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**CUT-OFF FOR DECEMBER 21ST - CHRISTMAS ISSUE IS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 11:00AM.**

TIPS FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON

Northern Health reminds the public that a few simple tips can help avoid unnecessary trips to the hospital, especially with the holiday season approaching.

Here are a few guidelines for handling your health concerns:

~ Call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1 for confidential health information and non-emergency services 24/7. For deaf and hearing-impaired assistance (TTY), call 7-1-1.

~ For non-urgent care, use community health services including your family practitioner or walk-in clinics, where available. Be sure to note any changes to holiday clinic hours.

~ Note the holiday hours for local pharmacies, and ensure prescriptions are filled accordingly.

~ If you have a cold, call HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 for advice, or ask your pharmacist about over-the-counter medications to ease symptoms.

~ Remember, it's not too late to get a flu shot; check immunizebc.ca

~for clinic dates.

~ If you are concerned about a possible poisoning or exposure to a toxic substance, call Poison Control at 1-800-567-8911.

If at any time you believe you require urgent medical attention, **do not hesitate** to go to the emergency department or call 9-1-1 for transportation.

While emergency services are available 24/7, hospitals may experience higher than normal volumes at various times of the year. NH emergency rooms tend to patients who have experienced a sudden and/or unusual change in their health. This includes, but isn't limited to, breathing difficulties, severe bleeding or pain, broken bones, chest pain, overdoses and eye injuries.

Other tips to ensure you have a safe, healthy and enjoyable holiday season include:

~Wash your hands often with soap and water, and carry an alcohol-based hand rub with you. ~ Get regular exercise and avoid overindulging. ~ Drink responsibly ~ Get

enough sleep. ~ Keep activities fun and safe. ~ Drive and walk with care. ~ Take a moment to 'count your blessings' - gratitude can help boost happiness!

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1989 Mustang 5.0 convertible, runs & looks great, \$4000 OBO. Call 250-788-9943

3000 Honda inverter electric start, used 30 minutes, \$500 off invoice price; 10 wheel trail V rake in like new cond, \$5800. Call 250-843-7674. If no answer leave message.

2002 Mercedes-Benz M1500, \$5000 OBO. Call 250-788-9432

5 tires & rims for a 2011 Jeep Wrangler with sensors, 265/70R 17, 4 tires are studded Arctic Claws with 80% - 90% tread left, spare is Goodyear with 70% tread, \$1000 OBO. Call 250-401-8582

2005 Chevrolet Tahoe, 5.3L, automatic, 4x4, good cond, seats 7, 2nd row bench, will need new tires, 258,000 kms, \$5000; Interior off road aluminum headache rack, 6'wide x 28" tall, rails 7' long, \$300. Call 250-788-9445

2001 Dodge diesel 2500 truck, single wheel, set of winter tires & summer tires, new batteries, has topper for it, rack on it now. Call 250-242-5888

2007 Ford F-150 pickup, \$6000; 2007 Ford F-150 pickup, \$3000; tires & wheels (fits Ford F-150 pickup), \$150/tire. Call 250-788-9188

1999 Chevy Suburban, 4 wd, 4 door, 3 seats, winter tires, good all around condition, no rust. Call 250-788-2232 or 250-788-5848

2002 Hyundai Accent 5 speed hatch back 2 door, new summer tires, reg oil changes, alpine deck, runs great, have had no problems, need gone asap, \$3500 OBO. Call 250-788-5042

4 BF Goodrich tires, 205x60x16 studded, winter slalom, 70% tread. Call 250-788-9373 between 9 and 4.

2005 Hino cube van, 3 ton diesel, very good cond, new batteries, new roll up door cables, loading ramp near new rubber, \$9500 OBO. Call 250-788-6604

1999 Doepker Super B log trailer. Call 250-788-5720 or 250-788-2312

1993 Jeep Cherokee GRC decent tires, 4x4, \$900 OBO. Call 250-401-7513

1984 Volkswagon Jetta, runs well, \$800. Call or text Alex 250-401-8768

2005 Ford F-350 superduty, 8" lift, 35" tire, EGR delete done, heavy duty bush bumper, good cond, 219,000 kms, \$13,000 OBO or trade + cash for a triple axle 5th wheel flat deck trailer. Call 250-788-6604

1999 Oldsmobile intrigue V6, runs, needs water pump, \$700 OBO. Call 250-788-9121

1996 Hino, 3 ton turbo diesel, auto transmission, good tires, flat bed, \$8000 Call 250-788-2447 or 250-401-7506

Massey Harris 44 tractor, \$1000 OBO. Call 250-788-3764

1988 Mazda RX-7 Turbo II, \$3000; 2000 Volkswagon Passat 4 motion (AWD) with built-in touch integrated sound system, handles great in winter, \$3000. Call Dave 250-788-5400

F250 1984 Ford truck w/canopy, new battery, flant 6 engine. \$700 OBO. Call 250-263-5690

2005 Cavalier, 1 owner, no accidents, never smoked in, 4 door automatic. 267000 km. Maintained, tan in color, great shape, needs transmission. \$1000. FIRM. Call or text 250-719-3566

1994 GMC parts pickup with 454 fuel engine, headers, brand new bumper, new grill, 2 new side clips, rebuilt tranny & transfer case, standard tranny, \$3000. Call 250-788-1030

1977=79 For pickup for parts, 429 motor, Dana 60s, 205transfer cases. Complete parts for restoration projects. Call Jed 250-401-3431

FOR RENT

Room in Chetwynd with shared common areas, utilities & internet included. \$450/mo. Call Julie 250-401-1985

Avail Nov 1, 2 bdrm mobile home in Legion Sub. Well maintained, fenced yard, all appliances & window coverings. Call 250-788-1830

Large 2 bdrm mobile home with addition. Call 250-788-9854

Avail immediately, 2 bdrm furnished basement suite at Moberly Lake across from Golf Course, w/d/f/s, satellite TV, heat & light. \$600/mo + security dep. Call 250-788-2393

2 bdrm 1/2 duplex, all utilities included, fully furnished; 1 bdrm unfurnished lower level of 1/2 duplex. Call 250-219-8550

Avail immediately, 3 bdrm trailer with 1 1/2 baths, storage room & large deck, \$850/mo, utilities not included. Call 250-788-3355

House for rent in Chetwynd. Available immed. 3 bdrm, full basement, F/S/W/D & freezer. Call 250-788-1957

4 bedroom, 2 bath house for rent in town, non furnished, close to rec centre, W/D/F/S, no pets, full basement, must sign lease, avail Jan 1. Call or text 250-601-1587 or 250-556-4077

House for rent Jackfish Lake road. Room for parking equipment or big trucks 8.5 km on the Jackfish lake road. Avail immed. Call 250-788-5409

Available Jan 1, 2017, 3 bdrm duplex with 1 1/2 baths in Rodeo Sub. Close to schools, park & Rec Centre, fenced back yard. Utilities not incl. No pets. \$1200/mo. Call 250-788-6010

3 bdrm house with huge yard, close to school. Call 250-788-6429

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MISCELLANEOUS

Free firewood, black poplar & cottonwood, bucked. Call 250-401-3410

Duck eggs, \$4/doz. Can meet in town. Call 250-317-3567

Chemicals & equipment to get you started in tanning; equipment & supplies for bird taxidermy. Call 250-793-9898

Sporting equipment; art work. Call Rita 250-788-2722

Chemical-free green tomatoes, must go! \$0.50/lb! Jere and Linda 250-788-2944 or 240-788-9421

New AB Twister & video, \$100; pink baby activity gym, \$25; faux fur coat, size large, \$100; Lexmark printer, does faxing & printing/copying. Call 250-788-3099 after 3pm.

A cord of pine and spruce firewood delivered, \$160/cord. Can do 1/2 cords as well. Call 250-788-6457

Snowblower, 10.5 hp, 29", new carburetor, new electric start, \$750 OBO. Call 250-788-9433

Alfalfa/grass mix; oat/hay mix. Call 250-788-2232 or 250-788-5848

Unpasteurized honey, 0.5L jars (approx. 1.5 lbs honey), \$8/jar. If you get over 10 jars, \$7/jar. Call or text 250-788-6935

Foosball table, good quality, \$150 OBO; 1992 Yamaha VXR 650 waverunner, \$1200 OBO; 450 thousand BTU Herman Nelson heater, natural gas or propane, needs on/off switch, \$300 OBO. Call 250-788-6604

Firewood, cut to size and truck load with rails, full \$125 un-split and a split load \$200. Call Herman or Chase 250-788-2991 or 250-788-2220

Large pails of organic honey. Call 250-719-6142

Craftsman snowblower, 6 forward gears & 2 reverse. Located in Hudson's Hope. \$600 firm. Call 250-783-2006

Wooden desk, 3'6"x2'6", \$25 OBO; captain chair, \$15; Black & Decker workmate 425, \$99 OBO; Sportcraft 200 EX elliptical trainer, \$149 OBO. Call 250-788-9313

Amana washer/dryer, exc cond. \$300. Call 250-401-1719 leave message

5x6 & 5x5 mixed hay hardcore bales, \$0.3/lb, no rain when baled; 9 green oat bales, hardcore, \$0.04/lb. All bales in hay yard rowed up. Call 250-843-7674 leave msg if no answer

Brand new iPhone 5S, \$300; 250 gallon water tank, \$275. Call 250-788-1030

Newer Kenmore fridge with freezer at the bottom, clean & no damage, in good working cond, has new cold control. Call 250-556-4188

Fabric & upholstery, 54" wide, 4 metres long, rust with gold flecks, \$20; polyester/cotton, 36" wide, 6 + metres long, red with white design, \$20. Call 250-788-9762

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New Brookstone Max 2 massager, \$200. Call Linda 250-788-2944



The Chetwynd Electric Eels formally invite you to the
2016 MERCHANT CHRISTMAS PARTY
Pine Valley Exhibition Park
December 10, 2016
 Doors open at 6pm - Cocktail/appie hour at 6:30pm
 - Comedians at 7:30pm - Dance at 9:00pm
Duane Goad headlining entertainment with Dustin Searcy opening - 3G Digital Reproduction & DJ Services providing music
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 - All proceeds go the Chetwynd Electric Eels
 Tickets are \$45 ea and are limited - Pick them up at Valley Pure Water or by contacting Brittany Weaver 250-788-5939 or Jackalynn Redenbach 250-401-1428

*Tickets available at:
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Saturday, December 31
9 pm - 2 am
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3 to 4 bedroom double wide on 1 acre, great yard and neighborhood, new well pump and indoor water tank and pressure pump lots of room and trails and a few big outbuildings located where the Murray and pine rivers meet. \$115,000 Call 250-263-4959

House and cabin for sale by owner at 2779 Clark Drive, Jackfish area. Call 250-788-6625

4 bed, 2 bath house in Crown Sub with fenced back yard, shed, new paint, hardwood floor up, carpet down, covered deck, open concept. Call 250-601-1587 or 250-556-4077. Serious inquiries only.

PETS/LIVESTOCK

18 yr old quarter horse gelding, heel horse, good with kids, good on barrels & poles. Call 250-788-5479

18 month old laying hens, \$4/ea. Call 250-788-2805 after 5.

To give away - 8 week old black & calico kittens. Call 250-401-3004

2 adult female cats to give away. Call 250-788-9961

Beautiful cream coloured male rescue cat needs home. Very affectionate. We pay vet. Call 250-788-9931

Lion Head rabbits, \$25/ea, small & very cute; 2 pet coturnix quail, \$20 for both. Call 250-788-9118 between 8am & 8pm

LOST & FOUND

Lost: New black Samsung phone, no case, 2015/16 model. Bring in to Coffee Talk if found.

Lost: LG slide-open phone with little keyboard on the bottom. If found, call 250-788-5829

Found: Dog in Moberly area. For more info call 250-788-3563

Found: Siamese cat with long hair & blue eyes by Saulteau Band Hall. Call 250-788-9961

Found: Camera behind Pine Valley Seniors Hall. Claim at Coffee Talk.

Lost: Wallet on Monday, Nov 28 near Chetwynd Subway. Call 250-401-1811

REC VEHICLES

1988 Dodge camper van, 318 V8, sleeps 4, raised roof. Complete with toilet, water, fridge, stove & sink. Good mileage. \$3700. Call 250-827-3518

2006 28' Chateau Sport Class C diesel motorhome in excellent cond. Great floor plan, sleeps 8, lots of extra, 52,000 km. Call 250-788-7922

1993 202 Malibu boat with Escort trailer. Good, but needs work. 18'x6'. \$6000. Call 250-788-6118 ask for Ken

2004 Polaris Sportsman 700, \$2000. Call 250-788-5748

2008 Can-am Outlander XT 400 in excellent cond, winch, 2000 kms, \$4700 OBO. Call 250-778-8359 or 250-467-3956

28' 2007 weekend warrior toy hauler, sleeps 7, built in generator, fuel pump, pressure washer, etc. \$22,500 OBO. Call 250-401-1878

2010 Passport Ultralite, 30.5', sleeps 6, bunks with 2nd entertainment area, U dinette, 2 propane bottles, 2 batteries, equalizer hitch, power awning. Great condition. Text 250-788-5523

1991 Plymouth Voyager. Needs shifting cable & shocks. Have cables but needs to be installed. Good rubber. Drive it away, \$300. Call 250-401-7311

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1976 23' Class C motorhome, every thing works, \$1000. Call 250-784-8074 (Dawson Creek)

Summit SP 800 Etec-E163 sled; Polaris Sportman 800 twin EFI 4 wheeler. Call 250-788-2423 (home) or 250-788-6169 (cell)

1995 Polaris XLT Indy 550, 3 cyl engine, runs good, needs seat cover. Call 250-242-4775

2012 Chevy Sonic, just a shade off of mint condition, 70,000 km, \$8500 OBO. Call 250-788-5476

1000 Arctic Cat sled, new motor, less than 1000 kms, \$6500 OBO. Call 250-788-2447 or 250-401-7506

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WANTED

Wanted: A quiet, clean tenant to share a fully equipped furnished 2 bdrm, 1 bath basement suite. Includes everything, satellite TV, wifi, water, radiant floor heating, hydro & parking with plugin access, along with shared front loading washer/ dryer. Has private entrance. \$600/mo. Call 250-401-6001

Wanted: Tires & rims for Dodge P275x60R 20". Call 250-843-7674 if no answer leave message.

Wanted: Logging truck load of firewood. Call 250-788-3400

Wanted: Elk to hunt for 2 respectful hunters/brothers. I have a limited entry draw in 7-20A and would like permission to rid one elk from your private land. Call 778-231-5259 or email m.kulak@hotmail.com

Wanted: Small dry walling, mudding and fixit jobs in & around Chetwynd. Call 778-210-0218 for a list of all the things I can do.

Wanted: Used TV. Call 250-788-9188

Wanted: Job doing light snow removal from driveways, walkways & decks. Call 250-329-7023

Wanted: Logging truck load of firewood. Call 250-788-9854

Wanted: Used dryer in good cond that works. Call 250-788-8885

Wanted: Used kitchen cabinets, also looking for a large wall unit to use as a craft area. Email georgetdedge@gmail.com with pics & price

Wanted: Puppy that will be a small dog when full grown. Call 780-518-3341

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Tune in every Thursday night at 7-p.m. for your chance to play and win!!

Our last BINGO for 2016 will be on December 15th and the blackout is worth \$3000!!

BINGO will resume on January 5th, 2017 with regular prizes.

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KELSEY'S CHRONICLE

I'm one to always wonder how things came about, the origin of things. Doing this job I have a reason to find out what, where, when, why and how. This week I am exploring the origin of Christmas lights, as well as Christmas trees.

Spruce, pines and firs are the most common conifers to display in homes. The first tree recorded in history was in 1576 in a keystone sculpture, in Turckheim, France. Origins date back even earlier as a winter solstice tradition, when they would hang evergreen boughs above doorways to remind them of the green they were soon to see once again, after the long cold winter. Because of this reason, evergreens have held a special spot in peoples heart for thousands of years.



In 16th century Germany, devout Christians would bring trees into their homes to decorate with fruits, nuts, and other foods like marzipan or gingerbread cookies. Martin Luther King is said to be the first to decorate his Christmas tree with candles after walking home and seeing the bright stars shine through the trees, he decided to recreate that. The candles wax was melted and used to stick the candle to the branches. In 1848 a newspaper in England had an illustration of Queen Elizabeth and family gathered around a decorated Christmas tree. This brought about the beginning of the Christmas tree boom in England, Canada and the United States. Many Town's, cities, and villages throughout North America have a community tree that is decorated each year. Chetwynd has our very own tree, which is planted behind the downtown monument. Chetwynd made the responsible choice to plant a tree that will grow with our ever growing town, instead of cutting down a big fresh tree each year. Other towns and cities have adopted the same policy but some still choose to bring in a fresh cut tree each year.

Edward Johnson, Vice president of Edison Electric Light Company and associate of Thomas Edison, was the first to invent electric bulbs for Christmas trees. In 1882 he created 80 hand-wired red, white and blue incandescent bulbs to hang on his tree in his 5th Avenue home in New York City. This was viewed as a publicity stunt and didn't initially catch on. It wasn't until almost 20 years later, in 1900, that other stores and businesses in New York began using incandescent bulbs to decorate their store fronts windows. The first commercially produced Christmas lights were produced by General Electric Co. and came in strings of 8 sockets, each socket took 2 candela carbon filament lamps. Electric lights were generally too expensive for everyone until the 1930's, and it took until the mid-1950s for the use of such lights to be adopted by average households.

Christmas lighting does lead to some extensive recycling issues. Every year, more than 20 million pounds of discarded holiday lights are shipped to Shijiao, China, which has been referred to as "the world capital for recycling Christmas lights". As recent as 2009, many factories would burn the lights to melt the plastic and retrieve the copper wire, releasing toxic fumes into the environment. A safer technique was developed that involved chopping the lights into a fine sand-like consistency, mixing it with water and vibrating the slurry on a table causing the different elements to separate out, similar to the process of panning for gold. Everything is recycled: copper, brass, plastic and glass.

Whether your tree is adorned in popcorn strings, gingerbread cookies, glass balls and tinsel, garland and homemade ornaments or anything else, it's neat to know that hundreds of years ago, families were doing the same thing.

Kelsey Roberts, reporter Coffee Talk Express

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MEET THE MAYOR

December 9, 2016

Oh, the things we didn't know, didn't know we didn't know, didn't even want to know! But now we know, perhaps even against our better judgments. Or maybe we just think we know.

I attended the 2016 Mayor's Roundtable in Dawson Creek a few days ago. Interesting and informative presentations (with opportunities to question the presenters) by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, the Ministry of Natural Gas, TransCanada Pipelines, BC Hydro, CN Rail, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Oil and Gas Commission, and Pembina Pipelines.

Surrounded and confronted by such an array of power, history, wisdom, and jargon, how could I not have learned something, however esoteric it be and tenuous its utility?

But I would like to share with you one idea that might be of interest to you. Natural gas, and its future in our area, always seems to get our ears. Having heard about LNG for years, having been persuaded of the urgency of keeping ahead of the pack (Qatar, USA, Australia), it is disconcerting that the pack is moving on and we are still talking.

Qatar and Australia have been in this business for years. The USA is just getting into the business in a big way. Part of our surplus gas and low-price problem is not that the North East is producing so much more than in the past, though the capacity exists, but that reserves in the northeastern United States are being tapped in a huge way. Not only tapped, but shipped to market through existing facilities on the Gulf Coast.

Here's how it is working out for the USA: pipelines already exist to move the gas from Pennsylvania to the Gulf. Facilities on the coast already exist to convert gas to liquid, and boats are bobbing on the waves panting to take it on. Those are the advantages.

Disadvantages exist that make BC gas attractive to the markets in Asia. Shipping distances and costs from US Gulf Coast ports to the Asian markets are much greater than from Prince Rupert or Terrace; the Panama Canal passage is an additional charge; perhaps greatest handicap of all is the temperature of the Gulf Coast. The higher average temperature alone makes the liquefaction of the gas about 20% more expensive than liquefaction at BC's north coast.

LNG sourced in Qatar and Australia has at least the temperature to add to its cost and travel distance from Australia is about the same as from British Columbia.

The Montney play here in our region is recognized as world class with reserves that will last for several hundred years. Our handicap is the distance to the coast. But it's not an overwhelming obstacle. Pipelines can be built and will be built when the final investment decisions (FID) are made.

I understand that another window of opportunity to break in to the market may be opening perhaps as early as 2025. Are we ready with all the negotiations and consultations successfully concluded and mutually acceptable? To go through that window requires that a FID be made within three or four years. Dithering will not get us into the markets.

(As a matter of collateral interest, the USA has just given notice of the discovery in Texas of the largest oil deposit in North America – in the billions of barrels. Take note Alberta, Ottawa.)

Now you also know a bit of that which I think I might know. One thing is certain: the future, from our mortal perspectives, is uncertain, unknowable. We cannot see beyond the moment so, as the wisdom of the ages reminds us: whatever your hand finds to do, throw your energy into doing it well. Perhaps together we can encourage our governments to do what they can to move our latent but lagging economies forward.

Merlin Nichols, Mayor

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2016 PARADE OF LIGHTS

Parade participants to meet at the Chetwynd District Centre (District Office) at 5400 Hospital Rd between 5:30-5:45pm. The Parade of Lights will start at 6:00pm ending with Santa at the North Pole downtown. Please come out and participate in the Parade of Lights, to register your float, community group or display contact the Visitor Centre at 250-788-1943. **Santa Comes to Town with his Reindeer.** Santa and his Reindeer arrive and you will be able to see them in the parade and then visit with Santa and his reindeer. Location downtown 'North Pole.' Fire pit, sleigh rides, hot chocolate and more.

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Santa will arrive to Arts Gallery (Visitor Centre) at 5400 North Access Rd. Santa's pictures will be organized by the Chetwynd Arts Council and hosted at the **Art Gallery**; this will be a great location for Santa's pictures which will be a nice warm atmosphere to keep Santa Smiling. Come out for pictures with Santa and ensure the memories are captured. Pictures by appointment will be available only from 12:00-4:00pm and from 6:30pm to 7:30pm first come first serve following the parade, for more information call 250-788-6707.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2016 SANTA SHUFFLE

The Santa Shuffle is a great opportunity for local joggers to put on a Santa Hat, wear reflective clothing for a nice / easy run to see the Christmas lights around a few local neighborhoods. Meet at the Recreation Centre at 6:00pm. There will be hot beverages and treats. We encourage your furry friends to attend also, but please ensure they are on leash. For more info contact the Recreation Centre at 250-788-2214

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016

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