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Although late to the dance, winter is making an appearance



A fallen log, some snow and swampy grass create a winter tableau. Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Rain and unseasonably warm weather before Christmas gave way to some freezing lakes and snow-covered ground.

In two short months, March 13, Daylight Savings Time begins anew. Easter follows right on its heels on March 27.

And even in the heart of January in the far northern hemisphere, we are gaining daylight every day. On New Year's Day, January 1, 2016, the sun rose at 7:59 a.m. and set at 4:37 p.m. A week later, on Friday, January 8, the day some of you are reading this, the sun rose at 7:58 a.m. and set at 4:44 p.m. Well, you've already gained a minute of daylight in the morning and

seven in the evening. By the end of this fine month, January 31, 2016, the sun rises at 7:41 p.m. and sets at 5:15 p.m.; adding almost an hour of Vitamin D time over the month.

It's time to turn off the television and close the book, put your nightgown and teddy bear away and do something. Outside.

Notwithstanding whatever snow has fallen and ice has formed since this was written on January 3, five seems to be the magic number. We have about five inches of hard, crusty snow on the ground and five inches of ice on area lakes. With care and bundling up you can drop a line, ski, snowshoe, snowmobile, fat-

tire bike ride, bird watch, hike, sled or whatever activity you can dream up to keep your sanity until Daylight Saving Time returns.

In the last week or so there has been enough ice to fish

from portable houses. At Barnacles on the north shore of Mille Lacs, four-wheelers and portable houses were going out with the workers reporting 7-8 inches of ice there. Permanent fish houses

had not yet been placed and they said the portables had been going out for about a week.

If you must fish, use care and know the lake you are

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Central Lakes College Cultural Thursday events free and open to public



January's Cultural Thursday speaker Larry Fisk is pictured in front of the National Assembly in Venezuela.

Central Lakes College recently released its spring semester Cultural Thursday events. Each event is free and open to the public.

Thursday, January 14: At

noon in the Chalberg Theatre, Brainerd campus. Community member Larry Fisk will speak on the current political and cultural situation in Venezuela, after having just returned from a December 2015 trip. Elections were just completed in which the political party opposing that of the late Hugo Chavez, and current president Nicholas Maduro took control of the legislature.

Thursday, February 4: At noon in the Chalberg Theatre, Brainerd campus. In conjunction with Black American History Month, Mixed Blood Theater will perform its regional touring production of "Daughters of Africa." Fueled by the songs of Lena Horne, Aretha Franklin, Queen Latifah and many others, this music-driven celebration of African American women's triumphs and accomplishments features a collection of profiles of the famous and the forgotten. This event is

sponsored by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Tribal Relations.

Thursday, March 3: The secrets of St. Kitts will be revealed in two presentations of photo images by CLC sociologist Gary Payne at noon and at 7 p.m. in room E354, Brainerd campus. St. Kitts and nearby Nevis Island in the Caribbean Sea make up the smallest nation in the Western Hemisphere and are mostly known as tropical tourist destinations for wealthy travelers. But the tumultuous five centuries of the tiny nation's history since Columbus contain some interesting connections between our founding fathers and what is still happening on the islands today. The presentation will focus on this history, culture, people and natural environment of the islands.

Thursday, April 7: At noon in the Music Rehearsal Room, Brainerd campus. Jaylani Hussein, executive director of the Council on American Muslim

Relations in Minnesota and a Somali-American civil rights leader, will speak on the Muslim and immigrant experience in Minnesota in an effort to assuage the recent surge of Islamophobia in the U.S. Hussein stresses his belief in peace, cultural understanding and civil liberties. Hussein's second presentation (hosted by the Brainerd Area Coalition for Peace-BACP), will be held in the evening. (Time and location to be determined).

Thursday, May 5: At noon in the Chalberg Theatre, Brainerd campus. In conjunction with Cinco de Mayo, a Long Prairie Children's Dance Troupe under the direction of Carlos Pesqueda will perform several Mexican folkloric dances.

The Long Prairie cross-cultural organization Dreams United/ Sueños Unidos will also host a Cinco de Mayo event on Friday, May 6 in the Long Prairie Grey Eagle High School from 5-7:30 p.m.

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Raw crushed garlic shows improved immunity

Grab a breath mint and go heavy on the garlic! Research from the USDA finds garlic may benefit the immune system and could even be linked to cancer prevention.

In a randomized crossover study published in the *Journal of Nutrition*, 17 volunteers ate either a breakfast containing 5 grams of raw crushed garlic (about two cloves), or

garlic-free control breakfast. Researchers analyzed participants' blood before and three hours after breakfast. In those who ate garlic, seven genes related to immunity and cancer were upregulated—meaning the gene expression increased—after breakfast.

The affected genes have a variety of functions in the body, including cancer cell

suicide, suppression of cancer formation, and immune cell development. Though gene expression is not entirely indicative of what plays out in the body, these results do suggest eating raw crushed garlic may assist in immunity and the suppression of cancer development.

Crush your own fresh garlic with just a few simple steps.

Using the heel of your hand, press the flat of a knife into a garlic clove—this makes the clove easier to peel. Peel away the skin and finely chop the garlic to use in recipes.

Fresh garlic can be used in any meal of the day. Add garlic to scrambled eggs at breakfast, to homemade soups at lunch, and to pasta sauces at dinner.

Although late to the dance, winter is making an appearance

In the Brainerd area, you'll find 4 to 6 inches of ice on most lakes, but there are areas on Gull Lake with less. The north end of Gull is produc-

ing glow jigs and Eurolarvae in 6 to 12 feet on Roy Lake, Nisswa Lake, Lake Margaret, and North Long.

CROSBY AREA
You'll find 3 to 6 inches of

Lake. Hit Upper Dean Lake for crappies in 15 to 17 feet and the Pump House Point area of Serpent is giving up a few walleyes.

EMILY AREA
Anglers are reporting 5 to 6 inches on most small lakes, but there's less ice on the bigger bodies of water. Foot travel remains the best option, but fishing reports have been limited.

GRAND RAPIDS AREA
Although portions of some big lakes have open water, anglers are getting on most lakes and some ATVs have started being used on the smaller lakes. Crappies and sunfish are being taken in 18 to 22 feet on Big and Little Splithand lakes. Pike are active in shallow water on Lake Pokegama and Jay Gould Lake is producing pike and perch in 8 to 12 feet. Hit McKinney Lake for crappies in 23 feet and Little Cutfoot Sioux Lake for bluegills in 20 feet.

LAKE MILLE LACS
The bays have 6 to 8 inches of ice and are giving up some pike via angling and spearing in less than 9 feet. You'll also find 6 to 8 inches of ice around Gull Reef, Spider Island, and areas adjacent to them. Some ATVs and snowmobiles are being used in these areas and walleye reports should improve as ice thickens throughout the main lake.

How the Brainerd Area Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza on January 2, Cuyuna Lakes Chamber's Ice Fishing Contest on February 6 or other ice fishing contests will fare is still anybody's guess.

While this winter remains on the warmer side, strap on those snowshoes, jump on that bike or pull that little one on their new Christmas sled and get in some time in the crisp, fresh air because the days --slowly but surely-- are getting longer and spring will come again.



Anglers on the north shore of Lake Mille Lacs at Barnacles use portable fish houses. Ann Schwartz photos

ing pike and walleyes in 18 to 23 feet. The Highway 371 Bay on North Long Lake is producing pike in 6 to 12 feet and walleyes or crappies in 16 to 20 feet. On Round Lake, walleyes and crappies are in 15 to 18 feet. Sunfish are hit-

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You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

-Janet



Stacey Morgan
Blytheville, AR
(pop. 15,620)

Breakfast Egg Crowns

What You Need

- 3 tortillas, high fiber, low carb
- 16 oz egg substitute
- 10 oz frozen spinach
- 6 slice premium cut chicken, low sodium, low fat
- 1 1/2 c 2% skim mozzarella cheese

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350.
- Place 1/4 of a tortilla into a sprayed muffin pan.
- Mix eggs and spinach together.
- Put 1/8 cup of egg/spinach mixture into muffin pan.
- Each muffin section will receive half a slice of chicken.
- You can either fold or dice the halved chicken piece to your preference.
- Top with 1/8 cup of cheese.
- Bake 15 minutes.
- Let sit for 2-3 minutes then remove to cooling rack.

Submitted by: Stacey Morgan, Blytheville, AR (pop. 15,620)
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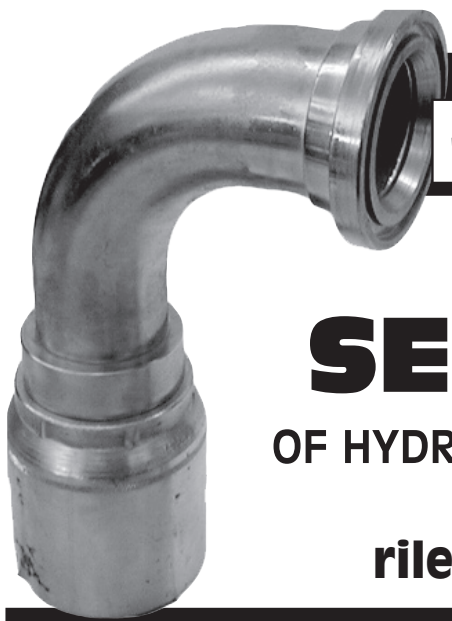
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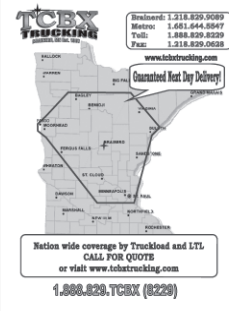
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MLEC Operation Round Up donates \$14,000

The Mille Lacs Community Trust Board met in December and awarded \$14,000 in grants to the following area projects.

Aitkin County CARE, Inc. received \$2,000 for respite care services.

Aitkin County TRIAD received \$500 towards expenses for education and commu-

nications meetings.

Aitkin High School Grad Blast 2016 received \$500 for chemical free lock-in event for graduating Aitkin seniors.

Confidence Learning Center received \$1,000 to help offset camper fees.

Crosby-Ironton 2016 Grad Blast received \$500 for chemical free lock-in event for

graduating CI seniors.

Jessie Hallett Memorial Library received \$500 to help cover expenses for the Story Time 2016 program.

Just Because Quilting, A Chapter of Quilts for Kids, Inc. received \$200 to purchase materials and supplies, provide quilts to children.

Kinship Partners, Crow

Wing County received \$1,000 to recruit, screen, train, match and provide ongoing support for mentors

KIP (Kids in Park) received \$2,000 to improve and make park safer.

Mille Lacs Academy received \$1,500 for special holiday gifts for five group homes and holiday meal.

Mounted Eagles received \$2,000 for scholarships to participants who need help funding their lesson fee.

Onamia Area Friends of the Library received \$500 to expand their DVD library to include DVD's for adults and children.

Rippleside Elementary School, Farm2School Program received \$1,800 to purchase farm fresh local food for the Farm2School lunch program.

This quarter \$14,000 of donated funds were distributed. Since the program began, a total of \$916,800 has been put back into the community. The Trust Board meets quarterly to review grant requests. Next quarterly application due date is March 1, 2016.

If your organization would like to be considered, contact Deb Chute at 927-8221 or 800-450-2191 for an application, or they can be found on our website, www.mlecmm.net.



Seated on floor (left to right): Peggi Beseres, Hallett Library and Muriel Kingsley, MLEC Trust Board. Seated on chairs: Aggie Stroot, Mounted Eagles; Leona Mostowski, Confidence Learning Center; Tammy Larson, CI Grad Blast, Callie Taylor, Aitkin County Care; Jesse Peterson, and Wanda Blakesley, Rippleside. Standing: Bill Stroot, Mounted Eagles; Shirley Scollard - MLEC Trust Board; Ginny & Myron Ekstrand, Aitkin County Triad; Jason Donahue; Mille Lacs Academy; John Cyrus; Kids in the Park; Amy Wyant, Farm2School; and David Downing; Kinship Partners.

Winter truck load increases for north frost zones

Winter truck load increases began Monday, January 4, on unrestricted highways in the north frost zones, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Vehicles will be allowed to operate up to 10 percent over the standard legal maximum

loads on unrestricted highways during the winter load increase period. However, trucks must comply with current registration weight laws and not exceed registered gross weight tolerances.

Drivers should check with local agencies before in-

creasing any weights on city, county and township routes. The sign erected on the roadway governs the load limit in effect. A winter weight increase permit is required to take advantage of the 10 percent weight increase on interstate highways only; a

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WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT

The Board of Audit for Wealthwood Township will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2016 at the town hall at 7:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow.

Dated: December 13, 2015
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk
Wealthwood Township 2.10

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NOTICES BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANNUAL AUDIT AND BUDGET MEETING at the Bay Lake Town Hall January 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

ABSENTEE VOTING at the Town Hall March 5, 2016 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS
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ANNUAL MEETING for the Bay Lake Township will be held at the Bay Lake Town Hall March 8, 2016
ALTERNATE DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING /ELECTION/BOARD OF CANVASS MEETING due to inclement weather March 15, 2016
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BOARD OF CANVASS MEETING March 8, 2016 After Annual Meeting at the Bay Lake Town Hall

REGORGANIZATION MEETING April 7, 2016 7:00 p.m., Bay Lake Town Hall
REORGANIZATION MEETING DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER April 11, 2016 7:00 p.m., Bay Lake Town Hall

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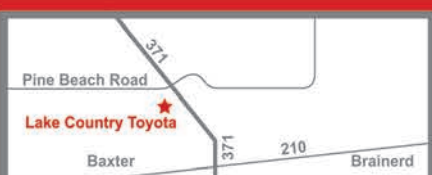
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\$11,206

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\$23,103

Mileage: 47,815 • Backup Camera • Heated Leather Seats • 10-Way Power Seat • SYNC • Power Locks and Windows • Keyless Entry • Rear Sensing • CD #55072a

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