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**December 20, 2023** 

# Happy, Healthy, Joyful, Peaceful, Fur-Filled, Fantastic



#### DARWELL DISTRICT RECREATION ASSOCIATION

# RNEK.A MEETIN

Monday, January 8, 2024 7:30p.m.

#### Darwell Centennial Hall

The Darwell District Recreation Association (DDRA) operates the Darwell Centennial Hall for the benefit of the Community. Come help the DDRA plan for future activities in our community hall. All area residents are welcome.

For information please contact:

Maria at 892-3099

JOIN TODAY

### **LOCAL FOOD BANKS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Anne County

The holiday season and year round!

Lac Ste. Anne County Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) supports the following food bank programs, and sincerely thanks these organizations for the service they continue to provide our communities.

Lac Ste. Anne East Food

5028 - 48 Avenue, Onoway, AB

Open Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 10:00 am

780.271.3131 Contact:

Submitted by Lac Ste. or email lacsteanneeastfoodbank@gmail.com

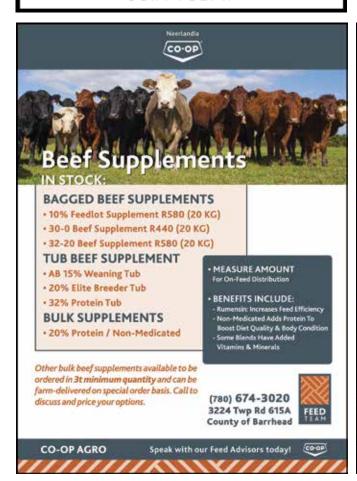
> Mayerthorpe Food Bank

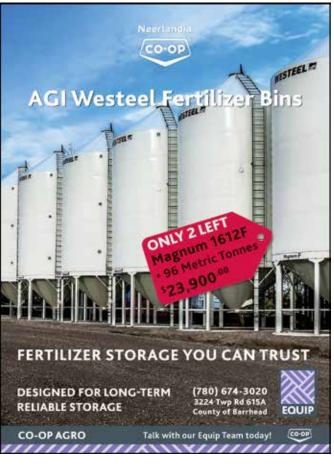
4606 - 54 St. Mayerthorpe, AB

Open Thursdays from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Contact: 780.786.4668, or email mbcfoodbank@ xplornet.ca or facebook. com/mayerthorpefoodbank

To request help, volunteer or donate - contact the above or drop in during open hours.





### TAKING ACTION ON DROUGHT IN ALBERTA

Submitted by Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

Water is one of Alberta's most precious resources. We all use it, consume it, and rely on it.

Most of the water that Albertans use to drink, grow crops, run our businesses and sustain our environment comes from rain and melting snow. The last three years have brought droughts and water shortages in various parts of our province, including most of Southern Alberta this summer.

The world is also experiencing El Niño, a global phenomenon occurring for the first time in seven years. It's causing less snow and rain, along with higher temperatures, around the world this winter. Recent forecasts indicate that there is a 62 percent chance that the unusually warm and dry conditions that we have experienced could continue until June 2024.

Alberta has five stages in its water management plan. Ranging from Stage 1, which is a minor drought to Stage 5, which is a province-wide emergency. We are currently in Stage 4.

Our government is now preparing for the possibility of a serious drought next year. The good news is that Alberta is up to the challenge. This province has navigated droughts before and has a long, proud history of coming together during tough times.

Officials in the department of Environment and Protected Areas have stood up a Drought Command Team and work is underway to finalize a Drought Emergency Plan.

Meetings have been held with communities, farmers, businesses and others to prepare. Many have already taken action to implement conservation measures and adapt to reduced water levels. Our government has announced up to \$165 million in federal-provincial drought relief for livestock producers. And, this summer and fall, Calgary, Medicine Hat and other communities adopted voluntary and mandatory restrictions on water use

to help Alberta's stressed river basins.

I commend the collective actions taken so far by so many people throughout Alberta.

Over the coming months, we will be carefully monitoring snowpack, rainfall, river levels and actual water use to develop our early warning capacity. We will use this information and scientific modelling to assess the risk of drought next year. We have launched alberta.ca/drought to keep all Albertans

updated as we take these steps.

Together with our partners, we are doing everything we can to be fully prepared for whatever next year brings. An advisory panel of experts to help provide advice will be formed in the months ahead. And we are preparing for the future, looking at what long-term infrastructure is needed to help manage water supplies for future generations.

We cannot make it rain or snow, but all of us have a role to play. Conserving water can help your community, as well as Albertans downstream from you. In the coming months, we will all have to pull together to secure our province's water supply. It is a challenge that I am confident Albertans will



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### PARKLAND RCMP ON SCENE OF A DECEASED PERSON FOUND BURNED

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Dec. 11, 2023, at about 4:40 a.m., Parkland RCMP and Spruce Grove fire received a report of a deceased person and a dumpster on fire at a business strip mall on Calahoo Drive and Mc-Leoad ave. in Spruce Grove. The fire was spotted by an off-duty officer on their way in to work.

The Parkland RCMP General Investigative Section has taken carriage of the investigation. It is anticipated that officers will remain on scene for several hours conducting an investigation.

Any persons who may have seen what happened prior to the fire, or who have dash cam footage are asked to contact the Parkland RCMP detachment.



SCREEN TEST

A screening mammogram is the best way to find breast cancer early.

And it can truly save your life.



The SCREEN TEST mobile mammography unit will be in

Whitecourt January 4 to 19, 2024

Appointments are required. Call

1-800-667-0604 (toll free)

screeningforlife.ca

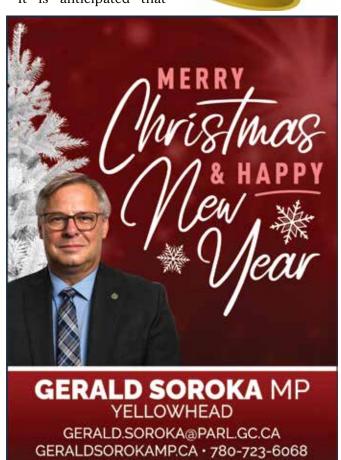
If you're 45 to 74 years of age, have a mammogram every 2 years or as decided by you and your healthcare provider.

No referral needed.



SCREENING FOR LIFE.CA





### IS IT TIME FOR YOUR MAMMOGRAM?

Submitted by Alberta Health Service

Screen Test is coming to Whitecourt January 4 to 19, 2024 Screen Test is a free service provided by Alberta Health Services that offers screening mammograms. Our mobile screening units travel to 121 communities throughout Alberta to provide convenient access to breast cancer screening.

Having regular screening mammograms is the best way to find breast cancer early, before symptoms appear and when treatment may work better.

Who should have a screening mammogram? If you're 45 to 74, you don't need a referral to have a mammogram. Make screening part of your regular health routine. Plan to have a mammogram every 2 years or as decided by you and your healthcare provider.

If you're 40 to 44 or over 75, discuss the risks and benefits of screening with your healthcare provider. You will need a referral if you're 40 to 44 and it's your first mammogram, or if you're over 75.

Call 1-800-667-0604 (toll-free) to book a mammogram with Screen Test.

Breast density scores are now included in your Screen Test result letter Breast density is the amount of dense tissue compared to the amount of fat in a person's breasts. It can be harder to find cancer in dense breasts because this tissue appears white on a mammogram, the same colour as many kinds of breast cancer. It's common to have dense breast tissue.

Dense breasts are only one of many risk factors for breast cancer. Other factors, such as age and genetics, have a bigger impact on your overall risk. You can't tell how dense your breasts are by size, look or feel. The only way to find out is by having a mammogram.

Talk to your health-

care provider about your breast density score and your personal risk of breast cancer. Learn more about breast density on screeningforlife.ca

For more information on Screen Test and breast cancer screening, visit screeningforlife.ca



### Onoway Regional Fire Services and Lac Ste. Anne Fire Services Work Together to Save Lives & Improve Patient Care

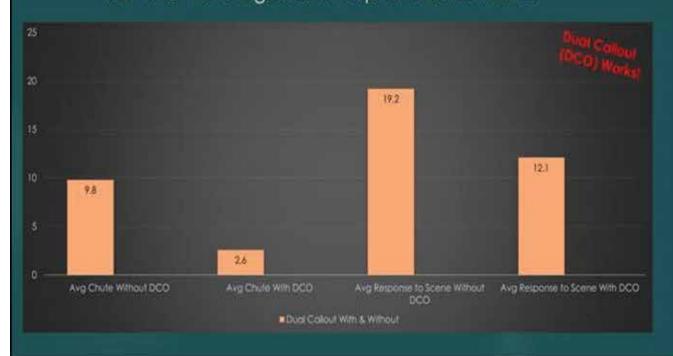


The Following Details the Success of Dual Callout (DCO) for 19 Mutual Aid Highway Calls January 1st-June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023

Note: This is a stock photo-not our incident however; we do have calls like this from time to time



Getting Help to People Faster!
Onoway Regional Fire Services & Lac Ste. Anne Fire Services Work Together to Improve Performance



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# Dual Callout (DCO) Average Time Savings to Scene Savings to Scene

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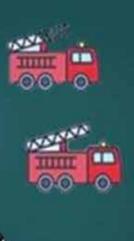


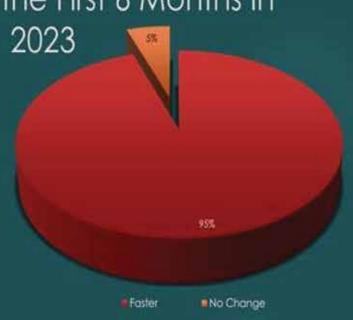


Saving Lives!

Stock photo-Not our incident-Firefighters Training in this Picture

Where Dual Callout Made a Difference in the First 6 Months in





### ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Submitted by Lac Ste. an online voter survey. Anne County

Photos featured in 2024 County calendar Congratulations to the winners of our 11th annual Capture the County Photo Contest! Thirteen winners were chosen from all of the outstanding submissions, based on

Cover: Sheena Prokipchuk

January: James Eastman February: Madison Jack-

March: Annabelle Olsen April: Timothy Johnson May: Karen Seinen June: Harlyn Hafermehl July: Claudia Ramirez August: Donovan Boggs

September: Allison Winchester

October: Tanis Fitzgerald November: Kim Dean December: Russell Flint

The County awarded \$250 to the cover photo winner and \$100 to each monthly photo winner.

Calendars will be available while supplies last at local

libraries and at the County Administration Office. You can also contact your local Councillor for a copy.

We thank everyone for participating in this year's contest and look forward to seeing your snapshot submissions for the 2024 photo contest.



### TRANSFER **STATIONS**

Submitted by Lac Ste. mas Day. Anne County

Holiday Closure

A friendly reminder that all eight County Transfer Station sites are open on statutory holidays throughout the year, with the exception of Christ-

County Transfer Stations will be closed Monday, December 25.





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### Merry Christmas

This Christmas season,
in lieu of the annual
Christmas cards that we
normally send across our
constituency, we've
chosen make donations to
help out our local food
banks.

One less
Christmas card
won't make a
difference,
but one more
Christmas dinner
will.

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas
MLA Shane Getson
Lac Ste. Anne - Parkland



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### HAPPENINGS AT THE RICH VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR JANUARY

Submitted by Rich Valley Public Library

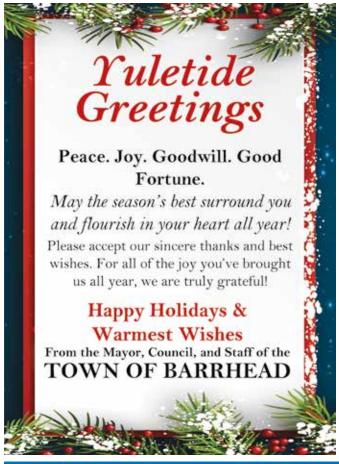
Merry Christmas to everyone! We are moving for-

ward and excited about the New Year. New books are coming in and we are busy arranging programs.

January will see line danc-

ing being held at the Rich Valley arena as well as classes for 5 nights of country dancing. Get your teenagers (and anyone else who has the desire) registered so they can have fun at dances. Check our website and Facebook, Instagram to keep up with what we have to offer. Our annual meeting is in February and we are in desperate need of new board members. Our little library has so much to offer and it takes so little

to be involved. Just ask the girls who work there for details. Did you know that we have videos to rent out for everyone and a huge selection of children's books. We offer something for all ages. You can register by phone 780-967-3525 or email rypublib@yrl.ab.ca for any of our classes. Stop in and see what we have to offer and get to know the girls at the desk.



### BARRHEAD RCMP SEEKS PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE TO LOCATE MISSING PERSON

Submitted by Barrhead RCMP

Barrhead, Alta. – Barrehad RCMP is requesting the public's assistance with locating 60-year-old Barrhead resident Kevin Hipfner. Kevin was last seen on

Nov. 11, 2023, in the Barrhead area. It is believed that Kevin may have traveled to the Fort Assiniboine area.

Kevin is described as:

- Light complexion;
- 5 feet 9 inches;
- 182 pounds;
- Brown hair;
- Brown eyes;
- Wears eye glasses;
- Last seen wearing a black parka, black sweat pants and a red shirt

If you have any information on Kevin or his whereabouts, please call the Barrhead RCMP at 780-674-4848.





### OH 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 voic-

es 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.

### The Catholic Parishes of Lac Ste Anne and Alexis First Nation

300-3510 Lac Ste Anne Trail 780-924-3550

Please join us as we celebrate the birthday of our Saviour Jesus Christ

#### Christmas Eve Masses

Lac Ste Anne - 8:00 p.m Our Lady of the Lake,

Alexis First Nation - Midnight Mass

#### **Christmas Day Mass**

Lac Ste Anne - 10:00 a.m

Fill us with hope as we celebrate Christ's birthday May we all experience the wonder of the first Christmas Day

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

### DISHING OUT OUR THANKS & BEST WISHES



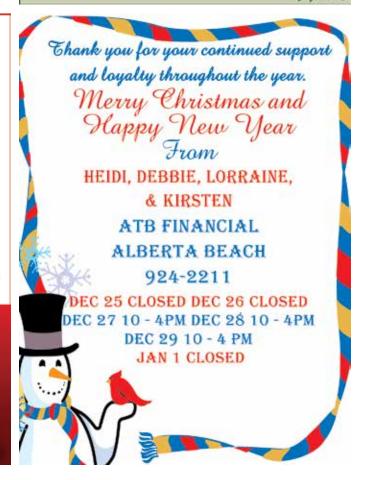
Catering to folks like you is what we love to do, and we appreciate the opportunity to serve you. With thanks from our entire team, we wish you a five-star Christmas!

OPEN CHRISTMAS DAY FOR FREE MEAL 10:00am - 3:00pm

HOLIDAY HOURS: December 23 closing at 2:00 m | December 24 7:00-3:00 m | December 25 10:00-3:00 m | BOXING DAY CLOSED

Season's Greetings
from the staff at

MAMAS' IN KITCHEN
DESSERTS HOME COOKED MEALS CATERING



#### 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 saving.

"Don't you cry,

I'll be back again some day."

Thumpetty thump thump,

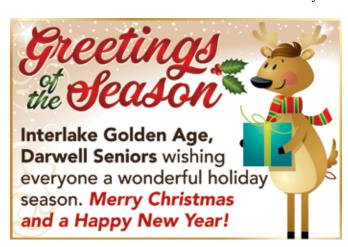
Thumpety thump thump,

Look at Frosty go.

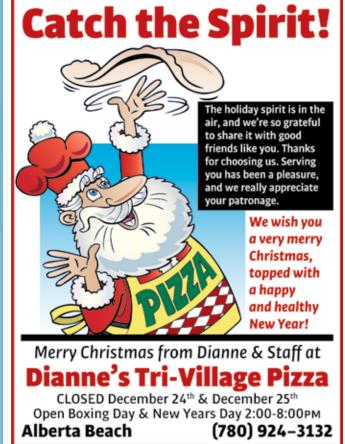
Thumpetty thump thump,

Thumpety thump thump,

Over the hills of snow.







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### THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

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

mas, my true love sent to me Two turtle doves,

And a partridge in a pear tree.
On the third day of Christmas.

my true love sent to me Three French hens, Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear tree. On the fourth day of Christ-

mas,
my true love sent to me
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.
On the fifth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.
On the sixth day of Christ-

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

my true love sent to me
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.
On the eighth day of Christ-

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

my true love sent to me
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,

Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.
On the tenth day of Christmas.

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

On the eleventh day of Christmas,

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

my true love sent to me

Twelve drummers drumming,

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





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



### Onoway Bigway Foods

Open 7 Days a Week For Your Shopping Convenience.

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967-4291

### 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





### LET IT SNOW

Oh the weather outside is frightful,

But the fire is so delightful,

And since we've no place to go,

Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

It doesn't show signs of stopping,

And I've bought some corn for popping,

The lights are turned way down low,

Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

When we finally kiss goodnight,

How I'll hate going out in the storm!

But if you'll really hold me tight,

All the way home I'll be warm.

The fire is slowly dying, And, my dear, we're still good-bying,

But as long as you love me so,

Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

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### 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, Refrain Reinstate us in thy love.





### Filled With Our Gratitude

We're hoping your holiday season is an equal mix of harmony and joy. With special thanks for your continued support.

### Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

from Management & staff at

### ONOWAY HEALTH CARE PHARMACY

Onoway, AB • (780) 967-2241

#### GUARDIAN BEACH PHARMACY

Alberta Beach, AB • (780) 924-3647

### **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

If thou know it telling: Yonder peasant, who is

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

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.

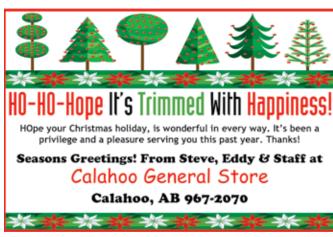
Heat was in the very sod
Which the saint had print-

Therefore, Christian men, be sure,

Wealth or rank possessing,

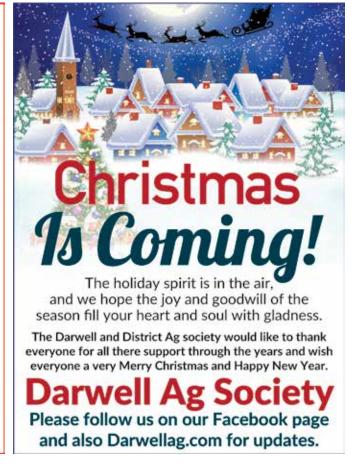
Ye who now will bless the poor

Shall yourselves find blessing.



he?





### 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 Is-

They looked up and saw a star

Shining in the east bevond them far,

And to the earth it gave great light,

And so it continued both day and night. Refrain

And by the light of that same star

Three wise men came

from country far;

To seek for a king was their intent,

And to follow the star wherever it went. Refrain

This star drew nigh to the northwest,

O'er Bethlehem it took 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





**Merry Christmas!** from Sue & Staff at

#### Doggie Style

Mayerthorpe, AB 786-0171





### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

With a bundle of best wishes & gratitude to all of you from all of us.



The Board & Staff of
Barrhead & District
Family
& Community
Support Services
Society

780-674-3341

### **SANTA BABY**

Santa baby, just slip a sable under the tree for me:

Been an awful good girl, Santa baby

and hurry down the chimney tonight

Santa baby, a '54 convertible too, light blue

I'll wait up for you dear, Santa baby

and hurry down the chimney tonight

Think of all the fun I've missed

Think of all the fellas that I haven't kissed

Next year I could be just as good...

if you'd check off my Christmas list

Santa baby, I want a yacht and really that's not a lot

Been an angel all year; Santa baby,

so hurry down the chimney tonight

Santa honey, there's one thing I really do need, the deed - To a platinum

mine, Santa baby so hurry down the

chimney tonight

Santa baby, I'm filling my stocking with the duplex, and checks

Sign your 'X' on the line, Santa cutie,

and hurry down the chimney tonight

Come and trim my Christmas tree

With some decorations bought at Tiffany;

I really do believe in you Let's see if you believe in me Santa baby, forgot to mention one little thing, a ring

I don't mean a phone, Santa baby,

so hurry down the chimney tonight

Hurry down the chimney tonight

Hurry tonight



### At This Season of Giving-



We'd like to give you our well wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season. We feel deeply honored to have your friendship and trust. Thanks!

**Merry Christmas** from

Management & Staff at

Community Health Pharmacy

Sangudo, AB

(780) 785-3784



### SILENT NIGHT

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

Holy infant so tender and mild,

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

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heavely hosts sing alleluia;

Christ the Saviour, is born!

Christ the Saviour, is born!

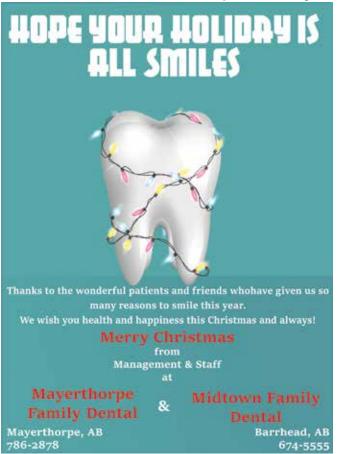
Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

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









### **MUST BE SANTA**

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

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

Who comes around on a special night?

Santa comes around on a special night.

Special night, beard that's white,

Must be Santa must be Santa,

Must be Santa, Santa Claus.

Who wears boots and a suit of red?

Santa wears boots and a suit of red.

Who wears a long cap on his head?

Santa wears a long cap on his head.

Cap on head, suit that's red,

Special night, beard that's white,

Must be Santa must be Santa,

Must be Santa, Santa Claus.

Who's got a big red cherry nose?

Santa's got a big red cherry nose.

Who laughs this way: HO HO HO?

Santa laughs this way: HO HO HO!

HO HO HO, cherry nose,

Cap on head, suit that's red,

Special night, beard that's white,

Must be Santa must be Santa,

Must be Santa, Santa Claus.

Who very soon will come our way?

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,

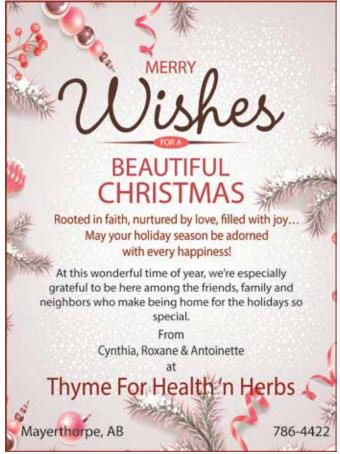
Special night, beard that's white,

Must be Santa, must be Santa,

Must be Santa, Santa Claus!







### IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Ev'rywhere you go;

Take a look in the fiveand-ten, glistening once again

With candy canes and silver lanes aglow.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas,

Toys in ev'ry store,

But the prettiest sight to see is the holly that will be

On your own front door.

A pair of hopalong boots and a pistol that shoots

Is the wish of Barney and Ben:

Dolls that will talk and will go for a walk

Is the hope of Janice and Jen:

And Mom and Dad can hardly wait for school to start again.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Ev'rywhere you go;

There's a tree in the Grand Hotel, one in the park as well,

The sturdy kind that doesn't mind the snow.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas;

Soon the bells will start,

And the thing that will make them ring is the carol that you sing

Right within your heart.

### I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

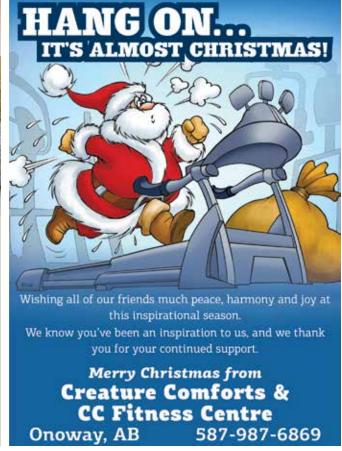
I'll be home for Christmas You can plan on me Please have snow and mistletoe

And presents on the tree Christmas Eve will find me Where the love light gleams I'll be home for Christmas If only in my dreams I'll be home for Christmas You can plan on me Please have snow and misletoe

And presents on the tree Christmas Eve will find me Where the love light gleams I'll be home for Christmas If only in my dreams If only in my dreams







### GRANDMA GOT RUN OVER BY A REINDEER

Grandma got run over by a reindeer

Walking home from our house Christmas eve.

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

But as for me and Grandpa, we believe.

She'd been drinkin' too much egg nog,

And we'd begged her not to go.

But she'd left her 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 reindeer,

Walkin' home from our house Christmas eve.

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

But as for me and Grandpa, we believe.

Now were all so proud of Grandpa,

He's been takin' this so well.

See him in there watchin' football,

Drinkin' beer and playin' cards with cousin Belle.

It's not Christmas without Grandma.

All the family's dressed in black.

And we just can't help but wonder:

Should we open up her

gifts or send them back? Grandma got run over

by a reindeer,

Walkin' home from our house Christmas eve.

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

But as for me and Grandpa, we believe.

Now the goose is on the table

And the pudding made of fig.

And a blue and silver candle,

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

I've warned all my friends and neighbours.

Better watch out for yourselves."

They should never give a license,

To a man who drives a sleigh and plays with elves.

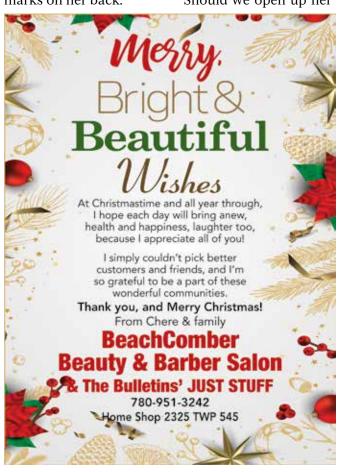
Grandma got run over by a reindeer,

Walkin' home from our house, Christmas eve.

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

But as for me and Grandpa, we believe.







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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 measure,

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.





# The simplest things in life are still the most wonderful and we'd simply like to say thanks!

**CHRISTMAS HOURS:** 

This Office Will Be Closed on:

December 25, 2023

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### ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS MY TWO FRONT TEETH

Every body stops and stares at me These two teeth are gone as you can see I don't know just who to blame for this catastrophe!

But my one wish on Christmas Eve

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

It seems so long since I could say,

"Sister Susie sitting on a thistle!"

Gosh oh gee, how happy I'd be,

if I could only whistle (thhhh, thhhh)

All I want for Christmas

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

#### DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

Said the night wind to the little lamb,

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

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 everywhere, 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."

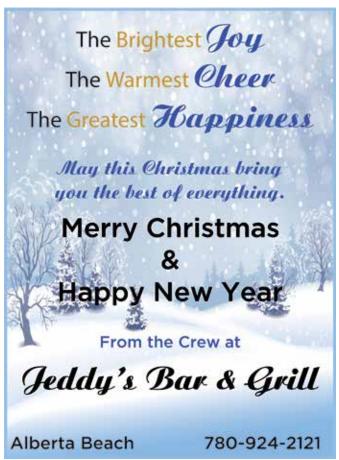
Said the king to the people

"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 You a Merry & Magical Christmas...

May all of your hopes and wishes come true!

We're so grateful to be a part of this community, and we thank you all for making our year so rewarding and enjoyable.

From

Alberta Beach Esso

> 924-3707 Alberta Beach, AB

### AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am
found

Was blind, but now I see 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed Through many dangers, toils, and snares

I have already come
"Tis grace that brought me

safe thus far

And grace will lead me home When we've been there ten thousand years

Bright shining as the sun We've no less days to sing God's praise

Then when we first begun

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am
found

Was blind, but now I see Was blind, but now I see

#### **OLD TOY TRAINS**

Old toy trains, little toy tracks Little toy drums coming from a sack

Carried by a man dressed in white and red

Little boy, don't you think it's time you were in bed?

Close your eyes

Listen to the skies

All is calm, all is well

Soon you'll hear Kris Kringle and the jingle bells

Bringin' old toy trains, little toy tracks

Little toy drums coming from a sack

Carried by a man dressed in

white and red

Little boy, don't you think it's time you were in bed?

Close your eyes

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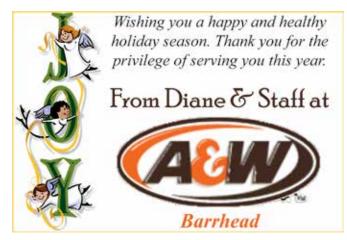
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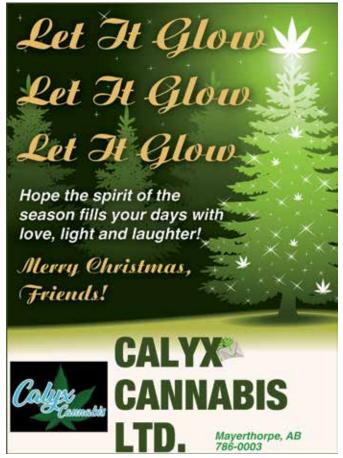
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#### **FELIZ NAVIDAD**

Feliz Navidad Feliz Navidad Feliz Navidad Prospero Ano y Felicidad. Feliz Navidad Feliz Navidad Feliz Navidad

Prospero Ano y Felicidad.

I wanna wish you a Merry

Christmas
I wanna wish you a Merry
Christmas

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

From the bottom of my heart.

Feliz Navidad Feliz Navidad Feliz Navidad Prospero Ano y Felicidad.

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Prospero Ano y Felicidad. I wanna wish you a Merry

Christmas

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I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

From the bottom of my heart.

[repeats]

### **BIRTHDAY OF A KING**



In the little village of Bethlehem
There lay a child one day
And the sky was bright

And the sky was bright
With a holy light
O'er the place where Jesus

O'er the place where Jesus lay.

Ålleluia

O how the angels sang! Alleluia

How it rang!

And the sky was bright With a holy light

'Twas the birthday of a King.

Humble birthplace

But O

How much God gave to us that day!

From the manger bed what a path has led

What a perfect holy way.

Alleluia

O how the angels sang!

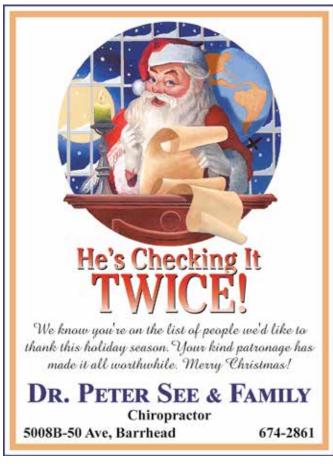
Alleluia

How it rang!

And the sky was bright

With a Holy light

'Twas the birthday of a King.





### JINGLE BELLS

Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh,

Over the fields we go, laughing all the way.

Bells on bob-tails ring, making spirits bright,

What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight.

Chorus

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way!

O what fun it is to ride in a

one-horse open sleigh.

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way!

O what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.

A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride

And soon Miss Fanny Bright, was seated by my side:

The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seemed his lot:

He got into a drifted bank and we got upsot

(Chorus)

A day or two ago, the story I must tell

I went out on the snow, and on my back I fell;

A gent was riding by, in a one-horse open sleigh

He laughed as there I sprawling lie but quickly drove away

(Chorus)

Now the ground is white, go it while you're young

Take the girls tonight, and sing this sleighing song;

Just get a bob-tailed bay, two-forty as his speed

Hitch him to an open sleigh and crack! you'll take the lead

(Chorus)

### A CHUBBY LITTLE SNOWMAN

A chubby little snow-man

Had a carrot nose Along came a rabbit And what do you suppose?

That hungry little rabbit Looking for his lunch Ate the snowman's carrot nose

Nibble, nibble, crunch!









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### THE MOST WONDERFUL DAY OF THE YEAR

A packful of toys means a sackful of joys

For millions of girls and for millions of boys

When Christmas Day is here

The most wonderful day of the year!

A jack in the box waits for children to shout,

"Wake up, don't you know that it's time to come out!"

When Christmas Day is here

The most wonderful

day of the year!

Toys galore

Scattered on the floor

There's no room for

And it's all because of Santa Claus!

A scooter for Jimmy, a

dolly for Sue

The kind that will even say "How do you do."

When Christmas Day is here

The most wonderful day of the year.

#### JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;

Let men their songs employ;

while fields and floods, 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,

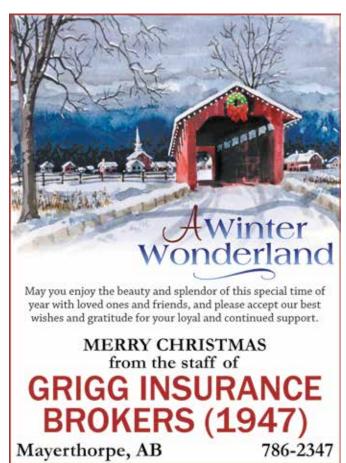
and makes the nations prove

the glories of His righteousness,

and wonders of His love.

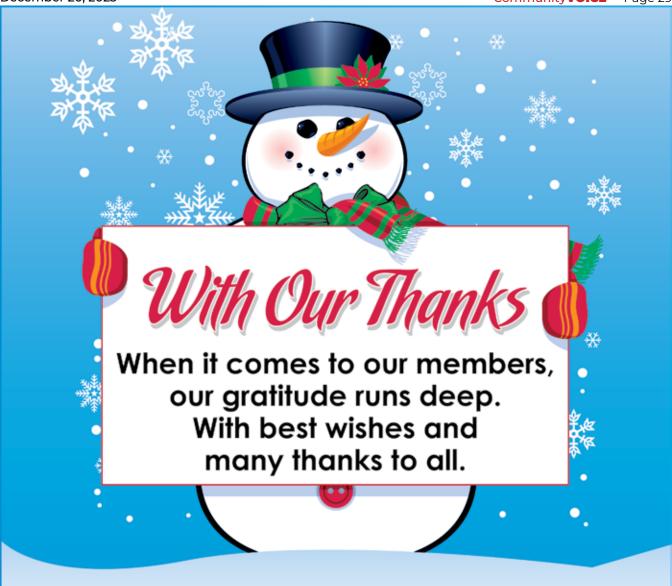
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and wonders, wonders of His love.





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Wishing all season's greetings and all the best in the New Year from the entire Co-op team



### **Pembina West**

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### SILVER BELLS

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks

Dressed in holiday style.

In the air

There's a feeling

of Christmas.

Children laughing

People passing

Meeting smile after smile And on ev'ry street corner you'll hear,

Silver bells, silver bells

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

As the shoppers rush
Home with their treasures.

Hear the snow crunch.

See the kids bunch. This is Santa's big scene.

And above all this bustle

You'll hear,

Silver bells, silver bells

It's Christmas time in the city

Ring-a-ling, hear them sing

Soon it will be Christmas day.



### I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUS

I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus

Underneath the mistletoe last night.

She didn't see me creep Down the stairs to have a peep;

She thought that I was tucked up in my bedroom fast asleep.

Then, I saw Mommy tickle Santa Claus

Underneath his beard so snowy white;

Oh, what a laugh it would have been

If Daddy had only seen

Mommy kissing Santa Claus last night.



We're dispensing a large measure of good cheer along with our best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season to all our neighbours. We appreciate your trust and thank you for choosing us.

Merry Christmas

The Whole Team

at

Life Med Pharmacy

Whitecourt, AB

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### RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

tonight?"

glee,

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 Ru-

join in any reindeer games. Then one foggy Christmas

Santa came to say:

"Rudolph with your nose so bright,

won't you guide my sleigh

Rudolph the red-nosed Then all the reindeer loved reindeer,

you'll go down in history! as they shouted out with

### HERE COMES **SANTA CLAUS**

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

Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeer

are pulling on the reins.

Bells are ringing, children singing;

All is merry and bright. Hang your stockings and say your prayers,

'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.

Here comes Santa Claus!

Here comes Santa Claus! Right down Santa Claus Lane!

He's got a bag that is filled with toys

for the boys and girls again.

Hear those sleigh bells jingle jangle,

What a beautiful sight.

Jump in bed, cover up your head,

'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.

### Hope it all adds up to be your best holiday yet!

Thank you for your business, your trust and your confidence.

> **Merry Christmas** from Management & Staff at

Whitecourt, AB

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### **A CHRISTMAS** LULLABY

Hushaby, hushaby Christmas stars are in the sky

Sweet the bells of Christmas Eve

Babies, each a kiss receive Hushaby, goodnight

Hushaby, goodnight Lullaby, lullaby

Babies in their cradles lie

Every one in white is gowned

Hush, make not a single sound

Lullaby, goodnight Lullaby, goodnight

Rockaby, rockaby Christmastide draweth

nigh Quiet now the tiny feet Babies sleep so still and

Sweetest dreams, goodnight

Sweetest dreams, goodnight



### 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

Here we are as in olden days, Happy golden days of yore. Faithful friends who are dear

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.

#### LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

Come they told me, pa rum pum

pum pum



A new born King to see, pa rum pum pum pum

Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum

To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum,

rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum,

So to honor Him, pa rum pum pum,

When we come.

Little Baby, pa rum 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 pum,

Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum,

On my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum 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,

Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum

Me and my drum.





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Hope it's merry... Hope it's bright... Hope it's festive... Hope it's light... Hope it's special... And joyous, too... That's our Christmas wish for you!

from Michael & Jade Tourand & Team of

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### 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 carol-

ing.

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

### OH COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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; Re-

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,

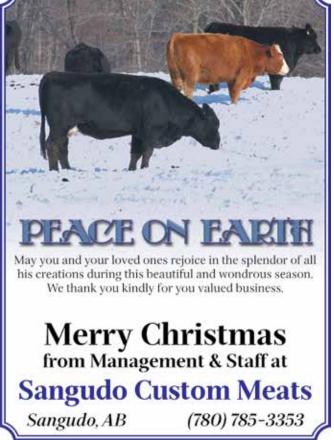
Loving us so dearly? Re-

frain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv-

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing; Refrain





### LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHE

O little town of Bethlehem,

How still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep

The silent stars go by;

Yet in thy dark streets shineth

The everlasting Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years

Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,

And gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep

Their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together

Proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King,

And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,

The wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts

The blessings of his heaven.

No ear may hear his coming,

But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive him, still

The dear Christ enters

Where children pure and happy

Pray to the blessed Child,

Where misery cries out to thee,

Son of the mother mild; Where charity stands watching

And faith holds wide the door,

The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,

And Christmas comes once more.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!

Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in,

Be born in us to-day.

We hear the Christmas angels

The great glad tidings

O come to us, abide with us,

Our Lord Emmanuel!

### SANTA GOT STUCK UP THE CHIMNEY

Santa got stuck up the chimney,

"Oh, I don't know what to do!"

So he wiggled and he

wobbled

And he wobbled and he wiggled

And we pushed and we pushed

Till he popped right through.

Now everyone can have a Merry Christmas! Repeat







May your cart overflow with glad tidings and joy, and may your heart be full with love and contentment this holiday season and beyond.

THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING WITH US! From the Managment and Staff at



**SPRUCE GROVE 780 962 4121** 

### RING RING RING THE BELLS

Ring, ring, ring the bells Ring them loud and clear

To tell the children everywhere

That Christmas time is here!

To tell the children everywhere

That Christmas time is here!

To tell the children everywhere

That Christmas time is here!

To tell the children everywhere

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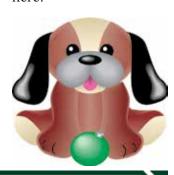
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To tell the children everywhere

That Christmas time is here!







# SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Oh! You better watch out,

You better not cry, You better not pout, I'm telling you why:

Santa Claus is coming to town!

He's making a list, He's checking it twice, He's gonna find out who's naughty or nice.

Santa Claus is coming to town!

He sees you when you're sleeping,

He knows when you're awake.

He knows when you've been bad or good,

So be good for goodness sake!

So...You better watch out,

You better not cry You better not pout, I'm telling you why. Santa Claus is coming

Little tin horns, Little toy drums.

to town.

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

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

The kids in Girl and Boy Land

will have a jubilee.

They're gonna build a toyland town

all around the Christmas tree.

Oh....You better watch out,

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

# WHITE CHRISTMAS

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas

Just like the ones I used to know

Where the treetops glisten.

and children listen

To hear sleigh bells in the snow

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas

With every Christmas card I write

May your days be merry

and bright

And may all your Christmases be white

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas

With every Christmas card I write

May your days be merry and bright

And may all your Christmases be white





#### 7 LAYER SALAD

7 Layer Salad is a classic potluck dish great for feeding a crowd. These layers of deliciousness can be made ahead of time for these easiest side dish ever!

Prep Time15 minutes mins

Chilling Time6 hours hrs

Total Time6 hours hrs 15 minutes mins

Servings: 10 servings

Ingredients

1 head iceberg lettuce chopped

1 teaspoon salt 1/2 red onion thinly sliced

8 hard-boiled eggs

15 ounces peas (frozen & thawed or canned)

1 cup carrots shredded

1 red bell pepper chopped

1 cup cheddar cheese shredded

4 strips bacon cooked crispy and chopped

Dressing

1 cup mayonnaise 1/2 cup sour cream

1 1/2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

1/2 tablespoon hot sauce (I used Cholula)

1/2 tablespoon sugar 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Instructions

Place half of the lettuce in the bottom of a trifle bowl. Sprinkle with salt. Top lettuce with red onion. (The trick for this salad is to see everything, so make sure your layers go all the way to the sides of your bowl.)

Slice the eggs, so both the white and yolk show. (Save the ends.) Place egg slices around the side of the bowl, pressing into the side a bit so it'll stick. Chopp any remaining eggs, slices, and ends. Sprinkle all over the salad.

Top eggs with peas, then carrots, and then bell pepper.

Add the remaining lettuce on top, being sure it spreads all the way to the side of the bowl. Use your hands to gently

press down a little.

Make the dressing by whisking together the mayo, sour cream, vinegar, hot sauce, sugar, salt, and pepper in a mixing bowl until smooth. Pour the dressing over the salad and spread it into an even layer.

Top the dressing with cheese and then bacon, for garnish. (This is optional but delicious!)

Cover the salad in plastic wrap and chill in the fridge for at least 6 hours, and up to 24 hours.

Uncover and serve cold.





# **CORNBREAD STUFFING**

Cornbread Stuffing combines cubes of slightly sweet cornbread with the classic stuffing ingredients and are baked to perfection for you to enjoy at your holiday feasts!

Prep Time 10 minutes mins

Cook Time 20 minutes mins

Total Time 30 minutes mins

Ingredients

6-8 cups dried cornbread cubes\* approximately an 8x8 pan of cornbread

6-8 cups dried french bread cubes\* approximately 1 loaf of crusty French bread

1/2 cup butter salted or unsalted depending on

1 medium yellow onion diced

4 ribs celery diced

4-5 cups low sodium chicken broth regular chicken broth or turkey broth can also be used

1/2 teaspoons dried thyme

1/2 teaspoons dried basil

1/2 cup fresh parsley chopped

1 tablespoon fresh rosemary chopped

3/4 teaspoon salt more or less to taste

1/2 teaspoon pepper more or less to taste

Instructions Before making stuffing, make sure your bread has been dried. See notes below for instructions if needed.

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

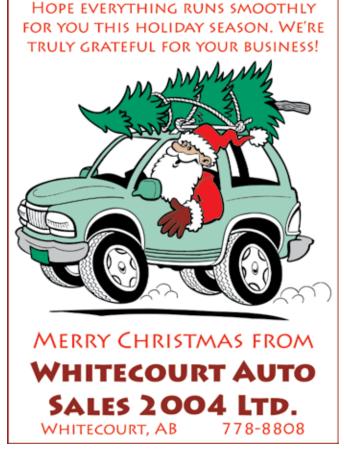
Place a large skillet on the stove over medium heat, and add the butter. Once the butter melts, add the diced onion and celery. Cook them down until soft and somewhat translucent.

Add basil, thyme, fresh rosemary, parsley salt and pepper and stir to combine. Add the chicken broth and let this come to a simmer.

Place the dried cornbread and french bread cubes in a large mixing bowl. Slowly ladle spoonfuls of the hot chicken broth on top of the bread. Gently toss the bread in between spoonfuls to coat the bread. Continue adding until all the bread cubes have been coated and are moist, but do not add too much. You want everything moist, not soaking wet. It's okay if you don't use all of the broth.

Transfer stuffing mixture to a 9x13 baking dish that has greased with oil or butter. Bake or 20-25 minutes or until the stuffing starts to turn a light golden brown. Remove from oven and let cool for 5-10 minutes prior to serving.





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# CRANBERRY RICOTTA GNOCCHI WITH BROWN BUTTER SAUCE

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 30 min. + standing Cook: 15 min. YIELD: 8 servings.

To make light and airy gnocchi, work quickly and handle the dough as little as possible. You'll be pleased with the resulting pillowy dumplings.—Sally Sibthorpe, Shelby Township, Michigan

Ingredients

3/4 cup dried cranberries, divided

2 cups ricotta cheese

1 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 large egg, lightly beaten

3/4 teaspoon salt, di-

vided

3/4 cup butter, cubed 2 tablespoons minced fresh sage

1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted

1/8 teaspoon white pepper

Directions

1. Finely chop 1/4 cup cranberries. In a large bowl, combine ricotta cheese, flour, Parmesan cheese, egg, 1/2 teaspoon salt and chopped cranberries; mix until blended. On a lightly floured surface, knead 10-12 times, forming a soft dough. Cover and let rest for 10 minutes.

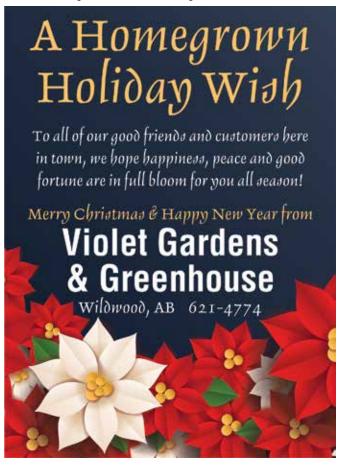
2. Divide dough into 4 portions. On a floured

surface, roll each portion into a 3/4-in.-thick rope; cut into 3/4-in. pieces. Press and roll each piece with a lightly floured fork.

3. In a Dutch oven, bring 4 qt. water to a boil. Cook gnocchi in batches 30-60 seconds or until they float. Remove with a slotted spoon; keep warm.

4. In a large heavy saucepan, cook butter over medium heat 5 minutes. Add sage; cook 3-5 minutes longer or until butter is golden brown, stirring occasionally. Stir in walnuts, white pepper, and the remaining cranberries and salt. Add gnocchi; stir gently to coat.







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# CREAMY CORNBREAD CASSEROLE

This from-scratch Cornbread Casserole is made with a homemade Jiffy cornbread mix. It's perfect for holiday meals or any day of the week.

Prep Time10 minutes mins Cook Time50 minutes mins Total Time1 hour hr Servings: 6 servings

Ingredients

2/3 cup all-purpose flour

This Eggnog Martini is a beautifully festive cocktail that's the perfect balance of sweetness and spice. The addition of Amaretto liqueur takes the flavor in this delicious drink to the next level.

Prep Time 5 minutes mins Total Time 5 minutes mins

Ingredients

3 ounces eggnog use the best quality possible

1/2 cup yellow cornmeal 3 tablespoons granulated sugar

1 tablespoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

15 ounce can whole kernel corn drained; substitute 1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen (thawed) corn

15 ounce can cream style corn

1/2 cup sour cream

1/4 cup butter melted

1/2 cup freshly shredded sharp cheddar cheese or more to taste

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 8 or 9-inch round or square baking dish.

In a small bowl, whisk together dry ingredients. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine the cans of corn, sour cream, melted butter, cheddar cheese and flour mixture until combined. \*If you are a fan of cheesy combread, feel free to add more cheese.

Pour mixture into the prepared baking dish and bake for 50 minutes or until golden brown and set in the middle.

Serve warm.

# EGGNOG MARTINI

1 ounce vodka 3/4 ounce Amaretto Ice

Cinnamon and/or Cinnamon Sugar For Rim

Light Corn Syrup or Caramel Sauce For Rim

Optional Cinnamon or Nutmeg To sprinkle on for garnish Optional Cinnamon Sticks For garnish

Instructions

Sprinkle some cinnamon or cinnamon sugar mixture onto a plate and set aside. Add a circle of corn syrup or caramel sauce to a small plate, then dip the rim of the glass into it. Take care not to apply too much or it will drip down the glass – though a little drip can look lovely. Next dip the syrup rimmed glass into either the cinnamon or cinnamon sugar mixture to create a rim. You

may need to dip a few times to cover the syrup. Set prepared glass aside.

Fill a cocktail shaker with ice. Add the eggnog, vodka and amaretto. Shake to mix cocktail. Strain into the prepared glass. If desired sprinkle with cinnamon or nutmeg and add a cinnamon stick for presentation





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# DUCK WITH ORANGE HAZELNUT STUFFING



TOTAL TIME: Prep: 30 min. Bake: 2 hours YIELD: 8 servings.

For more than half a century, this elegant entree has graced my family's holiday table. The zesty stuffing with its nice nutty crunch complements the slices of moist duck, while the hint of orange in the gravy sets it apart.

Ingredients

2 domestic ducklings (4 to 5 pounds each)

2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon grated orange zest

1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt

STUFFING:

4 cups coarse soft bread crumbs

2 cups chopped peeled tart apples

2 cups chopped toasted hazelnuts

1 cup chopped celery 1/2 cup chopped onion 1/2 cup orange juice 2 large eggs, beaten 1/4 cup butter, melted 2 to 3 tablespoons lemon juice

2 teaspoons grated orange zest

1-1/2 teaspoons grated lemon zest

1 teaspoon seasoned salt 1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

GRAVY:

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon salt 1/8 teaspoon pepper 2 cups chicken broth

1/3 cup orange marmalade

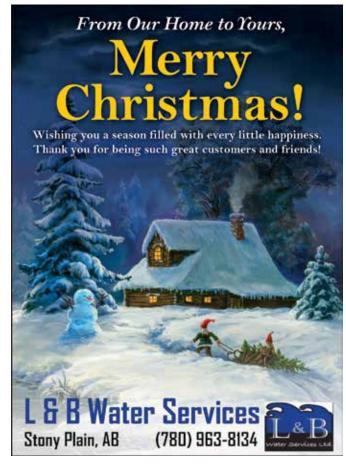
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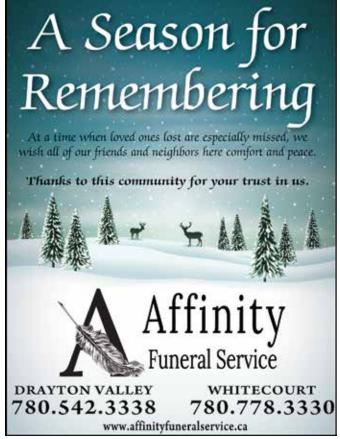
1. Preheat oven to 350°. Sprinkle the inside of ducks with salt; prick skin lightly several times, being careful not to cut into the meat. Rub skin grated orange zest and sprinkle with seasoned salt; set aside. Combine the first 15 stuffing ingredients; spoon into ducks. If desired, secure legs with baker's twine.

2. Place with breast side up on a rack in a large

shallow roasting pan; pour enough water below rack to thinly cover bottom of pan. Bake, uncovered, until a thermometer reads 180° in the thickest part of the thigh and 165° for stuffing, 2 to 2-1/2 hours, rotating pan halfway through and tenting with foil if needed to prevent overbrowning.

3. For gravy, combine 3 tablespoons pan drippings, flour, salt and pepper in a saucepan; stir until smooth. Heat until bubbly, stirring constantly. Gradually add broth. Bring to a boil; cook for 1-2 minutes, stirring constantly. Add marmalade; stir until smooth.





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### FOUR-CHEESE SAUSAGE RIGATONI



TOTAL TIME: Prep: 35 min. Bake: 30 min. YIELD: 12 servings.

To make this twist on traditional baked pasta, we start with creamy goat cheese and build from there with mozzarella, ricotta and Parmesan cheese. -Teresa Ralston, New Albany, Ohio

Ingredients

1 package (16 ounces)

1 pound bulk Italian sau-

1 medium sweet red pepper, chopped

1 small onion, chopped 2 garlic cloves, minced

3/4 cup heavy whipping

1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes in puree

1 can (6 ounces) tomato

2 teaspoons Italian seasoning

1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

1 carton (15 ounces) whole-milk ricotta cheese

1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, divided

1 log (4 ounces) fresh goat cheese, softened

> 1 large egg, lightly beaten 1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper 8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, cubed Torn fresh basil, optional

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a 6-qt. stockpot, cook rigatoni according to package directions. Drain; transfer to a bowl.

2. In same stockpot, cook and crumble sausage with red pepper and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Drain. Add cream; cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in tomatoes, tomato paste, Italian seasoning and pepper flakes. Cook, uncovered, over medium-low heat until sauce thickens slightly, 5-8 minutes. Meanwhile, combine ricotta, 1/2 cup Parmesan, goat cheese, egg and seasonings.

3. Stir rigatoni into meat sauce. Spread 3 cups into each of two greased 11x7in. baking dishes. Top each with half of cheese mixture, then half of remaining pasta mixture.

4. Bake, covered, 25 minutes. Sprinkle with mozzarella and remaining Parmesan cheese. Bake, uncovered, until cheeses are melted, about 5 minutes. If desired, sprinkle with basil.





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# **GARLIC CHEESE BISCUITS**

Garlic Cheese Biscuits are a copycat of Red Lobster Cheddar Bay Biscuits. They are cheesy, garlicky and salty yet still tender and flaky - you definitely won't want to share.

Prep Time15 minutes mins Cook Time8 minutes mins Total Time23 minutes mins Servings: 12 biscuits Ingredients

2 cups Bisquick baking mix 2/3 cup milk

1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

1/4 cup salted butter, melted 1/2 stick

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley

Instructions

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F.

In a bowl, combine baking mix, milk and cheese; mix until soft dough forms then beat vigorously for 30 seconds.

Drop by 12 even spoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet. I just eyeball the

amounts then divide any leftover to make 12 biscuits.

Bake in preheated 450 degree oven for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown.

Combine melted butter, garlic powder and dried parsley; brush over warm biscuits before removing from baking sheet.

### **CRANBERRY FLUFF SALAD**

Cranberry Fluff Salad is a creamy cranberry salad side dish or dessert with cranberry sauce, marshmallows, oranges, pineapple and Cool Whip.

Prep Time10 minutes mins Cook Time12 minutes mins Chill2 hours hrs

Total Time2 hours hrs 22 minutes mins Ingredients

12 ounce package whole cranberries

1 cup granulated sugar

1/2 cup water

10 ounce container nondairy whipped topping like Cool Whip

8 ounce can mandarin oranges drained well

8 ounce can crushed pineapple drained well

1 cup Mini marshmallows Sugared Cranberries for garnish if desired

Instructions

Heat a medium saute pan

over medium heat. Add cranberries, granulated sugar and water.

Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for about 10 minutes, or until berries begin to burst. Remove from heat and pour cranberries into a bowl to cool.

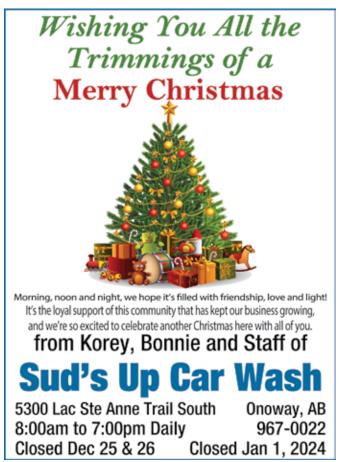
Cover with plastic wrap and cool completely. Refrigerate until ready to use.

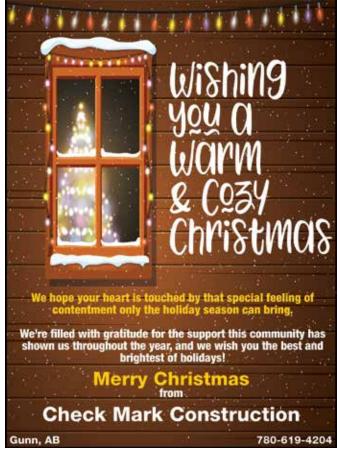
In a large mixing bowl, gently fold chilled cranberry sauce and non-dairy whipped topping together (the cranberry sauce will be fairly solid; gently press with your spatula to break up).

Fold in mandarin oranges, pineapple and mini marshmallows until well combined.

Pour into a serving dish, cover and chill until ready to serve.

If desired, top with sugared cranberries. Simply roll some cranberries in granulated sugar and carefully place on top of the salad.





# **COCOA SPICED SALMON**

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 15 min. + marinating Cook: 25 min. YIELD: 4 servings

You simply can't beat salmon from the Pacific Northwest waters. Family and friends go salmon fishing all the time and share their bounty. Inspired by the flavors of a Mexican mole, I came up with this blend for salmon and it is a perfect accent to this wonderful fish. -Ann Marie Eberhart, Gig Harbor, Washington

Ingredients

1/2 cup orange juice

4 salmon fillets (4 ounces each)

1 tablespoon packed brown sugar

> 2 teaspoons sugar 1 teaspoon baking cocoa

1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1 medium navel orange, thinly sliced

4 tablespoons butter, melt-

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°. Pour orange juice in a shallow dish; add salmon, skin-side up. Let stand at room temperature 15 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, stir together sugars, cocoa powder, cayenne, cinnamon, salt and pepper. Place salmon, skin-side down, on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Rub with spice mixture. Top salmon with an orange slice; brush with melted butter. Bake until fish flakes easily with a fork, 20-25 minutes.

# **JACK FROST** COCKTAIL

You'll love the icy blue color, snowflake-dusted rim and refreshing combination of pineapple and coconut in this easy Jack Frost Cocktail.

Prep Time 5 minutes mins Total Time 5 minutes mins Equipment

Blender

Ingredients

1.5 cups ice

2 ounces light rum I used Bacardi

2 ounces Blue Curacao

4 ounces pineapple juice get a no sugar added version

used Coco Lopez shredded coconut (unsweetened) for garnish

1/4 cup cream of coconut I

corn syrup for garnish Instructions

Sprinkle some shredded coconut into a shallow bowl or plate and set aside.

In another bowl or plate add some corn syrup. Dip your serving glass in the corn syrup being careful not to apply too much so that it drips down the glass.

Next dip the corn syrup rimmed glass into the shredded coconut. You may need to dip certain areas a few times to make sure it sticks and is even. Repeat with your second glass and set aside.

Add ice to the base of the blender.

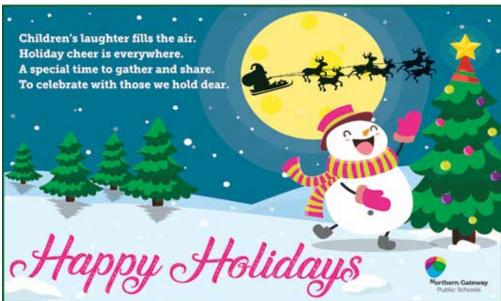
Next add the rum, Blue Curacao, pineapple juice, and cream of coconut to the blend-

Blend until the mixture has reached a slushy consistency, add more ice if necessary.

Divide the mixture into your prepared serving glasses being careful not to disturb the rim you created with the coconut. Serve and enjoy immediately!



Wishing you a PAWSOME Holiday!



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# CLASSIC SAUSAGE STUFFING

Sausage Stuffing has savory Italian sausage, bread, vegetables, herbs and spices. It's the perfect side dish for all of your holiday meals.

Prep Time15 minutes mins Cook Time1 hour hr

Total Timel hour hr 15 minutes mins

Servings: 10 servings

Ingredients

2 pounds Italian sausage 8 tablespoons unsalted butter divided

> 4 ribs celery diced 1 yellow onion diced 4 cloves garlic minced

1 1/2 pounds french bread cut into 1-inch pieces

(about 12 cups)
28 ounces low-sodium chicken broth

2 eggs

11/2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon black pepper 2 tablespoons fresh sage finely chopped (2-3 teaspoons dried)

1/4 cup fresh parsley finely chopped (2 tablespoons dried)

Instructions

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.

Place a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook the Italian sausage until browned and no longer pink, about 8 minutes. Transfer the sausage to a bowl and set aside. Leave the grease in the skillet.

Add 2 tablespoons of butter to the same skillet. Once the butter has melted, add the celery and onions. Stir to coat the veggies in the fats and cook for 3 to 5 minutes until the onions are softened. Add garlic, stir

and cook for 2 more minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.

Place the bread in a very large mixing bowl. Pour the celery mixture over the bread. Add the chicken broth, eggs, salt, pepper, sage, and parsley to the bowl. Mix gently until combined. Add the sausage and mix once more.

Coat a 9-inch x 13-inch baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Transfer the stuffing to the baking dish and spread into an even layer. Dot the top of the stuffing with the remaining butter.

Bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until the top is crisp and golden. Carefully remove from the oven. Serve immediately (it'll be HOT!) or let sit for 5 to 10 minutes for serving.







# **INSTANT POT TURKEY BREAST**



It's easy to make a delicious turkey breast in your Instant Pot! Quick, juicy and packed full of flavor, your family will love when this delectable turkey is on the Thanksgiving dinner menu.

Prep Time 10 minutes mins

Cook Time 40 minutes mins

Total Time 50 minutes mins

Ingredients

6 to 7 pound turkey breast thawed

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons pepper
- 2 teaspoons sage ground or rubbed
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 cup turkey broth or stock chicken broth/stock can be used

Gravy

2 tablespoons butter 2 tablespoons flour 1 tablespoon cream or half and half

Instructions
Combine the salt, pep-

per, sage, and garlic powder in a small bowl to create seasoning rub.

Coat the entire turkey breast with olive oil, then rub the seasoning mix over the turkey.

Pour 1 cup of turkey stock or broth into the instant pot, then place trivet into the instant pot.

Place the prepared turkey breast onto the trivet, with the skin side up.

Set the instant pot to cook for 40 minutes\* on high power. When done cooking, allow the pressure to release naturally. Depending on your Instant Pot, this could take anywhere from 10 to 40 minutes, so make sure to factor that into your time. Remove the turkey from the pot and keep covered with foil until

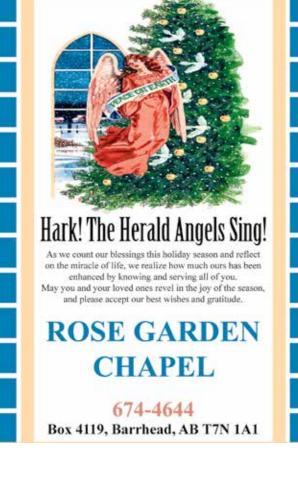
ready to serve.

Gravy

Place butter in a small microwave-safe bowl, and heat until just melted. Add flour to the melted butter and stir until well combined. It will be very thick. Turn on the saute function of the instant pot. Gradually add flour and butter mixture while whisking constantly. Cook for 3-5 minutes. Stir in the cream, then turn off the heat. Whisk occasionally, it will thicken as it cools.







# **CANDIED YAMS**

Quick and easy to make, these Candied Yams are made with canned sweet potatoes and topped with marshmallows. Dessert or side dish, you be the judge, they are delicious either way!

Prep Time 5 minutes mins Cook Time 20 minutes

Total Time 25 minutes

Ingredients

40 ounces canned sweet potatoes drained

1/2 cup butter salted or unsalted, cut into pieces

2/3 cup brown sugar dark or light

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon pinch of salt optional 1/2 cup chopped pecans

walnuts can also be used, or nuts can be left out all together

2 cups miniature marshmallows feel free to use more if desired

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Spray a 9x13 inch pan with non-stick cooking spray, or grease with butter.

In a small bowl, combine brown sugar and cinnamon. If adding salt, that can be added here as well. Mix well then set aside.

Pour drained yams/ sweet potatoes into prepared baking dish. Spread them out so that they are evenly distributed in the pan.

Place small pieces of butter on top of the sweet potatoes, covering as many areas of the sweet potatoes

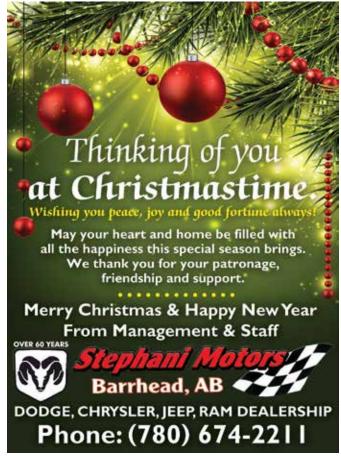
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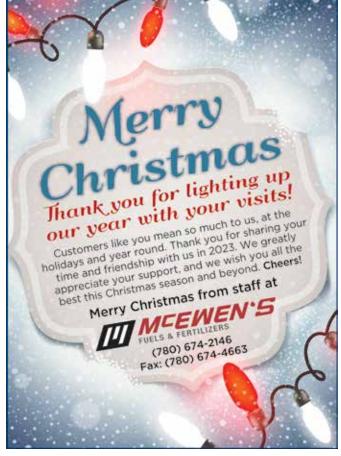
Sprinkle brown sugar mixture evenly over sweet potatoes and butter. Then sprinkle chopped pecans over brown sugar mixture.

Place pan in the center of the oven and bake for approximately 10 minutes. Remove pan from the oven and carefully sprinkle marshmallows over the top of the sweet potatoes, then return pan to the oven.

Bake for an additional 10-15 minutes, or until the brown sugar and butter mixture is bubbling and the marshmallows have reached your desired level of golden brown. Remove from oven and allow to cool for a few minutes prior to serving.







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# PANNA COTTA WITH ROASTED STAR ANISE PLUMS

Ingredients

3 cups thickened cream

3 cups buttermilk

2 tsp vanilla bean paste

2/3 cup caster sugar

 $1\,1/2$  tbsp gelatine powder

2 black plums, stones removed and discarded, cut into wedges

2 red plums, stones removed and discarded, cut into wedges

2 star anise

1 cinnamon stick

1 1/3 cups dry apera

(sherry)

Method Steps

Step 1

Place cream, buttermilk, vanilla and 1/2 cup sugar in a small saucepan over medium-low heat. Cook, stirring, for 4 to 5 minutes or until almost simmering (do not boil). Pour into a heatproof jug. Sprinkle over gelatine. Whisk until gelatine has dissolved. Set aside for 20 minutes to cool.

Step 2

Line 6 holes of a 12-hole, 1/3-cup-capacity muffin pan with paper towel. Rest 6 x 1 1/4-cup -capacity serving glasses on an angle in prepared muffin pan holes. Carefully pour panna cotta mixture into each glass, on 1 side, so it sets diagonally. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm.

Step 3

Meanwhile, preheat oven to 200C/180C fan-forced. Place plums, star anise and cinnamon in a large roasting pan. Toss to combine. Roast for 10 to 15 minutes or until fruit is just tender and dry apera mixture has slightly thickened. Set aside to cool.

Step 4

Transfer plums to a large plate. Strain syrup through a fine sieve into a jug. Remove glasses from muffin pan and stand upright. Arrange a few plum wedges in each glass. Drizzle with syrup. Serve immediately.

# **ROSÉ AND CRANBERRY PUNCH**

Ingredients 250g small strawberries, hulled, halved

1 cup frozen cranberries 3 cups ice cubes

750ml bottle rose wine, chilled

1/4 cup vanilla vodka 2 cups chilled apple and

2 cups chilled apple and cranberry mineral water

Select all ingredients

Method Steps Step 1

Place strawberries,

cranberries and ice cubes in a 1.5-litre-capacity jug. Add wine, vodka and mineral water. Stir to combine. Serve.





# **CHEESY SCALLOPED POTATOES**

Cheesy Scalloped Potatoes are the perfect side dish! Par-boiled instead of baked raw, these cheesy potatoes will always be cooked to creamy perfection.

Prep Time30 minutes mins

Cook Time20 minutes mins

Total Time50 minutes mins

Servings: 8 servings

Ingredients

2 pounds russet potatoes

¼ cup butter

¼ cup all-purpose flour

2 cups nonfat milk or half & half

Salt & pepper

2 1/2 cups freshly grated sharp cheddar cheese, divided

Paprika for garnish Fresh chopped chives or parsley for garnish

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degree F and grease a 13"x9" baking pan with cooking spray.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Scrub potatoes and place them, whole, into the boiling water for 20-25 minutes. They don't need to be fully cooked, but should be easily pierced with a sharp knife. Remove from the water and let

sit until cool enough to handle.

Meanwhile, make the cheese sauce. Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Whisk in flour and cook, whisking constantly, until flour is golden brown; about 2 minutes. Stir in milk and cook, stirring often, until thickened; about 2-3 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in shredded cheese. Season with salt and pepper.

Gently peel potatoes and slice into 1/8 inch rounds.

Place 1/3 of the potatoes overlapping in a single layer in the baking dish, seasoning with salt and pepper. Spoon about

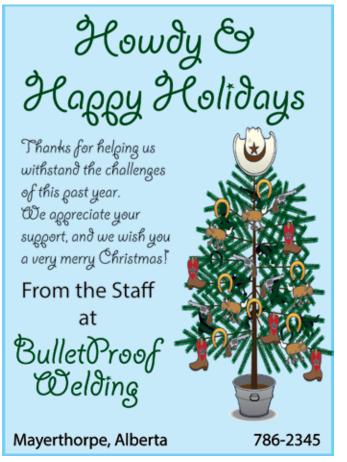
1/3 of the cheese sauce on top of the potatoes. Repeat for two more layers. Pour all of the remaining cheese sauce over the top layer of potatoes. Spread to ensure all of the potatoes are covered.

Sprinkle with 1/2 cup shredded cheddar (if desired) and paprika (about 1/8 teaspoon, just for color).

Bake in the 350 degree oven for 20-25 minutes, or until sauce is bubbly.

Garnish with fresh chopped chives or parsley, if desired. Serve immediately.





#### RICE PILAF

Upgrade everyday rice with this Rice Pilaf with Vegetables. It's simple, uses fresh ingredients and adds incredible flavor to any plate.

Prep Time10 minutes mins Cook Time25 minutes mins Total Time35 minutes mins Servings: 6 servings Ingredients

1/4 cup finely chopped cel-

1/4 cup finely chopped car-

1/4 cup finely chopped white onion

2 tablespoons vegetable or canola oil

1 cup long grain white rice Jasmine or basmati rice works

1/4 cup chopped mushrooms optional

1/4 cup pine nuts optional 2 cups low sodium chicken

½ teaspoon salt or more to taste

Instructions

Heat a 10-inch skillet or saute pan over medium-high heat. Heat olive oil until shimmering, then add celery, carrots and onion. Saute for 2-3 minutes. Add mushrooms and pine nuts, if using.

Add 1 cup of rice to the pan and saute for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. As rice begins to brown, you can add another tablespoon of oil if it seems dry.

Pour in low sodium chicken broth and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon salt. Cover, reduce heat to low and steam for 15 minutes.

Let the rice rest for 5-10 minutes, then fluff and serve.

This mulled wine is soothing and satisfying with a delightful blend of spices warmed to perfection. Refrigerating the wine mixture overnight allows the flavors to blend, so don't omit this essential step. -Taste of Home Test Kitchen, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Ingredients

1 bottle (750 ml) fruity red wine

1 cup sugar 1 medium orange, sliced 1 medium lemon, sliced

1/8 teaspoon ground nut-

2 cinnamon sticks (3 inches)

> 1/2 teaspoon whole allspice 1/2 teaspoon aniseed 1/2 teaspoon whole pepper-

3 whole cloves

Optional garnishes: Orange

slices, star anise and additional cinnamon sticks

Directions

service.

1. In a large saucepan, combine the first 6 ingredients. Place remaining spices on a double thickness of cheesecloth. Gather corners of cloth to enclose spices; tie securely with string. Place in pan.

2. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat; simmer gently, covered, 20 minutes. Transfer to a covered container; cool slightly. Refrigerate, covered, overnight.

3. Strain wine mixture into a large saucepan, discarding fruit and spice bag; reheat. Serve warm. Garnish, if desired, with orange slices, star anise or additional cinnamon sticks





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# SPIRAL HAM WITH CRANBERRY GLAZE

The sweet, tangy glaze that complements this ham looks so pretty, and the cranberry flavor pairs well with the meat. It's been a tradition in my home for as long as I can remember. —Pattie Prescott, Manchester, New Hampshire

Ingredients

1 bone-in fully cooked spi-

ral-sliced ham (8 pounds)

1 can (14 ounces) whole-berry cranberry sauce

1 package (12 ounces) fresh or frozen cranberries

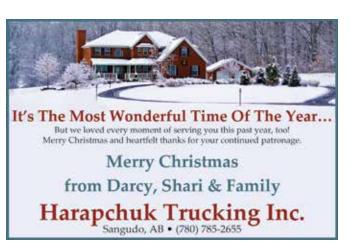
1 jar (12 ounces) red currant jelly

1 cup light corn syrup 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger Directions 1. Place ham on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Cover and bake at 325° for 2-1/2 hours

2. Meanwhile, for glaze, combine the remaining ingredients in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, until cranberries pop, stirring occasionally. Remove

from the heat.

3. Uncover ham; bake until a thermometer reads 140°, about 30 minutes longer, basting twice with 1-1/2 cups glaze. Serve remaining glaze with ham.



# WHITE CHRISTMAS SANGRIA

Ingredients

3 limes

750ml bottle dry white wine, chilled

1/4 cup brandy

1/3 cup caster sugar

1 small Granny Smith apple, thinly sliced

125g raspberries

3 cups ice cubes

2 cups chilled soda water

Select all ingredients

Method Steps Step 1

Juice 2 limes (you'll need 2 tablespoons juice). Place lime juice, wine, brandy and sugar in a 1.5-litre-capacity jug. Stir until sugar dissolves.

Step 2

Thinly slice remaining lime. Add lime slices, apple slices, raspberries and ice cubes to jug. Top up with soda water. Serve





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### VEGETABLE TIAN



This colorful, hearty and delicious dish originated in Provence, France. A mandoline makes easy work of slicing all the vegetables but a knife will work just fine if you don't have one. –Francine Lizotte, Surrey, British Columbia

Ingredients

1 cup panko bread crumbs

2 cups finely chopped red onions

2 tablespoons olive oil

3 garlic cloves, minced

1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

2 tablespoons dry red wine

1/2 small butternut squash (about 3/4 pound), peeled

2 large russet pota-

toes

1 large zucchini

2 large tomatoes

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1-1/2 teaspoons herbes de Provence

1 teaspoon sea salt or Himalayan pink salt

1 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper

TOPPING:

1 cup shredded Gruyere

cheese

1/2 cup panko bread crumbs

2 tablespoons clarified butter or ghee, melted

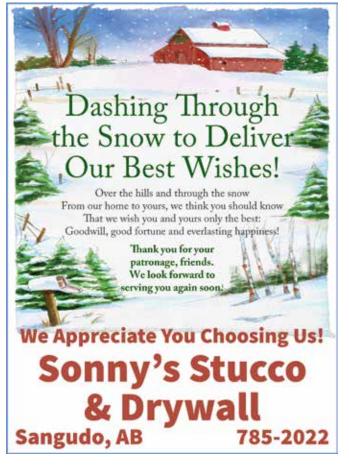
Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°. Lightly grease a 10-in. cast iron skillet; sprinkle with 1 cup panko breadcrumbs. In another skillet, cook onions in olive oil over medium heat until tender, 4-5 minutes. Add garlic and red pepper flakes; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in red wine; cook until mixture is almost dry, 1-2 minutes. Spread onion mixture in the bottom of prepared cast-iron pan; set aside.

2. With a mandoline or sharp knife, cut squash, potatoes, zucchini and tomatoes into 1/4-inch-thick slices. On a flat surface, layer vegetables into stacks, starting with a potato slice, tomato, squash and zucchini. Arrange stacks on their sides around outside edge of prepared skillet in a circular pattern. Make a second, alternating circle in the center. Drizzle lemon juice over vegetables and sprinkle with herbes de Provence, salt and pepper. Cover with foil; bake until vegetables are almost tender, about 1 hour. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine cheese, ½ cup panko and clarified butter.

3. Remove foil; sprinkle with topping. Bake until cheese is melted and starting to brown, about 15 minutes. Remove and let stand at least 10 minutes before serving.





# TWICE-ROASTED POTATOES WITH ONION, HERBS AND CHILLI

Ingredients

4-6 large floury potatoes (such as King Edward), scrubbed

2 onions, thinly sliced 1 tbsp finely chopped rosemary leaves

1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves 1/4 tsp chilli flakes

3 garlic cloves, finely chopped

1/2 cup (125ml) extra virgin

olive oil

40g unsalted butter, chopped

Method Steps

Step 1

Preheat the oven to 200°C. Step 2

Prick the whole potatoes all over with a fork. Place on a baking tray, then roast in the oven for 1 hour until cooked.

Step 3

Remove the tray from the oven (leaving the oven on) and allow to cool slightly. Once cool enough to handle, tear the potatoes into 3cm chunks.

Step 4

Return the potato chunks to the baking tray and scatter with the sliced onion, rosemary, thyme, chilli flakes and garlic. Drizzle with the extra virgin olive oil and toss well to combine. Dot with pieces of butter and season with plenty of sea salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Step 5

Roast the potatoes on the top shelf of the oven for 15-20 minutes, turning regularly, until crisp and golden.

#### SWEET POTATO PILAF

The combination of sweet potatoes, bacon, asparagus and kale makes this simple Sweet Potato Kale Pilaf taste amazing! To save time and dishes, you can easily cook the rice in an Instant Pot and also use it to saute the other ingredients. –Courtney Stultz, Weir, Kansas Ingredients 1 cup uncooked wild rice

2-1/4 cups vegetable broth or water

1 teaspoon olive oil 4 bacon strips, chopped

1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces

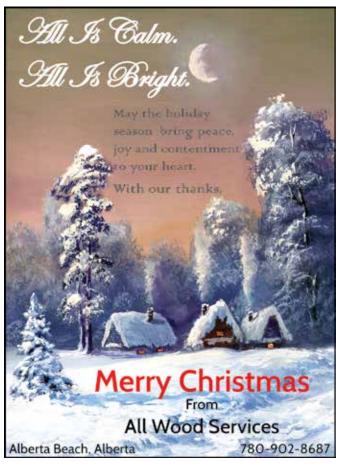
1 large sweet potato, peeled and chopped

1/2 cup chopped red onion 1 cup chopped fresh kale 1 garlic clove, minced 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon pepper Chopped fresh parsley Directions

1. Rinse wild rice thoroughly; drain. In a large saucepan, combine rice, broth and oil; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until rice is fluffy and tender, 50-55 minutes. Drain if necessary.

2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Remove to paper towels to drain. Add asparagus, sweet potato and onion to drippings; cook and stir over medium-high heat until potatoes are crisp-tender, 8-10 minutes.

3. Stir in kale, garlic, salt and pepper. Cook and stir until vegetables are tender, 8-10 minutes. Stir in rice and reserved bacon. Sprinkle with parsley.





# **ROSEMARY DINNER ROLLS**

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 35 min. + rising Bake: 20 min. YIELD: 1 dozen.

Ingredients

1 package (1/4 ounce) active dry yeast

1/4 cup warm water (110° to 115°)

3 cups bread flour 2 tablespoons sugar

1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary, divided

3/4 teaspoon salt

2/3 cup warm 2% milk (110° to 115°)

1 large egg, room temperature

1/4 to 1/3 cup canola oil

EGG WASH:

1 large egg yolk 2 tablespoons 2% milk Directions

1. In a small bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Place the flour, sugar, 2 teaspoons rosemary and salt in a food processor; pulse until blended. Add the warm milk, egg and yeast mixture; cover and pulse 10 times or until almost blended.

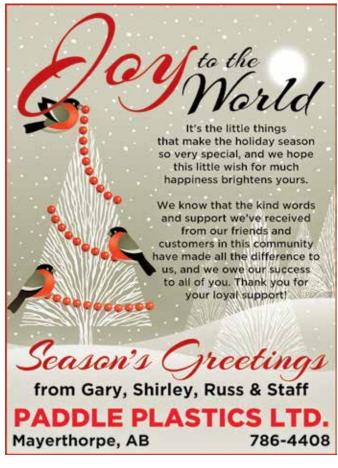
2. While processing, gradually add oil just until dough pulls away from sides and begins to form a ball. Process 2 minutes longer to knead dough (dough will be very soft).

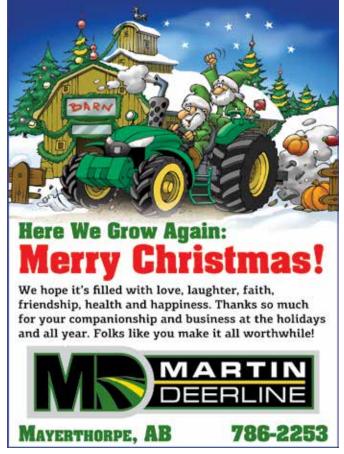
3. Transfer dough to a greased bowl, turning once to grease the top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. 4. Punch down dough. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; divide and shape into 12 balls. Roll each into a 15-in. rope. Starting at 1 end, loosely wrap dough around itself to form a coil. Tuck end under; pinch to seal.

5. Place 2 in. apart on greased baking sheets. Cover and let rise until doubled, about 30 minutes.

6. For egg wash, in a small bowl, whisk egg yolk and milk; brush over rolls. Sprinkle with remaining rosemary. Bake at 350° until golden brown, 18-22 minutes. Remove from pans to wire racks; serve warm.







# APPLE CRANBERRY SAUCE

A flavorful balance of sweet and tart, with a hints of cinnamon and orange, even those who swear they don't like cranberry sauce find they enjoy this tasty recipe.

Prep Time 10 minutes mins

Cook Time 30 minutes mins

Total Time 40 minutes mins

Ingredients

1 12 ounce bag of fresh cranberries

2 medium apples peeled, cored and diced small

1 cup brown sugar

1 cup apple cider NOT apple cider vinegar

1/2 cup fresh orange juice 2 cinnamon sticks

1/2 teaspoon allspice zest from 1 orange

Instructions

Place all the ingredients in a large pan and cook over medium heat, stirring often.

Use the back of a spoon and press when the cranberries have cooked for about 10 minutes. Start pressing them to the side of the pan to pop them open to cook down. Continue cooking on a low simmer until

the sauce starts to thicken. Remove from stove and allow to cool, then place in an airtight container and chill in refrigerator for at least 30 minutes prior to servings. Sauce will continue to thicken as it cools.

Remove the cinnamon sticks before serving.

# PARMESAN BUTTERNUT SQUASH

TOTAL TIME: Prep/Total Time: 25 min. YIELD: 8 servings.

Butternut squash sprinkled with Parmesan and bread crumbs makes a superb side dish we love to share. Using the microwave cuts down on long roasting time. –Jackie O'Callaghan, West Lafayette, Indiana Ingredients

1 medium butternut squash (about 3 pounds), peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes

2 tablespoons water 1/2 cup panko bread crumbs

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

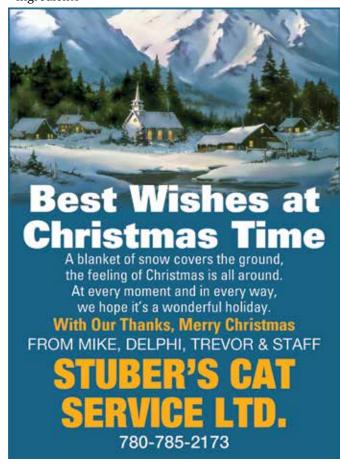
1/4 teaspoon salt 1/8 teaspoon pepper Directions

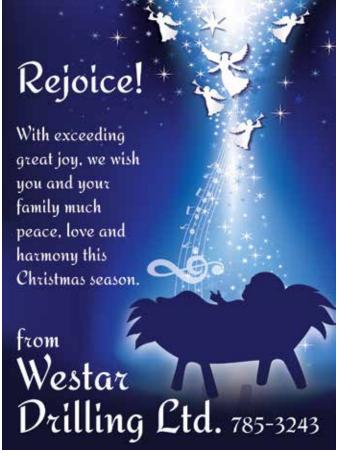
1. Place squash and water in a large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave, covered, on high until tender, 15-17 minutes; drain.

2. Preheat broiler. Transfer squash to a greased 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Toss bread crumbs with cheese, salt and pepper; sprinkle over squash. Broil 3-4 in.

from heat until topping is golden brown, 1-2 minutes.







### VEGANDUCKEN

Ingredients

1.7kg butternut pumpkin 1 1/2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil, plus extra to drizzle

1 (about 550g) eggplant, halved lengthways, flesh scored

1 large (about 300g) zucchini, halved lengthways

1 red capsicum

45g (1/4 cup) pine nuts, plus extra, toasted to serve

1 leek, trimmed, thinly sliced

2 garlic cloves, finely chopped

1 cup coarsely chopped fresh basil leaves, plus extra to serve

Trussed cherry tomatoes, roasted, to serve

Method Steps Step 1

Preheat oven to 200C/180C fan forced. Line 2 large baking

trays with baking paper.

Step 2

Use a long sharp knife to cut the pumpkin in half length-ways. Use a spoon to remove and discard the seeds. Place the pumpkin on one of the prepared trays. Drizzle with 1 tsp of the oil and cover loosely with alfoil. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until tender. Set aside to cool slightly.

Step 3

Place the eggplant on the remaining tray and drizzle with another tsp of oil. Bake for 40 minutes. Add the zucchini and capsicum to the tray and drizzle with 2 more tsp of the oil. Bake for 30 minutes or until the vegetables are soft and golden. Set aside the eggplant and zucchini.

Step 4

Transfer the capsicum to a bowl and cover tightly with

plastic wrap. Set aside for 5 minutes (this allows the skin to lift). Peel and discard the skin. Slice the capsicum into quarters lengthways. Set aside.

Step 5

Remove the pumpkin flesh form the shell, leaving a 2cm border. Set the flesh aside.

Step 6

Place the pine nuts in a medium frying pan. Toast over medium heat, shaking the pan often, for 5 minutes or until golden, Transfer to a bowl. Heat the remaining 2 tsp of oil in the pan. Add the leek and garlic and cook, stirring often, for 5 mins or until softened. Add 1 1/2 cups of the pumpkin flesh (reserve the remaining for another use), the basil and the pine nuts. Season well. Stir to combine. Remove from heat.

Step 7

Place the pumpkin halves, skin side down, on a work surface. Fill the cavities with the pumpkin and pine nut mixture. Top each with an eggplant half, pressing down the eggplant flesh. Fill with the remaining pumpkin mixture. Top each with the zucchini and the capsicum. Carefully sandwich the 2 halves together. Tightly wrap in plastic wrap. Place on a tray and store in the fridge overnight.

Step 8

Preheat oven to 180C/160C fan forced. Remove the plastic wrap from the veg-ducken and truss with un-waxed kitchen string. Place in the oven for 25 minutes or until warmed through. Slice and transfer to a platter. Scatter with extra pine nuts and basil if using and drizzle with oil. Serve with roasted tomatoes.







# SLOW COOKER APPLE CIDER

Slow cooker apple cider is the perfect way to warm up your home this fall and winter. Made from scratch with fresh apples and warm spices.

Prep Time10 minutes mins Cook Time4 hours hrs Total Time4 hours hrs 5 min-

Servings: 10 servings

Equipment

utes mins

Slow Cooker

Ingredients

10 cups water

10 apples mix of granny smith, gala, and other varieties (1 apple per cup water)

1 large navel orange
5 cinnamon sticks
1 teaspoon whole cloves
1 teaspoon whole allspice
½ cup light brown sugar
more or less to taste

Instructions

Wash apples and cut into halves or quarters and set aside. Wash and cut orange Into thick slices.

Add the prepared apples, oranges and spices to the crockpot and fill with 10 cups of water.

Cover and cook on high heat for 3 hours.

Use a potato masher to press the cooked apples and

oranges.

Add the brown sugar and stir until dissolved.

Cover and cook for one additional hour. Taste test and adjust brown sugar according to preference.

Strain using a mesh strainer, keeping liquid and discarding solids.

Serve warm or chill overnight for cold cider.

# **CROCKPOT HOT CHOCOLATE**

This incredibly easy crockpot hot chocolate recipe is perfect for holiday parties, potlucks, or just an evening at home watching Christmas movies.

Prep Time 5 minutes mins Cook Time 2 hours hrs Total Time 2 hours hrs 5 minutes mins

Equipment

Crockpot

Ingredients

11/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

1/4 cups unsweetened cocoa powder

1/3 cups granulated sugar pinch salt

1 teaspoon vanilla extract 1 cup heavy cream can also use heavy whipping cream 6 cups whole milk

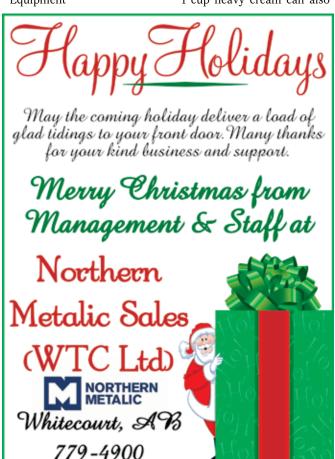
2 cups mini marshmallows optional

Instructions

Combine all ingredients, except the marshmallows, in a crockpot and stir to combine. The cocoa powder often takes some work to mix in.

Cover the slow cooker and cook for 2 hours on low, occasionally giving it a vigorous stir to make sure that all ingredients are melting and combining

A few minutes prior to serving add the marshmallows, giving them a chance to melt a bit. Serve with a variety of toppings. Sip and enjoy!





### ONE HOUR DINNER ROLLS

These one hour dinner rolls are soft and fluffy, and really do take only about an hour from start to finish, including rising time. They are the perfect compliment to any meal.

Prep Time10 minutes mins Cook Time15 minutes mins

Rise35 minutes mins Total Time1 hour hr Servings: 8

Ingredients

1 1/2 cups warm water 1 tablespoon active dry yeast 2 tablespoons sugar

2 tablespoons butter softened

1 teaspoon salt

4 cups flour more or less as needed

3 tablespoons melted butter for brushing on top

sea salt, for sprinkling on top

Instructions

In a large bowl or the bowl of a stand mixer with a dough hook attachment, dissolve the yeast and sugar in the warm water and let stand for five minutes, or until foamy.

Add butter, salt, and 3 cups of flour. Mix until combined.

Add additional flour, 1/4 cup at a time, until the dough pulls away from the sides of the bowl and is only slightly sticky to the touch (careful not to add too much flour!).

Knead the dough 3-5 minutes, until smooth. Cover with a towel or plastic wrap and let rise for 20 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F and line a 9 x 13 pan with parchment

paper or spray with nonstick cooking spray. Gently punch the dough down and divide into 15 equal sized pieces. Roll each piece into a ball and space evenly in the prepared pan.

Brush with melted butter, sprinkle with sea salt, and let rise for an additional 15-20 minutes. Bake 13-15 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from the oven and brush with more melted butter.

Let cool for 10 minutes before serving.

### PEPPERCORN BEEF TOP LOIN ROAST

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 30 min. Bake: 1 hour + standing YIELD: 10 servings (1-1/2 cups sauce).

A red wine sauce complements the brown sugar rub

on the roast in this inviting entree. You can't go wrong with this down-home dish!—Taste of Home Test Kitchen Ingredients

1 beef top round roast (4 pounds)

1/3 cup packed brown sugar

3 tablespoons whole

peppercorns, crushed

4 garlic cloves, minced 3/4 teaspoon salt

1 large onion, finely chopped

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# Peppercorn Beef Top Loin Roast

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1 tablespoon olive oil 2 tablespoons tomato paste

2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

> 1-1/2 cups port wine 1-1/2 cups dry red wine

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325° Trim fat from roast. If desired, tie roast with kitchen twine every 1-1/2 to 2 inches to help beef maintain shape while cooking. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar, peppercorns, garlic and salt. Rub over meat. Place in a shallow roasting pan.

2. Bake until meat reaches desired doneness (for medium-rare, a thermometer should read 135°; medium, 140°; medium-well, 145°), 1 to 1-1/2 hours, Remove from oven, tent with foil and let stand for 15 minutes before slicing.

3. Meanwhile, in a large

saucepan, saute onion in oil until tender. Stir in tomato paste and Worcestershire sauce until blended. Add wines. Bring to a boil; cook until liquid is reduced to about 1-1/2 cups. Serve with roast.

# **CHRISTMAS HONEY BISCUITS: MELOMAKARONA**

These are an unusual type of biscuit, in that once they are baked they are drenched in a spiced honey syrup. Despite that, they are not sickly sweet and have been an incredibly popular addition to our kitchen (I seem to have a never-ending supply at the moment).

Ingredients

butter, 60g unsalted plus extra for greasing 175ml light olive oil 100ml fresh orange juice (or lager, see introduction) 2 tbsp brandy 250g caster sugar 600g flour baking powder 1 tsp ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda

½ tbsp

cinnamon

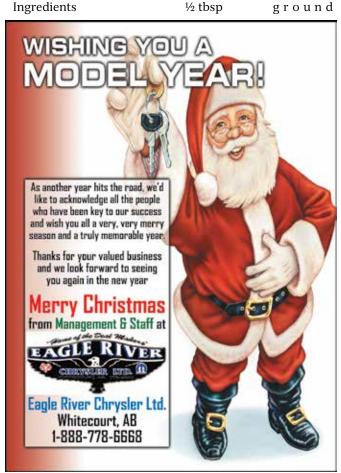
1 tsp mixed spice ½ tsp fine sea salt 150ml honey 1 stick of cinnamon 75g shelled walnuts, almonds or pistachios dried rose petals (optional)

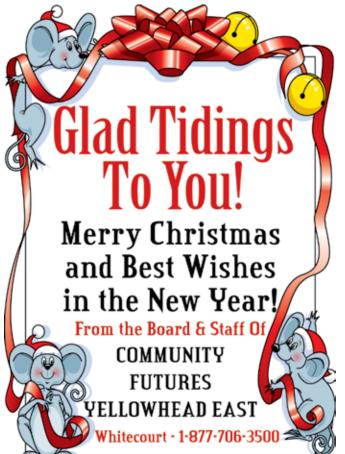
Method

Preheat your oven 180.C/gas mark 4. Grease two baking sheets with a little butter then line with greaseproof paper.

Melt the butter in a large pan with the oil. Stir in the orange juice (or lager), brandy and 100g of the sugar. Sift in 500g of the flour, the baking powder, bicarbonate of soda,

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# Christmas Honey Biscuits: Melomakarona

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ground cinnamon, mixed spice and salt, then beat it all together until smooth. Add a little more flour if the mixture still feels a little greasy, just enough to bring it all together – it shouldn't be too stiff.

Roll the dough into golfball sized pieces, then mould them so they are slightly oval in shape. Place on the greased and lined baking sheets. Bake for around 20–25 minutes, until golden. Meanwhile make the syrup. Place the honey in a small pan with the remaining 150g of sugar, the stick of cinnamon and 350ml of water and gently bring to the boil over a me-

dium heat. Once it's boiled, turn the heat down to low and leave to simmer for 5–8 minutes, until thickened ever so slightly. Finely chop the nuts ready for the biscuits.

When the biscuits are ready, carefully dip each one into the warm honey syrup, so they are completely coated. Leave them for around 30 seconds on each side, so they soak it up (but not for too long or they'll fall apart).

Place the soaked biscuits on a tray and immediately sprinkle them with the chopped nuts and rose petals, if using. Leave to cool before serving.

#### CHRISTMAS PUNCH RECIPE

Christmas punch is what your holiday needs this year! Both adult and non-alcoholic versions of this refreshing holiday punch are included!

Prep Time10 minutes mins Total Time10 minutes mins

Servings: 8 servings

Ingredients

½ of an orange sliced ½ cup cranberries

2 cups cold cranberry juice

2 cups cold orange juice 2 cups Ginger Ale or Sprite/Sierra Mist

1 cup Rum or Vodka I used Rum here and it turned

out great!

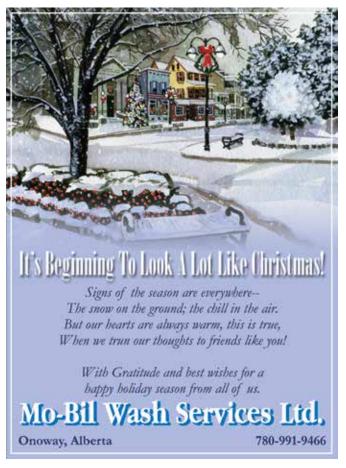
Optional garnish - Orange wedges and cranberry skewers

Instructions

Place the orange slices and cranberries in the bottom of a 2 quart pitcher.

Pour in the remaining ingredients and give a gentle stir. Serve immediately over ice.

Optional garnish: thread a few cranberries on a wooden swizzle stick and place over the drink, or garnish the glass with a wedge of orange.





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# **BLACK FOREST CHRISTMAS PUDDING**

Ingredients

cherries

190g (1 1/4 cups) plain flour, plus 50g (1/3 cup), extra

150g dark brown sugar 150g glacé cherries 140g (1 cup) dried sour

140g (2 cups, lightly packed) stale breadcrumbs 125g (1/2 cup) finely chopped dried soft figs

100g dark chocolate,

finely chopped, plus extra, melted, to serve

95g (1/2 cup) finely chopped prunes

80g (1/2 cup) dried currants

2 tsp finely grated orange rind

1 tsp ground cinnamon 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg 185g unsalted butter, melted

80ml (1/3 cup) kirsch

(cherry brandy)

2 eggs, lightly whisked 1 tbsp fresh orange juice Fresh cherries, to serve Dark chocolate shards, to decorate (see note)

Dark cocoa, to dust
Custard, thick cream or
ice-cream, to serve

Method Steps Step 1

Soak an 80cm square

of calico in a large bowl of cold water overnight.

Step 2

Combine flour, sugar, glacé cherries, sour cherries, breadcrumbs, figs, dark chocolate, prunes, currants, orange rind, cinnamon, nutmeg, melted butter, kirsch, eggs and orange juice in a large bowl.

Step 3

Remove the calico from the cold water and wring to remove excess water. Bring a stockpot of water to the boil over high heat. Add the calico and return to the boil. Wearing dishwashing gloves, use tongs to remove the calico and squeeze out the water. Spread over a clean work surface.

Step 4

Sprinkle extra flour into the centre of the calico and rub into a large round, leaving a 5cm border. Transfer the pudding mixture into the centre of the cloth. Gather up the corners and twist the pudding into a round. Tie tightly with a large piece of kitchen string, allowing the string to overhang

Step 5

Gently add the pudding to the boiling water and tie the excess string to the pot handles. Cover and boil for 51/2 hours, topping up with boiling water when required.

Step 6

Carefully untie the string from the handles and remove the pudding from the water. Hang over a bowl for 10 minutes or until the calico appears dry. Unwrap and transfer to a serving platter. Drizzle with melted chocolate, top with fresh cherries, chocolate shards and a dusting of cocoa. Serve with custard, cream or icecream.



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# CHRISTMAS CRANBERRY POUND CAKE

Ingredients
For the Cake:

187 grams cake flour-sifted (it's about 1 1/2 cups plus 3 Tablespoons cake flour before sifting but you better measure it on kitchen scale because the cake could be dense or dry if you overdo it with the flour)

1/2 teaspoon baking powder Pinch of salt

1 cup cranberries (fresh or thawed)

140 grams (5 oz.) white chocolate chunk

115 grams (1/2 cup) unsalted butter-softened at room temperature

300 grams sugar (1 and 1/2

cups)

1/2 cup heavy cream 1/2 cup mascarpone cheese

1 teaspoon vanilla extract 2 Tablespoons browned butter

Frosting:

56 grams (1/4 cup) unsalted butter-softened

112 grams (4 oz.) cream cheese-softened

1 and 1/2 cups powdered sugar (or more to make it thick enough to spread on top of the cake)

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Garnish:

handful dried cranberries 1 tablespoon vegetable oil 1/2 cup white chocolate chips

1/2 cup white chocolate chips Instructions

Preheat the convection air oven to 325 F (if you don't have convection air oven raise the temperature to 350 F and you will have to rotate the pan half way through the baking time)

Butter and flour 8.5 x 4.5 x 3 (or 9 x 5 x 3) inches loaf pan and line it with parchment paper.

Combine cake flour, baking powder and salt and sift it three times, set aside.

In a small sauce pan over medium heat brown 2.5 Tablespoons butter until it's nice amber color, remove the foam and set aside to cool.

Whisk the egg with vanilla extract and set aside.

Mix the butter on medium speed until it's creamy, slowly add sugar and continue beating until it's creamy.

Add heavy cream and mascarpone, and beat on medium speed.

Turn mixer on low speed and gradually add dry ingredients alternately with eggs.

Add handful flour in chocolate chunks and toss them to cover evenly. Toss cranberries with a handful flour to cover them completely.

Add chocolate chunks in the batter and stir well, then gently stir in cranberries

Pour the batter into prepared loaf pan, smooth the top and gently tap the pan on working surface to remove the air bubbles.

With a butter knife draw a line down the center of the pound cake and pour browned butter into the line.

Bake until the top of the cake is golden brown and a toothpick inserted comes out clean (about 55 to 65 minutes). If you don't have convection air oven, baking time might be about 10 minutes longer. If the top starts browning too much tent the cake with aluminum foil

Cool the cake in the pan for 15 minutes, then remove from the pan and cool on the rack.

Glaze:

When the cake is completely cooled prepare the glaze.

With a mixer, cream together softened butter and cream cheese until smooth. Slowly add in powdered sugar and beat until smooth, mix in vanilla extract. Spread on top of the cake.Place the cake in the fridge until the frosting is set.

Garnish:

When the frosting is set melt 1/2 cup white chocolate chips with 1 tablespoon vegetable oil in a small sauce pan over low heat until it's smooth( cool if it's too thin)

Sprinkle the cake with dried cranberries and drizzle with chocolate. (You can drizzle the chocolate with a spoon or transfer it into small zip-lock bag, cut off the corner and pipe the chocolate over the cake).





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Thanks for making 2024 so much fun for us. We look forward to taking care of you in the New Year.

Happy Holidays & Best Wishes!



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# CLISSOLD PARK CHRISTMAS CRINKLE COOKIES

Ingredients

120g dark chocolate, about 70 per cent, broken into small pieces

180g plain flour
50g cocoa powder
2 tsp baking powder
½ tsp salt
100g unsalted butter,

room temperature 200g light muscovado

sugar

2 eggs, lightly beaten

2 tsp vanilla extract

1 tbsp Kahlua (optional)

80ml whole milk

caster sugar and sieved icing sugar, for rolling

Essential kit

You will need: a stand mixer or hand mixer.

Method

Place the chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of barely simmering water (the water should not touch the bottom of the bowl). Melt, stirring from time to time. Cool.

Whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt in a bowl.

In a stand mixer or with a hand mixer, beat the butter until smooth, then add the sugar and beat until very light and fluffy – you will think there isn't enough butter, but keep going, it'll be fine. Add the eggs about a tablespoon at a time, beating until well combined after each addition. Beat in the vanilla and Kahlua if using, then the cooled chocolate.

With the beater/s on a low speed, add a third of the flour mixture, then half the milk, and repeat, ending with the last third

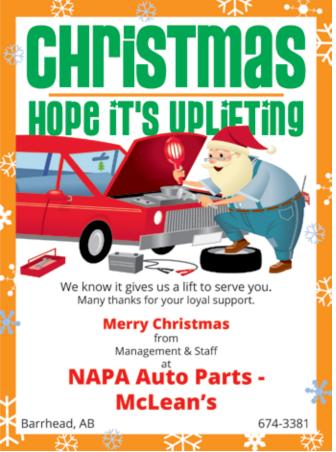
of the flour. Mix until just combined. Be careful not to overmix or the cookies will be tough – the dough should be soft and cakey, rather mousse-y. Divide the dough into 2 flattish discs of about 400g each, wrap in cling film and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight. You can make them a couple of days ahead to this point.

Preheat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Line two baking sheets with nonstick baking parchment or Silpat.

This is going to get messy. Place a large sheet of baking parchment or cling film on your work surface and set up a bowl of caster sugar and a bowl of icing sugar, ready to roll the cookies.

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### Clissold Park Christmas Crinkle Cookies

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It helps if your hands are really cool. Run them under the cold tap or dip them in chilled water from time to time. You'll need to wash them quite frequently anyway, as it's a messy business.

Remove one batch of dough from the fridge at a

time – you need it to be very cold when you work on it. Break off a small nugget of the dough about the size of a walnut and roll it quickly into a ball. Toss it first in the caster sugar then in the icing sugar until it's well coated, then place it on the baking sheet. Repeat, handling the dough as little as

possible and placing the cookies about 3cm apart, until you've used up all the dough. Bake for 10–11 minutes, until the sugar coating has split into a crackle pattern. Transfer them to a wire rack to cool completely – they will continue to firm up as they cool.

# COQUITO

Coquito is a classic rum drink that has a sweet and creamy coconut base with a dash of those familiar holiday spices.

Prep Time 5 minutes mins Total Time 2 hours hrs 5 minutes mins

Equipment
Blender
Ingredients
12 ounces Evaporated Milk
15 ounces Cream Of Coconut
Coco Lopez is recommended

14 ounces Sweetened Con-

densed Milk

2 Egg Yolks use pasteurized egg yolks for safety if desired

1 cup White Rum

1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract 1 teaspoon Ground Cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon Ground Nutmeg

Cinnamon Sticks and Star Anise optional for garnish

Instructions
Add the evaporated milk, co-

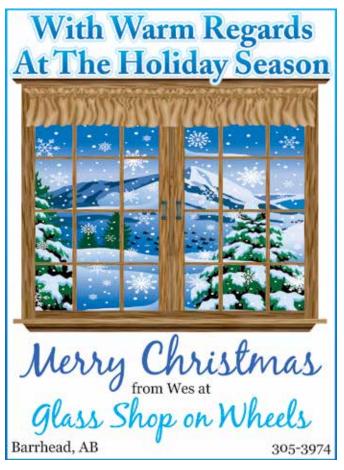
conut cream, condensed milk, egg yolks, vanilla, rum, cinnamon and nutmeg to a blender.

Blend on medium speed for about 1 minute.

Decant to an airtight container and store in the refrigerator for about 2 hours (or more) for the flavors to come together.

Serve with a stick of cinnamon, star anise and a dusting of cinnamon on top.







# ICED VOVO PAVLOVA

Ingredients

6 egg whites, at room temperature

Large pinch cream of tartar

315g (1 1/2 cups) caster sugar

1 tsp vanilla essence 500ml (2 cups) thickened cream

6 Arnott's Iced VoVo biscuits, finely crushed

20g (1/4 cup) desiccated coconut

115g (1/3 cup) raspberry conserve

Meringue peaks

2 egg whites, at room temperature

Pinch cream of tartar 100g (1/2 cup) caster sugar

Wilton Icing Colors Paste Rose (see tip) Pink marshmallow 140g (2/3 cup) caster sugar

160ml (2/3 cup) cold water

3 tsp boiling water
3 tsp gelatine powder
Wilton Jeing Color

Wilton Icing Colors Paste Rose

Select all ingredients

Method Steps Step 1

Preheat oven to 120°C/100°C fan forced. Draw four 18cm circles on 2 sheets of baking paper. Turn, ink-side down, onto 2 baking trays.

Step 2

Use electric beaters with a whisk attachment to whisk the egg white and cream of tartar in a clean, dry bowl until firm peaks form. Gradually add sugar, 1 tbs at a time, beating constantly until sugar dissolves and mixture is thick and

glossy. Beat in vanilla. Step 3

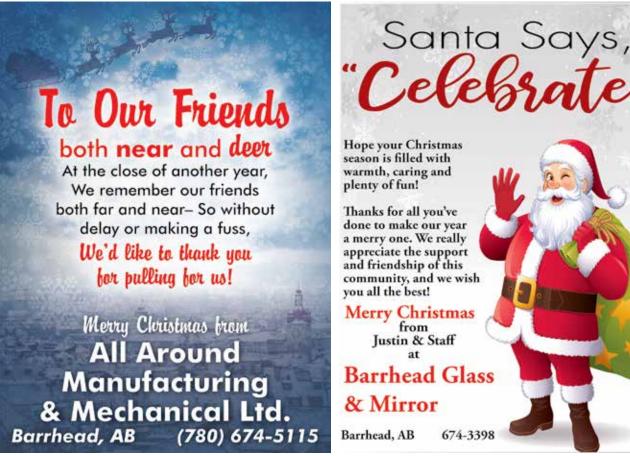
Divide the meringue mixture among the circles. Use a palette knife to carefully spread and shape the meringue until each disc is even. Bake, swapping the trays halfway through cooking, for 1 hour 40 minutes or until meringues are crisp and dry. Turn oven off. Leave meringues in oven, with door closed, to cool completely.

Step 4

For the meringue peaks, preheat oven to 120°C/100°C fan forced. Line 2 baking trays with baking paper. Use electric beaters to beat the egg white and cream of tartar in a clean, dry bowl until firm peaks form. Gradually add the sugar, 1 tbs at a time, beating constantly until the sugar dissolves and

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### Iced VoVo Pavlova

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the mixture is thick and glossy. Carefully stand a piping bag fitted with a 1.5cm nozzle upright in a tall glass. Use a small paintbrush to very lightly paint 4 even stripes of rose food colouring into the length of the bag. Carefully spoon the meringue mixture into the piping bag and pipe small peaks onto the prepared trays (the colours will vary the more you pipe). Bake for 30 minutes or until the meringues are crisp and dry. Turn oven off and leave meringues in oven, with door closed, to cool completely.

Step 5

Meanwhile, for the marshmallow, place the sugar and cold water in a small saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring, for 2-3 minutes or until the

sugar dissolves. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer for 5-6 minutes or until the syrup thickens slightly. Remove from heat and let bubbles subside. Place the boiling water in a small heatproof bowl. Sprinkle the gelatine over the water and whisk with a fork until well combined. Add to the sugar syrup and stir to combine and dissolve. Set aside for 5 minutes to cool. Transfer to the bowl of an electric mixer with a whisk attachment. Beat on high for 4-5 minutes or until the mixture is fluffy and thickened. Tint with rose food colouring.

Step 6

Working quickly, spread the marshmallow over 1 of the pavlova discs and top with another pavlova disc. Set aside to set.

Step 7

Use electric beaters to beat cream until firm peaks form. Combine 1 ths each of the biscuit and coconut in a bowl. Reserve. Place a plain pavlova disc on a plate or cake stand. Spread with half the jam. Top with a third of the cream. Sprinkle with half the remaining biscuit and half the remaining coconut. Top with the

sandwiched marshmallow and pavlova discs. Top with the remaining jam, half the remaining cream and the remaining biscuit and coconut. Top with the remaining pavlova disc and cream. Top with the meringue peaks. Sprinkle with reserved biscuit and coconut mixture.







With a bundle of thanks and best wishes to our any good friends this holiday season.

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Merry Christmas
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# STICKY CARAMEL PUDDING WITH GINGER CUSTARD

Ingredients

235g (11/2 cups) dried whole pitted dates

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda 200g (1 cup, firmly packed) brown sugar

180g butter, at room temperature, plus extra, melted, to grease

3 eggs, at room temperature

225g (11/2 cups) self-raising flour, plus extra, to dust 1/2 tsp mixed spice

1/4 tsp ground cloves 155g (3/4 cup) caster sugar 80ml (1/3 cup) thickened

100g walnut kernels Ginger custard

8 egg yolks, at room temperature

100g (1/2 cup) caster sugar 500ml (2 cups) milk 500ml (2 cups) thickened

cream 2-3 tbsp finely grated fresh ginger

Select all ingredients

Method Steps Step 1

Place the dates in a small saucepan with 375ml (11 /2 cups) water. Bring to the boil. Remove from heat then stir in the bicarb. Set aside for 15 minutes to cool.

Step 2

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan forced. Brush a 22cm (top measurement, 8 cup) bundt pan with extra melted butter. Lightly

dust with a little extra flour to coat.

Step 3

Use electric beaters to beat brown sugar and 100g butter in a bowl until pale and creamy. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time, until just combined. Sift in the flour, mixed spice and cloves. Add date mixture and fold through until just combined. Pour into the prepared pan and smooth the surface. Bake for 40 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.

Step 4

Meanwhile, place the caster sugar and 2 tbs water in a heavy-based saucepan over medium-high heat. Stir constantly until the sugar dissolves. Simmer, without stirring, brushing down side of pan with a wet pastry brush to prevent sugar crystals forming, for 5 minutes or until just golden. Remove from heat. Carefully add remaining butter and stir to combine. Carefully stir in cream. Return to medium-high heat. Boil for 1 minute. Remove from heat. Cover to keep warm.

Step 5

To make the custard, place the egg yolks and caster sugar in a large heatproof bowl. Use a balloon whisk to whisk until well combined. Place the milk. cream and ginger in a large saucepan over medium heat. Cook for 3-4 minutes or until the mixture just comes to a simmer. Slowly add to the egg mixture, whisking, until well combined. Pour the mixture back into the saucepan and place over a low heat. Cook, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, for 5 minutes or until the custard coats the back of a spoon. Strain into a jug, discarding the ginger.

Step 6

Place the walnuts in a small bowl with 2 tablespoonfuls of caramel sauce. Toss to coat. Turn the pudding onto a cake stand or serving platter. Use a skewer to poke several holes in the pudding. Top with the caramel walnuts. Drizzle over the custard and remaining caramel sauce to serve.



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# MANGO, RASPBERRY AND GINGERBREAD ICE-CREAM PUDDING

Ingredients
1L vanilla ice-cream
500ml mango sorbet
500ml mixed berry sorbet
200g pkt ginger sponge

125ml (1/2 cup) Cottee's Ice
Magic White Choc topping
1 mango, thinly sliced
125g strawberries, halved
125g raspberries
Macadamia praline
80g (1/2 cup) macadamias,
toasted, coarsely chopped
155g (3/4 cup) caster sugar
125ml (1/2 cup) cold water

Method Steps Step 1

Line a 2L (8 cup) pudding basin or mixing bowl with a double layer of plastic wrap, allowing plastic to overhang side. Place the ice-cream in a food processor. Process until smooth, thick and a soft-serve consistency. Spoon ice-cream back into its container and return to the freezer. In a clean food processor, repeat with each sorbet separately.

Step 2

Alternately dollop large spoonfuls of ice-cream and sorbet into prepared basin until filled. (Make sure ice-cream and sorbet are a thick, soft-serve consistency.) Smooth surface. Split ginger kisses in half. Cover ice-cream mixture with an even layer of ginger kisses, cream-side down, trimming to fill gaps and cover base completely. Cover surface with overhanging plastic wrap. Place in freezer for 8 hours or overnight until firm.

Step 3

To make praline, line a baking tray with baking paper. Spread macadamia over prepared tray. Place sugar and water in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir until dissolved. Bring to boil. Boil, without stirring, for 8-10 minutes or until golden. Working quickly, pour syrup over macadamia on tray to make a thin layer. Set aside for 15 minutes or until set. Break praline into shards.

Step 4

Turn pudding onto a serving stand or plate. Use a palette knife to smooth side. Return to freezer for 1 hour or until ready to serve.

Step 5

Drizzle over topping. Decorate with praline, mango, strawberry and raspberries to serve.



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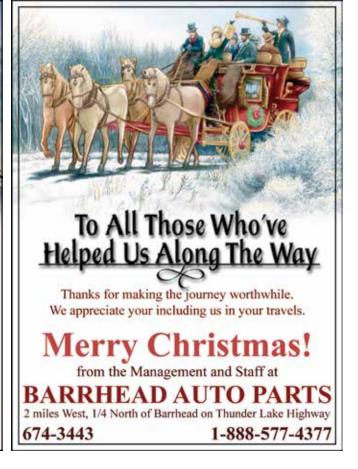
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# **CINNAMON SUGAR APPLE BUTTER PIE**

This custard-based pie is made with apple butter and topped with a layer of cinnamon sugar – all baked in a flaky gluten free pie crust! Ingredients

2 1/2 cups (345g) Bob's Red Mill 1-to-1 Gluten Free Baking Flour

1 tbsp sugar

1/2 tsp salt

1 cup (220g) unsalted butter, cold and cubed (European style preferred)

1/4 cup ice water

1/4 cup (60g) sour cream

Apple Butter Pie Filling 1 cup (270g) apple butter 3 large eggs, divided

1/4 cup (50g) dark brown sugar, packed

1 tbsp Bob's Red Mill 1-to-1 Gluten Free Baking Flour

1/2 tsp cinnamon

1/2 tsp salt

14oz sweetened condensed milk

1 tsp vanilla

Topping

1 1/2 tbsp granulated sugar

3/4 tsp ground cinnamon

Homemade or store bought whipped cream

Instructions

Gluten Free Pie Crust

In a large bowl, whisk together the gluten free flour, sugar, and salt.

To the bowl, add the

cubed butter and toss to coat the cubes in flour.

Using your fingers, two forks, or a pastry cutter, work the butter into the flour until the butter is evenly dispersed into small pea sized lumps. If the butter starts to melt, place the bowl into the refrigerator to chill for 30 minutes before continuing.

Pour in the 1/4 cup of ice water and stir to evenly hydrate. Then mix in the sour cream

If the dough looks too dry and crumbly, try working it together with your hands. If it's easily able to form into a large mass, it's ready. If it's still too crumbly, mix in 1 tbsp of water at a time until it's properly hydrated.

Split the dough into two pieces, one that's slightly larger than the other. One will be for the bottom crust and the other will be for the pie leaves on top.

Place the two pieces of dough onto two separate sheets of plastic wrap. Form into a 1-inch thick disk and wrap tightly. Chill for at least 1 hour.

After 1 hour, remove the larger piece of the pie dough and let it sit at room temperature for about 10 minutes. Then, roll it out onto a well-floured surface using the gluten free flour.

As you roll, continue to flour the surface underneath. Do this more often in the beginning stages as it's easy to move around the dough when it's more compact. Continuous flouring early on will prevent the pie dough from sticking to the surface when it comes time to transfer it to the pie dish.

It may crack in a few places, so I like to switch off between rolling the dough and pushing it into

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## Cinnamon Sugar Apple Butter Pie

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shape using my fingers.

Once it's rolled out to a diameter that's about an inch larger than your pie dish, carefully roll the pie dough onto your rolling pin and then roll it back into the pie dish. Carefully lift the edges and press the pie dough into the sides of the dish. Use your fingers to patch up any cracks.

Tuck under any excess overhang and crimp the edges.

Take 1 egg allotted for the pie filling and separate the egg white and the yolk. Save the yolk for the filling and use the egg white to brush the bottom and sides of the pie dough. This will create a barrier between the pie filling and the pie dough, so the bottom will not turn soggy.

Freeze the pie shell until the egg white is frozen solid (about 15 minutes). While it freezes, preheat the oven to 400F and roll out the second half of dough.

Press out the leaves using cookie cutters (I used these) and transfer to a small baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Place the pan in the refrigerator.

Once frozen, tear off a square sheet of parchment paper that's a bit larger than the pie dish. Wrinkle it up into a ball and then open the sheet (it's easier to mold into the pie shell when it's wrinkled). Place into the pie shell and fill with pie weights or dry beans (see picture in post for reference).

Bake the shell and leaves for 15 minutes. Then remove the pie weights and parchment paper and bake for another 5-8 minutes, or until the center no longer looks soft and raw. If the leaves are golden brown by the 15 minute mark, you can remove those from the oven. If not, bake for another 5 minutes with the pie shell.

Make the cinnamon sugar topping and toss to coat the warm pie leaves. Reserve the rest of the mixture for the pie filling.

Allow the pie shell to cool while you make the pie filling.

Apple Butter Pie Filling
In a large bowl, whisk

together the apple butter, 2 large eggs + 1 egg yolk, and sugar.

Whisk in the flour, cinnamon, and salt.

Finally whisk in the sweetened condensed milk and vanilla.

Pour the filling into the pie shell and top the rest of the cinnamon sugar mixture.

Bake at 400F for 10 minutes. Then reduce to 350F and bake for 30-40 min-

utes.

Allow the pie to cool at room temperature for 30 minutes, then transfer to the refrigerator to chill uncovered for at least 2 hours to set. It can also be left overnight.

Once it's ready, top with whipped cream and enjoy!



## **EGGNOG CHEESECAKE WITH GINGERBREAD COOKIE CRUST AND** EGGNOG WHIPPED CREAM

Prep Time: 25 minutes mins Cook Time: 1 hour hr

Refrigeration Time 12 hours

Total Time: 13 hours hrs 25 minutes mins

Creamy, silky smooth, and tastes just like eggnog! This delicious Eggnog Cheesecake with Gingerbread Cookie Crust and Eggnog Whipped Cream is the perfect dessert for Christmas. SO GOOD!

Ingredients

Crust

2-3 cups gingerbread cookies

11/2 Tablespoons granulated sugar

2¼ Tablespoons salted butter melted

Cheesecake

4 cups cream cheese room temperature

1 cups granulated sugar

teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon nutmeg

5 large eggs room temperature

2 egg yolks room temperature

½ cup eggnog

1 Tablespoon bourbon concentrate\* or vanilla

Eggnog Whip Cream

1 cup heavy cream

2 teaspoons eggnog 1 Tablespoon powdered sugar

Pinch ground nutmeg optional

Instructions

Crust

Spray a 10-inch round cake pan with cooking spray. Set aside.

Heat the oven to 325 degrees F.

Place cookies in the bowl

of a food processor.

Process to fine crumbs. Pour into a small bowl. Add sugar and butter. Mix well.

Press into bottom of prepared pan.

Cheesecake

With an electric mixer, beat cream cheese, sugar, and salt until smooth, about 1 minute.

Add nutmeg and bourbon (or vanilla).

In a separate bowl, whisk the eggs.

Add eggs to cream cheese mixture in 4 additions, beat well after each.

Stir in eggnog.

Pour over prepared crust. Place in a large sheet cake pan or roasting pan.

Place on oven rack.

Fill sheet cake pan with

boiling water half way up the side of the cake pan.

Bake for 45-50 minutes.

Turn the oven off, leaving the cheesecake in the oven until completely set, about 10-15 minutes.

Remove from oven.

Remove cheesecake from water bath.

Allow to cool completely at room temperature, about 8 hours.

Cover and place in refrigerator overnight.

The next morning, turn out cheesecake.

Eggnog Whip Cream

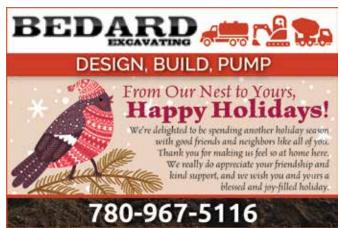
In a medium bowl, combine cream, eggnog, nutmeg, and sugar.

Beat to medium stiff peaks.

Pipe onto top of cold cheesecake.







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## GINGER MOLASSES SANDWICH COOKIES WITH BUTTERCREAM FROSTING

You thought Ginger Molasses Cookies couldn't get any better, but you were wrong. Smash them together with a thick schmear of vanilla buttercream frosting and they turn into Molasses Sandwich Cookies, my favorite Christmas cookie! They are soft and perfect.

Prep Time20 minutes mins

Cook Time8 minutes mins Cookie Time2 hours hrs 23 minutes mins

Total Time2 hours hrs 51 minutes mins

#### Ingredients

ened\*

1 recipe for Soft and Chewy Molasses Cookies

For the buttercream 1 cup salted butter soft-

4 cups powdered sugar divided

4-6 tablespoons cream or milk, divided

2 & 1/2 teaspoons vanilla good quality

1/4 teaspoon salt optional (taste it!)

#### Instructions

Click here to get the recipe for Soft and Chewy Ginger Molasses Cookies. Bake them exactly as the recipe states. Do NOT over bake! You need these cookies to be nice and soft so that when you bite into them with the frosting in between, they do not crunch. The should be super soft, even on the edges. You should get about 30 cookies. Let cool completely on a wire rack.

In a large bowl or stand

mixer, use the whisk attachment (if you have one) to beat the softened butter until it is fluffy, about 2-3 minutes.

Add half of the powdered sugar and 2 table-spoons cream or milk. Beat well. Scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl.

Add the remaining powdered sugar and 2 more tablespoons of cream or milk. Beat well.

Add salt and vanilla extract. Beat well. Scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl.

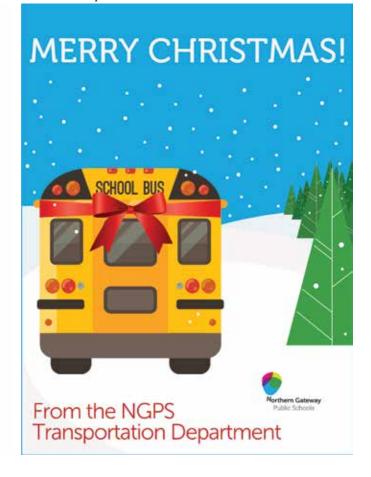
Add remaining 1-2 tablespoons of cream, if needed.

Generously frost the flat side of one ginger molasses cookie. Smash the flat side of another ginger molasses cookie on top. IF you can stand to wait, let the cookie sandwiches sit in a covered tupperware for about an hour before serving. You can even make them a day ahead of time. As the frosting sits with the cookie, it softens the cookies even more!

Store in a tupperware on the counter for 2-3 days. Honestly mine have never lasted that long.

These cookies freeze very well! I can't promise that the presentation after freezing would be nice enough for gifting, but you could certainly eat them yourself. Freeze for up to 2 weeks, then let thaw on the counter in a sealed container.





## EGGNOG BREAD

A soft, spongy eggnog batter is baked to perfection and drizzled with a sweet eggnog glaze in this easy Eggnog Bread recipe.

Prep Time 10 minutes mins

Cook Time 40 minutes mins

Total Time 50 minutes mins

Equipment 9" x 5" loaf pan

Ingredients

2 large eggs beaten

cup granulated 3/4sugar

1 cup eggnog

1/2 cup unsalted butter melted and cooled

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon rum extract

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon salt

Eggnog Glaze

1 cup powdered sugar

2 tablespoons eggnog can use up to 4 tbsps if you'd like a thinner glaze dash of nutmeg

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Grease a 9x5 inch loaf pan with cooking spray or butter, then set aside.

In a mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt and nutmeg.

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## **Eggnog Bread**

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Whisk ingredients together then set aside.

In a large bowl, combine beaten eggs, granulated sugar, melted (and cooled) butter, eggnog, rum and vanilla extracts, and mix well to combine.

Add the dry mixture to the eggnog mixture and

stir until batter is combined. Do not overmix.

Pour mixture into the prepared pan and bake for 35-45 minutes.

Check the bread before the time is up to make sure it is baked through completely. Test this by sticking a toothpick into the center, and if it comes out clean the bread is ready to come out. Take the bread out of the oven and let it sit in the pan for 5 minutes before transferring it to a cooling rack.

While the bread bakes, prepare the icing. In a small bowl, combine powdered sugar, and eggnog and mix until smooth. Additional eggnog can be added to thin out the glaze to reach your desired texture. Add in a dash of nutmeg for a little extra nutmeg flavor. Allow the bread to cool completely before drizzling the icing over the top. Slice the bread, serve and enjoy!

## PEPPERMINT CRUNCH ICE CREAM PIE

A delicious and easy recipe for anyone who loves chocolate and peppermint!

Ingredients

11 & 1/2 quart package, peppermint ice cream, softened slightly

1 premade Oreo cookie

pie crust

Chocolate fudge ice cream topping for garnishing

Non-dairy whipped cream topping or sweetened whipped cream

Crushed candy canes for garnishing

Instructions

In a large bowl, stir ice cream until softened.

Spoon ice cream into pie shell and spread evenly. Freeze 3 to 4 hours or until solid.

To serve, let pie stand at room temperature about five minutes before slicing. Serve topped with fudge topping, whipped cream, and crushed candy canes.

Makes about 6 to 8 servings.





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## **CROCKPOT CHRISTMAS CRACK**

Crockpot Christmas Crack Candy is a delicious combination of nuts and chocolates that comes together quickly and easily in your slow cooker.

Prep Time 15 minutes mins Cook Time 1 hour hr

Total Time 1 hour hr 15 minutes mins

Equipment Crockpot

Ingredients
16 ounces unsalted pea-

nuts

16 ounces lightly salted cashew halves and pieces

12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips

10 ounces peanut butter baking chips

20 ounces white chocolate bars

4 ounces German chocolate bar

holiday sprinkles optional crushed candy canes optional

flake sea salt optional

Instructions

Place the peanuts and cashews into a 5 quart crockpot. Stir to combine and spread the nuts evenly over the bottom of the crockpot.

Layer the semisweet chocolate chips and peanut butter baking chips evenly over the nuts.

Break apart the vanilla baking bars and German chocolate bar and add them to the crockpot.

Cover and heat on LOW for 1 hour without stirring.

Give the candy a good stir to mix well. Scoop the candy into small clusters on parchment or wax paper.

Top of the candy clusters with sprinkles, with flake sea salt, and with crushed candy canes. Allow the candy to set completely at room temperature or place in the refrigerator to set faster

# EGGNOG COOKIES WITH EGGNOG FROSTING

Prep: 2 hours 30 min-

Cook: 12 minutes Total: 2 hours 42 min-

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Ingredients 2 1/2 sticks room temperature butter (1 1/4 cups)

1 cup packed brown sugar

4 large egg yolks

1/4 cup eggnog

1 tablespoon of spiced

rum, or 1 teaspoon rum extract

3 cups all-purpose flour

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## **Eggnog Cookies With Eggnog Frosting**

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1 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Pinch of allspice

#### Frosting

6 tablespoons room temperature butter

2 1/4 cups confectioner's sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons spiced rum, or 1/4 teaspoon rum extract

2 tablespoons eggnog

1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

Pinch ground cinnamon Other Flour for counter Holiday sprinkles

#### Instructions

In the bowl of a stand mixer with the paddle attachment, beat butter until pale, about two minutes.

Add sugar and beat one minute.

With mixer running on low, add one egg yolk at a time and then add the eggnog and rum and mix to combine.

In a medium bowl, whisk the flour, baking powder, salt, nutmeg, cinnamon and allspice and with mixer running on low, slowly add in the dry ingredients.

Mix just to combine, scrape and mix one more time.

Wrap the dough in plastic and chill two hours.

Make the frosting by creaming the butter and sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer with the paddle attachment.

Add rum, eggnog, nutmeg and cinnamon and mix until creamy and smooth. Set aside at room temperature.

Line a few cookie sheets with parchment paper.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F with rack in upper third of oven.

Flour the counter and place half the dough on the flour and roll to ¼ inch thick.

Use holiday cutouts and place cutout cookie shapes on one of the prepared cookie sheets. The cookies do not spread much so they can be as close as a half inch from each other.

Bake one pan at a time for 12 minutes until the bottoms are browned and the tops a pale light brown.

Repeat for remaining dough reusing dough scraps as you go. I reused dough scraps four times.

Cool on racks then frost. If the frosting is too stiff, whisk in a small amount of milk to loosen it up.





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# GINGERBREAD COOKIE BARS WITH CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

Gingerbread Cookie Bars with Cream Cheese Frosting are ultra thick, soft, and chewy with tons of warm, cozy spices, topped with a generous layer of tangy frosting!

Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 20 minutes Total Time: 40 minutes Yields: 12 large or 24 small bars

Recipe by Tessa Arias Ingredients For the cookies: 3 cups (380 grams) all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 1/4 teaspoons ground inger

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1 1/2 sticks (170 grams) unsalted butter, at cool room temperature

1/2 cup (100 grams) packed light brown sugar

1/2 cup (170 grams) unsulphured molasses\*

1 large egg

For the frosting:

8 ounces (227 grams) cream cheese, at room temperature

1 stick (113 grams) unsalted butter, at room temperature

2 teaspoons vanilla paste (or extract)

2 cups (250 grams) powdered sugar, sifted

Directions

Make the cookie bars:

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease a 9 by 13-inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg to combine.

In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the butter and brown sugar on medium-high speed until well combined and smooth, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the egg and molasses and beat until combined. On low speed, slowly add the flour mixture and beat until incorporated.

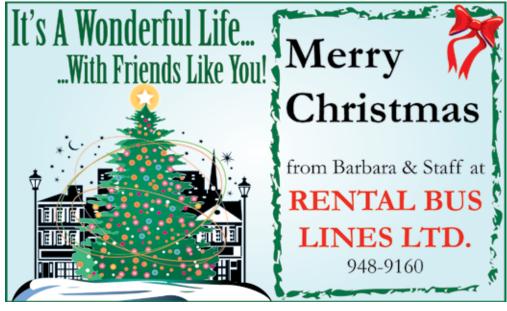
Press the dough evenly into the prepared baking pan. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until cooked through but still moist and soft. Cookie bars can be made ahead of time and stored in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 days.

Make the frosting:

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat the cream cheese, butter, and vanilla on medium-high speed until very light, creamy, and smooth. On low speed, gradually add in the sugar and beat until fluffy.

Spread the frosting all over the cooled cookie. Cut into squares and serve. Cover and refrigerate any leftovers for up to 3 days.





## EGGNOG FRENCH TOAST

This easy Egg Nog French Toast is a festive breakfast for the holiday season. Quick and delicious to make, your friends and family will love this for breakfast or brunch.

Prep Time 5 minutes mins Cook Time 20 minutes mins Total Time 25 minutes mins

Ingredients 5 eggs

12/3 cups eggnog 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 1/2 teaspoon ground cinna-

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg pinch salt

6 thick slices of brioche bread approximately 1" thick

1 tablespoon butter additional butter for pan if desired syrup if desired

Instructions

Place eggs, eggnog, vanilla extract, nutmeg, cinnamon and salt into a large bowl and whisk until well combined.

Place approximately 1-2 teaspoons of butter into a medium size skillet and heat over medium heat. Once skillet is hot, dip one piece of brioche bread into the egg and milk mixture, let extra liquid drip

back into the bowl, then transfer to prepared pan.

Bake until golden on each side, approximately 2-3 minutes each. Repeat with remaining slices of bread, adding more butter to the pan as needed. Serve hot with butter, syrup and berries.

### POPCORN BARS

Popcorn Bars make the fun, crispy, and colorful movie night snacks that are so easy to assemble! All of your favorite childhood foods are combined into one fantastic, handheld treat that you can make for any occasion!

Prep Time 10 minutes mins

Total Time 10 minutes mins

Ingredients

10 cups freshly popped popcorn white or yellow

12 ounces marshmallows 1/2 cup salted butter

11/2 cups M&Ms divided

1 cup sour gummy candies i.e. Sour Patch Kids

Instructions

Grease a 9x13 baking pan.

Add the popcorn to a large mixing bowl.

Add butter and marshmallows to a saucepan over medium heat. Heat, stirring frequently, until just about completely melted.

Pour marshmallow mixture into the popcorn and gently stir until well-coated.

Fold in 1 cup M&M candies and sour gummies until well combined.

Spoon into into prepared baking pan. With a wooden spoon or greased hands, gently press candy into popcorn mixture.

Allow to cool (takes

about an hour or two but cess by refrigerating). you can speed up the pro-Cut into bars and enjoy!





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# WHITE CHOCOLATE DIPPED PEPPERMINT CHOCOLATE COOKIES

Such a delicious flavor combination! You get decadent chocolate cookies mixed with the real peppermint flavor, and they're finished with a layer of sweet and creamy white chocolate. So good that they'll likely become a new holiday tradition!

Prep35 minutes minutes Cook32 minutes minutes Ready in: 1 hour hour 30 minutes minutes

Ingredients

12/3 cups (237g) all-purpose flour (scoop and level to measure)

1 cup (98g) unsweetened cocoa powder (scoop and level to measure)

1 tsp baking soda

1/2 tsp salt

1 cup (226g) unsalted butter, softened about halfway (it should be fairly firm still)

11/4 cups (250g) granulated sugar

3/4 cup (160g) packed light brown sugar

2 large eggs

2 tsp vanilla extract

1 tsp peppermint extract 16 oz. white chocolate,

broken or chopped

1/4 cup (approx) finely crushed peppermint bits (I used the King Leo ones)

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheets with silicone liners or parchment paper.

In a medium mixing bowl whisk together flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt for 20 seconds. Set aside.

In the bowl of an electric

stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment cream together butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar until well combined.

Mix in eggs one at a time then blend in vanilla extract and peppermint extract.

With mixer set on low speed slowly add in flour mixture and mix just until combined.

Scoop dough out by a rounded tablespoon (about 25 grams each) and shape into balls (if dough is sticky you can chill as needed but mine wasn't sticky at all).

Space on cookies sheets 2-inches apart. Flatten cookies slightly.

Bake one sheet at a time in preheated oven about 8 minutes (cookies should appear slightly under-baked). Let cool on baking sheet several minutes then transfer to a wire rack to cool 5 minutes then transfer to an airtight container to fully cool.

Once cookies are cool, melt white chocolate in a microwave safe bowl on 50% power in 30 second increments, stirring between intervals until melted and smooth.

Dip half of each cookie in white chocolate then transfer to parchment paper and sprinkle with peppermint bits. Chill to let chocolate set about 10 minutes.

Store cookies in an airtight container.

Recipe source: chocolate cookie recipe inspired by Food Network and my other peppermint cookies





## PEPPERMINT BARK BUNDT CAKE

A quick and easy doctored cake mix recipe, this Peppermint Bark Bundt Cake is delicious enough to serve on special occasions yet easy enough to whip up on a week night.

Prep Time 20 minutes mins Cook Time 50 minutes mins Total Time 1 hour hr 10 minutes mins

Ingredients CAKE:

1 standard size chocolate cake mix

1 package 3.9oz (approximately) chocolate pudding mix just the dry mix, do not make the pudding

1 cup sour cream

1 cup vegetable oil

4 eggs

1/2 cup warm water

Optional: If desired add 1-2 tsps of pure peppermint extract

CREAM CHEESE FILLING: 8 oz cream cheese softened

1 large egg room temperature 2/4 cup granulated sugar

2 tsp pure peppermint extract 2 tbsp crushed candy canes GLAZE:

8 oz of chopped white chocolate

1/3 cup heavy cream half and half can also work in a pinch, but it will be runnier

1/2 - 1 tsp pure peppermint extract

1/4 cup crushed candy canes Instructions

CAKE:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Combine all cake ingredients and mix with a mixer until combined. Do not over mix, but make sure all dry ingredients and wet ingredients are well-combined.

Spoon approximately 1/3 of batter into a Bundt cake pan that has been sprayed generously with non-stick cooking spray, preferably a spray that

includes flour\*.

Spoon cream cheese filling (directions below) onto cake batter. Spread remaining cake batter over cream cheese filling.

Bake for 50-55 minutes or until toothpick inserted into cake comes out clean. Trust your senses (what you see, what you touch) more than the clock, as all ovens fluctuate somewhat, and ambient conditions can vary from home to home. Remove from oven and allow to cool on a wire rack for 20 minutes, place a large plate or platter over the opening in the bundt pan, hold the two together, then flip over to invert the pan and release the cake onto the plate. Top with powdered sugar or chocolate glaze if desired.

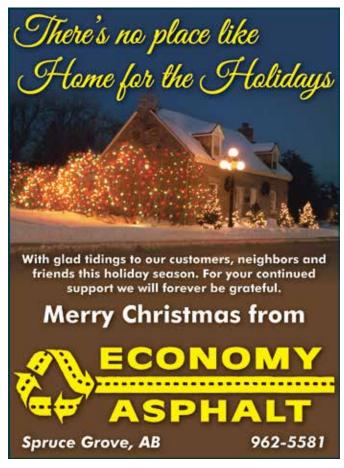
CREAM CHEESE FILLING:

Combine softened cream cheese, egg, sugar and pep-

permint extract in a bowl and mix with a mixer until well combined and creamy. Stir in crushed candy canes. Mix to combine.

GLAZE:

In a large microwave safe bowl (glass works best) combine chopped chocolate and heavy cream. Microwave for 30 seconds, remove from microwave and stir well. Return to microwave for another 15 seconds. Remove from microwave and whisk together until smooth (stirring will help melt chocolate). If needed, heat for an additional 15 seconds, then whisk until smooth. Stir in peppermint extract. Let sit for 5-10 minutes to allow mixture to thicken a bit. Slowly spoon over cake. It will run down the sides, so working slowly allows you to control how it runs. Sprinkle with crushed candy canes. Serve and enjoy!





### **HOT COCOA COOKIES**

Prep Time: 30 minutes Cook Time: 15 minutes Total Time: 45 minutes

Rich, chocolaty and delicious, these are a perfect cookie for Christmas, or any time of year! Ingredients

For the cookies

1/2 cup unsalted butter 1 stick

12 oz semi-sweet chocolate

11/2 cups flour

1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

11/4 cups brown sugar

3 eggs

11/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

25 large marshmallows approximately

For the icing

2 cups powdered sugar

4 tablespoons unsalted butter 1/2 stick, melted

1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1/4 cup hot water

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

assorted sprinkles

Instructions

Make the cookies

In a medium saucepan (or in a microwave safe bowl, using 50% power), melt the butter and chocolate, stirring frequently. Once melted, set aside to cool slightly.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat the sugar, eggs and vanilla on low speed until well combined.

Add the cooled chocolate mixture and blend until just combined.

While mixing, add the flour mixture slowly and blend until just combined.

Scrape down the sides of the bowl, then cover the dough and refrigerate at least 1 hour. The dough should be firm. If making the dough a day ahead, let sit at room temperature for 30 minutes before shaping.

Preheat oven to 325\*F. and line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper or a silpat type liner. Use a tablespoon (or a tablespoon sized cookie scoop) to scoop the dough, then roll the dough in your hands to create balls. Arrange the balls about 2 inches apart on your baking sheets, then flatten slightly.

Bake cookies about 12 minutes.

While the cookies bake, cut the large marshmallows in half (crosswise). When the cookies have baked, remove from oven and press one marshmallow half (cut side down) into the center of each cookie. Return the cookies to the oven and bake another 2-3 minutes. Allow the pan of cookies to cool a few minutes, then transfer cookies to cooling rack.

Prepare cookie icing

Prepare cookie icing by combining all ingredients in a medium bowl and mixing together with a whisk. Place wire cooling rack (with cookies on it) over a baking sheet (to catch any excess icing). Spoon a small amount of icing onto the top of each marshmallow, and use the back of the spoon to spread it a bit. After icing just a couple cookies, top with sprinkles before the icing dries.

Allow icing to set up about 30 minutes before serving.







## **GINGERBREAD CHEESECAKE**

Celebrate the holidays with a sweetly spiced dessert that's simple to make. Gingerbread Cheesecake is the ultimate crowd pleaser.

Prep Time20 minutes

Cook Time1 hour hr Total Time8 hours hrs 20 minutes mins

For the crust:

2 cups gingersnap cookie crumbs approximately 12 ounces whole cookies

1/4 cup granulated sugar 5 tablespoons butter melted

1/8 teaspoon kosher salt For the filling:

4 8- ounce blocks cream cheese room temperature

1 1/4 cups granulated sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

4 large eggs

1/4 cup unsulfured molasses

1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger

1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

1/8 teaspoon kosher salt 1 teaspoon balsamic vingar

For the glaze

1 cup sour cream

1/2 cup powdered sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, mix together the cookie crumbs, sugar, butter and salt until clumps begin to form.

Press the crumb mix-

ture into a springform pan firmly and evenly across the bottom and halfway up the sides.

Transfer the crust to the oven and bake until set, approximately 10 minutes.

Transfer pan to a wire rack and cool completely. Wrap the bottom and sides of the pan with foil.

Reduce the oven to 325 degrees.

Add the cream cheese to a large bowl and beat with an electric mixer until fluffy, approximately 2-3 minutes.

Beat in the sugar and vanilla scraping down the sides of the bowl, as needed.

Add the eggs to the cream cheese mixture one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Beat in the molasses, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, salt and vinegar un-

til combined.

Pour the filling into the crust and set in a deep baking pan.

Transfer the baking pan to the oven and fill with water. Bake for 60-65 minutes or until set but still wobbly in the center.

Remove the cheesecake from the oven and cool on a wire rack. Transfer to the refrigerator and chill for 8 hours or overnight.

Whisk the sour cream, powdered sugar and vanilla together until smooth. Spread the mixture over the top of the cheesecake and return to the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Decorate the cheesecake with gingerbread men, if desired. Or sprinkle with freshly grated nutmeg.

Serve chilled.





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## NO BAKE GINGERBREAD TRUFFLES RECIPE

This easy gingerbread truffles recipe is a great way to switch up flavors!

Prep Time: 30 minutes minutes

Freezing Time: 30 minutes minutes

Total Time: 1 hour hour

Ingredients

8 oz softened Cream Cheese

8 oz Ginger Snap Cook-

ie

12 oz White Chocolate Chips or Candy Melts

Gingerbread Decorations or additional crushed gingersnaps for decoration

Instructions

Line cutting board or cookie sheet with parchment paper.

Finely Crush ginger snaps in food processor or

high-powered blender

Add cream cheese and pulse until combined.

Form into 3/4 balls and place on prepared sheet.

Place in freezer for 30 minutes.

Melt chocolate chips by microwaving for 60 seconds then stirring and repeating until melted and smooth.

Spear each truffle with a

tothpick and Use toothpick to dip in chocolate, twirling to coat completely. Gently tap off excess.

Return to prepared sheet Immediately remove toothpick and cover hole with gingerbread decoration (or additional crushed gingersnaps).

## PEPPERMINT OREO BARK

This easy no bake Peppermint Oreo Bark is a delicious and easy treat to make for last minute parties.

Prep Time 15 minutes Total Time 15 minutes

Ingredients

1 - 10 ounce package Oreo Thins (35-40 cookies) 2 - 10 ounce bags white chocolate melting wafers

1 - 10 ounce bag chocolate melting wafers

1/4 cup peppermint bits

Instructions

Line an 11x15 sheet pan with foil.

Place 2 1/2 cups white chocolate melts and 1 cup dark

chocolate melting wafers in two separate bowls and melt each bowl according to the package directions

Dip the bottoms of the cookies in the melted white chocolate and lay them flat on the foil lined tray. Continue until all the cookies are laying flat and side by side.

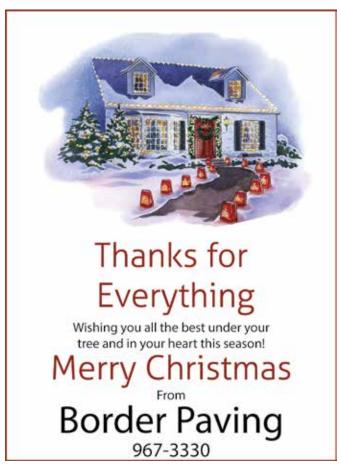
Spread the rest of the white

chocolate over the top of the cookies using a flat spatula.

Drop the melted dark chocolate by spoonfuls over the top. Swirl gently until you get the pattern you like.

Sprinkle with peppermint bits and let set.

Use a large knife to cut the chocolate bark into pieces. Store in a sealed container.





## **GINGERBREAD BROWNIES**

Ingredients

250g unsalted butter, chopped

300g dark chocolate, chopped

4 eggs

1 1/3 firmly packed cups (330g) brown sugar

1 1/3 cups (200g) plain flour, sifted

1/2 tsp baking powder 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon 1/2 tsp ground ginger 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg 1/3 cup (35g) cocoa, sift-

ed

Icing sugar, to dust

Method Steps Step 1

Preheat the oven to 170C. Grease and line a 20cm square cake pan.

Step 2

Melt butter and 200g chocolate in a heatproof

bowl set over a pan of simmering water (don't let the bowl touch the water), stirring until smooth. Set aside to cool slightly.

Step 3

Add eggs, 1 at a time, to the chocolate mixture, beating well after each addition until combined. Add sugar, flour, baking powder and spices, then fold in the cocoa. Spread batter into the pan and bake for 25 minutes or until just set. Cool in the pan, then turn out and cut into squares.

Step 4

Meanwhile, melt the remaining 100g chocolate and allow to cool slightly.

Step 5

To serve, dust brownies with icing sugar, then drizzle over melted chocolate.

## ORANGE CRANBERRY COOKIES

Orange Cranberry Cookies are deliciously packed full of flavor. Simple, and made in 30 minutes, these picture perfect cookies are sure to be a hit for any occasion.

Prep Time 15 minutes mins Cook Time 15 minutes mins

Total Time 30 minutes mins

#### Ingredients

1 1/2 cup salted butter 1 cup granulated sugar

1/2 teaspoon almond extract

21/2 cups flour

2 tablespoons cornstarch

2 tablespoons orange zest

1 cup dried cranberries finely chopped

2 ounces white chocolate melted

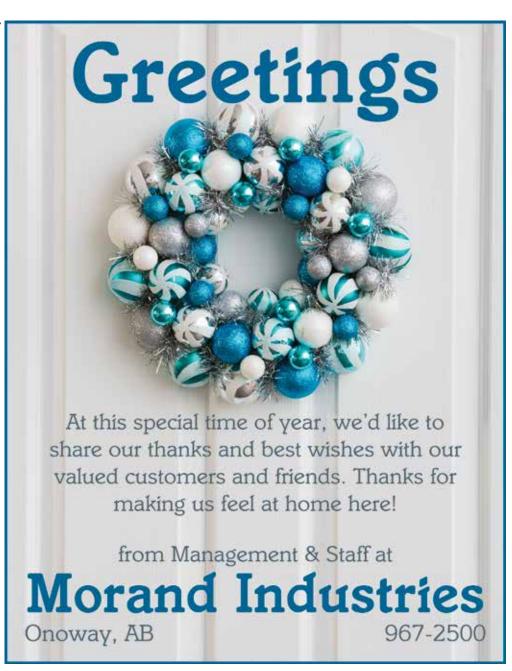
#### Instructions

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Prepare baking sheets with silicone baking mats or parchment paper.

Cream together the butter and sugar. Mix in the almond extract.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour and cornstarch. Add the flour mixture to the butter

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## range Cranberry Cookies

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mixture and blend until incorporated. Mix in the orange zest and dried cranberries.

Onto a well-floured sur-

face, roll the dough out to about a ¼ inch thick. Cut out the cookies with a 2.5 inch cookie cutter.

Place the cookies on cookie sheets lined with parchment paper. These

cookies can spread a bit when baking so leave some space between each one on the cookie sheet.

Bake the cookies at 325 degrees for 12 minutes, or until the edges just barely start to turn golden.

When the cookies have cooled completely, use a fork to drizzle the white chocolate over them.

## SPICED EGGNOG SCONES RECIPE

This Spiced Eggnog Scones recipe is perfect for enjoying during the Christmas season with a cup of coffee or tea. Not only is eggnog baked right inside of this holiday scone, but the top has a delicious eggnog drizzle. So good!

Ingredients

EGGNOG SCONES:

21/4 cups flour

1/2 tsp salt

3/4 tsp cinnamon

3/4 tsp nutmeg

11/2 tsp baking powder

1/3 cup sugar

1 stick cold butter, cut into

small cubes

1/3 cup eggnog 1 egg, lightly beaten

1/4 cup sour cream

1/2 tsp vanilla

EGGNOG GLAZE:

1 cup powdered sugar 2-3 tbsp eggnog

1/2 tsp vanilla

Cinnamon, for dusting

Instructions

SCONES:

Preheat the oven to 400°F. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking powder, and sugar. Add the cubes of butter to the dry ingredients and cut in the

butter with two butter knives, your hands, or a pastry cutter until only pea-sized pieces of butter remain. In a separate bowl combine the eggnog, egg, sour cream, and vanilla. Whisk together with a fork, and pour the wet ingredients mixture over the dry ingredients and mix with spatula or spoon until most of the way combined, then use your hands to knead the dough a few times to finish mixing it.

Transfer the dough to a baking sheet lined with a silicone baking mat or parchment paper and shape the dough into a

circle about 1 inch thick.

Cut the dough into 6 or 8 triangles and pull them back from each other on the baking sheet to give them room to rise as they bake. Bake for 20-25 minutes.

Allow them to cool before adding the glaze.

#### GLAZE:

In a small bowl, mix together the powdered sugar, eggnog, and vanilla until smooth. Drizzle generously over the scones. Dust with cinnamon. Store the scones in an airtight container.





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# WHITE CHOCOLATE CANDY CANE COOKIES



These white chocolate candy cane cookies are the perfect holiday chocolate chip cookie recipe. They're soft, chewy, filled with Christmas cheer & super pretty!

Prep Time 15 minutes minutes

Cook Time 10 minutes minutes

Total Time 45 minutes minutes

Servings 36 cookies

Ingredients

½ cup unsalted butter softened

½ cup shortening 1 cup white sugar ¾ cup brown sugar

1 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon peppermint extract

2 large eggs

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt ¾ cup crushed candy canes

1 cup white chocolate chips plus more for dotting on the tops

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350F degrees and line cookie sheets with parchment paper.

In a large bowl beat together the butter, shortening, white sugar & brown sugar until fluffy (about 2 minutes).

Add in the vanilla extract & peppermint extract, then mix in the eggs 1 at a time.

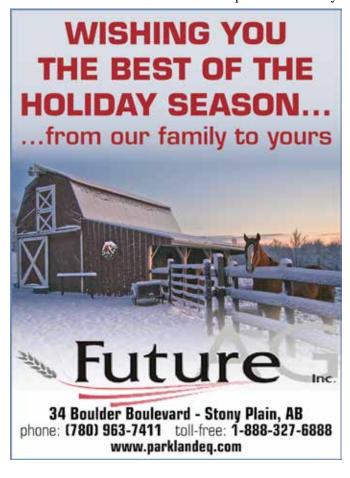
Turn the mixer down to low speed and mix in the flour, baking soda & salt. If the dough sticks to your fingers when you squeeze it between them - add in a little more flour 1 tablespoon at a time.

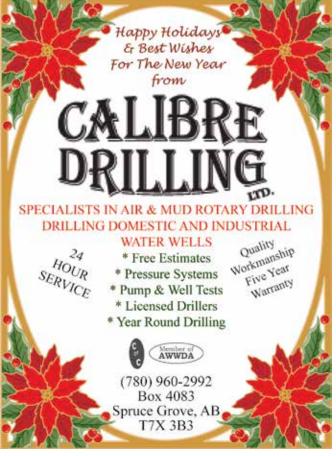
Mix in the crushed candy canes & white chocolate chips.

Form the dough into balls about 1 - 1.5 table-spoons in size\* and place 2 inches apart on the lined cookie sheets.

Bake for 8-10 minutes, or until the tops look just set. Remove from the oven and place a few white chocolate chips on the top of each cookie (optional).

Cool on the cookie sheet for 10 minutes, then continue cooling on a wire rack.





## PEPPERMINT FUDGE

An Oreo cookie crust, creamy center and crunchy cane cane topping make this Peppermint Fudge irresistibly delicious.

Prep Time 20 minutes

Total Time 50 minutes mins

Ingredients

Cookie Crust Layer 28 Oreo Cookies

5 tablespoons butter unsalted

Fudge Layer

- 4 cups miniature marshmallows
- 3 tablespoons butter unsalted
- 14 ounces sweetened condesned milk

3 cups white chocolate chips

1 teaspoon peppermint extact

red food coloring optional

toppings - Christmas sprinkles, crushed candy canes or Andes Peppermint Baking Chips

Instructions

Line an 8x8 inch pan with parchment paper. Spray with non-stick cooking spray and set aside.

Prepare the crust. Place the cookies in a food processor and process to a nice crumb. Add the butter and process for an additional 5-10 second. Pour the cookie crust into the pan and press out evenly.

To make the fudge: Place the butter, marshmallows, and sweetened condensed milk into a medium saucepan. Cook on medium low, stirring continuously, until marshmallows are melted and combined. Watch carefully so it doesn't burn.

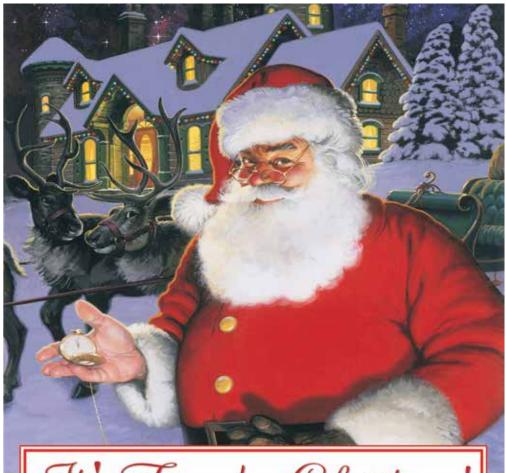
Remove from heat, and stir in white chocolate chips. Add the peppermint, and combine.

Pour half of the fudge over the crust, and smooth out.

To the remaining fudge mixture, add red food coloring a few drops at a time and stir until you have the color you want. Pour over the white layer and smooth out.

Sprinkle immediately with sprinkles, or candy canes.

Place in the refrigerator until set, approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour. Remove and cut into 1 inch pieces.



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# HOT CHOCOLATE MARSHMALLOW TOPPER

Dipped in chocolate and covered in candy canes, these Hot Chocolate Marshmallow Toppers are the perfect finishing touch for a mug of hot cocoa.

Prep Time 15 minutes mins

Cook Time 3 minutes mins

Total Time 1 hour hr 8 minutes mins

Ingredients

3/4 cup cornstarch

3/4 cup powdered sugar

- 1 tablespoon butter room temperature
- 12 ounces mini marshmallows
- 6 ounces chocolate melts or almond bark
- 1/4 cup crushed candy canes

#### Instructions

In a small mixing bowl, whisk together the cornstarch and powdered sugar.

Place half the sugar mixture into a sifter and sprinkle it over a sheet pan, making sure to coat the entire pan.

Grease a large microwave-safe bowl with the butter, then add in the marshmallows. Microwave on high for 1-2 minutes, making sure to stir every 30 seconds until they are melted.

Pour the marshmallows onto the prepared sheet pan. Sprinkle the top with half of the remaining sugar mixture. Rub your hands with the sugar mixture and press the marshmallow out flat in an even layer about ¼ inch thick. Anywhere that becomes sticky, just sprinkle it with the sugar mixture.

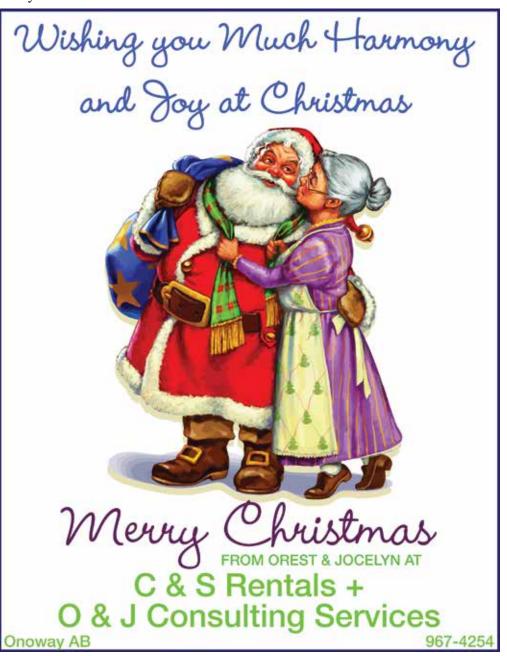
Allow the marshmallow to set for 30 minutes.

Dip your circle cookie cutter into the sugar mixture and cut out as many circles from the marshmallows as you can fit. Using a pastry brush, dust the sugar mixture off the marshmallows and set them to the side.

Melt your chocolate according to the directions on the packaging.

Drizzle the tops of the marshmallow circles with the chocolate. Sprinkle the crushed candy cane over the top of the chocolate. Allow the chocolate to set for 20 minutes. Break the chocolate from the sides of the marshmallows.

Place a marshmallow into your favorite cup of hot chocolate and enjoy!



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# MINI CHOCOLATE THUMBPRINT COOKIES



Total Time: 40 minutes

These mini chocolate thumbprint cookies are adorable and easy to make. And mini means you can eat more, right? I think so. | pinchofyum.com

Ingredients

2 sticks + 2 tablespoons of butter, softened

3/4 cup sugar
1/3 cup cocoa powder
2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking

soda

1 teaspoon baking powder

3 tablespoons cocoa powder

1 heaping cup powdered sugar

2–3 tablespoons hot water

1 teaspoon vanilla holiday sprinkles

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350. Cream the butter and the sugar until smooth. Add the 1/3 cup cocoa powder and mix until incorporated.

In a separate bowl, combine the flour, salt, baking soda, and baking powder. Add to the butter mixture and mix until just combined. Roll into small balls and make an indent with your thumb in the center of the ball. Bake for 7-9 minutes or until dry looking and lightly cracked on the surface but still very soft. I left mine a little bit underdone so they were softer and fudgier, almost like a brownie.

When they come out of the oven, press the centers down again to make a more defined well for the frosting. Allow to cool.

Whisk the cocoa powder, powdered sugar, hot water, and vanilla. Spoon the frosting into the centers of the cookies and add sprinkles. Allow frosting to set before storing in tins.



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## **CUTE CHRISTMAS APPETIZERS**

If you are looking for cute Christmas appetizers, these adorable little Christmas trees are perfect. Quick and easy to make with simple ingredients.

Prep Time 20 minutes mins

Total Time 20 minutes mins

Servings 12 trees Equipment Toothpicks

Small star shapped cookie cutters

Ingredients

8 ounces wheat bread

6 slices colby jack cheese 1/4" thick

28 slices summer sausage 1/4" thick

6 cherry tomatoes halved 12 leaves butter lettuce

#### Instructions

Cut six slices of colby cheese and 12 slices of summer sausage, each about ¼ inch thick.

Use star shaped cookie cutters to cut out 24 stars out of your bread slices – 12 large, 12 medium sized. Make sure to press down firmly to get a nicely cut edge for each star shape.

Next, cut 36 stars from the cheese slices – 12 large, 12 medium and 12 small.

Cut 36 stars from the summer sausage slices – 12 large, 12 medium and 12 small.

Slice the cherry tomatoes in half and dab the cut side on a paper towel to soak up the excess juice from the tomatoes.

Cut 12 stars out of the butter lettuce. Alternatively you can tear 12 small pieces of lettuce if you don't want to mess with using the cookie cutter for this part.

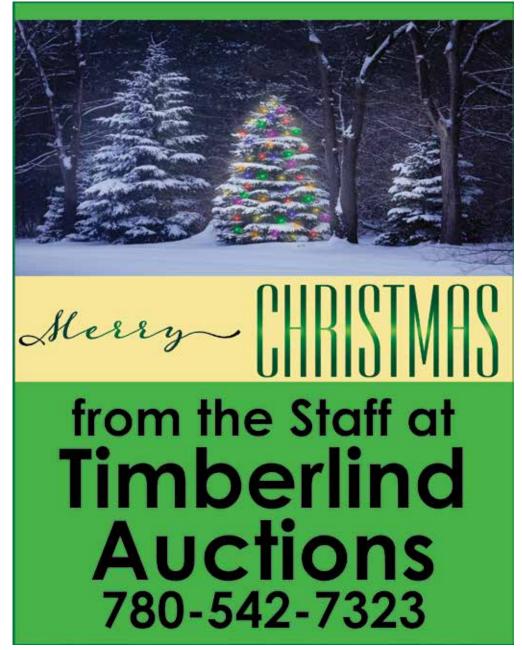
Place all of the star shaped cut outs into the refrigerator for about 10 minutes before assembly as the ingredients tend to get warm and wilted while they are sitting on the counter.

Assemble the appetizers by placing the cher-

ry tomato cut side down and inserting a toothpick into the center. Carefully layer all the ingredients horizontally on the toothpick in this order: Large sausage star, large cheese star, large bread star, large lettuce, medium sausage star, medium cheese star, medium bread star, then top the toothpick with the smallest cheese star verti-

cally. Make sure to carefully place each of the pieces on the toothpick to avoid tearing and lightly stack each layer, taking care to not compress the layers.

Arrange the finished appetizers on a serving tray and if you have additional star cutouts of any of the ingredients, decorate your plate with them for a festive look!



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## **EGGNOG SNICKERDOODLES**

Classic snickerdoodle cookies with a holiday twist--the flavors of eggnog and nutmeg!

Prep Time 10 minutes Cook Time 10 minutes Total Time 20 minutes Ingredients

1 cup butter, softened 21/3 cups sugar, divided 1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla or rum extract

1 cup eggnog 4 1/2 cups flour 1 teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon cream of tartar

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 de-

1/2 teaspoon ground nut-

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and 2 cups

sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg and vanilla.

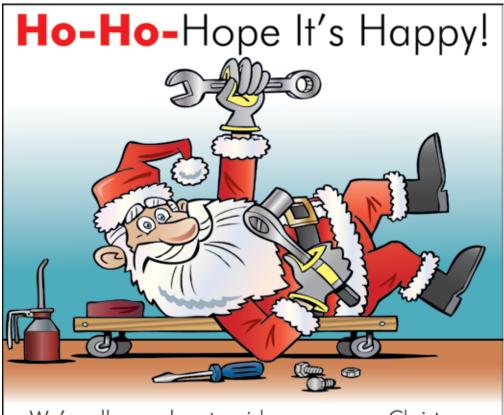
In a large bowl, sift together the flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt.

Add the flour mixture to the creamed mixture, alternately with the eggnog. The dough will be thick and slightly sticky.

Mix together 1/3 cup sugar and 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg in a small bowl.

Shape the dough into rounded tablespoons; roll in sugar and nutmeg mixture. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets and bake for 8-10 minutes, or until cookies are just set and starting to crack.

## NO BAKE CHRISTMAS WREATH COOKIES



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Prep Time 45 minutes mins Total Time 55 minutes mins Ingredients

1 package Keebler Fudge Striped Cookies other brands will work fine

3 12 ounce packages of different color candy melts red, green and white

Instructions

Start by lining a baking sheet with parchment paper. Set this aside and have your toppings out and ready to assemble. Make 8 bows out of the licorice strands.

In a small microwave safe bowl, add 1 ½ cups of one color candy melt. Heat the candy melts according to the package, stir them together and make sure the melts are smooth.

Grab a fudge striped cookie and drop the cookie top side down into the melted candy melts. Using a fork, flip the cookie over in the chocolate so the whole cookie is covered with chocolate. Pick the cookie up out of the chocolate with a fork and let the excess chocolate drip off the cookie. Make sure the top of the cookie is smooth.

Place the cookie on the parchment lined baking tray and decorate the cookie while the chocolate is still warm. Scroll further up in the recipe to see how to decorate each specific design, with photos. Repeat steps 1-3 for each color of candy melts you use. When you're finished decorating, let the cookies sit and cool completely so the candy melts harden. You can put the cookies in the fridge for 10 minutes if you need them to cool faster. Serve and enjoy!

## **AMAZING MALTESERS CAKE**

Ingredients

200g (1 cup, firmly packed) brown sugar

185ml (3/4 cup) milk 125g butter, chopped 115g (3/4 cup) self-raising flour

75g (1/2 cup) plain flour 50g (1/2 cup) cocoa powder

3 eggs, lightly whisked 185g butter, extra, at room temperature

345g (2 1/4 cups) icing sugar mixture

95g (3/4 cup) malted milk powder

1 tbsp milk, extra 465g Maltesers

Ganache

300g dark cooking chocolate, finely chopped

125ml (1/2 cup) thick-ened cream

30g butter Method Steps

Step 1

Preheat oven to 160C. Grease a 20cm round cake pan with butter. Line base and side with baking paper. Step 2

Place the brown sugar, milk and butter in a microwave-safe bowl. Cook in microwave on high, stirring every minute, for 4-5 minutes or until the butter melts and the mixture is smooth.

Step 3

Use a balloon whisk to whisk the combined flour and cocoa powder into the butter mixture. Whisk in the egg. Pour into the prepared pan. Bake for 55 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Set aside in the pan for 5 minutes to cool before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Step 4

To make the ganache, place the chocolate, cream and butter in a micro-

wave-safe bowl. Cook in microwave on high, stirring every minute, for 2-3 minutes or until the chocolate melts and the mixture is smooth.

Step 5

Use an electric beater to beat the extra butter in a bowl until pale and creamy. Beat in the icing sugar, malted milk powder and extra milk until fluffy. Beat in 11/2

tablespoons ganache.

Step 6

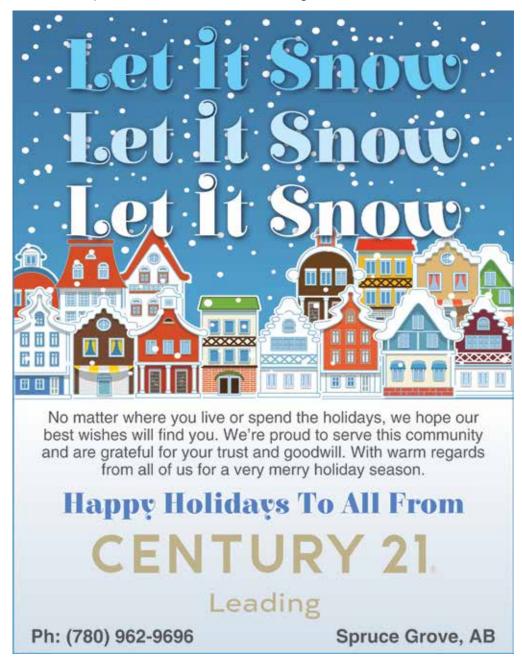
Set the remaining ganache aside for 1 hour 30 minutes or until thick, glossy and spreadable.

Step 7

Meanwhile, use a large serrated knife to cut the cake horizontally into four layers. Place the cake base on a platter. Spread with one-third of the icing. Continue layering with the remaining cake and icing, finishing with cake. Cover and place in the fridge for 1 hour 30 minutes to chill.

Step 8

Spread the ganache evenly over the top and side of the cake. Decorate with Maltesers



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## **CHEWY PEANUT BUTTER BROWNIES**



These delicious brownies have triple the peanut butter flavor. They use extra crunch peanut butter, peanuts and Reese's peanut butter morsels for a rich, decadent taste your family will love. Terrific for summer holiday fun, backyard barbecues, potlucks or tailgat-

ing parties.
Prep Time 15 minutes mins

Cook Time 40 minutes mins
Total Time 55 minutes mins

Equipment 1 9x13" glass baking dish

1 large mixing bowl

1 wooden spoon 1 electric mixer measuring cups measuring spoons 1 spatula

Ingredients

2 1/2 cups UN-BLEACHED all-purpose flour bleached flour toughens baked goods 1 tsp. baking powder 1/2 tsp. salt

13/4 cups light brown sugar packed

1 cup unsalted butter softened, (2 sticks)

1/2 cup extra crunchy peanut butter

2 large eggs

1 tbsp. vanilla extract

11 oz. pkg. Reese's peanut butter morsels divided use

1 cup peanut halves divided use

Instructions

Mix butter, brown sugar, baking powder, salt, eggs, peanut butter and vanilla with an electric mixer until smooth and creamy.

Add flour, 1 cup pea-

nut butter chips and ¾ cup peanuts.

Stir with a wooden spoon to combine.

Spray a 9x13" glass baking dish with cooking spray.

Spread mixture into prepared baking dish.

Sprinkle remaining peanut butter morsels and peanut halves on top.

Bake at 350° for 30-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool before cutting into bars.





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## **CHRISTMAS TREE COOKIES**

These Christmas Tree Cookies are a fun and festive meringue cookie that are light as air and melt in your mouth! A super cute Christmas cookie perfect for your holiday party!

Prep Time 10 minutes minutes

Cook Time 2 hours hours

Resting Time in Oven 2 hours hours

Total Time 2 hours hours 10 minutes minutes

#### Ingredients

4 egg whites at room temp

1 Cup granulated sug-

pinch cream of tartar 1/8 tsp almond extract green gel food coloring

> multi color sprinkles star sprinkles frosting of your choice

#### Instructions

Heat oven to 200 degrees. Place egg whites, sugar, and cream of tartar in a bowl of your stand mixer. Place bowl over boiling water on the stove. Whisk vigorously until sugar dissolved and there are no more sugar granules visible. Remove from heat and whisk in extract.

Using the whisk attachment on stand mixer, mix on medium high until egg whites become bright white but still runny. Add in food coloring to the color you want and continue to beat to form

stiff peaks.

Place mixture into piping bag with large star tip. Pipe cookies onto baking sheet lined with parchment paper or silicone mat. Make cookies about 1 inch in width, 2 inches high and place 1 inch apart on baking sheet. Sprinkle with the multi color sprinkles.

Cook for 2 hours. After 2 hours, turn off oven, open door slightly and let sit in oven an additional 2 hours.

Place the star sprinkles on top with a tiny dab of frosting. Serve and enjoy!





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## **CHRISTMAS WHITE CHOCOLATE-DIPPED SUGAR WAFERS**

Looking for a fun and easy Christmas treat to make for your holiday festivities? Give these Christmas White Chocolate-Dipped Sugar Wafers a try! They're an easy, adorable, kid-friendly, crowd-pleasing festive treat that can even be made last minute if need be. Adored by both kids and grown-ups alike, a platter of these beauties will disappear in a flash.

prep time: 20M cook white non-pareils) time: total time: 20 M ingredients:

2 (8 oz. or 9 oz.) packages sugar wafer cookies

1 (1 lb.) package white candy melts or 1 (24 oz.) package white bark coating

1 T. shortening

Assorted red, green, & white sprinkles (I especially love the combination of red and green confetti sprinkles with

instructions:

Melt candy melts or bark coating and shortening together in the microwave per package directions (typically in 30 second intervals, stirring in between).

Dip 3/4 of a sugar wafer cookie in the candy coating, letting excess coating drip off back into the container. Immediately sprinkle with sprinkles, as desired.

Place on wax paper and let stand for coating to set up.

Repeat with remaining sugar wafers.

Store in an airtight container for up to two weeks.

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#### Hall Rentals

Beach Agliplex, Alberta Susan 780924-3545

Beach & District Alberta 50+ Seniors Club. conditioning! Space Available! Val: 780-690-1655 or Dianne: 780-217-8482

Anselmo Community Hall, Phone 780-786-4280

Bright Bank Hall, 780-968-6813

Cherhill Legion, Mary 780-785-3578.

Cherhill Community Assoc. Hall, Kevin 780-785-8153

Darwell Centennial Hall. 780-892-3099

Darwell Seniors, Phone Debra 780-785-2907

Goose Lake Hall, Contact Deanna (780) 584-3738

Gunn Hall (G.A.R.S.) 780-951-9452

Hathersage Community Centre, Noreen at 786-2946

Lake Isle Community Hall, PH: 780-892-3121 or Email: lakeislehall@mail.com

Magnolia Hall, 727-2015

Manley Goodwill Community Hall, 780-920-3217

Mayerthorpe Diamond Centre, Charlotte at 786-

Mayerthorpe Legion, 786-2470.

Onoway Community Hall, 967-4749.

Onoway Heritage Center -

Gym/Classrooms, 967-1015

Onoway Legion, 587-785-3080

Park Court Community Hall, 727-4476

Parkland Village Community Centre. 780-298-9155 **PVCCentre** 

Pioneer Cantre, Spruce Grove 780-962-5020 or email.

Community Ravine Hall, Dawna @ 325-2460

Rich Valley Community Hall, 967-5710 or 967-3696

Rosenthal Community Hall, 963-7984

Sandy Beach Rec Hall, 967-2873

Sangudo Community Hall, 780-785-3221 or 780-785-2259

Stettin Nakumun Comm. Hall, 967-9198

#### Dog Caretaker

**Alberta** Beach Surrounding Areas, thinking of Seasonal Getaway? Worried about leaving your dog in a kennel? Don't worry anymore, you can leave your pet with me! There is a wrap around deck and courtyard! I will provide tender loving care, with walks every day. Best of all, I'm cheaper than a kennel! Daily drop in's or overnight stays welcome. If interested call 780-920-4166

#### For Rent

Completely renovated Motel in Onoway, AB. offering daily, weekly or monthly rentals. All utilities included, 55 inch tv with Satellite. Double beds, furnished bachelors full kitchen furnished 1 bedrooms with full kitchen available. Starting at \$1050 + tax. Please call for viewing, 780-967-4420 www. onowayinnandsuites.com

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Free Computer Check Ups, Repairs only \$25. 780-916-5613 (10)

## MMUNITY EVEN

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 25 characters or less (including spaces). DEADLINE: 12 noon Friday prior to publication (Thursdays on long weekends).

#### **FARMERS MARKETS**

ALBERTA BEACH: Sundays, 11:30 - 3pm. Contact Hali 780-666-1604 \*May -September

BARRHEAD: Saturdays, 10AM-1PM at Barrhead Agrena. Sherry 780-674-6802 \*May - Dec.

EVANSBURG FARMERS MARKET: Every Saturday 10am - 2pm located right beside Evansburg Tipple Museum 780-505-0905

ONOWAY: Thursdays, 5-8PM at Onoway Community Hall. 780-667-6327 or onowayfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Starts May 1st.

SPRUCE GROVE: at the Elevator, Sat 10:00-1:00PM, Info (780)288-6174 \*April

- Dec.
STONY PLAIN: Saturdays, 9AM-1PM,
Community Centre Downtown, Stony
Plain. Nancy 780-962-3993. \*April - Dec.
WHITECOURT: Tuesdays 11AM-2PM,
Whitecourt Legion Hall, 779-7002. \*May
- Oct.

#### **BINGO**

RICH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL BINGO: on December 6 & 20 at. 7:30 PM STONY PLAIN SENIOR'S DROP-IN CENTRE, public bingo every Tues, 7 PM. All ages welcome. Phone (780) 963-

WHITECOURT SENIORS CIRCLE. Every Tuesday. Open @ 5pm, 1<sup>st</sup> call @ 6:45pm, Nevadas, Concession. 780-778-4950 **\*Sept - June** 

#### **MEAT DRAWS**

ALBERTA BEACH: Lac Ste Anne Community Choir & Museum Meat Draw/Prizes - Every Sundays, 3:00PM at Jungle's Bar & Grill.

BARRHEAD ROYAL CANADIAN

COLOR FIGURE - GOODM

Jungle's Bar & Grill.

BARRHEAD ROYAL CANADIAN

LEGION: Fridays 6:00PM. Queen Of
Hearts draw \$50/\$0.

C.A.N. COMMUNITIES OF ALBERTA

NETWORKING FOR SENIORS, Spruce
Grove At Pioneer Center. first market
March 25 1 - 5:30pm

DARWELL MARKET & MEAT DRAW

4th Sat of the month. till 4:30 ( year round) All is welcome Lisa @ 780-233-

ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION:

Fridays, Ph. 780-967-5361
STONY PLAIN ROYAL CANADIAN
LEGION BR# 256: Saturdays @ 3:00PM-5:00 PMMeat Draw & 50/50.

5:00 PMeat Draw & 50/50.

MAYERTHORPE ROYAL CANADIAN
LEGION: June -Fridays from 4 - 8 pm
Pub Night//Meat Draw & 50/50

WHITECOURT LEGION: Saturdays

3:00pm. Located downtown behind the CIBC.

#### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

ONOWAY: LSAC Div 1 & 2, East of Hwy 43. Hazel Bourke: 780.967.2338 or bhbourke@icloud.com

WEST END: Sangudo, Mayerthorpe & west end of LSAC. Jill: 780.785.2924 or Donna: 780.785.3118 or email: westendmow@outlook.com

#### **JAMBOREES**

CARVEL: 2nd Sunday of month. \$6 lunch served. Info 780-991-3001

SANGUDO: Sangudo Community Hall Jamborees are on hold until further notice 780-785-405. SPRUCE GROYE: at Sandhills

Community Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 1-5pm. Info Florence 780-962-3104 Margaret 780-962-3051 \*September - June.

Edmonton Northwest Senior's Center: 12963 - 120st NW, Every Wed From 1-3:30pm Aug & Sept Admin: \$5 non members \$2 members Yearly membership \$30

membersnip \$30 **STONY PLAIN:** Stony Plain Seniors Drop In Center, 5018 - 51 Ave. Every 1st & 3st Thurs of month, 6:30 pm, \$2. **WHITECOURT SENIORS CIRCLE:** 2nd Sunday of the month 1-5 pm, \$5/Adm Door prizes & 50/50 draw. 780-778-4950 \*Nov - June

#### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

SANGUDO: Tues 5pm at Golden Club Church. Toni (780)786-4612 STONY PLAIN: Thurs evening at 5:30 PM, Stony Plain Library. Susan (780)

SPRUCE GROVE: Mon at 4:30pm at Anglican Church, 131 Church Road. Betty (780)962-3857

SPRUCE GROVE: Tues at 6:15pm at at Anglican Church, 131 Church Road. Sharron (780)962-2722

Sharron (780)962-2722 SPRUCE GROVE: Wed at 8:45am at Anglican Church, 131 Church Road. Christiane (780)960-1109 WILDWOOD: Thurs at 10am at Wildwood Hall, Bea (780)727-2129

#### YOUR COMMUNITY

MAYERTHORPE LEGION BR. #126: Seniors' Floor Curling – Thurs @ 1PM. Fun Darts – Thurs @ 7PM. Wings Night – Every Wed 5-8PM. Steak & Fish Night – 1<sup>th</sup> Friday of month 5-8PM. Everyone welcome. For more info please call 780-

ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION: Open Tuesdays 7PM to 10PM for "Games" (pool, shuffleboard, darts, cards, etc.) Fridays 3PM-10PM. Fridays Family Friendly Dinner, 5:30PM (open to

the public). **PROBLEMS WITH DRUG OR ALCOHOL** ADDICTION in a loved one? Contact Drug Rehab Resource free confidential consultation. 1-866-649-1594 or www.

SPRUCE GROVE ELEVATOR TOURS, Tues-Sat, 9:00-3:00PM. Info 960-4600. UNITED CHURCH THRIFT SHOP: North end Curling Rink, Onoway. Open Fri & Sat. 10AM-2PM

FREE TUTORING FOR ADULTS: Need help with reading, writing, math, English language (ESL) or basic digital skills? Free 1-on-1 and small group tutoring! Odette Lloyd 780-220-6460.

calp@norquest.ca
WATER SAMPLE DROP OFF: Tues
Onoway Aspen Health Services. Drop
off 1:00-2:30PM.

#### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT ACTIVE **50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES:** Mon 7PM Darts; Tues 7:30PM Crib; Wed 1PM Bridge. Thurs 7:30PM Euchre; Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30AM Aerobics/Fitness. Everyone

BADMINTON: Wed, 7-10PM, Barrhead High School Gym. Jamie (780)674-8974 or (780)674-6974.

or (780)674-6974.

COME PLAY CRIB: Fridays, 7:00PM at Darwell Seniors Hall; lite lunch is served. All ages!

All ages!

COUNTRY QUILTERS in Stony Plain house a "Sew in Tuesday", 2nd Tuesday of every month, from 10-3pm. Drop in \$5/member, \$6/non-members. Contact Cindy 780-963-7170.

Darwell Public Skating 7-days weel 8am - 8pm. more details on Darwellag. com or Faceboook

SCRAPBOOKING Wed 4–6PM.

JR. SCRAPBOOKING Wed 4-6PM. Pre-register by Tues evg. Mayerthorpe Public Library www.mayerthorpelibrary. ab.ca (780)786-2404 "ME, YOU, & EVERYBODY" Fun new local program for people of all ages with disabilities. Thursdays @ Alberta Beach Agliplex from 10:00-11:00Am starting May. Funded Lac Ste Anne FCSS. ONOWAY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL GUILD: Every Wed, 9-4pm at Onoway Colden Club Onoway Museum. 967-4485

ONOWAY GOLDEN CLUB: Cards Tuesdays, 1PM. 5023 49 Ave. 780-967-

ONOWAY HAVE FUN & GET FIT! Excercise Class with Video La Blast. Fridays 10:30AM at the Drop in Centre, 5023-49 Ave. PH: 780-967-2056.

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PANCAKE/BREAKFAST SOCIAL: 3rd
Sunday 9:00-11:30AM, Parkland Village
Community Centre. \*except June, July,

RIVER TALKERS TOAST MASTERS CLUB, Thursdays, 7-9pm. 32 Whitecourt Ave. Hilltop Community Church. Info

Ave. Hilltop Community Church. Hillop Community Church. Hillop Cardina 286-5040.

SANGUDO ART CLUB meets every Thursday morning at 9AM at the Sangudo Community School. New members welcome. For further information call Brenda at 780-785-2602

2402.

SPIRITUAL LIVING INSPERATIONAL DISCUSSIONS at PERC Building (5413-51 St). 2nd Friday of month at 7PM. Popcorn provided, donations appreciated. Contact 780-940-3032 SPIRITUAL LIVING STONY PLAIN GATHERING at PERC Building (5413-51 ST) STILLING STONY PLAIN GATHERING at PERC Building (5413-51 ST) STILLING STONY PLAIN GATHERING at PERC Building (5413-51 ST) Reditation 10AM, inspirational sharing 10:30AM. PH 780-940-3032

THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE

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WHITECOURT SENIORS CIRCLE DROP
IN CRIB 1st & 3rd Sundays 1:00pm, 780-

WRITERS PROGRAM: Mayerthorpe Library, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 1PM.

#### **MEETINGS**

IST ONOWAY SCOUTS: Registration, Mondays 6:30-8PM. Beavers 5-7; Cubs 8-11; Scouts 12-14. Kim 967-4339.

2716 ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS, Wednesdays 6:30-9:00PM at Mayerthorpe Legion. Youths 12-18yrs, Call 780-515-1842

299 ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS CORPS MACKENZIE: Stony Plair Comm Center, Wed 6:30PM. Youths 12-18. 963-0843

3053 (LAC STE ANNE) ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADET CORPS, Onoway Historical Centre, Wed. 6:45PM.

Onloway Heritage Centre contact 3053army@cadets.gc.ca 526 BARRHEAD AIR CADETS, Wed 630-9309m, High School. Ages 12-18. 780-305-7233

755 PARKLAND AIR CADETS Thurs, 6:30-9:30PM Muir Lake School, ages 12-18. Info call 405-6585 or www.755aircadets.com.

www.755aircadets.com.

A - MAYERTHORPE, Community
Service Bldg 4909-49Ave, Thurs 8PM.
(780) 648-3903 or (780) 779-0155

A - SANGUDO GOLDEN CLUB, Tues
8PM call 786-4402/785-9214/785-3599

A - WHITECOURT, united church side
door, Mon, Wed, Fri 8pm call 780-286-5144

AL-ANON Wednesdays, 8PM. Spruce Grove United Church, 1A Fieldstone Dr. 780-962-5205

Hope and Help for Family and Friends, New Al-Anon meeting in Spruce Grove Wed @ 11am. 1A Fireldstone Dr Church

ALBERTA 55 PLUS: Villenvue Hall at 10AM. Meetings on 2nd Tues of month. Info: Donna 780-962-5933

ALBERTA BEACH & DIST LIONS CLUB meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Tues 7:00PM, Alberta

ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of month, 7:00pm, Alberta Beach Agliplex. ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM meets on

the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed, 7:00PM at Heritage House 924-3167.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: The Journey of Hope Group, Mondays 8PM, Colden Club 5023-49Ave
BARRHEAD & AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: 4th Thurs. 6:30-8:00PM at Barrhead United Church.
BARRHEAD ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, meeting every 2nd Thurs, 7PM at the Legion Hall.
CHERHILL COMMUNITY ASSOC.
Monthly Meeting 1th Wednesday, 8PM at the Hall. 785-2825 \*Except Jan, July, Aua. Sept.

Aug, Sept.
CHERHILL SILVER & GOLD SENIORS
CLUB Regular Meetings 1st Tuesday
of month, Cherhill Seniors Hall. Call Rosamy 780-785-2625

CHERISHED MEMORIES, PARENTS & TOTS Wed & Fri, 10-12PM, Alberta Beach Agliplex. Info call 780-902-4879 or 780-

999-7622. \*Sept-June.
DARWELL & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY
MEETINGS, 7:00PM, 1\* Monday, Darwell
DDRA MEETING, 7:00PM, 2\*\* Mon,
Darwell Centennial Hall 780-892-3099.
\*except Jul/Aug/Dec
GriefShare: Experience the many
benefits of a grief support group.
Previous participants share, "the
discussion time was encouraging and
supportive", and "this gives me a sense
of hope; that I am not going through
this alone". GriefShare is held Tuesdays
6:30pm - 8:30 pm, starting Sept 19 at
Crossroads Community Church, 4:419
4:4 Ave, Mayerthorpe. \$35 for 12 sessions.
Pre-register by calling 780-786-2695.
Girl Guides Embers, Guides and
Pathfinders Saturdays 2-4pm Onoway
Heritage Center On-line Registration
www.girlguides.ca
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monthly at 7:30PM at the hall. Info W.

Jager (780) 786-4648.

KINETTE CLUB OF MAYERTHORPE,

7:30PM at Kinsmen Hall, 1st Tuesofmonth.

Contact: mayerthorpekinettes@gmail.

com, Tracy. 780-786-0161.

LAC STE ANNE ARMY CAPETE.

LAC STE ANNE ARMY CADETS, Thurs, 6:30-9:30PM at Onoway Museum (780) 967-0443

LAC STE ANNE COMMUNITY CHOIR, LAC STE ANNE COMMUNITY CHOIR, Wednesdays 7PM at the Heritage Centre in Alberta Beach (50+ Club behind the hotel). Further info, call Sandra @ 780-966-5678

LAC STE. ANNE & LAKE ISLE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY:
3rd Fri, 7PM, Alberta Beach Council Chambers.

LAKE ISLE HALL COMMUNITY HALL BOARD MEETINGS: 3rd Wed of each month @ 7:30PM at the Lake Isle Hall (Hwy 633 and RR55) Ph#780-892-3121 (Hwy 633 and RR55) Ph # 780-892-3121
MAYERTHORPE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY **ASSOC,** every 4<sup>th</sup> Mon, 5PM in Hospital Basement Education Room.

MAYERTHORPE LEGION BR. #126: Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon of month at 7:30PM. For more info please call 780-786-2470. MEN FOR SOBRIETY: Wednesdays at 7:30PM, FCSS Building (#105, 505 Queen Street, Spruce Grove). Mike (780) 965-

9991.

MS SOCIETY PARKLAND COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? Last Tues of month, 7-9PM, Westview Health Centre. Cassy 780-471-3034 \*Sept-June NA MEETING, Tuesdays 7:00PM Poplar Valley Church (780)514-6011

ONOWAY & DIST HERITAGE SOCIETY: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month, 7:00PM, Onoway Legion

ONOWAY & DISTRICT QUILT GUILD: ONOWAY & DISTRICT QUILT GUILD: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 10AM-4PM, @ the Lac Ste. Anne Chateau Activity Room. Info, Ph Lyla @ 780-967-2629. ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION General Meetings, 1<sup>st</sup> Mon, 7PM. \*Sept-

June
RICH VALLEY AG SOCIETY BOARD
MEETINGS: at the Agriplex on the 2<sup>nd</sup>
Wed of the month. 7:00pm.
RIVER TALKERS TOASTMASTERS
CLUB Build confidence, speaking, leadership & listening skills. Thursdays
7-9PM at Eagle River Casino. Call
Melinda Tarcan, (780)778-1180.
SANGUD PAINTING GROUP:
Every Thurs, 9AM-12PM at Sangudo
Community School. Info, call 780-7852112.

SUNDOWNERS TOASTMASTER CLUB: Mon (excl. Holidays) 7:30-9:30PM. St. Matthew's Church, Spruce Grove. Judy

WESTLOCK & AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. 6:30-8:00PM at Westlock Library. WHIST DRIVE, MEADOWVIEW MĚADOWVIEW COMMUINTY CENTER, 1st & 3rd Thursday of Month @ 7pm \$5 Admission

# SUDOKU - of the week

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets **ANSWER:** 

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

to solve the puzzle!

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# Church Directory



Church Sunday School 10:00am

Worship Service

Catholic Parish of Lac Ste. Anne

> Sunday 10:00am



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Stony Plain Worship Service 10am (780) 963-3131



Worship Service Sunday 10:30a.m. Children's Church 10:30a.m.

**Baptist Church** 

4606-54 St. Mayerthorpe (780) 786-2677



Alberta Beach Alliance Church Sunday Worship

Service & Kid's Church 11:00nm.

10:00s.m. (780) 924-3282



St. John's Anglican Church

Onoway Sunday Service

> Everyone Welcome



Church Alberta Beach

Sunday Service 11:00<sub>s.m.</sub> Sunday School



Sunday Service 10:00s.m. Sunday School

Serving Alberta Beach, Wabamun, Darwell & Lake Isle, Onoway & Are (780) 924-3351



#### Cherhill Community Church

Sunday School 10:00am. - 11:00am.

Worship Service Sunday 11:00nm



Church Sunday Services 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 2:00p.m.

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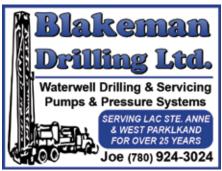


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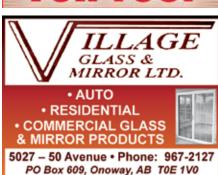


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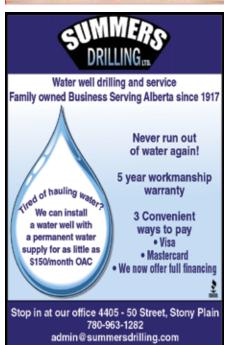




















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