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#### Gifts and re-gifting

"As we get older, we realize that the best gifts for Christmas are found in the heart and not in the shopping malls." — Ms. Anonymous

by N.L. Preston

ring out the cake and blow out the candles! It's time to celebrate December as National Bingo Month. Its origin is related to Edwin S. Lowe's creation of the first bingo game in 1929. Shout out to bingo staffers who run bingo games. How about sponsoring a bingo birthday party this month at your facility? Pick a game night and go all out with birthday decorations, treats for all, and special bingo game prizes. For anyone celebrating an actual birthday that night, offer discounted prices, or even allow them to play for free. Design special games like a B for Bingo Birthday and P for Party. Use your imagination to make it a fun evening for all.

On another topic, this is the Christmas season, so I've been thinking about regifting presents or not exchanging gifts at all. I love decorating the tree and house, the carols, special movies, the smells, the parties, and gift giving. Growing up, our family didn't celebrate many holidays, but Christmas was always special. We were fortunate in that there were always presents under our tree and we were allowed to open one on Christmas Eve. My husband wasn't so lucky as he was raised by a single mom and Christmas was just another day in his world. After we married, I tried to make up for that neglect and help him appreciate the joy that I experience this time

of year. I made our Christmas cards and shopped year-round for perfect presents to delight loved ones.

However, our children have grown up, moved out, and moved on, and like many others, Christmas has become less meaningful to them. Last year, they all requested gift cards, practical for sure, but not much fun at our family party. The result being that this year, for the first time in my life, our family will skip the gift exchange and play some fun games instead. Since gift giving has become so expensive, I understand and agree.

In 2024, average holiday spending per person was around \$900 according to the National Retail Federation. Whew! That's a hit to our pocketbooks as my own Christmas gift list had grown longer than Pinocchio's nose as the kids brought spouses and children into our family; not to mention various friends who count as family. Add to that the price of holiday travel, meals, and decorations and the harsh realities have hit me like a snowball to my face. I needed to adjust my spending and expectations and realize that Christmas is not about what we get or give, but about who's around the tree with us and the love we share.

Gifts I previously bought anticipating Christmas 2025 will be re-gifted on other occasions in 2026. Technically, this is not regifting because they are not recycled gifts I received from others; although there's nothing wrong with doing that either. Shouldn't an unwanted gift be given to someone who might appreciate it as opposed to it sitting in a dark closet gathering dust? Share your thoughts with me about this topic, or any other, via my contact e-mail: <a href="mailto:nlpvzw6172@gmail.com">nlpvzw6172@gmail.com</a>



#### **Gaming News**

#### History-making payout

A player at a Michigan casino recently turned an ordinary blackjack hand into a history-making payout. The Indiana man identified as Anthony W. won \$1.3 million on the Blackjack Triple Diamond Progressive while playing at FireKeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek. He placed a \$5 Bonus Spin Xtreme progressive side bet during a standard game when the mystery "must-hit" progressive was randomly triggered. His very first call after the big win? To his mom, of course. "Momma, we are out of the hood," he said in video that has since gone viral. "We're leaving tomorrow." Bonus Spin Xtreme is an optional progressive side bet available on select table games at FireKeepers Casino, including Blackjack, Poker, Craps, Roulette, and Baccarat.

#### Horses allowed to play

If you invite a Clydesdale to press the spin button on your machine and the jackpot hits, does the horse get the W-2G? Apparently to promote the Indian National Finals Rodeo at South Point Arena & Equestrian Center, an impromptu parade followed a Clydesdale right through the middle of a casino. A couple of videos of the parade were reposted by VegasSlotsOnline. They're worth a peek—and be sure to read the comments for a smile.

#### Dealer championship crowns winner

A Best Dealer tournament made its American debut at G2E this fall. A total of 34 dealers from around the country competed in tests of their skills in dealing blackjack and roulette, including card pitching and chip racking. The winner, a dealer at Graton casino in northern California,

took home a trophy and \$5,000; in second a dealer at Cosmopolitan and third place (Encore) finishers earned \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively.

#### Suspicious betting

Several hours before the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Maria Corina Machado, was announced, online bets for the Venezuelan opposition leader spiked on the prediction-market platform Polymarket. According to the Guardian, up until Thursday night, Yulia Navalnaya led the odds, while Machado's odds weren't quite 4%. Less than two hours later, they'd skyrocketed to 73%, indicating a surge of bets in favor of Machado. One U.S. bettor won \$65,000. The head of the Nobel Institute, which goes to enormous lengths to keep the winners of Nobel prizes a secret, told a Norwegian newspaper that it was "too early to be certain" if the winner had been leaked, but said he expected an investigation to be launched.



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#### **Bingo News**

#### **Bingo Strategies**

Recently, we ran across several articles on strategies for winning Bingo and they all mentioned "The Tippet Method" and The Granville Method" specifically. Bingo results depend on the drawn numbers, so there's no way for players to manipulate or guess the outcome—so neither of these strategies will make you a Bingo winner—but we thought they were interesting reading, nonetheless. A few tips that actually will improve your odds below.

#### The Tippett method

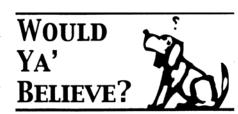
British statistician L.H.C. Tippett came up with a complex theory about randomness that may or may not be true (there is no statistical evidence supporting the theory). Tippett's theory suggests the more numbers called in a bingo game, the more likely those numbers will gravitate towards the median number. For example, if there are 75 bingo balls in play, and it's a short game, choose cards with numbers closer to 1 and 75. If it's a long game, choose numbers that are closer to the median number 45. Skilled bingo players will know which games will go for longer and which games are usually decided in fewer calls.

#### The Granville Method

This method came from Joseph E. Granville, a financial analyst and writer. Granville's strategy requires players to select their cards based on the balance of the numbers and their long-run probability of being drawn. Based on Granville's strategy, players must assume that operators will call an equal amount of low, high, even, and odd numbers. When applying Granville's method to a 75-ball Bingo game, players should expect to see equal appearances of numbers between 1 to 37 and 38 to 75. Therefore, when selecting their Bingo cards, players should choose cards that have an even balance of low and high numbers. According to this method, players should also assume that even and odd numbers will appear an equal number of times. Therefore, they should select cards with a balance of odd and even numbers. It should be noted that Granville's reputation as a stock market investor is deplorable, with his stock choices depreciating by 20% year on year based on his ability as a mathematical analyst.

#### What does increase odds of winning?

- Playing with more cards is one of the best-known strategies used by players to increase their chances of winning. When playing multiple cards, it's important to remember, however, that Bingo should be fun and not stressful and that this strategy requires players to be adept at managing their money, so financial prudence is essential.
- Play when the hall (or online bingo room) is less crowed. Fewer players improves odds of winning.
- Don't play when tired or unfocused for any reason—missing numbers leads to missing wins.



...In Birmingham, England, 2.5 million Mills & Boon books were pulped to create the top layer of the M6 toll road.

...Charles Joughin, the chief baker on the Titanic, allegedly treaded water for two hours before being rescued from the sunken vessel. He later claimed that the copious amounts of whiskey he consumed before the ship went down kept his body warm enough to survive the subfreezing ocean temperature.

...Alcatraz holds an annual Indigenous Peoples' Thanksgiving Sunrise Gathering, also known as Unthanksgiving Day, to commemorate the 1969 occupation of Alcatraz and to protest the colonialist history of Thanksgiving.

...Instead of saying something like "the cat's pajamas" or "the bee's knees," the French say "the baby Jesus in velvet shorts."

...The red parasol moss Splachnum rubrum grows only on moose poop.

...In 2013, an American man named Ashrita Furman took the title of "the most bananas sliced with a sword on a slackline in one minute" by slicing 36 of them in 60 seconds.

...Some birds change the size of their brain every winter.

...In the 1970s, the NFL team now called the Seattle Seahawks opened a competition in which the public could suggest and vote on a name for them. About 1,750 suggestions and 20,000 entries were received.



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by Guy Williams

#### **Winter winners**

Hi Guy

It's official: I think I need my head examined.

When the winter weather turned so bad this season, my wife suggested that I might want to take a break from evening travel—which of course would include skipping Bingo.

She of course was right, and I have made a point of waiting for the snow to stop falling and letting the plows clear and salt the roads before heading out to run errands or go shopping or anything. Mostly.

The exception is Bingo—which I play a couple of nights a week and also work at as a runner at one game. It is the one activity I really hate to skip, and actually like doing more in the winter for two reasons:

Less people go out in the winter weather, which means there are less players and it is easier working as a runner with fewer players needing help; and there are less players to compete with and you have a better chance of winning prize money.

While I admit I haven't done a great job of keeping track, I am confident that probably 70% of the jackpots I win during the year I get between November and March. It only stands to reason that this is because there are a lot fewer players filling the chairs, which ups everyone's chances of winning. It sure is working for me.

Admittedly, it can be a little foolish driving the winter roads at night to do something as trivial as play Bingo. But it seems way less foolish when you drive home again with \$1,000 in your pocket and a grin you can't get off your face!

The same goes for working at Bingo. As a retiree, I have plenty of free time on my hands and can get bored being cooped up at home when the weather turns bad. My Bingo job makes me get out of the house and do something social with people I have gotten to know and who go to Bingo to have fun and win some bucks.

I'm glad to be there to add to their fun and grab some of the fun for myself. And I usually find myself driving home with a grin on my face on those nights, too. It may not be a money-winning grin, but it's a grin, nonetheless. — *Cal G., Ohio* 

#### Hi Cal,

With harder winters seeming to hit more of the country each year, I know a lot of Bingo halls have struggled to fill their seats at this time of year. Lucky for you and unfortunately for others, when hall numbers are down the odds of your winning go way up. And smart players take full advantage.

Like you, I make a point of playing regularly and sometimes a little more Bingo during the winter season for that very reason. And I know that my winning percentage goes up because of it.

That said, there is also a limit to how much risk I'm willing to take on the roads during inclement weather. If it is so icy that I can barely get from the house to the garage without breaking my neck, that's when I'll stay put, Bingo night or not. But if it is only a dark, creepy, slushy mess outside—I'm there! — **Guy** 

Hey guys! (And gals!) Write to: Guy's Turn c/o The Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or email editor tara@bingobugle.com.



#### **Veterans Post**

#### Medical equipment missing at the VA

The VA appears to have lost \$211 million worth of medical equipment from their facilities, approximately 5% of the total. This includes computers, exam tables, microscopes ... over 75,000 items.

Per a recent audit of medical facilities by the VA's Office of Inspector General, there might be even more missing, because the VA only tracks nonexpendable items.

How is it possible to lose that much stuff?

One way to "lose" items is when the batteries in the electronic location tags die, making the item impossible to find. Items were also "lost" because



by Sam Mazzotta

DEAR PAWS: I adopted a beautiful black Lab. "Sadie" was 10 weeks old, well socialized to people and other dogs by the shelter staff, and started training beautifully. Now she is 7 months old, and some days it seems like she has forgotten all of her behavioral training. She won't respond to commands, she pulls the leash and she jumps on people at the door. Why is she suddenly such a handful? — Barry G. in Bellingham, Washington

DEAR BARRY: Congratulations! Your puppy is reaching the "rebellious teenager" phase of growth. This is a totally normal phase of a healthy, happy young dog, and it starts at about 7 to 10 months of age.

Much like human teenagers, puppies at this phase develop fun traits like selective hearing, challenging authority and testing boundaries. Part of what's happening is hormonal changes and growing pains, along with more familiarity with her environment and the routine you've set. These are important stages in Sadie's development, so don't get discouraged. You haven't failed at training her.

During a regression, it's important to focus on the basics of behavior training and maintain the routine you've established. If you walk Sadie each morning and practice "sit," "lay down," "heel" and "come", don't change.

It's also important to manage your frustration. That can be hard when an adolescent dog is tangling the leash around your ankles! Breathe deeply, remind yourself that this, too, shall pass, and keep the leash short.

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they were not in the location indicated. In this recent audit, the OIG could not find 537,000 items (33%) at the locations indicated on the previous inventory.

Add to that staff informed the OIG that if certain items were included in a previous audit, they didn't need to be included in the next audit. Many items had an average of 600 days between inventory dates, increasing the risk that items go missing forever.

It gets worse: The OIG learned that reporting of missing items had not been conducted as it should be in all cases. There were 915 missing item reports (value \$31.2 million) that had not been completely investigated, and over 200 items that hadn't been reported at all.

So what happens when proper inventories aren't done? If nothing else, items can't be assessed to determine whether they're in a condition to be used for patient care. If inventories aren't accurate, medical items can't be found immediately for patient care. If missing item reports aren't done, it can't be determined just how those items came to be missing. And there can't be accurate planning of future purchases if there isn't an accurate accounting of what is actually on hand.

I hope VA Secretary Doug Collins is paying attention to this.



by Bonnie Mitchell

## Flash winner a plant?

Dear Aunt Bingo,

I am hoping that I am wrong, but at the Bingo hall where I play Bingo, this woman seems to win all the large pots on the flash card games that they play in between the regular Bingo games.

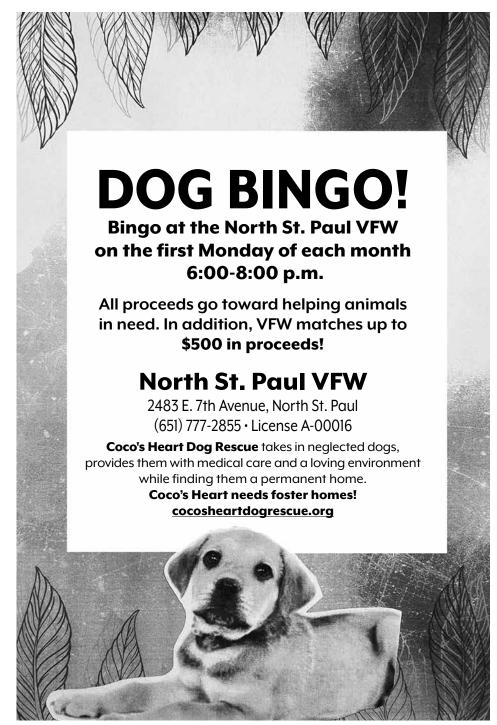
My friend says that it is obvious that she is a plant. I hate to believe this, as it is a church hall where we play. What is your opinion? This woman infuriates everyone by yelling Bingo at the top of her lungs. Please answer this as we all read your column each month. — **Betty from Oakland, California** 

#### Dear Betty,

A plant? At a church Bingo?
You believe that a religious institution whose purpose is to help parishioners live a Christian life and be closer to God has planted a player at its Bingo to cheat the other players. You believe that this church Bingo, whose proceeds will be used for any number of charitable activities as well as to fund the church's own good works, is doing so by running a scam. And risking their reputation as an institution if they were to be caught?

It is much more likely that this woman is winning more often because she spends more money on the flash cards games than other players. — *Aunt Bingo* 

Share your views! Write to Aunt Bingo c/o the Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or email her editor at <a href="tara@bingobugle.com">tara@bingobugle.com</a>. Be sure to include your name and address (you can request that your name not be published), as typically she will not include anonymous letters in her columns.





#### Star Luck **Fortunes**

by Frederick Woodruff Astroinquiry.com

#### **Horoscopes** for December 2025

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): This is the month to launch your boat-the waters are calm, and a strong sense of flow dominates. The secret that will bring everything together for you is: Empathy. Putting yourself in the other person's shoes. Champion those who need your support and wisdom.

Lucky Days: 7 - 12 Lucky Numbers: 9 - 33

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): Get ready to bring your best game (or argument) to the table. It's time for you to clarify and define, for those in your immediate circle, what exactly you want to achieve in the new year ahead. The time for planning and overthinking is through; you are ready for your close-up now! **Lucky Days: 9 - 10** 

Lucky Numbers: 29 - 48

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): The full Moon in your sign on the 4th kicks the month into a spinning whirlwind. You're juggling several different ideas that require editing. Seek guidance from counselors or experts familiar with the puzzles you're trying to solve. And then relax into the holidays, with friends and family.

**Lucky Days: 12 - 25 Lucky Numbers: 8 - 10** 

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): There is no excuse for slowing down this month. You are fully equipped to keep several plates spinning in the air simultaneously. You'll find a steady stream of energy and inspiration from the spiritual or philosophical schools that you value; make time to revisit their wisdom.

**Lucky Days: 19 - 25** Lucky Numbers: 1 - 23

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): The full Moon on the 4th requires that you check your timing. You might need to pause and revisit the groundwork that supports the big project you started work on earlier this year. Look for weak spots or cracks. Also, you'll want to express some TLC to those who look to you for guidance now.

**Lucky Days: 4 - 14 Lucky Numbers: 9 - 45** 

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): Can you evaluate yourself clearly, without defenses or rationales? Identity and the reach of your influence are big themes for you this month. It's critical that you start the new year with self-awareness. Much is required of you in 2026. How willing are you to deliver?

**Lucky Days: 23 - 29 Lucky Numbers: 10 - 12** 

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): Put some magic in your thinking by asking "what if?" questions. You can apply this exercise to your job, home front, and key relationships. The idea is to imagine things differently—to weave together a new set of possibilities for yourself in the new year. But you must start with heartfelt inquiry.

**Lucky Days: 4 - 19** Lucky Numbers: 50 - 55

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): Allow your mischievous side to run free and play this holiday season. It's time to reconnect with the little kid that still resides inside your heart. The best way to do this is to spend time with children, to rediscover their curiosity and wonder. Those two qualities will carry you far, as an adult, in the new year.

**Lucky Days: 5 - 12** Lucky Numbers: 43 - 58

#### **SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21):**

You are starry-eyed and sparkling with magic now. As a fire sign, it's natural for you to generate warmth and spirit, but you're feeling a double dose now. You can optimize this lucky period by taking chances that you might not normally consider. Allow your imagination to attract what you're hoping for.

**Lucky Days: 8 - 25** Lucky Numbers: 4 - 39

#### **CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20):**

The key theme for you this month is refinement. You've accomplished a lot this year, but now you need to do some heavy editing. What do you want to release, and what do you want to maintain and then strengthen in the months ahead? Find a way to recruit like-minded folks that can help you achieve your aims.

**Lucky Days: 10 - 17** Lucky Numbers: 6 - 39

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): Allow yourself a big chunk of downtime this holiday season. Celebrate your accomplishments with friends and family. This is a preparatory period to make sure you've got all of your resources in order. But that doesn't mean overthinking. Use this time off to strengthen your faith for the new year ahead.

**Lucky Days: 3 - 13** Lucky Numbers: 29 - 47

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): The close of the year finds you in a heightened emotional state. This is common when memories of past holidays might crowd out the present. When we think of friends and loved ones we have lost, it's also a way of maintaining our relationship with them. You're here to remind us that love is an eternal bond.

**Lucky Days: 8 - 19** Lucky Numbers: 33 - 35

#### Savvy Senior

"You ask the senior question, we find the savvy answer!"

#### **Lump-sum Social Security**

Dear Savvy Senior,

I've read that the Social Security Administration offers a lump-sum payment to new retirees who need some extra cash. I would like to find out if this is true. What can you tell me?-Born In 1958

#### Dear 1958,

There is indeed a little-known Social Security claiming strategy that's been around for many years that can provide retirees a lump-sum benefit, but you need to be past your full retirement age to be eligible, and there are financial drawbacks you need to be aware of too.

First, let's review the basics. Remember that while workers can begin drawing their Social Security retirement benefits anytime between ages 62 and 70, full retirement age is 66 and 8 months for those born in 1958, but it rises in two-month increments

every birth year to age 67 for those born in 1960 and later.

At full retirement age, you are entitled to 100 percent of your benefits. But if you claim earlier, your benefits will be reduced by 5 to 6.66 percent every year you start before your full retirement age. While if you delay taking your benefits beyond your full retirement age, you'll get 8 percent more each year until age 70.

#### **Lump Sum Option**

If you are past full retirement age, and have not yet filed for your benefits, the Social Security Administration offers a retroactive lump-sum payment that's worth six months of benefits.

Here's how it works. Let's say for example that you were planning to delay taking your Social Security benefits past your full retirement age of 66 and 8 months, but you changed your mind at 67 and two months. You could then claim a lump-sum payment equal to those six months of benefits. So, for instance, if your full retirement age benefit was \$2,500 per month, you would be entitled to a \$15,000 lump sum payment.

If you decided at age 67 that you wanted to file retroactively, you'd get only four months' worth of benefits in your lump sum, because SSA rules prohibit you from claiming benefits that pre-date your full retirement age.

#### **Drawbacks**

The downside to this strategy is that once you accept a lump-sum payment, you'll lose the delayed retirement credits you've accrued, and your future monthly retirement benefit will be reduced to reflect the amount you already received. It will also affect your future survivor benefit to your spouse or other eligible family members after you die.

Depending on your income, Social Security benefits may be taxable, and a lump-sum payment could boost the amount of benefits that are taxed.

The federal government taxes up to 50 percent of Social Security benefits at ordinary income tax rates if your combined income exceeds \$25,000, and up to 85 percent of benefits are taxable if combined income exceeds \$34,000. For married couples, the comparable income thresholds for taxing benefits are \$32,000 and \$44,000.

To help you calculate this, see IRS Publication 915 Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits at IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf, or call 800-829-3676.

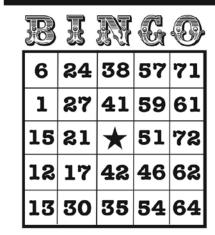
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#### DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS Cyber Monday 1st Full Moon 🏵 4th 8th National Brownie Day 9th National Llama Day Last Quarter Moon & 11th New Moon 20th Winter Solstice 21st Christmas Eve 24th 25th Christmas Day 26th Kwanzaa (first day) First Quarter Moon 27th

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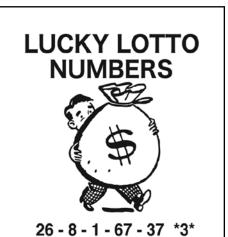
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#### The continuing adventures of Bingo John

#### **Body cast Bingo board?**

s you may remember, dear reader, I was off to Sarah-Mae's house to recuperate after the bingo cruise. I fell off a balcony while the bingo players were trying to get their well-deserved Elvis bingo daubers. I broke just about every bone in my body. I was encased in a white plaster suit with my two legs sticking straight up in the air like a piece of fried chicken.

Let me tell you, it wasn't pretty. First, there was the ordeal of getting my body over to Sarah-Mae's, and then the EMT guys dropped me off the porch. I rolled down the hill breaking my cast like Humpty Dumpty into a million little pieces. I will say that Sarah-Mae showed some real insight when she got a roll of duct tape and fixed the cracked parts on my white shell. I was in a right heap of pain. But Sarah-Mae went to the doctors, and they set me up with this little button that allowed me to self-medicate with some sort of pain killer. Sarah-Mae said it was addictive, but it sure made me feel good, sort of like flying even though I was in that sticky, plaster shell. It was so good, that even Sarah-Mae started to look pretty nice.

Well, those good times lasted a good bit, but before I knew it, my body started to heal. Sarah-Mae was strutting proud with her head up in the air, because she knew I was getting better. The problem was that I started getting real used to the pain juice the doctors had sent. Everything around me shone with this pearly light. It was like the whole world was an Elysian field filled

with bleating goats eatin' grass.

Everything just got more and more blissful, until Sarah-Mae up and decided to end my dream vacation. She said that I'd made a new resolution to play bingo with her every week. While she was telling me this, I tried hitting the medication button, but the juice was dry. She looked at my trigger finger and said the doctor told her that I was getting too used to the meds. He told her she needed to cut me off.

Now, I knew I'd never in my right mind say anything about playing bingo with Sarah-Mae. Once my wits started creeping back, I started to protest. But before I could say anything, she picks up my naked foot and starts massaging my toes with Vaseline. I was strapped down, so I couldn't get away.

"And not only that," she said. "If you look at your chest, you'll see I painted a bingo board. So even if you're not out of the cast we'll be able to play."

Then she laid my foot on a pillow and took my face into her lubricated hands.

"You being healed and all. I guess I deserve this," she said as she pressed her lips on my forehead. They felt cold and squishy. Then, she bent down to kiss my lips. When she was within inches, someone started banging on the front door. She left in a huff.

Right away, I knew it was the Bates boys. Even back in high school I couldn't stand them. They were the school bullies, and I was always at the receiving end of their jokes and prods. For some reason, as adults, they thought we were all best friends. I could hear his voice all the way at

the back of the house. He was yelling at his kid, Bates "The First." His wife started in, screaming at the both of them not touch ANYTHING. It didn't work. Next thing I see, the kids had crayons and a baseball bat. They were grinding crayons into my carpet with the bat.

"We're here to take you to the bingo hall," said Bates.

Next thing I know a bunch of guys I didn't recognize came in and loaded me up on another gurney. Without the drugs, things were getting clearer and clearer, especially how Sarah-Mae kept holding my hand.

At the Bingo hall Sarah-Mae's sitting on one side and Bate's wife is on the other. They propped me up, so I could see my chest. Sarah-Mae put these little chits on my chest whenever the caller drew any of my numbers. Pretty soon I was getting real close to winning. Sarah-Mae got excited and started jiggling around. On the other side of me Bates' wife kept pushing closer and closer. Then it dawned on me. They were excited about something other than me winning bingo. I must have said something in my drugged state that would haunt me for the rest of my days. Before I know, Sarah-Mae jumps up in the air yelling "Bingo!" The card on my chest had won. Then the bingo monitor came over, and he looked at me like I'd asked him to make an announcement. Next thing I know, Sarah-Mae grabs the microphone and says, "Yes, John. Oh yes, I've been waiting for ever to make this love real. I will marry you."

Next month, stunned and afraid of a shotgun marriage, Bingo John runs away.

#### BINGO BUGLE MONTHLY CONTEST



All contest entries must be deposited in Bingo Bugle advertiser halls (eligible halls are listed in the advertiser listing on page 3).

Entries are limited to one entry per person, per bingo location, per month. (Example: If you visit 10 different bingo locations in one month and deposit your entry at each location, you can win up to \$100! If you visit one bingo hall per month, you can win up to \$25.) All entries must be filled out completely and include the name of the bingo location you visited. Entries that are not filled out properly, or that we cannot read due to illegible handwriting, or are considered a duplicate will be disqualified. We look forward to your entry(s) every month and appreciate your continued readership. Good Luck!

Winners of the monthly contest will be announced each month in the Bingo Bugle. We mail checks after the 20th of each month.

If you have not received payment after six weeks, please contact us at (651) 600-9019.

#### Monthly Winners to Date:

August: Susan Wlaschin, West St. Paul Bingo Palace; Steven Arneson, Roseville Bingo Hall; Joel Ballin, Foxhole Bingo Lounge; Pam Steinhoff, Treasure Island Bingo. **September**: Kelly Specht, Roseville Bingo Hall; Bryan Jensen, Little Canada Bingo Hall; Denise Simons, Treasure Island Bingo; Chance Crow, West St. Paul Bingo Palace. October: Peter Adolphson, Treasure Island Bingo; Dorothy Eaglefeather, Roseville Bingo Hall; Vincent Sumner, West St. Paul Bingo Palace; Teresa Griffith, Little Canada Bingo Hall. November: Trudy O'Marro, Foxhole Bingo Lounge; Tammy Beyer, Roseville Bingo Hall; Miracle Magnum, Marian KC Bingo; Renee Johnson, Treasure Island Bingo.

#### **December Sweepstakes Winners**

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#### **Ask Annie**

By Annie E. Ennis

#### Recipe to impress

Dear Annie,

I need a special recipe for the holidays. My in-laws are coming for our Christmas Eve dinner and I need to impress them. They love shrimp so can you please give me a recipe with shrimp in it. Thank you for your help. — Heather M. from Galveston, Indiana

#### Dear Heather,

Here is an all-time favorite Christmas recipe that I found many years ago in a North Carolina cookbook. It is one of my recipes that always make a good impression. If you are serving more than six people, adjust your amount of ingredients accordingly. Good luck and Merry Christmas to you and your family. —Annie

#### ALL-TIME FAVORITE SHRIMP WITH ARTICHOKES

1 20 oz. can artichoke hearts 3/4 lb. raw shrimp, boiled and cleaned 1/4 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced

5 tbsp. butter ½ c. onions, chopped 4 tbsp. flour 1 ½ c. half-and-half 1 tbsp. Worcestershire 3 tbsp. dry sherry 1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan cheese Paprika Dash of salt Dash of pepper

Drain the artichokes, slice in half and arrange in a buttered 9 x 15 Pyrex-type baking dish. Cut the shrimp into pieces approximately 1 inch. Spread the cooked shrimp over the artichokes. Using a frying pan, sauté the mushrooms in butter for about 5 minutes. Lift them out of the frying pan. Sprinkle them over the shrimp and artichokes. Cook the onions in the same butter until transparent. Add the flour and cook for an additional minute or two. Add the half-and-half and stir until thickened. Add the Worcestershire, salt, pepper and sherry to the cream sauce and pour over the contents of the baking dish. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and paprika. Bake in a preheated oven at 375 degrees for 20 minutes. Serves 6.





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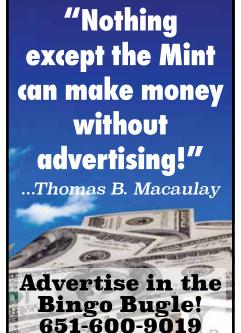
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Elf Bingo At the Center! Sunday, Dec. 14 at 1:00 p.m. \$7/card for 16 games. A free lunch will be served following bingo. Bring a friend who has never experienced one of our bingo events, and both of you will be entered to win a free dozen donuts! The Center, 803 Kingwood St., Brainerd. allevents.in

#### Burnsville, MN

Burnsville Mingle & Jingle: Holiday Social with Bingo! Thursday, Dec. 11, 5:00-9:00 p.m. Embrace the winter season with joy and a shout-out to fun! Enjoy a night with festive tunes, appetizers, cash bar, silent auction, and prize bingo. To register see <a href="mailto:burns-ville-mn.chambermaster.com/even-tregistration.">burns-ville-mn.chambermaster.com/even-tregistration</a>. Buck Hill Event Center, 15400 Buck Hill Road, Burnsville.



#### **Puzzle Solutions**

**Bugle Crossword** 



#### **Bugle Sudoku**

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#### Jumblers

Jumbles: CROSS RELIC DEVOUR CAMPUS
Answer: The classic vinyl albums were selling for —
RECORD PRICES

#### Chaska, MN

Bingo Night! Every Thursday in December (4, 11, 18 and 25) 6:30-8:30 p.m. Just \$1 per card/round to play, cash prizes with BIG progressive blackouts!! Come out and enjoy great beer and mouthwatering food while supporting the community! Schram Haus Brewery, 3700 Chaska Blvd.,

#### Cloquet, MN

Holiday Bingo! Friday, Dec. 12, 5:30 -7:00 p.m. at the Garfield Building Cafeteria, 302 14th St. Cost: \$12. If you enjoy playing Bingo, then this will be the event for you! We'll have fun picture Bingo cards to use as we play round after round to win some prizes!

#### **Duluth, MN**

Join PJ's Rescue for the 3rd Annual Jingle Bell Bingo! Saturday, Dec. 6, 12:00-3:00 p.m. at The Caddy Shack Indoor Golf & Pub. Tickets available at The Caddy Shack, \*must pay cash. Ticket pick-up at 12:00 p.m., BINGO starts 1:00 p.m. \$20/ticket for 10 rounds of BINGO!

**Big Wheel Bingo!** Dec. 9, 9:00-11:00 p.m. at Dubh Linn's Duluth Restaurant & Pub, 109 W Superior St., Duluth. dubhlinnpub.com/event/tuesday-night-events-special-2025-12-09.

#### **Elk River, MN**

Card Bingo! Thursday, Nov. 20 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Play card bingo with our sponsor — Elk River Senior Living! They will provide prizes and we will provide treats. Please register in advance. Furniture and Things Community Event Center, 1000 School St., Elk River. <a href="mailto:activitycenter@elkrivermn.gov">activitycenter@elkrivermn.gov</a> (763) 635-4500.

#### Farmington, MN

Holiday Bingo with Santa! Friday, Dec. 19, 10:30 a.m. Play Bingo with Santa and enjoy a special treat, courtesy of Finch and Daisy. 325 Oak St., Farmington. (651) 280-6970.

#### Fergus Falls, MN

Over the River Holiday Festival 2025! Saturday, Dec. 13. Christmas Bingo at the Senior Center. The Over the River Holiday Festival is back, transforming our charming downtown into a winter wonderland filled with lights, laughter, and holiday cheer.

#### Fridley, MN

Cash Bingo! Sunday, Dec. 7, 3:00 p.m. Have some brews, play some pull tabs and take your shot at winning big during bingo! Bingo sheets come in packs of eight and can be purchased for \$10. The minimum pot win is \$50. Prizes for coverall can range from \$500-\$1,000! Forgotten Star Brewing Co., 38 Northern Stacks Dr., Fridley.

#### **Grove City, MN**

**Fun Friday: Music Bingo!** Dec. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Listen to the best 40 seconds of 75 songs on great playlists, recognize the titles in Bingo patterns on your card and win prizes.

Minnesota Beer Company, 510 Atlantic, Ave. Grove City.

#### Hastings, MN

**Tuesday Night Bingo!** 7:00 p.m. Runs October through May at the Hastings American Legion, Post #47, 50 Sibley St., Hastings. www.hastingslegionpost47.org.

#### Hinkley, MN

**Firehouse Bingo!** Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Come join us during the holiday season! 324 Fire Monument Road, Hinckley.

#### Hopkins, MN

Pick-A-Present Bingo! Saturday, Dec. 13. A festive, holiday-themed Bingo Party that you won't want to miss! Meat Raffle Sales start at 12:30 p.m., Bingo begins at 2:00 p.m. Every single game winner gets to pick a PRES-ENT! Wild Boar, 1022 Main St., Hopkins. www.wildboarbarand.grill.com.

#### Little Canada, MN

**December Bingo!** Make any session extra hot with Hotball, paying out \$500 at night! Wild Animal Dual Daub: Take a walk on the wild side and win up to \$250! Birthday Special: Receive \$40 off on your birthday for all bingo session! Little Canada Bingo, 2900 Rice St., Little Canada. (651) 483-1203.

#### Minneapolis, MN

Bingo Loco! Saturday, Dec. 13. The world's only BINGO party of skill is coming to MINNEAPOLIS! International holiday prizes and random prizes ranging from lawnmowers to giant teddy bears! Mountains of confetti showers! Hilarious hosts that will have you on the floor laughing! And so much more! \$35. Tickets online: us.bingoloco.com. Granada Theater, 3022 Hennepen Ave. S., Minneapolis.

#### Mora, MN

Outdoor Fun Bingo! Saturday, Dec. 6, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Come join Knife Lake Sportsman's Club for some Outdoor Fun BINGO!! All prizes will be outdoors themed with prizes varying from fishing, hunting, water toys and gardening. Bingo card packs will be \$30 for 10 ten games. Northwoods Steakhouse, 2732 Hwy. 65, Mora. allevents. in/mora/outdoor-fun-bingo.

#### New Ulm, MN

Bingo at the Bierhalle! Tuesday, Dec. 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Join us at the Schell's Bierhalle for an exciting night of BINGO, where you can sip on your favorite brews, test your luck, and support the New Ulm Baseball Association! Jackpot of up to \$2,000! \$20 per card. 1860 Schell Rd., New Ulm. <a href="https://www.schellsbrewery.com/event/bingo-at-the-bierhalle-2/">www.schellsbrewery.com/event/bingo-at-the-bierhalle-2/</a>

#### Nisswa, MN

**Bar Bingo!** Sunday, Dec. 14, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sheets are \$1 each regular game(s). We have two Progressive Jackpots: \$500 "Lucky Seven" and

\$1,000 "Coverall." Nisswa American Legion, 25807 Main St., Nisswa. <u>www.</u> nisswalegion.com

#### Saint Leo, MN

Jackpot Bingo! Sunday, Dec. 7, St. Leo Catholic Church from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Warm-up games at 12:30 p.m., Jackpot games at 1:30 p.m. Lunch starts at noon. 415 S Hiawatha Ave., Pipestone.

#### St. Cloud, MN

**BINGO!** at VFW post #428! Saturdays in December (6, 13, 20, and 27) from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Each bingo package is \$20. 9 - 18th Ave. N., St. Cloud. (320)251-9951, <a href="https://www.fwpost428.com">www.fwpost428.com</a>.

#### Saint Paul, MN

**DJ Bingo!** Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 at the St. Paul Tap! 7:00-9:00 p.m. Free music bingo. Instead of calling numbers, we play clips of songs. Match the songs on your DJ Bingo sheet (or play along on your phone), get a BINGO and win a gift card. St. Paul Tap, 825 Jefferson Ave., Saint Paul.

#### Sauk Centre, MN

**Sunday Bingo!** Every Sunday night in December from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sauk Centre American Legion Post #67. Only \$12 for 12 games of bingo! Food available for purchase during intermission. 128 Main St. S., Sauk Centre.

#### Stacy, MN

Lions Bingo! Dec. 21, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Door prizes and pull-tabs. Come out and join us for some fun! Admission Packet \$10, Single Sheets Regular Game - \$1, Coverall - \$2. The Rick Doyle Bldg., 30309 Forest Blvd., Stacy.

#### Waseca, MN

Katie O'Leary's Bingo! Join us every Friday night from October-April for Bar Bingo at 6:30 p.m. 15 games! \$1 per card, \$1,000 jackpot in 53 numbers! Get there early to enter our Meat Raffles and grab a bite to eat and a seat! 117 - 2nd Ave. N.E., Waseca.

#### Willmar, MN

NYE Bingo! Come celebrate the New Year with us this NYE for a fun afternoon of bingo! Suitable for all ages and a variety of prizes will be available! Light refreshments will be served. Willmar Community Center, 624 US-71 BUS, Willmar. (320) 262-5288.





#### **Treasure Island Resort & Casino**

Live from the Island Events Center

Dec. 14 Lady A: This Winter's Night Tour (country), 7 PM

Dec. 19 **BUSH** (modern rock), 8 PM

Dec. 27 **Free Fallin'** (Tom Petty Experience), 8 PM

Dec. 31 New Year's at the Island! 5 PM

Jan. 23 **John Mueller's Winter Dance Party,** 8 PM

Feb. 22 **NEEDTOBREATHE: Acoustic Tour**, 7 PM

April 11 Mini Kiss! 8 PM

For updated information on entertainment please call 1-800-222-7077 for Casino or 1-800-745-3000 Ticketmaster

#### **Mystic Lake Casino Hotel**

Live from the Mystic Showroom

Dec. 6 Mark Normand: Ya Don't Say (comedian), 8 PM

Dec. 12 Rain: A Beatles Christmas Tribute, 8 PM

Dec. 13 **Jingle Bell Rock: Hairball Holiday Party**, 8 PM

Dec. 31 New Year's 2026: Night to Shine!, call for times

Jan. 16 **LFA 224** (mixed martial arts), 4:45 PM

Jan. 30 **BODEANS: 40 Years**, 8 PM

Feb. 27 **Stavros Halkiass** (comedian), 8 PM

March 5-6 The Price Is Right!, 8 PM
March 7 The Price Is Right!, 3 & 8 PM

March 8 The Price Is Right!, 3 PM

For updated information on entertainment please call the Box Office (952) 496-6563, or for Casino info (952) 445-9000

#### **Black Bear Casino**

Live from the Otter Creek Events Center

Dec. 12 Hairball XXV, 7 PM

Jan. 9 **Bingo Rave**, 7 PM (doors open 6 PM, \$35 general

admission)

For updated information on entertainment please call 1 (218) 878-BEAR (2327)

or Toll Free 1 (888) 771-0777 (US & Canada)

www.blackbearcasinoresort.com

Located at the intersection of I-35 and Hwy. 210 in Carlton, Minnesota, 20 minutes south of Duluth and approximately two hours north of the Twin Cities.

#### Northern Lights Casino

Live from the North Star Hall

Call 1-844-554-2646 for tickets! Or buy tickets online at: northernlightscasino.com Receive \$5 Slot Play Coupon with each ticket purchase.

#### **Shooting Star Casino**

Dec. 12 **Don Mclean** (folk and pop), 8 PM

Dec. 15-16 **Deck The Halls!** (craft show), 8 AM-5 PM

Dec. 19 **The Frontment** (country), 8 PM

Jan. 10 Phil Vassar (country), 8 PM

Jan. 30 **Craig Morgan** (country), 8 PM

Feb. 6 Tommy James & the Shondells, 8 PM

Feb. 20 **Joe Nichols**, 8 PM

For ticket purchases visit the Gift Shop, purchase online or call 1-800-453-STAR (7827). Box office open from 4 PM-8 PM show nights. Will-call pick-up tickets only.



by Chad Holloway

## Justice on the River: Big Slick does the trick

In early February, I traveled to Potawatomi Casino in Milwaukee for the Mid-States Poker Tour (MSPT) 100 Grand Series. It marked the first major poker event in Wisconsin since before the pandemic, and poker players were eager to compete.

The marquee tournament was the \$1,100 buy-in, \$500K GTD Main Event, and on Day 1a I was one of 314 entrants to enter the fray. The tournament started players with 100,000 in chips, and I decided to late register the tournament, coming in around the 1,000/2,000/2,000. I treaded water for a bit before a big hand went down that put me on elimination's doorstep because of a player's questionable decision.

With the blinds at 3,000/5,000/5,000, a player in early position raised to 13,000 and four other players called before it got to me in the big blind. I was sitting with 105,000 in my stack and looked down at the AhKs, which was not only a powerful hand but also the best hand I'd seen up to that point.

It was an easy decision for me to jam all in. If everyone folded, I'd pick up 78,000 in chips, nearly doubling up in the process, and if anyone called it was likely I'd either be way ahead or flipping for my tournament life.

The original raiser and another player folded before one of the tighter players called.

Another player folded before the table chip leader, who was seated to my direct right and had around 600,000 in chips, opted to come along.

There was a side pot so no one revealed their hands at that point. The flop came a lowly 6s3h2d and both my opponents checked. It wasn't the greatest flop for me as I failed to improve, and there was a good chance one of my two opponents held a hand like pocket fives or sevens.

The 9d turn put two diamonds on the board and didn't do me any favors. The tighter player checked again and this time the aggressive chip leader moved all in. That prompted the other player to fold his AdJh face up and the chip leader tabled the 10s9c for a pair of nines.

I was a bit perplexed to see that hand given the preflop action. Not only did he call a raise with a rather weak hand, but he also then called with it after a tight player three-bet jam and another tight player called. It didn't make much sense from a strategic perspective, but some players don't play GTO. They're willing to gamble it up, and it had been working for him as he had amassed the chip lead.

I was one card away from being his next victim and hitting the rail, but the river proved to be a saving grace as the Ac peeled off to pair my ace and give me a triple up. As I sat back down in my seat and raked in the pot all I could think was one word — "Justice."

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#### What's New in Nevada

#### Big jackpots

A couple of players at Station Casinos got lucky in October. A local hit a \$1.05 million jackpot on a Wheel of Fortune Cash Link Big Money machine at Sunset Station on a \$3 bet. The other local won \$437,311, plus the \$5,000 Fortune Bonus, at pai gow poker by hitting a seven-card straight flush, a gawjis 3 through 8 of spades and the wild card.

#### Starlight Plaza opens

The Mob Museum has opened its new seasonal outdoor lounge and event venue, Starlight Plaza. The 7,700-square-foot patio features eight mixed-media murals that "celebrate the legacies of Glitter Gulch, gambling, boxing, the Mint 400, the Rat Pack, Tom Jones, Liberace, and Lena Horne"; an original YESCO sign is also on display. For a limited time, there's a happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m. with beer and wine for \$5. Starlight is open noon to 9 p.m. Thurs.-Sunday. All ages are welcome until 5 p.m., 21 and older after that.

#### Highest-rated beer and pizza

VinePair.com used Beer Advocate's list of the top-rated beers from U.S. breweries with over 100 ratings on the platform to come up with each state's favorite. Nevada's is Disco Ninja, a 7% New England IPA from Revision Brewing Company in Sparks. It's described as "citrusy and tropical with a light resin note" and can be found,

we're told, at Total Wine & More, with three locations around the valley. To go with Disco Ninja, the best pizza in the Silver State, at least according to Tasting Table, is found at Solamente, located at 8390 West Sahara Ave. just east of Durango.

#### Cyn City!

Our favorite girl who just wants to have fun, Cyndi Lauper, has announced her first-ever Las Vegas residency, which will take place at the Colosseum at Caesars. Cyndi (and yes, we're on a first-name basis with her) had a string of hits from her debut album, She's So Unusual: Girls Just Wanna Have Fun, True Colors, Change of Heart, Time after Time, and She Bop. She also won the Grammy for best new artist in 1985. Known for her distinctive fashion and performance style and four-octave vocal range, Lauper, now 72, has released 12 studio albums that sold more than 60 million worldwide: in 2010, Memphis Blues was Billboard's most successful blues album of the year and in 2013, she won the Tony Award for Best Original Score for the Broadway musical Kinky Boots, making her the first woman to win the category by herself. She's won numerous other awards and recognitions, including two Tony's, an Emmy (she's also an actress), and several MTVs, and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame this year. The Vegas dates are April 24, 25, and 29 and 1, and 2.

#### At the Casinos

#### Treasure Island Resort and Casino

#### DECKED IN FREE SLOT PLAY GIVEAWAY!

Every Friday in December 3:00-8:30 p.m.

Feel the joy of winning up to \$1,000 FREE slot play during our Decked in FREE Slot Play Giveaway! Earn entries starting the Sunday before the weekly giveaway by playing with your Island Passport Club card. You'll receive one entry for every 10 base points you earn and one FREE entry each day you visit an Island Passport Club kiosk.

And...

#### \$150,000 FREE SLOT PLAY COUNTDOWN!

Every Saturday in Decembe Noon-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 6:00-11:30 p.m.

Keep the fun going all month long with our \$150,000 FREE Slot Play Countdown! Earn entries Dec. 1-31 by playing with your Island Passport Club card. For every 10 base points you earn, you'll receive one entry. Plus, you'll receive one FREE entry each day you visit an Island Passport Club kiosk and 10x entries every Thursday in December.

And...

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY SWIPE & WIN!**

Thursday, Dec. 25 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Unwrap up to \$10,000 FREE slot play! Earn 10 base points with your Island Passport Club card and visit a kiosk to reveal your prize.

And...

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY FREE SLOT PLAY GIVEAWAY!

Thursday, Jan. 1, noon-4:00 p.m.

Pop the confetti and pocket a share of over \$52,000 FREE slot play! Earn entries Dec. 24-Jan. 1 by playing with your Island Passport Club card. You'll receive one entry for every 10 base points you earn, one FREE entry every day you visit an Island Passport Club kiosk and 10x entries on Thursday, Jan. 1.

#### **Mystic Lake Casino**

#### DECK THE HALLS! Fill your punch card for Free Blackjack play!

Sundays-Saturdays, Dec. 7-27

Pick up a punch card at any Mystic Lake blackjack table and get a punch when you're dealt a suited blackjack. Fill your card with punches for all four suits in a week and win Free Blackjack Play! Earn punches 24 hours per day, Sunday through Saturday during these weeks: Dec. 7-13; Dec. 14-20; Dec. 21-27.

And...

#### MERRY MYSTICASH! Earn up to \$2,500 Mysticash playing slots!

EARN POINTS Dec. 1-12 REDEEM POINTS Dec. 13-14

Earn Mysticash 24/7 playing your favorite slots! Score up to \$2,500 Mysticash® for Tier Points earned playing slots Dec. 1 through 12. Swipe your Club M® card at any Mystic Lake or Little Six promotional kiosk beginning at 9:00 a.m. Dec. 13 through 11:59 p.m. Dec. 14 to claim your Mysticash!

#### COUNTDOWN TO FORTUNE! WIN A MYSTERY PRIZE WORTH UP TO \$35,000!

Saturday, Dec. 27, 2:00-9:00 p.m. PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS 2:00-8:30 p.m. Four guests will be drawn every 30 minutes to win up to \$1,000 Mysticash®! GRAND PRIZE DRAWING 9:00 p.m. Our Grand Prize winner will score a mystery prize worth up to \$35,000!

And....

#### RING IN THE WINS! WIN \$26,000 CASH FOR 2026!

Wednesday, Dec. 31 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS 11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Two guests will be drawn every 30 minutes to win up to \$1,000 Mysticash®! GRAND PRIZE DRAWING 5:00 p.m. Our Grand Prize winner will score \$26,000 cash! The runner-up will receive \$5,000 Mysticash.

#### **Jackpot Junction Casino**

#### JACKPOTS OF JOY TOY DRIVE! Share the Joy and Gift a Toy!

Dec. 2, 3, 9, & 10, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Bring a new, unopened toy worth \$10 or more to the Rewards Club, and you'll get \$10 in Free Play! All donations received will be split and donated

tions received will be split and donated to Redwood County Share the Spirit, Renville County Santa's Closet, CWOO Head Start, Cedar Mountain School District, and Redwood Area School District. One redemption per day, per guest. Free Play valid day of issuance only.

And...

#### JINGO BINGO! Jingle All The Way To Bingo!

Friday, Dec.19

Doors open 9:15 p.m., session 9:45 p.m. Get ready to light up your night at Jingo Bingo! Immerse yourself in an electrifying evening filled with thrilling games, fantastic prizes, and high-energy fun. Enjoy wild side games, exclusive drink specials, and Jell-O shots — all in a party atmosphere you won't want to miss! Paper packs start at just \$15 and electronic machines are \$25. Don't miss your chance to win big and make it a night to remember!

And...

#### SANTA'S JOLLY JACKPOT! Stuff Your Stocking With Free Play! Dec. 1-25, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Get in the holiday spirit with Santa's Jolly Jackpot! Play daily from Dec. 1-25, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., after earning 75 slot points. Visit a kiosk and unwrap festive rewards like Free Play, food offers, and bonus entries into our Friday night drawings. The prizes are merry, bright, and waiting just for you — come play and jingle all the way to a

And...

#### JERSEY JACKPOTS! Touchdowns & Tinsel

Mondays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

Make your Mondays merry in the Players Lounge this December! On select Mondays, Rewards Club members can print a drawing ticket from a kiosk and drop it in the Players Lounge barrel for a chance to win official licensed football jerseys. One lucky winner will be drawn at the end of the 4th quarter — score festive prizes and wrap up your year with a win!

#### **Black Bear Casino**

#### **COUNTDOWN TO CASH!**

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31!

Earn entries Dec. 28-31, 11:59 p.m. Drawings 7:00 pm - 12:00 a.m. 60 drawings this night. 10 winners drawn each hour. Winners will receive between \$1,000-\$2,026 to celebrate the new year. Over \$90,000 in cash!

The evening includes: 1920s Gatsby Dancer Floor Entertainment; 360-Photo Booth; Caricature Artists; Free Champagne Serving before midnight; Balloon Drop.

And...

#### **KEYS UNDER THE TREE! Saturdays in December!**

Earn entries Nov. 30 - Dec. 27. Drawings: Saturdays Dec. 6, 13, 20, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Four drawings each night. Four winners each hour. 16 winners each night. Players can win up to \$1,200 each night! One Grand Prize advancement key each night! GRAND PRIZE NIGHT: Dec. 27. 6:00-9:30 p.m. Grand Prize drawing at 9:30 p.m. Four winners each regular drawing hour. Four Grand Prize winners in addition to four previous advancement winners from the regular drawings.

Win a share of over \$150,000 in cash and/or a 2025 Toyota 4Runner TRD Off-Road Premium!

And...

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE BINGO! \$125 Buy-in Bingo!

Wednesday, Dec. 31 Early Birds at 8:00 p.m. Warm-Ups at 8:20 p.m. \$125 Buy-in at 9:00 p.m.

Totaling over \$32,000 in cash payouts! The \$125 buy-in will include 12 basic boards and one package of specials. All basic boards will pay out \$550, all special games will pay out \$1,199, and the coverall will pay out \$8,000. Includes eight cash drawings of \$250 each at half-time!

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT: Call 218-878-2420 or 218-878-2357.

#### **Shooting Star Casino**

#### MERRY MYSTERY THURSDAYS!

Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 3:00-8:00 p.m., Mahnomen & Bagley

A little holiday magic wrapped just for you! Earn entries Monday, November 24 thru Thursday, December 18. One entry for every 10 slot/tier points earned. Guests will choose a Christmas box in the order they were drawn that will include details of their prize.

And...

#### CHRISTMAS EXPRESS GIVEAWAY!

Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 25

Mahnomen & Bagley

All aboard the Christmas Express! We're giving away cash this December, plus the grandest present of them all on Christmas Day, a new truck! From Dec. 1 through Dec. 25, guests receive one entry for every 25 points earned. Win up to \$2,000!

#### **Northern Lights Casino**

#### HALFTIME BLITZ & BIG WINS! River of Stars Cabaret

During televised Minnesota 2025 Regular Season Games.

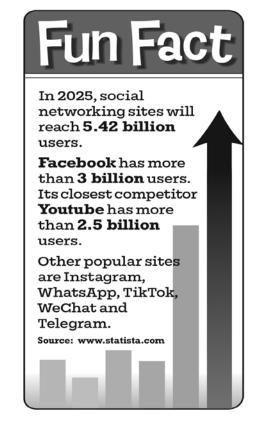
Win themed apparel, free play, hotel stays and exclusive food offers! Halftime and post-game drawings. One time complementary entry per game.

And...

#### PLAYCATION!

Nov. 1-Dec. 31

Turn your stay into a winning experience at Northern Lights Casino Hotel with our Playcation Getaway! Every registered adult guest will receive a special welcome that includes \$5 in slot play and \$5 off food purchases-the perfect way to enjoy everything our property has to offer. From exciting casino action and delicious dining to comfortable hotel accommodations, your getaway is packed with fun and value.



#### **Across Country Tours**

#### Get On The Bus To Amazing!

#### **A Christmas Carol**

Sat., Dec. 6 • \$99

A wonderfully fresh look at the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghostly visits he receives one Christmas Eve. This new musical rendition of the beloved Christmas tale is sure to provide a memorable experience for audiences of all ages.

#### Treasure Island Resort & Casino

Wednesday, Dec. 3 • \$30.00

#### **Prairies Edge Casino**

**Mon.-Tues., Dec. 8-9** \$139.00 SGL or \$121.00 DBL. Package includes \$50.00 on players card, hotel.

#### **Jackpot Junction Casino**

Wed.-Thurs., Dec. 17-18 \$129.00 SGL or \$119.00 DBL. Package includes \$50 on players card, hotel.

**Tues.-Wed., Dec. 30-31** \$129.00 SGL or \$119.00 DBL. Package includes \$50 on players card, hotel.

Note: For an extended catalog, pricing, weather info. and cancellation policy, please contact the office listed below. See YOU on the bus!

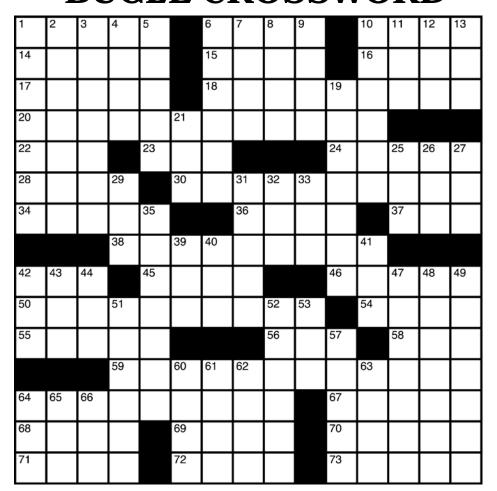
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#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Govt.-backed investment
- 6 Travelocity recommendations
- 10 Comprehends
- 14 Commandment verb involving parents
- 15 Ni-o's "nothing"
- 16 Difficult exam
- 17 Kagan of the Supreme Court
- 18 Fruit grown in bogs
- 20 \*Billy Crystal comedy featuring a cattle drive
- 22 \_\_\_, amas, amat ...
- 23 Gnaw (at)
- 24 Grocery walkway
- 28 Offshore oil drillers
- 30 \*Exact look-alike
- 34 Stiff-upper-lip type
- 36 Under, in French
- 37 Graffiti signature
- 38 \*Daily filming schedule on the set
- 42 Musical gift
- 45 Roman robe
- 46 Hustle genre
- 50 \*One in la-la land
- 54 Croat or Serb
- 55 Mexican mister
- 56 Correct
- 58 "\_\_ had it!"
- 59 Somewhat liberal, or where you might find the first words in the answers to starred clues
- 64 Soap opera genre
- 67 1960s jacket style
- 68 Cooking spot
- 69 Large-scale
- 70 Warning signs
- 71 Like fake fruit
- 72 See socially
- 73 From Lillehammer, say

#### **DOWN**

- 1 "My Best Friend's Girl" rock band
- 2 Like poker games for high rollers
- 3 Small takeout order
- 4 Tiger mascot with a red scarf
- 5 Clear data from
- 6 Provoke
- 7 Dealer's foil, briefly
- 8 Southern neighbor of Sask.
- 9 Reasonable
- 10 Enters
- 11 "To say they \_\_ I dare not be so bold": Shakespeare
- 12 North Carolina \_\_ Heels
- 13 Cunning
- 19 Slow-cooked, as short ribs
- 21 Young chap
- 25 Bilko's rank: Abbr.
- 26 Grazing area
- 27 Joule fraction
- 29 [not my error]
- 31 Family name in Mideast politics
- 32 Homer's "I'm an idiot!"
- 33 Feel remorse over
- 35 Provided food for
- 39 Tone-\_\_: "Wild Thing" rapper
- 40 NYC airport near Citi Field
- 41 "\_\_ the season ... "
- 42 Scout leader?
- 43 Monkey relative
- 44 Sought a political seat
- 47 Move like a mamba
- 4/ Move like a mamba
- 48 Carlsbad \_\_\_ National Park
- 49 Do to death
- 51 Revolutionary territory
- 52 Wear away, as a coin surface
- 53 Nervous twitch
- 57 Noble gas
- 60 Dancer Astaire
- 61 Spanish appetizer
- 62 Leave out
- 63 Verne captain
- 64 Work on a lawn
- 65 "Training Day" actress Mendes
- 66 "Superman" villain Luthor

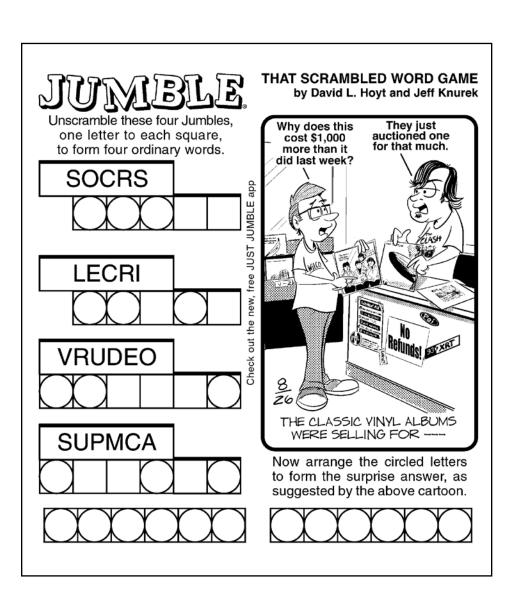
#### **BUGLE SUDOKU**

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8	6				4		5	3
					6	3		
		4		9	8		7	
5				2	3	9		8

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!



For puzzle solutions, see page 11



**DOORS** Open at 12pm

**EVENING SESSIONS 6pm & 8pm** 

#### **DECEMBER**

SUNDAY 1	MONDA	Y TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	OSED	FREE \$20 PAPER WITH \$40 VIP VIXEN \$60 ARCTIC FOX	FOX FAVORITE 50% OFF*	FOX FAVORITE 50% OFF*	MATINEE \$40 VIP VIXEN \$60 ARCTIC FOX EVENING 50% OFF*	ST. NICK'S DAY  IPM 6 3PM SECOND CHANCE  FREE 520 PAPER WITH ARCTIC FOX & VIP VIXEN 50%OFF*  SATURDAY NIGHT + SPECTACULAR+
FOX FAVORITE 50% OFF* HIGH STAKES BINGO 8PM	8 7	FREE \$20 PAPER WITH \$40 VIP VIXEN \$60 ARCTIC FOX	FOX FAVORITE 50% OFF*	FOX FAVORITE 50% OFF*	STOCKING STUFFER GALACTIC BINGO 10:30PM  MATINEE: \$40 VIP VIXEN \$60 ARCTIC FOX EVENING: 50% OFF*	Holiday Cookies  IPM 6 3PM SECOND CHANCE FREE 520 PAPER WITH ARCTIC FOX & VIP VIXEN 50%OFF* SATURDAY NIGHT + SPECTACULAR +
Foxy Flannel Pajama Day  FOX FAVORITE 50% OFF*  Brunch & 1 Bingo 11am	15 O S E D T	FELIZ NAVIDAD TACO TUESDAY FREE \$20 PAPER WITH \$40 VIP VIXEN \$60 ARCTIC FOX	Rudolph's Hot Ball	HALF OFF DAY 50% off Daubers 50% off Coors Light FOX FAVORITE 50% OFF*	Wrap & Win Ugly Sweater Contest 8:00pm	IPM 6 3PM SECOND CHANCE  FREE 520 PAPER WITH ARCTIC FOX & WITH VINEN 50%OFF*  SATURDAY NIGHT + SPECTACULAR +
* Winter * Solstice FOX FAVORITE 50% OFF* Collaboration	22	Santa's Big Giveaway  FREE \$20 PAPER WITH \$40 VIP VIXEN \$60 ARCTIC FOX	Christmas Eve MATINEE SESSIONS ONLY FREE Christmas Daubers FOX FAVORITE 50% OFF*	MERRY CHRISTMAS EVENING SESSIONS ONLY FOX FAVORITE 50% OFF*	GALACTIC BINGO 10:30PM  MATINEE: \$40 VIP VIXEN \$60 ARCTIC FOX EVENING: 50% OFF*	PREE S20 PAPER WITH ARCTIC FOX 8 VIP VIXEN 50%OFF*  SATURDAY NIGHT + SPECTACULAR +
FOX FAVORITE 50% OFF*  Brunch & 1 Bingo 11am	29 H S O T	FREE \$20 PAPER WITH \$40 VIP VIXEN \$60 ARCTIC FOX	NEW YEAR'S EVE GALACTIC BINGO ★ 8:00PM ★ FREE NYE DRUBERS FOX FAVORITE 50% OFF*	Join us There w	TOCKING STUFFER Friday, December 12 for a fes vill be prizes to stuff your stoo new exclusive Galactic Bingo	stive Galactic Bingo. cking plus the cash tornado.

\*Excludes floor sales



It's the most wonderful time of the year! Join us for festive fun during our 12 Days of Christmas, December 13-24. Featuring daily specials and events with tons of prizes and giveaways — including a brand new TV on Tuesday, December 23! You won't want to miss any of the holiday cheer at Foxhole Bingo Lounge. Daily pricing specials will remain the same during the 12 days. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to get all the details.

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#### Friday, December 5, 10:30pm

Kick off the weekend at Bingo Gone Wild with Crisco from the KS95 Morning Show! We're turning down the lights and firing up the fun with a live DJ, \$10 entry packs, buy-two-get-one-FREE entry packs and your chance to win \$100 FREE slot play. You'll receive a drawing slip when you purchase your entry pack with your Island Passport Club card.



#### Wednesday, December 31, evening session

End the year with a win during the Over \$26,000 New Year's Eve Bingo Bash! Celebrate with your chance to be one of 75 winners of \$100 FREE slot play or two winners of \$2,026 FREE slot play. Plus, we'll name one winner of \$2,026 cash and one winner of \$10,000 cash! We'll also have a guaranteed minimum payout of \$2,026 on the Island Jackpot and the Island Spin. You'll receive a drawing slip for every entry pack you purchase with your Island Passport Club card.

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## December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY 🐧	SATURDAY
	MATINEE 1PM 1	MATINEE 1PM 2 TWO FOR TUESDAY	MATINEE IPM 3 50+ WEDNESDAY	MATINEE IPM 4	MATINEE 1PM 5	MATINEE 1PM 6 CHEAP SEATS
	EVENING 7PM HALF PRICE EVENING	EVENING 7PM TWO FOR TUESDAY	EVENING 7PM 50+ WEDNESDAY	EVENING 7PM	EVENING 7PM LUCKY 7s BINGO GONE WILD	EVENING 7PM SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE
7	MATINEE IPM 8	MATINEE IPM 9 TWO FOR TUESDAY	MATINEE 1PM 10 50+ WEDNESDAY	MATINEE 1PM 11	MATINEE IPM 12	MATINEE IPM 13 CHEAP SEATS
EVENING 4PM SECOND CHANCE	EVENING 7PM HALF PRICE EVENING	EVENING 7PM TWO FOR TUESDAY	EVENING 7PM 50+ WEDNESDAY	EVENING 7PM	EVENING 7PM LUCKY 7s	EVENING 7PM SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE
14	MATINEE IPM 15	MATINEE IPM 16 TWO FOR TUESDAY	MATINEE IPM 17 50+ WEDNESDAY	MATINEE 1PM 18	MATINEE IPM 19	MATINEE IPM 20 CHEAP SEATS
EVENING 4PM SECOND CHANCE	EVENING 7PM HALF PRICE EVENING	EVENING 7PM TWO FOR TUESDAY	EVENING 7PM 50+ WEDNESDAY	EVENING 7PM	EVENING 7PM LUCKY 7s	EVENING 7PM Saturday Night Live
21	MATINEE IPM 22	MATINEE 1PM 23 TWO FOR TUESDAY	BINGO CLOSED 24	MATINEE CLOSED 25	MATINEE IPM 26	MATINEE IPM 27 CHEAP SEATS
EVENING 4PM SECOND CHANCE	EVENING 7PM HALF PRICE EVENING	EVENING 7PM TWO FOR TUESDAY		EVENING 7PM	EVENING 7PM LUCKY 7s	EVENING 7PM SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE
28	MATINEE IPM 29	MATINEE 1PM 30 TWO FOR TUESDAY	MATINEE IPM 31 50+ WEDNESDAY		Catch a	
EVENING 4PM SECOND CHANCE	EVENING 7PM HALF PRICE EVENING	EVENING 7PM TWO FOR TUESDAY	EVENING 7PM NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH		FREE ride	to The Island!





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