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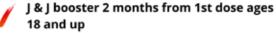
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Ballots are available upon request for eligible voters. Eligible voters are registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the District. The last day and time that voters can request ballots from the District is January 19, 2022. If a voter is returning a ballot by mail, the voter must account for the time it will take for the ballot to be returned to the district by mail. Ballots returned by mail must be post-marked no later than Election Day, February 9, 2022. Ballots returned by other means must be returned to 1310 Morgan St. no later than 3:00 PM on Election Day, February 9, 2022. Office hours at the district are by appointment only, Monday-Friday 7:00 AM-3:00 PM.

Ballots can be requested from Delaini Disher at the Lincoln County Conservation District, 1310 Morgan St., 509-725-4181 ext.119.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

A board seat on the Lincoln County Conservation District is available for appointment by the Washington State Conservation Commission. Conservation District board supervisors are public officials who serve without compensation and set policy and direction for the conservation district. An applicant must be a registered voter in Washington State and may be required to own land or operate a farm. Applicants for appointed positions do not have to live within the district to apply. For more information, please contact the Lincoln County Conservation District (509) 725-4181 ext.119 or visit the Conservation Commission website at http://www.scc.wa.gov/elections-and-appointments. Applications and supporting materials must be received by the Conservation Commission no later than March 31, 2022.

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PUCKER UP! WHY DO PEOPLE KISS UNDER THE MISTLETOE?

By Lily Norton December 21, 2010 / livescience.com

Mistletoe is one of the many Christmas holiday traditions that, frankly, most people do not understand but play along with anyway. But mistletoe's

magical hold over holiday lovers goes back way before the first office Christmas party.

There are hundreds of species of mistletoe a parasitic green plant that grows on trees and shrubs that can be found around the world, and as such, many cultures have worked the plant into their customs and mythology. Many ancient groups associated mistletoe with fertility and vivacity, and some considered it an aphrodisiac.

The Celtic Druids are among the first people known to ascribe a tradition to mistletoe, using it in ceremonies at least a few thousand years ago, but they didn't kiss under it. They believed mistletoe, especially a rare species that grew on oak trees, to have sacred powers including the ability to heal illnesses, protect against nightmares, and even predict the future. As such, the Druids would collect it during the summer and winter solstices hence, they were most likely the first to use mistletoe to decorate houses around Christmastime, although their tradition had nothing to do with the Christian holiday.

The tradition of kissing under the mistletoe started in ancient Greece, during the festival of Sat-

urnalia and later in marriage ceremonies, because of the plant's association with fertility. During the Roman era, enemies at war would reconcile their differences under the mistletoe, which to them represented peace. Romans also decorated their houses and temples with mistletoe in midwinter to please their gods.

There is also a Nordic myth concerning mistletoe, and it goes like this: The plant was sacred to Frigga, the goddess of love, but Loki, commonly known as the god of mischief, shot Frigga's son with a spear or, in some tellings, an arrow carved from mistletoe. Frigga revived her son under the mistletoe tree and decreed that anyone who stands under the mistletoe tree deserves not only protection from death, but also a kiss.

In Victorian England, kissing under the mistletoe was serious business. If a girl refused a kiss, she shouldn't expect any marriage proposals for at least the next year, and many people would snub their noses at her, remarking that she would most likely end up an old maid.

Today, we take a much more lighthearted approach to the tradition. Although many couples simply just kiss when caught standing under it, there is actually a proper etiquette dating back to ancient times about kissing under the mistletoe. Linda Allen writes in Decking the Halls: The Folklore and Traditions of Christmas Plants that the gentleman should pluck one white berry while kissing the lady on the cheek. One kiss is allowed for each berry.

It should be mentioned, however, that the plant contains toxic amines , and eating its berries can cause vomiting and stomach pain. In the past, mistletoe had been thought to be a cure for epilepsy and other ailments, but was proved false. In fact, mistletoe is probably more harmful than helpful: deaths have even been reported from drinking too much tea made from its berries.

So let's just stick to kissing under it.













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By Live Science Staff December 18, 2017/livescience.com

Impossible, scientists say. Here's why: Here on the ground, male reindeer shed their antlers at the end of the mating season in early December, while females sport their thinner antlers throughout the winter. Sounds like Rudolph and the gang were all gals.

"It appears that way," said

physiologist Perry Barboza of the Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska at Fairbanks, who studies reindeer and their closest cousins, caribou. Scientists consider reindeer and caribou the same species.

gifer tarandus) are used to the cold. They live in Alaska, Canada, Scandinavia and Russia, where they graze on tundra plants. So, even though pudgy Santa must bundle himself beneath a red-velvet suit, sleigh-pulling reindeer are naturally covered with hollow hairs that trap in air and keep them well-insulated. Plus, their circulatory systems keep the cooler blood in the reindeer's limbs from drawing heat from the warm blood in their core body.

While all reindeer would be equipped for an Arctic journey, though a flightless one, females might have the edge over their male counterparts. Santa was smart about choosing his sleighpullers. When the Christmas journey rolls around, male reindeer carry as low as 5 percent

Female reindeer, however, enter winter with about 50 percent body fat, making them "seals on hooves," Barboza said. The fat, which can be a couple of inches thick on their rumps, keeps the reindeer toasty in temperatures as low as minus 45 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 43 degrees Celsius). Which leaves us wondering, however, how they can be "faster than eagles," as legend has it.

Santa's reindeer have another hoof up on other animal sleigh pullers: They can see in the ultraviolet range of the electromagnetic spectrum, something humans (and Santa) can't do. This vision ability will come in handy in the winter, said researchers who published a review of reindeer research in the journal Frontiers for Young Minds in 2015, as the sun

is low on the horizon during Christmas season with lots of light scattering from the atmosphere. Result? The light that hits our eyes is mainly blueish and ultraviolet, the researchers said.

In addition, reindeer eyes are equipped with a reflective tissue behind the retina that reflects light back through the retina, enhancing night vision, said researchers in 2013 who found this layer of tissue changes color through the seasons. In Arctic summers, when there's constant daylight, the tissue is yellow and so reflects a bunch of light back out of the eyes; in winter, when there's complete darkness, the tissue turns a deep blue — a color that reflects less incoming light out of the eye, researchers from the University College London said in a statement. The researchers published their results in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B.

Editor's Note: This article was updated in 2017 with new research on reindeer. Original article on livescience.com



Santa, turns out, did some savvy hiring of his prancing parade. These antlered deer (Ran-

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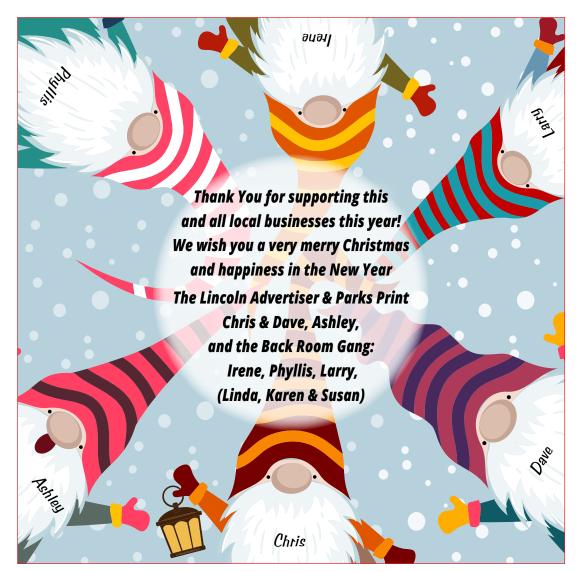




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