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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sounds of Christmas - MHC Girls Choir, Children's Choir and Jr. Children's Choir. Sunday, **Dec. 18**, 7:30 pm. Esplanade Main Theatre. Adults \$10.00, Children \$8.00

Taoist Tai Chi Society Taijiquan - beginner Tai Chi Classes start Jan. 1, Gas City Kiwanis Centre. Call April 504-5514.

The Volkssport Club of Medicine Hat (walking club) - Christmas Lite Walk, Thursday **Dec. 13** starting from 11 Rideau Cres. S.E. 10km guided walk. Start Time 7:00. More info: Sharon Petrick 526-7407 or Edna McKelvie 526-3153

Heights Baptist Church - presents "A family celebration of the birth of a King", Sunday, **December 16**, at 4pm A special presentation of Christmas music.

Ultimate Room Makeover presented by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Medicine Hat. Give the gift of an Ultimate Room Makeover value over \$5,000, incl. 2 nights stay at the Days Inn with a limo ride. Great stocking stuffer? Give the gift of Ultimate Room Makeover tickets! For tickets call 527-6640.

Holiday Train Arrival, Monday, Dec. 10. Train arrives at 4:45 pm just east of CPR station. Concert at 5:30 pm with guest artists: Wide Mouth Mason, Canadian pop sensation Melanie Doane and Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame Member Tracey Brown. Monetary and food donations gratefully received for the Medicine Hat and District Food Bank.

The After 5 of Medicine Hat invites you to "Naturally Beautiful Christmas" dinner on Tues. **Dec. 11**, 7pm Chinook Village Terrace Room. Call Renita 52-9319/Sheila 502-6999 to reserve.

Can you guess the original titles?

1. Move hither the entire assembly of those who are loyal in their belief.
2. Embellish interior passageways
3. Vertically challenged adolescent percussionist
4. First person singular experiencing an hallucinatory phenomenon of a natural celebration devoid of color
5. Soundless nocturnal period
6. Majestic triplet referred to in the first person plural
7. The yuletide occurrence preceding all others
8. Precious metal musical devices
9. Allow crystalline formations to descend
10. Commence auditory reception, the announcing cherubs vocalize
11. Its arrival occurred at twelve o'clock during a clement nocturnal period

- 1) O Come All Ye Faithful
- 2) Deck the Halls
- 3) The Little Drummer Boy
- 4) I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas
- 5) Silent Night
- 6) We Three Kings
- 7) The First Noel
- 8) Silver Bells
- 9) Let It Snow
- 10) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- 11) It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

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Crime Stoppers and the RCMP need your help in solving a Theft from vehicle that occurred between 1000pm September 19 and 0600am September 20, 2007 in SevenPersons. Suspect(s) broke out a window of a Ford Ranger Truck and took various hunting gear including a Bushnell range finder, binoculars, spotting scope and two digital cameras. Total value of items taken exceeds \$3,000.00. Please contact Crime Stoppers or the Redcliff RCMP if you have any information.



Oh Honey - you can have the debt!

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It has come to my attention that there are several occurrences wherein the separation occurs after which loans have been obtained. While the couple were married they applied for loans to fund furniture, vehicles, trips, etc. When the separation happens the debt is often left with the man to pay off. So not only does he lose his home, wife, and children, gets his wages humiliatingly garnisheed to pay for "his" children that he is often denied access to, in which he must endure unbearable emotional pain, lives in a low cost room to try to stay alive, or is married again and is struggling to feed his new family and to top all of this off - to add to the injustice - he is also responsible to pay the loans incurred before the separation. Many times the loans are refinanced and refinanced and refinanced in an effort to pay these debts. The system takes his money because maintenance comes first, causing great difficulty to survive, plus having these debt payments. Where is the equality in the separation? Yes single mothers need help, and the children must be cared for - but not at the expense of the lives of our fathers. Dead fathers don't pay maintenance or loan payments. Children need their fathers alive and not living in a hole. The system needs to be balanced as to be equally fair to the mother and the father. Separation will mean struggle for both sides - but it should not mean slavery. Fight for Canadian fathers - you just might save a child's father today.

S.A.F.E. Fathers Support Group Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursday, every month at 7:30 p.m. at Copy Works Design and Gifts, 554-3rd Street S.E.
A SAFE Handbook is in progress. Next Meeting: **Thurs, Dec. 20th at 7:30**

Monday, December 10

Alexandra School/Playground
Crestwood School/Playground
Crescent Heights High Sch/Plgrd
Connaught School/Playground

Tuesday, December 11

Mother Teresa School/Plgrd
Southview School/Playground
Medicine Hat High Sch/Plgrd
Southridge Park Playground

Wednesday, December 12

Cape School/Playground
River Heights School/Playground
Ross Glen Drive Playground
Medicine Hat Christian Sch/Plgrd

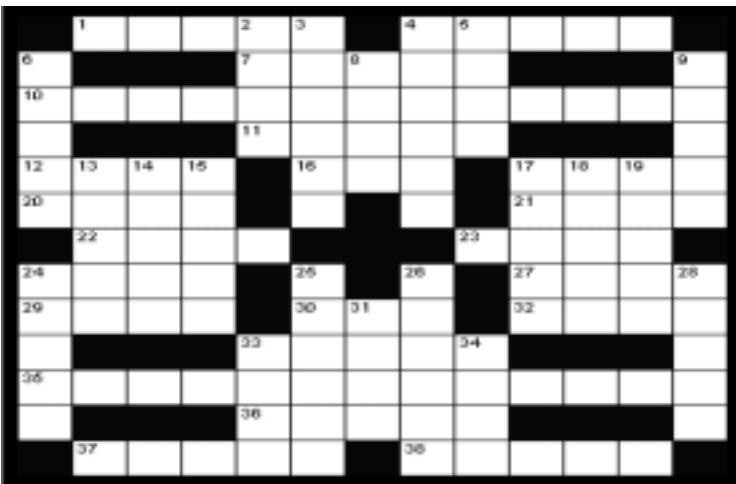
Thursday, December 13

Alexandra School/Playground
Robinson Drive Playground
Crescent Heights High Sch/Plgrd
Vista Drive S.E. Playground

Friday, December 14

Elm Street School/Playground
2nd Street S.E. Park/Playground
George Davison Sch/Plgrd
Notre Dame School/Playground

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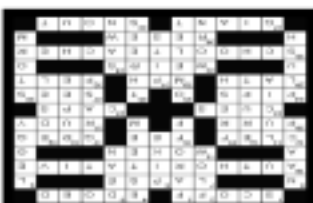
ACROSS

1. Deride
4. Having an edge
7. Pass into disuse
10. Official
11. Roused
12. Musical staff sign
16. Sum charged
17. Male name
20. Cat sound
21. Male name
22. Pool implements
23. Headwear
24. Seeds
27. Observes
29. Narrow strip of wood
30. Miles per hour
32. Skin
33. Waterfalls

DOWN

2. Move along in a stream
3. Distant (3-3)
4. Respect
5. Faculty head
6. Ethnic promotion body
8. Aggressive fish
9. Having long legs
13. Female name
14. Burst forth
15. Newly made
17. Seize
18. Monetary unit of India
19. Unsuccessful car

24. Luxuriant
25. Beaten egg dish
26. Trics
28. Tempest
31. Mines
33. Worned
34. Cut city



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Christmas Trees for the Birds

It is that time of year again, the time to go out and pick the perfect tree that will compliment your house this holiday season. While you are decorating with lights and tinsel, why not think about giving something to the little creatures that may grace your back yard. Give the trees in your yard a little love this Christmas and decorate them with a few edibles to help the birds make it through the long cold winter.

There are many things that you can decorate your outside trees with other than lights. If you can get your hands on some cranberries or grapes, string them up into small bunches and hang them on the trees. Not only will they give a bit of color to your yard, but the birds will enjoy coming to munch upon the goodies. Another classic is the ever popular popcorn; you can add a twist for the birds by rolling it in peanut butter mixed with bird seed. Blue jays are sure to stick around in your yard when they find the peanut butter popcorn mixture. You can also string peanuts in the shell to keep them around longer. Wool is good to use for stringing as it is colourful which tends to attract the birds, as well as making your tree a bit prettier.

Another popular option is to collect pinecones in the fall and save them. Make a mixture of peanut butter, suet, corn meal and bird seed. Then take the pine cones and roll them in the mixture. It may be a good idea to tie the yarn to them before this process so you don't get really messy. Once they have been rolled in the mixture hang them from your trees and watch the birds fly in for a snack.

For more information on these and other ideas to help the winged critters through the long winter feel free to call us at the Nature Centre in Police Point Park at 529-6225.

• Christmas Trivia •

- * 73 million new Christmas trees will be planted this year.
- * 2,000 Christmas trees are planted per acre.
- * Christmas trees remove dust and pollen from the air.
- * Recycled trees have been used to make sand and soil erosion barriers and been placed in ponds for fish shelter.
- * An acre of Christmas trees provides for the daily oxygen requirements of 18 people.
- * There are approx. 30-35 million Real Christmas Trees sold in the U.S. every year.

• Christmas Quiz •

QUESTIONS - 1) How many years does it take a tree to mature to Christmas tree size? **2)** Covered in paper roses, apples and candy, a 1605 diary records the first decorated Christmas Tree in? **3)** By the 1890's Christmas ornaments were arriving from which country? **4)** The early 20th century found Americans decorating their trees mostly with what? **5)** Can you name the popular Christmas song that was actually written for Thanksgiving? **6)** What year were electric Christmas tree lights first used? **7)** Good King Wenceslas was king of what country? **8)** What are fake trees made of? **9)** Are fake trees really fireproof?

ANSWERS: 1) 7-10 years 2) Strasbourg, France 3) Germany 4) Homemade ornaments 5) Jingle Bells 6) 1895 7) Bohemia 8) Metals and plastics 9) Overhead electrical outlets and faulty wires are the most common causes of holiday fires - real or artificial, trees will burn.

• Famous Birthdays •

- Dec. 10 Raven-Symone
Susan Dey
- Dec. 11 Rider Strong
Jarmaine Jackson
- Dec. 12 Bob Barker
Frank Sinatra
- Dec. 13 Amy Lee
Dick Van Dyke
- Dec. 14 Patty Duke
Spike Jones
- Dec. 15 Don Johnson
Tim Conway
- Dec. 16 Benjamin Bratt
Ludwig van Beethoven

Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree - in the eyes of children they are all 30 feet tall.

If there is no joyous way to give a festive gift, give love away.

Like snowflakes my Christmas memories gather and dance - each beautiful, unique and too soon gone.
...Deborah Whip

A Christmas candle is a lovely thing; it makes no noise at all, But softly gives itself away, while quit unselfish it grows small.
Eva K. Logue

Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is being wreathed in smiles.

WHERE IS IT? CONTEST:

Find the Xmas Tree hidden in one of the ads and enter to win a free Photo Art-Work Valued at \$165.00. Contest draws will be made at the end of each month (please allow 3-4 weeks for completion). Send your answer to 554-3rd Street S.E. or email donna@copynet.ca. or Fax 504-0041.
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