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THE LEGEND OF THE SILVER PINECONES

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There once lived a poor family without enough food to eat or enough wood for their fire.

The mother decided to go into the forest to search for pinecones. She was planning to use the pinecones to build a fire for her family, and she was also hoping she could sell some of them to get money to buy food.

After walking for hours, the mother finally reached the forest and started gathering pinecones into her basket. Suddenly, she heard a voice say, "Why are you stealing my pinecones?" With that, an elf appeared beside her.

She explained her sad story to the elf. With a crooked smile, the elf said, "Go into the next forest. The pinecones there are much better."

Hesitantly, the mother set off to the next forest, which was even farther away.

When she reached it, she was very tired. She leaned against a tree and sat her basket on the ground.

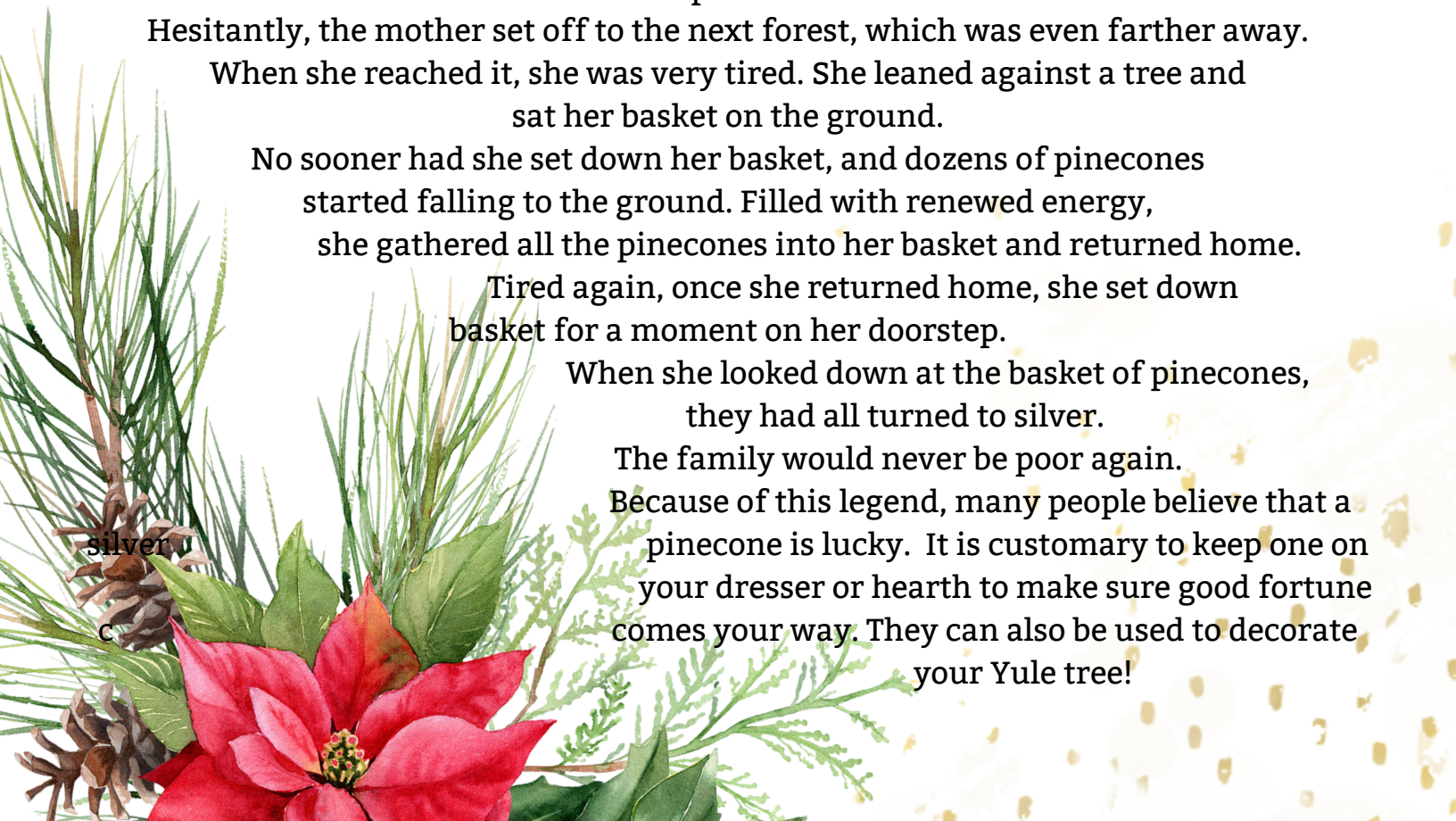
No sooner had she set down her basket, and dozens of pinecones started falling to the ground. Filled with renewed energy, she gathered all the pinecones into her basket and returned home.

Tired again, once she returned home, she set down basket for a moment on her doorstep.

When she looked down at the basket of pinecones, they had all turned to silver.

The family would never be poor again.

Because of this legend, many people believe that a pinecone is lucky. It is customary to keep one on your dresser or hearth to make sure good fortune comes your way. They can also be used to decorate your Yule tree!



Calendar of Events:

Riverdale City Office & Maintenance Shop will be closed December 25 and January 1st

McLean-Mercer Regional Library will be closed December 25, 26 and January 1st



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Riverdale Community Church

8:30 am (Riverdale, ND)

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church

Underwood

Sunday 8:30 am

St. Catherine's Catholic Church

Turtle Lake

Saturday 5:00 pm

St. Edwin Catholic Church

Washburn

Sunday 10:30 am

St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

9:00 am (Underwood)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (ELCA)

11:00 am (Riverdale, ND)

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)

11:00 am (2 mi W & 2 mi S of Pick City)

St. Paul Lutheran Church (ELCA)

10:30 am (from Pick City: 2 mi W, 6 mi S & ¼ mi E off of Hwy 200)

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Sunday 10:00 am (Underwood, ND)

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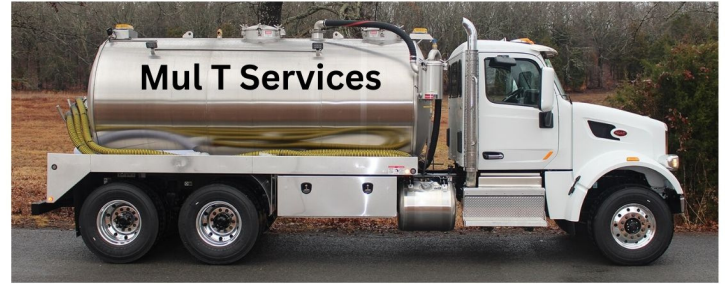
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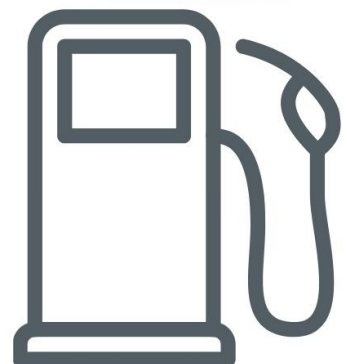


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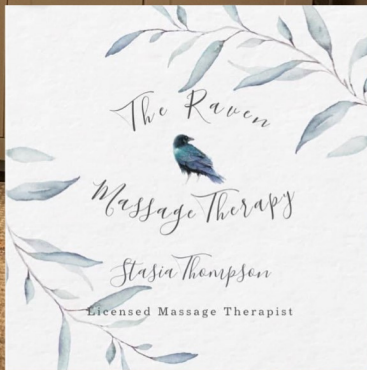
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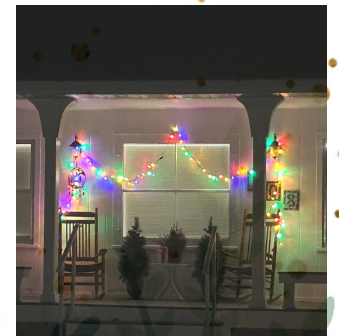
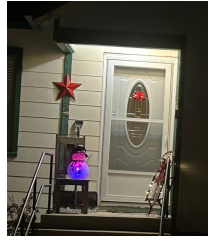
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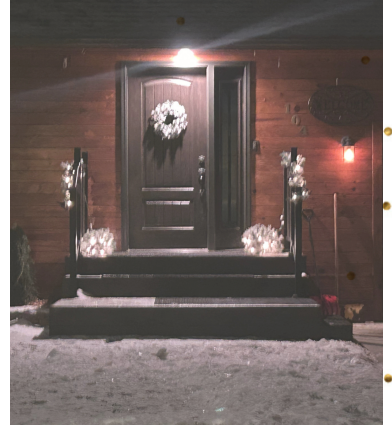
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Submitted November 27, 2023

***Contact: Beth Krause, WRT Marketing Mgr – 748.2211 /
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- Ice can form overnight, causing unstable conditions. Ice thickness is not consistent, as it can vary significantly within a few inches.
- Avoid cracks, pressure ridges, slushy or darker areas that signal thinner ice. The same goes for ice that forms around partially submerged trees, brush, embankments or other structures.
- Anglers should drill test holes as they make their way out on the lake, and an ice chisel should be used to check ice thickness while moving around.
- Daily temperature changes cause ice to expand and contract, affecting its strength.
- The following minimums are recommended for travel on clear-blue lake ice formed under ideal conditions.

However, early in winter it's a good idea to double these figures to be safe: 4 inches for a group walking single file; 6 inches for a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle; 8-12 inches for an automobile; and 12-15 inches for a pickup/truck.

And some life-saving safety tips:

- Wear a personal flotation device and carry a cell phone.
- Carry ice picks or a set of screwdrivers to pull yourself back on the ice if you fall through.
- If someone breaks through the ice, call 911 immediately. Rescue attempts should employ a long pole, board, rope, blanket or snowmobile suit. If that's not possible, throw the victim a life jacket, empty water jug or other buoyant objects. Go to the victim as a last resort, but do this by forming a human chain where rescuers lie on the ice with each person holding the feet of the person in front.
- To treat hypothermia, replace wet clothing with dry clothing and immediately transport the victim to a hospital.

Tentative 2024 Season Opening Dates

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department annually provides its best estimate for opening dates to help hunters prepare for hunting seasons.

Dates become official when approved by governor's proclamation. Tentative opening dates for 2024 include:

Spring Turkey April 13

Deer and Pronghorn Bow, Mountain Lion Aug. 30

Dove Sept. 1

Youth Deer Sept. 13

Sharptail, Hun, Ruffed Grouse, Squirrel, Youth Waterfowl Sept. 14

Early Resident Waterfowl Sept. 21

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Youth Pheasant Oct. 5

Pheasant, Fall Turkey Oct. 12

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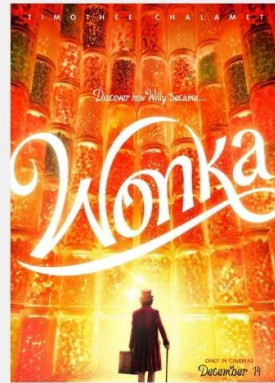
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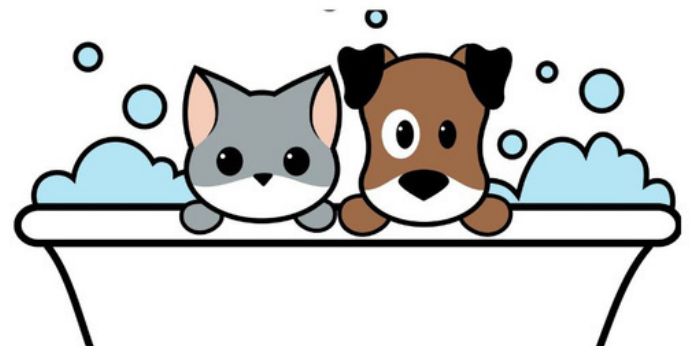
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- snowman
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- polar bear
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- Santa's reindeer
- Santa
- Santa on roof
- Santa in sleigh
- Mrs. Claus
- elf
- presents
- over-sized candy
- candy cane
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- candle in window
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- ☒ ½ CUP CORN SYRUP
- ☒ ½ CUP BUTTER
- ☒ 1 TSP VANILLA EXTRACT
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