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*Wishing everyone a safe and fun holiday!! Cheers to a prosperous New Year!
Nicky, Andrew, Rayann, Bill, Aimee, Donna, Vickie, Connie, Chloe, Bob and Aubrey*

Service Times



CATHOLIC:

Paroisse St. Jude Parish – Bilingual Family Christmas Eve Mass December 24 at 5:00 p.m.; French Christmas Eve Mass at 7:00 p.m.; English Christmas Eve Mass at 9:00 p.m.; Bilingual Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.; Bilingual New Year's Day Mass January 1

Immaculate Conception, Massey - Christmas Eve Mass December 24 at 7:00 p.m.; Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at 12:00 midnight

St. Francis of Assisi, Walford - Christmas Service December 25 at 9:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence the Martyr, Webbwood - Christmas Mass December 25 at 11:00 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL:

Espanola Queensway Pentecostal - Christmas Eve Service December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Sagamok Pentecostal Church - Christmas Eve Service December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH:

United Church of Espanola - Christmas Eve Service December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Andrews, Massey - Christmas Eve Family Service December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

ANGLICAN:

St. James Anglican Church, Massey - Christmas Eve Service December 24 at 6:00 p.m.

St. George's Church, Espanola - Christmas Eve Service December 24 at 6:30 p.m.

BAPTIST:

Calvary Baptist Church - December 21 Candle Light Service at 6:30 p.m.

LUTHERAN:

Zion Lutheran Church, Massey - December 21 Christmas Communion at 11:00 a.m.; Christmas Eve Children's Pageant December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

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Christmas Dinners

Join Us For Free Christmas Dinner - At the Lighthouse across from the Royal Bank in Espanola on December 25 at 4:30 p.m. If you can join, please RSVP by calling 705-869-4415

Massey Free Christmas Dinner - Are you going to be alone for Christmas this year? Then come and join us for dinner. Dinner is served on December 25th at 4:00 p.m. at the Legion in Massey. Please Call Penny at 705-865-2467 or Shirley at 705-844-2511 to let us know by December 24th if you will be joining us. Everyone Welcome.



It began looking a lot like Christmas early this year. Panic set in, "are we going to have another winter like last year?!" Those words could be heard everywhere: coffee shops, grocery stores, and the corridors of the mall. After a less-than-impressive summer, weather-wise, northerners were already winter weary, except for the skiers and boarders, they had their fingers crossed.

No matter...it is now Christmastime. It's time to cozy up with our favourite holiday food and drinks. It's family time, tradition time, and reflection time. 2014 was certainly a busy year, with elections, rising hydro prices, falling gas prices (finally!), and losses of important community members.

Espanola hosted the first Boogie Rush Mud Run in support of Special Olympics. Massey and area hosted a Guinness Book of World Records attempt at the world's largest street hockey game. McKerrow unveiled its new soccer field with an inaugural tournament in honour of fallen hometown soldier Cpl. Glen Arnold. Many events made this past year memorable.

Speaking of memories, when I was growing up, my family had few Christmas traditions. The two I do remember, however, are that we ate my mother's homemade lasagna for Christmas Eve supper and that each of us kids were allowed to open one gift afterwards (then we'd spend the rest of the night begging for more!) Aside from those, things were pretty laid back, and we liked it that way. We may venture out to midnight mass and my sisters and I

would wind up our younger brother by pointing out red lights in the sky, telling him it was Rudolph and Santa was on his way, so he better get to bed. (There was no NORAD app back in the day.)

Christmas morning was the usual sea of wrapping paper and wishing Santa had remembered the batteries for all of the new devices we were chomping at the bit to try out. Nothing's ever perfect at holiday time, but the feelings make up for it.

Here's hoping that you are creating your own warm and fuzzy memories (sometimes the fuzzier, the better!) In all seriousness, we thank you for supporting the Around&About in 2014. We have undergone some transformations in the last year that have been very positive and it is an honour to have the support of our readership in continuing to serve the communities to which we are distributed. A large portion of the stories we print are provided to us from you, our on-scene "reporters." We will continue to welcome your contributions in the new year.

It is not only the printed version of the paper that has seen changes. Our Facebook page has grown by leaps and bounds also, and we now stream as much real-time community news as we can so that you get updates in your newsfeed on events or items of interest and importance to our area.

And now it's on to 2015! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours from all of us.

Chloe Kneer, editor

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Christmas Eve Traditions



It's nice to have family traditions at Christmas that everyone looks forward to every year and that can be passed down to the following generations in years to come. It adds special meaning to the holiday that your children will always fondly remember. Here are some ideas that you may want to adopt as your own.

- A brand new Christmas-themed book that gets magically dropped off at your house on Christmas Eve every year by a group of Santa's elves.
- A new pair of pajamas each year just before bed.
- On Christmas Eve, have your

children fill a small bag with a few gently used toys that they would like to donate. Leave the bag by the tree. Santa will pick up the bag and make sure that the toys are delivered to a local charity or family in need. Then a few new toys are left in the bag for your children to find Christmas morning. This encourages your children to think about others, but as a bonus, there is added space for the new toys.

- Make it your tradition to cook up a big pot of steamy, delicious soup, stew or chili on Christmas Eve every year.
- Take a plate of treats to someone working the night shift on Christmas Eve. Simply

pull up to a drive-thru window and pass the tired employees a Christmas treat.

- "The Christmas Pickle". On Christmas Eve, lay out a pickle ornament in front of the tree with milk and cookies for Santa. Then, Santa hides the pickle ornament on the tree. In the morning, the first person to find the pickle

ornament receives a special treat and is said to have good fortune in the coming year. (Pickle ornaments can be found at many stores as the tradition is becoming popular again)

- Sit around the tree with your family and read the Christmas Story before bed to remember the reason for the celebration.

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Get Creative With This Helpful Gift Guide

Many of us feel anxious when tasked with getting the "perfect" gift for those on our list, so here are some easy and inexpensive ideas to get you started:

For The Teacher

Instead of giving your child's teacher an apple or a "Number One Teacher Mug" try to choose a more personal gift. Items like a stylish picture frame, a holiday cookbook, or a gift card to a local restaurant are all great and easy gift ideas for teachers.

For The Pet Lover

Do you have a friend or neighbour who is obsessed

with their furry friend? Make them D.I.Y. dog treats to give to their pal. There are many recipes available online for you to try and they are typically inexpensive and easy to make.

For The Foodie

For friends who love to indulge and try new foods, give them the gift of chocolate. For example, President's Choice® black label collection has a new lineup of gourmet and artisan chocolates available right in time for the holiday season. Ranging from Maple Brown Sugar Caramels, Chocolate Covered Sea Salt Pistachios or Chocolate Covered Arabica

Espresso Beans your foodie friends will appreciate the rich high-quality milk chocolate made with cocoa butter.

For The Coffee Lover

Whether you're gifting a budding barista or a latte lover, coffee lovers will appreciate the latest and greatest coffee accessories. Things like a new specialty coffee grinder, or a compact French press. Pair these with a bag of their favourite coffee beans or a beautiful new mug for the perfect gift.

For The Host

Never show up to a party empty handed. While a bottle of wine or flowers will make do in a pinch, why not choose a more personalized gift for your hostess to show your appreciation for her hard work. Gift ideas like an engraved wine stopper, an attractive cheese platter, or an artisan vase are guaranteed to keep your name at the top of everyone's guest list.

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Christmas Morning Breakfast

HAM AND EGG BREAKFAST CUPS WITH HASH BROWNS

- 8 slices of deli ham
- 4 tbsps shredded cheddar cheese
- 3 green onions, finely chopped
- 8 eggs
- 1/8 tsp pepper

HASH BROWNS

- 1 pound Idaho potatoes
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Ham and Egg Cups:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Coat 8 muffin cups with cooking spray. Set aside. Position 1 slice of ham in each of the muffin cups, doubling each slice over to insure that there are no holes in the bottom of the ham "cups." Sprinkle 1/2 tablespoon of the cheese and about 1/2 tablespoon green onions in the bottom of each cup. Place one raw egg in each ham cup. Sprinkle each egg lightly with pepper. Bake about 15 minutes or to desired degree of doneness. Carefully remove the egg cups using the ham to lift onto serving plates.

Hash Browns:

Peel potatoes. Grate them using the coarse side of the grater and squeeze out water. Place grated potatoes in a small bowl and toss with green onions, salt and pepper. Heat 1/2 tablespoon vegetable oil in a nonstick 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat until very hot. Place potato mixture in pan and flatten to cover bottom with a spatula. Cook for 7 minutes or until deep, golden brown. Place a dinner plate over skillet and flip them both over, so browned side of hash browns is facing up. Place remaining oil in skillet and reduce heat to medium. Carefully slide hash browns back into skillet and cook for an additional 6 minutes, or until deep golden brown. Remove from pan and cut into wedges.

Merry Christmas

Wishes warm and bright to you and you and your loved ones at this joyous time of year. We appreciate your support and hope you'll drop by again soon!

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Recipes

It only takes 10 minutes to make this impressive treat. Make it as a Christmas treat for your friends, your neighbours or yourself.

Christmas Cookie Bark



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Thank you for visiting us this year.
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Christmas Cookie Bark

- 14 whole Oreos, broken up (there's Christmas ones if you can find them)
- 1 1/2 cups pretzels, broken (long skinny ones work great)
- 1 cup Christmas coloured M&M's
- 1 lb white chocolate or almond bark
- Christmas colored sprinkles

First, line a baking sheet with waxed paper. Mix on the sheet the Oreos, pretzels and 3/4 cup of the M&M's. Melt the chocolate or bark in a microwave safe bowl for 1 1/2 minutes (melt 30 seconds at a time to avoid burning), stir, and continue melting in microwave for 30 seconds at a time until melted and smooth. Drizzle over the candy mixture and top with extra M&M's and sprinkles. Allow to dry at room temperature or in the refrigerator until hardened. Break into chunks. Can be wrapped up in decorative bags and given as gifts.

Holiday Ribbon Plates

This is a fun and simple way to dress up a paper plate when you share your Holiday treats.

- Paper plates, any colour or size (you can use plastic plates, but they're harder to punch)
- Hole punch
- Ribbon, craft ribbon or curling ribbon
- Treats

Punch holes about every inch all the way around the edge of the plate. Then pick a spot to start and thread the ribbon through each hole. There are a few ways you can thread the ribbon. It can be up and down or around and around. Both look pretty. Once the ribbon has been through each hole, make sure both ends are even to tie it together in a bow. Now fill the plates with some of your favourite treats and they're ready for family and friends!



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All of us at the office would like to wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season.

Paul, Lee, Rob, Rolly, Bonnie, Mary Ellen, Alan, John, Paul, Angelene, & Debbie

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The holiday season is full of food, fun, friends, and family. It can also feel like a time of failure ... mostly due to over-indulgence. This Christmas and New Year, don't let your less-than-diligent holiday dietary habits ruin your party. Before you dress up to go out, take 20 minutes to do yourself and your body a favour by engaging in these simple 4 For The Core exercises:

- 1) Body weight squats – keeping your back as straight as you can and putting your weight on your heels, pretend to sit in a chair. When you've achieved a 90 degree angle, come back up and repeat. Do 10 reps and 3 sets.
- 2) Plank – get down on the floor on your belly. Extend your legs and come up on to

your toes, then either extend your arms as if to do a push up or bend your arms with your forearms flat on the floor. Push your whole body up from the floor, back flat, for 30 seconds to a minute, or longer if you are able.

3) Crunches or sit ups – either do these straight legged or with knees bent. Do 25-30 reps and 3 sets.

4) Push ups – arms a little more than shoulder-width apart, legs straight or on your knees, depending on your fitness level. Do 10-15 reps and 3 sets.

Doing just these four exercises before heading out the door will tighten you up and make you feel like a million bucks. Enjoy!



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Cookies for Santa Plate

- White plate (ceramic or oven ware)
- Sharpie markers

Wash the plate. Using a pencil draw out your design. It's easy to wipe off if you make a mistake. Go over your design with sharpie markers. If you do make a mistake while using the sharpie, you can use soap and water and scrub it off. Write the date on the back of the plate if you want to keep it as a keepsake from year to year. Once you are done your masterpiece, bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Plate will be hot to handle so be careful removing from the oven. Plate can be hand washed but do not scrub or put through the dishwasher.



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Drive Sober, Drive Safe This Holiday Season

The Ontario Provincial Police will be out in force during the 2014 holiday season to prevent unnecessary deaths and injuries by encouraging all motorists to drive responsibly. The Festive R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign will run until January 2, 2015.

While the number of irresponsible motorists who continue to drive while impaired by drugs and/or alcohol is small, the carnage and harm they can cause is impossible to calculate. The OPP is calling on everyone to never drive impaired and to discourage others from doing so. If someone you encounter insists on driving impaired, call 911 so the police service of jurisdiction can take the driver off the road before someone is harmed.

"The OPP goal is to get through the holiday season without losing a single life to impaired driving. We will use a combination of public education and focussed enforcement to drive home the message that impaired

driving on Ontario roads is never acceptable," said OPP Commissioner Vince Hawkes.

The OPP is also reminding drivers that there is no safe amount of alcohol consumption when driving. This is evident every year in the number of Warn Range Suspensions the OPP issues to drivers whose Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) falls within the 0.05 to 0.08 range. Those who are issued a Warn Range Suspension immediately lose their licence at the roadside and are not allowed to drive from that point on for a minimum of three days.

The OPP is asking the public to join in on the conversation on Facebook during the campaign. Share your thoughts, stories and personal experiences with impaired drivers/driving, as well as any positive stories about people you encounter over the holidays whose actions and decisions about drinking and driving contribute to a safe holiday season on our roads.

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Festive Cranberry Fizz

Makes about 18 servings

For the Cranberry Rosemary Syrup:

- 2 1/2 cups fresh cranberries (12-ounce bag)
- 2 ounces fresh ginger, skin on and sliced (about 1/2 cup)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 cups cranberry juice cocktail, no sugar added
- 2 large sprigs fresh rosemary

For the Cranberry Punch Mix:

- 1/4 ounce black tea leaves (decaffeinated if desired)
- 4 cups boiling water
- 3 cups Cranberry Rosemary Syrup
- 1/4 cup pomegranate molasses, without any added sweeteners
- 1/4 cup non-alcoholic orange bitters, such as Fee Brothers

To serve:

- 4 to 7 cups tonic water
- 2 cups gin, optional

To make the Cranberry Rosemary Syrup: Blitz the cranberries and ginger in a food processor until roughly chopped, then mix with the sugar and cranberry juice cocktail in a 3-quart saucepan. Bring to a boil, then add the rosemary. Lower the heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Let cool, ideally overnight in the refrigerator. Strain through a fine mesh strainer and discard the solids. You should have about 3 cups of thin syrup. Syrup can be refrigerated for up to 1 week or frozen.

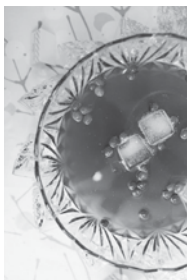
To prepare Cranberry Punch Mix: Place the tea leaves in a large heatproof bowl. Pour the boiling water over them and steep for 3 minutes. Strain out the leaves, and whisk in the Cranberry Rosemary Syrup, pomegranate molasses, and orange bitters. Refrigerate the punch mix for at least 4 hours, or overnight.

Non-Alcoholic Cranberry Fizz

To serve a non-alcoholic drink, stir the punch mix together with 6 to 7 cups tonic water. Serve over ice. Makes about 18 6-ounce servings.

Gin Cranberry Fizz

To serve an alcoholic drink, stir the punch mix together with 2 cups gin and 4 to 5 cups tonic water. Serve over ice. Makes about 18 6-ounce servings.



Holiday Cocktails

Cranberry Vodka Punch

- 1 qt. cranberry juice
- 2 c. pineapple juice
- 1 can defrosted limeade concentrate
- 2 c. vodka
- 3 12 oz cans of ginger ale
- Fresh cranberries for garnish
- Combine all ingredients in a punch bowl or pitcher and serve cold.



Christmas Tree Cocktail:

- 3 oz pomegranate juice (or cranberry)
- 2 oz gin
- 1 oz simple syrup
- (Simple Syrup- 1 cup of water and 1 cup of sugar. Brought to a boil until sugar has dissolved. (Allow to cool.)
- Lime juice (juice from 1-2 wedges will do)
- A few fresh mint leaves
- Pomegranate seeds & lime wheel for garnish
- Muddle mint leaves with simple syrup at the bottom of your glass. Add ice, then add gin, juice, and lime juice. Stir, and garnish with lime wheels and pomegranate seeds.



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Home Safety Guide For Snowbirds



When Snowbirds finally make their way down south for their annual vacation away from our brutal Canadian winters the last thing they need to worry about is the safety of their home.

According to Patrice De Luca, vice president of Marketing and Customer Care for Reliance Protectron Security Services, there are several key steps Snowbirds should

take to ensure peace of mind when away from home. The following Protectron home safety tips for snowbirds can help you plan important safety measures before your departure:

- Suspend your newspaper and mail delivery; or have a neighbour collect them for you.

- Make sure your home looks lived in. Try not to draw the window treatments in every window leave it looking somewhat natural.

- Have someone routinely shovel the walk, clear your car off if it snows, or park their car in your driveway if you're taking yours.

- Don't forget garbage collection day. Ask a neighbour

to put a bag of garbage at your curb on garbage day so not to tip off burglars.

- Set your lights on timers, in various rooms. With some timers, the lights go on and off at different times each day, which means a burglar can't pick up on a pattern.

- Look into installing motion sensor lights outside to help deter a burglar. Consider installing them in front and back.

- Ensure that all your doors and windows are locked and secure. Don't forget about the garage, make sure the door is secure. For additional security, place a bar or stick of wood in the lower track of your sliding doors or windows.

- Turn off the water-main and unplug the major appliances as an added precaution.

- Inform a neighbor when you're leaving and returning, and ask them to keep an eye out for anything suspicious. Leave them a phone number where you can be reached, and a spare set of your keys in case of an emergency.

- Consider investing in a home security system as it's a very effective deterrent. A home protected by a monitored security system with visible

decals and signs is less susceptible to a break in than one without a system. Make sure your security system includes a loud inside alarm, detectors at all exterior doors, and motion sensors in the master bedroom and main living areas. The alarm system is linked to a remote monitoring centre that protects your home 24 hours a day against burglars, fire, carbon monoxide poisoning and floods by supervising the temperature, electrical system and point of entries of your home.

For ultimate control and peace of mind while you're away, De Luca recommends you look into the new fully interactive wireless security systems like Go!Control where you can arm and disarm your alarm, lock or unlock your front door, control lights and your home's thermostat at the touch of your smartphone or tablet. You could even have video monitoring and receive alerts to view the comings and goings of cleaning staff or house sitters. More information on protecting your home while you're away is available online at www.protectron.com.

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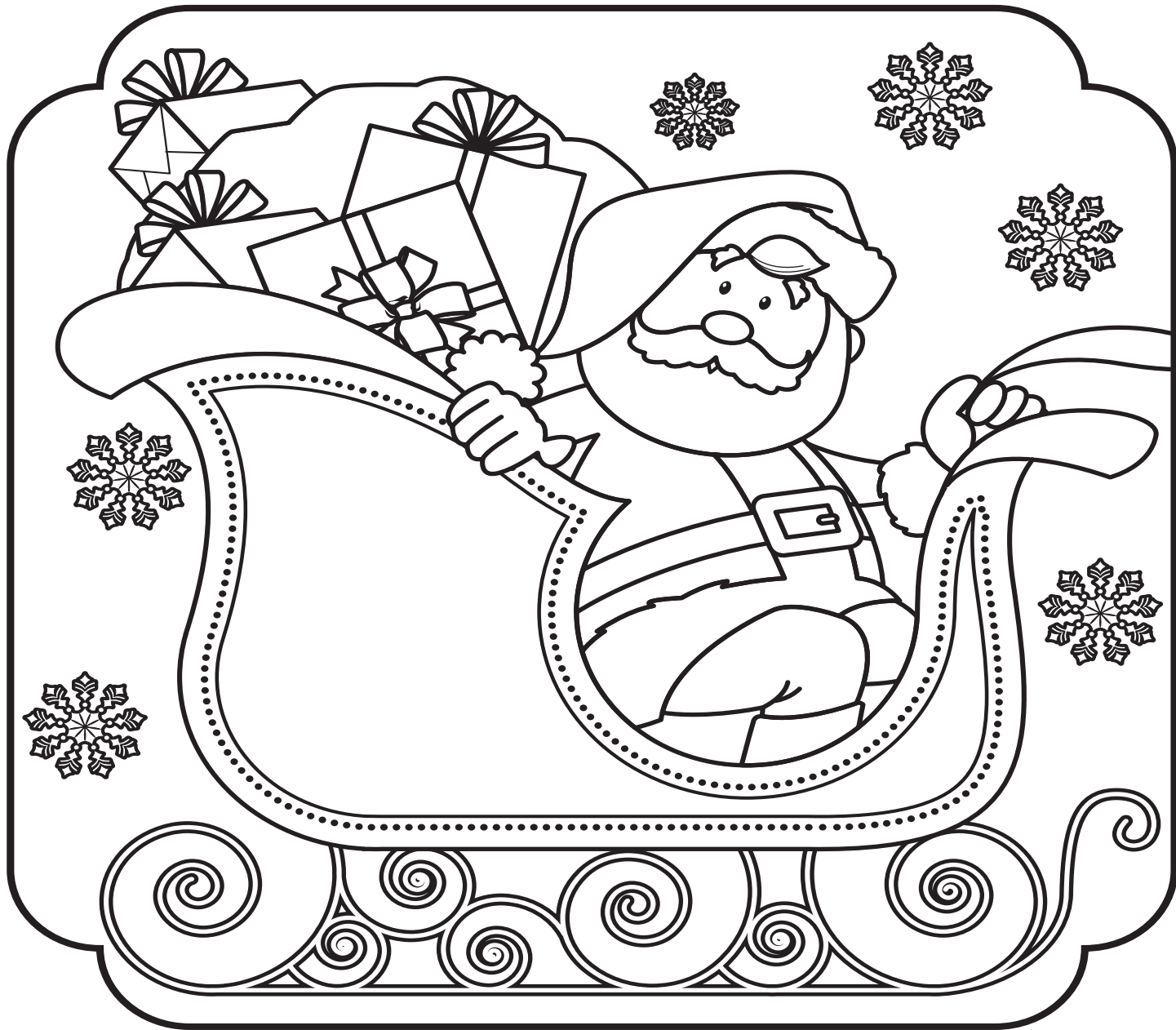
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Christmas Jokes for Kids

Q - What's an Ig?

A - An Eskimo house without a loo.

Q - What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

A - Tinselitus

Q - What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

A - Do you smell carrots?

Q - How do sheep say Merry Christmas in Mexico?

A - Fleece Navidad

Q - What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?

A - A cookie sheet

Q - Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners?

A - Rude-olph

Q - What did the bald man say when he got a comb for Christmas?

A - Thanks, I'll never part with it

Q - What did the little candle say to the big candle?

A - I'm going out tonight

Q - What do you call a polar bear who wears ear muffs?

A - Anything you want, he can't hear you.

Q - What is green, white and red all over?

A - A sunburnt elf

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