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Left: Members of Bigfoot Yancey perform Wednesday at the Bent Paddle Brewery Taproom in Duluth. **Below:** OMC Tacos from OMC Steakhouse in Duluth are served with a flight of seasonal beers at the Bent Paddle Brewery Taproom in Duluth.
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NO WINTER ESCAPE? EAT A TACO

Regional eateries offer a (spring) break from the snow

By Jana Hollingsworth
For the News Tribune

Even by northern Minnesota standards, this winter has been brutal. Six-foot-high snowbanks at intersections, goat-path sidewalks, boot fatigue and constant static cling. Even the hardest of snow lovers probably lost it over the latest dump on our fair region. Yes, there are beautiful wintry scenes to

behold, and yes, there are many moments of outdoor magic to experience, but c'mon. We're hanging by a thread.

Some of you are lucky enough this month to escape to a place that has use for a heat index. But for those stuck here, waiting out the last few weeks of this relentless, patience-killing season, I offer these suggestions for a two-hour food and booze spring break. Hire an Uber.



Above top: Bright colors and pink flamingos are a large part of Maggie's decor. **Above bottom:** Maggie's flamingo chicken sandwich includes fried, boneless breast dipped in hot flamingo sauce and served on a toasted brioche bun.
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The best thing to do here is order takeout from the nearby OMC Smokehouse, which will deliver to your table. Pair some brisket tacos with a Pordij IPA and take in the bustling taproom full of people just happy to be alive. With some banjo-playing in the background, the beautiful Northwoods vibe and late afternoon sun pouring through a long bank of windows, it's the picture of a sultry Duluth summer evening. Hold tight to that scene as you summit a dirty snowbank to get into your car.

Maggie's
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Above: The dining room area of Va Bene in Duluth is decorated in bright colors. **Left:** Scallops and Polenta at Va Bene Caffe in Duluth.
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