) 542-3331 TOLL FREE: 1-800-542-7307

The level of commitment candidates should expect include:

Fire candidates must be within a 15-minute response time to Fire House 1 (4119 - 50th Street). Preference will be given to City of Leduc residents

Fire candidates must commit to 15 per cent of all-call page outs as a performance measure

Casual advanced • care paramedic (ACP) candidates must commit to being available on standby 48 hours per month with a maximum of 60 minute response time

To be a member of the Leduc Fire Services family, candidates should be aware that firefighters also respond to medical inci-dents and depending on the level of training, will use basic and/or advanced life support interventions. All career and paid on-call firefighters provide support functions that include:

Maintaining fire and EMS gear, equipment and station

Record keeping

Reporting duties Participate in fire

pre-planning, fire inspections, public relations and training activities **OPEN HOUSES** 

Two information events will be held for potential candidates Jan. 7 and 9, 2020 at 7 p.m. in the Lede Room at the Leduc Civic Centre (1 Alexandra Park).

For more information, visit Leduc.ca/fire and click on 'Join Fire Services.'



#### December 17, 2019 Community VOICE Page 5 A MESSAGE FROM MLA MARK SMITH: ALBERTA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE

#### Submitted by MLA Mark Smith | Drayton Valley – Devon Constituency

It would appear as though we have come to an economic impasse in Alberta. Without significant adjustment, our province is on track to reach \$100+ billion in debt in just a few short years. While the private sector has been battling ruinous economic realities for the last five years it is now the turn of the Government of Alberta and its public sector bodies to come face to face with those same economic realities.

Unfortunately, every pay raise at the public level incurs cost to the taxpayer. Alberta's economic prosperity and therefore its capacity to remunerate fairly the public sector bodies will be dependent upon two things:

1. Growing the economy

2. Controlling government spending.

A strong public sector is dependent on a vibrant private sector, which is why the government is focused on bringing back job creating investment. It is imperative that our tax and regulatory regime attract capital investment into the province rather than driving it away. Growing the economy and attracting investment is never easy and it will continue to be difficult as we address the negative pressures on the economy like a lack of access to tidewater and a federal government which continues to support policies like Bill C 69.

Albertans voted for a plan to get spending under control while delivering public services more efficiently. For example, Albertans currently pay for one of the most expensive provincial healthcare systems in Canada per capita. We are going to have to do government differently. We must bring our spending and outcomes in line with other provinces. In order to do this the government has pledged to reduce our spending by approximately 3 cents for every dollar the government spends. Over the next 4 years, this will save Albertans an estimated equivalent of \$1.3 billion in savings from the provincial budget.

On Friday, November 29, public sector unions were provided with letters of notice; part of the legal requirements of the government as it enters into negotiations with public sector workers. You may have read in the press that these notices included potential layoffs over the next three years. Individual layoff notices have not been delivered and any future changes in public sector employment will come down to the negotiated settlements between the government and public sector unions. As much as possible any job losses will be the result of attrition as public sector workers retire and will not focus on front line workers as much as possible.

The other day I had a conversation with a young lady who was discouraged that the government had allowed university tuitions to rise and was concerned over cuts to government spending. Yet, she also understood that every time the government borrows money to pay for any particular service it comes at a price and that it was her generation that was going to eventually have to pay the bills for present day borrowing and spending. She understood the answers moving forward are not going to easy to find.

These are never easy conversations to have but Albertans have always been willing to have the hard conversations. While we may not always have unanimous agreement on the pathway forward we have always be willing to make responsible decisions that will ensure a fiscally sustainable government that will meet the needs of all Albertans, if not all of our desires moving into the future.



# Thinking of you **at Christmastime**.

Wishing you peace, joy and good fortune alway

May your heart and home be filled with all the happiness this special season brings. We thank you for your patronage, friendship and support.

Thanks for being a bright spot in our year. We wish you and yours a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2020.

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Village of Warburg 848-2841 Warburg, AB



Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP - Yellowhead

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka. Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, is pleased to inform constituents that the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has launched its second call for applications for the Broadband Fund.

Applications will be accepted for all eligible projects to improve broadband access across Canada, including areas covered by

the first call. The Broadband Fund will provide as much as \$750 million over five years.

Applicants must be financially invested in their projects and show that it would not be viable without a financial contribution from the Broadband Fund. For more information on how to apply please go to: https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/internet/internet.htm

All applications must be submitted by March 27, 2020 at 5:00pm Pacific Standard Time.







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## FINANCIAL CONSUMER AGENCY OF CANADA (FCAC) LAUNCHES NEW BUDGET PLANNER TOOL

#### Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, is pleased to inform constituents that the Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) has launched a new budget planner tool aimed at helping Canadians manage their financial goals.

The new budget planner offers customized budget templates, personalized feedback and guidelines to help you prioritize your spending and take control of your finances. Users can view charts which illustrate where their money is going and compare their budget with those of other Canadians in similar life situations.

For more information on the budget planner tool please go to the web address below: https://www.canada. ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/news/2019/11/ budgeting-made-easywith-fcacs-new-interactive-budget-planner.html

The budget planner itself can be found at: https:// itools-ioutils.fcac-acfc.gc. ca/BP-PB/budget-planner



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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 Village Market Warburg, AB 878-7704



Merry Christmas and holiday wishes to you all from Town of Devon staff & Council!





## 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!

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#### We wish you and yours all the best this holiday.

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## ALBERTA MLAS RECOGNIZED BY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SERVICE

Submitted by Government of Alberta on behalf of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

"Unlike most professions, there is not a job description for Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta," said Honourable Nathan Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

"The role is as unique as it is diverse. As elected officials serving in the 30th Legislature the work done in the Chamber, in committees and within the 87 constituencies across Alberta is both challenging and rewarding and, I feel, deserves some recognition."

In the spirit of collegial recognition, Speaker Cooper initiated the 2019 Alberta MLA awards to give Members a chance to vote for their colleagues in a number of categories. The votes are in with nine Members being recognized for extraordinary work in service of the people of Alberta.

"I thank all Members for their service," said Speaker Cooper. "Congratulations to those who are receiving special recognition from their peers today."

Taking top honours as Alberta's MLA of the Year is the honourable Travis Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance. Toews represents the constituency of Grande Prairie-Wapiti. Before being elected in April, Toews worked as a managing director and co-owner of a corporate family cattle ranching operation and an oil field environmental company. With a CPA, CMA accounting designation and extensive public practice, Toews was sworn in as President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance on April 30, 2019.

West Yellowhead MLA, Martin Long was voted Alberta's Most Collegial MLA. Prior to being elected in April, Long worked in the newsprint industry and served his community as board chair of the Tennille's Hope Kommunity Soup Kitchen in Whitecourt and as a youth leader with the Whitecourt Baptist church.

Shane Getson, MLA for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, was recognized as the Best Debater. As a father of four Getson likely had a lot of practice debating before he was first elected in April. Prior to beginning his career in public service, Getson spent 15 years in the construction industry and as a senior manager in the energy sector.

Recognized for Best Community Outreach was MLA Janis Irwin. Before being elected



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# Wishing You Cartloads of Joy

We hope your holiday is filled with lots of good stuff happiness, friendship, peace, gratitude, goodwill and more of your favorite things!

> Merry Christmas, and thanks for choosing us!



#### Alberta MLAs Recognized by Colleagues for their Service

in April as the Member representing Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, Irwin had devoted over a decade to the education field.

She has served as a board member for several nonprofit associations, including the Somali Canadian Women and Children Association, the Highlands Historical Society Edmonton, and Arts on the Ave. She has also volunteered with a number of organizations, including the Boyle Mc-Cauley News, Homeward Trust and the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers.

Named Alberta's Most Knowledgeable Parliamentarian was Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees, Angela Pitt. Pitt is currently serving her second term as the MLA representing Airdrie-East. She has served on many Legislative Assembly committees during her time as an elected official. Before that, she was a small business owner in Airdrie and an active community volunteer.

Nate Horner received top marks with his colleagues as Alberta's Best Representative of Constituents. Before he was elected to represent the people of Drumheller-Stettler, Horner was a rancher with a cowcalf mixed farm operation. He was also an active community volunteer serving as an emergency medical responder for Dryland Emergency Medical Services Association, president of the Highway 9 Feeder Co-op Association and co-chair of the Hardgrass Bronc Match.

Members voted Tracy Allard as Alberta's Hardest Working MLA. Allard was elected in April as the representative for Grande Prairie.

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CAU the Primmings Put the finishing touch on Christmas with beautiful jewelry gifts to make it Sparkle.

> Here's hoping your holiday is fabulous in every way! May all the magic and beauty of the season fill your home and your heart with much happiness.

Thank you for the time you've spent with us this year. We always enjoy your visits, and we greatly appreciate your support.

Happy Holidays to You & Your Loved Ones! from Management & Staff at





To all of our good friends and customers bere in town, we bope bappiness, peace and good fortune are in full bloom for you all season!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Management & Staff at Canada Safeway

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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.



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#### Alberta MLAs Recognized by Colleagues for their Service

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Prior to becoming an MLA Allard was a franchise business owner and active community member. She served as a director with the Tim Hortons Children's Foundation. She was board president of the Grande Prairie Boys' Choir and sat on the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation Capital Cabinet.

Recognized by her peers as the Most Promising Newcomer was the Honourable Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services. Before she was elected as Member for Calgary-North East in April, Sawhney held senior positions in the oil and gas industry. As well, Sawhney served as the senior vice-president of the Sikh Society of Calgary and director of its Guru Nanak Punjabi School. She is a recipient of the Canada 150 award bestowed by YW Calgary in 2007.

Alberta's MLA Lifetime Achievement Award went to David Eggen. Eggen first served as the Member for Edmonton-Calder from 2004 to 2008. He was re-elected in 2012 and 2015. In April of 2019, Eggen was again elected to represent the constituency of Edmonton-North West. Over the years he has served as Minister of Education and as Minister of Culture and Tourism and has been an active member of numerous committees of the Legislative Assembly. In addition to his many contribution as an MLA and in the education and health industries, Eggen is a trustee with the Forum for Young Albertans and a chair leader of the Spinal Cord Injury Association of Alberta.



May the holiday season bring out the best in you and everyone around you.

We know customers like you bring out the best in us, and we appreciate your trust. Thanks for brightening our year with your visits.





#### December 17, 2019 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: НО НО ЙО?

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 wav? Santa very soon will come our way. 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!



# **Christmas** Is in the Air

Everywhere we go, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and we can't think of a better place to celebrate than right here at home with all of you. Your friendship and goodwill mean so much to us, and we feel deeply blessed to be a part of this community. We wish all of you a merry, bright and blessed Christmas.

#### With Thanks & Best Wishes

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From our family to yours, best wishes for a wonderful holiday season! Thanks for stocking our year with such good memories. Your visits have brought us so much joy in 2019, and we look forward to serving you again in 2020.

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### December 17, 2019 **DO YOU HE** WHAT I HE

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."



## Wishing Our Neighbors All the Joys of the Season Hope it's merry, bright and just right!

Thank you for being such great customers and friends. I appreciate your support this past year and look forward to serving you again in the New Year.

> Merry Christmas from Arminy Sveinsson 780-686-3969

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## December 17, 2019 VER THE RIVER THROUGH **F WOO**

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 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.







## Best wishes for a joyful holiday season

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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 2019. We appreciate you!

Merry Christmas from Management & Staff at

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HAPPY HOLIDAY

Happy Holiday Happy Holiday While the merry bells keep ringing 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 town He'll be coming down the chimney, down Coming down the chimney, down It's the holiday season And Santa Claus has got a toy 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

He'll have a big fat pack upon his back And lots of goodies for you and me 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

## Rejoice... It's Christmas!

As we herald another holiday season, we'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for your friendship and the privilege of serving you this year. Wishing you all a most memorable and joyous Noel.

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### December 17, 2019 **NUTTIN' FOR** RISTMAS

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 wait I'd start now, but it's too late; 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 Christmas.



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#### December 17, 2019 HOLY NIGHT

Oh holy night! The stars are brightly shining It is the night of the dear Savior's birth! Long lay the world in sin and error pining Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn! Fall on your knees Oh hear the angel voices Oh night divine Oh night when Christ was born Oh night divine Oh night divine Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming Here come the wise men from Orient land The King of Kings lay thus

in lowly manger In all our trials born to be our friend. Truly He taught us to love one another His law is love and His gospel is peace Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother And in His name all oppression shall cease Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise His holy name.





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Here's hoping your Christmas is filled with childlike wonder and excitement! Thanks for your trust in us. We wish you and your loved ones all the best this holiday season.

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very best. Because one thing that we know is true,

is we wouldn't be here without friends like you!

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Greetings

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 at Pahl Howard LLP Leduc, AB 986-8428

#### Page 18 CommunityVOICE December 17, 2019 WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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 pudding; Oh, bring us a figgy pudding; Oh, bring us a figgy pud-

ding and a cup of good cheer: Refrain We won't go until we get some; 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 New Year.

# A new born King to see, pa Our finest gifts we bring, pa pur

Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum



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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 I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum That's fit to give the King, pa rum 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 pum pum pum, Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum Me and my drum.

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## **GOOD KING WENCESLAS**

Good King Wenceslas looked out On the feast of Stephen, When the snow lay round

about, Deep and crisp and even.

Brightly shown the moon that night,

Though the frost was cruel, When a poor man came in sight,

Gathering winter fuel. Hither, page, and stand by me.

If thou know it telling:

Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?

Sire, he lives a good league hence,

Underneath the mountain, Right against the forest fence

By Saint Agnes fountain. Bring me flesh, and bring me wine.

Bring me pine logs hither. Thou and I will see him dine When we bear the thither. Page and monarch, forth they went, Forth they went together Through the rude wind's wild lament And the bitter weather. Sire, the night is darker now, And the wind blows stronger. Fails my heart, I know not how. I can go no longer. Ark my footsteps my good page, Tread thou in them boldly: Thou shalt find the winter's rage

Freeze thy blood less coldly. In his master's step he trod, Where the snow lay dented. Heat was in the very sod Which the saint had printed. Therefore, Christian men,

be sure, Wealth or rank possessing, Ye who now will bless the poor

Shall yourselves find blessing.

## **OH COME, ALL YE FAITHFUI**

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him, Born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, 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 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 morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing; Refrain



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# 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 beyond 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 it rest. 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





As we gear up for Christmas, we'd like to share our thanks and best wishes with you, our valued customers and friends here in the community. Your support and goodwill have really made our year special, and we sincerely appreciate your patronage. Happy Holidays!



#### December 17, 2019 HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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

sing 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 see Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with man to dwell: Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain 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.

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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.



Hope Your Holiday Sparkles

Like twinkling ornaments and lights on a tree, you've decorated our year with brightness and beauty. Thanks for making time to visit us. We appreciate your kind patronage, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

May this Christmas season shine with all the warmth, happiness and good fortune you deserve. from Julie, Corrie & Patti



## **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 It's Christmas time in the city. Ring-a-ling, hear them sing. Soon it will be Christmas day. 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, December 17, 2019

Silver bells, silver bells It's Christmas time in the city Ring-a-ling, hear them sing Soon it will be Christmas day.

## **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





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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.

#### December 17, 2019 ROCKING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

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 ring 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 way.

## **FROSTY THE SNOWMAN**

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,

And the children say he could laugh And play just the same as you and me. Thumpetty thump thump, Thumpety thump thump, Look at Frosty go. Thumpetty thump thump, Thumpety thump thump, Over the hills of snow. Frosty the snowman knew The sun was hot that day, So he said, "Let's run and we'll have some fun now before I melt away." Down to the village, With a broomstick in his hand, Running here and there all Around the square saying, Catch me if you

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

Hope it's Purr-fect with greetings and gratitude to all of our friends this holiday season. Your patronage makes us proud, thanks! From Dave & Staff of Jade Plumbing & Heating

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Lighten Up... It's Christmas!

Wishing you all the trimmings of a very merry holiday season. Thank you for brightening up our year with your visits.



Merry Christmas from Management & Staff at

Devon



Centerpoint Performance Inc. Leduc 985-2747

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## **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 us, 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!



## Hope It's Uplif May your spirits be lifted at this special time of year,

and may you enjoy much good fortune in the year ahead

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We're dashing through the snow to say, we wish you a wonderful holiday! From the sweet sound of carols filling the air, to the lights that twinkle everywhere, may every moment be merry and bright, filled with goodwill, laughter and sheer delight.

**Merry Christmas, friends!** from Management & Staff of SCHWAB CHEVROLET BUICK GMC LTD. (780) 986-2277 Leduc

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#### December 17, 2019 Community**VOICE** Page 25 **NTA CLAUS IS COMING TO**

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

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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.



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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!

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

Here comes Santa Claus!

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

## HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

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 away. Here we are as in olden days, 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.

## STILL, STILL, STILL

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 birth. 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.

The Brightest Joy The Warmest Cheer The Greatest Happiness

> May this Christmas bring you the best of everything!

Thanks to all of our fine friends and customers for making this year so very enjoyable. We owe our success to your loyal support.



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#### December 17, 2019 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, 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.





## Here We Grow Again: Merry Christmas!

We hope it's filled with love, laughter, faith, friendship, health and happiness. Thanks so much for your companionship and business at the holidays and all year. Folks like you make it all worthwhile!



## May your Holidays be filled with Happiness And may this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright new year

Wishing you a Merry Christmas! We thank you for your loyal support.

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Of all the gifts the Christmas season brings, your presence is one of the presents we most appreciate! Thank you for being a valued part of our business at the holidays and all year.

**Season's Greetings** from Wilf & Staff at Wilf Brandt Trucking 848-7668

## **GRANDMA GOT RUN VER BY A REINDEE**

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 medication, 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





his creations during this beautiful and wondrous season. We thank you kindly for you valued business.

## Merry Christmas from Management & Staff at **Thorsby Stockyards Inc.** Thorsby, AB 789-3915

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 candle, That would just have matched the hair in Grandma'swig. I've warned all my friends Better watch out for yourselves." They should never give a You can say there's no such



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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. thing as Santa,

But as for me and Grandpa, we believe.



like to wish all of you a very joyous and satisfying holiday season. Working with great people like you has been udderly fantastic for us. Thanks!

From Oscar & Margaret **Oscar's Loader** Service Ltd.

Warburg, AB

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### December 17, 2019 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



From the floorboards to the rafters -And may all your hopes and dreams come true, That's our holiday wish for you!

With best wishes and gratitude from all of us.

## From Poplar Ridge Home Building Centre

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## WITH THANKS FOR YOUR TRUST

Here's hoping everything runs smoothly for you this Christmas. We value your trust in us and thank you for your loyal patronage

Seasons Greetings From Management & Staff of



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## NO HOLIDAY CELEBRATION IS COMPLETE UNTIL EGGNOG HAS BEEN SERVED



The holiday season is 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

## 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 2019 a great ride for us, and we wish you all the best this holiday season and in the coming year.

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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

 $\cdot$  8 large eggs, preferably organic

 $\cdot$  2 1/4 cups superfine sugar

- 8 ounces brandy
- 8 ounces rum
- $\cdot$  4 ounces bourbon
- •1 quart milk

• Freshly grated nutmeg for garnish

Directions 1. Separate the egg yolks from the egg whites, set-

ting the whites aside for a moment. 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 mixing 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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## **NO-BAKE** LEMON DROPS

Makes: 36 servings Yield: about 36 cookies Prep: 30 mins Chill: 2 hrs Ingredients

· 2 cups finely crushed shortbread cookies (about 7 ounces)

I cup powdered sugar

· 1/2 cup almonds, toasted and finely chopped

 $\cdot$  1/2 cup finely crushed lemon drop candies\*

· 2 tablespoons light-colored corn syrup

· 2 tablespoons milk

· 2 tablespoons butter, melted

 $\cdot$  1/3 cup powdered sugar • 1 tablespoon finely crushed lemon drop candies

Directions

1. In a large bowl, stir together the crushed cookies, the 1 cup powdered sugar, the almonds, and the 1/2 cup crushed candies. In a small bowl, stir together corn syrup, milk, and melted butter.

Stir the corn syrup mixture into the cookie mixture until well combined.

2. Shape cookie mixture into 1-inch balls. In a small bowl, combine the 1/3 cup powdered sugar and the 1 tablespoon crushed candies. Roll balls in powdered sugar mixture. Place on a large baking sheet or tray.

3. Cover and chill for at least 2 hours before serving. Roll balls again in powdered sugar mixture just before serving. Makes about 36 cookies.

Tip \*: Place lemon drops in a heavy resealable plastic bag. Use a meat mallet or a rolling pin to coarsely crush the lemon drops. Transfer coarsely crushed lemon drops to a food processor. Cover and process until finely crushed.

Storage: Place cookies in a single layer in an airtight container; cover.



you love, the blessings of peace, love, and contentment at this special time of year.

> We've enjoyed the time we've spent with you. and look forward to your continued friendship!

From Myrna & Gunther Chwalek Country Haven Kennels 780.621.1631 Dravton Valley, AB

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Bundle for a Cool Christ The forecast sure looks merry! We hope your holiday season is a flurry of good times.

Thanks for making so many great memories with us in 2019. We look forward to seeing and serving you again soon.

Happy Holidays!

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from Staff at

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It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas! Signs of the season are everywhere -The snow on the ground; the chill in the air But our hearts are always warm, this is true, When we turn our thoughts to friends like you!

Merry Christmas from Alex at BAUMANN'S HOE & BOBCAT SERVICE Thorsby, AB 780-789-3843

#### STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE COOKIES

Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 12 minutes Total Time: 1 hour Yield: 18 cookies Ingredients

 $\cdot$  3/4 cup butter, at room temperature

 $\cdot$  1/2 cup brown sugar

 $\cdot$  1/2 cup granulated sugar

·2 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla
2 1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1 package (3.4 oz) instant
 cheesecake pudding mix
 1 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

• 1/2 cup chopped strawberries

• 10 whole graham crackers, processed into fine crumbs

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350F. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. 2. In a bowl, cream together the butter and both sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, scraping down the sides of the bowl in between additions. Beat in the vanilla.

3. In another bowl, combine the flour, pudding mix, baking soda and salt. Add into the butter mixture and mix just until combined. Fold in the strawberries.

4. Place the graham crackers in a shallow bowl or dish. Roll the cookie dough into 2 tablespoon sized balls and roll in the graham cracker crumbs. Place on the baking sheet, about 3 inches apart. Flatten slightly. Bake until set around the edges, about 12 minutes.

Notes: for best results, store the cookies in the refrigerator.



## GET THE KIDS IN THE KITCHEN WITH HOT CHOCOLATE-INSPIRED COOKIE CUPS

(NC) The holidays are a busy time for families, between shopping for the perfect gift, hosting out-of-town guests, attending get-togethers and baking. Not only is baking a quintessential part of the festive season, but it is also a delicious way to spend a wintery day indoors with friends and family. Be ready to bake whenever the weather is cold or the kids need a fun activity by using Becel Sticks, a convenient 1:1 swap for butter that are ready to use straight from the fridge.

Perfect for little bakers, try this recipe for hot chocolate cookie cups. Inspired by a steaming hot cup of cocoa, these mini chocolate chip cookies are topped with marshmallows and finished with a pretzel "handle."

Hot Chocolate Cookie Cups Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes Makes: 60 cookies Ingredients:

- 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups (550 mL) all-purpose flour -1tsp (5 mL) baking soda

-  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp (2 mL) salt

- 1 cup (250 mL) (2 sticks) Becel unsalted margarine sticks

- 1 cup (250 mL) firmly packed light brown sugar

- ¼ cup (60 mL) granulated sugar

- 2 large eggs

- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla extract - <sup>3</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> cup (170 mL) chocolate

chips, divided

- 3 tbsp (45 mL) cocoa

- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground cinnamon

- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) mini marshmallows (3 per cup) - 30 mini pretzels

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F



(190° C). Combine flour, baking soda and salt in medium bowl; set aside.

2. Beat margarine sticks with sugars in large bowl. Beat in eggs and vanilla until blended. Gradually add in flour mixture; beat just until blended. Stir in ½ cup (125 mL) chocolate chips, cocoa powder and cinnamon. Drop by tablespoonfuls into greased mini muffin pans. 3. Bake 10 minutes or until edges are firm. Quickly make a dent in the center of each and insert three marshmallows. Top each with one chocolate chip. Cool 10 minutes on wire rack; remove cups from pan. Break off curved part of pretzels to make a "handle" and press into side of cup to adhere; cool completely.

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# **REJOICE** It's Christmas!

As we herald in yet another holiday season, our message of gratitude remains the same, for we know that it's you, our neighbors and friends, who make it all worthwhile for us.

> Blessings From Gerald, Lorraine, and the Black Ink Family. BLACK INK OILFIELD MECHANICAL 780-987-4924



Merry Christmas from Management & Staff at

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Prep: 30 mins - 40 mins, Cook: 40 mins Plus 1 hour CHESTNUT, BACON & CRANBERRY STUFFING

to soak the cranberries. Makes 24 stuffing balls Ingredients

- 100g dried cranberries
- 50ml ruby port

• 1 small onion, chopped • 2 rashers unsmoked back bacon, cut into strips

- 50g butter
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
  450g sausage meat



Wishing you peace, joy, friendship and all the wonder that makes the holiday season so very special. Thanks and Merry Christmas! from

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As flurries of snow, twinkling lights and yuletide greetings fill the air, our hearts and spirits are lifted by the pure joy of Christmas time. May the spirit of the season fill you with the same sense of wonder and contentment into the New Year and beyond.

> Thank you for helping to make 2019 an outstanding year for us. We owe our success to the loyal support of friends and customers like you, and we couldn't be more grateful for the kindness you have shown us.

#### Many Thanks & Merry Christmas

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Drayton Valley, AB 780-542-4212 · 140g fresh white or brown breadcrumbs

• 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

 $\cdot$   $^{1\!\!/_2}$  tsp chopped fresh thyme leaves

 140g peeled, cooked chestnuts, roughly chopped

• 1 medium egg, lightly beaten

Directions:

1. Soak the cranberries in the port for an hour. Fry the onion and bacon gently in the butter, until the onion is tender and the bacon is cooked. Add the garlic and fry for another minute or so.

2. Cool slightly, then mix with all the remaining ingredients, including the cranberries and port, adding enough egg to bind – I find it easiest to use my hands. Fry a knob of stuffing in a little butter, taste and adjust the seasoning if necessary.

3. To Cook: This stuffing can be baked in a dish, or rolled into balls that will be crisp on the outside and moist inside. To bake, press the stuffing into a greased ovenproof dish in a layer that is around 4cm thick. Bake at 190C/gas 5/fan 170C for about 40 minutes, until browned and, in the case of sausagemeat stuffing, cooked right through. Alternatively, roll into balls that are about 4cm in diameter. Roast the stuffing balls in hot fat (they can be tucked around the turkey or done in a roasting tin of their own) for 30-40 minutes, until crisp and nicely browned on the outside.



There's no place we'd rather spend the holidays than here among our neighbors and friends!

## Carol Lapointe Professional Services

## GIVE 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.





The halls are decked, the lists are checked; Christmas is here, bringing good cheer. There's just one thing we've left to do: Send our very best wishes to each one of you!

Thanks to our customers and neighbors all around town for your friendship and support. We wish you and yours all the best at Christmas time and in the New Year. Happy Holidays!

Seasons Greetings from the staff at G & N CONTRACTING Thorsby, AB 789-2210





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May that star which shone so long ago,
 Leading three wise men through the night.
 Let into your heart a gentle glow,
 And make your Christmas bright.
 Merry Christmas & Much Gratitude!







Thank you for being such an important part of our year. For your support and friendship, we feel blessed and grateful.

Merry Christmas! from Management & Staff of

Buck Creek Oilfield Services Ltd. 621-1828

## **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.

 $\cdot$  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.



We're grateful for the opportunity to be of service, and wish our customers a truly high energy holiday season plus lots of good fortune in the year ahead. Thanks!

Season's Greetings from Management & Staff at KEYERA CORP Buck Lake/Alder Flats 388-3740
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# CREATE A DELICIOUS DESSERT FOR HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Lavish meals are a large part of holiday celebrations, with many people indulging in dinners and desserts throughout the holiday season. This is a time when many families display their best recipes, and these may include certain desserts that can be labor-intensive to make or something more fitting for a special occasion. Cheesecake is an example of a dessert that, due to the time it takes to create and the richness of the dessert itself, is not something many people eat on a regular basis. However, with a time-saving recipe, cheesecake can become a dessert prepared in little time for holiday festivities. Try "Cinnamon Caramel Cheesecake Squares" from "Pampered Chef Season's Best, Fast, Fun & Fabulous" by Pampered Chef® Test Kitchens.

#### Cinnamon Caramel Cheesecake Squares

Makes 24 squares Ingredients

 $\cdot$  2 8-ounce packages seamless crescent dough

 $\cdot$  2 8-ounce packages cream cheese

·legg

· 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

• 3/4 cup sugar, divided

 $\cdot$  Flour for dusting

• 1 tablespoon cinnamon

• 1/2 cup caramel topping Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Unroll one package of crescent dough into a shallow baking pan. Roll out the dough to

edges. 2. Heat the cream cheese in a microwave-safe bowl, uncovered, on high for 30 to 40 seconds, or until softened. Whisk until almost smooth.

3. Add the egg, vanilla and 1/2 cup of the sugar to the bowl. Whisk until smooth. Spread over the crescent dough.

4. Lightly sprinkle the flat side of a cutting board with flour. Unroll the second package of crescent dough and roll it into a 13- by 12-inch rectangle.

5. Fold the dough in half from the short end; gently lift and place in the pan. Unfold and gently stretch the dough over the cream cheese layer; press the edges to seal. Cut off corners of dough hanging over and discard.

6. Bake 22 to 24 minutes, until golden brown.

7. Combine the remaining 1/4 cup sugar and cinnamon

in a small bowl. Place the caramel topping in a 1-cup measuring cup.

8. Remove the pan from the oven. Immediately pour the caramel topping over the cheesecake and spread to the edges of the crust. Sprinkle with the cinnamon-sugar mixture; let stand for 10 minutes.

9. Using a utility knife, cut into 4 x 6 rows to make 24 squares.



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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 ail; "FRESH CHRISTMAS nail: 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 Day!"

It seemed they looked at every tree, At least three million times; Dad shook them, pinched them, turned them <sup>i</sup>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

coa?"

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 Christ-mas 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!

# Hope Your Christmas Is the Height of Happiness

We're grateful to have such an uplifting group of friends and customers by our side at the holidays and all year. Thank you for making our progress possible!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and the best in the New Year, from Management & Staff at



Christmas tree I've seen this

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

"How 'bout some nice hot co-

Asked the man who owned

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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 'kerchief, 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 jel-ly!

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, 'ere he drove out of sight,

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

# 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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Looking for a tender and juicy roast recipe to serve? Look no further than this milk-braised pork shoulder recipe. It includes dry vermouth which is also referred

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to as "white" or "French" vermouth. If you can't find it, opt for a dry white wine, such as Sauvignon Blanc or Pinot Griajo.

### Milk-Braised Pork Shoulder

Prep time: 20 minutes | Cook time: 1 hour, 10 minutes | Serves: 8

Ingredients:

• 15 pearl onions, root ends trimmed

 $\cdot$  1 (2.2 lb/1 kg) boneless pork shoulder roast, trimmed and tied at 1-inch intervals

1tsp salt

1 tsp ground black pepper
2 tbsp pure first-pressed canola oil

- · 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- · 2 bay leaves
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- ·1 small onion, thinly sliced
- $\cdot$  1/2 cup dry vermouth

2 cups homogenized milk
1 tbsp PC Dijon prepared mustard

1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
1 tbsp finely chopped fresh parslev

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At this special time of year, we'd like to share our thanks and best wishes with our valued customers and friends. Thanks for making us feel at home here!

from Management & Staff at
Morand Industries
Onoway, AB 967-2500

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325°F (160°C). Bring small saucepan of water to a boil. Add pearl onions; return to a boil. Cook 30 to 60 seconds. Transfer with slotted spoon to bowl of ice water to chill. Drain and peel off skins. Set pearl onions aside.

2. Sprinkle pork with salt and pepper. Heat oil in Dutch oven over medium heat. Add pork and cook turning often until browned all over; about 10 minutes. Transfer to large plate. Set aside.

3. Heat same Dutch oven over medium heat. Add pearl onions and cook, stirring occasionally until golden; about 5 minutes. Transfer with slotted spoon to small bowl. Set aside.

4. Smash garlic with flat side of chef's knife. Heat same Dutch oven over medium heat. Add garlic, bay leaves, thyme and sliced onion; cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is softened, 2 to 3 minutes. Add vermouth and cook, stirring and scraping up browned bits from bottom, until liquid is reduced by half; about 3 minutes.

5. Return pork to Dutch oven. Add milk; bring to a gentle simmer. Cover and transfer to oven. Bake, flipping pork once, until instant-read thermometer inserted in centre of pork reads 160°F (71°C); about 40 to 45 minutes.

6. Discard bay leaves and thyme sprigs. Transfer pork to cutting board; cover loosely with foil. Let rest 15 minutes.

7. Meanwhile, transfer milk mixture to blender and add mustard. Remove plastic stopper from blender lid; cover lid with kitchen towel. Purée until smooth. Return to Dutch oven and stir in pearl onions. Bring to a gentle simmer over medium heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, until thick enough to coat back of spoon; about 10 minutes. Stir in lemon juice. 8. Thinly slice pork and ar-

o. Thinly slice pork and arrange on large serving platter. Spoon milk mixture over top. Sprinkle with parsley.

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# **DELIGHT GUESTS WITH DESSERT**

Baked goods are staples at many family gatherings. Whether hosting family for the holidays, reunions or weekly Sunday night dinners, hosts can make dessert that much better by serving this "Blackberry-Ripple Lime Cheesecake" courtesy of Lori Longbotham's "Luscious Creamy Desserts" (Chronicle Books).

# Blackberry-Ripple Lime Cheesecake Serves 10

## Crust

• 11/2 cups pecans

• 2 tablespoons sugar

 $\cdot$  1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, melted

### Filling

· 2 6-ounce packages ripe blackberries

· 2 tablespoons packed light brown sugar

1 teaspoon cornstarch

 $\cdot$  11/2 pounds cream cheese, at room temperature

• 1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk

 $\cdot$  2 teaspoons finely grated lime zest

· 1/4 cup fresh lime juice· 1 teaspoon pure vanilla ex-

tract

 $\cdot$  3 large eggs, at room temperature

Directions

1. Position a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat the oven to 350 F. Generously butter the bottom and sides of a 9-inch springform pan.

2. To make the crust: Pulse the pecans, flour and sugar in a food processor until the nuts are finely ground. Add the butter and pulse just until combined. Press the crust evenly over the bottom and 1 inch up the sides of the pan. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, until light brown. Transfer to a wire rack and cool completely. Reduce the oven temperature to 300 F.

3. To make the filling: Mash the blackberries and sugar together in a medium saucepan with a pastry blender or a fork. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the berries begin to release their juices. Stir in the cornstarch, bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring constantly, and boil for 1 minute. Pour the purée through a coarse strainer set over a small bowl, pressing hard on the solids to

extract as much liquid as possible. Refrigerate, tightly covered, until thoroughly chilled. 4. With an electric mixer on medium-high speed, beat the cream cheese in a large bowl for about 2 minutes, until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in the condensed milk, zest, lime juice, and vanilla, scraping down the side of the bowl as necessary. Reduce the speed to medium and add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Pour the batter into the pan.

5. Transfer the blackberry

purée to a small glass measure. Drizzle it in a spiral pattern over the batter, then swirl a table knife through the batter to marbleize it. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes, until the cheesecake is puffed on the sides and still slightly jiggly in the center. Let cool on a wire rack.

6. Refrigerate the cheesecake, tightly covered, for at least 8 hours, until thoroughly chilled and set, or for up to 2 days.

7. To serve, run a sharp knife around the edge of the pan to loosen the cake and remove



the side of the pan. Cut the cheesecake into thin wedges with a sharp knife dipped into hot water and wiped dry after each cut.



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

Big thanks to all of our valued customers for your trust in us. Merry Christmas, everyone!

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# HOST THE HOLIDAYS WITH HOMEMADE FRUITCAKE

Holiday hosting is a big responsibility. Hosts must make their guests feel welcome and comfortable, which often involves finding space for out-oftowners to lay their heads and cleaning the home to ensure no one is put off by the dust and dirt that can accumulate over time.

Hosting also involves feeding guests, and many hosts aim to provide the usual holiday treasure trove of baked goods for their friends and family. Baking can satisfy holiday sweet tooths, and the smell of baked goods can create that welcoming feeling hosts aim for. Some foods are synonymous with certain times of year, and fruitcake is one food that's enjoyed almost exclusively during the holiday season. Fruitcake is sometimes an object of ridicule, but homemade fruitcake, such as the following recipe from Jeanne Sauvage's "Gluten-Free Baking For the Holidays" (Chronicle Books), is sure to please those guests devoted to this holiday staple.

## Fruitcake

Serves 10 to 15 Ingredients

Macerated Fruit

· 21/2 pounds raisins, pit-



## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM MARK AT MARK MARTIN PFEIFFER MASTER BRICK LAYER / MASON Wildwood, AB 242 - 3308

ted prunes, pitted dates, and

 dried figs, finely chopped
 1/2 cup candied orange and/or lemon peel, finely chopped

• 1/3 cup candied or dried cherries, finely chopped

 $\cdot$  2/3 cup candied or preserved ginger, finely chopped

• Grated zest and juice of 1 large lemon

• Grated zest and juice of 1 large orange

• 1 tablespoon orange or tangerine marmalade

•1 tablespoon apricot jam

·1 cup applesauce

• 2 tablespoons brandy, sweet sherry or apple juice

• 1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature, plus more for greasing

• 3 cups Jeanne's Gluten-Free All-Purpose Flour (see below)

• 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

·1 teaspoon ground ginger

·1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

 $\cdot \mathbf{l}$  teaspoon ground all-spice

·1 tablespoon baking powder

·1 cup packed dark brown sugar

·1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

• 4 extra-large eggs, at room temperature

• 2 tablespoons brandy, rum, whiskey, sweet sherry, or apple juice, or as needed Directions

The day before you bake the cake, prepare the macerated fruit. Place the raisins, prunes, dates, and figs in a large bowl. Add the citrus peel, cherries, ginger, lemon zest and juice, and orange zest and juice. Add the marmalade, jam, applesauce, and brandy and stir to combine. Cover the bowl and let stand over-

## December 17, 2019 Community VOICE Page 43 Host The Holidays With Homemade Fruitcake

night at room temperature so that the fruits soak up the liquid and the flavors meld. The mixture can macerate in the refrigerator for up to 1 week.

Preheat the oven to 325 F. If the fruit has been in the refrigerator, bring it to room temperature. Grease the bottom and sides of a 91/2- or 10-inch springform pan with butter. Line the bottom with three layers of parchment paper and the sides with one layer of parchment. The batter will be very sticky.

In a medium bowl, mix together the flour, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, allspice, and baking powder.

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat the butter on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the brown sugar and beat for 1 minute. Reduce the speed to low, add the vanilla, and beat until combined. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Then beat for 1 minute longer. Add the flour mixture and beat until just combined. Add the macerated fruit and, with a large wooden spoon, combine with the batter. This requires a bit of strength. Scrape the batter into the prepared pan.

Bake for 2 hours, then reduce the oven temperature to 300 F and bake until a toothpick inserted into the middle of the cake comes out clean, about 2 hours. If the cake browns too quickly, you might want to tent it with aluminum foil for the last 2 hours so it doesn't burn.

Remove the cake from the oven and, while it is still hot, pierce it all over with a skewer. Pour the brandy over the top. Place the pan on a wire rack and let the cake cool completely.

Remove the sides from the pan and peel the parchment paper from the sides and bottom of the cake. Wrap the cake in waxed paper and place it in an airtight container or wrap it in a few layers of plastic wrap. Leave the cake at room temperature for 3 to 5 days to allow the flavors to meld. If you used alcohol, you may store the cake in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

Once the cake is sliced, store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 1 week.

### Jeanne's Gluten-Free All-Purpose Flour

Makes 41/2 cups Ingredients

 $\cdot$  1 1/4 cups brown rice flour

• 1 1/4 cups white rice flour • 1 cup sweet rice flour ·1 cup tapioca flour

• Scant 2 teaspoons xanthan gum

Directions

In a large bowl, whisk together the brown and white rice flours, sweet rice flour, tapioca flour, and xanthan gum thoroughly. Transfer the mix to an airtight container. Store in a cool, dark place for up to 6 weeks or in the refrigerator for up to 4 months.



# from the Staff at **Timberlind Auctions** 780-542-7323

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Soul food is beloved by many people across the globe. While certain main dishes garner the bulk of that love. soul food desserts, such as "Miss Ruthie's Old-Fashioned Peach Cobbler" from Patty Pinner's "Sweets: Soul Food Desserts & Memories" (Ten Speed Press) can complete a meal and keep friends and family coming back for more. Miss Ruthie's Old-Fashioned Peach Cobbler

Makes one 8-inch cobbler

# A DESSERT TO PLEASE SOUL FOOD DEVOTEES

#### Ingredients

- ·1 unbaked double pie crust · 8 cups peeled and sliced fresh peaches
- · 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- · 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- •1/8 teaspoon ground allspice · 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted
- butter, melted ·1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 475 F. 2. Lightly butter an 8-inch square glass dish. Set it aside. 3. Prepare the pasty for a double-crust pie. Set it aside. 4. Combine the peaches, sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, and allspice in a 4-quart Dutch oven. Allow the mixture to sit until the dry ingredients are dissolved and a syrup forms, about 15 minutes. Bring the peach mixture to a boil over medium heat. Decrease the heat to low and

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cook until the peaches are tender, about 10 minutes. Remove the mixture from the heat and add the butter.

5. Roll out half of the pie pastry, then cut it into an 8-inch square. Spoon half of the peach mixture into the prepared dish. Cover the mixture with the pastry square. Bake 12 to 14 minutes, or until lightly browned. Take the dish out of the oven and spoon the remaining peach mixture over the baked pastry. Roll out the remaining pastry, then cut it into strips about an inch wide. Arrange the strips in a loose lattice pattern over the peach mixture. Bake an additional 15 to 20 minutes, or until browned. Remove from the oven. Serve warm.

#### **Double Pie Crust** Ingredients

· 2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted

- $\cdot$  1/2 teaspoon salt
- ·1 cup vegetable shortening, chilled
- ·1egg, beaten

· 6 tablespoons cold milk In a bowl, combine the flour and salt. Cut the shortening into the dry ingredients with a fork or by pinching the shortening into the flour mixture with your fingers. The result should be coarse crumbs and small clumps the size of peas. Add the egg and mix well. Add the milk 1 tablespoon at a time. Don't be afraid to add more milk if necessary to achieve a dough that's wet enough to form into a ball. Being careful not to overwork the dough, form the dough into a ball with your hands. Wrap the ball in plastic, then chill in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. Transfer the dough from the refrigerator to a lightly floured surface. Flatten the ball slightly and dust the top of it with flour before rolling it out with a rolling pin. Divide the dough into two portions before rolling. Begin rolling at the center of the dough and work outward. Roll the dough out into a circle about 4 inches wider than the pie pan it will be placed in.

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I BUY GUN COLLECTIONS and World War 2 Collectables, Please call Jay for a quote 780-686-1350 (15) 19-11

## For Rent

Homer's Hut Cabin Rentals - Daily, weekly, monthly rates, Alberta Beach area, Call Connie 780-913-8024 (7) 24-09



## PURE HEMP CBD PRODUCTS

AGING IS INEVITABLE - LOOKING AND FEELING OLD ISN'T!

## WHAT IS CBD?

#### A Health and Beauty Breakthrough!

Cannabidiol, CBD, is one of over 80 active cannabinoid chemicals in the hemp plant. CBD, unlike, THC, does not produce euphoria or intoxication. CBD targets specific receptors in the cells of your brain & body. There are many physical and mental benefits to using CBD products for both treatment and prevention of numerous aliments.



CBD PET PRODUCTS

**KEY BENEFITS** 

Can be used in conjunction with regular medications

SYNERGISTIC BENEFITS:

NO SIDE EFFECTS: Does

DIETARY SUPPLEMENT:

Can be administered daily as part of your pet's diet.

not damage the liver, kidney or GI Tract like OTC

with no side effects.

medication.

PET CHEW TREATS

## Therapeutic Uses For Pure Hemp CBD

Supports healthy blood sugar levels, promotes healthy energy levels, relieves anxiety, aids in digestion, supports optimal immune function and the regeneration of healthy cells, and promotes a sense of screenity and overall well-being.

### Anti-Aging Uses For Pure Hemp CBD

Promotes more youthful skin, provides hydration, enhances radiance, lessens age lines as well as the appearance of dark spots.

## **KEY BENEFITS**

PAIN RELIEF: Known to reduce vomiting & nausea; suppress muscle spasms; reduce seizures & convulsions.

PROMOTES HEALTH: Helps to promote relaxation and overall health.

WELL-BEING: Helps to relieve anxiety, aid in digestion, supports optimal immune function and the

regeneration of healthy cells.



### ORAL SPRAYS & DROPS KEY BENEFITS

MANAGES PAIN: Helps to treat inflammation, arthritis and joint pain. TREATS DICESTIONAL ISSUES: Helps with loss of appetite, nausea, IBS and gastrointestinal swelling.

GENERAL HEALTH: Helps to manage mood, anxiety and general joint pain. For healthy, happy pets CONVENIENT: Can be sprayed into pet's mouth or on food.

For more information, Call (780) 907-8642

# Page 46 CommunityVoiCE December 17, 2019 COMMUNITY EVENTS 2019

If you are a LICENSED, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, you are welcome to submit your announcement FREE of charge, space permitting. You are required to submit your non-profit number. Call (780) 962-9228. Please note that all submitted event listings must be limited to 200 characters or less (including spaces). DEADLINE: 12 noon Friday prior to publication (Thursdays on long weekends).

#### **FARMERS MARKETS**

DRAYTON VALLEY: Evergreen Farmers' Market, Wednesdays at the Mackenzie Center of the Omniplex from 10:30AM-1:30PM. www. dvevergreenfarmersmarket. ca

### BINGO

**MULHURST**: Every Tuesday night, 7:00PM at the Mulhurst Legion

**CALMAR**: Every Wednesday night, 7:00PM at the Calmar Legion.

#### JAMBOREE

DRAYTON VALLEY: Last Sunday of month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-3768

#### **TOPS** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

**DEVON:** Wed. at 9:30AM at Riverside Baptist Church, 2 Saskatchewan Dr., Devon. Contact Brenda at 987-9113 for info.

**EDMONTON:** Thurs 8:30-10AM at Annex of Grace United Church (6215-104 Ave). \$7/month

**LEDUC:** Tuesday Nights at Peace Lutheran Church, 4606 – 48 St. Leduc. Weighins: 5:45-6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-7:30PM. Call Marie at 780-986-6477.

**THORSBY:** meeting every Monday morning 9:00AM at Thorsby Fire Hall. Call 780-621-3461.

#### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

**50+ YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON** for Parkland County Seniors. 12PM at Stony Plain United Church Basement, \$7 per plate. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of Each Month, Sept -June. For reservations call Audrey 780-963-1782.

CALMAR SENIORS BUS: to

West Edmonton Mall - 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. 9:30Ам; Seniors' Birthday Party - every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. 1:30Рм; Meetings - every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of every month. 1:30Рм. (780) 985-3117.

**DEVON MUSIC JAM & DANCE:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of each month @ 6PM, June – Sept. @ Chalet Lions Campground. Oct. - May (excl. Dec.) @ Pioneers 73 Club (29 St. Lawrence Ave.). Guests \$7, Musicians \$2. More info call 780-987-2093.

**DEVON RECREATION:** Volleyball, Mondays 8-10PM, \$2, John Maland High School. Badminton, Fridays 7-9PM, Robina Baker School, \$2. Hockey (Arena), Tues & Thurs, noon (children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult). **INDOOR PLAYGROUND**: Mondays, 10AM-12PM, Alder Flats Community Centre. Info (780) 388-3333 No fee. Pleas bring a snack for your child.

**JAM DANCE & CARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri, 7PM, Buck Creek. (780) 514-3781

**"KIDS OWN WORSHIP"** an hour after-school, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays each month. Songs, Crafts, Snacks and FUN! No charge. Call All Saints' Anglican Church. (780)542-5048

MUSICAL JAM SESSIONS: 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, 1:00PM at Calmar Seniors Centre. Bring your own instruments and have fun.

MUSIC JAMBOREE: Last Sunday of each month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors open at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-3768

**MUSICAL PROGRAM**: every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at the Cloverleaf Manor, 2:30PM. Everyone welcome.

**ST. DAVIDS JR. CHOIR** is seeking singers ages 7-13. Boys and girls are welcomed. Rehearsals in Leduc Tuesdays 3:45- 5PM. Contact 780-432-

#### 7805.

WARBURG ARENA HOSTS FREE SHINNY HOCKEY, Sun 2:30 - 3:45PM & Mon /Wed 4-5:45PM, arena closures & cancellations can be heard on recorded messages, call Arena 780-848-7581 WARBURG ARENA HOSTS FREE PUBLIC SKATING, Sundays 1-2:30PM & Fridays 4-5:45PM, call arena for closure dates

## MEETINGS

**AHS**: Addiction Services provides assessment and counseling for alcohol, other drugs, tobacco and gambling in Breton on court day Wednesdays. To make an appointment, please call 780-542-3140.

Do you have a problem with alcohol & are you looking for an **AA MEETING** or someone to talk to? Call Toll Free 1-877-404-8100.

**Drinking a Problem?** There is a Solution, call AA 780-491-1043

ALDER FLATS AG SOCIETY: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, 7PM, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info.

**BRETON COUNCIL MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Council Chambers, Carolyn Strand Civic Centre. 780-696-3636

BRETON & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY Regular Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. at 7:30PM at Hall. CITIZENS ON PATROL: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of each mo, 7:30PM in

Entwistle Seniors Bldg DEVON TOASTMASTERS,

Thurs. 7PM at St. Georges Anglican Church (2 St. Clair, Devon). Learn and practice the skills required to effectively speak in public - we help conquer your fear. More info: Marc 780-729-4932 DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA **GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:** meets 7PM at Drayton Valley Municipal Library every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month. For more information call (780) 542-2787

LEDUC MS SOCIETY COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? This group is for you! Meetings TBD. Contact the Edmonton Chapter, 780-471-3034

MS SOCIETY DRAYTON VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, Sept-June from 6-8PM at Norquest College, dates TBA. Info, Terra Leslie at 1-403-346-0290.

**Winfield Legion Branch 236:** Meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. Contact Secretary Treasurer Shelly Oulton 696-3600 or Alfred Farmer 696-2006

## YOUR COMMUNITY

**Dental Health:** Visit the dental hygienist with your toddler. Children 15-24 mos of age are encouraged to have this Free Toddler Mouth Check. For info, contact the Thorsby Health Centre at 789-4800.

Come join GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA, 1<sup>st</sup> Pipestone Sparks/Brownies/Guides Rainbow Unit. For more info call Jenny 387-3544 (anytime) or Teresa 901-3817 (evenings) Meals on Wheels: Call Deanne Young, Director FCSS 696-3636

ThorsbyWellChild&ImmunizationClinic,every 1st& 3rdThurs. of themonth.ContactThorsbyPublicHealthCenterforappointment.789-4800.

Warburg Well Baby & Immunization Clinic, by appointment only, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of month, Cloverleaf Manor. Thorsby Health Unit 789-4800.



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