An outdoor Christmas party? Why not!

If your group loves spending time outdoors, why not organize an outdoor Christmas party this year? It's an ideal way to create a memorable event, provided you plan it carefully. Here's a quick overview.

- Lighting. It gets dark early in winter, so use lighting to create a magical atmosphere and keep everyone safe. String lights, lanterns, spotlights and headlamps—more is always better!
- Activities. Plan a friendly hockey game, a walk in the woods, a snowman-making contest or an ice-skating session. If your neighbourhood al-





lows, turn your yard into a dance floor.

- Food. Serve comforting and delicious dishes.
 Options like barbecued food, homemade soup, hot chocolate and mulled wine will surely please your guests.
- **Warmth.** Keep your guests warm by providing blankets, a patio heater, an outdoor fireplace or hand warmers.

Above all, always have a backup plan. A heated basement or garage can save the day if Mother Nature decides to spoil the party.

7 gift wrapping tips



A gift doesn't have to be wrapped perfectly to make the recipient happy. However, a neat presentation always adds a little something extra. Here are a few tips.

- 1. Wrapping paper. Select high-quality wrapping paper that won't tear easily. Cut it to the right size to prevent unnecessary creases and waste.
- 2. Gift bag. Gift bags are a smart, time-saving option. Plus, they come in various styles and sizes. Keep in mind that the heavier the gift, the stronger the bag needs to be.
- Box. If your gift has an irregular shape, place it in a box. It makes wrapping much easier and less frustrating.
- 4. Tissue paper. Use tissue paper to wrap delicate or precious items, or when filling a gift bag. For an elegant look, avoid crumpling the tissue paper.
- **5. Tape.** Use just enough tape to secure the wrapping. Too much tape can make the gift difficult to open and ruin its appearance.
- 6. Ribbons and bows. Ribbons and bows, especially in satin or metallic finishes, can give your present a festive look. Curl the ribbons with scissors for a pretty effect.
- Decorations. Add a personal touch with decorations like bells, flowers, feathers, candy canes or pinecones. A few well-picked items can make your gift stand out.

If you're short on time, consider reaching out to a community organization that provides affordable gift-wrapping services. Supporting their efforts is a win-win.

Inviting someone to join you for Christmas dinner is a wonderful gesture!

There are many reasons why someone might find themselves alone on December 24 and 25. If you have a colleague, neighbour or friend who has no plans for these days, open your heart and your home by inviting them to celebrate with you.

The person may hesitate, fearing they'll be a nuisance or feel out of place at a family gathering. Tell them you understand their feelings, but that you would be delighted to have them join you. Remind them that the more, the merrier, and that you're sure they would do the same for you.

Before extending the invitation, be sure to consult

your partner and other family members. Chances are they'll empathize with your guest and welcome them with open arms.

Here's a tip: get your guest involved in the party planning by asking them to bring a vegetable tray or board game. When they arrive, introduce them to your loved ones. Are you expecting a large group? To help your guest feel more comfortable, focus on connecting them with the people they're most likely to get along with.

This year, open your doors and create a warm and welcoming Christmas celebration!



Rent a chalet with your family for a cozy holiday season!

Want to celebrate Christmas in a new way this year? How about spending quality time with your family in an enchanting setting? A rented chalet offers a unique opportunity to create unforgettable memories.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES?

Cottages are often located in beautiful, quiet wooded areas away from the hectic pace of city life, making them ideal for "cocooning." The snow-covered landscapes add to the magical atmosphere of the festive season.

Sharing the cost of meals, drinks and activities is another great benefit. If you're handling Christmas Eve dinner, other family members can be responsible for things like brunch or the various beverages, from morning coffee to evening champagne. You can also split accommodation costs equally among family members. It's up to you to decide what works best for you.

CRITERIA TO CONSIDER

Depending on your group size and desired level of comfort, here are some important criteria to keep in mind.

- Is the chalet fully equipped with dishware, appliances and bedding?
- Is it close to services or tourist attractions,



like a grocery store, ski slopes or walking trails?

- Are pets allowed?
- Does it have a game room, spa or fireplace?

These criteria will certainly influence the total rental cost. Explore websites that specialize in cottage rentals to find the perfect place.











Think local this festive season!

Support local this holiday season: find gifts for loved ones... and boost the economy!

In an age dominated by fast ECONOMIC GROWTH fashion and online retailers, everyday goods and commodities come from foreign markets that often prioritize low prices over quality. This holiday season is the perfect opportunity for you to support local businesses. Spoil your loved ones while promoting local production and craftsmanship.

HIGH-QUALITY GOODS

When you buy local, you can be confident you're getting premium products. From delicious treats and traditional dishes to fine clothing, pottery and unique alcoholic beverages, many local items are crafted with exceptional ingredients or sustainable materials. This commitment to quality sets local goods apart from mass-produced alternatives.

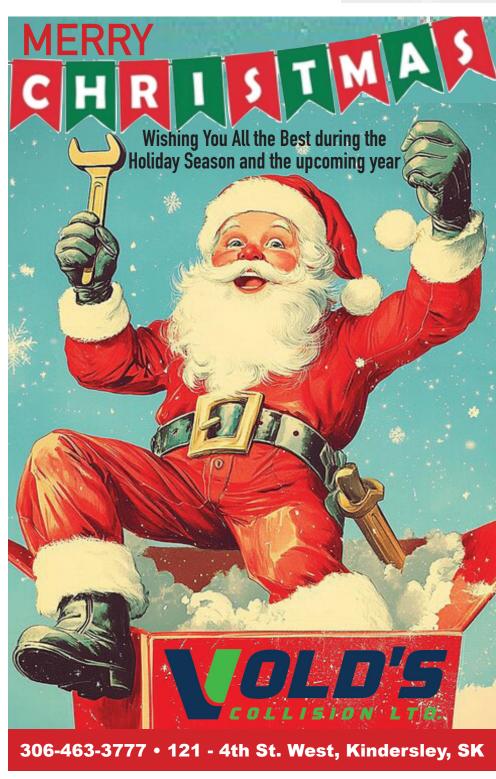
Shopping at local businesses benefits everyone. Your purchases boost the income of entrepreneurs, who often reinvest a portion of their earnings back into the community by sourcing from local suppliers and expanding their offerings. This cycle keeps the economy thriving and enhances regional independence.

UNIQUE GIFTS

Each local clothing designer, distiller or artisan brings their own style and values to their creations. In addition to providing quality and economic benefits, local products are truly one of a kind. Every region features its own special products, reflecting the personalized character of local entrepreneurs.



In short, by gifting local products to family and friends or serving them during the holidays, you can add a unique twist to your festive traditions while also supporting your community. Grab your reusable bags, put on your hat and mittens and set out to discover the businesses in your area.





5 trendy accessories that will add personality to your 2025-26 holiday outfits

Christmas and New Year's Eve are coming fast! As you plan your holiday outfits for each get-together, are you looking for new ways to express your fashion-forward Draw inspiration from these five trendy accesso-

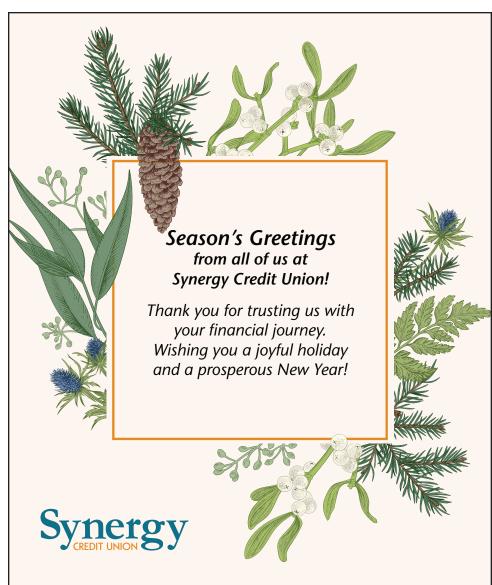


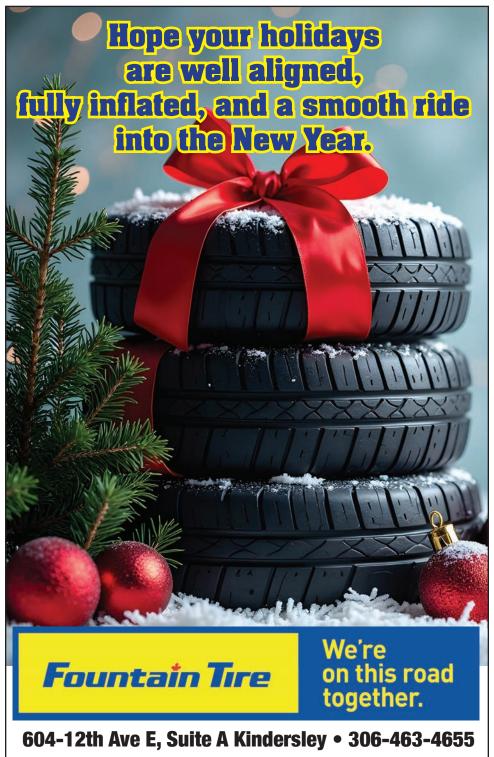
- 1. Raw metal rings. With their rough texture and deliberately imperfect finish, raw metal rings are gaining popularity. Chunky silver rings are especially in vogue!
- **2. Vintage brooches.** Add a touch of nostalgia to your holiday outfits with a brooch reminiscent of the pieces your grandmother used to wear. Whether you find one in an heirloom family jewellery box, at a thrift store or in an antique shop, a vintage brooch is sure to attract attention and earn you com-
- **3. Watches with coloured dials.** Watch faces in colours other than black or white are set to be THE trend in 2025. To dial up the WOW factor, choose a watch with a green, yellow, red, pink or purple face. These vibrant colours can transform a neutral outfit into something truly eye-catching.
- **4. Boat shoes.** Revisit the chic comfort of boat shoes, a timeless favourite making a strong comeback in 2025. These lace-up flats—some models have chunkier soles—are perfect for both men and women. Effortlessly pair them with your best outfit this festive season.
- **5. Waist chains.** Originally made popular in the 1990s, belly chains are making a comeback. They can be worn directly on the skin or over your clothing. Whether plain or embellished with charms, this subtle touch of hardware will add a stylish punch to any outfit.

Explore your local shops to find the perfect accessories to enhance your holiday looks this season.









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D'Arcy School students spread holiday cheer! Students from D'Arcy Elementary School perform Christmas carols for residents at Caleb Village in Kindersley on Dec. 16. The group later repeated the performance at Heritage Manor, entertaining seniors with enthusiastic, mostly unaccompanied singing. PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN







MUSEUM OF LIGHTS! The Kindersley and District Plains Museum once again brightened the season with its annual Museum of Lights celebration. Now in its seventh year, the popular holiday tradition features dazzling light displays and both drive-thru and walk-thru evenings each weekend leading up to Christmas. Visitors from across the region came to enjoy a festive atmosphere that combined community spirit, twinkling displays and family fun. Despite frigid temperatures, those who bundled up were still able to take it all in.

PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN AND KINDERSLEY MUSEUM

Men's fashion: what to wear for the holidays this year





Are you a man who stays on top of the latest fashion trends? Check out these 2025-2026 trends to create a stylish holiday outfit.

Say goodbye to loose-fitting suits with football-player shoulders and wide-leg pants. This year, the look is all about tailored, form-fitted elegance. Look for styles made with stretch fabrics that allow more ease of movement.

VERSATILE CARDIGAN

Worn over a T-shirt or dress shirt, a tidy buttoned or zipped cardigan instantly adds personality to any holiday outfit. Slip it on for the welcome cocktail and easily remove it when you hit the dance floor.

DARK MONOCHROME

Dark monochrome looks in black, navy and plum have made appearances in several prestigious fashion collections this season. For your Christmas or New Year's Eve parties, don't hesitate to add a bright accessory, such as a pocket square or tie, to create a pleasing contrast.

Channel your inner '70s rocker by choosing black leather pants. Choose either a slim or relaxed fit, depending on the vibe you want to achieve. For an updated look, pair them with a knitted turtleneck sweater.

Get inspired and find your festive looks by visiting the men's clothing stores in your area.



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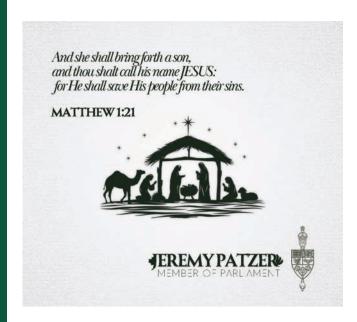


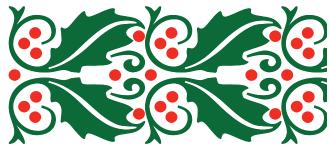
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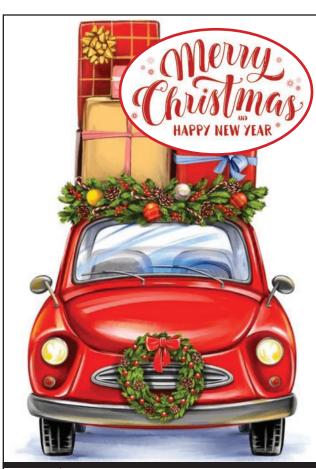
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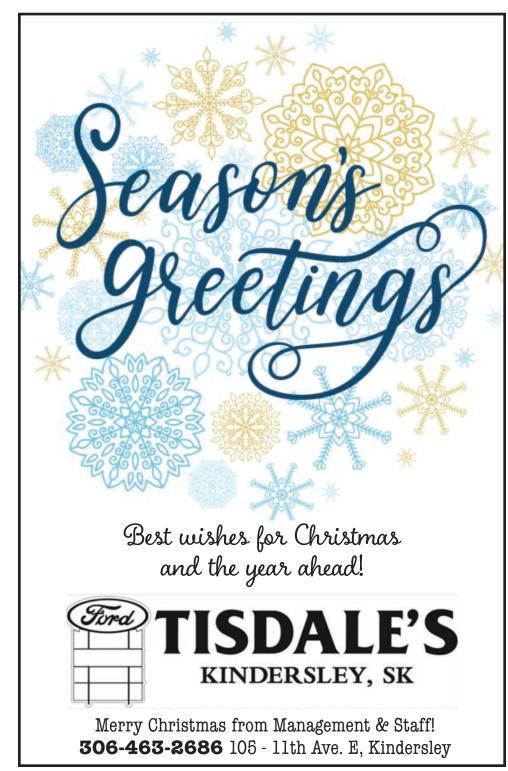














Festive cupcakes

Nothing says party like an enticing cupcake. This easy Christmas-themed recipe is sure to delight all your guests.

INGREDIENTS

Makes 12 cupcakes

- 1½ cups flour
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup icing sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract, divided
- 2 eggs, at room temperature
- ¾ cup milk
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 2 cups 35% heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup fresh cranberries
- · A few sprigs of fresh rosemary

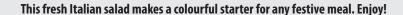
DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line 12 muffin cups with paper
- 2. In a bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and salt. Set
- 3. In another bowl, cream the butter and icing sugar together with an electric hand mixer until light and fluffy (about two to three minutes). Add the vanilla. Incorporate the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
- 4. Gradually add the dry ingredients and milk to the wet mixture, alternating between the two.
- 5. Pour the mixture into the 12 prepared muffin cups.
- 6. Bake for 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the centre of a muffin comes out clean. Let cool completely before decorating.
- 7. Meanwhile, pour the white sugar into the cream and beat with an electric hand mixer until stiff peaks form. Top the cupcakes with whipped cream, cranberries and rosemary, arranging the rosemary to resemble holly.





Cherry tomato and burrata salad



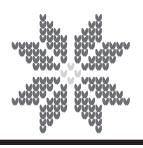
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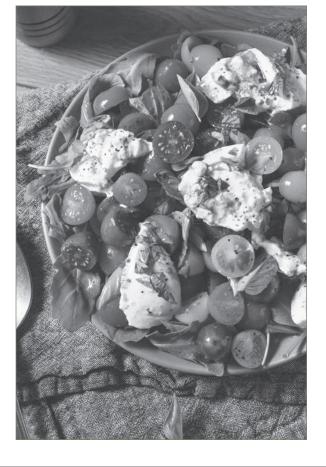
Servings: 4

- 4 cups arugula
- 2 cups assorted cherry tomatoes
- · 2 balls burrata cheese
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon balsamic glaze
- A few fresh basil leaves, chopped
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Wash and dry the arugula. Place it on a large serving plate.
- 2. Wash the cherry tomatoes, cut them in half and scatter them over
- 3. Drain the balls of burrata, then tear them roughly with your hands. Scatter the pieces over the salad.
- 4. Drizzle evenly with olive oil. Then, drizzle the balsamic glaze over the top. Sprinkle with chopped fresh basil. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately.













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He Is Called

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This Christmas season I have been reflecting on the familiar verse we see quoted from Isaiah 9:6,

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6 NIV)

Now I hear this verse read in Christmas services, I see it on ornaments for the Christmas Tree, carved on wood signs, stitched onto tea towels, even printed on coffee mugs. But what does it really mean? How is Jesus our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace?

Well, in the day of Isaiah, the nation Israel was in turmoil. The people had strayed from God, they were not walking in obedience to God's ways, they were worshiping other god's and trying to do things their own way. They had kings who were supposed to lead the people and show by example how to live their lives for God, but they were failing to do that. As a consequence of their actions God allowed a rival nation to come in and oppress them; to serve as a wakeup call! It's during this setting that we get this beautiful quotable verse from Isaiah, part of a prophecy he got about a child – a future king that would set things right.

Fast forward 7 to 8 hundred years and Jesus enters the scene. Israel is under a new oppressor (Rome), there are religious leaders that are stuck on rules & greed rather than seeing God's true heart, and people are expecting the Messiah to overthrow their oppressor and be these 4 different titles. I think they were focused on the might and power rather than peace. But Jesus delivers them in a different way, he does it by going to the cross and dying for all the sins of the world.

Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor

because he is fully man and fully God. Meaning that he offers divine, perfect, and awe-inspiring guidance, wisdom, and solutions for anything life throws at us, He understands our hearts and needs better than anyone because He knows all and has experienced it all.

- Jesus is our Mighty God because Scripture tells us that he was there at creation (John 1:1), has been given the authority to judge (Matthew 28:18), and he saves us (John 3:16). What Jesus did on the cross for all people for all of time shows his power, he was not just a wise teach-
- Jesus is our Everlasting Father because He embodies infinite, compassionate care, protection, and provision like a father should. And his care and protection for us is forever!
- And Jesus is our Prince of Peace because He brings lasting peace and wholeness (Shalom) between God and us, and eventually, He will bring harmony to all of creation, ending conflict and oppression for-

In Isaiah's day they were longing for a Messiah who could free them from their oppression. Time and time again, God would make a way and save his people if they turned from their wicked ways and worshiped him again. God always longs for us to return to him, he wants to deliver us, but he often starts with our hearts first rather than what's happening around us. We may not be living in days like Isaiah, but we are still living in a world where we need a great mighty deliverer to touch our hearts, to deliver us from the inside out. We need

So, this Christmas season when you see this verse from Isaiah 9:6, I pray that you would be reminded that you can turn to Jesus, the child born and given to us, the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of

The Christmas story comes alive

throughout the centuries, however along the way the symbolic meaning

of the circumstances surrounding Christ's birth have been forgotten. The revealing of this symbolism causes the Christmas story to

come alive once again. First century Jewish believers would have taken note of these meaningful details, yet it's very easy to overlook them today.

The story begins, "That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village guarding their flocks of sheep." (Luke 2:8). The only flocks kept near Bethlehem at that time of year were the Passover flocks. The shepherds were looking for lambs that were spotless, without blemish or broken bones that could be used for sacrifice. And it was the shepherds who were called upon to seek out and identify the newborn Lamb of God.

It was just an ordinary work day for the shepherds when suddenly an angel appeared and said, "I bring you good news of great joy for everyone! The Saviour, yes the Messiah, the Lord has been born tonight in Bethlehem, the City of David." (Luke 2: 10). The shepherds made their way into Bethlehem, not only to see a baby, but also identify the spotless human Lamb of God who would become the sacrifice for you and I.

The angel gave them further instructions saying, "And this is how you will recognize him. You will find a baby lying in a manger, wrapped snugly in strips of cloth." (Luke 2: 12).

The Christmas story has been told The manger held significant meaning for the shepherds who protected a newborn lamb by carefully placing it

> in a manger to prevent it from getting injured by the rest of the flock, because an injured lamb could not be used for a sacrifice. Jesus was born

in a manger.

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In those days people wore strips of cloth around their waist when they travelled. The cloth was used to wrap the bodies of anyone who died. Baby Jesus was wrapped in strips of cloth, signifying he was born to die just like a spotless lamb.

Jesus, the spotless lamb was without sin while living on this earth. Hebrews 4:15 says he was "tempted in every way, yet he did not sin", and 2 Corinthians 5:21 says "He who knew no sin was made to be sin for us". Jesus was the last Passover lamb to be offered.

As the years go by the story of Jesus' birth continues to be told, especially during this festive season. Your loving Father God carefully orchestrated every detail of the story, demonstrating His enormous love for each and everyone. He had only one purpose in mind "For He wants everyone to be saved and understand the truth. For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2: 4-5).

During this special time of year, Pastor Dana and Marge Bailey, along with the leadership team and congregation at Kindersley Christian Fellowship wish you all a very blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year in 2026.



Merry Christmas from Kindersley FoodMesh

Kindersley FoodMesh wants to wish everyone a very blessed and Merry Christmas season. The FoodMesh program is possible because of the regular donations of food from Save-On-Foods, as well as from Kindersley Co-op Food Store and Family Foods. So many contributions throughout the year have been received from our community and many others, whether it's donations of meat, garden produce, or financial contributions. Even the pets haven't been forgotten, as Pet Valu regularly donates pet food. And as the cold weather approached, the Cozy Up and Care campaign collected winter clothing, which was distributed at FoodMesh.

Special thanks to the volunteers who keep the wheels turning on a weekly basis so people in need of groceries can shop for free each and every week. Three times a week, volunteers head over to Save-On-Foods to pick up food that is approaching its best-before date. A typical pick-up would amount to 250 kg or more of food, which is delivered to the Kindersley



These are just a few of the volunteers who help out at Kindersley FoodMesh on a regular basis. Three days a week, Kindersley FoodMesh volunteers pick up, sort, and distribute food that has been received from Save-On-Foods, Kindersley Co-op, we do is needed and ap-

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Christian Fellowship kitchen, where it is sorted, packaged, and packed into boxes on days when afternoon deliveries are made.

In the evenings, more volunteers help out during distribution, which takes place on Monday, Wednes-

day, and Thursday evenings. Once again, food is sorted and arranged on counters so people can conveniently do their shopping. On average, 100 families pick up groceries in a week.

On Fridays, more volunteers pick up the food at Save-On-Foods and deliver it to Dawnview Apartments, where residents volunteer to sort and package the food for the residents. Food is also delivered to residents at Evergreen Apartments.

Kindersley Co-op generously donates dairy products approaching their best-before date. Each week, volunteers pick up an average of 12 cases of dairy from the Co-op Food Store.

Donations of food and monetary contributions are alwayswelcome. E-transfers can be made to bookkeeping@ kcfhope.com, directed specifically to FoodMesh.

And last but not least, thanks to all the clients who continue to show up regardless of weather, proving that the work we do is needed and appreciated in our community. Kindersley FoodMesh looks forward to another year of serving our community in 2026.



The green and yellow Kindersley Playschool classes enthusiastically entertained family and friends at their Christmas concert on Thursday evening, December 18th. Special guest — Sam Motier was a hit as he played his guitar and invited everyone to sing along. And of course, Santa was the guest of honour. PHOTOS BY JOAN JANZEN

Playschool kids spread Christmas cheer by singing loud for all to hear

BY JOAN JANZEN

The Kindersley Playschool kids did a great job of entertaining their parents, grandparents, families, teachers and friends at their Christmas concert on Thursday evening, December 18th. The green and yellow classes joined forces to sing 'Jingle Bells', giving their absolute best effort. At their young age, singing better means singing louder, and they did!

The green class sang 'The Funniest Face' and 'I Want to Be an Elf'. Next the yellow class were excited to perform 'Snowball' and 'Chubby Little Snowman'

There were a couple of special guests who came to the concert. Sam Motier was a hit with the audience as he brought his guitar and encouraged everyone to sing along. "We need to practice if we want it to be magical," he said to the kids, and one little girl promptly responded, "I already practiced!" Young and old had a great time singing along with Sam.

The final item on the program was the singing of 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' by both the green and yellow class. While they were singing, Santa snuck up behind them and caused a bit of excitement.

The kids finished off the evening by gathering around Santa, having a chat, checking out his beard and receiving their treats. A big shout out to the teachers for making it a special evening for everyone.









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Stampede Drilling Rig 22 was drilling a CO2 well between Drinkwater and Belle Plaine on Nov. 28. Entropy Inc. took over Whitecap's Regina carbon hub project, and is apparently drilling a second well in the Drinkwater area. PHOTO BY BRIAN ZINCHUK.

December Crown land sale brings in \$7.5 million

BY BRIAN ZINCHUK

The Government of Saskatchewan's latest Crown oil and natural gas public offering, held on December 2, 2025, attracted 89 bids for leases and exploration licences, and generated \$7,484,946 in revenue, almost half of which came from the Estevan area.

The bids covered 17,876 hectares in all four bid areas of the province – Estevan, Lloydminster, Kindersley and Swift Current.

The Estevan area brought in the most revenue, \$3,692,676, following bids for two exploration licences and 43 leases totalling 3,502 hectares. A total of 44 leases and five licenses were posted, so nearly every lease posted sold.

The average lease bonus per hectare was \$1,180, while the average licence came in at \$424 per hectare.

This area also saw the highest bid amount and the highest dollars-per-hectare bid on a parcel – made by Whitecap Resources Inc. The company offered \$1,047,041, or an average of \$8,111 per hectare, for a 129 hectare lease 14 kilometres southeast of Lampman.

Hummingbird Energy Inc. made the highest bid on an exploration licence. The company offered \$233,000.00 for a 321 hectare lease 28 kilometres east of Radville, also in southeast Saskatchewan.

In the Lloydminster area, 44 leases were posted with sales on 29 leases. That generated \$1,886,405, for an area covering 6,798 hectares. Scout Energy Ltd. made the highest bid in the area, \$777,861 for a 775 hectare parcel 15 kilometres southeast of St. Walburg.

The highest dollars per hectare received on a parcel in this area is \$1,206 per hectare, a total of \$235,018.

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The Swift Current area had six leases totalling 1,291 hectares which sold for \$947,849. The price per hectare

The highest bonus bid received on a lease in this area is \$357,622, an average of \$1388 per hectare. This 258 hectare lease was awarded to Barrel Oil Corp. and is located 7 kilometres southwest of Frontier, near the Rapdan South Shaunavon Oil Pool.

The highest dollars per hectare received on a lease in this area is \$1,433 per hectare, a total of \$185,000. This 129 hectare lease was awarded to Hummingbird Energy Inc. and is located 9.5 kilometres southwest of Frontier, near the Rapdan South Shaunavon Oil Pool.

The Kindersley area raised \$958,006 for eight leases sold (of 12 posted) and one licence sold. The eight leases totaled 1,880 hectares totalling \$780,329, or \$415 per hectare. The one license was for 4,406 hectares and went for \$177,677, or \$40 per hectare.

The highest bonus bid received on a parcel in this area is \$205,426, an average of \$791.10 per hectare. This 260 hectare lease was awarded to Millennium Land (222) Ltd. and is located 30 kilometres west of Luseland.

The highest dollars per hectare was received on four parcels in this area at \$791 per hectare. These four parcels were awarded to Millennium Land (444) Ltd. and Millennium Land (222) Ltd. The parcels are located 30 kilometres west of Luseland, near the Cactus Lake North McLaren Oil Pool.

This month's Crown oil and natural gas public offering was the fifth of the fiscal year, during which the province has raised \$60,246,955 in revenue. The sixth and final offering of the fiscal year is scheduled for February 3, 2026. It will feature 98 leases and two exploration licences covering 19,371 hectares.

Leases are offered with five-year terms and are issued to drill for and produce oil or natural gas. Exploration licences have terms of two to five years and are issued in less developed areas for exploration and production. Several factors affect public offering activity, including oil and gas prices, land availability, geological and technological constraints and various market conditions.

Lemon cannoli

Serve this elegant Sicilian dessert at Christmas or on New Year's Eve and get ready to be showered with compliments.

INGREDIENTS

Makes 12 cannoli

- 1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons cold butter, cut into small cubes
- 1 enn
- 3 tablespoons dry white wine
- Oil for frying (canola or peanut)
- 1½ cups ricotta cheese
- ½ cup icing sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- Zest of one lemon
- 1 cup mini chocolate chips (optional)

DIRECTIONS

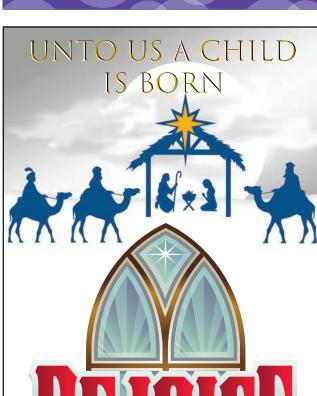
- In a bowl, combine the flour, white sugar, cinnamon and salt. Add the butter and rub together with your fingertips until the mixture resembles coarse sand. Stir in the egg and white wine. Then, form into a smooth dough.
- 2. Knead the dough lightly and wrap it in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 30 min.

 3. Poll out the dough to about two millimetres thick and cut into circles about
- 3. Roll out the dough to about two millimetres thick and cut into circles about 10 centimetres in diameter. Wrap each piece around a cannoli mould (or a metal tube), then seal with a little water.
- 4. Heat the oil in a large Dutch oven to 350 F and fry the shells for one to two minutes or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels and let cool before removing from the moulds.
- 5. Whisk the ricotta with the icing sugar, vanilla and lemon zest until smooth. Add mini chocolate chips, if desired. Refrigerate for 15 to 30 minutes to firm up the filling.
- Fill the shells just before serving using a piping bag. Sprinkle with icing sugar.









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INGREDIENTS

Servings: 4

- 4 slices of artisan bread, toasted
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 8 slices prosciutto
- One ball burrata cheese, cut into 4 portions
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce
- A few sprigs fresh thyme, leaves removed
- A few leaves fresh basil, chopped

There's nothing better than these tasty cheese crostini to whet your guests' appetites as they wait for the main course.

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Butter the slices of bread.
- Place two slices of prosciutto and a portion of burrata cheese on each slice of bread.
- 3. In a small bowl, combine the honey and hot sauce. Drizzle each crostino with this mixture. Sprinkle with thyme and fresh basil.
- 4. Serve on a pretty serving board decorated with fresh herbs.





REMEMBERING WHEN

Grandma's "practical" Christmas gifts

Christmas is always an exciting time for little kids, and growing up, we were certainly no different. The yuletide joy and anticipation in our family leading up to Christmas morning each December was palpable—it could be felt throughout the house.

When Christmas morning finally arrived, we kids could barely contain our excitement! But once everyone was up, Mom al-

ways insisted we eat breakfast together as a family before opening any gifts. On those mornings, we never ate so fast in all our lives!

With breakfast finally over, we'd



Remembering When By Keith Schell

rush into the living room to start opening presents. Of course, discovering what we got was always the most thrilling part of Christmas morning.

But there was always one gift we dreaded receiving every year, no matter how loving or well-meaning it might have been.

And that gift was the clothing item from Grandma.

It's not that we didn't love our grandma dearly—we absolutely did. But she had lived through the Depression, and the poverty and hardship of that time shaped her attitudes for the

rest of her life. Because of those hardscrabble years, every Christmas gift she ever gave her grandkids had to be "practical" and useful, rather than fun.

Grandma liked to knit, and her practical Christmas gifts to us grandkids were usually her own handmade woolen socks and mittens, usually made from the itchiest wool she could find! But sometimes, if she spotted a toque or sweater on a good sale in a store's clothing department, she'd pick up a bunch for her grandkids and stash them away for Christmas. The problem was, most of those items were usually on sale because no kid

would ever be caught dead wearing them! And most of the time, Grandma didn't realize how much we'd grown and often misjudged the size of whatever clothing item she gave us each year.

God knows we loved our grandma and she meant well, but the clothing items she gave us for Christmas each year were almost always too big, too small, too itchy, or too ugly!

After I opened Grandma's dreaded Christmas gift and saw what it was, Mom's practical side would kick in. She always said the same things to me every year:

If the gift was too big, she usually said, "You'll grow into it" (Rats!). If the gift was too small, she usually said, "Maybe your brothers can wear it" (a lucky break for me, but not so much for my little brothers). If the gift was too itchy, she usually said, "You can wear something underneath it, so it won't itch." And if the gift was too ugly, she usually said, "At least wear it around Grandma so you won't hurt her feelings."

Mercifully, the clothing gift I always got from Grandma was usually too small. But sometimes—horror of horrors—it actually fit! The trouble with that was, Mom might do the unthinkable and actually make you wear it to school! And if you wore something that uncool on the playground at recess, you risked getting beat up by the bigger kids—or at the very least, being severely razzed by your own friends.

So, you'd try your best to keep the uncool item out of sight on the play-ground under your jacket, and if you were lucky, you'd usually get by.

To avoid the embarrassment, some kids would "accidentally-on-purpose" try to lose the item on the playground.

But an eagle-eyed teacher who saw you wearing it at the start of recess would tell you to pick it up and bring it back with you to class. And if you were ever lucky enough to lose it forever, you might still be forced to reclaim it on "lost and found" day at the end of the school year—especially if it had your name tag sewed in the collar.

When my youngest brother got married and had kids, my little niece and nephew had no idea how lucky they were to have our mom as their grandma. She was a cool and enlightened grandma and usually gave her grandkids things they actually wanted for Christmas—rather than things she thought they needed.

Though always given with good intentions, Grandma's practical Christmas gifts were usually disappointing to us as kids. But that didn't mean we didn't love her dearly. When she knew we were coming to visit, she'd bake giant sugar cookies the size of pot lids just for us! She saved the Sunday colour funnies from the newspapers for us to read and did all kinds of other endearing "Grandma" things to show how much we meant to her.

And she always tucked a dollar or two into our birthday cards to help make up for her Christmas gifts—and that was a lot of money back then! So, all in all, we have very fond and happy memories of her being a pretty good Grandma, despite her dreaded but well-meaning Christmas gifts. I smile at the memory now.

To all the other kids out there—both past and present—who have had to endure their grandma's "practical" Christmas gifts over the years: have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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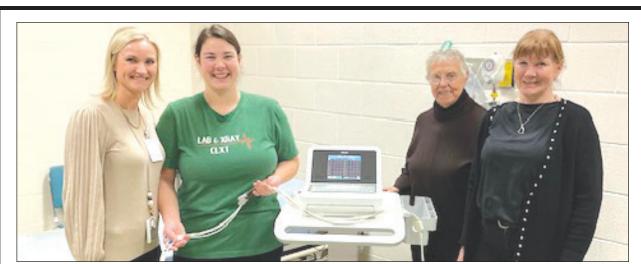
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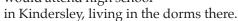
OBITUARIES

Calvin Richard Brewer

March 7, 1935 - December 17, 2025

Born March 7,1935 in Eston, Saskatchewan and passed away on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. He was the eldest of two sons born to Jack and Mabel Brewer.

Calvin attended Grade One at Montrose school before moving to Isham with his family. Later he would attend high school



During his life he worked for Construction Services for many years. Later Sam's Trucking and Uncle Dick's Trucking as well other various adventures. While in Glidden he met Rena Kucher. They

married December 2,1960, and together they had

Calvin was active in the Lion's Club for many years. He loved fishing and visiting with his coffee buddies.

He had been predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Rena in 2018, his parents John and Mabel Brewer, his father and mother-in-law Mike and Maggie Kucher, his only brother Ken, as well as his brothers-in-law Bill Kucher and Darryl Blick, and sisterin-law Louise Kucher.

He will be lovingly remembered by his three children: Michael (Judy), Martin (Christine), and Oren (Diane). His seven grandchildren: Cameron (Jenna), Leigh-Anne (Dean), David, Margaret, Barbara, Katherine, and Abby, as well as his two great-grandsons Seth, and Luka.



BY THE REV. PIOTR (PETER) STRZELECKI VDM

St. Paul's United Church

I knew a Roman-Catholic priest once, who had an interesting, if not peculiar, habit. Every year, he would spend most of the Boxing Day writing Christmas cards to his family and friends. Most of us would have all the cards written, licked and mailed long before. We would also have quite a few of those displayed on the mantelpiece (if you have one) or somehow stuck onto the refrigerator.

His explanation was that you wish people a Merry (or Happy) Christmas when it actually comes. After all, he used to say, while you may offer someone a belated birthday wishes, you will hardly do so couple for weeks, if not a month, ahead of time. All I could ever say in response was: 'well ... yeah ... but ... ughhhh ... it's tradition." Except ... it wasn't always so.

Until commercialisation, and impatience, took over our lives, Christmas season began on Christmas Eve (with Boxing Day in many cultures rightly called "the Second Day of Christmas"). Within a Christian context, a time preceding that was called Advent. A period of waiting, period of preparation, period of reflection on that mystery of faith that we relive every year – that God has chosen to be revealed to us in Jesus, in a king of a unique kingdom born in the barn. Christians would fast, do acts of penance, or engage in themed daily devotions.

Somewhere in the 16th century the Advent wreath began to appear, taking its final shape around 1839.

Then ... commerce, opportunity and greed came along. Playing on our ever growing lack of patience and need for instant gratification (just think of the very name "instant coffee" or microwave dinner). Now, if you are extremely unlucky, you can easily spot various Santas, three ornaments or house decorations by end of October. While we celebrate Christmas before Christmas, we cannot wait for Santa's presents either. Which is why we buy Advent calendars with a gift for every day ... chocolate, whisky, mini toys. If you can think it, you can probably buy it. I guess we think of it as something to ease the seemingly unbearable torment of that countdown.

So, what, or who, are we actually waiting for ... again. What faith tradition, which story with its theological interpretation, which custom and values are we revisiting and being reminded, on this annual basis.

Well, here is my take and suggestion this time round. We prepare ourselves for having our assump-



Rev. Piotr Strzelecki

tions, and hopes, challenged. Just like the people in Judea some 2000 years ago. It was time of imperial Roman domination. Religious authorities were largely "in bed" with the occupying authorities. Religion itself was cut-and-dry, blackand-white set of rules and precepts, with punishments clearly laid out. When people heard words like "king" or "kingdom" there thinking of, and hoping for, an army that would overthrow the rulers, that would set new order in place ...

where they would be the governing class.

The challenge to that vision comes in Jesus who advocated forgiveness, turning the other cheek and looking after the needy regardless of their status, or cultural and religious affiliation. And that challenge begins with the way that king appears amid our humanity. As a vulnerable baby, born in the filth of a barn. The news of his birth was heralded not in the halls of the mighty but at the pasture, to the shepherds. His conception, in the eyes of his contemporaries was also rather un-

The way we see God affects the way we see the realm of God's kingdom and kin-dom. The way we see the birth of Jesus affects our understanding of him and of his message. Jesus' contemporaries looked at him through the lens of their needs, frustrations and hopes. And they ended up disappointed. American theologian and ethicist, Stanley Hauerwas, said once that: "most American Christians don't know how to read the Bible well, and they don't know how to read the Bible well, because they're Americans before they're Christians." So how do we hear the Christmas story and message? Who are we first as a person receiving it? Are we Christians first? Canadians? Atheists? Persons of another faith? Does our political affiliation, or economic principles, affect our hearing and

In my opinion, if you we are not somehow feeling challenged in our perceptions, if we are not somehow feeling uncomfortable, then we are not reading and hearing that story well. The way it ought to be read and heard and understood.

So, for this time of Advent waiting, and for this upcoming season of Christmas, I hope for all of us, that we may hear in our hearts the voice of the angels proclaiming: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours" (Luke 2:14). And may this message take root, and may it inform our whole being. May we become God's agents



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SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS. Children present a Christmas song and retell the Nativity story during a Sunday morning service at Kinderslev Christian Fellowship. One young "lamb" was so enthusiastic her costume fleece slipped off and landed on the floor. PHOTO BY JOAN JANZEN.

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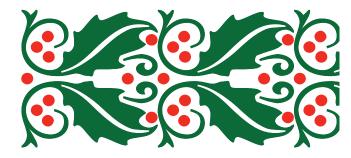


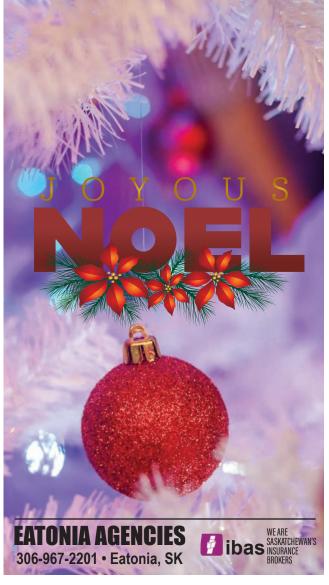
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For an eco-friendly Christmas, choose your decorations wisely

Holiday gatherings often produce a certain amount of waste, but you can still reduce your carbon footprint. At this time of year, consider decorating your home sustainably. Here are a few ideas to incorporate into your holiday decor.

USE OBJECTS FROM NATURE

Explore your local park or a nearby wooded area to find fallen pinecones and turn them into decorations like garlands or tree ornaments. You can also dry slices of citrus fruit and arrange them in a serving dish with cinnamon sticks to create a table centrepiece.

CHOOSE ITEMS MADE OF RECYCLED OR ORGANIC MATERIALS

In contrast to new items made of toxic or non-biodegradable materials, local artisans offer countless eco-friendly alternatives. For example, you can buy soy candles or ornaments made from fabric scraps. This choice benefits the planet while adding a unique touch to your holiday decorating.

CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

It's hard to imagine Christmas without a tree. The same question



always comes up: real or artificial? According to experts, a synthetic tree is a relatively eco-friendly choice, if you keep it for more than 20 years. A locally sourced real tree typically has a lower environmental impact than an artificial counterpart.

Visit your favourite local retailers to discover all the eco-friendly options available to you.

3 perfect appetizers to serve your guests during the holidays

Is it your turn to host family or friends for Christmas? Between decorating and curating the perfect playlist, don't overlook the importance of appetizers. Hors d'oeuvres are a true holiday essential. Want to impress your guests without complicating your life? Here are three suggestions that are perfect for the occasion.

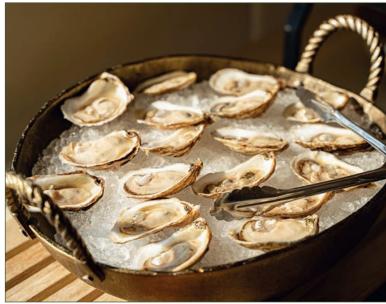
1. BACON-WRAPPED PEAR BITES

Slice some pears and place one or two sprigs of rosemary on each slice. Wrap each slice in bacon and bake at 400 F for 15 minutes. That's it!

2. AVOCADO CRISPS

In a bowl, combine diced cucumber and chopped dill. Add lemon zest and a pinch of salt. In another bowl, mash an avocado and mix in the juice of half a lemon with a dollop of Greek yogurt.

Take some tortilla chips, spread the avocado mixture on top and garnish with a spoonful of the cucumber mixture. For a



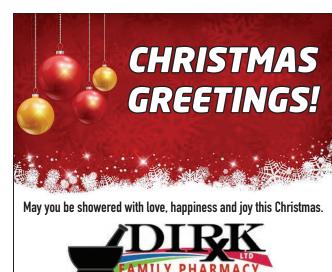
little extra flair, place a piece of smoked salmon or salted seaweed on top.

3. OYSTERS WITH A SPLASH

Oysters make a simple yet elegant appetizer to welcome your guests. Arrange the open shellfish on a bed of

coarse sea salt or crushed ice. Then, drizzle the oysters with a few drops of lemon juice. For an "adult" version, add a splash of vodka.

Stop by your local shops to pick up the freshest ingredients. Bon appetit!



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An outdoor Christmas party? Why not!

If your group loves spending time outdoors, why not organize an outdoor Christmas party this year? It's an ideal way to create a memorable event, provided you plan it carefully. Here's a quick overview.

- Lighting. It gets dark early in winter, so use lighting to create a magical atmosphere and keep everyone safe. String lights, lanterns, spotlights and headlamps—more is always better!
- Activities. Plan a friendly hockey game, a walk in the woods, a snowman-making contest or an ice-skating session. If your neighbourhood al-





lows, turn your yard into a dance floor.

- Food. Serve comforting and delicious dishes. Options like barbecued food, homemade soup, hot chocolate and mulled wine will surely please your guests.
- Warmth. Keep your guests warm by providing blankets, a patio heater, an outdoor fireplace or hand warmers.

Above all, always have a backup plan. A heated basement or garage can save the day if Mother Nature decides to spoil the party.

7 gift wrapping tips



A gift doesn't have to be wrapped perfectly to make the recipient happy. However, a neat presentation always adds a little something extra. Here are a few

- 1. Wrapping paper. Select high-quality wrapping paper that won't tear easily. Cut it to the right size to prevent unnecessary creases and waste.
- 2. Gift bag. Gift bags are a smart, time-saving option. Plus, they come in various styles and sizes. Keep in mind that the heavier the gift, the stronger the bag needs to be.
- 3. Box. If your gift has an irregular shape, place it in a box. It makes wrapping much easier and less frustrating.
- 4. Tissue paper. Use tissue paper to wrap delicate or precious items, or when filling a gift bag. For an elegant look, avoid crumpling the tissue
- 5. Tape. Use just enough tape to secure the wrapping. Too much tape can make the gift difficult to open and ruin its appearance.
- Ribbons and bows. Ribbons and bows, especially in satin or metallic finishes, can give your present a festive look. Curl the ribbons with scissors for a pretty effect.
- 7. Decorations. Add a personal touch with decorations like bells, flowers, feathers, candy canes or pinecones. A few well-picked items can make your gift stand out.

If you're short on time, consider reaching out to a community organization that provides affordable gift-wrapping services. Supporting their efforts is

Inviting someone to join you for Christmas dinner is a wonderful gesture!

There are many reasons why someone might find themselves alone on December 24 and 25. If you have a colleague, neighbour or friend who has no plans for these days, open your heart and your home by inviting them to celebrate with you.

The person may hesitate, fearing they'll be a nuisance or feel out of place at a family gathering. Tell them you understand their feelings, but that you would be delighted to have them join you. Remind them that the more, the merrier, and that you're sure they would do the same for you.

Before extending the invitation, be sure to consult

your partner and other family members. Chances are they'll empathize with your guest and welcome them with open arms.

Here's a tip: get your guest involved in the party planning by asking them to bring a vegetable tray or board game. When they arrive, introduce them to your loved ones. Are you expecting a large group? To help your guest feel more comfortable, focus on connecting them with the people they're most likely to get along with.

This year, open your doors and create a warm and welcoming Christmas celebration!



Rent a chalet with your family for a cozy holiday season!

Want to celebrate Christmas in a new way this year? How about spending quality time with your family in an enchanting setting? A rented chalet offers a unique opportunity to create unforgettable memories.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES?

Cottages are often located in beautiful, quiet wooded areas away from the hectic pace of city life, making them ideal for "cocooning." The snow-covered landscapes add to the magical atmosphere of the festive season.

Sharing the cost of meals, drinks and activities is another great benefit. If you're handling Christmas Eve dinner, other family members can be responsible for things like brunch or the various beverages, from morning coffee to evening champagne. You can also split accommodation costs equally among family members. It's up to you to decide what works best for you.

CRITERIA TO CONSIDER

Depending on your group size and desired level of comfort, here are some important criteria to keep in mind.

- Is the chalet fully equipped with dishware, appliances and bedding?
- Is it close to services or tourist attractions,



like a grocery store, ski slopes or walking trails?

- Are pets allowed?
- Does it have a game room, spa or fireplace?

These criteria will certainly influence the total rental cost. Explore websites that specialize in cottage rentals to find the perfect place.













ALSASK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

 Ukrainian New Year Celebration. Kaiser tournament at 1:00 PM. \$5/person entry. Cash prize. Supper served 5-9 PM featuring homemade perogies, sausage and veggies for \$25/plate or \$10 (under 10). Help support the Alsask Drop-Inn Centre (206 Main St). Contact Dave at 306-463-0169 for more

EATONIA

- Every Thursday from 11:30 AM -1:30 PM come to the Eatonia Library for puzzles, visiting and grab your books for the week!
- Check out our TOPS Chapter ... it's free to try! Every Wednesday. Weigh in: 5:45 PM. Meeting: 6:00 PM at Corcoran Place. Contact

Cora Knuttila 306-460-9047.

- The Lions Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month.
- The Rec Board meets the second Monday of each month 7:00 PM at the Town Office.
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ESTON

- Wheatland Centre Potluck Supper fourth Friday of each month 6:00 PM. \$5.00. Bring your own utensils. Coffee & tea provided.
- Wheatland Centre Bingo 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 7:00 PM. Regular Bingo plus Bonanza, 50/50 Draw. Must be 14 years of age. Call 306-962-7117 (ask for Linda) for more info.
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- Make sure to check the AGT Community Centre recreation calendar on eston.ca for ice
- Drop in Bowling Sundays 1:00-4:00 PM. \$5 bowling. No need to book, just drop in.

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