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* Martin Luther King
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No School & City
Offices Closed

* Elementary Battle of
the Books: Grades 2-3
is Jan. 22, Grades 4-6
is Jan. 23

* Catholic Schools
Week is Jan. 25-31

Chamber of
Commerce
announces
button contest

Area residents are invited to design the button for the 38th annual St. Patrick's Day Festival, sponsored by the Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce. The winner of the contest will receive a \$25 cash prize.

Interested individuals are encouraged to create a unique design for this year's button - either computer-generated (and saved as a PDF) or hand-drawn. The button design must include the words "38th Annual St. Patrick's Day Festival, March 14, 2015, Maple Lake, MN." All other elements of the button design should be consistent with the Irish/St. Patrick's Day theme.

Drop off your entry at Roger's BP Amoco or email to hudek90@gmail.com by Sunday, January 25. The winner will be announced in the January 28th issue of the Messenger.

Contact Irene Hudek at 612-270-8586 or Deb Geyen at 320-980-3144 for more information.

Seeking
candidates for
Maple Lake Royal
Ambassadors

Are you interested in becoming a Maple Lake Royal Ambassador? If you are 17 years old by January 1st and attend the Maple Lake School District, you are eligible. The initial meeting is Wednesday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the commons at Maple Lake High School. Please call Vicki Johanneck at (612) 245-7104 or email: Info@MLAmbassadors.org for more information. You can just show up and bring your parents. Deadline for candidate registration is January 21. There is still time to enter the program for this year. What a great opportunity.

H&H Sports steps up again

Once again H&H Sport Shop steps up as a major sponsor to the annual Maple Lake Ice Fishing Derby.

This year's derby, the 40th, is set for Saturday, January 31st and kicks off at 9 a.m. with a vintage snowmobile show. The all-

day schedule of events includes the arctic plunge at 10:30 a.m., an ice auger drilling contest beginning at 3 p.m., the official Ice Fishing Derby and the Take a Kid Fishing program from 1 to 3 p.m. and an after party, including a live band from 4 to 8:30 p.m.

Among the hundreds of prizes given away is the grand prize, an Ice Castle Fish House, awarded to the angler who brings in the 40th largest Northern Pike. The perfect prize for the only ice fishing contest in Minnesota that allows the use of fish houses.



Nick Olsen of the Maple Lake Property Owner's Association thanks Chris Churchill of H&H Sport Shop for his contribution to the 40th Annual Maple Lake Ice Fishing Derby. (Photo by Michele Pawlenty)

Potter named board chair for 2015

by John Holler
Correspondent

As an annual rite of passage, the first Wright County Board meeting of every calendar year is opened by Auditor/Treasurer Bob Hiivala. Under state law, there is no county board chairman until a preliminary vote has taken place. That ritual was repeated Jan. 6 and the county board unanimously selected Mike Potter as the chairman for 2015.

Potter was the vice-chair last year, so an unofficial rotational system is in place that has been adhered to in Wright County for decades. 2014 Board Chair Christine Husom was the vice-chair in 2013. Commissioner Pat Sawatzke and Husom - have faced their challenges as board

for 2015, so he is in line to be the chairman in 2016.

While the role changes hands every year, the responsibilities with being the chairman of the board comes with its own set of challenges. The chair is typically the first contact made from outside the county and he or she represents the county in several different ways than other commissioners - ranging from not being able to make motions to being the required signature on most documents.

Potter said he has learned that there are always issues that arise that become major concerns within the county. Both of his predecessors - Commissioners Pat Sawatzke and Husom - have faced their challenges as board

chairs.

"The chair is the one that typically hits problems head-on first," Potter said. "From my experience with what the previous chairs have gone through, they're the first ones that deal with the 'brace yourself' type moments. You face the challenges of whatever happens that year. When Pat (Sawatzke) was the chair, we had four new commissioners and (longtime county coordinator) Dick Norman retired. Last year, Christine had the Trailblazer/River Rider situation blow up right away. There's always something that puts the board up front."

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8th grade choir warms up the room



The combined 8th grade choir, under the direction of Sue Nelson and accompanied by Wendy Clark on piano, closed out their winter concert by singing The River Sleeps Beneath the Sky. (Photo by Charlene Wurm)

For more photos of the 8th grade winter choir concert see page 7.

City Council organizes for the new year



Top: Newly-elected Councilmember Todd Jude took his oath of office Tuesday, Jan. 6, along with re-elected Councilmember Deb Geyen and the re-elected Mayor Lynn Kissock. Bottom: Maple Lake's 2015 City Councilmembers, Todd Jude, Deb Geyen, John Northenscold, Lynn Kissock and Bart Lauer. (Photos courtesy of LeeAnn Yager)

by Katie Friedman
Correspondent

The Maple Lake City Council kicked off 2015 with an assortment of annual organizational tasks Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Councilmembers and Mayor Lynn Kissock began their first meeting of the year by reciting an oath of office before City Clerk LeeAnn Yager and an assortment of other witnesses. Newly-elected Councilmember Todd Jude was sworn in to his new position, along with the mayor and returning Councilmembers John Northenscold, Bart Lauer and Deb Geyen.

Committee appointments were approved, with Kissock serving as community education representative and school liaison, health officer, and police commissioner. Kissock and Northenscold will serve on the airport commission and the joint sewer commission (with Geyen serving as alternate), and will be joined by Jude on the liquor commission. Northenscold will be Mayor Pro-Tem and will also serve on the planning commission, with Jude as alternate. Geyen will join Kissock on the parks committee as well as Kissock and Jude on the personnel committee and Jude and Lauer on the streets committee. Lauer will also serve as the council's fire board representative. Public Works Director Jerry Sawatzke will serve as airport manager and water operator, assisted by maintenance staffer Al Hudek. Kissock will represent the city on the Wright County Area Transit Commission, with Geyen serving as alternate.

Other annual appointments included Ken Yager as assessor, Star Bank as bank depository, Metro West Inspection Services as building inspector, the Maple Lake Messenger as newspaper of record, Pagel Law Office as attorney, Phil Gravel of Stantec as engineer, Dean Johnson of Resource Strategies Corporation as planner, and Jo Foust of the Municipal Development Group as economic developer.

City Attorney Rhonda Pagel addressed another annual necessity by giving the city's elected officers a brief refresher course on the Open Meeting Law, reminding them that any time a quorum of any council or subcommittee members gather,

it is subject to that law's restrictions. Ensuring that the public is informed and has an opportunity to present its views, the law prohibits actions from being taken in secret meetings that would preclude the public from being fully aware of public bodies' decisions or detecting improper influences. Pagel also advised the mayor and council to send e-mail communications through Yager and to "err on the side of caution."

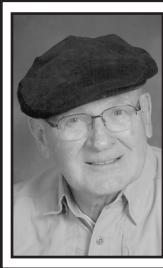
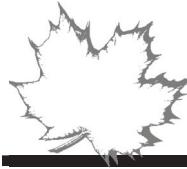
In other business, the council:

- Conducted a public hearing and adopted a resolution approving the 2015 fee schedule, including the following changes: escrow fees of \$1,500 for grading and \$2,000 for landscaping have been waived until further notice; a surcharge option for roof, siding, windows and fence has been added to the \$30 building permit flat fee; water connection fees have been raised from \$250 to \$275, and a \$65 inactivation fee has been removed; water base rates were raised by 10 cents in each category, and the sewer base rate was raised from \$6 to \$7. A fee on aircraft fuel dispensing services was reduced from 27 cents to 10 cents per gallon.
- Adopted a resolution amending the city code setting council compensation to include a pay increase of \$5 per meeting for the mayor (to \$95), members of the city Council (to \$70), and members of the planning and zoning and park board commissions (to \$45).
- Tabled a decision on the transfer of an airport hangar lease from Dan and Judy Neuman to Roland Keranen, who challenged the city's request for a \$10,000 letter of credit, characterizing it as an "onerous requirement." The letter's purpose is to protect the city from the potential cost of removing a well and septic tank on the site, should any hangar owner default and vacate the premises. The council directed Sawatzke to obtain quotes for the well's capping and the tank's removal, and will consider lowering the requested amount - and amending similar lease agreements - at its next meeting.

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Viewpoint



Brute's Bleat

by Harold Brutlag

Fishing hasn't been on my agenda for over a week, mostly because of cold weather and other matters. I'm hoping to get back at it later this week when we might be in line for a January thaw. Apparently the crappies are biting on Ramsey Lake with lots of anglers fishing the point. I did get out on Lake Henry one day, but it was a total bust for me. There appeared to be fish showing on the Vexillar, but none seemed interested in my bait. . . . a phone call from Mike Muller last Wednesday to attend the St. Paul Sportsman's Show with him and George Palmer seemed like a welcomed change from the cold weather we had been saddled with. This was our first time there, even though it's been going on for over 40 years. It looked to me like more of a boat and camper show and I was amazed at the price tags on some of the boats and pontoons. We tried to interest Muller in upgrading his 15-year-old Crestliner for our annual trip to Lake of the Woods, but our efforts seemed to fall on deaf ears. He came back with threats he would have up the fees he fictitiously imposes on George and myself for looks at his Hummingbird fish finder/GPS and the use of the boat urinal. He also made a comment about us having to take off our shoes before boarding if that happened which he assured us wouldn't. While the show had a fair number of resort exhibitors from Minnesota, Canada and as far away as African Safaris, we didn't think the show matches up to the Northwest Sportsmen's Show in Minneapolis in March. That's probably because we are more in tuned with hunting and fishing equipment, than camping items. But there were lots of people at the show which had one pontoon marked down for the show from over \$100,000 to something like \$87,000 which I fortunately don't have any use for. Former Minnesota Viking, Bench-Warmer Bob Lurtzema, was checking things out at the show. He was wear-

ing a Vikings jacket promoting the Mille Lacs lake snowmobile event which involves the Vikings players, past and present.

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I made a Saturday trip to Parkers Prairie to visit an aging aunt who is in a nursing home and will be 95 Thursday. We didn't see any wildlife to speak of except for a huge flock of Canada geese near Sauk Centre that were going out to feed. I was trying to picture what river they might have come from and came up with the Mississippi around Little Falls as a likely spot. As we were heading west on I-94 the car thermometer got up to about 7 degrees when the sun started breaking through the overcast skies, about 6 degrees warmer than Minneapolis.

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The new aquatic invasive species (AIS) law, which I referred to in last week's column, requires training and a trailer decal. It is scheduled to take effect in July, but there seem to be lots of objections, especially from resort owners because it would affect non-residents who pull a boat into or even through Minnesota. It will be interesting if anything comes from the legislature. I was amused when reading about the problems the construction of a new office building at the capitol is creating, mostly because the legislatures are considering not meeting next year because of the inconveniences. Neighboring North Dakota meets only every other year on a regular basis, so it's not unheard of, and I would be on board for Minnesota to look seriously at the idea not only for next year, but to make it permanent. My analysis is the less time they spend in St. Paul, the better off we will be. Don't bet the family farm on that happening!

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I was thinking the other day what would it be like to live in a perfect world where there wouldn't be any greed, everyone would be honest and follow the rules. If that happened, take the NFL, there wouldn't be any penalties because there wouldn't be any infractions. It would shorten the game dramatically, but it's not something that's going to happen. On a more realistic approach we'd like to see the ball moved back 10 yards on kickoffs. That would provide more run-backs, one of the more exciting aspects of the game, but don't bet on that happening either.

Thank You

This column is not intended for items of personal thanks, promotion or editorial comments. Its purpose is to simply give recognition to local residents for their contributions to our community.

CARD OF THANKS:

The family of Bud Vandergon would like to thank all of you for your overwhelming support and love shown since his homegoing on Christmas Eve. We greatly appreciate your prayers, cards, words of encouragement and

meals during this time of loss. Special thanks to the Dingmann Funeral Home, Pastor Denny, and all who helped with the activities at the Annandale Evangelical Free Church. Thank you.

The family of Bud Vandergon

CARD OF THANKS:

We would like to thank everyone who made our Christmas Fundraiser such a big success.

We were able to donate a truck load of clothes, blankets, caps, gloves, toothbrushes, shampoo and other personal supplies to the St. Cloud Veterans Home for the 2014 Christmas veterans who needed these items.

Our Auxiliary members donated items instead of buying exchange gifts for our Christmas party. The Auxiliary also gave red, white and blue Christmas bulbs to the patrons at the Legion

who then added their family or friend's name on the Veterans Christmas tree. Again, our local Lions Club also donated money to our worthwhile cause. They had a member purchase jeans, sweatshirts, glasses, razors and chapsticks to be delivered.

The St. Cloud Veterans Home sends the supplies to St. Cloud, Brainerd, Alexandria and Montevideo areas.

A BIG thank you for making the holiday extra special for our veterans.

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Jan. 12 Wright County Sheriff's report

On January 5, Graydon Scott Adickes, 49, of Annandale, was arrested in Anoka County on a Wright County warrant for check forgery.

On January 5, Nicholas Scott Eggersgloss, 20, of Delano, was arrested in Delano on Wright County warrants for controlled substance possession violation and underage consumption.

On January 5, Benjamin Joseph Buchite, 25, no permanent address, was arrested in Crow Wing County on a Wright County warrant for theft.

On January 6, Barry John Leger, 49, of Buffalo, was arrested in Monticello Township on the charge of driving after cancellation inimical to public safety.

On January 6, Darren James Jones, 29, of Cokato, was arrested in Cokato on the charges of 2nd degree assault and domestic assault.

On January 7, Joshua Thomas Bitzer, 25, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello on Wright County warrants for domestic assault and disorderly conduct.

On January 8, William Macgregor Shaw, 26, of Delano, was arrested in Waverly on the charges of interfere with a 911 call and domestic assault.

On January 8, Nicholas Eugene Erickson, 29, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose on the charges of 2nd degree assault and domestic assault.

On January 8, Adam Aaron Farrier, 24, of Howard Lake, was arrested in Howard Lake on a Wright County warrant for theft.

On January 8, Nicholas Tim-

othy Atzl, 21, no permanent address, was arrested in Monticello on a Stearns County warrant for theft and an Anoka County warrant for underage consumption.

On January 8, Michael Martin Thompson, 40, of Annandale, was arrested in Stearns County on a Wright County warrant for 5th degree possession of a controlled substance violation.

On January 10, Kristina Marie Banken, 38, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo on a Wright County warrant for interfere with 911 call.

On January 10, Michael Anthony Sparks, 39, of Annandale, was arrested in Annandale on the charge of terroristic threats and Wright County warrants for 2nd degree burglary, terroristic threats and condition release violations.

On January 10, Michael John Kauppi, 50, of Buffalo, was arrested in Maple Lake on the charge of 1st degree refusal and 2nd degree dwi.

On January 11, Eric Carl Johnson, 49, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo for flee in motor vehicle, driving after cancellation inimical to public safety and Wright County warrants for dwi.

There were 57 property damage accidents, 12 personal injury accidents, 1 hit and run accident and 10 car-deer accidents.

There were 3 arrests for DWI, no underage consumption arrests, no school bus stop arm violations and 87 tickets for miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.

Board chair

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Potter knows that a hot-button issue is currently simmering on a back burner but may soon be coming to a front-burner issue in 2015.

"For me this year, it may be the expansion proposal for the landfill," Potter said. "They're going before the planning commission on the 15th (of January). That will be the beginning of this year's issues. There will be people on very different sides of that debate. We all get them. It's part of the job."

In other items on the Jan. 6 agenda, the board:

* Referred discussion of appointing county drainage inspector Michael Young to the ways and means committee meeting.

The board officially re-appointed Young under the terms of the contract in front of them, but the committee meeting is to determine if that rate needs to be significantly adjusted. Young came on as the county drainage inspector last year at a rate of \$30 an hour. Young said that he uses his own equipment and has had to use that more than anticipated. As a result, he requested to double his hourly salary. The commissioners referred the matter to determine if the use of his equipment warrants such a significant increase.

* Authorized participation in Minnesota Cities Participation Program, which provides low-interest funds for first-time home

buyers.

* Set a pair of bid opening dates for highway department matters. Bids for the CSAH 12 reconstruction project will be opened at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, seasonal requirement bids will be opened at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13 and the 2015 pavement preservation contract will be opened at 9:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13. All three of the bid openings will take place at the highway department building.

* Approved a contract with agricultural inspector Erik Heuring for \$10,000 for 2015. Heuring took over the job in 2014 after the longtime previous ag inspector. The former contractor was paid \$13,200 and reported he worked 900 hours, which would come out to a little less than \$15 an hour. The time reported by Heuring in 2014 was listed as 156 hours, which came out to \$85 an hour. The board approved offering Heuring the \$10,000 contract with several recommended requirements for his job duties and establish a business address.

* Awarded the official county newspaper contract to Herald-Journal Publishing of Howard Lake. Two bids were received – the other from the (Dassel-Cokato) Enterprise-Dispatch. The Enterprise-Dispatch bid was \$3.69 per column inch for legal notices. The Herald-Journal bid was 1 cent per column inch, in

keeping with a longstanding tradition of effectively giving the county free ad space. The board praised the bid, saying it saves the county thousands of dollars a year and is the cheapest rate any Minnesota county gets.

* Approved a 10-month contract from March to December for the Parents Forever Education Program, formerly known as the Parenting Through Divorce Program. Program Administrator Mary Ann Peterson will be paid \$6,000 to facilitate the program, an increase from \$5,000 in 2014.

If the program wasn't conducted in Wright County, parents going through a divorce would have to attend a similar class in another county.

* Approved submitting a candidate road project for federal funding through the Minnesota Department of Transportation Region 7W for the fiscal year 2019. The project selected is a five-mile stretch of CSAH 3 from Hwy. 12 to CSAH 35 for a pavement preservation project.

The estimated cost is \$1.8 million, with \$1.44 million being the federal funding request amount.

* Authorized payment to the firm of Madden, Galanter and Hansen in the amount of \$8,872 for union negotiation on behalf of the county during the month of November.

* Re-appointed David Peder-

son (representing District 2) and

David Thompson (representing

District 3) to the planning com-

mission for three-year terms.

* Re-appointed Charlotte Quiggle (District 1) to the board of adjustment. Due to redistricting in 2012, there were two representatives on the board from District 1. Commissioner Mark Daleiden, who represents District 3, has priority on the currently vacant spot and has offered it to anyone in the county

regardless of commissioner district that was interested to apply such as lake association representatives. An application for the job has been posted on the county website and, as of the Jan. 6 meeting, three people had responded. Because there is no board of adjustment meeting in January, there is time to vet out candidates to select Daleiden's appointment.

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* Authorized Highway Engineer Virgil Hawkins and Assistant Highway Engineer Chad Hausmann to attend the National Association of County Engineers National Conference April 19-23 in Volusia County, Fla.

* Accepted the minutes of the building committee, which had lengthy discussion on the size and scope of the sheriff's impound lot building. Discussion was laid over until the next building committee meeting to get additional information on the need for a firewall or perhaps constructing two buildings.

Jan. 5 Wright County Attorney's report

Bettridge, Matthew David, age 24, sentenced on 01/07/15 for Probation Violations for Felony Theft to one year and one day prison. Sentenced by Judge Halsey.

Brown, Tamara Marie, age 37, of Monticello, sentenced on 01/06/15 for Felony Receiving Stolen Property to a stay of execution for five years on conditions of probation, serve 90 days jail, undergo a chemical dependency evaluation and follow all recommendations, remain medically compliant, have no same or similar violations. Sentenced by Judge Strand.

MacDonald Wade Allen, age 32, of Buffalo, sentenced on 01/02/15 for Probation Violations for Gross Misdemeanor Interfere with a 911 Call to 365 days jail. Sentenced by Judge Strand.

Mills, Hannah Lenore, age 20, address unknown, sentenced on 12/31/14 for Probation Violations for Felony Theft to a stay of imposition for five years on conditions of probation, serve 120 days jail, pay restitution, undergo chemical dependency treatment and follow all recommendations, undergo a mental health evaluation and follow all recommendations, have no use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs, submit to random testing, provide DNA sample, have no use or possession of firearms or dangerous weapons, have no same or similar violations. Sentenced by Judge Davis.

Fosdick, Adam Dale, age 31, of Monticello, sentenced on 01/05/14 for Felony Controlled Substance Crime in the First Degree to 134 months prison. Sentenced by Judge Davis.

Lajoie, Gregory Lee, age 52, of Clearwater, sentenced on 01/05/15 for Misdemeanor Fourth Degree DWI to 90 days jail, \$300 fine; 80 days stayed for two years on conditions of probation, serve 10 days jail, pay \$300 fine plus surcharges, have no use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs, submit to random testing, serve 20 days on electronic home monitoring, attend Awareness Panel for Impaired Drivers, undergo chemical dependency

treatment and follow all recommendations, remain medically compliant, have no same or similar violations. Sentenced by Judge Strand.

Penaz, Richard Anthony, age 42, of Buffalo, sentenced on 01/07/15 for Felony Failure to Register as a Sex Offender to 24 months prison and provide DNA sample. Sentenced by Judge Strand.

Potratz, David James, age 30, of Buffalo, sentenced on 01/06/14 for Probation Violations for Felony Controlled Substance Crime in the Fifth Degree to 13 months prison. Sentenced by Judge Strand.

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Community



Meetings

Jan. 15: Maple Lake Legion Post 131 Auxiliary, 7 p.m., American Legion Club.

Jan. 15: Wright Saddle Club, clubhouse, 7:30 p.m. New members welcome; Krista, 320-963-3990.

Jan. 15: AA & Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m., Buffalo Evangelical Free Church, 2051 50th St. NE, County Rds. 25 & 113.

Jan. 17: AA, 7:30 p.m., Buffalo Evangelical Free Church, 2051 50th St. NE, County Rds. 25 & 113.

Jan. 19: AA & Al-Anon and Men's 12 Step Group, 7:30 p.m., Buffalo Evangelical Free Church, 2051 50th St. NE, County Rds. 25 & 113.

Jan. 19: S.A.M. quilting group, St. Timothy's Church basement, 8 a.m.

Jan. 19: Al-Anon and Men's 12 Step Group, 7:30 p.m., Buffalo Evangelical Free Church, 2051 50th St. NE, County Rds. 25 & 113.

Jan. 19: Multiple Sclerosis

support group, noon-1:30 p.m., Buffalo United Methodist Church. Cathy, 320-274-8408 or Mary Jo, 612-353-1460.

Jan. 20: Maple Lake City Council, 7 p.m., city hall.

Jan. 20: Annandale Lakers

AA & Al-Anon, 8 p.m., United Methodist Church of Annandale, 20 Oak Ave. N. 320-274-3380

Jan. 20: Gamblers Anonymous & AA, 7:30 p.m., Buffalo Evangelical Free Church, 2051 50th St. NE, County Rds. 25 & 113.

Jan. 20: Celebrate Recovery (non-denominational Christian-based recovery program), 7 p.m., Monticello Covenant Church; 763-295-2112.

Jan. 21: Maple Lake V.F.W. 7664 Post & Auxiliary, 7 p.m., at The V by HH.

And that's the way it was . . .

After more than 32 years of service to the Maple Lake School District, Barb Reitmeier, library/media supervisor, prepared to retire. ... A long-time performer in the Maple Lake Community Theatre, Becky King, had a major role as Golde in the Great Theatre production of "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Paramount Theatre in St. Cloud. ... High School students Justin Bidwell and Emily Triplett were nominated by teacher Kim Fynbom for the ExCEL award, sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League. ... *And That's The Way It Was 25 Years Ago This Week.*

The Maple Lake School Board, Dave Gohman, Chris Blade, Arnie Michalicek, Ranna LeVoir, Charlene Wurm, Chico Williams and Kitty Rasset, had received the District Award of Distinction from the Minnesota School Boards Association. ... The parents of Lanette Christine Fobbe and Jeffrey Dennis Pauken were excited to announce the upcoming marriage of their children set for March of 2000. ... Alexia Knesse, Melanie Thomas, Theresa Klein, Rachel Smith and Linsey Dinsmore were some of the candidates running for St. Patrick's Day Miss Maple Lake. ... *And That's The Way It Was 15 Years Ago This Week.*

Peter Borrell created the winning logo of the contest among the students for the Maple Lake Centennial Playground. ... On a Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fobbe visited the Larry and Brenda Fobbe home for their son, Craig's, seventh birthday and had cake and ice cream. ... Jerry and Myra Demara visited Mabel and George Dahl on a Saturday evening for supper and spent the later part of the evening playing cards. ... *And That's The Way It Was 25 Years Ago This Week.*

Dr. F. E. Ellison, veteran Monticello physician, was named Wright County's Outstanding Senior Citizen in a contest. ... John Pribyl, LeRoy Stumpf, Kirk Denning and Terry Lange, all students at St. Paul Seminary, spent a week at a skiing resort at Powder Horn Mountain in Michigan. ... On a Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Paumen, Henry Rozenberg, Christena Rozenberg, and William Bruns visited Mr. and Mrs. James Bruns. ... Mr. and Mrs. E. Punchocar and Ernie and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Erickson of Milaca were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gilles of Mound. ... *And That's The Way It Was 50 Years Ago This Week.*

Behaviors, such as Smoking, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Unsafe Sex; Information and Assistance in Accessing Resources.

For immunizations, bring past immunization records to the van, if available. * Van hours Monday through Thursday are from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Upcoming dates:

Thursday, January 15: Marketplace, Annandale

Tuesday, January 20: Clark Station, Montrose

Wednesday, January 21: Marketplace, St. Michael

Thursday, January 22: Marketplace, Cokato

Saturday, January 24: Cub Foods, Buffalo

The complete WOW van schedule is available online at: <http://www.co.wright.mn.us/department/humanservices/wow>

Wright County Public Health offers cholesterol testing in the Wellness on Wheels (WOW) van. The WOW Van schedule is available at www.co.wright.mn.us and www.facebook.com/WrightCityPublicHealth or by calling our new phone number, 763-682-7516 (toll-free 1-800-362-3667 ext 7516). Please use this number for more information or to make an appointment.

Wellness on Wheels Services include: Adult and Child Immunizations; Health Screening: Blood Pressure, Diabetes, Cholesterol (by appointment), Pregnancy, Health and Wellness; Child Car Seat Check (by appointment); Information about: Healthy Lifestyle - Exercise, Nutrition, Recommendations for Routine Medical Care, Safety - Individual, Home, Car Seat, Pregnancy, Childbirth, Parenting, Child Health, Growth & Development, Reproductive Health & Family Planning, Infectious Diseases, Chronic Illness, Unhealthy Lifestyle

SUDOKU

January 14th Puzzle

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Level: Intermediate

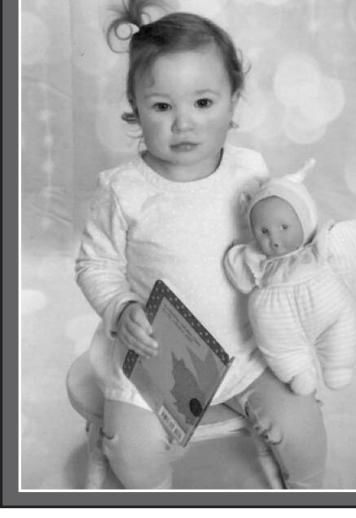
Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Answers on Page 12

Diaper Parade

Eleanor Jane Sheppard



2 year old daughter of Sabin & Rayna Sheppard of Albertville.

Proud grandparents are Jim & Sharon Kaufman of Maple Lake and Robert & Susan Sheppard of Grand Forks, ND.

Great-grandparents are Mayella Yonak of Buffalo and Theresa Molitor of Brewster.

55+ Driver Improvement Program

The Minnesota Highway Safety Center will be offering 55+ Driver Improvement Program courses on the following days:

January 16th (4Hr. Refresher Course) 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Rockford Community Center, 7600 Rebecca Park Trl., Rockford

January 20th (8Hr. First Time Course) 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Albertville City Hall, 5959 Main Ave. NE., Albertville

The Driver Improvement course is open to the public; pre-registration is required. A MN Highway Safety & Research Center certified instructor teaches this class. By utilizing the most up-to-date research in the field,

participants will be provided the latest information in regards to driver safety, new laws, and vehicle technology. The fee for the four-hour refresher course is \$20 and the eight-hour course is \$24. For more information or to register, visit www.mnhsafetycenter.org or call TOLL FREE 1-888-234-1294.

Persons age 55 and older who complete the course qualify for a 10% discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years, according to Minnesota law. First-time participants must complete the initial eight hours of training and a four-hour refresher class every three years to maintain the 10% discount.

60+ and Healthy Clinics

The 60+ and Healthy Clinics, provided by Wright County Public Health, provides foot care for the senior citizens of Wright County.

Toenail trimming is offered to meet the needs of those seniors who have a health condition such as diabetes or are unable to trim toenails themselves.

The 60+ and Healthy Clinics will be charging a \$15 fee for foot care services. This fee is necessary because the clinics are no longer being funded by grant money. However, if you are unable to pay the fee, you will not be turned away. The clinics are

hosted from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please ask clinic staff or call WC Public Health at 1-800-362-3667 or 763-682-7456. Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, January 20: Annandale Senior Center, City Hall, 30 Cedar St. East

Tuesday, January 27: St. Michael Ridge Apartments Community Room, 698 Ridge Drive

For the full schedule, visit: www.co.wright.mn.us/forms/humanservices/60%20Plus%20and%20Healthy%20Schedule.pdf

Senior Dining Menu January 19-23

Offering a nutritious meal in a warm, caring atmosphere with friendship and fun. Everyone welcome. The Senior Dining

Center is located at Maple Manor West, 555 2nd St. W. For more information, call 320-963-5771.

MONDAY, Jan. 19: Country-Fried Steak, Whipped Potatoes w/Gravy, Seasoned Peas, Wheat Bread, Sliced Pears

TUESDAY, Jan. 20: Beef Vegetable Bake, Crunchy Romaine Salad, Wheat

Dinner Roll, Apple Crisp

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 21: Hot Roast Pork Sandwich, Whipped Potatoes w/Gravy, Butternut Squash, Oatmeal Cake

THURSDAY, Jan. 22: Winter Gala-Aloha Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Grand Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Elegant Eclair Dessert

FRIDAY, Jan. 23: Lemon-Pepper Fish, Cream

Potato Bake, Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce, Wheat Bread, Mixed Fruit

Programs & Events

Cozy Up With A Book - Reading Program

The Maple Lake Library has brought back its popular winter reading incentive program for adults: "Cozy up with a book." Patrons will have the opportunity to win Business Bucks, simply by reading books. They fill out a slip with their name, phone number, book title and author. The more books they read, the more chances they have of winning. Winners will be drawn at the end of January and notified by phone. The program will begin again in February. Visit the Maple Lake Library for more information.

Auditions for Buffalo Community Theatre

After the much-heralded collaboration with Buffalo Community Orchestra in 2012 for "Music Man," BCT will again be joining BCO in presenting selections from a well-known musical this spring. The second half of the BCO concert, "Hats Off to Musical Theater," will be selections from Lerner & Loewe's classic musical, "Camelot." Auditions for the roles of King Arthur, Lancelot and Guinevere, as well as chorus parts, will be Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17 & 18, at 3 p.m. in the BHS Performing Arts Center. Those auditioning should prepare a song from a musical. The concert performance selections will include Camelot, The Simple Joys of Maidenhood, C'est Moi, If Ever I Would Leave You, I Loved You Once in Silence, and What Do the Simple Folk Do? Rehearsal schedule will be approximately once a week from 1/26 - 2/26 with four rehearsals the week of March 1 with the performance on Saturday, March 7th, at 7:30 p.m.

Home Stretch seminar is Jan. 24 in Monticello

Wright County residents thinking about buying a home are invited to attend a one-day workshop designed to help them learn the basics of home ownership.

Wright County Community Action (WCCA), a nonprofit agency, offers a first-time home buyer's seminar (Home Stretch) which will cover a variety of topics related to the home buying process. Area lenders, real estate agents and other housing professionals will instruct the workshop. Class participants will analyze fall aspects of their current situation to help them determine whether or not this is the right time for them to buy a home, discuss how to obtain a mortgage loan with area professionals, learn new ways to budget and save for home ownership, and review some of the basics of home maintenance. In addition, they will enjoy hearing from industry professionals on how to choose and work with a real estate agent, a lender, and other housing professionals.

Volunteer instructors for the program are professionals who work in the Wright County area. This program is approved to meet the Neighborhood Stabilization Program requirements and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) requirements.

Home Stretch will be offered Jan. 24 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 449 W. Broadway, Monticello.

To register, call WCCA at 320-963-6500, ext. 231, or email housing@wccaweb.com. There is a fee per household.

2015 Horseman's Education Seminar is Jan. 24

Make your plans now to attend the first annual Horseman's Education Seminar on Saturday, Jan. 24, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association members, friends and interested horse enthusiasts are welcome to attend. You do not need to be an MSHA member to attend. All "horsey" people are encouraged to participate.

Learn new ways to improve the performance of both horse and rider. This will be a great way for all of "horsey" people to connect over the winter show hiatus. Focus on improving show performance for the upcoming 2015 show season or just spend the day sharing the love of horses while gaining knowledge at the same time. Whatever your horse and horsemanship goals are, there will be something for at this event.

Event is located at: The Stables at Greenfield Farm, 7144 Gowan Ave. NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358

For additional information, contact: Dr. Colleen Carter at (612) 916-6731 OR clcdvm@me.com; Dr. Vicki Johanneck at (612) 245-7104 OR DrVickiJo@Greenfield-Farm.com

Submit community programs and events to news@maplelakemessenger.com

The Maple Lake Messenger reserves the right to edit entries and does not guarantee publication of community events. Space limits the size and number of articles. Programs and Events deadline is 4 p.m. Monday. If your information must be published, please consider placing an ad.

Head Start still enrolling

Wright County Community Action (WCCA) Head Start Program still has openings at multiple centers for the 2014-2015 year. Operating 11 centers and a home-based option throughout Wright County and western Hennepin County, Head Start offers an entirely free comprehensive preschool program for children ages 3-5.

Locations include: Annandale, Buffalo, Clearwater, Delano, Howard Lake, Monticello, Montrose, Mound and Rogers.

The goal of the Head Start program is to provide every family the best start for their 3- to 5-year old child. There are a variety of program options to meet your needs.

For more information, call WCCA at 320-963-6500.

Locations include: Annan-

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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
5460 63rd St. NW, Box 462, Maple Lake
Ph: 763-463-9447
www.holycrossmaplelake.com
Pastors: Culynn Curtis
Visitors Are Always Welcome!
THURS.: 7 p.m., Bible Study.
SUNDAY: 8 a.m., Traditional Worship; 9:15 a.m., Faith Formation; 10:30 a.m., Contemporary Worship; 6 p.m., The 112.
MON.: 11 a.m., First of All Prayer Group; 1 p.m., Quilters.
WED.: 6 p.m., Worship on Wednesdays; 7 p.m., Confirmation.

BETHLEHEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
400 County Rd. 37 NE, Maple Lake
Ph: 320-963-3118
www.bethuccml@gmail.com
mfritz@ants.edu
Interim Pastor: Michael Fritz
SUN.: 9:30 a.m., Worship; 10:30 a.m., Fellowship; 10:45 a.m., Sunday School, Confirmation; Newsletter Deadline.
WED.: 6:30 p.m., Choir.

CHURCH OF SAINT TIMOTHY
8 Oak Ave. N., Maple Lake
Ph: 320-963-3726
www.churchofSaintTimothy.org
Pastor: Father John Meyer
Interim School Principal: Dawn Kines
SAT.: 3:30-4:15 p.m., Confessions; 4:30 p.m., Mass.
SUN.: 8 & 10 a.m., Mass.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SILVER CREEK (LCMS)
11390 Elliott Ave. N.W., M.L.
Ph: 763-878-2820, 320-333-8636
Pastor: Rev. George W. Sagissor III
SUN.: 10 a.m., Worship Service; 11:15 a.m., Sunday School, Bible Study.

SILVER CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH
4282 114th St. NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358
3 miles so. of I-94 on Co. Rd. 143, just off Hwy. 8; Ph: 320-963-3957; 605-553-5240
www.silvercreekcommunitychurch.com
Pastor: Luke Baehr
SUN.: 9 a.m., Worship; 10:30 a.m., Sunday School, Bible Study.

ANNANDALE EVAN. FREE CHURCH
10252 St. Hwy. 55 N.W., Annandale
Ph: 320-274-8951
Pastor: Dennis L. Johnson
THURS.: CryOut Practice.
SAT.: 7:30 a.m., Bible Doctrine.
SUN.: 8:15 a.m., Prayer; 8:30 & 11 a.m., Worship Service w/Communion; 9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 6 p.m., Gospel Life.
MON.: 9 a.m., Grandmas in Prayer; 6:30 p.m., Book Club.
TUES.: 7 p.m., Celebrate Recovery.
WED.: 2 p.m., Young at Heart; 5:30 p.m., Wednesday Night Supper; 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Night Connection.

ANNANDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
250 Oak Ave. N., Box 329, Annan.
Ph: 320-274-5127
www.mumac.org/~annandaleumc
Pastor: Ruth Hograbe
FRI.: 7:30 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous.
SUN.: 9 a.m., Worship Service; 10:15 a.m., Coffee Fellowship, Sunday School.
TUES.: 8 p.m., AA/Al-Anon.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
7809 Co. Rd. 35 W., Annandale
Ph: 320-963-3592
Pastor: Lynn Machula
SUN.: 9:30 a.m., Worship Service w/Communion; 10:30 a.m., Sunday School & Bible Study.

EAGLES GROVE CHURCH
PO Box 1020, Annandale
Location: Hwy. 55, next to The Marketplace
Ph.: 320-248-6024
Lead Pastor: Jason Pence
www.eaglesgrove.org & Facebook
SUN.: 10:30 a.m., Worship Service; Energized Music and Quality Children's Programs Provided.

MT. HERMON LUTHERAN CHURCH
1284 Keats Ave. N.W., Annandale
Ph: 320-963-3284
Pastor: Marianne Zitzewitz
SUN.: 9:30 a.m., Worship.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
331 W. Harrison St., Annandale
Ph.: 320-274-8827
www.stjohns-annandale.org
Pastor: Dave E. Nelson and Tom Heyd
SUN.: 8:30 Traditional Worship; 10 a.m., Contemporary Worship.

BUFFALO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
200 2nd Ave. NE, Buffalo
Ph.: 763-682-3582
Pastor: Devin Locati
SAT.: 9:45 a.m., Bible Study; 11 a.m., Church Service.

HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH
1705 Hwy. 25 N., Buffalo, Mo. Syn.
Pastor: Rob Jarvis
Ph.: 763-682-3278; www.hosannacms.org
SUN.: 9 a.m., Worship Service; 10:30 a.m., Bible Study and Sunday School.
TUES.: 8 p.m., Young Adults Group.
WED.: 10 a.m., Bible Study; 7 p.m., Confirmation Class.

BUFFALO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

WED.: Discussion Group Meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday, Sept. thru May, 7:30 p.m., at Buffalo Community Center, Across the Street from the Post Office at 206 Central Ave. (Hwy. 25). For More Information, Call Luke at 763-682-4616 or Visit www.buuf.us. Everyone is welcome.

BUFFALO EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

2051 50th Street NE, Buffalo, MN (corner of Hwy. 25 N. & County Rd. 113)

Ph. 763-682-6846; www.buffalofree.org
info@buffalofree.org

Senior Pastor: Brian Thorstad
THURS.: 7 p.m., Small Groups; 7:30 a.m., AA & Al-Anon.

FRI.: 6 a.m., Men's Small Group; 7 p.m., Small Groups.

SUN.: 9:30 a.m., Worship Service, Coffee Fellowship, Children's Church; 11 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages; 6 p.m., Youth Groups; 7 p.m., Small Group.

MON.: 7 p.m., Women's Bible Study; 7:30 p.m., Al-Anon.

TUES.: 7 p.m., Knitting Ministry; 7:30 p.m., Men's Small Group, AA, GA.

WED.: 6:30 p.m., Awana, Choir Practice.

BUFFALO COVENANT CHURCH

1601 Hwy. 25 N., Buffalo
Ph.: 763-682-1470
www.buffalocov.org

Lead Pastor: Max Frazier

FRI.: AC Retreat.

SAT.: AC Retreat; 9:30 a.m., AWANA Leaders; 6 p.m., Concert of Prayer.

SUN.: AC Retreat; 8 a.m., Traditional Worship; 9:30 & 11 a.m., Contemporary Worship, Sunday School; 11 a.m., New Birth Milestone.

MON.: AC Retreat; Noon, Prayer Group; 1 p.m., Women's Bible Study; 6 p.m., Elders; 7 p.m., Mission Commission.

TUES.: 6 a.m., Deep Waters; 9 a.m., MOPS; 7 p.m., Church History: Reformation to Present.

WED.: Noon, Lunch & Learn; 6 p.m., AWANA, Hang Time; 6:30 p.m., 9th Grade Confirmation.

THURS.: 9 a.m., MOPS Playdate; 6:30 p.m., Worship Team Rehearsal; 6:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal; 7 p.m., Love for a Lifetime Seminar.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

LCMC

12449 Clementa Ave. NW, Monticello

Pastor: Jim Tetlie, 763-878-2092

www.lutheran-faith.org

Secretary's office hours are: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs.

Tuesdays, Wednesday & Thursday

SUN.: 8:30 a.m., Traditional Worship; 9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 11 a.m., Celebration Worship.

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

Affiliated with Evangelical Free Ch.

Box 171, Montrose; 763-675-3003

Interim Pastor: Dawson Grover; 763-675-3003

SUN.: 10 a.m., Worship at Montrose Elementary School Gymnasium.

TRI-COUNTY ALLIANCE CHURCH

8464 160th St. N.W.

Clearwater, MN; 320-558-2750

Pastor: Dave Fogal

SUN.: 10:30 a.m., Worship Service.

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Extra drunk driving enforcement results in 2,537 DWI arrests

The view from the back seat of a squad car would not put anyone in the holiday mood, but for 2,537 motorists arrested for drunk driving in Minnesota over the past month, it was better than being involved in a serious crash. The arrests were part of an enhanced DWI enforcement campaign from Nov. 26 – Dec. 31.

The 2,537 DWI arrests compare to 2,453 during the same period in 2013, according to preliminary numbers from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety.

In Freeborn County, a woman recorded a .45 blood alcohol concentration, the highest in the state during the campaign and more than five times the

legal limit of 0.08. The woman was found passed out in her car with the engine running in a Minnesota State Trooper's driveway.

"Some might call it unlucky to pass out drunk in the driveway of a trooper, but this woman is very fortunate that she didn't injure or kill herself or another motorist," said Lt. Tiffani Nielson, Minnesota State Patrol.

DWI Arrests and Deaths on the Decline

Through education, enhanced enforcement and awareness, drivers are getting the message to plan for a sober ride. According to preliminary numbers, DWI arrests declined in Minnesota for the eighth straight year with 2014 seeing

more than 1,500 fewer DWIs than 2013.

From 2003 to 2013, drunk driving-related deaths dropped nearly 59 percent (196 to 81).

"Drunk driving is a choice – a choice that can have life-altering consequences for you or others on the road," said Donna Berger, Office of Traffic Safety director. "Even though we are encouraged by the declining DWI numbers, one drunk driver is one too many. Life has no rewind. Make the smart choice and plan for a sober ride."

Most Dangerous Days and Cities

From Nov. 26 – December 31, Dec. 20 proved to be the most dangerous day on Minnesota roads as law enforce-

ment arrested 303 people for DWI.

To view all arrests by agency and their highest alcohol-concentration DWI arrests, visit <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/Documentation/DPS-DWI-Campaign-Arrest-Results.pdf>

Tips to Prevent Drunk Driving

- Plan for a safe ride – designate a sober driver, use a cab/public transportation or stay at the location of the celebration.

- Offer to be a designated driver, or be available to pick up a loved one anytime, anywhere.

- Buckle up – the best defense against a drunk driver.

DWI enforcement

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Obituaries



Michael G. McCarty, age 46, died unexpectedly at his home in Klamath Falls, Oregon, on January 1st, 2015.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 24, at Dingmann Funeral Care Chapel, Maple Lake, with Chaplain Ron Freeman officiating. Visitation will be one hour

Michael G. McCarty, Klamath Falls, OR

prior to the service at the funeral chapel.

Michael Gene McCarty was born June 29, 1968, in Marion, KS, to Larry and Karen (Chilson) McCarty. He graduated from high school in 1985. Mike has worked for most of his life as a cable installer for different cable companies in the Minneapolis area. Most recently, he started his own company, ACME Environmental Services in Klamath Falls, OR. Mike was an outdoorsman and loved to be outside. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his daughter, father,

and brother-in-law, four wheeling with the whole family up north, and spending time in nature.

He is survived by his daughter, Nicole, and son-in-law, Shane Hill of Glencoe; parents, Larry and Karen McCarty of Maple Lake; sisters, Michelle McCarty (Brian Bloomquist) of Maple Lake and Monica (Rick) Carlson of Maple Lake; his former wife, Leslie McCarty of Howard Lake; nieces, Kezia McCarty, Anjeanine Carlson, Nicole Carlson, Amorae Larson, Kayonna Carlson, Jayda

Etem, and Adrionna Donald; nephews, Jaxon McCarty and Caleb Donald; and many other cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends (also, his "furry" children, Koko, Layla, Linus, and Rico).

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Approved local snowplowing routes and reviewed a memorandum of understanding for coordination between the county, cities and townships in snowplowing emergencies. This document describes the common understandings through which the organizations can coordinate their personnel and services to ensure the timely and efficient clearing of roads for emergency vehicles on calls for service. After severe winter weather during the winter of 2013-2014, when the county had fire apparatus, squad cars and ambulances stranded in deep snow while responding to emergency calls, along with one severe ambulance crash, it was decided to make a plan for fu-

ture events. In an effort to improve the ability of first-response vehicles to navigate roads during severe winter weather, an incident action plan is being developed to have one snowplow operator from each township, city and county public works on-call during a winter storm warning, to respond if a first-response vehicle is unable to navigate the road due to heavy snow or ice. This may involve crossing county, township or city jurisdictions at times.

Heard an update on activities planned for the city's 125th anniversary celebration from Yager, who said the celebration committee had discussed the possibility of filming a promotional video, perhaps featuring

interviews with some of the community's elder residents. Photographs of Maple Lake's past are being sought to use in the video, and everyone is welcome to share photos and/or join the committee, whose next meeting is Thursday, January 15, 11:30 a.m., at City Hall.

Approved Payment #9 of \$14,219.47 to SAK Construction for work on the inflow and infiltration improvement project. This request covers a one-year warranty televising work completed in late 2014. At this point, the major work remaining includes punch list work and grout work on approximately 30 sewer service wyes. City Engineer Phil Gravel informed council members that

while a majority of the project work has been completed, there are two areas of the project where the contractor was unable to complete lining due to the condition of the pipe. The areas include two segments of pipe, in the back-yard area north of Sunset Street between Rose and Elm avenues, and also a short segment on Ash Street, north of Division. The sewer segments in these areas consist of 6-inch diameter clay pipe that have several cracks, sags and misaligned joints. Pipelining and repair on these 6-inch pipes will not be completed under the current SAK contract, but Stantec is working with Sawatzke to come up with options for repairing these pipe segments.

At the county's request, adopted a resolution approving plans for intersection lighting on county roads within the city limits, as plans for a state project showing proposed alignment, profiles, grades and cross-sections for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of Co. Rd. 7 at Spruce Avenue have been prepared and presented to the city.

Approved a community event license agreement between the City of Maple Lake and the Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Rescinded a resolution transferring the balance from Fund 401 to the General Fund, as a figure cited in the original resolution was incorrect, and

adopted a new resolution with the correct amount of \$185,677.77.

Expressed thanks to former councilmember Shar Dircks for her many years of work and dedication to the city, as well as for her ability to educate fellow councilmembers on several historical facts about Maple Lake. Forced by health issues to step down from her council position late last year, Dircks has since been replaced by incoming Councilmember Todd Jude, who was warned by the mayor that even though Dircks had little feet, Jude, nevertheless, has big shoes to fill.

The council's next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m.

It's in your court

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4. Ambivalence: You are about to consider the jury summons as just another piece of junk mail and are about to throw it away. Think again. It is a misdemeanor (\$1,000 fine, 90 days in jail, or both) in Minnesota to fail to respond to the jury summons and fail to appear for jury duty if called to service. See Minn. Stat. § 593.42, subd. 4.

Currently jurors are paid a daily fee of \$10 plus mileage (Yes, I know, it's way too low). The daily fee only 10 years ago was \$40 but was reduced due to budget restraints. Jurors not employed outside the home are also eligible for daycare reimbursement if their children are usually not in daycare. Questions regarding compensation may be addressed to your court administrator.

Many judicial districts and counties have websites with basic juror information. In general, jury service includes the following:

1. Hours: Monday through

Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except during deliberations at the end of the trial.

2. Parking: Provided by the Court. Inquire of court staff if you want details.

3. Decorum: Appropriate attire, no use of tobacco products, and no cell phone use except outside of the courthouse. In some counties cell phones are requested to be left in the juror's vehicle. Ask whether you can bring water into the courtroom.

4. Waiting: There can be long waits to be called for service or during the judge's discussions with the lawyers. Magazines, playing cards, puzzles, and generic videos (travel, nature) may help you pass the time. Most courthouses do not permit internet access.

5. Breaks and meals: Generally the court will take a mid-morning and mid-afternoon recess of 15-minutes and you will have an hour or longer for lunch on your own. Meals will be provided by the court only

during deliberations.

Retired Judge George Harrelson of Lyon County has made an insightful observation of juries, "There is something almost magical about juries. We take people from different backgrounds: farmers, college students, business workers, [people of various creeds and ethnic origins]. We give them a brief orientation and... we turn them into judges. Want to know a secret? They do a much better job than any individual judge can do. The accumulated knowledge, experience, sense, and the ability to look at issues from different perspectives make the jury system the most valuable tool for justice that has ever been invented."

Please be aware: There is currently a nationwide identity theft scam where prospective jurors are called and asked to give their personal information. Minnesota Court Staff will never ask prospective jurors for financial information such as credit card or bank account information or Social Security numbers over the phone. DO NOT provide this kind of information to anyone over the phone claiming to represent the court system. If you receive this kind of request, hang up and contact your local law enforcement agency and your local jury office directly.

Jury service is among our duties and responsibilities as citizens of a democracy. We should serve with willingness and devotion. Remember, it's in your court.

Submitted by Judge Steve Halsey, Wright County District Court, chambered in Buffalo. Judge Halsey is the host of "The District Court Show" on local cable TV public access channels throughout the Tenth Judicial District. Excerpts can be viewed at WWW.QCTV.org. Go to Community and click "The District Court Show." Judge Halsey may also be heard on "Legal Happenings" on KRWC 1360 AM (Buffalo) on Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.

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to potentially combine some of them to avoid duplication and repetition.

"Some of the committees are interacting, like those dealing with emergency management and nuclear committees," Daleiden said. "There should be a way to streamline them, so we can run more efficiently. All I'm looking for is to have us look at the committee structure, see which ones are required by state law and go from there."

With the committee assignments all effectively remaining the same, the commissioners expect to see the process of county government being made easier by the structure of the committee/board system. They may not be meetings that most of their constituents are all that familiar with, but they serve a vital purpose – perhaps the most important decision the commissioners make each year.

"I think our committee system works extremely well," Borrell said. "We are able to discuss issues, find out the pros and cons and get more information before we bring it to the full board. With four new commissioners two years ago, we were kind of feeling our way along. But, with the experience we've all gained over the last two years, I think it has made our committee and advisory board system run much more effectively. The hope is to have as much information as we can going into our decision making and our committee system helps that out in a profound way."

Call for nominations for Wright-Hennepin Board of Directors

WH members can now submit nominations to compete for a seat on the cooperative's Board of Directors in districts 1, 3 and 9. Members elected to these positions will begin their terms immediately after the 2015 Annual Meeting on March 26. Follow this link to see details about the current board of directors, and to download an application: <http://goo.gl/UVbKrg>

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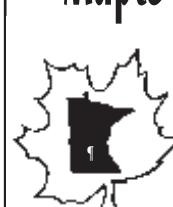
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School

Pencil Pride

A writing program featuring young writers from Maple Lake Elementary School, coordinated by Senior Connections.

Jennifer DesMarais Holland assigned her 6th grade students to write "I Believe" commentaries.

Anne Miller - I believe that no one should be judged by their looks and that people should all be treated equally. I believe that animals should not be hurt for any reason. I believe that a true friendship should last forever. I believe true love should never be broken. I believe that there are some things that you cannot control in your life. I believe that religion should not matter in a friendship. I believe you should never be scared to go to your own house. I believe that you can have reasons to be angry, but not to be cruel.

Davon Welch - I believe that everything was created for a good reason. I believe that my family cares about me even when they don't act like it. I believe that the true meaning of Christmas is the birth of the

Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that God will help me with my troubles and often not in the way I want. I believe that Jesus was born and died on the cross for my sins and saved my life. I believe that there is always room for improvement. I believe that God loves me and made me perfectly how He wants. I believe that God has my future planned out for me, and it will happen just as He has it planned. I believe that God gives us the choice to do what we want but He wants us to choose what he would if He were us. I believe that God wants to talk to us. I believe that God loves it when we listen and talk to him.

Maggie Larson - I believe that heroes are people who use their minds, not their muscles. I believe that people say "You can't" because they believe that they can't. I believe bullies only bully because there is something you have that they want, such as

a friend. I believe that love can be as strong as a friendship. I believe that no matter who you are and doing good things you deserve a standing ovation. I believe that people who try to be perfect aren't as much fun as those who aren't afraid of making mistakes. I believe that siblings are friends from the same mother. I believe that to some people putting their name on paper is harder than the work done on the paper. I believe having a sleep over with my best friend is more fun than meeting a celebrity. I believe that sisters can be like a box of chocolates; some days you don't know if you are going to get a good or bad one.

Hailey Woolridge - I believe that everyone should have loving parents. I believe that all people should have some fun moments. I believe everyone has their own talents. I believe everyone should have a friend and should be watched and protected. I believe we should have peace and that everyone should be kind and get the chance of knowing great love before death.

Alexis Helmbrecht - I believe that everybody should be treated equal. I believe that the

best of friends fight and that you should give everyone in life a chance and that we should encourage people to do good. I believe that the people we love are taken away too fast. I believe that people often say what they don't mean to say. I believe that we should never abuse people or animals. I believe that we don't need technology to keep us happy; we have family and friends for that. We should spend more time with our family and friends because we don't know when they aren't going to be there.

Daniel Neutz - I believe that everyone deserves to have the right to be free. I believe football players should be paid less and soldiers should be paid more. I believe that there should be no regrets for joining the Army. I believe that if you stand up for what is right you can make a difference. I believe that every car and truck driver should wear 4 point safety harnesses. I believe that all people can be friends. I believe you should not be afraid to try new things, you might just like them. I believe that everyone deserves a second chance. I believe that life will be whatever you make it.

Know the Truth Community Forum January 22nd

Know the Truth, the substance abuse prevention program of Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge, announced that they will be hosting a community forum event on January 22nd specifically tailored for Wright County.

"Communities cannot continue to stand by watching helplessly as dangerous drugs ravage their neighborhoods. In order to curb the violent trend of addiction, communities must unite and raise awareness to prevent addiction before it starts and address it where it already is," said Adam Pederson, Director of

Strategic Partnerships at MnTC. Community members are invited to attend and listen to young adults from Wright County share their personal stories of substance abuse, and how their recreational drug use evolved into addiction. Hear from Wright County Sheriff Joe Hagerty, DEA agent, Daniel Moren, and other law enforcement officers, County Attorney Tom Kelly and prevention professionals from Know the Truth as they address current local drug trends, root causes of addiction, and means of intervention.

"Studies show that a majority

of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet," said Sheriff Hagerty. Many lives are being destroyed and even ended due to the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. According to the National Center for Addiction and Substance Abuse, 9 out of 10 Americans who meet medical criteria for addiction started smoking, drinking, or using other drugs before age 18. This statistic could ring true in the Wright County area as well. When polling area high school students, Know the Truth sur-

veys revealed that 21% reported abusing illegal drugs.

"This community forum is an opportunity for all parents, teachers, and youth leaders to learn the most current methods of talking to their kids about drug use, spotting warning signs, and about the root causes of addiction," Pederson said.

CEU's are available. Thursday, January 22nd 7:00-8:30 p.m. Buffalo High School Performing Arts Center 877 Bison Blvd. Buffalo, MN 55313

8th grade winter choir concert

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Top: The 8th grade girls, adorned in scarves, sang a variety of songs which included, Benedictus, Chariot's A Comin', The Snow Begins to Fall, and the Snow's Gotta Go! They surprised the audience at the end of their concert by singing Let It Go from the movie Frozen. Bottom: The 8th grade boys were looking pretty dapper in their green bow ties and sounded great while they sang, Gonna Be A Great Day, Down by the Riverside, I Hear America Singing and Cripple Creek. (Photos by Charlene Wurm)

District 881 Menus

Breakfast

MONDAY, Jan. 19

No School

TUESDAY, Jan. 20

WG waffle sticks w/syrup, tri-tators or choice of WG cereal, WW toast, jelly/margarine, vegetable selection, fresh fruit, milk

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 21

Breakfast fruit crisp or choice of WG cereal, WW toast, jelly/margarine, vegetable selection, fresh fruit, milk

THURSDAY, Jan. 22

Scrambled egg tortilla, salsa or choice of WG cereal, WW toast, jelly/margarine, vegetable selection, fresh fruit, milk

FRIDAY, Jan. 23

Iced WG cinnamon roll or choice of WG cereal, WW toast, jelly/margarine, vegetable selection, fresh fruit, milk

FRIDAY, Jan. 23

Crispy chicken wrap or chicken alfredo pizza, BBQ meatball sub; baked beans, baby carrots, cauliflower; choice of fruit, milk

School News

Heather A. Blahut receives 2015 Horatio Alger National Scholarship

Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc., a nonprofit educational organization honoring the achievements of outstanding individuals and encouraging youth to pursue their dreams through higher education, today announced the 106 recipients of its prestigious 2015 Horatio Alger National Scholarship. One of the Scholars, Heather A. Blahut, is from Maple Lake, Minnesota and attends Maple Lake High School. These annual scholarships recognize outstanding students, who, in the face of great adversity, have exhibited an admirable commitment to continuing their education and serving their communities.

Two local students named to Central Lakes College honors list

Central Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples, has announced its 2014 fall semester honors list. Victoria Borell of Maple Lake was named to the President's List. The President's List includes 249 students who earned a grade-point average of 3.75 to 4.0 while enrolled for at least 12 credits.

Alexander Borell of Maple Lake was named to the Dean's List. The Dean's list includes 263 students who earned a grade-point average of 3.25 to 3.74. Central Lakes College is a comprehensive community and technical college in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System. CLC serves approximately 6,000 students annually in liberal arts and career education programs.

Alexander Johnson named to Dean's List at Gustavus Adolphus College

The fall semester Dean's List at Gustavus Adolphus College has been released. The list comprises students who have earned a 3.7 grade point average (based on a scale in which 4.0 = A) or higher for the semester ending in December 2014.

Alexander Johnson of Maple Lake was named to the Dean's List at Gustavus Adolphus College.

Gustavus Adolphus College is a private liberal arts college in St. Peter, Minn., that prepares 2,500 undergraduates for lives of leadership, service, and lifelong learning.

Zachary Johnson named to Dean's List at UW-Superior

The University of Wisconsin-Superior has named Zachary Johnson of Maple Lake to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the

Lunch

MONDAY, Jan. 19

No School

TUESDAY, Jan. 20

Chef salad or popcorn chicken w/mashed potatoes, gravy & corn, pork & gravy, mashed potatoes & corn; tomato wedges, celery sticks; choice of fruit, milk

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 21

Deli sandwich or grilled cheese sandwich, hearty chili w/corn bread; green peas, baby spinach, radishes; choice of fruit, milk

THURSDAY, Jan. 22

Garden vegetable salad or Italian pasta bake w/garlic toast, hot ham on WG bun; green beans, baby spinach, pepper medley; choice of fruit, milk

FRIDAY, Jan. 23

Crispy chicken wrap or chicken alfredo pizza, BBQ meatball sub; baked beans, baby carrots, cauliflower; choice of fruit, milk

School News

fall 2014 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List students must have completed 12 degree-seeking semester credits and achieved at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

The University of Wisconsin-Superior is a public liberal arts institution of 2,650 students in the Duluth-Superior, MN-WI metro area.

Multiple local students named on St. Cloud State University Dean's List

St. Cloud State University has announced the names of more than 1,447 students whose academic achievement placed them on the 2014 Fall semester dean's list. To be eligible for the honor, students must have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Students named to Dean's List from Maple Lake, MN:

Luke Fobbe, Marketing, Herberger Business School

Lindsey Gunnerson, Women's Studies, College of Liberal Arts

Hilary Hogan, Marketing, Herberger Business School

Courtney Klingelhoeft, Undeclared, University College

Sara Maravelas, SPED: Academic & Behavioral Strategist, School of Education

Stephanie Neidenfuer, Nursing, School of Health and Human Services

Kacie Sutton, Marketing, Herberger Business School

Anna Zahler, Mathematics, College of Science and Engineering

St. Cloud State University is Minnesota's second-largest university, with more than 15,000 students from 90 different nations. Students choose from more than 60 graduate study programs and more than 200 majors, minors and pre-professional programs that hold nearly every available national accreditation. The 100-acre campus is located about an hour northwest of Minneapolis along the banks of the Mississippi River.

1-Act Play is Jan. 29

Everyone is welcome to the public performance of the 1-Act Play on Thursday, January 29, at 6:30 p.m. Free admission.

Post Prom dinners

The Post Prom committee invites the public to attend their Wednesday dinners at The V from 5-7 p.m. Kids meals are also available. All proceeds support the Post Prom party. You can enter your name to win one of the two door prizes at no additional cost. For to go orders, please call 320-963-3405.

Future dinner dates are February 4, March 4 and April 1.

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Sports

Irish girls win two basketball games

by Brenda Erdahl
Sports Writer

The Maple Lake girls basketball team won two games and lost one last week to give them a 5-4 overall record going into the new year.

The Irish returned from a long holiday break, Monday, Jan. 5, to claim a 49-47 subsection win over Spectrum.

The Irish traveled to Elk River to take on the Sting on their home court. Maple Lake struggled to find an offensive rhythm and ended up trailing much of the game, Coach Adam Ronnenberg said. By half-time they were down 24-21.

The Irish continued to trail into the second half, being down as many as seven points, but they continued to fight back and eventually took a one-point lead with just under three minutes to go.

In the face of full-court pressure and a wild crowd, the Irish managed to cling to a two-point lead for the win.

"We handled the ball well and forced them into some tough spots defensively," Ronnenberg said. "It was nice to get a win on the road when we knew we were not at our best."

Emily Webb led with nine points and Kayla Hoistad had seven.

Maple Lake forced 20 turnovers in the game, but had only 12 themselves.

On Tuesday, Jan. 6, the Irish hosted Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa and fell to the Central Minnesota Conference rival 67-51.

"B-B-E relies on full-court pressure and strong shooting and this game was no exception," Ronnenberg said.

The Jags got off to a fast start while the Irish were sluggish and fatigued through most of the first half, leaving the home team

down 33-16 by halftime.

Maple Lake came back from the break a more focused team, determined and motivated to make a statement, and they did just that.

Using full-court pressure of their own, and sharp shooting, the Irish clawed their way to within nine points on two different occasions, but they just couldn't catch up.

Despite the loss, "this was, without question, the best half the Irish have played all year," Ronnenberg said.

Webb and Mollie Graham led the way for the Irish with 14 and 12 points, respectively. Meanwhile, Morgan Scheiber continued her solid play, scoring 11 points and grabbing nine rebounds.

The girls played a solid second half, probably the best we have played offensively all year," Ronnenberg said. "Truly, a stepping stone for our season, and we continue to grow as a group."

Maple Lake shot a season best 56 percent from the field, Tuesday night. Unfortunately, they also had a season high 36 turnovers.

The Irish returned to their home court on Friday, Jan. 9, when they hosted and defeated the Rockford Rockets 52-50, in another nail biter.

The two teams traded leads several times on their way to a finish that would come down to the last minute of the game, and ultimately be decided upon at the free throw line.

Both teams came out with full-court pressure, hoping to take each other out of their respective comfort zones, Ronnenberg said.

The result was a fast-paced game that saw the Irish trailing by two (28-26) going into the

half-time break.

With about four minutes to play, and Maple Lake trailing 45-41, the home team went on a 7-0 run, helped by a big three-pointer by Hoistad to take a 48-45 lead.

The Rockets answered on the next possession with a three-pointer of their own from the top of the key to tie it at 48 with about 1:30 to play.

Both teams had chances after that, but neither could take advantage on the offense. From there, the game was decided at the free-throw line where Maple Lake's Linsey Rachel sealed the win by going four-for-six.

Rachel stuffed the stat sheet with 12 points, going 8-of-11 at the free-throw line and grabbing eight rebounds. She also had five assists and six steals.

Graham also had 12 points and six rebounds for the night while Webb hustled her way to nine points, nine rebounds and four steals.

As a team, the Irish girls connected on nearly 40 percent of their shots.

"This was our best performance of the year with sound execution and solid half-court defense," Ronnenberg said.

This week, Maple Lake was scheduled to host Foley at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13. On Thursday, Jan. 15, they will travel to Kimball to take on the Cubs at 7:30 p.m., then on Saturday Jan. 17, they will play Mora at home at 1 p.m.

The following week, on Tuesday, Jan. 20, they will host Pierz at 7:30 p.m.

Maple Lake vs. Spectrum

Pts Rebs Asts

M. Graham	6	3	1
E. Webb	9	7	1
L. Rachel	2	1	4
K. Hoistad	7	5	1

Final Score: 52-50

Maple Lake vs. Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa

Pts Rebs Asts

M. Graham	12	3	2
E. Webb	14	2	5
L. Rachel	6	9	4
K. Hoistad	8	1	2
M. Scheiber	11	9	-
J. Macziewski	-	1	-
B. Paumen	-	1	-

(Remaining stats were unavailable at press time)

First Half

Maple Lake - 21

Spectrum - 24

Second Half

Maple Lake - 28

Spectrum - 23

Final Score: 49-47

Maple Lake vs. Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa

Pts Rebs Asts

M. Graham	12	3	2
E. Webb	14	2	5
L. Rachel	6	9	4
K. Hoistad	8	1	2
M. Scheiber	11	9	-
J. Macziewski	-	1	-
B. Paumen	-	1	-

First Half

Maple Lake - 16

B-B-E - 33

Second Half

Maple Lake - 35

B-B-E - 34

Final Score: 49-47

Maple Lake vs. Rockford

Pts Rebs Asts

M. Graham	12	6	1
E. Webb	9	9	1
L. Rachel	12	8	5
B. Toedter	6	5	-
K. Hoistad	9	3	1
M. Scheiber	4	4	-
J. Macziewski	-	1	-

First Half

Maple Lake - 26

Rockford - 28

Second Half

Maple Lake - 26

Rockford - 22

Final Score: 51-67

Maple Lake vs. Kimball

Pts Rebs Asts

A. Schonnesen	12	1	2
T. Goelz	6	2	2
D. Stokman	19	2	5
M. Scherber	3	3	1
C. Olson	11	1	-
R. Kalinowski	2	-	-
D. Kaley	3	3	1
N. Paumen	2	3	-
B. Borell	2	4	2

First Half

Maple Lake - 33

Kimball - 15

Second Half

Maple Lake - 39

Kimball - 30

Final Score: 72-54

Maple Lake vs. Kimball

Pts Rebs Asts

A. Schonnesen	12	1	2
T. Goelz	6	2	2
D. Stokman	19	2	5
K. Anderson	-	1	-
M. Scherber	3	1	2
C. Olson	10	10	-
R. Kalinowski	1	-	-
D. Kaley	3	1	-
A. Toedter	-	4	1
T. Schmidt	-	-	1
N. Paumen	6	4	1
B. Borell	6	5	2

First Half

Maple Lake - 36

Kimball - 15

Second Half

Maple Lake - 30

Kimball - 37

Final Score: 66-52

Irish boost record to 9-1

By Brenda Erdahl

Sports Writer

The Maple Lake boys basketball team is on a winning streak.

Despite a two-week break over the holidays, the Irish came out Tuesday, Jan. 6, and added a fifth straight win to their record.

Two days later in Kimball, they made it six. The boys are now 9-1 overall and 4-1 in the Central Minnesota Conference.

"It had been over two weeks

since our last game, so I was a little nervous that we would be a little rusty, but that wasn't the case," Head Coach Tim Staloch said after Tuesday night's 72-54 on-the-road win over the Rockford Rockets. "I was very happy with the way our players came out and played great basketball on both ends of the floor."

By the end of the first half, Maple Lake was up 33-24, and they outshot the Rockets, a CMC foe, 39-30 in the second half.

David Stokman led the Irish with 26 points against the Rockets. He was three-for-nine from three-point range and connected with three out of three free throws.

Tony Goelz had 19 points for the night, including four from the three-point line in about a three-minute span late in the second half that helped put the game away for the Irish.

Chase Olson contributed 11 points.

Twelve of the Irish points came off Rockford turnovers. By contrast, Maple Lake only gave up two points by turnovers.

"It was our best defensive game of the year," Staloch said. "We didn't give them any easy baskets in transition and locked down pretty well in the half court."

"We also shot the ball pretty well," he said.

Maple Lake jumped to a 36-15 point lead by the end of the first half against another CMC rival Kimball, two days later, on Thursday, Jan. 8, on their way to a 66-52 victory over the Cubs at Kimball.

Stokman had 19 points for the evening, going three-for-seven from the three-point line. Schonnesen put up 12 points for the Irish and Olson contributed 10 before the game was over.

"We played an excellent defensive game, especially in the first half," Staloch said. "We executed well on offense to get some good looks and were able

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Left: Maple Lake's No. 4, Linsey Rachel, maneuvers around a B-B-E defender. Rachel had six points and grabbed nine rebounds that night. Right: Maple Lake's Morgan Scheiber looks for an opening during Tuesday (Jan. 6) night's game against Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa. She had 11 points in the Irish's 67-51 loss. (Photos by Brenda Erdahl)



No. 2, Mollie Graham, goes up for two points against B-B-E, while No. 32, Jenna Macziewski, waits to see the outcome.

Central Minnesota Conference Boys Basketball Standings

Conf. Overall

EV-W	5-0-0	11-0-0
HL-W-W	2-0-0	4-1-0
B-B-E	1-3-0	2-5-0
PIERZ	1-2-0	5-5-0
ROCKFORD	1-2-0	6-3-0
KIMBALL	2-2-0	8-3-0
MAPLE LAKE	4-1-0	9-1-0

Conf. Overall

B-B-E	2-0-0	5-1-0
EV-W	0-0-0	0-0-0
HL-W-W	0-0-0	0-0-0</td

Wrestlers compete at Monticello Duals

by Brenda Erdahl
Sports Writer

The Annandale-Maple Lake wrestling team competed on Saturday, Jan. 10, when they traveled to Monticello for the Monticello Duals. They were to wrestle on Thursday, Jan. 8, but the meet was canceled due to cold weather.

After falling 38-25 to Willmar in round one, A-ML went on to beat Monticello 48-13 in round two, and Coon Rapids 37-24 in round four.

Coming up for A-ML is Mound-Westonka on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Maple

Lake.

Monticello Duals

Round 1

106 Israel Navarro (W) won by fall in 3:17 over Holden Youngs (A-ML); 113 Clay Carlson (W) won by fall at 5:06 over Dominick Braun (A-ML); 120 Juan Resendez (W) won a 5-2 decision over Cullen Gallagher (A-ML); 126 Nate Carlson (A-ML) won by fall at 1:08 over Lincoln Shinn (W); 132 Tanner Vassar (A-ML) won a 7-4 decision over Logan Walkow (W); 138 Hunter Malachek (A-ML) won an 8-2

decision over Breck Erickson (W); 145 Estevan Navarro (W) won by fall at 3:41 over Chandler Rask (A-ML); 152 Travis Deegan (W) won a 21-8 major decision over Hunter Hicks (A-ML); 160 Colten Carlson (W) won by fall at 3:04 over Austin Hurrel (A-ML); 170 Cory Schmidt (A-ML) won a 17-4 major decision over Darius O'Neill (W); 182 Vaughn Johnson (W) won a 12-6 decision over Trae Bedford (A-ML); 195 Augustine Hahn (W) won a 12-3 major decision over Joe Driscoll (A-ML); 220 Spencer Ogden (A-ML) won a 6-1 decision

over Matt Hennes (W); 285 Josh Gindale (A-ML) won by fall at 1:34 over Nate Lawrence (W).

Annandale-Maple Lake 25
Willmar 38

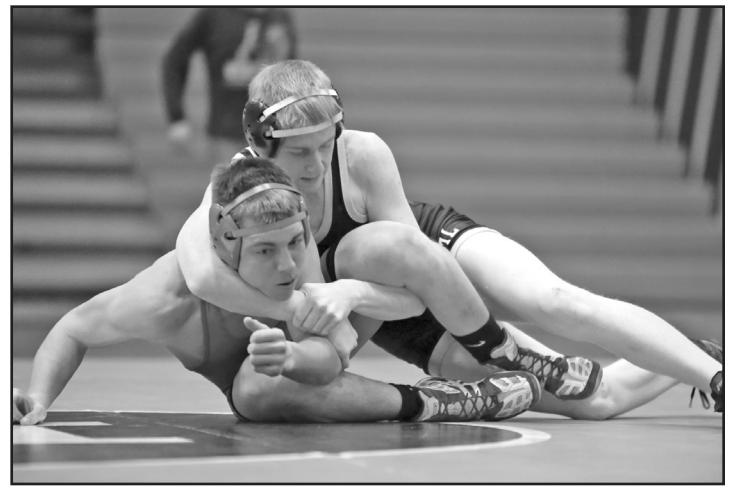
Round 2

Annandale-Maple Lake 48
Monticello 13

Round 4

Annandale-Maple Lake 37
Coon Rapids 24

No other results were available at press time



Hunter Malachek won an 8-2 decision over Willmar's Breck Erickson.



Josh Gindale won by a fall at 1:34 over Willmar's Nathan Laurence.



Tanner Vassar won a 10-9 decision over Monticello's Jack Bourgeois.



Hunter Hicks won by a fall at 2:48 over Monticello's Jared Schnappauf.



Cullen Gallagher won by a fall at 3:42 over CR's Ethan Moser.

Gymnasts back on the mat after long break

by Brenda Erdahl
Sports Writer

The Maple Lake gymnasts were back on the mat, Friday, Jan. 9, after a four-week holiday break, to take on Rush City on the road.

Although the Irish lost, Coach Kaitlyn Helmbrecht said it was a good starting point for their first meet back after such a long break.

Maple Lake junior, Jordan Sifferle, had probably the best day of all the Irish gymnasts. Her shining moment was a

beautifully executed Pike Tsuk off the vault, Helmbrecht said.

According to Amy Van Deusen, gymnastics expert from About Sports, in a Tsuk the gymnast jumps off the springboard and performs a quarter turn onto the horse, then pushes off her hands and does a back flip, often with multiple twists, or even more than one flip. Sifferle performed a 1/1/2 back flip to impress the judges, Friday.

"Jordan just had a really good meet overall," Helm-

brecht said.

Freshman Katelyn Fuller also had a good day for the Irish, her coach said.

She landed a back-hand spring on the beam for the first time this season.

No other results from Friday's meet were available at press time.

Looking forward, the Irish plan to use this week to work on the new skills they have added into their routine before Saturday's (Jan. 17) five-team Tumble in the Jungle at Maple Lake,

starting at 11 a.m.

Richfield, St. Louis Park, Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted and Paynesville will participate. The Irish hope to place in the top two, although it will be close, Helmbrecht said.

The next week, things get busy for the Irish as they gear up for conferences and sections in early February.

Their first meet, following Saturday's tournament, is at Annandale at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Bison girls hockey wins one, loses two

by Brenda Erdahl
Sports Writer

The Bison girls hockey team lost two games at home last week and won one on the road.

They started off the week on Tuesday, Jan. 6, with a 5-3 loss to the No. 7-ranked Wayzata.

On Friday, Jan. 9, the Bison beat Cambridge-Isanti on the road, 8-0, then lost 1-2 to Hopkins on Saturday, Jan. 10, at home.

The Bison got off to a fast start Tuesday night against Wayzata, scoring two goals in the first four minutes.

Abby Halluska got a pass from Jillianne Hovland on a two-on-one break and skated in on the Wayzata goalie where she hit the top shelf on the Bison's first shot on goal. Taylor Thompson assisted.

Two minutes later Halluska broke up a Wayzata pass at the Bison blue line, Thompson got the puck and skated around the Wayzata defender and beat the goalie with a "nice back-hander," Coach Ray Dahlof said, giving the Bison a 2-0 lead.

Wayzata struck back with a rebound goal at about the seven-minute mark.

The Trojans tied it with 1:45 left on a fluke goal that appeared to be kicked in, Dahlof said.

In the second period, Madi Jewell skated in two-on-one with Kirsten Olson. The Wayzata defender stayed with Olson so Jew-

ell made a move to the net and neatly beat the goalie with a deke to her backhand, Dahlof said.

The teams traded shots and Wayzata tied the game again with :37 seconds left in the period on a shot by a defender who skated down the slot area and caught a pass from 20 feet out and scored on her wrister.

"That late goal hurt our momentum going into the third period," Dahlof said.

At 3:24 Wayzata scored on a point-shot to give Wayzata a 4-3 lead early in the third.

The Trojans added a power-play goal at the 12-minute mark to seal the victory for Wayzata.

Coach Dahlof commented. "Overall we played a very solid game. We had a few defensive mistakes that Wayzata capitalized on. I was happy that we competed well the entire game, that game could have gone either way."n 8-0 victory over the Cambridge-Isanti Bluejackets in a Mississippi 8 Conference game, but didn't open up a lead until the second period.

The Bison got 16 shots on goal in the first period but didn't score until Allison Roethke got a puck past the Bluejacket goalie with two seconds left in the first period with an assist to Olson.

"We really had a dominant period but their goalie kept us off the scoreboard until the end," Dahlof said.

The Bison used that late goal

as momentum to a six-goal outburst in the second period, including two power-play goals. Jewell got the first of her three goals at 5:58, assisted by Olson and Rylan Bistodeau. Roethke connected on a power-play goal, assisted by Olson and Ashley Effertz. Two minutes later, Halluska scored a power-play goal after some "nice passes" from Jewell and Olson, Dahlof said.

"It took the power-play unit just 16 seconds to score that goal with Halluska getting the shot from 15 feet in front," Dahlof said.

Effertz scored a minute later on a slapper, assisted by Roethke. Jewell got her second goal with five minutes left in the period and Halluska scored her second with 40 seconds left in the period.

With running time in the third period, Jewell completed her hat trick, assisted by Bistodeau.

The Bison's freshman goalie, Karly Schmidt stopped all 12 shots for the shut-out.

The win kept the Bison on top of the M8 as the teams enter the second round of games. Princeton is also undefeated in the M8. The two teams are scheduled to meet in late January.

On Saturday afternoon the Bison faced the 16th in state-ranked Hopkins.

The first period ended up 0-0 with Hopkins getting 11 shots on Bison goalie, Kendra Carlson, and the Bison getting seven

shots. The Bison picked up the pace in the second period getting the first goal at 12:04 from Halluska on a power play, assisted by Olson.

The Royals tied the game with 1:30 seconds to go in the second period on a power-play goal.

The Bison looked a little tired in the third and the Royals outshot them 16-5. The game winning goal came the 7:13 mark of the third period.

"We out-shot them 10-7 in the second period," Dahlof said. "They picked it up in the third period and we couldn't answer. We just didn't have the legs in that period."

Carlson stopped 32 of 34 shots for the Bison.

The Bison were to face St. Francis Monday, Jan. 12, at East Bethel Arena at 7 p.m. On Friday, Jan. 16, the Bison will host the North Wright County River Hawks at 7 p.m. This game will also be senior night. Seven seniors, Carlson, Effertz, Sydney Driver, Allison Nordvall, Laura Kivisto, Olson and Jewell, will be honored before the game. The Bison will also be celebrating the 10th season of Bison girls hockey that night.

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, the Bison will travel to Chisago Lakes to take on the 4A Chisago Lakes at 7 p.m.

DWI Enforcement

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Definitions

• Driving While Impaired (DWI) is a violation for driving under the influence of alcohol.

• Alcohol-related: any evidence of alcohol detected in a driver, pedestrian or bicyclist.

• Impaired-related: any driver, pedestrian or bicyclist with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or above.

• Drunk-driving-related: any driver with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or above.

About the Minnesota Department Public Safety

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) comprises 11 divisions where 2,100 employees operate programs in the areas of law enforcement, crime victim assistance, traffic safety, alcohol and gambling, emergency communications, fire safety, pipeline safety, driver licensing, vehicle registration and emergency management. DPS activity is anchored by three core principles: education, enforcement and prevention.

About the Office of Traffic Safety

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) designs, implements and coordinates federally funded traffic safety enforcement and education programs to improve driver behaviors and reduce the deaths and serious injuries that occur on Minnesota roads. OTS also administers state funds for the motorcycle safety program and for the child seats for needy families program.

OTS is an anchoring partner of the state's Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) traffic safety initiative. A primary vision of the TZD program is to create a safe driving culture in Minnesota in which motorists support a goal of zero road fatalities by practicing and promoting safe and smart driving behavior. TZD focuses on the application of four strategic areas to reduce crashes – education, enforcement, engineering and emergency trauma response.

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Legal Notices

CHAPTER 40
CITY OF MAPLE LAKE
ORDINANCE SETTING COUNCIL
COMPENSATION
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF MAPLE LAKE, MINNESOTA
DOES ORDAIN:

40.01 The salary for the office of Mayor and Council Member shall be as set forth on the City's Fee Schedule (currently Section 80 of the Maple Lake Zoning Ordinance).

Passed by the Council this 6th day of January, 2015.

Lynn Kissock
Mayor

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL
December 2, 2014 Minutes
Summary

Motion was m/s/p, Geyen/Lauer, to approve the agenda with the addition of adding New Business 7.e. Resolution granting a 1 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License to the Maple Lake Property Owners Assoc. for January 31, 2015 for the Ice Fishing Derby. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Geyen, to approve the consent agenda. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Geyen, to adopt Resolution R-2014-40 approving the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$1,613,415 and the 2015 Levy in the amount of \$869,079. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Kissock/Lauer, to approve the 2015 Budgets for all enterprise funds, special revenue funds, capital improvement funds, and debt service funds as submitted in the council packet. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Kissock/Lauer, to prohibit parking on the north side of 6th Street NW between Spruce Avenue and 800 feet east of Spruce Avenue and direct Public Works to order and place appropriate signage. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Kissock/Geyen, to approve amending the Sick Leave, Parental Leave, and Military Pay sections of the Employee Policy. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Kissock/Lauer, to adopt Resolution R-2014-41 approving the Consent of Control for Charter Communications. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Geyen/Lauer, to adopt Resolution R-2014-42 approving the one-day liquor license for the Maple Lake-Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. contingent upon the Certificate of Insurance, per State requirements, and paying of all fees. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Kissock/Northenscold, to approved granting the Exempt Permit for the Maple Lake-Lake Property Owners Assoc. to conduct a raffle on January 31, 2015. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Northenscold/Geyen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. All present voted in favor.

Attest,
City Clerk/Treasurer

MAPLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL
December 16, 2014 Minutes
Summary

Motion was m/s/p, Lauer/Northenscold, to approve the agenda. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p,

Lauer/Geyen, to approve the consent agenda. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Kissock/Northenscold, to approve the year-end transfers as listed. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Lauer/Kissock, to adopt Resolution R2014-43 closing out Fund 401, Jude's Industrial Park 6th Addition Motion was m/s/p, Lauer/Northenscold, to approve the agenda. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Lauer/Geyen, to approve the consent agenda. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Kissock/Northenscold, to approve the year-end transfers as listed. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Lauer/Kissock, to adopt Resolution R2014-43 closing out Fund 401, and that the negative balance of \$98,970.94 be transferred to the General Fund, effective December 31, 2014, and any funds collected from special assessments will be deposited into the General Fund. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Geyen/Lauer, to adopt Resolution R2014-44 authorizing Stantec to prepare a feasibility study for the Pete & Charlene Mavencamp property, north of the existing industrial park, and to include preliminary costs on the second choice property north of the airport at a cost of \$8,000. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Kissock/Northenscold, to approve the printing of 100 brochures at a cost of not to exceed \$150.00 with a preference of being printed at the Messenger. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Kissock/Lauer, to approve Hudek and Johnson to attend MN Rural Water Association training March 3-5, 2015 to obtain their needed licenses. All present voted in favor.

A motion was m/s/p, Geyen/Northenscold, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm. All present voted in favor.

Attest,
City Clerk/Treasurer

A copy of the entire minutes is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the office of the City Clerk or a copy is available on the City's website at www.ci.maple-lakemn.us

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION
OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF
THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR
WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY
LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS
ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 7, 2005

MORTGAGOR: Paula Muller and Joe Muller, wife and husband.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 29, 2005, Wright County Recorder, Document No. A992494.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORT-

GAGE: Assigned to: The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the benefit of the Certificate holders of the CWABS Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2006-3. Dated May 31, 2011 Recorded June 28, 2011, as Document No. A1178604.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1002614-9566183914-6

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Great Northern Financial Group, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Green Tree Servicing LLC

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6799 Estes Avenue Northwest, Maple Lake, MN 55358

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 210.136.000140

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 14, Sunset View Beach

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Wright

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$352,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$171,170.23

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 28, 2015 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Wright County Law Enforcement Center, 3800 Braddock Avenue N.E., Buffalo, MN

to pay to the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and dis-

bursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within twelve (12) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. \$580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE

PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on January 28, 2016 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 580.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: November 20, 2014

The Bank of New York

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f/k/a The Bank of New

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Mortgagee/Assignee

of Mortgagee

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(11-16c)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION AMENDED ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 80 (FEE SCHEDULE)

The City Council of the City of Maple Lake, Minnesota ordains: Section 80 of the Maple Lake Zoning Ordinance is amended as follows:

Planning & Zoning/Park Board \$45.00 per meeting

Grading Escrow Waived until further notice

Landscaping Escrow Waived until further notice

Inactivation Fee Removed

Water Meter - New Construction 5/8" \$275.00

Second Water Meter 5/8" \$275.00

Sewer Base Rate \$7.00

Water Fees:

0-2,000 Gallons \$4.10

2,000-5,000 Gallons \$4.35

5,000-10,000 Gallons \$4.60

10,000-20,000 Gallons \$4.85

20,000-30,000 Gallons \$5.10

30,000+ Gallons \$5.35

Airport Fuels & Oils Dispensing \$0.10/gallon

This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2015

Adopted by the City Council this 6th day of January, 2015

Lynn S. Kissock, Mayor
City of Maple Lake

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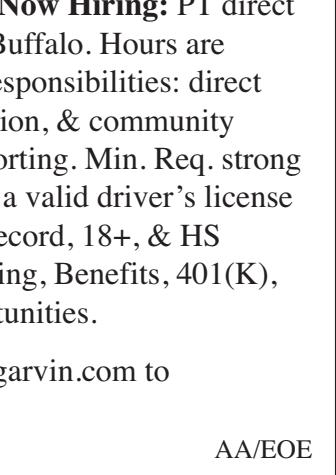
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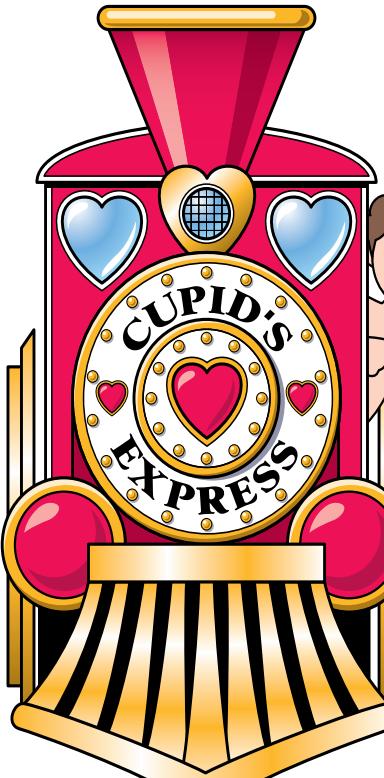
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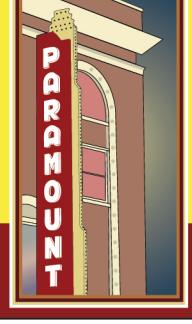
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