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Coming up

* 6th grade musical is
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are April 21

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Are you ready for severe weather? Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 12 to 18. Each year, in collaboration with the National Weather Service, state and local agencies sponsor this week to refresh, remind and educate everyone about the seasonal threats from severe weather and how to avoid them. It's also a great time to make and practice your emergency plan and build or refresh your emergency preparedness kit.

This year's tornado drill day will be Thursday, April 16th, at 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. Outdoor warning sirens and NOAA Weather Radios will sound in a simulated tornado warning. The first drill is intended for institutions and businesses. The evening drill is intended for second shift workers and families to practice their severe weather plans.

Each day of the week will focus on a different topic:

- Monday - Alerts and Warnings
- Tuesday - Severe Weather; Lightning and Hail
- Wednesday - Floods
- Thursday - Tornadoes (Tornado Drill Day)
- Friday - Extreme Heat

Commemorate Maple Lake's 125th Anniversary



Buttons are now on sale at various businesses around Maple Lake. Celebrate Maple Lake's 125th Anniversary on June 6, 2015.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Look for ways that you can lend a helping hand

National Volunteer Week celebrates ordinary people that, day in and day out, do extraordinary things.

It salutes the individuals that find that extra hour to lend a hand where it's needed and honors their enormous contributions. It reminds us all to thank the volunteers we see in our lives, to give them the handshake or pat on the back they so richly deserve.

But, perhaps more than anything else, National Volunteer Week is about taking action. To decide that not only can YOU do something to make a difference in a life, a community or the world, but that by encouraging others to do the same, to join forces and work together for a common goal, most anything can be accomplished.

To be a volunteer, it takes...

- Generosity, a willingness to give your time to others
- Understanding, because their lives might be very different from your own
- Empathy, an ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes and feel what they must feel
- Compassion, to truly care about making someone else's life better
- Patience, because the process doesn't always go as smoothly as it might
- Dedication, to stick with the

project and see it through

Take the first step, be a volunteer, whether it's picking up trash in your own neighborhood or helping an organization or group.

Listed are just a few volunteer opportunities near you:

American Legion and local veterans

Volunteer opportunities:

- Inside and outside maintenance at the Legion Club
- Food servers
- Help for individual vets on an as-needed basis

Contact: Monica Scheiber, manager, American Legion Post 131, 320-963-3911.

City of Maple Lake

• City of Maple Lake's 125th Celebration on June 6, 2015

A variety of help is needed during the June 6 celebration. They'll be short shifts so you'll have plenty of time to enjoy the fun!

Contact: Julie Hudek, 320-963-5899

• Hwy. 55 Beautification project, (TBA, possibly May 30)

The Highway 55 Beautification project is funded by MnDOT. They provide grants for landscaping materials and the



Left: Volunteers Della Ness, Marie Mavencamp, and Denise Blizil volunteering at the Library's Barnes & Noble Book Fair. Right: Volunteer Jesse Spike dressed as an apple for storybook reading at MLE. (Photos submitted)



community volunteers do the planting and maintenance.

Volunteer opportunities include planting trees and shrubs, spreading mulch, other landscaping tasks.

Contact: Lynn Kissock (Mayor) at lynn.kissock@ci.maple-lake.mn.us.

DNR (MN)

Opportunities change depending on the season. Right now, the DNR is looking for volunteers to

help radio collar sharp-tailed grouse, count loons and frogs, protect trees, bait hooks at fishing clinics, pull invasive plants, and search for rare wildflowers.

Contact: Volunteer positions are listed on the DNR website at www.dnr.state.mn.us/volunteering/opps/index.html, or call the DNR Information Center at 651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367.

Food Shelf (Annandale/Maple Lake)

Volunteer opportunities:

- Restock shelves and box food for clients (must be able to lift 40 lbs.)

• Looking for people with computer skills

Contact: Jean and/or Ed: jeaned@lakedalelink.net.

Love INC Big Woods

Love Inc enables churches in a community to coordinate their resources and services. Their network of churches include Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, St. Timothy's Catholic Church, all of Maple Lake, Silver Creek Community Church and seven other churches from Buffalo.

Volunteer opportunities include furniture delivery, moving help, minor car repair, minor household repair, Lullaby Ministry (baby items), transportation to medical appointments or job interviews.

Contact: Connie for more information, 763-682-2550.

Maple Lake Community Theater

MLCT produces at least one major play or musical every winter.

Volunteers needed: Actors, Singers, Musicians, Directors, Set Builders, Decorators, Painters, Costumers, Hair Dressers, Make-up Artists, Light/Sound Operators, Stage Hands, Ticket Takers, Concession Workers, and anybody who wants to help out. MLCT does not turn anyone away.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MapleLakeCommunityTheater>

Contact: mlcommunitytheater@gmail.com or 320-963-6277.

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Speaking of peace...



Lynn Elling holds up a picture of the earth, a prop he uses to remind his audience that we are all part of one big human family and should treat each other as such. Elling, the founder of World Citizen Inc., delivered a message of peace last week in Buffalo. Sitting next to him is retired minister, Rev. Bill Weir. (Photo by Brenda Erdahl)

by Brenda Erdahl
Correspondent

In 1941 Lynn Elling was called to serve his country in WWII, since then he has been calling others not to war, but to peace.

At 94 years old, Elling is the founder of the Annual Nobel Peace Prize Youth Forum, the co-author of the 1971 Minnesota Declaration of World Citizenship and founder of World Citizen Inc.

On Wednesday, April 8, he visited Buffalo to spread his message of peace in Wright County.

"One of my props is this beautiful picture of the earth," Elling said, holding up a poster of the earth that was roughly the size of a legal pad. "All of you should think about having a poster like this in every classroom and every place of worship," he told the small group of

individuals gathered at Huikko's Bison Creek Bar and Grill to hear his story.

"Notice we don't have any slogans on it. It doesn't say do this or do that, but think about the impact it has on a little fifth grader who sees this every day when he or she comes to class. . . it reminds that youngster that we are all part of one big human family and we're living on this space ship."

Brought to Wright County by the Buffalo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Elling's message is one that was planted as a seed in his brain during his days as a naval officer in WWII.

"I ended up on an LST," he said. "I don't know if anyone knows what an LST is, but it stands for Landing Ship Tank. It's a horrible ship, because it can go only nine knots and it rams up on the beach and is stuck there while they unload

the Marines and their tanks and guns. It wasn't anything to look forward to because we were headed to Tarawa.

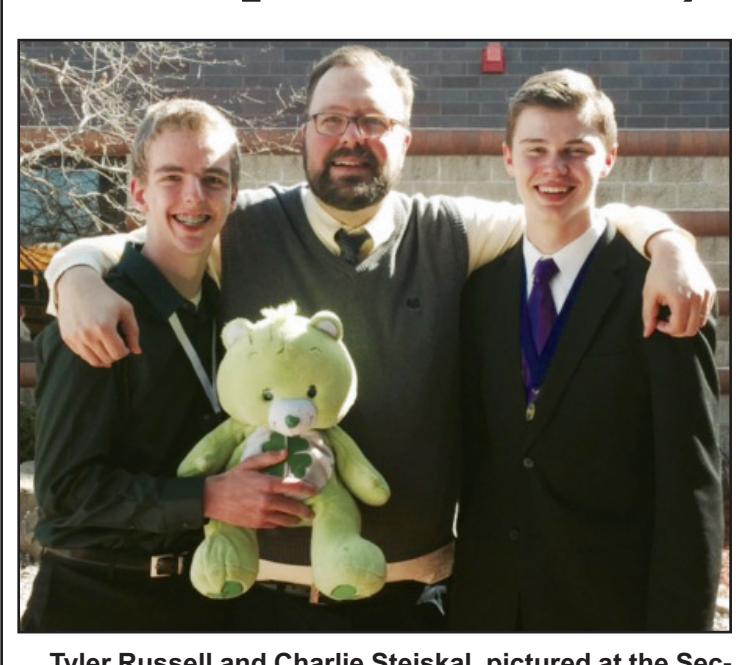
"I don't know if any of you know anything about Tarawa, but it was a horror scene No. 1. Some 6,000 young men were slaughtered at Tarawa alone."

Although Elling's ship was diverted three days before the battle and turned into a supply ship, they eventually landed on that beach and saw first-hand what the brutality of the war had wrought. The image planted a seed of peace in Elling's mind that never left, he said.

For two years Elling traveled with the Navy and saw many other battles. He found himself at sea again during the Korean War, then later, he "marched with the kids" to protest the Vietnam War.

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Russell, Stejskal to State Speech tourney



Tyler Russell and Charlie Stejskal, pictured at the Section 5A speech competition with speech coach, Eric Meyer, and an unofficial team mascot, 'Good Luck Bear,' from the Care Bears.

Both young men are advancing to the Minnesota State High School Speech Tournament in Lakeville on Friday. Russell placed second in Great Speeches, and will be making his first trip to State.

Stejskal's section championship in Extemporaneous Speaking earned him his third trip to the state tournament. (Photo by Susan Petersen-Stejskal)

Viewpoint



Brute's Bleat

by Harold Brutlag

Sunday night's 1/4 inch of rain was a good start as rains go and all of a sudden the lawns are turning green and the tulips look like they're ready to pop any day now. Morel mushrooms are about a month away, but I expect to see the spring flowers start to show their violet colors soon as well as the blood roots popping up. We see pheasants occasionally in Ney Park, but the eagles are either staying low in their nest or have changed locations. Last week we, Vanna and I, took time to look at the animals in the Johnson Cattle Co. pasture across from the park (west side of Endicott Ave. NW). This

burro was the first animal to show some interest in us and was one of four that share the pasture with the Texas Longhorn cattle.

Owner of the Johnson Cattle Co., Ron Johnson, said the



World Citizen

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But it wasn't until he visited Hiroshima, Japan at the age of 45 that the second seed of peace was planted in his mind.

In 1982, he started World Citizen Inc., a non-profit organization based in Saint Paul with a mission to empower communities to educate for a just and peaceful world.

Here educators can enroll in online and onsite classes and work shops where they can find tools and ideas to create peaceful classrooms and conscientious

students.

"We should start in preschool," Elling said. "With the little ones. No matter what age, introduce the notion, get them to start thinking about being a passenger on that same spaceship."

Elling has always followed with Gandhi's prediction that the way to peace is through the children.

With that in mind, he helped to create the Annual Nobel Peace Prize Youth Forum held

at Augsburg College that this year attracted hundreds of youth throughout the state to hear Nobel Peace Prize Laureate President Jimmy Carter speak.

"I would love to send a bus-load of kids from Wright County to the Peace Festival at Augsburg College next March," Maria Maki of Annandale said after Elling's presentation.

Maki, a member of the First Universalist Church, played a vital role in bringing Elling to

Buffalo to speak. Her hope was that Elling would inspire local leaders, educators in particular, to get on board with his teachings.

"Teachers have such an opportunity to inspire the youth about peace and the world picture," she said. "But it is going to take someone to go to the trainings and get things going."

For more information on World Citizen, Inc. and the classes it offers, visit www.peacesites.org.

Parkinson's fundraiser a success



Left: Just some of the volunteers who helped organize and run the Parkinson's fundraiser last Saturday, March 11th. Left to right: Wayne Gangl, Brett Austin, Ed Shanks, Nancy Henjum, Maggie Henjum, Mellie Morszak, Mary Henjum and Skip Ristvedt. Right: Auctioneer Wayne Gangl encourages bids from the crowd. (Photos by Bob Zimmerman)



Left: 59 bottles of wine were donated by friends, family and staff from Maple Lake Schools for the Wine Pull. Right: A line of guests check out the silent auction items. An estimated \$10,000 was raised at the event for Parkinson's Disease with close to 200 people in attendance. (Photos by Bob Zimmerman)



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April 13 Wright County Sheriff's report

On April 6, Michael John Flasch, 32, of Monticello, was arrested in Buffalo on a Wright County warrant for 1st degree DWI probation violation.

On April 6, Nathan Skip Neumann, 18, of Howard Lake, was arrested in Howard Lake on the charge of domestic assault.

On April 6, Haley Ann Kammerer, 50, of Annandale, was arrested in Annandale on a Douglas County warrant for 3rd degree DWI violation of conditional release.

On April 6, Roger Charles Fiecke, 48, of Winsted, was arrested in Buffalo on a Wright County warrant for weapon possession violation.

On April 6, Derek Steven Heidelberger, 25, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose on a Wright County warrant for domestic assault.

On April 7, Shannon Lee Lindquist, 46, of South Haven, was arrested in Annandale on the charge of 2nd degree DWI.

On April 7, Zachary Vincent Wolf, 18, of Annandale, was arrested in Buffalo on a Wright County apprehension and detention order for 5th degree sale of a controlled substance violation.

On April 7, Kerry Wayne Anderson, 49, of Monticello, was arrested in Buffalo on Wright County warrants for terroristic threats and 4th degree assault.

On April 7, Amanda Jeanette Dunning, 38, of Rockford, was arrested in Rockford on Wright County warrants for terroristic threats and 3rd degree DWI.

On April 8, Justin James Burgess, 26, of Monticello, was arrested in Sherburne County on a Wright County warrant for 2nd degree DWI violation.

On April 8, Daniel Patrick Nichols, 28, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo on a Wright County apprehension and detention order for possession of stolen property and a Hennepin County warrant for theft.

On April 8, Darrion Lee Edwards, 22, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo on the charge of 1st degree possession of a controlled substance.

On April 8, Brelynn Rose Miller, 20, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo on the charge of 1st degree possession of a controlled substance.

On April 8, Cheyenne Lee Clough, 18, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo on the charge of 1st degree possession of a controlled substance.

On April 8, Benjamin Joseph Buchite, 25, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Buffalo on the charge of 1st degree possession of a controlled substance.

On April 8, Justin David Wirgau, 22, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo on the charge of 1st degree possession of a controlled substance.

On April 8, Allen Dale Wirgau, 50, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo on the charge of 1st degree possession of a controlled substance.

On April 8, Jordan Paul Nelson-Lundgren, 31, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo on the charge of domestic assault and 5th degree assault.

On April 8, David Francis, 54, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello on the charges of disorderly conduct and trespassing.

On April 8, Trevor Allen Heitland, 22, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello on a Wright County warrant for theft.

On April 9, Chelsea Renee Scherr, 22, of Monticello, was arrested in St. Louis County on Wright County warrants for 3rd degree criminal sexual conduct and theft.

On April 9, Hannah Elizabeth Bagne, 18, of St. Michael was arrested in St. Michael on the charge of terroristic threats.

On April 10, Brandan Duane Heck, 22, of Montrose, was arrested in Carver County on a Wright County warrant for under 21 liquor consumption.

On April 10, Jason Ray Davis, 35, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello on a Wright County warrant for obscenity violation.

On April 11, Dakota Ray Larson, 22, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo on the charge of procuring alcohol for a minor.

On April 11, Todd Joseph Neuman, 49, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello on the charge of 5th degree controlled substance possession.

On April 11, Dillon Scott Hagedorn, 21, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo on the charge of 5th degree controlled substance possession.

On April 11, Jacqueline June Weide, 47, of Buffalo, was arrested in Greenfield on a Wright County warrant for theft.

On April 11, Bradley Darryl Arnold, 51, of Buffalo, was arrested in Albertville on the charge of driving after cancellation inimical to public safety.

On April 11, Anthony Edward Stewart, 24, of Kimball, was arrested in Corinna Township on the charge of 5th degree controlled substance possession.

On April 11, Lance Burton Hellerud, 44, of Annandale, was arrested in Maple Lake Township on the charge of 3rd degree DWI.

On April 12, Rebecca Ann Smith, 42, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello on the charge of 3rd degree DWI.

On April 12, John Paul Eldred, 46, of Ogilvie, was arrested in Clearwater on an Isanti County warrant for dishonored check.

On April 12, Dylan Ray Cochran, 23, of Monticello, was arrested in Waverly on a Wright County warrant for domestic assault.

There were 16 property damage accidents, 3 personal injury accidents, no hit and run accidents and 5 car-deer accidents.

There were 6 arrests for DWI, no underage consumption arrests, 3 school bus stop arm violations and 63 tickets for miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.

April 6 Wright County Attorney's report

Buker, Juan Carlos Michael, age 34, of Rockford, sentenced on 04/06/15 for Probation Violations for Gross Misdemeanor Domestic Assault to 59 days jail. Sentenced by Judge McPherson.

Cabrera, Hipolito, age 23, of Monticello, sentenced on 04/06/15 for Probation Violations for Gross Misdemeanor Domestic Assault to 365 days jail. Sentenced for Probation Violations for Gross Misdemeanor Assault in the Fifth Degree to 365 days jail. Sentenced by Judge McPherson.

Durand, Kimberly Sue, age 29, of Buffalo, sentenced on 04/10/15 for Probation Violations for Gross Misdemeanor Third Degree DWI to 3 days jail. Sentenced by Judge Strand.

Holmers, Brian Charles, age 37, of Howard Lake, sentenced on 04/08/15 for Probation Violations for Felony Controlled Substance Crime in the Fifth Degree to 15 months prison. Sentenced by Judge Davis.

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April 6 Maple Lake Fire Department Report

Maple Lake's Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service responded to the following emergencies during the past week:

April 12, 6:10 a.m.: Medical. Patient transported by Maple Lake Ambulance to the St. Cloud Hospital ER.

April 9, 1:07 a.m.: Medical. Call cancelled.

April 8, 9:22 p.m.: Medical.

County approves bidding out sheriff's support building

by John Holler

Correspondent

For decades, when it has come to housing items for the Wright County Sheriff's Department, whether it be confiscated vehicles or their own storage items, the process of maintaining and protecting them was done of a piece-meal basis. Without room within the county courthouse, where the county jail was located, storing those items had to take place off-sight. The county's impound lot was located at the Public Works Building and county equipment had to be kept in cold storage at different facilities near the Law Enforcement Center in Buffalo.

That is about to change. At the April 7 meeting of the Wright County Board, the commissioners approved sending out the bid specifications for a support services building to be constructed on the Law Enforcement Center property.

Sheriff Joe Hagerty said the facility has been needed for some time, since law enforcement has many tools at its disposal and the new building will give the county a one-stop loca-

tion for all of them.

"We are building a facility on the north side of the Law Enforcement Center property to house all of our equipment," Hagerty said. "It will house a lot of things, from our command post to our airboat to snowmobiles to our patrol boats to larger items of evidence. It will also include our impound lot, where we can put all of our confiscated and evidence vehicles."

With construction ongoing at the Public Works site, the current impound lot is going to be re-purposed for the highway department to use, which will add the new impound lot area to the support building project. The building will be pretty substantial – 225 feet by 78 feet and the hope, said Todd Hoffman of the sheriff's department, is that the bids will come in at a six-figure level, not seven.

"The whole project we're trying to keep under \$1 million," Hoffman said. "That would include everything – the building, dirt work, power, gas, fencing, lighting, you name it.

The goal is to keep it under \$1 million because it is intended to

serve the needs of the sheriff's office. It's going to house a lot of the things our different divisions will need to operate."

The project has been in the works almost from the time the sheriff's department relocated from the county courthouse in downtown Buffalo to its current location on Hwy. 25 just outside of town. It has been a long time coming and it was felt that the longer the county waited, the higher the cost of construction would go, not to mention having none of the critical items that are going to be housed in the facility currently on-site.

"We've worked with the county for some time on this to get the kind of facility we need that is large enough to house what we need, but not too large that it is just a giant facility that won't get fully utilized," Hoffman said. "This is what we need to have to get everything in one location and this was determined to be the best option as well as the most cost-effective."

The board unanimously approved moving forward with the bid process with the intention being that the bid package will

be approved by May and the construction can begin. In fact, some of the items needed for the preliminary portions of the construction can begin immediately. The Wright County Highway Department is going to be in charge of the land grading at the site and Hagerty said the plan will be to hit the ground running so the facility can be up and running by July.

"We could start grading for the impound lot as early as tomorrow once it's approved," Hagerty said. "We're looking to fast-track this so it will be completed by mid-summer. Once we get the ball rolling on this, we see the project coming along quickly."

In other items on the April 7 agenda, the board:

* Set a meeting with officials from the Tri-County Crime Lab for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21. Given the proximity of the date, the board set an alternate day for the meeting for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 5.

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Extra caution needed during planting season

The Wright County Highway Department would like to remind Wright County citizens to use extra caution on county highways now that farmers are in the fields and using the roadways to transport trucks and equipment from storage facilities to the fields.

Farm-related truck traffic increases significantly during the planting season, both in volume and in the number of hours on the

road. Motorists are urged to watch for tractors pulling wagons at slow speeds, as well as plows, planters and other wide equipment that may go over the center line (due to vehicles taking wide turns because of their size).

The leading contributing crash factors in farm vehicle crashes are inattention, speeding, and unsafe passing.

Please be alert and prepared

for slow-moving farm vehicles, especially on rural, two-lane highways. Motorists need to give them extra space and use caution when attempting to pass.

Motorists should also watch for fallen debris from farm-related vehicles and remember that it is safer to brake or drive through the debris rather than veer into oncoming traffic or off the road. Farm-related traffic is

encouraged to clean up immediately any excess mud that they track onto the roads.

Drivers are urged to:

- Use safety belts.
- Drive with headlights on at all times.
- Observe posted speed limits and traffic signs.
- Watch for excess mud tracked onto the roads and debris dropped by trucks.

Wright County Highway Dept. to spray roadsides

Beginning May 18, 2015, the Wright County Highway Department, as part of its vegetation management program, will be scheduling some roadside vegetation work along all Wright County highways. The unwanted brush and noxious weeds will be cut and/or treated with herbicide.

This notice is to inform all property owners who have property abutting county highways of the work that is scheduled and their right to use alternative methods.

The goal is to eliminate the brush and noxious weeds and promote grass cover along the roadside. Brush along the road

reduces driving visibility, obstructs road signs and reduces driver reaction time to crossing wildlife. Brush presents maintenance problems by retaining water along the roadbed, obstructing ditches and damaging equipment.

To meet these goals, selective herbicides are used that control the brush and noxious weeds but allow the grasses to grow, unharmed. All herbicides used have been fully tested and are approved for use by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

During the spraying operation, care is taken to avoid sensitive areas adjacent to the right-of-way such as tree plantations, ornamental plantings, crops, gardens, front yards, lakes and streams.

If you would like to maintain the right-of-way adjacent to your land in some other fashion, such as mowing, please follow these instructions:

1. Prior to May 18, stop at the Wright County Public Works Building (located along State Highway 25 at the Jct. of CR 138 on the north side of Buffalo) and fill out the proper form including property description.

2. Post, on your property, the "DO NOT SPRAY" signs that you will be given.

3. Remove the brush and/or noxious weed plants (such as thistles, wide parsnip, and leafy spurge) within that site by June 20, 2015, and continue to maintain it. If the brush and/or noxious weeds are not removed, they must treated as part of the vegetation management program.

If you have any questions, please call the Wright County Highway Department at 1-800-362-3667, ext. 7383 or (763) 682-7383.

Speak up: distracted driving changes lives Extra enforcement on MN roads April 13-18

A young mother of two is killed while on a bike ride with her kids by a man distracted by his cell phone. A mother of a toddler who was seriously injured when a teen driver was reading a text said, "One text almost killed my son."

These Minnesotans' lives were changed forever by a distracted driver, and starting Monday, law enforcement will be looking to catch drivers who are focused more on their phones than on the road. The extra enforcement runs April 13 to 18.

Speak Up

Distracted driving is a leading factor in crashes each year in

Minnesota. Law enforcement is the last line of defense when it comes to distracted driving and officers encourage anyone riding with a distracted driver to speak up.

Eyes off the Road Equals Crash behind the Wheel

- At 55 miles per hour, texting and driving is like traveling the length of a football field without looking up.
- The result of distracted driving can be devastating as it contributes to one in four crashes, 64 deaths and 234 serious injuries each year.
- Preliminary numbers show that distraction was a factor in

16,900 crashes in 2014, resulting in 56 deaths and 165 serious injuries.

The Law in Minnesota

In Minnesota, it is illegal for drivers to read, compose or send texts and emails, and access the web while the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic. That includes sitting at a stoplight or stop sign. It is also illegal for drivers with a permit or provisional driver's license to use a cell phone while driving, except for emergencies to call 911.

Make the Right Choice

- Cell phones - Put the phone down, turn it off or place it out of reach.
- Music and other controls - Pre-program radio stations and arrange music in an easy-to-access spot. Adjust mirrors and ventilation before traveling.
- Navigation - Map out the destination and enter the GPS route in advance.
- Eating and drinking - Avoid messy foods and secure drinks.
- Children - Teach children the importance of good behavior in a vehicle and model proper driving behavior.
- Passengers - Speak up to stop drivers from distracted driving behavior and offer to help with anything that takes the driver's attention off the road.

Adopt a Highway volunteers save state money

Volunteers helping with the Adopt a Highway program picked up 970,000 pounds, more than 100 dump truck loads, of litter in 2014, saving the state an estimated \$7 million, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The Adopt a Highway program is staffed by more than 48,000 volunteers representing schools, businesses, non-profits, families and individuals who are helping to clean up more than 10,000 linear miles of Minnesota's highways.

Even with these great efforts, MnDOT is looking for more volunteers to help with this public service campaign. To become part of the program, the volunteer groups agree to:

- Adopt a highway for a minimum of two years
- Select a segment of highway approximately two miles in length (only select sections of state highways are available for adoption due to safety concerns)
- Pick up litter on both sides of

the highway

• Pick up litter as often as needed from spring through fall, usually two to three times

Community



Meetings

April 16: Wright Saddle Club, clubhouse, Maple Lake, 7:30 p.m. New members always welcome; Krista, 320-963-3990.

April 16: Maple Lake Legion Post 131 Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Legion Club.

April 16: AA & Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m., Buffalo Evangelical Free Church, 2051 50th St. NE, County Rds. 25 & 113.

April 18: AA, 7:30 p.m., Buffalo Evangelical Free Church, 2015 50th St. NE, County Rds. 25 & 113.

April 20: S.A.M. quilting group, St. Timothy's Church basement, 8 a.m.

April 20: Multiple Sclerosis support group, 12:1-30 p.m., Buffalo United Methodist Church. For more information, call Cathy at 320-274-8408 or

Mary Jo, 612-353-1460.

April 20: Al-Anon and Men's 12 Step Group, 7:30 p.m., Buffalo Evangelical Free Church, 2051 50th St. NE, County Rds. 25 & 113.

April 21: Maple Lake City Council, 7 p.m., city hall.

April 21: Annandale Lakers AA & Al-Anon, 8 p.m., United Methodist Church of Annandale, 20 Oak Ave. N. 320-274-3380

April 21: Gamblers Anonymous & AA, 7:30 p.m., Buffalo Evangelical Free Church, 2051 50th St. NE, County Rds. 25 & 113.

April 21: Celebrate Recovery (non-denominational Christian-based recovery program), 7 p.m., Monticello Covenant Church; 763-295-2112.

April 21: Multiple Sclerosis support group, 12:1-30 p.m., Buffalo United Methodist Church. For more information, call Cathy at 320-274-8408 or

SUDOKU

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April 15th Puzzle

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 11

Programs & Events

Upcoming Red Cross blood drives

Donors of all types are encouraged to help save lives by giving blood. Appointments can be made by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visiting redcrossblood.org. Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Wright County: April 28, 1 - 7 p.m., St. James Lutheran Church, 1000 6th Ave., Howard Lake; May 2, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Buffalo Country Store, 101 8th St. NE, Buffalo; May 7, 12 - 6 p.m., Preferred Choice Chiropractic, 703 Thielen Drive SE, St. Michael.

Pioneer Park's 38th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Now that spring is here, Minnesota Pioneer Park is geared up for another wonderful season. Its 38th Annual Maple Syrup Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meal includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, coffee or milk and all you can eat pancakes with freshly-bottled real maple syrup. Minnesota Pioneer Park is located right off Hwy. 55 in Annandale, MN at 725 Pioneer Park Trail.

Wright County Baby Animal Fair is Sunday

Local churches, businesses, schools, community organizations (including the Buffalo Rotary Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Lion's Club) and individuals are joining together to raise funds for Heifer International, www.heifer.org. Since 1944 Heifer International has been dedicated to helping families around the world with the gift of food and income-producing animals and training in their care. In return for this gift of hope, families agree to pass on the first female offspring of their animal to another family in need. The gift keeps multiplying.

Fair goers test their knowledge at the geography and ecology booths and visit the Global Village to discover facts about our world. Admission to the fair is a donation of non-perishable food for the local food shelves. To learn more, visit www.babyanimalfair.com.

Learn how to compost your garden April 20

Open garden on Monday, April 20, at 208 Oak Ave. North, Maple Lake, by the Hwy. 55 stoplights. Compost your garden and learn how to generate a composted, weed-free, life-long garden. See a successful 4'x4' composted in 2013 and planted with seedlings in August 2014 and now getting ready for the 2015 season. Learn to utilize tools to save your back and enjoy healthy food from vegetable gardens. Also, a specialized small-size plant starting system will be demonstrated. The garden opens at 2 p.m. with a 6:30 p.m. presentation. For more information call 320-963-3690.

Radon and Other Risks Community Forum

On Monday, April 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Buffalo Hospital Medical Office building there will be a community forum about radon, other risks and understanding the environment's role in lung cancer. Learn more about what radon is, why it is harmful, how to test for it, and how to reduce levels in your home. Also learn about the effects of tobacco, pollution, and other environmental hazards. This event is free but registration is requested. Please call 763-684-7025.

MN Railroads at Cokato Historical Society

The Cokato Historical Society is presenting Steve Glischinski, author of "Minnesota Railroads: A Photographic History, 1940-2012" on April 21, 7 p.m., at the centennial room in the library/museum building. This program is free to the public; you do not have to be a historical society member to attend. The 2015 annual meeting of the historical society will precede Glischinski's presentation.

First-time home buyers seminar is April 22

Wright County residents thinking about buying a home are invited to attend a one day informative workshop designed to help them learn the basics of home ownership. Wright County Community Action (WCCA) offers a first-time home buyer's seminar (Home Stretch) which will cover a variety of topics related to the home buying process. This program is approved to meet the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Requirements and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) Requirements.

Home Stretch will be offered on Wednesday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 449 West Broadway, Monticello, MN 55362. To register, call Wright County Community Action (WCCA) at (320) 963-6500, ext 238.

2015 Farm Family of the Year Nominations

Wright County has many outstanding farm families who make very positive contributions to the economic and cultural environment of the county while receiving little or no recognition. Now you have the opportunity to recognize one of these families by nominating them to be the Farm Family of the Year for 2015. Nominees should be actively involved in agriculture with one or more agricultural enterprises or have made significant short term progress and/or innovative contributions with their agricultural endeavors. To nominate a family call the U of M Extension Office of Wright County at 763-682-7381 or send an email to gred0014@umn.edu. All nominations must be received by April 23 and a family will be selected May 1.

Crisis Nursery Spring fundraiser is April 24

The 17th Annual Spring Fundraiser for Crisis Nursery serving Wright County is being held on Friday, April 24, from 6:00 to approximately 10 p.m. at the Buffalo Civic Center. Enjoy a delicious BBQ buffet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. that is catered by Red's of Montrose, music, a raffle for dollars, silent auction and the live auction takes place at 7:30 p.m. where they will be auctioning off some "interesting" items and having fun with the audience. To order tickets, donate an auction item, or for more information, contact Jill Gatzke at the Crisis Nursery Office at 763-271-1674. This special event is helping to raise awareness of April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.

Jeff Nothnagel Cancer Benefit is May 9

After a courageous 6 month battle with kidney cancer, Jeff Nothnagel passed away on March 13th. Jeff leaves behind his wife and children who need your support for mounting medical bills and funeral expenses. Please join in celebrating the life of Jeff and help the Nothnagel family at a benefit on Saturday, May 9, at the Maple Lake American Legion Club. There will be a pork chop dinner, raffles, silent auction and music. Dinner will be available from 4-6 p.m. and is provided by B & P Catering. Silent Auction will end around 7 p.m. If you would like to make a donation or have questions please contact: Jeremy Nothnagel at 612-369-2930, Jenny Carlson at 763-614-7810 or Sara Stempler at 763-300-2398.

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Ph: 763-463-9447
www.holycrossmaplelake.org
Pastor: Cwynn Curtis
Visitors Are Always Welcome!
THURS.: 7 p.m., Bible Study.
SUN.: 8 a.m., Traditional Worship; 9:15 a.m., Faith Formation; 10:30 a.m., Contemporary Worship.
MON.: 10 a.m., Bible & Brew; 11 a.m., First of All Prayer Group; 1 p.m., Quilters.
WED.: 6 p.m., Worship on Wednesday; 6:45 p.m., The 112; 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.

CHURCH OF SAINT TIMOTHY
8 Oak Ave. N., Maple Lake
Ph: 320-963-3726
www.churchofsttimothy.org
Pastor: Father John Meyer
Interim School Principal: Dawn Kincs
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: 63-878-2820, 320-333-8636
Pastor: Rev. George W. Sagiross 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
1025 St. Hwy. 55 N.W., Annandale
Ph: 320-274-8951
Pastor: Dennis L. Johnson
THURS.: 7 p.m., 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.
MON.: 9 a.m., Grandmas in Prayer; 6:30 p.m., Book Club; 7 p.m., Men's Bible Study.
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
www.eaglesgrove.org & Facebook
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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.hosannalcms.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
SAT.: 6:30 p.m., Workshop with Richard Ross.
SUN.: Faith at Home with Richard Ross; 8 a.m., Traditional Worship; 9:30 & 11 a.m., Contemporary Worship, Sunday School; 12:15 p.m., Special Session with Richard Ross, Parents and Teens; 6:30 p.m., Chill Out, S.N.I.P.P.
MON.: Noon, Prayer Group; 1 p.m., Women's Bible Study.
TUES.: 6 a.m., Deep Waters; 9 a.m., MOPS; 6 p.m., Grief Share; 7 p.m., Ladies' Best Yes Study, Ladies' Marriage Study, Men's Discipleship Group.
WED.: 6 p.m., AWANA, Hang Time; 6:30 p.m., 9th Grade Confirmation.
THURS.: 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
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www.lutheran-faith.org
Secretary's office hours are: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs.
Tuesdays, Wednesday & Thursday
MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7 p.m., Worship.

GOOD FRIDAY: 7 p.m., Worship at Silver Creek Community Church.
SUN.: Easter Sunday—7 a.m., Sunrise Worship; 8:30 a.m., Traditional Worship; 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.
www.tcachurch.com

Senior Dining Menu April 20-24

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, April 20

Tator-Tot Casserole, Cucumber/Onion Salad, Wheat Dinner Roll, Banana, Chocolate Pudding

TUESDAY, April 21

Garden Party--Chicken Salad on a Bun, Vegetable Soup,

Blooming Fruit Medley, Lemon Cake

WEDNESDAY, April 22

Western Chili, Crunchy Roastmeat Salad, Honey-Glazed Corn Bread, Apple Crisp

THURSDAY, April 23

Liver & Onions or Hamburger Patty w/Gravy, Whipped Potatoes w/Gravy, Corn, Wheat Bread, Apricots

FRIDAY, April 24

Swedish Meatballs, Parslied Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Wheat Bread, Applesauce

NOTICE

Hydrant Flushing

The city maintenance crew will be flushing fire hydrants around town on these dates:

- April 22-24
- April 29-May 1
- May 6-8

Residents may experience some off-colored water while this is being done. Any questions, call the Public Works Department

—CITY OF MAPLE LAKE

Obituaries



Donald M. Schut, age 86, of Buffalo, formerly of Silver Creek, died Sunday, April 12, 2015, at Parkview Care Center, Buffalo.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, at the Annandale Evangelical Free Church, Annandale, with Rev. Dennis Johnson officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Dingmann Funeral Care Chapel, Annandale, and one hour prior to the service at the church. There will be a prayer service at 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel in Annandale.

Donald Marvin Schut was born December 25, 1928, in Wright County, MN to Andrew and Hattie (Rozenberg) Schut. He grew up on farms near Clear-

water, Silver Creek and south of Sugar Lake. Donald was raised in a Christian home and in his own quiet way he lived and shared his faith in Jesus Christ.

He was currently a member of the Annandale Evangelical Free Church. He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1951-1953, spending most of his time in Japan. In November of 1954 Donald married Gertrude VanMaanen in Volga, SD. They lived in Minneapolis for a short time before moving to a farm near Silver Creek, where he farmed and also drove truck for Bjorklund Trucking Co. in Buffalo. Gertrude preceded him in death on March 29, 1978. In August of 1979 Donald married Geraline (Mol) Marquardt. They lived by Lake Mary, rural Maple Lake until 2009 when they moved to a townhome in Buffalo. Together they spent 32 winters in Alamo, TX. Donald loved his faith, his family, fishing and golfing.

Donald is survived by his wife, Geraline of Buffalo; daughters, Pam (Gary) Fieldseth of Silver Creek and Patty (Butch) Paulson of Cokato; son, Joel (Debbie) of Monticello; stepchildren, Peggy Stansberry of San Marcos, TX, Steve (Bernie) Marquardt of Cedaredge, CO, Dean (Sue) Marquardt of Woodland Park, CO, Jim (Wendy) Marquardt of Salt Lake City, UT; 9 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; sisters, Jane Daum of Oakton, SD, Myrna (Morris) Hoekstra of Cadillac, MI and Arlene Smith of Bemidji; sister-in-law, Pat Schut of Buffalo; brothers-in-law, Clifford Mol of Annandale, Arnold VanMaanen of Arlington, SD and Henry (Marlene) VanMaanen of Volga, SD; sisters-in-law, Doris VanMaanen and Venna-

Mae VanMaanen both of Volga, SD; many nieces, nephews and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Gertrude; brothers, Gerrit and Clarence; and step son-in-law, John Stansberry.

Pallbearers will be grandchildren, Paul, Adam, Noah and Jon Fieldseth, Jodi Nussbaum, Matt and Brad Paulson. Honorary pallbearers will be step-grandchildren. Music for the service provided by Orma Lou Jacobsma and Lucy Haglin.

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Did you know?

Damage to a lawn may be indicative of various problems. Everything from insects to rodents to the family pet may be responsible for causing burnt patches, holes and other eyesores. Getting to the bottom of the problem is the first step in remediation. Burning and discoloration of the lawn is often a

result of high concentrations of dog urine pooling in one area. Diluting the urine by hosing down areas of the lawn can clear up many problems. Birds, raccoons, skunks, moles, and other rodents may feed on grubs that reside just under the thatch of the lawn, and animals may tear up lawns in search of this delicacy. Treating the grub problem usu-

ally alleviates damage caused by animals. Mole crickets are another common lawn destroyer. These insects resemble crickets, but they burrow beneath the turf to feed on plant roots. The mole crickets can push up channels of turf as they burrow, exposing roots to the elements and causing the grass to die. Getting rid of the insects can revitalize the lawn.

A more eco-friendly lawn is just steps away

Maintaining a lush lawn is a healthy and rewarding hobby that affords homeowners to spend some time outdoors in nature. Lawn enthusiasts can make their hobby even healthier by adopting several eco-friendly lawn care strategies that not only make for a healthier lawn, but a healthier planet as well.

Responsible landscaping has grown increasingly popular in recent years, as more and more homeowners are adopting eco-friendly lawn care practices in the same way they have embraced environmentally conscious behaviors in other areas of their lives. The following are a handful of ways lawn care enthusiasts can incorporate eco-friendly practices into their landscaping routines.

- Maintain an appropriate grass height. When temperatures start to peak in summer, homeowners may be tempted to cut their grass as close as possible so they can reduce the number of afternoons they spend riding or pushing a mower in the hot sun. But cutting too low makes the grass increasingly susceptible to infestations and disease, and such problems may need to be remedied with potentially harm-

- ful pesticides if no other approach proves effective. Even if it means an extra afternoon or two mowing under the hot sun, maintaining an appropriate grass height can lead to a healthier lawn, as longer grass soaks up more sunlight, allowing it to grow a deep root system that will help a lawn survive drought and other potential problems.

- Cut back on harmful pesticides. Many homeowners now prefer to avoid pesticides at all costs, but sometimes pesticides are a last resort when lawns are falling victim to harmful insects and organisms. Homeowners who want to embrace more eco-friendly lawn care practices can cut back on their use of pesticides, first trying more environmentally friendly options. For example, biopesticides are made from naturally occurring materials, including animals, plants, bacteria, and certain minerals. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, biopesticides are often inherently less toxic than more conventional pesticides. In addition, biopesticides typically affect only the pest causing the problem, whereas broad spectrum pesticides may affect sur-

- rounding organisms, such as birds and mammals, in addition to the targeted pest. The EPA (www.epa.gov) advises homeowners hoping to use biopesticides first learn about managing pests so they can effectively remedy problems on their properties.

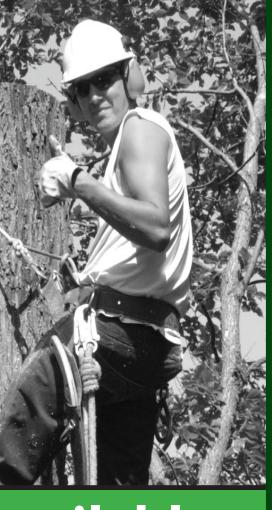
- Harvest rainwater. Lawns need water, especially when temperatures rise in the summer. But watering lawns can have an adverse effect on your community's water supply, draining that supply and hurting the community in the long run. Homeowners who can harvest rainwater can drastically reduce their impact on their community water supply, thereby helping the planet and their community, especially if they reside in locales where water resources are traditionally scarce. When rainwater is harvested, it is collected from downspouts before it washes into nearby sewage systems. Many lawn and garden retailers sell rainwater harvesting systems, which homeowners can install themselves or pay a landscaping professional to install for them.

- Lay mulch down around trees, shrubs and flower beds. Trees, shrubs and flower beds need water, especially in the summer when rising temperatures pose a threat to plants. Homeowners can cut back on the water they use to protect those plants by laying organic mulch in the spring. Organic mulch conserves moisture in soil, promoting stronger roots in plants and helping homeowners cut back on the amount of watering they need to maintain a garden that's both healthy and pleasing to the eye. Organic mulch, which might be made of bark, is also heavy, making it hard for ugly weeds that rob plants of water to thrive.

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Sports

Irish softball wins opener

By Brenda Erdahl
Sports Writer

The Maple Lake softball team kicked off its season on Friday, April 10, with a 4-0 win over the Annandale Cardinals.

The Irish were supposed to start the season on Tuesday, April 7, in Litchfield, but the game was postponed due to weather and will be made up on Wednesday, April 29, at 3:30 p.m.

Maple Lake went into Friday night's opener expecting an exciting match-up with the neighboring rival.

"Annandale is always a tough team to go up against," Irish coach Tim Knudsen said. "They play in a very competitive conference, they have a good young pitcher and they are coached very well."

After three scoreless innings the Irish got hot in the fourth, driving in two runs to take the lead. They scored two more in the sixth and the Cardinals didn't answer, surrendering the win to the Irish.

Maple Lake pitcher Kennedy Haney nearly tossed a perfect game. She threw a no-hitter and struck out seven. Only one hitter reached the base on an error.

"Our infielders played flawlessly," Knudsen said. "No balls made it to the outfield."

Defensively the Maple Lake girls played very well and in the

circle, the coach added, noting that their biggest mistake in this early season game was leaving too many runners in scoring position.

"We must work on being better situational hitters," he said.

The win was a great way to kick off the season for the Maple Lake squad. This week they were to face off against Rockford at home on Monday, April 13. The Rockets have been to the state tournament the last two years in a row and have one of the top pitchers in the state in Bria Majeski.

"It should be a pitcher's duel and a fun game to watch," Knudsen said before the game.

Last year the Irish split with them, winning 8-4 and losing 3-2.

Then on Tuesday, April 14, the Irish were to host Kimball, an up-and-coming team that has improved tremendously over the last two years, Knudsen said.

Maple Lake vs. Annandale

	Run	Hit	RBI
A. Klug	1	1	-
S. Knudsen	1	1	2
C. Callahan	-	1	1
L. Rachel	-	1	-
E. Webb	1	1	-
M. Scheiber	-	-	2
T. Pilger	1	1	1
B. Anerfelt	-	1	-

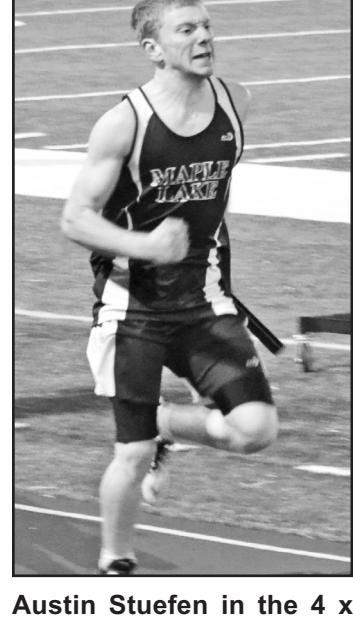
Final Score: 4-0

By Brenda Erdahl
Sports Writer

The Maple Lake track team is off to a good start after three meets. The Irish kicked off the season at the Tootsie Pop Invite in Monticello, on Tuesday, March 24.

Although team scores were not kept at this early meet, the boys team came away with two first-place finishes and the girls tallied up three.

Ryan Kalinowski won the 400-meter dash on the boys' side



Austin Stuefen in the 4x400m relay at Rockford. It was his first time running that race and he passed a runner for the win.

and the Irish 4x600-meter relay team claimed top honors. The boys also had several second- and third-place finishes.

Brigette Paumen won the 55-meter dash, Brynn Paumen won the long jump and Catie Fobbe won the shot put.

Results were not available for the Rockford meet on Tuesday, April 7, but on Friday, April 10, the Maple Lake teams traveled to Norwood-Young America for the Chuck Halliday Meet.

Both the girls and boys teams finished first out of six teams.

The girls dominated the meet with five first-place finishes from: the 4x800-meter relay team; Catie Fobbe in the shot put; Brynn Paumen in the long jump and high jump; and the 4x400-meter relay team.

The boys claimed seven individual wins: the Maple Lake 4x800-meter relay team cruised to a win; Andrew Schonnesen won the long jump, the high jump and the triple jump; Alex Haussladen won the 300-meter hurdles and the 4x100; and 4x400-meter relay teams won their races.

The Irish will compete again on Thursday, April 16, at Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted and on Monday, April 20, they will host a meet at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24, Tootsie Pop Invite at Monticello

Boys results: 400-meter dash - 1.



Charlie Stejskal jumping hurdles at the Rockford meet on April 7th.

(Photos by Chris Fobbe)

Ryan Kalinowski, 57.36; 5. Willard Jackson, 58.59; 800-meter run - 5. Devin Deringer, 2:21.74; 2,000-meter run - 5. Dan Miller, 6:43.34; 4x200-meter relay - 3. Maple Lake, 1:50.27; 4x300-meter relay - 3. Maple Lake, 2:44.36; 4x600-meter relay - 1. Maple Lake, 6:09.05; high jump - 2. Andrew Schonnesen, 5-foot, 10-inches; 3. Charlie Stejskal, 5 feet, 6-inches; 4. Henry Stecker, 5 feet, 4 inches; pole vault - 3. Jordan Scott, 10 feet, 6 inches; long jump - 2. Schonnesen, 20-feet, 5 inches; 3. Stejskal, 18 feet, 7.5 inches; triple jump - 3. Scott, 37 feet, 5.5 inches; 4. Stejskal, 35 feet, 9 inches.

Girls results: 55-meter dash - 1. Brielle Paumen, 8.12; 5. Callie Lefave, 8.36; 400-meter dash - 2. Grace Heying, 1:10.26; 3. Paumen, 1:10.27; 4. Sommer Carlson, 1:10.57; 800-meter run - 5. Mollie Graham, 3:06.05; 4x200-meter relay - 4. Maple Lake, 2:06.39; 4x300-meter relay - 3. Maple Lake, 3:23.05; 4x600-meter relay - 2. Maple Lake, 8:22.07; high jump - 2. Brynn Paumen, 5 feet; 4. Sara Simonette, 4 feet, 8 inches; 4. Mackenna Brown, 4 feet, 8 inches; long jump - 1. Brynn Paumen, 15-feet, 7.5 inches; Brielle

Paumen, 14 feet, 2.5 inches; shot put - 1. Catie Fobbe, 31 feet, 7.5 inches.

Friday, April 10, Chuck Halliday Meet at Norwood-Young America

Girls results: 4x800-meter relay - 1. Maple Lake, 11:25.35; 100-meter hurdles - 4. Grace Thiele, 19:54; shot put - 1. Catie Fobbe, 32 feet, 7.5 inches; 100-meter dash - 2. Brielle Paumen, 13.51; 4. Callie Lefave, 14.16; long jump - 1. Brynn Paumen, 14 feet, 5 inches; 2. Brielle Paumen, 14 feet, 1.5 inches; high jump - 1. Brynn Paumen, 5 feet; 2. Emily Webb, 4 feet, 10 inches; 4. Mackenna Brown, 4 feet, 8 inches; 1,600-meter run - 2. Sommer Carlson, 6:09.68; 4x100-meter relay - 2. Maple Lake, 56.71; 400-meter run - 3. Webb, 1:09.41; 5. Grace Heying, 1:10.67; discus - 4. Fobbe, 7 feet, 11 inches; 300-meter hurdles - 2. Paumen, 53.60; 4. Graham, 56.64; 800-meter run - 3. Carlson, 2:49.63; 3,200-meter run - 3. Halle Geyen, 13:27.09; triple jump - 2. Brynn Paumen, 30 feet, 4 inches; 5. Brown, 29 feet, 2.5 inches; 4x400-meter relay - 1. Maple Lake, 4:41.28.

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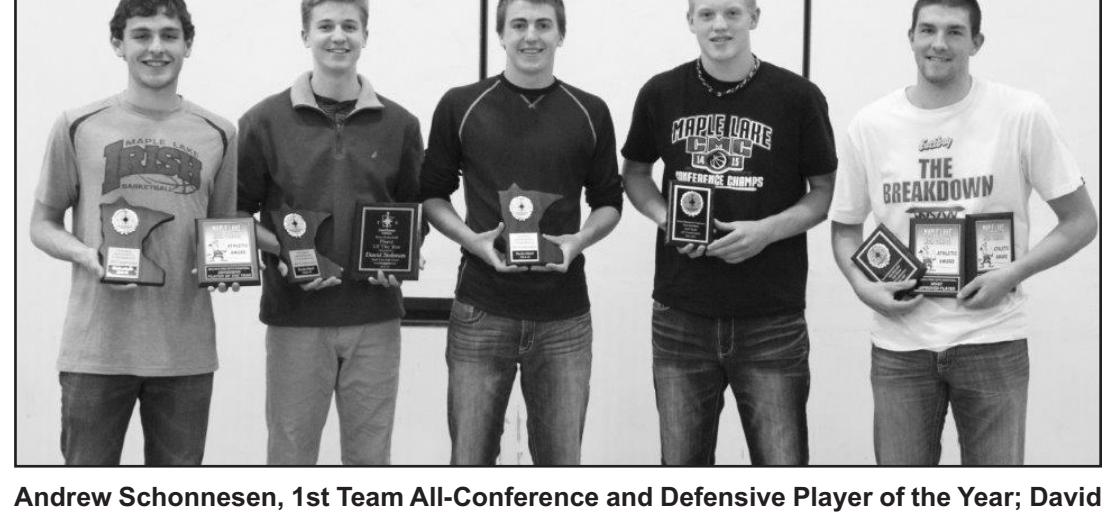
Four awarded at girls basketball banquet



Morgan Scheiber, Hardest Worker; Lindsey Rachel, 1st Team All-Conference and Defense Player of the Year; Kayla Hoistad, Offensive Player of the Year, 2nd Team All-Conference and Most Improved Player; Emily Webb, Offensive Player of the Year and 2nd Team All-Conference.

(Photo by Mollie Graham)

Five awarded at boys basketball banquet



Andrew Schonnesen, 1st Team All-Conference and Defensive Player of the Year; David Stokman, 1st Team All-Conference and CMC Player of the Year; Tony Goelz, 1st Team All-Conference; Brandon Borell, 2nd Team All-Conference; Chase Olson, 2nd Team All-Conference, Hardest Worker and Most Improved Player

(Photo by Charlene Wurm)

Stokman presented with Irish jersey



Coaches Tim Staloch and Casey Pack presented David Stokman with his Irish jersey for breaking the school record of most points scored during a high school career with 1,694 points. Also, Coach Staloch was voted Conference Coach of the Year and Casey Pack was voted Assistant Coach of the Year by the Central MN Conference.

(Photo by Charlene Wurm)



The Catch

by Jeff Plattner

Introducing Jeff Plattner

Growing up in the small town of Gary, MN (pop. 200), it didn't take long for sports to become a big part of my life. Whether it be playing with friends outside (which sometimes included shoveling snow off the neighborhood basketball court on a sunny winter day, to get up some extra shots) or watching on TV, I was passionate at an early age. As a fan, some of my earliest memories include watching my sister drop a Bo Jackson home run ball at the Metrodome (unbelievable, it was right in her glove), seeing the Gary Bulldogs fall two points shy of becoming the smallest school in Minnesota to ever make the boys state basketball tournament, and watching my beloved Notre Dame Fighting Irish on Saturday afternoons. They were always on

TV, which I'm guessing is why, at the age of 5, I gravitated to them quickly. Throughout the years, as I've grown, many things have changed in my life, but one constant has always remained...my absolute love for sports. It's only fitting that I was born in March. What a fantastic month for a sports fan with NCAA March Madness, NFL free agency, MLB spring training, etc.

My name is Jeff Plattner, a Bemidji State alum now living in Maple Grove, MN. I work in Analytics for a local company. Other than being a sports nut, I'm also a son, brother (one bro, one sis), uncle (one nephew, twin nieces), husband, and as of December 23rd, 2014, a father to the most adorable little girl I've ever met! I'm fortunate enough to have been given the opportunity to share my love

for, not only sports, but also writing, with you. And over the coming months, although you may not always agree with my take on the subject at hand, I hope you enjoy reading my column and look forward to it each week. Getting things going this week, is a rhyming, limerick-like preview of Major League Baseball's American League. Enjoy!

MLB: 2015 American League Preview

American League West

Seattle Mariners: 93-69*

It's time King Felix takes M's

to top,

Cano, Cruz, Seager have big-

time pop;

Division not won,

Since 2001,

Fifteen years later, cream of

the crop?

Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim: 89-73*

Trout is a monster, best in the

game,

Pujols and Hammy can't pull

up lame;

Young pitching with flare,
The bullpen is fair,
But the Halos glow won't be
the same.

Texas Rangers: 77-85

2014 was a horror show,
Not what the Rangers have

come to know;

Too many what-ifs,

Turn out to be stiffs,

And past injuries will start to

show.

Houston Astros: 75-87

Enough is enough losing gets

old,

Few years away, farm system

is gold;

Last year they stepped in,

The right direction,

Stros get warmer before they

get cold.

Oakland Athletics: 74-88

Billy Beane's gone mad and

sold the farm,

Few bats remain and barely an

arm;

When used right, Moneyball,

Helps them ball into fall,

But this time Beane has only

done harm.

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Thursday, April 16:

4:00pm Softball: 7th Grade Game Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity @ Lester Prairie City Park; 4:00pm

Friday, April 17:

9:00am Speech: Varsity State Tournament TBA vs. Lakeville North @ Lakeville North High School; 4:00pm Baseball: 8th Grade Game Rockford Area Schools District @ Rockford Middle School; 4:00pm Baseball: 7th Grade Game Rockford Area Schools District @ Rockford Middle School; 4:00pm Softball: 7th Grade Game vs. Rockford Area Schools District @ Kimball Golf Course; 4:30pm Baseball: 7th Grade Game vs. Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity @ Boland Park

4:30pm Softball: 8th Grade Game vs. Rockford Area Schools District @ Maple Lake High School; 4:30pm

4:15pm Baseball: 8th Grade Game Eden Valley-Watkins @ Eden Valley-Watkins High School; 4:15pm Baseball: 7th Grade Game Eden Valley-Watkins @ Watkins City Softball Field; 4:15pm Golf: Boys Varsity CMC Inv Belgrade-Brooklyn-Elsrosa, Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted, Maranatha Christian Academy, Math & Science Academy, Rockford Area Schools District vs. Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted @ ShadowBrooke Golf Course; 4:15pm Softball: 7th Grade Game vs. Eden Valley-Watkins @ Maple Lake High School; 4:15pm

4:15pm Softball: 8th Grade Game vs. Eden Valley-Watkins @ Maple Lake High School; 4:30pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted @ Maple Lake High School; 4:30pm Softball: Varsity Game Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted @ Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted High School; 4:30pm Softball: JV Game vs. Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted @ Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted

School



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

Tai Skay had her 1st grade students write Acrostic poems describing what the word spring means to them.

Seth Gage - Morton Spring Pie Rainbow Icy, New life, Great

Gavin Manthic - Spiders coming out, Plants growing, Rabbits coming out, Icicles melt, New life, Gardens grow.

Alana Weiss - Skunk, Pie, Raccoon, Icicles melting, Night, Great

Brynn Ortiz - Super, Pie, Rainbow, Icy, New life, Great

Grace Ronnenberg & Carly Frost - Squirrels on stumps, Playing in puddles, Rain & Rabbits, Icy icicles, New baby animals, Good & Great

Allie McClory - Snow melting, Plants growing, Rabbits coming out, Icicles melting, New babies, Good smells

Santiago Castro - Spiders, Plants growing, Rabbits coming out, Icicles melting, New life, Gardens growing

Alyxis Strzyzewski - Snow melting, Pie, Rain, Icicles melting, New baby animals, Good

Katherine Froemming - Sun Shine, Perfect, Running, Good times

Icecream, New frogs, Good times

Olivia Jerome - Snow melting, Pie, Run, Icicles melting, New baby animals, Good

Kody Uecker - Snow melting, Play, Riding bikes, Icicles melting, New baby animals, Great

Joey Novotny - Sports, Pie, Raccoons, Icicles melting, Night, Good

Ryne Lodermeier - Sunny skies, Popcorn, Rainy, Icecream, Night Crawlers, Good

Carter Haflich - Skunk, Pie, Raccoon, Icicles melting, Night, Great

Hayden Dircks - Sunny skies, Popcorn, Rain, Icicles melting, Night crawlers, Good

Nicholas Hughes & Tyler Halloran - Sunshine, Puddles, Rabbits, Insects, Night crawlers, Go bike riding.

Remington Daluge - Snow melting, Plants growing, Running, Ice melts, New babies, Good

Sam Purcell - Spring, Puddles, Ride bike, I love spring, Night, Good

Danny Reiley - Sunshine, Perfect, Running, Icecream, New frogs, Good times

District 881 Menus

Breakfast

MONDAY, April 20

Sausage breakfast pizza (elem. and high school), sausage & cheese biscuit or choice of WG cereal, WW toast, jelly/margarine, vegetable selection, fresh fruit, milk

THURSDAY, April 23

Yogurt with fruit & homemade granola (elem. and h.s.), ham n' eggwich or choice of WG cereal, WW toast, jelly/margarine, vegetable selection, fresh fruit, milk

TUESDAY, April 21

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FRIDAY, April 24

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TUESDAY, April 21

Crispy chicken wrap or cheese calzini w/marinara, hamburger on WG bun; glazed carrots, broccoli florets, peas; choice of fruit, milk

WEDNESDAY, April 22

Turkey sub or chicken patty on WG bun w/WG pasta, meat balls & gravy w/WG pasta; corn, baby carrots

rots, cauliflower; choice of fruit, milk

THURSDAY, April 23

Honey-mustard ham wrap or turkey ala king over rice, whole wheat bread, chicken nuggets, brown rice, WW bread; broccoli, celery sticks, cherry tomatoes; choice of fruit, milk

FRIDAY, April 24

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Track

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Team scores: 1. Maple Lake 165; 2. Watertown-Mayer 89; 3. SE 82; 4. Norwood-Young America 71; 5. Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted 67; 6. STC 41.

Boys results: 4x800 relay - 1. Maple Lake, 8:50.2; 110 hurdles - 2. Charlie Stejskal 17.04; 5. Aaron Reese, 18.16; 100-meter dash - 2. Henry Stecker 12.17; 5. Ben Triplett, 12.37; 4x200-meter relay - 2. Maple Lake, 1:44; long jump - 1. Andrew Schonnesen, 18 feet, 1.5 inches; 5. Jason Webb, 16 feet, 9 inches; 4x100-meter relay - 1. Maple Lake 48.41; 400-meter

run - 2. Ryan Kalinowski, 53.47; discus - 3. Tanner Schmid, 109 feet, 5 inches; 300-meter hurdles - 1. Alex Hausladen, 44.59; 2. Stejskal, 44.80; 800-meter run - 5. Jackson Willard, 2:24.05; high jump - 1. Schonnesen, 6 feet, 4 inches; 3. Stejskal, 6 feet; 5. Stecker, 5 feet, 8 inches; 4x400-meter relay - 1. Maple Lake, 3:44.40; triple jump - 1. Schonnesen, 38 feet, 5 inches; 2. Scott Jordan, 38 feet, 5 inches; 4. Stejskal, 36 feet, 8 inches.

Team scores: 1. Maple Lake 149; 2. Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted 94; 3. Norwood-Young America 90; 4. Watertown-Mayer 73; 5. STC 61; 6. SE 59.

The Catch

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American League Central

Kansas City Royals: 91-71*

First playoffs since Nintendo was hot, Wait that long again, Royals think not;

A blossoming core, Bullpen shuts the door, Playoffs, they could again stir the pot.

Chicago White Sox: 87-75

Tigers, Royals in Chicago's sights,

Offseason moves to the fan's delight;

Chris Sale is cash,

Abreu will mash,

The Central race is sure to be tight.

Detroit Tigers: 87-75

They've owned the Central for four years straight,

But no rings for this group that is great;

With Scherzer now out,

Will pitching be stout,

Or winning it all not Tigers fate?

Cleveland Indians: 84-78

Cy Young winner was Corey

Kluber,

Brantley does it all, not a goober;

Perhaps they lost pace,

With teams they will chase,

So year will be good, but not uber.

Minnesota Twins: 71-91

Four years to go of overpaid

Joe,

Fans eager to see Buxton,

Sano;

The future looks bright,

But not overnight,

Will wins pile up like Mauer's dough?

American League East

Boston Red Sox: 92-70*

Worst to first once again for the

Sox?
With Panda and Hanley, lineup rocks;
Youngsters bring swagger,
Big Papi the daggers,
With good health, to win East,
Sox are locks.
Toronto Blue Jays: 89-73*
Longest dry spell of twenty-one years.
Joey Bats and E5, pitcher's fears;
They crush the long balls,
To Niagara Falls,
World Series, eh! Canada cheers.
Baltimore Orioles: 82-80
Tough to lose Cruz, the loss leaves a bruise,
Jones is a stud, but would need to use;
An MVP year,
For the ship to steer,
Deep into fall, else O's have the blues.
Tampa Bay Rays: 76-86
Maddon was gone, seemed like an hour,
Rays' direction quickly went sour;
The pitching is good,
Unlike the Rays wood,
Which will lack some serious power.
New York Yankees: 75-87
ARod's a con, self-righteous cheater,
The Captain's gone, Yankees miss Jeter;
This year won't be stellar,
Could end in the cellar,
Haters will say, couldn't be sweeter.

AL Cy Young: Felix Hernandez (Seattle Mariners)
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Such person as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting. Additional information on the 2015 Sewer Repairs can be

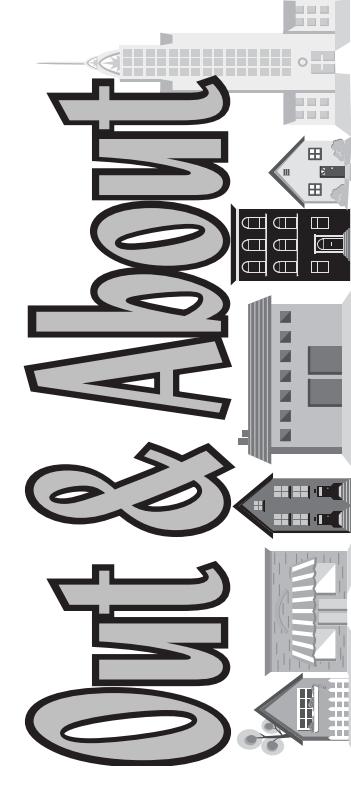
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Lee Ann Yager
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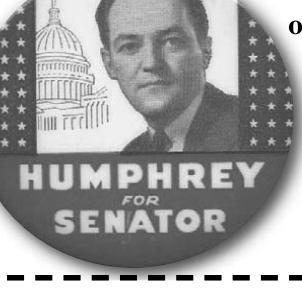
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Volunteer Week

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Maple Lake Library

Maple Lake Library is completely run by volunteers. Volunteers work a 3 hour shift. We ask that they commit to at least one shift a month. The library is open Monday and Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. Computer skills appreciated!

Working at the Library is just one of the ways to volunteer. There are a variety of opportunities to share your skills, talents, or interests.

• Work with the Programs Committee: Suggest ideas for new programs or one-day events and help make them happen.

• Use your technology expertise to assist with computers, iPads, and other devices.

• Find new sources of revenue: Research/write grants; explore additional ways of funding the Library.

• Communicate Library information: Write articles for the Messenger and other publications, help with maintaining our website and Facebook posts, suggest additional ways to promote the Library.

• Get involved in the annual fundraiser, help with planning, contacting/thanking donors, assembling baskets, help with the set-up or decorating, work at a ticket table, help with the live or silent auction or the wine pull.

Contact: Sue Sylvester, Volunteer Coordinator, 320-274-1498 or email jeffsylvester@hotmail.com

Maple Lake Public Schools

Volunteer Opportunities include classroom volunteer, story-book reader, Santa's Secret Shop helper, Career Day presenter, field trips, work in concessions, Box top & Campbell clippings, book fair, join PIE, dances.

Contact: Celeste at (320) 963-6600

Maple Manor

Senior Dining Center

Volunteer opportunities:

- Delivering for Meals on Wheels
- Assisting with meal operations, table setting, serving meals, host/hostess, decorating, providing entertainment, guest speakers, card players, and serving on social planning committees.

Maple Manor DINING SITE
555 2nd St. W
Maple Lake, MN 55358

Contact: Dining Site Coordinator Ginger O'Loughlin (320) 963-5771 10:00-1:00 P.M. gingero@charter.net

Pioneer Park

Volunteer opportunities:

- School field trip tour guides to educate children about Pioneer history.

- Handymen or women with carpentry skills to fix up buildings and landscape around the park.

Contact: Carol Weir at 320-274-8956

Senior Connections

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Youth service projects: Assisting and entertaining Senior Citizens and the disabled.

Senior Citizens: Share crafts, information, and entertainment in a classroom setting.

- Veterans Day guest speakers.

County Board

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* Approved a pair of amendments to the personnel policy and procedures manual concerning the beginning salary range for employees and procedures for employees who work out of class to be consistent with administering salary ranges. The changes to the amendments were approved by the personnel committee at its March 11 meeting.

* Referred to the building committee discussion of conference room guidelines. The matter will be added to the April 22 agenda.

* Approved the appointment of Lori Hartley to the Wright County Extension committee. Hartley was appointed to a three-year term that will run through Dec. 31, 2017.

presentations, and entertainers.

- Journalism: writing for the Maple Lake Messenger through the Pencil Pride and Teen Spotlight columns.

- Schoolseum: Design showcases illustrating outstanding achievements, arts, academics, and/or the promotion of organizations.

Contact: Senior Connections Coordinator Ginger O'Loughlin at 763-301-4717. gingero@charter.net

St. Timothy's School

Volunteer Opportunities: (all volunteers are required to attend Virtus training and complete a background check)

- Work outside on the flower gardens, shrub areas, upkeep and repair of playground areas and the ball diamond.

- During the school year we have many volunteers that help facilitate learning for students in grades Pre-K through 8. Many volunteers read with students, help with math facts, spelling and art projects. Volunteers also help in the classroom with grades K-2

- Camp Courage Therapeutic Horsemanship Volunteers

Dates: Monday-Thursdays June 8-August 16

Details: Whether you have horse experience or just a passion,

the True Strides program at Camp

center time.

Contact: Questions about volunteering for the school may be directed to schooloffice@churchofstimothy.org. We welcome all volunteers and try to find the right fit for each volunteer.

True Friends

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Family Volunteers at Camp Courage

Date: One week commitment. Weeks available throughout July and the week of August 2 and August 16.

Details: Families up to 7 members (ages 5+, adults provide supervision for youths) will assist during camp depending on skill sets (including, but not limited to: cabin support, kitchen support, housekeeping, or program design). Onsite housing and meals provided for the week at no cost.

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Courage has positions for volunteers who are interested in assisting our staff (both 2 and 4 legged) and riders in providing therapeutic benefits experienced by individuals with disabilities through our horsemanship program.

- Youth Volunteers at Camp Friendship : Saturday 5PM-Friday 5PM June-August. Youths ages 14+ engage in leadership development programming while assisting staff and campers with disabilities in a variety of camp based activities, including: hayrides, fishing, tubing, music, arts & crafts, high & low ropes climbing, water carnivals, and MORE!

Onsite housing and meals provided for the week at no cost.

Contact: Volunteer Services, 952-852-0101 x399, volunteerservices@truefriends.org

Wright County 4-H

Looking for volunteers to be club leaders and to help with various 4-H activities

Contact: Brittann Eich at eich020@umn.edu or Kelly Strei at strei016@umn.edu

Sentencing

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Lies, Mark Reinhold, age 29, of Annandale, sentenced on 04/08/15 for Probation Violations for Felony Controlled Substance Crime in the Fifth Degree to one year and one day prison. Sentenced by Judge Davis.

Martin, Matthew Barrett, age 38, of Buffalo, sentenced on 04/09/15 for Probation Violations for Gross Misdemeanor Second Degree DWI to 365 days jail. Sentenced by Judge Strand.

Odegaard, Michael Robert, age 26, of Rockford, sentenced on 04/03/15 for Probation Violations for Felony Assault in the Third Degree to 90 days jail. Sentenced by Judge Mottl.

Stuntebeck, Cade Joshua, age 30, of Montrose, sentenced on 03/30/15 for Misdemeanor Domestic Assault to 90 days jail,

\$200 fine; 76 days stayed for two years on conditions of probation, serve 14 days, pay \$200 fine plus surcharges, remain medically compliant, complete Wright County Domestic Abuse Batterer's Intervention Program and follow all recommendations, have no use or possession of firearms or dangerous weapons, have no same or similar violations.

Sentenced by Judge McPherson.

Welliver, David Blaine, age 54, of Buffalo, sentenced on 04/06/15 for Misdemeanor Issuance of Worthless Checks to 10 days jail, \$150 fine; 10 days stayed for one year on conditions of probation, pay \$150 fine plus surcharges, pay restitution, have no same or similar violations.

Sentenced by Judge McPherson.

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