

**FRIDAY, DEC. 31**

Senior dance at the Cloquet VFW 1-4 p.m. with the Chmielewski Funtime Band. Potluck, \$8 cover. 879-5717, 218-210-7793

Cromwell Area Community Club New Year's Eve celebration starting 8:30 p.m., Cromwell Park Pavilion. Music by the River Hill Rangers, hors d'oeuvres, champagne toast, dancing. Dress: semiformal. Cover charge \$10 per person, must be 21 or older.

**MONDAY, JAN. 3**

Smear League meets 2-5 p.m. the first through fourth Mondays at the Cloquet VFW. \$5, winnings for first, second and third.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 4**

Storytime 10-10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Cloquet Public Library. For kids through age 5 and their caregivers.

Dungeons & Dragons 3:30-5:30 p.m., Cloquet library.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5**

Nutrition assistance program for seniors (NAPS) food distribution 9:30-10:45 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 615 12th St., Cloquet.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 6, 2022**

Cloquet caregiver support group meets 12-1:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at

**AREA EVENTS**

Common Ground Coffee Bar & Deli. All welcome.

Cromwell Area Community Club meets 6 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Pavilion. Prospective members always welcome.

Cloquet Cribbage League play starts Jan. 6 at the Cloquet VFW, 7 p.m. Thursdays through March. For details, contact Rick, 218-269-7178.

**MONDAY, JAN. 10**

Yoga resumes 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Cromwell Pavilion. Wear comfortable clothes; masks required upon arriving and departing. Yoga gear provided.

\$3 each. Questions, markusen@umn.edu, 218-428-3300.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 12**

Cloquet Public Library Book Club 5-7 p.m., library conference room. This month's selection: "This is Happiness" by Niall Williams.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 13**

Ruby's Pantry visits the Cromwell Park Pavilion the second Thursday of the month. Registration 9:30 a.m., food bundles available 10-11:30 a.m., \$22 donation.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 22**

Lumberjack-themed winter warm-up celebration 11 a.m.-3 p.m., New Life Community Church,

Carlton. Photo booth, silent auction, food, and a surprise guest. On the menu: pulled pork on a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, apple pie à la mode. Cost, \$12. Sponsored by Aurora Knights Chapter 899. RSVPs by Jan. 16 appreciated for food ordering purposes: streaga@aol.com or 218-590-9072, kresalc@gmail.com or 218-590-9072. All welcome, including walk-ins.

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**Dispose of trees smartly**

Pine Knot News

Decorating the house is a much-loved activity during the holidays. "But we don't want to let those lovely greens bring trouble to our landscape," says Lori Seele from the Duluth Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area. "Various pests that are not native to our region can hitch a ride on Christmas trees, wreaths, boughs, vines, and plants with colorful fruits and seeds."

According to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the disease dangers include elongate hemlock scale, boxwood blight, Oriental bittersweet, gypsy moth, brown marmorated stink bug, spotted lantern fly, and Japanese maple scale. If the disease or pests are released from improper disposal, "they can potentially wreak havoc on our native plant communities," Seele said.

Here is how to properly dispose of holiday greenery:

For Christmas trees, use curbside tree collection or bring them to a designated dropoff site. Check with your waste hauler, city, or county to determine what services are offered in your area (or see below).

Do not toss trees and greenery into nearby woods or your home compost pile; that could spread any infestation.

Wreaths and other decorative greens can go into the trash.

**Treecycle**

Recycle trees at the following dropoff locations:  
**SAPPI Fine Paper**  
 (Gatehouse Entrance)  
 East End Ave. B, Cloquet  
 Though Jan. 17

**Moose Lake Compost**  
 (across from city garage)  
 Moose Lake  
 Though Jan. 17



*Best wishes for a happy & healthy holiday season!*

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