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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the staff at Shamblin Insurance and Financial Services.

Everyone at Shamblin Insurance would like thank all of our clients and future clients for your business. We really do appreciate it and if there is anything else we can do for you please do not hesitate to ask.

Insurance Christmas Shopping

In these tough economic times and with Christmas coming up give us a chance to try to save you some money on your insurance. If you are a current client remember we have the ability to quote several different companies to find you the best coverage at the best price.

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Interesting Christmas Facts

1. The biggest selling Christmas single of all time is Bing Crosby's White Christmas.
2. The common abbreviation for Christmas to Xmas is derived from the Greek alphabet. X is letter Chi, which is the first letter of Christ's name in the Greek alphabet.

3. In 1836, Alabama was the first state in the USA to declare Christmas a legal holiday.
4. The first American Christmas carol was written in 1649 by a minister named John de Brebeur and is called "Jesus is Born".
5. Some priests in Australia advise you to say "Happy Christmas", not "Merry Christmas", because Merry has connotations of getting drunk - which brings its own problems. One should say "Happy" instead.
6. Although many believe that the Friday after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year, it is not. It is the fifth to tenth busiest day. The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the two busiest shopping days of the year.
7. The tradition of gifts seems to have started with the gifts that the wise men brought to Jesus. The exchanging of gifts between people started in about the 1800's.
8. For many centuries reindeer have been domesticated in their original habitat, which ranges from Norway into northern Asia. They have been trained to wear harnesses because of their strength, speed, and endurance in pulling sleds over snow.
9. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer was created in 1939 by a 34-year-old copywriter named Robert L. May, who came up with a poem about a misfit reindeer at the request of his employer, Chicago-based Montgomery Ward, for a Christmas story they could use as a store promotional gimmick.
10. "Silent night" was written for a choir when the church organ broke down.
11. The word "Christmas" comes from Cristes mæsse, an old English phrase that means "Mass of Christ."
12. More than three billion Christmas cards are sent annually in the United States.
13. In North America, children put stockings out at Christmas time. Their Dutch counterparts, however, use shoes. Dutch children set out shoes to receive gifts any time between mid-November and December 5, St. Nicholas' birthday.
14. The origin of hanging Christmas stockings comes to us from southern Europe. One legend says that an old man was in despair because he had no money for his daughter's dowries. St. Nicholas dropped a bag of gold down the chimney, which happened to fall into a stocking hung up to dry.
15. Coca Cola was the first beverage company to use Santa for a winter promotion.