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Exploring the Possibilities

by Val Niehaus

On Jan. 4, 2018, a small group of tribal members had the opportunity to visit Northland Pines High School (NAHS) in Eagle River, Wis., to tour its athletic facilities. The idea behind the visit was to give tribal members ideas as to what the new recreation center being proposed here could include.

To begin with, the entire NAHS facility is phenomenal in its construction and layout. It doesn't even feel like you are walking into a school when you first enter the building. There is much more of a community center feel about the place and "community" was the motivation in building it. The Pines Community Wellness Center originally opened in collaboration with the YMCA. But about six years ago, the district took over and managed it themselves. Josh Tilley, dean of students, was the tour guide for the day, and he was extremely knowledgeable about the facility and the school in general. He was able to answer almost any question that arose, and there were quite a number put to him by the visiting group.

The main purpose of this day trip was to see what all the fieldhouse entailed and to get a visual sense of the size of the facility. It should be noted that NPHS does not only use this fieldhouse for school activities, but it serves as a community center as well. During the visit, many community area members were coming in and out (through proper security measures) to either walk around the track located in the fieldhouse or to use the fitness center.

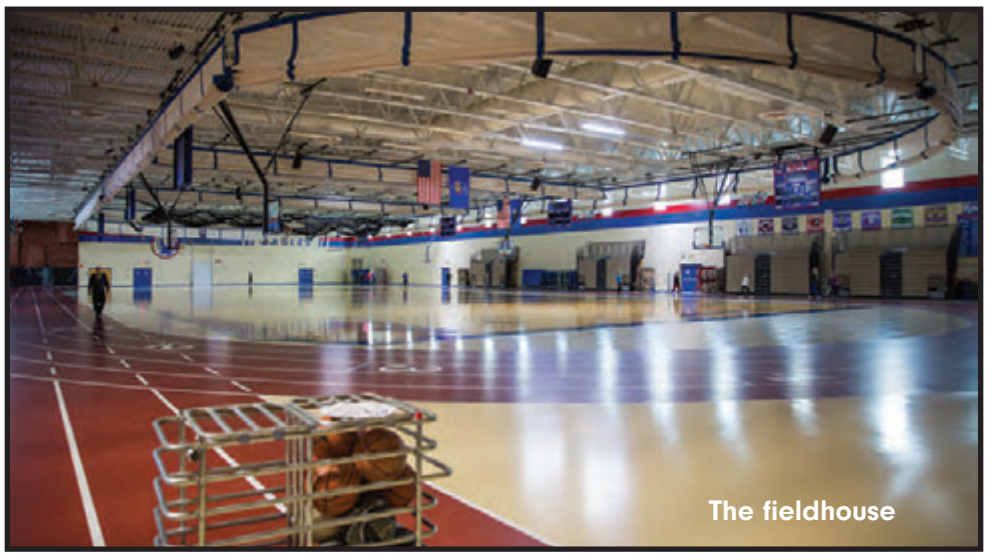
The main fieldhouse (308 ft. long x 163 ft. wide) is equipped with four regulation-sized basketball courts with 22 basketball hoops. There is a 200-meter track, long jump pit, and vault hole to accommodate indoor track meets. A rock-climbing wall along with an assortment of rope courses are available. Permanent bleachers along with movable bleachers-on-wheels also allow for accommodation of just about any sporting event allowing plenty of comfortable seating space for spectators and athletes. These various features allow for use to host the school's athletic events and as a hub for many community events within the Eagle River area as well.

Located in an upper room above the main fieldhouse area is the fitness center. Walking into this area is a bit overwhelming! There is an incredible array of workout machines, weights, bikes, treadmills, and different mechanical devices available to be used as part of a fitness program. In addition, there are different classes that can be taken to improve physical fitness and well-being. Some of the classes offered include chair yoga, spinterest, strong woman/strong bones program, total body senior, and cardiostix.

Community members are able to use these facilities at certain times of the day free of charge if they wish to just walk around the track. In addition, the actual fitness center does have membership plans that allow for more extensive use of the facility's rooms and equipment. Some examples of pricing include an annual membership which is $300 (includes one free eight-week session per year); monthly memberships of $30; a one-week pass at $15. There are senior discounts and a daily pass for just $5. If interested in finding out more about these programs, go to npsd.k12.us/wellness center and navigate to the membership costs.

This was an informative trip to get some ideas as to what a community center could actually be like here in this community. Nothing is set in stone yet but getting ideas and thoughts are always a plus when building something of this size and budget.

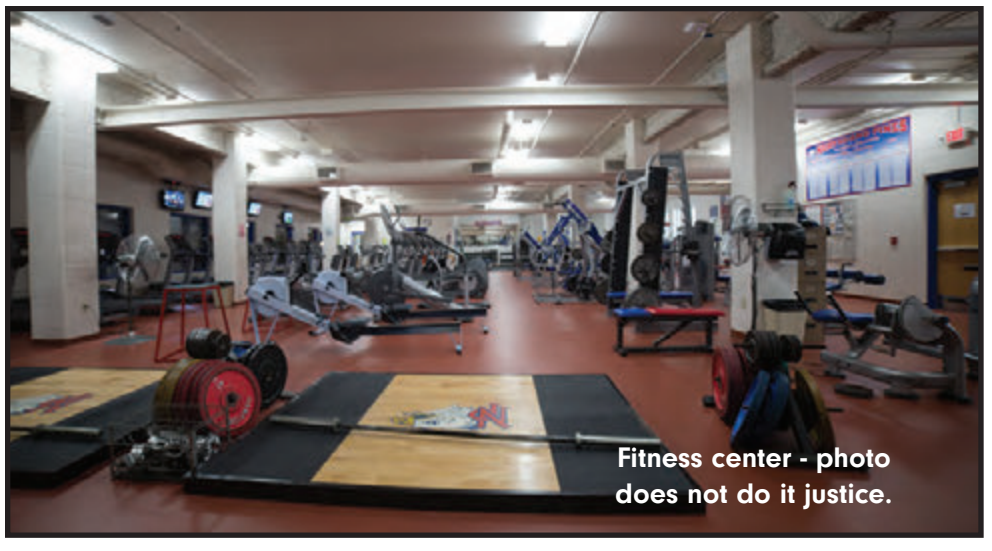
McKenzie Carlson, UW extension economic development educator, helped coordinate the visit and is looking into visiting another community center/fieldhouse. Site is yet to be determined. Be on the watch for upcoming plans so that you can voice your thoughts and concerns.



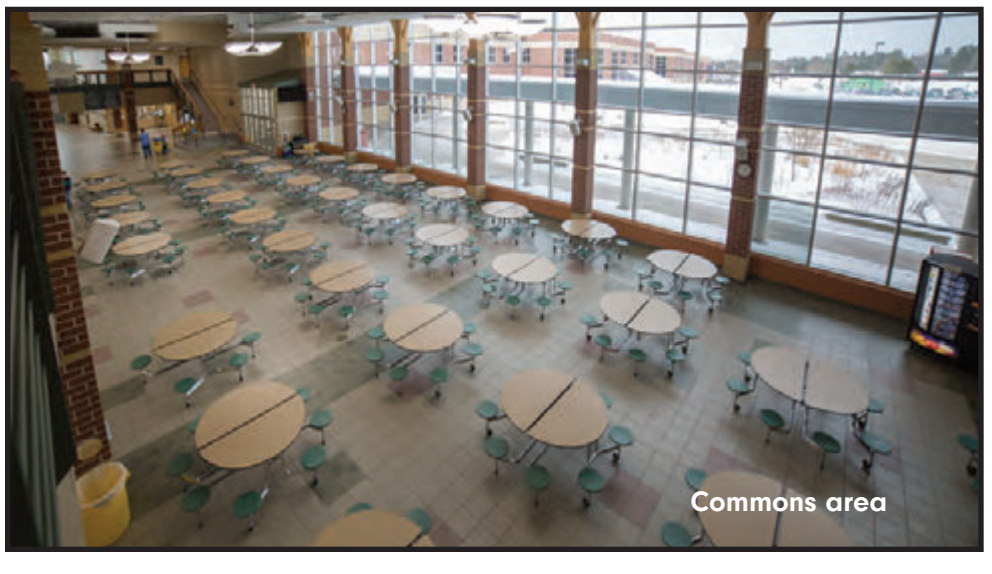
The fieldhouse



Tilley discussing topics with members.



Fitness center - photo does not do it justice.



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GREENFIRE

Greenfire Serves Lunch at Milwaukee Christian Center

Greenfire recently prepared and served the Milwaukee Christian Center's Senior Program lunch.

The Milwaukee Christian Center (MCC) is a multi-service agency committed to moving people beyond the challenges of poverty by offering programs that are life-affirming and supportive. The programs offered include Emergency Food Pantry, Neighborhood Improvement Project, Community Empowerment, Youth Programs and Senior Support.

Greenfire has partnered with MCC in a variety of activities this past year and is proud of the relationship that we're building. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped to make a difference in the lives of others! We are humbled to have the opportunity to give back to our community.



Pictured above (l-r): Nadine Wiencek, Kip Ritchie, Angela Szpara, Andrew Ziebell, Karen Higgins, Jeb Meier, Daniel Grams, Eric Rank, MCC Member, Rebecca Sadler, Song Xiong, Paul Hackbarth, David Kwiatkowski, and Zach Singer.

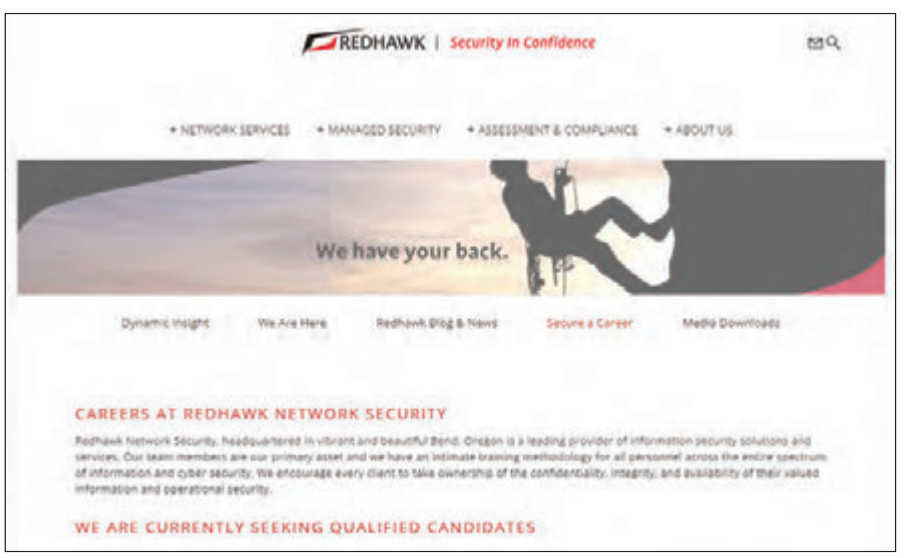


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Feb. 10, 2018 • 1 p.m.

Executive Building Auditorium

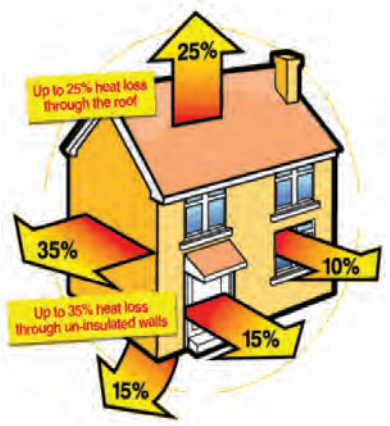
Meal served at noon

Home Energy Audit

submitted by Michelle Berdan, Capital & Community Project Coordinator, FCP Land & Natural Resource Division

Recently, the FCP community was awarded funding from the Department of Energy in order to conduct the First Steps project. This project will allow the tribe to gather energy usage data and conduct home energy audits for tribal homes located on reservation land.

Two informational community meetings were held: Oct. 23 in Stone Lake and Oct. 26 in Carter. Twenty FCP tribal homeowners signed up to participate! The meetings were an opportunity for tribal members to learn more information about home energy audits, view a demonstration of the blower-door test, sign up to participate, and ask questions.



Everyday heat may be escaping through your roof, walls, windows and doors. Please contact us for more information on how to sign up for a FREE home energy audit and identify ways to make your home more efficient, lower your energy usage and reduce your utility bills: Krushna Patil at (715) 478-4155 or Michelle Berdan at (715) 478-4944.

Source: http://energysmartalaska.net/resources/heat+loss+pic.gif

Nathan Joseph Morris "Makwagaboo"



Nathan Joseph "Makwagaboo" Morris, age 49, passed away on Jan. 1, 2018, in Crandon, Wis. Born Jan. 26, 1968, in Duluth, Minn., Nathan was the son Marvin E. and Joanne M. (Stone) Morris Sr., one of 16 children born to this union.

He was a very active outdoorsman; loved going to powwows and drumming; he participated with the Midewiwin lodge. Nathan has many friends and family that loved him. He would never hesitate to drop everything he would be doing if someone needed his help: he was a hero and protector. Nathan served his country in the United States Army after finishing high school.

Nathan is preceded in death by his sisters: Debra, Lee Ann and Gayle.

Nathan is survived by his loving wife Lynda; six children: Nichole Kiggins, Gabby Kiggins, Keshia Morris, Aaron Morris, Zach Defoe and Madalynn Morris; seven grandchildren; parents: Joanne and Marvin Morris; brothers: Chris (Mary), Marvin Jr., Shawn (Val), Seth (Theresa), Lincoln (Angel), Demetri (Angie), Dominic (Chrystal), Francis (Amanda); sisters: Diana, Suzy (Dave), Marion (Randy), Elizabeth (Dirk), Gretchen (John).

Traditional Midewiwin wake services were held Jan. 3, at the Red Cliff Youth Center in Red Cliff, Wis., followed by funeral rites on Jan. 4. Interment was at the Ishpimiing Akiin Red Cliff Cemetery.

The Bratley Funeral Home in Washburn assisted with the arrangements. To view the obituary online or sign the guestbook, please visit bratleyfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Chandler Ray Frank "Abtegishek - Half-Day"

Chandler Ray Frank "Abtegishek" "Half-Day", 41, of West Allis, Wis., passed away Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018. Chandler was born Nov. 27, 1976, in Chicago, Ill., the son of Raymond Stealer and Colleen Frank.

Surviving are his sisters: Catherine Stealer, Wabeno, Wis.; Cheryl Frank, Denver, Colo.; Rona Stealer, Winnebago, Neb.; brother: Carlton Stealer, Lakewood, Wis.; and his loving heart, Sharla Diamond.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, William Benjamin Stealer.

Visitation was held Jan. 6, with services on Jan. 7, both at the Potawatomi Cultural Center, Crandon.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

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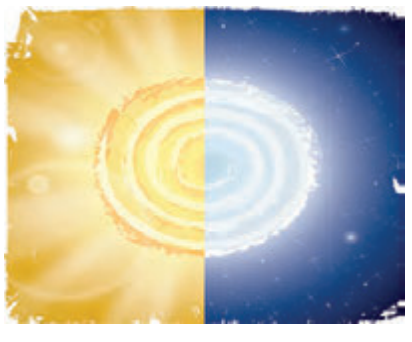
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Day and Night
(Contrast Writing)

submitted by Jordan Keeble



I'm pretty sure just about everyone prefers day over night. People feel safe in the day time because they can see things much clearer than at night. The sun is nice, warm, and helps things grow big and strong. The night, on the other hand, can be a scary place, especially if you are afraid of the dark. You cannot see what may be lurking in the shadows just out of sight. With the night though, comes the beautiful night sky, filled with stars. Although both are very different, you cannot have one without the other. Just like you cannot have hot without cold, you cannot feel high without feeling low, you cannot love without feeling hate, and you cannot have light without the darkness. Just remember, it's always darkest before the dawn.

Deadline for the February 1, 2018 issue is Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

January Luncheon

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JANUARY IS GCH-MKO-GISES

Explore

1 Although the weather is cold, activities like cross-country skiing keep a person warm.

2 Sketch a tree silhouette to help determine species from a tree book.

3 Look at the topography of the surrounding areas since it'll be much easier to see.

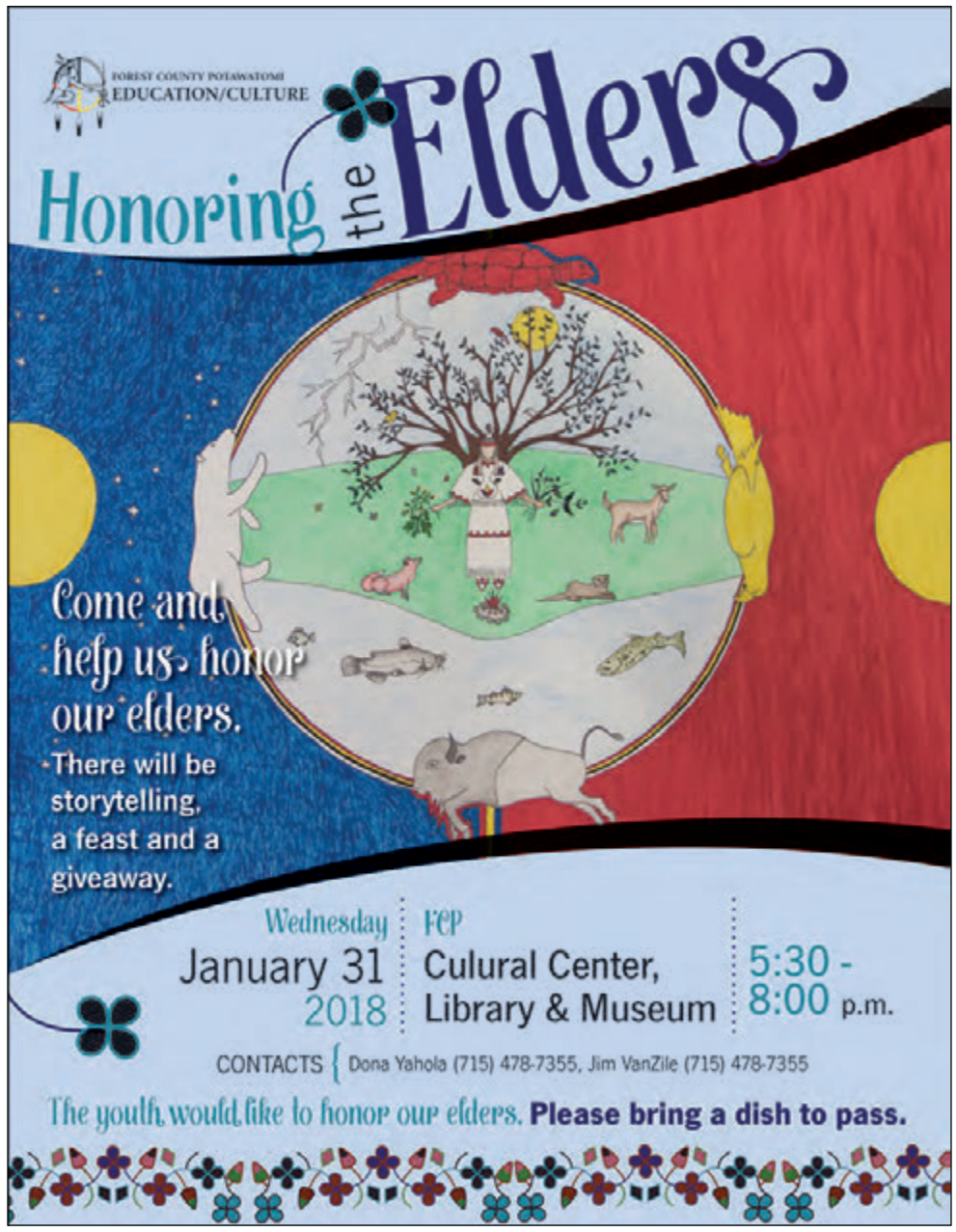




abdék anet ni minkanésen éwi në mshkéwakgwték bwamshé zagkyék mnokmék
Some seeds need the freezing temperatures so they are ready to sprout in spring.

wwi monkéwék i wango éwi ndadzikéwat gi mo'éwéyék
Wolves will dig a den so they can give birth





Gte Ga Nēs Christmas Program

by Val Niehaus

The Gte Ga Nēs Christmas program took place on Dec. 21, 2017, in the recreation room of Gte Ga Nēs. It is always one of the highlights of the season for both children and families.

The room was filled with standing room only by parents, extended families, friends, and community members in anticipation of this annual performance. The children were dressed in their holiday finery, and they obviously had worked hard on their presentations. The teachers had planned and supervised incredibly cute performances. Despite a number of children missing because of illness, the children did a remarkable job and their efforts were greatly appreciated by all in attendance. It was a great way to ring in true holiday spirit. As each group performed, there were smiles, laughter and applause throughout the room.

The children sang songs such as D*ancing Christmas Tree, 5 Little Snowman, Hello Reindeer* and, of course, the *12 Days of School*, and the performances were accompanied by props that added to the fun. The attentiveness of the children to their performances was remarkable for those so young, and the teachers and their helpers are to be commended for putting on such a great performance for the enjoyment of all. Hot chocolate and homemade cookies capped off a very pleasant afternoon.

Many thanks go out to the teachers and helpers at the school for putting on such a great performance for everyone to enjoy!







A Rising Sun Christmas

submitted by Mary Fatla

The week of Dec. 18 was quite busy for Rising Sun Daycare.

On Monday, the children rode the bus to the Executive Building to sing a few songs for Council and for any other staff that wanted to listen. Everyone sure seemed to enjoy their performance! Since we were out, we thought it would be nice to stop at the Family Services building, too. Many took the time to listen and the children did their best…although it was nice the staff had been practicing to help them out if needed! They gave them a great round of applause and thanked us for coming.

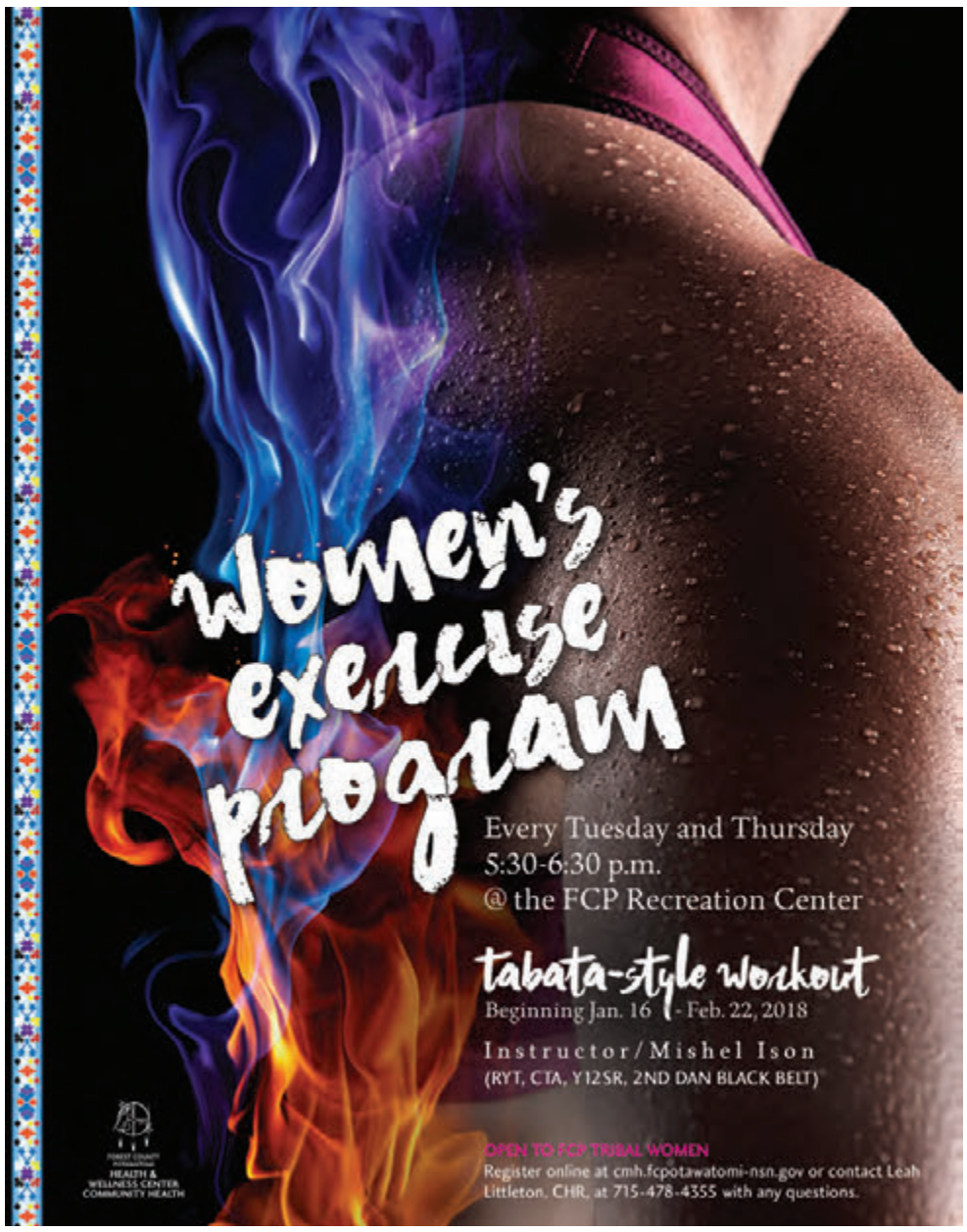
Tuesday was the day to have breakfast with Santa. Kerry and Joe from Family Resources came: Kerry arranged for pictures to be taken, and Joe prepared a wonderful breakfast. Santa was unable to attend because he wasn't quite ready for his big day, but he did send Mrs. Claus and the children were just fine with that.

On Wednesday, Rising Sun Daycare held its Christmas program. The children had practiced for about three weeks, and they put their hearts into their performance doing a fantastic job. The songs they sang were: *The Reindeer Pokey, The Gingerbread Men, Let's Build a Gingerbread House, Jingle Bells,* and *We Wish you a Merry Christmas.* After the program, a tasty lunch was served. While the parents and family members were having refreshments, we heard that Santa was in the building. Lo and behold, we found him waiting for the children in one of the classrooms along with one of his happy elves! Just like the jolly old fellow, Santa was so patient and kind and took time to talk with each child. They sat on his lap and told him what they wanted for Christmas. Afterward, Santa stayed a while longer to read stories before heading off to finish up his Christmas errands.

Thank you to the parents and families for their continued support of the Rising Sun Daycare.



Working top to bottom, left to right: Josie Daniels held by Frankie Bath , Arthur Kitchell, Waylon Frank, Eli Enders, Karsyn McCorkle, Olivia Shepard, Sienna Hill, Dexter McCorkle, McKenna Robinson, India VanCleve, Marcus and Amelia Ritchie, Wylder Shepard, Alyriannah Zahurones, Alex Hancock, Jayla Frank



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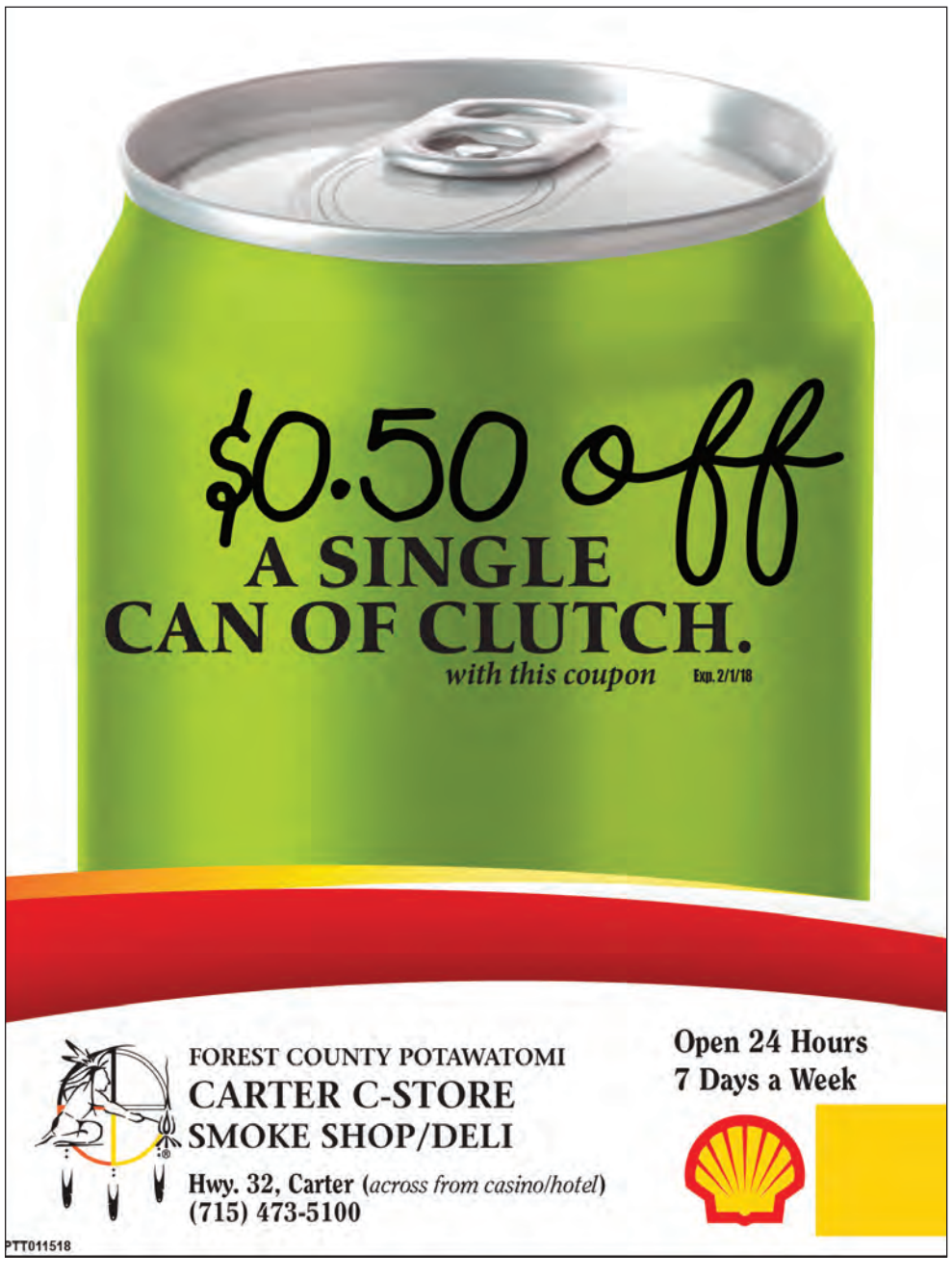
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