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65 Laurel Close, Blackfalds

GREAT VALUE IN BLACKFALDS!

Super, 1500 sq. ft. bungalow! Large pie lot! Quiet cul-de-sac! RENOVATED kitchen with soft close cupboards, granite CT's, multi RV parking, AC and a good price!

\$379,900

For further info on this multiple listing service home, see page 10 or contact a member of the Red Deer Real Estate Board.



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Family Home Near Schools! Over 2300 Square feet finished! 3 bdrms up, 3 baths.Major upgrades! New Windows throughout - 2018, new rear fence -2018, The furnace, hot water tank and air conditioner new in 2012, shingles 2008, Hardwood flooring and RV parking! Don't miss out on this one!!



Fully Finished with Walk Out Basement. Gorgeous open concept kitchen living dining area. 3 beds up and a 4th on the lower level. Master suite is spacious with walk in closet and full bath. Downslairs features a family room, bedroom & play area & opens onto a deck with back yard tenced and finished! Don't miss this immaculate home!



Anders Half Duplex. 3 bdrms, 3 baths. Completely finished. open concept kitchen & living space. Huge master bdrm with his & hers closets. West facing deck off the eating area is 20' x 12'. New fireplace in 2015, New Shingles 2018. Att. single garage. Immaculate home.



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From All of Us at



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I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and All the Best in the New Year.

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Are you planning a Christmas party this year but finding it hard to get excited about throwing the same old bash? Shake things up with one of these unconventional holiday party themes.

1. Sushi party

Order a take out platter of sushi, or better yet, make your own. Set up a sushi making station complete with bamboo rolling mats, cooked Japanese rice, sheets of nori (dried seaweed used to wrap sushi rolls) and a variety of sliced fish, veggies and even fruit. Be sure to serve strawberry shortcake for dessert — it's the traditional Japanese Christmas cake.

2. Masquerade party

Leave your jeans and ugly Christmas sweaters in your closet and have your guests come dressed in their finest formal wear for a masquerade ball. Encourage everyone to wear a mask, or have a mask making station with plain masks and everything you can think of to decorate them, including glitter, feathers and markers. Be sure to snap photos of everyone in their fancy outfits and masks.

3. Twelve courses of Christmas

This party is all about the food. Create — or have your caterer make — a twelve-course menu, complete with wine pairings. To avoid getting too stuffed, take care to have each course be small.

Of course there are other possibilities for your uniquely themed Christmas bash. Motifs involving another era, a particular colour or a specific location are all feasible. Simply invoke your creativity and your Christmas shindig is sure to be the most unforgettable event of the season.







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CHEAPER THAN RENTING! Updated 3 bedroom/3 bathroom condo in great location. Immediate possession. \$149,900 CALL BRAD 342-7700.



BRAND NEW 4BDRM/3 BATH BILEVEL with partial basement development. Granite countertops. stainless applicances, vinyl plank flooring PLUS more! \$304,900 CALL JENNIFER 342-7700.













U NEED A GARAGE FOR WINTER 2 bdrm, 1 bath bi-level, 6 appliances, fully fenced yard & 22x24 garage in Vanier Woods! **CALL NICOLE 342-7700.**

PERFECT FAMILY HOME Be the 1st to live in this 3 bdrm. 3 bath 2 storey, built by Asset Builders. South facing backyard. Room for a large detached garage. \$314,900 **CALL NICOLE 342-7700**

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\$430,000 Investment, Great value! 4 corner style 4-plex on a large 68 x 121 ft lot. All suites have all utilities separately metered. Rent \$800/month.

CALL BRAD 342-7700.

\$512,900 Fabulous home with LEGAL suite in Garden Heights! 3 beds upstairs and 2 beds in lower suite. Exceptional rental property! CALL JENNIFER 342-7700.

BUILDER SAYS SELL THE SHOWHOME! 3 bdrm, 3 bath 2 Storey Family Home in Laredo, w/vinyl fenced yard, upgraded stainless appliances, walk thru pantry, storage lockers, bonus room, blinds, large garage & more! Priced @ less than appraised value, only \$559,900 CALL JENNIFER 342-7700.



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backvard. Immediate possession. \$664,900 CALL NICOLE 342-7700.



80 ACRES 5 mins South of Red Deer. Beautiful bungalow w/loft Att'd 26x26 garage & a 30x36 shop. Lease income yearly, 63 acres cultivated, 10 acres pasture. Easy Hwy access **\$1,350,000** CALL NADINE 342-7700.

\$2500.00 GIFT WITH PURCHASE if you Buy one of these houses prior to Feb 1,2019



NO CONDO FEES in this fully developed 3 bdrm/2 bath townhouse. Comes with all appliances fenced an landscaped yard. \$219,900 **CALL NADINE 342-7700.**

PENHOLD- Fully finished 3bdrm/2 bath townhouse with no condo fees. Comes with all appliances. \$239,900 CALL BRAD 342-7700.

PENHOLD - Pmts as low as \$1125/ month Cheaper than rent on this brand new 3bdrm/2bath townhouse with no condo fees. Stainless steel appliances, Fenced & landscaped yard. \$239,900 CALL BRAD 342-7700.

\$5000.00 GIFT WITH PURCHASE if you Buy one of these houses prior to Feb 1,2019





NO CONDO FEES, 3bdrm/3bathroom, att'd garage. Fully fenced & landscaped yard backing onto park reserve. Immediate possession-Sylvan Lake \$299,900 CALL NADINE 342-7700.

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SHOWHOME! 3bdrm/3 bath + bonus room. Quartz countertops, amazing kitchen w/butlers pantry, mudroom, 5pce ensuite, 24x24 garage, so many extras!!! Laredo. \$599,900. CALL BRAD 342-7700.

CARRIAGE HOUSE with this beautiful 3bdrm/3 bathroom 2 storey. Flexible living arrangements or income generating with 1 bdrm legal suite. \$729,900

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Two cute Christmas crafts to make with your kids



If you have time off during the holiday season, make the most of it by making one — or both! of these cute crafts with your family.

1. Appreciation garland

Show your family how much you care about them by hanging an appreciation garland where everybody can see it.

Here's how to do it: write something you love about each family member on note cards. Attach them to a string of red and white bakers twine with clothespins, along with other seasonal decorations.

If you're hosting this year, you can give your guests blank note cards so they can write their own notes of appreciation.

If you have small plastic tree ornaments that have lost their hooks, and some empty clear glass jars, use them to make snow globes.

Here's how to do it: using waterproof superglue, adhere the ornament to the lid of the jar, and allow it to dry completely. Fill the jar with water, a couple of drops of glycerine — which can be found in most drugstores — and as much glitter as you'd like. Close the jar tightly, turn it upside down and give it a shake.

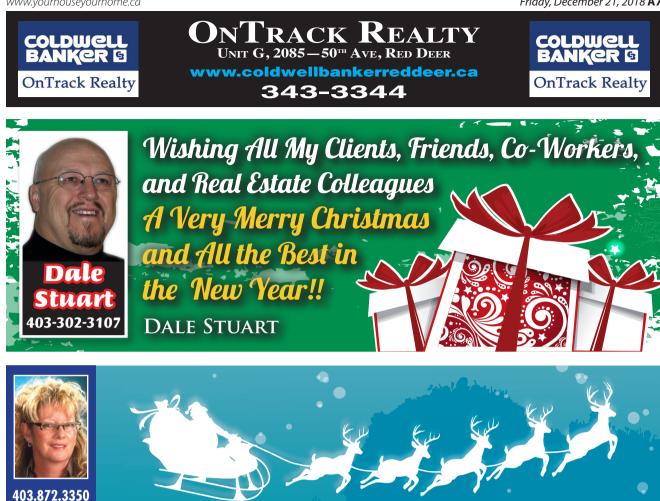
You can use any plastic object in a snow globe; if the kids have figurines they want to use, feel free to incorporate them.

Be sure to mark the date on your finished crafts. They're almost certain to become family keepsakes that you'll want to put on display at Christmas or keep as mementos for years to come.

2. DIY snow globe

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Peggy Lane Associate Broker







When's the best time to exchange Christmas gifts?

If you're celebrating Christmas with young children this year, it's a good idea to plan out when you'll open the presents. Although your kids may want to open gifts first thing Christmas morning, there are advantages to putting this off till later in the day. Here are a few options to consider before deciding when to open the Christmas presents.

• **Before breakfast:** most kids want to leap out of bed and start opening their presents straight away. By letting them open their gifts as soon as everyone's up, you won't have to hold them back from rushing through breakfast. Afterwards, you can have a more leisurely Christmas brunch. Plus, they'll have new toys to entertain them for the rest of the day.

• After breakfast: tell children before they go to bed Christmas Eve that they'll only be able to open gifts after breakfast. Making sure everyone eats and fully wakes up before opening presents can be a good way to avoid meltdowns later in the morning.

• When guests arrive: If you have grandparents or other extended family coming over, they may want to be there to give your kids gifts and watch them open their other presents. Consider putting off the gift exchange until they arrive.

Another possibility? Allow kids to open one gift — or their Christmas stocking — on Christmas Eve. This can be a good way to help them settle down the night before and maybe you'll even get to sleep in a little in the morning.



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How to take great photos on Christmas morning

One of the best parts of Christmas morning is watching your kids — or grandkids — open their gifts. It's a magical moment to experience but also to preserve. Here are some great tips for capturing those special moments this Christmas.

Be prepared

Get your camera or phone ready beforehand. On Christmas eve, take a moment to make sure that the battery is charged and that you have enough memory available for new photos. Get the room you'll be spending Christmas morning in ready too. Make sure you're happy with the decor and that the lighting is suitable for taking pictures. As a rule, try to have as much natural light as possible.

Be in the right place

The little ones will probably be down on the floor

as they open their gifts. You might want to follow suit. To get the best photo of that awe-struck or beaming face, make sure the camera lens is level to it.

Bonus tip: if you want to best capture the dramatic moment when your kids first enter the room and see the gifts under the tree, position yourself beside it so that you can photograph their faces.

Tell a story

The moment when your kid sees their new toy might be the climax, but it doesn't tell the whole story. Get pictures of them curiously weighing a wrapped box, trying on the sweater they discover inside and hugging grandma to thank her for the gift. Not only are these photos wonderful on their own, but they also tell a great story when placed side by side.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



\$129,990 #204, 4515-53 Street

"Woodlea Estates" Nestled in historic Woodlea, steps away from Coronation Park is this hidden gem! 1 bdrm condo situated on the 2nd floor facing South. Beautifully renovated & freshly painted throughout, is ready to move in! Squeaky clean building, is a pleasure to show. Close distance to downtown makes this a desirable building. Elevator and parking space on



6318 58 Avenue #2 Bright & sunny fourplex unit located in Highland Green Estates. Newer flooring on the main & kitchen apliances are just a few of the many upgrades. Bi Level syle with approx. 1000 sqff of total living space with the upper level consisting of a big living room with patio doors to the balcony, and a large kitchen. Lower level features 2 beds. 1 full bath & laundry area complete w/washer & dryer. There is an assigned park stall with plug in for your convenience. This unit is close amenities! CA0152938



26540 Highway 11 #36

26540 Highway 11 #36 This bungalow is located just East of town on 1.74 Actes. If has been renovated to the Today's modern colors & trends! It looks like new! Gournet chef's kitchen w/ granite counters stainless appliances & is open to supersized dining area & living room with gas fireplace. Sun room & deck right of the dining area. M bedcomes w/ en suite & closet. The two other main floor beds are well appointed right next to a bath! The lower level features two good size bedrooms.



CENTURY 21. Advantage

Check for 21 Photos & Videos at

93 Kingston Drive

home located close to park! Nicely upgraded with vaulted/decorative ceilings & arches. Large 1502 sq ft bungalow with spacious entry leading to den supersized kitchen w/ breakfast island/bar, garden doors to a sumoom. covered deck & living room. Hard wood floors throughout main floor! M. bedroom has walk-in closet, large 4 pc. en suite w/ corner tub, separate shower & tailet nook. Additional bed & bath & laundry on the main. CA0152553



111 Dunham Close, Red Deer Large bungalow on a quiet close & has it all. Entry welcomes you with decorative arches & plenty of space for family! Inside has 1739 sq ft of space!! family Inside has 1739 sq th of space!! Living room has large bow window, U shaped kitchen w/ updated back splash, appliance package, corner pantry, updated counter tops & sink. Master suite has 4 pc. en-suite and walk in alose!! Downstains offers huge family m w/ gas fileplace. 2 more bedrooms. 3 pc bathroom storage & laundry combo complete the basement.



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Sturning, executive style 2 storey home with double garage, close to university! Located on a close w/ kitchenette in the basement & huge pie shaped lot! Beautiful kitchen has been upgraded dining area is open to living room finished w/ fireplace. Den & 2 pc. bath here. Deck right of the kitchen with stunning view! Fabulous M. bedroom features walk in closet & gorgeous, spa like en suite with soaker tub & 5 ft. shower! 2 more beds & bath for kids.



159 Kirton Close

Perfect family home! Nicely finish bi level with open floor plan super sized u shapped kitchen with breakfast bar, 5 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms! Located on the close across from a large park with beautiful deck and the back, armate side walks and bie shaped granite side walks and pie shaped lot with RV parking!



87 Noble Ave, Red Dee

Dan't judge a book by it's cover! Bright home with modern touches situated on a large lot. This 3 lavel split velocomes you with open design & voluted ceilings 'U' shaped kitchen w/ full stainless steel appliance package. It is open to dining area and sunk in Living room, gas area and sunk in Living room, gas area da sunk in Living in thoar laundry & 3 pc bath. Upper level has large M. bed with 3pc en suite & closet. 2 additional beds and 4pc, bath w/ large vanity 3d level has extra large re croom, utility room & huge crawl space storage.



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SUI3-SU A AVe, Sylvan Lake What a rare find, one block from the beach, shopping & golf course! Full -front to back - dupled! Firsthime buyer can live in one side & rent the other side with 5% down! Each unit has separate entry. 2 beds. J full bath, kitchen with a dining area & a spocious living room. Shared laundry in the partial basement with separate entry & comes with large storage room. Both suites are currently rented out at \$700.00 per side & tenants <u>ould like t</u>o stay.



#201, 5326-47 Avenue

#201,5326-47 Avenue Affodale 2 bed 1 bath downtown condo w/ walking distance to all amenities including shoping, transit & Waskasoo Creek Squeaky clean, in perfect shape with laminote flooring, tile & corner gas freplace to keep you warm & cozy, Galley kitchen with white cabinets, white appliances and loads of cupboards. Living room opens onto a nice, sunny deck with west exosure. Just stans the secure underground exposure. Just steps to the secure underground parkade! Parking stall right next to the outside doors. Building does come w/ elevator. Pet friendly.



4572 Westbrooke Road, **Blackfalds**

Great place to call your first home! Large duplex across from park & walking distance to Abbey Centrel Front entry leads to large & bright living room. U shaped Kitchen is open to a dining area, has full appliance package & is a couple steps away from a deck. 3 beds & 2 baths on the main floor. Mother in law suite (not legal) features large Family Room w/ U shaped kitchen & dining area, 4 pc. bathroom, another good sized bedroom.



#238 27240 Twp Rd 392

Attention acreage lovers! This home is located just outside of Red Deer & boasts 2 completely landscaped acres, large storage shed, 2 decks, patio and paved driveway! The open designed floor plan has a large custom kitchen w/ tons of cabinets, tiled backsplash & island with eat up bar. Entertain in the large dining/ living areas and gorgeous 4 season sun room with doors to a large deck! There is 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms on the main. Master bedroom comes with 4 pc. en-suite 2 closets & a private deck



\$389,990

87 Issard Close

87 Issard Close Stylish Bi Level located in a family oriented, safe neighbourhood! Fantastic curb appeal! Nicely designed w/ desirable open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, modern colours throughout & updated flooring, Large kitchen with maple cabinets, granite sink, pantry, modern hardware, decorative backshateh Large breakfast barr backsplash, large breakfast bar. Living room is open to dining area with patio doors to large deck. There are 2 beds & full bath on this level





Thank you for continuing to choose us as your source for all things real estate.

Our whole team wishes you a wonderful holiday season, filled with laughter, love and special moments as well as a healthy and prosperous new year.

Happy holidays!

Ask Charles

I'm in a time crunch and need to buy a property fast. I made an offer with a very short expiry date, but the seller's representative refuses to present it to the seller, saying the seller wants to consider all offers on a specific date. Is this allowed?

The short answer is yes, it is allowed. The longer answer is I'd need more information to determine if it was appropriate in this situation.

In this case, the seller is driving the bus; the seller gets to decide when and how they want to receive and review offers, and their real estate representative has a responsibility to follow their lawful instructions.

That being said, the seller's representative should be walking the seller through their options for offer presentations, the pros and cons of each option, and they should be discussing with them the implications of their choices.

If the seller told their real estate representative that they only want to receive and review offers on a certain date, their representative needs to follow that instruction.

What I would be curious to find out, however, is whether the seller knows about the offer you submitted. Did their representative tell them there is an offer? Or, is the seller's representative simply recalling an earlier conversation with their seller about when to receive and review offers?

The seller can do whatever the seller wants when it comes to reviewing offers, and they should discuss their preferences with their representative. While a seller, at the outset of the listing agreement, may indicate they only want to review offers on a certain date – they may be interested in knowing that an offer has come in before that date. At the very least, their representative should tell them about the existence of your offer.

The seller's representative should bring it to the seller's attention that your offer has a

short expiry date. The seller's representative is supposed to look out for the seller's best interests and put the seller's needs above everything except the law. It might be time for the seller's agent to sit down with their seller and talk about why they may want to review your offer before the planned review date

But, in the event the seller is unwilling to review your offer prior to its expiry date, you need to decide whether you want to extend the date or consider other properties.

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to all of our valued clients and readers





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