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SANTA LUCIA EXPLAINED

I'm a bit Swedish, also raised in the Lutheran Church, but I'd never heard of the Santa Lucia Festival until I moved to Bemidji. There are at least 3 celebrations at three different Lutheran Churches on the morning of December 13. Whether you're a member or not, I'm sure you're welcome to watch and make some friends at the breakfast that typically follows. Reservations are often required.

Here's one blog explanation by Joelle Colville-Hanson, an ELCA pastor from Iowa in 2012. This seems most like what is understood in our area. (<http://www.elca.org/en/Living-Lutheran/Blogs/2012/12/121213>). Send me your corrections!

Santa Lucia or St. Lucy is an Italian saint particularly beloved by Scandinavians. Lucy lived in Sicily toward the end of the third century. Very little is known of her other than that she was martyred during the Christian persecutions of Diocletian (Roman Emperor 284 AD). Stories are told of her as a gentle young Christian woman who cared for the poor.

A marriage had been arranged for her but she wished to dedicate her life to Christ and she sold her dowry to help the poor. This so enraged her fiancé that he turned her into the authorities as a Christian who refused to offer sacrifices to the gods of Rome. She was condemned to work in a brothel; when she refused to cooperate she was tortured by fire and eventually killed by sword on Dec. 13, 304. Some stories tell of her eyes being put out and often she is portrayed in art carrying her eyes.

Women of this time had few options other than to marry, usually men they did not know or choose. Wealthy women were pawns in family ambitions and slave women had no autonomy over their own bodies. Often we relate the early church emphasis on chastity and celibacy with a negative view of sexuality. For women however, this emphasis gave them an alterna-

tive to marriage. Stories of miraculous preservation of women from assault reflect, not a disdain for the body but a respect and honor that gave women a power over their own bodies they had not known.

Lucia means "light" and Santa Lucia became associated with light. In northern Europe, particularly Scandinavia, her day fell on the shortest day of the year and was celebrated as they turned from the long winter nights and began to look forward to longer days. During the Roman persecutions, Lucia is said to have carried food to the poor in dark tunnels, wearing a wreath of candles on her head.

The story is told that long ago there was a terrible famine in the province of Varmland, Sweden. Just when it looked like the town would starve to death, a ship appeared with food, and a vision of Santa Lucia in white with a wreath of light around her head. Lucia has been loved in Sweden and other Scandinavian countries since then.

On Dec. 13, the eldest (or youngest) daughter awakens early and prepares a special breakfast. She dons a white dress with a red sash, a wreath of candles and leading the other children in the family, brings the food while singing a song of light and joy to the other adults in the family. Traditionally the wheat harvest is finished by this day so that the baking for Christmas may begin.

The tradition of planting wheat on St. Lucy's Day comes from Hungary, Croatia and other European nations. Plant wheat grains in a round dish or plate of soil, then water the seeds. Place the container in a warm spot. If the planting medium is kept moist (not sopping wet), the seeds will germinate and the shoots will be several inches high by Christmas. Then the new green shoots, reminding us of the new life born in Bethlehem, may be tied with a ribbon, if desired, and a candle may be placed near them as a symbol of the Light of Christ.

These traditions help us remember during a season that can become very materialistic that the saint behind them all, Lucy, like St. Nicholas, was a person who was

kind and gentle, and whose love for Christ led them to care for the poor.

ARGHHHH!

ICE -NO ICE - ICE -NO ICE... I'm going to go crazy pretty soon. I am going crazy. It's driving me a bit bonkers to be honest. I'm having irrational and foolish thoughts of venturing to far off fishing destinations. I'll bet there's burbot being caught in Alaska right now. I really need to go fishing.

The Nino and I have decided to not pack the boat away yet. This forecast has me thinking the ice we do have will just melt away. It will slowly dissolve like the ice in my Crown Royal as I try and drink this pain away. It's difficult to drink until you can't feel feelings. It is not healthy; but it can be done and it does help ease the some of the pain.

I want to run my auger. I would like to sit in my new portable fishing house. I'd like to stare at my Vexilar until I see it's wonderful dancing lines when I close my eyes. The demo mode isn't doing it for me like it had before. I need to bite a shiner minnow in half and stick it on a big nasty spoon, glow that big nasty spoon up, and pound the bottom for a couple hours trying to attract an eel pout. For you all, I truly want you to do these things as well. I'd like for us to do these amazing things together. I'd like us to tell stories to each other of doing fishing things.

For now I will treasure last year's Burbot memories. Perhaps my boat will travel down the road in December, allowing me to wet a line, calm these nerves, and get my fix.

If any of you are dealing with withdrawals like I am; I am just a phone call away. Together, we can get through this difficult seasonal transition and The Nino.

Jason Rylander is a fishing guide in the Bemidji area. He works with his friend Matt Breuer for Northcountry Guide Service. He has a "reel" passion for fishing. You can reach Northcountry Guide Service at 218.444.6479 (www.northcountryguides.com)

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THURSDAY

DECEMBER 10

Elders Holiday Gathering

December 10 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Northern Lights Casino, 6800 Y Frontage Rd NW Walker, On-site registration. Jingle Bell Rock Dance Contest • Cookie Decorating • Christmas Theme Fashion Show • Info Booths & More! As this is an elder only event -caregivers age 18+ may accompany the elder they provide care for (NO CHILDREN PLEASE). For transportation contact: Evelyn at (218) 335-7290. For more information contact: Carol (218) 308-3256, Auralia (218) 839-0329, Eva (218) 252-3373, Jean (218) 760-1967 Sponsors: LLBO & Elder Service Providers Network.

Shop the World 2015 December 10 @ 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm Concordia Language Villages, 9550 Ruppstrasse NE Bemidji, December 10 and 11 noon - 6 PM December 12 and 13 9 AM-4 PM. Come see our wide variety of gifts and specialty items from around the world. Call ahead to place your order for pickup 218-586-8818. \$5 Breads: Lingonberry- Wild Rice Craisin Oatmeal- Four Seed Buttermilk. \$3 Cookies: Swedish

Dream-Russian Tea-Sweet Pumpkin-Korova. Norwegian Language Village 8659 Thorsonveien NE

Lutefisk and Meatball Supper and Youth Bake Sale

December 10 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Calvary Lutheran Church, 2508 Washington Ave. SE Bemidji, Lutefisk and Meatball Supper Youth Bake Sale, Entertainment Take-outs available Menu: Lutefisk, meatballs, potatoes, rutabagas, coleslaw, cranberries, lefse, buns, pie, coffee. \$15 adults \$6 children 12 and under. Calvary Lutheran Church, calvary@calvarybemidji.org (218) 751-1893

Clear Waters Healing - Open Circle

December 10 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Rail River Folk School, 303 Railroad Street Bemidji. Mind-body-spirit integration. Education and practice in methods and principles that lay the foundation for personal integration and healing, based on both Eastern and Western holistic perspectives. This ongoing group will function to support your own efforts in gaining and maintaining wellness at every level of your being. Teacher description: Dr. Sylvia Olney, psychotherapist, medical anthropologist, and Kabbalistic

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www.clearwatershealing.com or call 218-259-3137

Needs: 10 chairs, tea and coffee access? Corner Room

Chalk Painting Workshop at Blue Willow

December 10 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Blue Willow Boutique, 309 America Ave NW, Bemidji, Make and Paint a drawer shelf, or hanging shelf. The chalk painting class is on Thursday, December 10th, 6:00 - 8:30 PM at Blue Willow Boutique, 309 America Ave NW, Bemidji. Cost includes supplies and finished project is \$45.00. Project pictures are available on Blue Willow Face Book page. Reserve your spot by calling 556-7631 or stop by Blue Willow.

Open Mic - Brigid's Pub

December 10 @ 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm Brigid's Pub, 317 Beltrami Ave NW Bemidji,

Open Mic/Karaoke at Toddy's

December 10 @ 9:00 pm - 11:55 pm Toddy's Pub and Grub, 119 3rd St NW Bemidji,

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 11

Stuff A Squad

December 11 @ 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Leech Lake Tribal Police Dept., 6242 Upper Cass Frontage Road Cass Lake, Help Leech Lake Tribal Police fill the shelves for the Leech Lake Housing Authority Homeless Program! Bring: Household items, nonperishable foods, kid & Baby items, Toiletry items. For more information contact the Tribal Police Station at (218) 335-8277.

Karaoke & Meat Raffle - Bemidji Eagles

December 11 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm The Eagles Club Bemidji, 1270 Neilson Ave SE Bemidji, Karaoke Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 pm. Meat raffle on Friday begins at 5:30

Auction Bid/War

December 11 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Facility Center Concourse, Cass Lake, Help us raise money for Christmas Presents for Foster Care Program.

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BSU's 47th Annual Madrigal Dinners

December 11 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Bangsberg Fine Arts Building - BSU, Lake Blvd NE, Bemidji, Tickets for Bemidji State University's 47th Annual Madrigal Dinners are now on sale at the Bangsberg Fine Arts



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INFO: Editor@WUBabe.com

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Why are we doing this? Bemidji is an awesome place with lots of stuff to do. Bringing people together for happy, fun events will strengthen our community's "livability." That's what we all want, right? If you've got something to contribute, we're always looking for talent. We accept family-friendly written work of fact or fiction, artwork, and photography. Give us some WUB Love and we'll give you some back!

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RECURRING EVENTS:

The 2015 Stuff-A-Truck promotion is underway at Bemidji-area schools, sponsored by Paul Bunyan Broadcasting HBI, Marketplace Food & Drug, The Bemidji Pioneer, Bemidji Area Schools and the caring Bemidji community to replenish the Bemidji Community Food Shelf in time for Thanksgiving. Later this month Marketplace Foods will pick up the food from the schools and on the 20th & 21st the truck will be parked at Marketplace Foods for members of the Community to help stuff-the-truck before it is taken to the Food Shelf. Last year 21,000 pounds of food was collected and \$6,883 contributed.

People Helping Pantries

November 1, 2015 - January 6, 2016 The Eagles Club Bemidji, 1270 Neilson Ave SE Bemidji, Bemidji Eagles will be collecting food items for our local food shelf. November 1 through January 5. There will be 2 boxes at the club for you to drop off your donations

Ultima Bank collecting donations for Bemidji Food Shelf

November 9 - December 19 Ultima Bank Minnesota, 101 Shevlin Ave. SW Bemidji, To donate, just bring the items to any of the Ultima Bank Minnesota, 101 Shevlin Ave. SW. The Bemidji Community Food Shelf is looking for peanut butter, canned meat, personal care items, coffee and spices, a release said. The Bemidji Community Food Shelf is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. Ultima Bank Minnesota also has branch locations in Winger, Fosston, Plummer and East Grand Forks.

Watermark Art Center: It's Only Clay

National Juried Ceramic Exhibit. 505 Bemidji Ave N November 6-December 22 2015
Featuring the work by Butch Holden

Good Sports of the North : Get in the game and explore the history of sports at the Beltrami County Historical Society. Score big with stories about curling, baseball, Ojibwe lacrosse, cross country skiing, and the many sports in between. Go behind the numbers, and find out how sports moments, coaches, and personalities shaped local communities. And be part of the team with hands-on vintage sports equipment, interactive touchscreens, and more! runs through Summer 2016 Wednesday—Saturday from 12-4.

Come skate with your preschooler : We prefer if parents wear skates or bring clean shoes to use out on the ice. September 17- December 22, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-11:00am, Neilson Reise Arena, located next to the Curling Club, Bemidji. Cost: \$1.00/participant.

Tots 'n' Science at Headwaters Science Center : Every Thursday at 10 am young children ages 3-6 along with an adult are getting together for some fun hands-on science at Headwaters Science Center. Tots 'n' Science offers stories, activities and games to help kids learn about things going on in their world. The cost is \$4 per child and caregivers are free and must accompany the child. Admission fees to the exhibit floor apply. Reservations are encouraged by calling 444-4472.

MAP Time is back for another season! Join us for a free indoor playspace designed for preschoolers. Date: November 6- April 22 Thursday & Friday, 10:30am-12:30pm
Location: Boys & Girls Club
Cost: FREE!!!

Free indoor walking program at the Sanford Event Center: October 5- April 21, Monday- Thursday, 7:00-9:00am, Enter through Gate 2

Better Choices, Better Health Workshop :

Committed to helping all people live fuller, healthier and more active lives. The workshops are for anyone with ongoing health conditions and their caregivers. Registration is required; call Sanford Health at (701) 234-5570 or (877) 234-4240

Relay for Life team "Pharmacy Phanatics" is doing an on-going fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. They are selling energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs ranging in price from \$2.00 each to \$2.50 each. A box of 12 bulbs is \$24. They have various watts from 23 to 100. Available for sale at Iverson Corner Drug at 408 Minnesota Avenue in Bemidji or contact Bernie at 556-0910 or Brenda at 556-9446. All sales benefit Relay For Life of Beltrami County.

HEAR TODAY...GONE TO MAUI! Paul Bunyan Broadcasting wants to send lucky listeners to Maui (Yes; that Maui) for 7 nights at the Kaanapali Beach Hotel, is well underway with dozens of entry cards coming in every day. On January 21, 2016, the names of two Grand Prize Winners will be drawn from the mail-in and call-in qualifiers. Hear Today...Gone to Maui is a Signature Promotion of Paul Bunyan Broadcasting HBI and is sponsored by Northern Minnesota's BIG THREE Music Stations; KB101, KZY 95.5 and Z99! Rules are available online at paulbunyanbroadcasting.com. Good Luck!

Samuel Staudt's Abstract Topographical Aerial City Scapes Art Show will be up until end of January 2016 at Dunn Bros in Bemidji. New Work showcases Painted acrylic with a high intensity color palette. Interlocking shapes and intersecting rectangles patterns dance across the canvas in a push pull vertigo effect.

Complex Madrigal Dinners ticket office. Performances of this Yuletide tradition of northern Minnesota will be held Friday through Sunday, Dec. 4-6, and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11-12, in the Beaux Arts Ballroom in Bemidji State's upper Hobson Memorial Union. Singers will recreate the atmosphere of a renaissance feast once held in English castles, bringing to life the regal pageantry and ceremonial pomp of Merrie Olde England. The evening features music from the Royal Court, Minstrels, Beggars, Cellar Keepers, Recorders, and a masque presented by the King's Players — all while guests enjoy a five-course dinner. Call 218.755.2915

Ladies Night Live Music with Fireline at Caddillacs Northstar Grille. 16305 69th Ave, Cass Lake. Friday Night is Ladies Night, all the Gals get 2-4-1's on all drinks from 9pm - 11pm. You

could even win something! Grab up your friends and **c o m e o n o v e r !** *This band is here both nights this weekend.

Clear Water Hot Club – Live Music at Brigids December 11 @ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Brigid's Pub, 317 Beltrami Ave NW Bemidji,

Little River Band – Live Music December 11 @ 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm Shooting Star Casino, 777 SE Casino Rd Mahanomen, Don't be a "Lonesome Loser" and miss out on the Little River Band. They charted success from the 70s to the 80s and topped over 30 million in record sales with other hits like, "It's A Long Way There," "The Night Owls" and "Take It Easy On Me." The great song writing, powerful vocals and memorable harmonies will take you back. Show Starts - 8pm

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SATURDAY

DECEMBER 12

Pancake Breakfast Fund-raiser December 12 @ 8:00 am - 10:30 am Second Saturday of every month 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM All the pancakes you can eat, plus two sausages, juice, coffee or milk for only \$5.00 per adult, \$2.50 per Child ages 5 to 9 and 4 and under are free. The Senior Creation Craft Shop will also be open. All proceeds go to help support the Senior Center. Public is welcome!

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Wreath-making 101 (morning) December 12 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Lake Bemidji State Park, 3401 State Park Rd NE Bemidji, If you've never made your own evergreen wreath, here's an opportunity to learn how--and take yours home! Balsam, pine, and cedar boughs, wreath forms, wire, and even a red ribbon will be supplied, along with a demonstration and easy instructions. Bring your own decorations if you'd



like to customize your wreath even more. Two sessions will be held this year on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 am to noon and again from 1 to 3 pm. The materials fee is \$8.50; maximum 20 people per session. Registration required--please call the park at 218-308-2300 by December 1 to sign up.

Wreath Making 101 (afternoon) December 12 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Lake Bemidji State Park, 3401 State Park Rd NE Bemidji, If you've never made your own evergreen wreath, here's an opportunity to learn how--and take yours home! Balsam, pine, and

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Merry Tuba Christmas 2015 December 12 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Paul Bunyan Mall, 1401 Paul Bunyan Drive NW

Bemidji, Performance at Bemidji Mall in front of JC Penny. Participants please register at 9:00 am, Bemidji High School, 2900 Division St. West. Rehearsal is at 9:30 am, same as registration. Participant registration fee is \$10.00. COORDINATORS: Christine Freunds Schuh 218-464-8967, Derek Wickum 218-556-5856

Snowflake Inspiration with Traveling Art Pub December 12 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Rail River Folk School, 303 Railroad Street Bemidji,

Explore your creative side at our new Bemidji TAP DESTINATION... Rail River Folk School!

Saturday, December 12 | 1-3:30pm. \$35/person. Guests are able to bring your own beverages and snacks. Inspiration: "Snowflake" Artist: Erika Windels. • • Easy Skill Level. Please order your tickets online in order to reserve your spot at the event. Space is limited.

Bar Bingo - Bemidji Eagles December 12 @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm The Eagles Club Bemidji, 1270 Neilson Ave SE Bemidji, Tuesdays at 7pm & Saturdays at 2pm

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Caleigh Holiday Concert for the Library December 12 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Bemidji Public Library, 509 America Avenue NW Bemidji, Caleigh is a Minnesota band whose sound is earthy and eclectic. The three female musicians present a fusion of world folk, celtic, bluegrass, American Old-Time, and original compositions. Caleigh has shared their twenty-year musical journey with audiences throughout Minnesota and fans worldwide via the Internet. The band has released five albums on the Lily Label. Graced with harp, fiddle, bodhran, banjo, accordion, guitars, mandolin, congas, viola, contra bass, balalika, and captivating vocals, Caleigh's music will inspire the imagination of listeners as they travel through a time-honored musical experience. They have generously agreed to perform at the Bemidji Public Library in order to raise funds for programming. Come enjoy a unique holiday musical experience and help the library! Suggested donation \$10.00

Pretty Princess Parties Fairy Tale Ball December 12 @ 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Sanford Event Center, 1111 Event Center DR. NE Bemidji, Our princesses can't wait to sing, dance, and play with your little ones! There will be a meet and greet, dj, a dance floor, photo booth, and so much more! General Ball Tickets: Guests are encouraged to arrive at 5:30 to join our Snow Sisters, Cinderella, The Little Mermaid, Belle, Tinkerbell and more on the dance floor! There will be a royal entrance, a sing-a-long session, dances led by the princesses, and a photo booth! VIP Tea Party and Ball Tickets: VIP guests are allowed to come to the event an hour early to spend time with the Snow Sisters. (4:30) Elsa and Anna will enjoy a cupcake social with a limited group of children. This time will include; cupcakes, beverages, story time, face painting, snowflake wishes, and extra one on one time with the popular Frozen duo. This ticket also includes access to the Fairy Tale Ball that starts at 5:30.

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Winter Family Formal

Join us for the first ever Winter Family Formal. This package includes admission for a parent and child along with dinner, a special picture and an evening of dancing. All ages welcome. Registration will be open until filled. Max participation of 150. Registration will open December 14. Date: February 5 Time: 6:00-8:30pm Location: Sanford Event Center Cost: \$37.00/ parent & child, \$20.00/additional participant. Organized by Bemidji Parks and Rec (218) 333-1857.

Daddy Daughter Dance.

This package includes admission for a dad and his daughter along with dinner, a special picture and an evening of dancing. All ages welcome. Registration will be open until filled. This program fills fast so make sure to pre-register. Max participation of 200. Registration will open December 14. Registration will be only online or in person. You will be able to print off and mail a registration form in. The forms will be located on the City of Bemidji's website (www.ci.bemidji.mn.us/). Date: February 6 5:30-8:00pm Location: Sanford Event Center Cost: \$37.00/ dad & daughter, \$20.00/additional child Organized by Bemidji Parks and Rec (218) 333-1857.

Join LPTV for the screening of Downton Abbey Season 6, Episode 1

December 15, for a public screening of the first hour of the new season before it airs on U.S. television! *Tickets are free, but seating is limited.*

LPTV will be hosting screenings in both Bemidji and Brainerd. RSVP by calling 800-292-0922. Brainerd: Chalberg Theater in Central Lakes College, Bemidji: Lakeland Public Television

Enchanted Sleeping Beauty Auditions: January 13,14 5:30 - 7:30pm at the Chief Theatre Contact Mary Knox-Johnson at 333-8740. Show dates: April 8, 9, 15, 16 at 7:30 and April 10, 17 at 2pm.

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Bemidji Jazz Quartet – Live Music at Brigids December 12 @ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Brigid's Pub, 317 Beltrami Ave NW Bemidji,

"Glen Tiding", a Bemidji Food Shelf Benefit Holiday Concert December 12 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Chief Theatre, 314 Beltrami Ave Bemidji, Attendees will experience breathtaking vocal music, Classical and Celtic sounds of cello and violin filling the air and the driving force of one of the best Irish drum and rhythm guitar sections around. From the traditional to the unexpected, a delightful evening of seasonal warmth and melody is delivered with an ease and lightness of spirit that will leave audiences with a Holiday glow. Mary Mitchell, Director Bemidji Community Food Shelf 218-444-6580 (o) 218-556-3249 (c) or Mike Tangen 218 209-7884 \$20, with tickets available at Kelsey's Jewelry, Brigid's Pub, Overbeek's Electronics and Music, or by calling (218) 209-7884

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 13

Santa Lucia Festival December 13 @ 6:00 am - 8:00 am First Lutheran Church, 900 Bemidji Ave Bemidji, Traditional Swedish 'Festival of Lights' celebrated each December 13th. The festival includes the 'Crown of Candles' procession followed by a customary breakfast usher-

ing in the Christmas season. Tentative Ticket Price: \$18 adults, \$6 children - Must be purchased by Dec 9 Available at Kelsey's Jewelry downtown Bemidji and Ken K Thompson Jewelry - downtown and Mall locations. Not available at door.

Sankta Lucia Fest (40th annual) December 13 @ 6:00 am - 8:00 am First Lutheran Church, 900 Bemidji Ave Bemidji, American Swedish Institute - Bemidji holds its 40th Annual Sankta Lucia Fest. The smorgasbord breakfast & program celebrate the return of the sun to wintry Sweden. Tickets on sale until Dec 6 at Kelsey's & Ken K. Thompson Jewelry stores. \$25 adults/\$6 youth 6-12/free 5 & under

Shop the World 2015 December 13 Concordia Language Villages, 9550 Ruppstrasse NE Bemidji, December 10 and 11 noon - 6 PM, December 12 and 13 9 AM- 4 PM' Come see our wide variety of gifts and specialty items from around the world. Call ahead to place your order for pickup 218-586-8818. \$5 Breads: Lingonberry- Wild Rice Craisin Oatmeal- Four Seed Buttermilk. \$3 Cookies: Swedish Dream-Russian Tea-Sweet Pumpkin-Korova. Norwegian Language Village 8659 Thorson-veien NE

Advanced Wreath-Making: Decorating Your Wreath December 13 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Lake Bemidji State Park, 3401 State Park Rd NE Bemidji, Our wreath-making expert Becky will teach all the secrets of decorating a gorgeous holiday

wreath--beginning with how to tie that really perfect bow! She'll introduce different ideas ranging from using natural materials, like pine cones or acorns, to adding those personal touches that make it unique. Each participant must bring a finished but undecorated wreath to the program. We will supply a variety of decorating materials to try out, but you may want to bring your own as well. Old or new ornaments, small toys, or other small, meaningful objects are a great place to start. \$5.00 materials fee. Class limited to 15. Sunday December 13, 1-3 pm. Registration required: please call 218-308-2300 no later than December 1.

MONDAY

DECEMBER 14

Healthy Rhythms Drum Circle December 14 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am Rail River Folk School, 303 Railroad Street Bemidji, Corner Studio at Rail River Folk School

Singing Christmas Melodies - Christian Women's Luncheon December 14 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm The Eagles Club Bemidji, 1270 Neilson Ave SE Bemidji, Meal Cost \$11.00 Eagles Club New Community Room Hwy 71 S Back Entrance Trek North School Choir with Director Talia Zieman, Singing Christmas Melodies, "Running the Race" Judy Siegle from Fargo ND, Twice in Paralympics, Record holder, Volunteer for Wheels for the World, Buy Christmas goodies and gifts at the Christmas Bake Sale after the program

Reservations: Elaine 333-3544, Alverna 335-7833, Bemidji Christian Women's Connection, Stonecroft Ministries www.stonecroft.org

Ski Club Beer Party Fundraiser December 14 @ 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm Bemidji Brewing Taproom, 401 Beltrami Ave NW Bemidji, Join the Ski Club at the Bemidji Brewing Company on Monday, December 14 for a fundraiser! For \$20 you will get a keepsake glass (see the photo) an a beer of your choice (or soda or coffee), appetizers and a great opportunity to kick off the ski season with other skiers! Funds raised will support the Sunday Ski School program and the Montebello City Park ski trail signage project.

Moccasin Game – Male Involvement Activity December 14 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Facility Center Gym, Cass Lake Come and learn to play Moccasin Game taught by Don Kingbird. Monday December 14th & Monday December 21st 5:00pm-8:00pm Facility Center Gym, Cass Lake Snacks and Beverage will be provided. Phone: 218-335-8370 Kevin or 218-335-8321 Wenona

Ole's & Lena Family Christmas December 14 @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Sanford Conference Center, 1111 Event Center Drive NE Bemidji, Ole's & Lena Family Christmas" will be performing in the Sanford Center Ballroom on Monday, (doors open at 6:00 pm). With the small Southeastern Minnesota town of Potsdam as Ole & Lena's home town, at the lovable, dim-witted Scandinavian

couple comes to life in the comedic theme that explores the joys of life, love, family and growing old together. This year Lena has invited the whole family, even her snooty cousin Mildred from Edina. Ole really wants nothing to do with the whole thing, especially the part where Lena has him dress up in the old Santa suit and hand out presents. Can Sven get Ole out of playing Santa? Will Lena be able to keep it all together while she prepares for the family Christmas? Find out in this hilarious comedy about love, family and growing old together. Christmas has always been Lena's favorite time of the year, even if, as Ole says "it makes her more than a little crazy."Reserved Floor Seats: \$24.00 Pre-Sale starts 9/16 - Sign up on www.thesanfordcenter.net newsletter to receive pre-sale information. Additional Fee's may apply*Pre-Concert Dinner starts at 5pm: \$20.00 Come early before the Ole & Lena Concert and enjoy the Sanford Center's "Ya, You Betcha Ya" buffet for only \$20.00 per person!! This home cooked Scandinavian spread will feature Lingonberry stuffed pork loin, Swedish meat balls, Mashed au Gratin potatoes, Scandinavian green beans, marinated cucumber salad and bread roll. Swedish apple cake will be the accompanying dessert! Tickets will be available at the Bob Lowth Ford Pickup Windows at the Sanford Center, any Ticketmaster retail location, Lueken's Village Foods, charge by phone 800.745.3000, and at www.ticketmaster.com .

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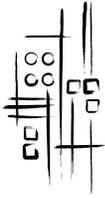
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REGION 2
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Region 2 Arts Council Offers Community Arts Support Grants for Arts Or- ganizations

Go to r2arts.org to apply online before
December 15, 2015!

Purpose

The purpose of this two-year award is to provide some measure of funding stability for Region 2 arts organizations so that their energy can be better focused on increasing the quality and availability of the arts to their communities.

Eligible Organizations

Eligible arts organizations must be located in Minnesota's Beltrami, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen or Clearwater counties and must have provided arts programming to communities in our five-county region in each of the past two years.

Look under "Grants" at r2arts.org for eligibility and application information for all Region 2 Arts Council grants.

Funding Available: February 2016

Awards: \$2,000 - \$6,000 per year x 2 years (award amounts are based on the organization's averaged expenses for the past two years)

Contact staff@r2arts.org / 218 751-5447 or 1800 275-5447 or stop by the R2AC office at the Rail River Folk School building, 303 Railroad Street SW, Bemidji MN.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Region 2 Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Cornhole at Toddy's December 14 @ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Toddy's Pub and Grub, 119 3rd St NW Bemidji,

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 15

Downton Abbey Season 6 Screening Party December 15
Lakeland Public Television: Bemidji, 108 Grant Ave NE Bemidji, Join LPTV for the screening of Downton Abbey Season 6, Episode 1
Join LPTV, on December 15, for a public screening of the first hour of the new season before it airs on U.S. television! Tickets are free, but seating is limited. LPTV will be hosting screenings in both Bemidji and Brainerd. RSVP by calling 800-292-0922. Brainerd: Chalberg Theater in Central Lakes College, Bemidji: Lakeland Public

Santa's Workshop December 15 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Public Works Facility, 1351 5th Street NW Bemidji, Make holiday gifts for everyone on your list. The price includes 2 crafts, gift wrapping and snacks. Drop in anytime between 4:00-7:00pm. Location: Public Works Facility, 1351 5th St NW Cost: \$5.00/participant
Bemidji Parks and Rec 218-333-1857

"Sound Off" for Combat Veterans December 15 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sanford Medical Center, 1300 Anne St NW Bemidji, Sanford Bemidji is now offering a new support group, Sound Off, for combat veterans. It will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday each month at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center's Conference Room A, located immediately to the right through the hospital's main east entrance. The group will meet next on Dec. 15. The group is free and open to men and women from all branches of service, regardless of conflict or

disaster. It is facilitated by Billy Benso, Marine Corps (USMC) combat veteran, and Mike Sletta, behavioral health triage therapist at Sanford Bemidji. The group provides members with a safe and confidential place to openly discuss personal issues and how their combat experience impacts their daily life. No matter what they do, they can't change what they've experienced. Call (218) 333-5165 to learn more.

Bar Bingo - Bemidji Eagles December 15 @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
The Eagles Club Bemidji, 1270 Neilson Ave SE Bemidji, Tuesdays at 7pm & Saturdays at 2pm

Cancer Concerns & Connections December 15 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Sunnarborg's, 5818 Birchmont DR NE Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month 5818 Birchmont DR NE, For more information call 218-751-8343 or 218-333-4600

Trivia - Brigid's Pub December 15 @ 7:15 pm - 10:00 pm
Brigid's Pub, 317 Beltrami Ave NW Bemidji, Sign up by 7:15pm

Open Mic/Karaoke at Toddy's December 15 @ 9:00 pm - 11:55 pm
Toddy's Pub and Grub, 119 3rd St NW Bemidji,

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 16

Happy Hump Day!

THURSDAY

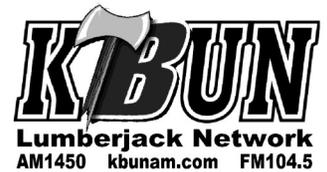
DECEMBER 17

Hardwood Showcase - Boys and Girls High School Basketball Games December 17 @ 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Sanford Event Center, 1111 Event Center DR. NE Bemidji, For the first time in the Sanford Center Arena, Sanford Health is proud to present the 1st Annual Homark Homes Hardwood Showcase on December 17th & 18th, spon-

sored in-part by Bemidji Coke, Team Industries, Homark Homes, and Wood Master. Starting at 4pm both days, these six (6) Boys & Girls High School sanctioned Basketball games will feature some of the most intense rivalry games on the hardwood floor at Sanford Center in all of Northern ! Tickets for this event are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids. During the half-time the Bagley Dance Team will be performing on Dec 17th at the 6 PM. In addition during halftimes, both the 5th & 6th grade boys and girls of subsequent teams will be competing during different games.

Thursday, December 17th, TICKETS: - Available at the Door: Adults: \$7.00 / Kids & Students: \$5.00 / Under 4yrs - Free
4 PM: Cass Lake-Bena Girls vs. Pine River-Backus
6 PM: Cass Lake-Bena Boys vs. Pine River-Backus
8 PM: Cherry Tigers Girls vs. New York Mills Eagles

Native American Comedy Showcase December 17 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Shooting Star Casino, 777 SE Casino Rd Mahnomen, The laughs keep coming this December with another Native American Comedy Showcase featuring Marc Yaffee and Jon Roberts with comedic duo Williams & Ree hosting. Marc is an award-winning comedian featured on the Showtime special, Goin' Native: The American Indian Comedy Slam. Funny not filthy, Marc serves audiences his original comedy recipe, specially prepared for non-stop laughs. Roberts, also known as the "Ojibwe Outlaw", is an enrolled member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa. He is a writer/director/producer & owner of 94 Warriors Studios and has been making people laugh since his mother told the world she was pregnant. Show Starts - 7pm
Tickets: General - \$15



Paul Bunyan Broadcasting



Open Mic – Brigid's Pub
December 17 @ 8:00 pm -
11:00 pm Brigid's Pub, 317
Beltrami Ave NW Bemidji,

**Open Mic/Karaoke at
Toddy's** December 17 @ 9:00
pm - 11:55 pm Toddy's Pub and
Grub, 119 3rd St NW Bemidji,

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 18

**Karaoke & Meat Raffle –
Bemidji Eagles** December 18
@ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm The Ea-
gles Club Bemidji, 1270 Neilson
Ave SE , Karaoke Wednesdays
and Fridays at 8 pm. Meat raffle
on Friday begins at 5:30

**Hardwood Showcase – Boys
and Girls High School Bas-
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Event Center, 1111 Event Center
DR. NE Bemidji, For the first
time in the Sanford Center
Arena, Sanford Health is proud
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during different games.

Friday, December 18th TICK-
ETS: - Available at the Door:
Adults: \$7.00 / Kids & Students:
\$5.00 / Under 4yrs – Free
4 PM: Red Lake Falls Eagles
Girls vs. Walker-Hackensack-
Akeley
6 PM: Fosston Greyhound Girls
vs. Red Lake Warriors
8 PM: Fosston Greyhound Boys
vs. Red Lake Warriors

**BSU Women's Basketball vs.
Minnesota Crookston** Decem-

ber 18 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Bemidji,

**BSU Men's Basketball vs.
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Live Music – Brigid's Pub
December 18 @ 8:00 pm -
11:00 pm 317 Beltrami Ave NW
Bemidji, TBA Check with the
pub to get Artist and start time.
218-444-0567

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 19

**"heim-made" apparel and
accessories TRUNK SHOW**
December 19 @ 9:00 am - 4:00
pm Bemidji Woolen Mills, 301
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one of a kind designer hats,
hand felted scarves, shearing
mitts, fox/leather bomber hats,
mohair socks, and much, much
more!

Annual Winter Bird Survey
December 19 @ 10:00 am -
12:00 pm Lake Bemidji State
Park, 3401 State Park Rd NE
Bemidji, This annual count pro-
vides a record of the birds that
winter in the park. On this year's
birding route you can travel
through hardwood and pine
forests either on foot or on skis,
depending on snow conditions.
Open to all birding abilities.
Bring your binoculars and field
guides. Meet at the Visitor Cen-
ter. Contact John Fylypaa at
(218) 308-2300 or by email at
John.Fylypaa@state.us.

Bar Bingo – Bemidji Eagles
December 19 @ 2:00 pm - 5:00
pm The Eagles Club Bemidji,
1270 Neilson Ave SE Bemidji,
Tuesdays at 7pm & Saturdays at
2pm

**The Nutcracker – Two Per-
formances** December 19 @
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm Chief Thea-
tre, 314 Beltrami Ave Bemidji,
First City Dance Studio Presents
150 of Bemidji's finest dancers
performing to the music of
Tchaikovsky in The Nutcracker.
2:00p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Tickets

Home for the Holidays—Temporary Pet Homes NEEDED

You can help us get EVERY animal into a temporary foster home over the Christ-
mas holiday, December 23 - 28th. Each year, we try to get all the shelter pets into
homes. This helps us learn more about the personalities of each of the pets, and it
ensures a few days off for shelter staff who work hard every day to care for them.



If you are interested in fostering a pet over the holi-
day, please call us at 751-7910 and let us know. If
you have never fostered from us before, please fill
out our foster home application at [http://
www.greatriverrescue.com/](http://www.greatriverrescue.com/)

available at First City Dance
Studio or at the door 30 min.
prior to show. Tickets: \$7.00, 5
and under FREE

Home Free for the Holidays
December 19 @ 8:00 pm -
11:00 pm Champion of NBC's
The Sing-Off and Minnesota's
own Home Free bring their
holiday show to the Sanford
Center on December 19, 2015.
When country vocal band Home
Free was crowned champion of
NBC's The Sing-Off, their victory
was by no means the beginnings
of a career for the five country
stars from Minnesota... rather it
was a satisfying culmination of
nearly a decade of hard work
and commitment to a vocal craft
growing in popularity. They
have become known for their
high-energy performances,
peppered with quick-witted
humor that meshes Nashville
standards with pop hits dipped
in country flavor. This Decem-
ber, they bring their Home Free
for the Holidays Tour to town,
combining new music from their
recent release, Country Evolu-
tion, and their 2014 Holiday
Album, Full of Cheer.

Group rates available for 10 or
more. Tickets, including VIP
option, will be available at Tick-
etmaster.com, Sanford Ticket
Office and Ticketmaster outlets,
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- Meet and greet, photograph,
and autograph sessions with the
band
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try Evolution
- Exclusive show laminate
- Exclusive show poster

Live Music – Brigid's Pub
December 19 @ 8:00 pm -
11:00 pm Brigid's Pub, 317
Beltrami Ave NW Bemidji, TBA
Check with the pub to get Artist
and start time. 218-444-056

2016 Call to Artists is Open Bemidji Sculpture Walk

Operating in downtown Bemidji since 1999 the
Bemidji Sculpture Walk is pleased to open its an-
nual call to artists for installation outdoors throughout
Bemidji in the 2016-2017 season.

The Bemidji Sculpture Walk committee will select the
20 best submissions, based on their conceptual
strength, originality, and workmanship. These will be
presented for 12 months in locations throughout
Bemidji.

All jury-selected participating artists participants re-
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Submit your application for selection for one, two, or
even three separate works this year. If you have any
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LAKE BEMIDJI STATE PARK'S ANNUAL BIRD COUNT

As part of the 116th Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC), Lake Bemidji State Park depends on birders of all skill levels to count every bird they see or hear on **December 19 from 10 am to noon**. This annual count provides a record of the birds that winter in the park. On this year's birding route you can travel through hardwood and pine forests either on foot or on skis, depending on snow conditions. Open to all birding abilities. Bring your binoculars and field guides. Contact the park at (218) 308-2300 or by email at John.Fylpaa@state.us. Vehicle permit required (\$5 daily). No pre-registration required at for Lake Bemidji State Park.

A few FAQs from Audubon:

When does the count happen?

All Christmas Bird Counts are conducted between December 14 to January 5, inclusive dates, each season. Your local count will occur on one day between those dates. Participate in as many counts and locations as you wish! There are a LOT of them in Minnesota.

How does participation work?

There is a specific methodology to the CBC, and all participants must make arrangements to participate in advance with the circle compiler within an established circle, but anyone can participate.

Each count takes place in an established 15-mile wide diameter circle, and is organized by a count compiler. Count volunteers follow specified routes through a designated 15-mile (24-km) diameter circle, counting every bird they see or hear all day. It's not just a species tally--all birds are counted all day, giving an indication of the total number of birds in the circle that day.

If you are a beginning birder, you will be able to join a group that includes at least one experienced bird-watcher.



If your home is within the boundaries of a CBC circle, then you can stay at home and report the birds that visit your feeder on count day as long as you have made prior arrangement with the count compiler. Check out the sign-up link above during the sign-up season for information on how to contact the compiler.

What is the Christmas Bird Count? The Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is a long-standing program of the National Audubon Society, with over 100 years of citizen science involvement. It is an early-winter bird census, where thousands of volunteers across the US, Canada and many countries in the Western Hemisphere, go out over a 24 hour period on one calendar day to count birds.

Can I just do my own CBC and send you my data? No. Since each CBC is a real census, and since the 15-mile diameter circle contains a lot of area to be covered, single-observer counts (except in unusual circumstances) cannot be allowed. To participate on the CBC you will need to join an existing CBC circle by contacting the compiler in advance of the count day.

As an alternative, you may be interested in getting involved in the **Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC)** organized by Audubon with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. It takes place President's Day weekend each Febru-

ary and you can count the birds each day in your backyard/community and then enter the results online. For more information on the GBBC, visit the AudubonGBBC page.

A Bit of History

Prior to the turn of the 20th century, people engaged in a holiday tradition known as the Christmas "Side Hunt": They would choose sides and go afield with their guns; whoever brought in the biggest pile of feathered (and furred) quarry won.

Conservation was in its beginning stages around in that era, and many observers and scientists were becoming concerned about declining bird populations. Beginning on Christmas Day 1900, ornithologist Frank M. Chapman, an early officer in the then nascent Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition-a "Christmas Bird Census"-that would count birds during the holidays rather than hunt them.

So began the Christmas Bird Count. Thanks to the inspiration of Chapman and the enthusiasm of twenty-seven dedicated birders, twenty-five Christmas Bird Counts were held that day. The locations ranged from Toronto, Ontario to Pacific Grove, California with most counts in or near the population centers of northeastern North America. Those original 27 Christmas Bird Counters tallied around 90 species on all the counts combined.

How Christmas Bird Count Helps Protect Species and Their Habitat

The data collected by observers over the past century allow Audubon researchers, conservation biologists, wildlife agencies and other interested individuals to study the long-term health and status of bird populations across North America. When combined with other surveys such as the Breeding Bird Survey, it provides a picture of how the continent's bird populations have changed in time and space over the past hundred years. The long term perspective is vital for conservationists. It informs strategies to protect birds and their habitat - and helps identify environmental issues with implications for people as well.

What conservationists have learned through Christmas Bird Count data

- Audubon's 2014 Climate Change Report is a comprehensive, first-of-its-kind study that predicts how climate change could affect the ranges of 588 North American birds. Of the 588 North American bird species Audubon studied, more than half are likely to be in trouble. Our models indicate that 314 species will lose more than 50 percent of their current climatic range by 2080.
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has included Audubon's climate change work from CBC data as one of 26 indicators of climate change in their 2012 report.
- In 2009 CBC data were instrumental in the collaborative report by the North American Bird Conservation Initiative, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - State of the Birds 2009.
- In 2007, CBC data were instrumental in the development of Audubon's Common Birds in Decline Report, which revealed that some of America's most beloved and familiar birds have taken a nosedive over the past forty years: http://birds.audubon.org/sites/default/files/documents/report_0.pdf

Want to know more? <http://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>

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