

The Some Times Newsletter

You're Invited to a Christmas Party

Friday December 22, 2023

Come One, Come All! Enjoy some holiday cheer and celebrate with us from 10am until ? We will have soft drinks, coffee, chips & dips, cheese, a few of those long Deli sandwiches from the Lil' Pantry Market, shrimp and all sorts of other stuff to eat. We're usually done by 2pm or (when the food is gone).

Take A New Approach To Gift-Giving This Season

The holiday season traditionally includes giving and receiving gifts. But you don't have to spend a lot of money to show how much you care. Here are some creative ideas for low-cost gifts you can make yourself:

► **Recipe book.** Collect some of your favorite family recipes. Put them together in a small book that **highlights your family tree.**

► **Photos.** One way to make a special photograph even more special: **Carefully cut a picture into four equal squares, then paste them onto four sheets of canvas or heavy paper. It creates a nifty effect for a four-piece picture that can hang on any wall.**

► **Personal gift cards.** Make your own "gift certificates" that the recipient can redeem for personal purposes: a day free of chores, a back or foot massage, or something similar.

► **Scrapbooks.** Another use for photos: Create your own

scrapbook around a family theme, a special place, a variety of activities, or anything else that has significance for your recipient.

► **Calendars.** Create a calendar using photos of family members—many photographic websites and print shops can help you do this. Or take standard calendar and highlight special days throughout the year: birthdays, anniversaries, important events, etc.

► **Music.** Burn a CD of the person's favorite songs. Or have a child sing his or her parents' favorite song and record it.



Holiday Parties: It's All Business

The office holiday party can be lots of fun, but it's never an excuse to get crazy. No matter what the occasion, remember that you're still attending a business function. Behave accordingly and follow these rules of office party etiquette:

Don't skip the party. You don't have to stick around from start to finish, but for appearance's sake, you should at least make an appearance at the festivities. Get there on time, mingle with co-workers and bosses, eat a bit of the food, thank the host, and then you can leave.

Mingle before you consume. Parties are meant to let co-workers socialize, not just eat and drink. So when you arrive at the party, circulate the room before you head for the bar or start stuffing yourself with food.

Thank your peers. Congratulate co-workers for jobs well done or thank them for helping you on projects. Let colleagues know that you enjoy working with them.

Don't get drunk. Over indulging can only lead to embarrassment or insult. Remember that you'll be back in the workplace with most of the partygoers soon, and drunken behavior could be hard to live down.

Be courteous to your date. If you bring your spouse, a client, or a date, make sure to introduce him or her to your boss and the people you work with, and include

**"I will honor Christmas in my heart,
and try to keep it all the year." -
Charles Dickens**

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Valid Through December 29, 2023

Dec. 16th, 1773 - Boston Tea Party

The Boston Tea Party was a political protest that occurred on December 16, 1773, at Griffin's Wharf in Boston. American colonists, frustrated and angry at Britain for imposing "taxation without representation," dumped 342 chests of tea imported by the British East India Company into the harbor. The event was the first major act of defiance to show Great Britain that Americans wouldn't take tyranny sitting down, and it served to rally American patriots across the 13 colonies to fight for independence.



Dec. 21st - Winter Solstice

The word solstice comes from the Latin "sol" (sun) and "sistere" (to stand still). The day of the winter solstice is the shortest day of the year, meaning the one in which we experience the least amount of daylight in 24 hours. In the Northern Hemisphere, as summer advances to winter, the point on the horizon where the Sun rises and sets advances southward each day.

The high point in the Sun's daily path across the sky, which occurs at noon, also moves southward each day. At the winter solstice, the Sun's path has reached its southernmost position. The next day, the path will advance northward. However, a few days before and after the winter solstice, the change is so slight that the Sun's path seems to stay the same, or stand still.

Weathering The Storm

According to the National Severe Storms Laboratory, approximately 70 percent of winter weather-related injuries occur in an automobile. Whether you are simply leaving the house to run an errand, visit family/friends, or making a short trip, the weather can turn unexpectedly.

Even if you don't live in a snowy/icy area, don't think this can't happen to you. There are many roads that can turn slick and icy without any notice.

The best course of action is always be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in your vehicle. That means to make sure you have the appropriate emergency items on hand along with food, water, flashlights, extra batteries, blankets, toilet paper etc. Before heading out on an extended trip, make sure to check the weather and road conditions. If poor conditions are expected, you may wish to consider postponing your trip.

Always fuel up and take frequent stops to stretch, relax and refill the tank. Should you become stuck and need to spend the night in your vehicle, the ample gas will allow you to start your car throughout the night and run the heat for short intervals.

If you are stuck and your vehicle is immobile, call for help first. Don't overexert yourself and don't leave your vehicle. Staying with the vehicle typically gives you a better chance of being found while also providing you the best shelter from the elements.

Before running your vehicle, make sure the exhaust pipe is free from snow. You should also roll down a window just enough to vent the car and prevent carbon monoxide buildup.

Run your vehicle for short 15-20 minute intervals, just enough to warm up. When you turn off the car, snuggle into a blanket, sleeping bag or body heat from others to stay warm. Keep yourself busy and alert. Eating snacks and reading a book will help keep your mind off things until help arrives.

Merry Christmas ! Season's Greetings!

During this holiday season, we send best wishes to you, whether you are celebrating according to your religion, family customs, or just for the magical fun of Santa and gift giving. We wish for joy, love, and peace, to you and your family.

However you observe the holidays, they bring joyful times. As greetings ring out through the halls and decorations bring color to every corner; a feeling of brotherhood surrounds us.

The spirit of Christmas also reflects our dedication to helping those in need, to giving hope to those in despair, and to spreading peace and understanding throughout our own country and the world. We are reminded again of all the men and women in our Armed Forces. We are grateful for their work and personal sacrifices in defending our freedom and keeping our homeland safe.

May the spirit of the holidays renew our commitment to harmony and working together for a future of success.

**To you and yours, from all of us here at
STAR, we say "Merry Christmas!"
"Season's Greetings!" and
"Happy New Year!"**



**"THE NEW TREES WERE TOO EXPENSIVE, BUT
I GOT A SWEET DEAL ON THIS USED ONE !"**

FREE 2024 Calendars Available

Pick up your FREE 2024 Calendar at STAR Automotive while they last.

Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm

Jolene's Corner

Chicken Mole

There are many legends surrounding the invention of mole. One alleges that a convent in Puebla created the dish in a panic from what few ingredients they had, due to the impending visit of an archbishop. It went down a treat served up with roasted turkey. Other tales suggest that several spices accidentally got mixed up, and this mole was born. A further story dates back to Mesoamerica, when Moctezuma served it to Cortes when he arrived in Mexico. Mistakenly think he was a god. Either way, the origins will likely remain a mystery, given that the worst written recipes for mole only came into existence after the War of Independence in 1810.

If you want the recipe for chicken mole, just stop in at Star Automotive and pick it up. It is three pages long and will not fit in the newsletter. This recipe is delicious.

15 Bizarre And Interesting Facts About Christmas

- 1) Early illustrations of St. Nicholas make him out to be a stern symbol of discipline rather than the jolly, overweight elf that children know today.
- 2) Christmas purchases account for 1/6 of all retail sales in the U.S annually.
- 3) All letters addressed to Santa in the United States go to Santa Claus, Indiana.
- 4) We frequently abbreviate Christmas as X-mas because of ancient tradition. X is the Greek letter "chi" which is an abbreviation for the word "Christ" in Greek.
- 5) An artificial Christmas tree would have to be reused for more than 20 years to be "greener" than buying a fresh-cut tree annually.
- 6) Telling scary ghost stories is an old Christmas Eve tradition that has died out in the past century.
- 7) Some zoos accept donated Christmas trees as food for their animals.
- 8) It is estimated that the song "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin is the best selling single in history with over 100 million copies sold.
- 9) Paul McCartney earns nearly half a million dollars every year from his Christmas song, which many critics regard as his worst song ever.
- 10) A large part of Sweden's population watches Donald Duck cartoons every Christmas Eve since 1960.
- 11) Many of the perpetually open Denny's restaurants were built without locks, which was problematic when they decided to close down for Christmas for the first time in 1988.
- 12) Nearly all of the most popular Christmas songs including 'Winter Wonderland', 'Chestnuts roasting...', and 'I'm Dreaming of a white Christmas' were written by Jewish people.
- 13) During the Christmas of 1914 (World War 1), a truce was held between Germany and the UK. They decorated their shelters, exchanged gifts across no man's land and played a game of football between themselves.
- 14) Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen is the only record to get the UK Christmas Singles Chart Number One twice, once in 1975 and again in 1991.
- 15) Japanese people traditionally eat at KFC for Christmas dinner, thanks to a successful marketing campaign 40 years ago. KFC is so popular that customers must place their Christmas orders 2 months in advance.

Thanks for the kind words!

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STAR Automotive is a giving tree location for CASA of Josephine County. Together we can bring hope, cheer and love to our children in our community that so desperately need it. Last year was a great success and we want to thank all that participated and gave your heart in supporting our communities CASA children. Lets make this year better than last year. ***If you choose to make a donation, STAR will take \$25.00 OFF of labor on any repair or maintenance from your bill. (Not to include oil changes, batteries or sublet).*** It is easy to donate. Just come down to the shop and pick a donation card that touches your heart. Donations need to be returned to the shop no later than December 16th or you can deliver them to CASA. To learn more about CASA please visit <https://jococasa.org>



"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. - Leo Buscaglia



Please Help a CASA Child!

- ★ Choose a Giving Tree Card
 - ★ Shop for a CASA Child
 - ★ Return the **new, unwrapped gift**, with the card attached by December 16th, or deliver to CASA (gifts that come in after December 16th will still be distributed!)
- Donations forms are available in the CASA Office or donate at www.jococasa.org

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