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| Mon.   | Big Moose Skillet with hashbrowns             |
| Tues.  | Breakfast Sandwich with hashbrowns            |
| Wed.   | French Toast w/eggs & sausage or bacon        |
| Thurs. | Blueberry Pancakes w/eggs & sausage or bacon  |
| Fri.   | Biscuits & Gravy w/eggs & hashbrowns          |
| Sat.   | Cinnamon Swirl French Toast with ham & eggs   |
| Sun.   | Blueberry Cream Cheese Crepes with eggs & ham |


Dinner Specials

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| Mon.   | Half Chicken Dinner                  | \$10.99 |
| Tues.  | Full Rack of BBQ Ribs                | \$17.99 |
| Wed.   | Pan Fried Walleye                    | \$14.99 |
| Thurs. | Mozzarella Girasole w/Marinara Sauce | \$10.99 |
| Fri.   | Fishermen's Catch                    | \$16.99 |
| Sat.   | Rib Eye Steak                        | \$17.99 |
| Sun.   | Chicken Kiev                         | \$11.99 |

Dinners include choice of potato & salad. Choice of soup for \$1.00

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# OUTDOORS

## A little about loons

Minnesota's state bird, the common loon, is more at home in the water than on land. Built like a torpedo, it swims under water in search of prey. Minnesota has more common loons than any other state except Alaska, says the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource's website, which offers much information about the bird. Loons don't begin breeding until they are three or four years old. The male chooses a territory and attracts a mate. Together the male and female build a nest out of reeds and grasses on the edge of the water. They take turns incubating the one to two eggs the female lays. After 28 to 30 days blackish brown chicks emerge from the eggs, soon ready for a swim. One of the ways parents care for their young is to carry them on their



Mike Thiele captured this photo of a loon carrying its chick on its back on Rainy Lake recently.



Thiele reports that this loon skidded across the water for a good 60 yards at is came in for a landing on the lake.



Thiele described this photo as an early morning conference.

backs to keep them safe from fish and turtle predators. Young loons don't fly until they are more than two months old. The DNR's website offers the following "fun facts" about loons. The bones of most birds are hollow and light, but loons have solid bones. The extra weight helps

them dive as deep as 250 feet to search for food. They can stay underwater for up to five minutes. Because their bodies are heavy relative to their wing size, loons need a 100- to 600-foot "run-

way" in order to take off from a lake. Loons can fly more than 75 miles per hour. The red in the loon's eye helps it to see under water. Scientists think loons can live for 30 years or more

### DNR QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**Q:** Given the drought situation over most of Minnesota last summer and fall, how did turtles and frogs fair?  
**A:** We did have some pond kills because the oxygen levels got too low in ponds that had reduced water levels and shallower depths. There were a few winter kills of

turtles as a result of low water levels, deep frost, and low oxygen going into winter. Severe drought concentrates populations of both turtles and frogs, which can lead to increased disease transmission and stressed animals. It's possible that there was some mortality as well as increased preda-

tion due to concentrated animals.  
This year, turtles and frogs are on the move, away from areas where there is excessive water. There's also a delay in nesting for turtles due to cooler water and air temps. We suspect there's some impact to timber rattlesnake dens in a

few areas from severe floods that occurred in past years during the summer. With recent heavy rain and severe flooding in areas of southeastern Minnesota at a time when more snakes are in stream corridors, we may see impacts to some dens.  
**-Jaime Edwards, Non-game wildlife program**



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