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is Aug. 2

Wright County a beneficiary of flood relief funds

Several Minnesota counties will be receiving state, and likely federal, flood-relief funds and Wright County will be among them.

Within the county, funds will be spread among Delano, Rockford, the Wright County Highway Department, Cokato Township, Franklin Township near Delano, Marysville Township north of Waverly and Montrose, Monticello Township, and Silver Creek Township.

President Barack Obama declared a major disaster in Minnesota on Monday, following a request from Gov. Mark Dayton on July 9. The declaration will deliver federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts in areas affected by severe storms and flooding.

Before Dayton could request the presidential disaster declaration quickly, he directed the Minnesota Department of Public Safety to rapidly begin preliminary damage assessments. That allowed the state to secure \$5 million in federal highway emergency funds to repair flood-damaged roads.

As of Monday, only eight counties were included in the president's declaration, but Dayton believes that number will continue to grow. He had requested funds for 51 counties, including Wright, which has yet to be included in the presidential declaration.

Throughout the state, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's damage assessment figures show \$37.1 million in eligible expenses, including for debris removal; emergency protective measures; roads and bridges; water-control facilities; buildings and equipment; utilities; and parks, recreational facilities and other facilities.

FEMA will reimburse 75 percent of those approved costs, with Minnesota paying the balance.

by Gabe Licht
Editor

What do the Maple Lake Lions and their charitable gambling do for Maple Lake? About \$100,000 in projects and donations to organizations and causes within the community.

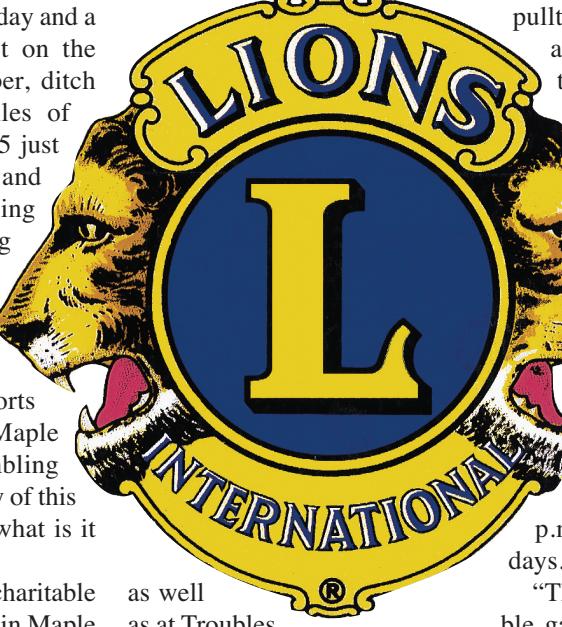
About 45 Lions make up the local club, which is in its 70th year of service. They meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the Maple Lake American Legion Club and anyone is welcome to join. Contact President Jon Fries at 763-516-3656 or Ricci Smelser at 612-518-6451 for more information.

Some of the club's activities include: serving Irish stew during the St. Patrick's Day Festival, selling food during the Gear-Head Get Together, a pancake breakfast and Easter Candy Scramble on Palm Sunday and a fall pancake breakfast on the first Sunday in October, ditch cleanup for three miles of Minnesota Highway 55 just west of Maple Lake and Take a Senior Fishing Day, which is taking place on Saturday, Aug. 2.

In addition to these events, the club sponsors and supports many activities in Maple Lake. Charitable gambling makes the vast majority of this support possible, but what is it and how does it work?

The Lions conduct charitable gambling at three sites in Maple Lake — Madigan's Pub and Grill, The V by HH and Maple Lake

Bowl —



as well as Troubles Restaurant and Bar in Howard Lake.

At Madigan's, they sell pulltabs and host meat raffles at 5:30 p.m. every Friday of the year. They also host meat raffles there at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays from Labor Day to Memorial Day and 1 p.m. on Saturdays between Nov. 1 and May 1, coinciding with bingo at those same times.

At The V by HH, they have pulltabs, as well as meat raffles at 5 p.m. on Fridays and Sundays.

"The purpose behind charitable gambling is to raise funds for the community and the charities that are at work in and

around us," said Randy Mills, the gambling manager for the Lions. "It has a huge impact on our community."

And that's a huge difference between charitable gambling and other forms of gambling. The Minnesota Lottery, scratch-offs, casinos, etc. do nothing to give back to the local community, while charitable gambling profits stay in and around Maple Lake.

In the fiscal year that ended on June 30, the Lions donated \$92,173.34 back to worthy causes and charities.

Almost every youth activity has benefited, as well as most other charitable causes.

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Fishing in memory

by Gabe Licht
Editor

For the third time, Dale Glader, of Maplewood, has won the Christopher Schneider Bass Fishing Tournament, this time with Travis Nordling, of Annandale. The two reeled in six fish totaling 17.22 pounds during the 10th installment of the memorial fishing tournament on Saturday.

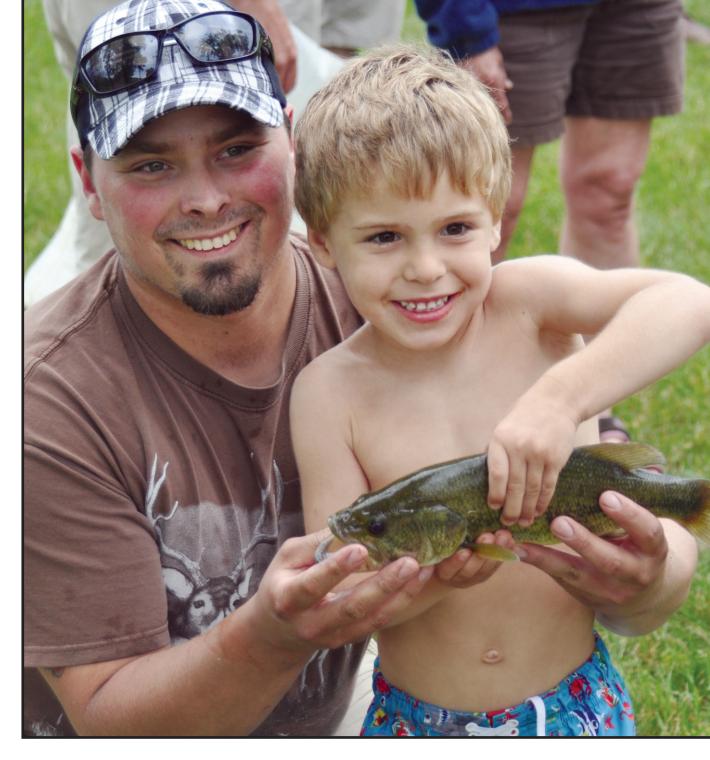
Paul and Wayne Chapman, of Big Lake and Ramsey, re-

spectively, came in second with a six-fish catch of 16.43 pounds.

Reigning champions Jeff and Kelli Johnson had to settle for third with their total of 16.14 pounds.

While Glader took first place, his 4.17-pounder lost to Jack Kiffe's 4.18-pounder for largest fish and the \$280 prize that went with it.

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Airport to have fixed base operator again

by Katie Friedman
Correspondent

A new fixed-base operator will soon be providing aircraft rentals, flight training and maintenance, with the possibility of mechanic training in the future, at the Maple Lake Municipal Airport.

The Maple Lake City Council voted Tuesday, July 15, to grant licensure for fixed base operations at Maple Lake Municipal Airport to Jason Erickson of Ascend Aviation. Erickson, who has been in business for five years, currently owns a flight school with three aircraft in Princeton and is looking to have the same number of aircraft at Maple Lake.

The airport has been functioning without an FBO since the beginning of 2013, when Wright Aero president Bill Mavencamp Jr. officially closed his office there, citing economic reasons as his motivation. A local institution, Wright Aero had provided flight school and charter flight service from the Maple Lake location since the company was launched in 1982. Mavencamp's father, Bill Mavencamp Sr., had been one of the prime movers in getting the airport established in 1967.

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(Top) Nathan Kranz lets Jayden Holt hold one of his six fish. Kranz and Nicole Holt took 11th place with a six-fish total of 9.22 pounds. (Above) Organizers Barb and Bob Schneider pose with their son, Matt Schneider, in front of the banner for the 10th annual Christopher Schneider Bass Fishing Tournament. (Photos by Miranda VanLith)

School board fulfills anti-bullying requirement

by Gabe Licht
Editor

In line with the recent passage of the Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Law, the Maple Lake School Board approved a bullying prohibition policy for the district.

"School districts are required by statute to have an anti-bullying policy," Superintendent Mark Redemske said during the meeting on Monday, July 14.

"I'll be honest with you, I don't know that it's going to change a whole lot from how we try to handle (bullying)," he continued.

Redemske did mention one aspect of battling bullying that existed long before the passage of the law.

"One thing that is a challenge is when something is going on at school and we find out it has something to do with social media at home," Redemske said.

High School Principal Dave Hansen vouched that problems from social media and texting often spill over into the halls of the high school.

He noted that the high school handbook, which was approved by the board the same night, will include a summary of the bullying policy, including the option for students to appeal a suspension related to the policy.

Elementary Principal Kris Harlan noted that Colleen Carlson, a special education teacher at the high school, will be penning an article for the fall school

newsletter about what's new and different.

The language of the school's policy is modeled after the policy recommended by the Minnesota School Board Association.

While the board had discussed the bill at length in the past, including when citizens expressed concerns that the law could infringe upon students' religious freedoms, the mandated policy passed 4-0 with board members Ben Elsenpeter, Joe Paumen and Ed Trager absent.

The wording of the entire policy will be available online, as are all district policies, Redemske said.

In other business, the board:

• Learned that changes in

equalization through the legislative session should save district taxpayers \$98,416 for the 2014 fiscal year.

• Approved the district's 2014-15 health and safety budget at an estimated \$53,741.75, more than the previous year's total of \$32,444.96, as well as a nearly identical number for the 2015-16 budget estimate. Redemske noted that much of the increased cost was due to a fire door by the elementary art door as ordered by the fire marshal, pea rock for the playground and a bleacher certification, at a combined cost of about \$16,900.

• Approved the following personnel changes: the resignation of Nate Rengel as a high school mathematics teacher and

coach effective immediately, the resignation of Karen Carey as high school secretary effective July 17, the hiring of Beth Olson as a high school art teacher at .6 full-time equivalent beginning in the 2014-15 school year, the hiring of Christine Schultz as an early childhood family education and preschool teacher beginning in the 2014-15 school year and the hiring of LuAnn Grant as a cook beginning Sept. 2. The board also learned that Taher has a potential candidate to fill the food service director position vacated by Patrick Peden after the school year. Hansen thanked Carey for her years of service.

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Viewpoint



Brute's Bleat

by Harold Brutlag

The Maple Lake Lakers bounced back Sunday with a 7-6 win over Coon Rapids after losing to Hutchinson 4-2 Friday. Sunday's game kept the fans on the edge of their seats with a slim one-run lead going into the late innings. Jake Johnson came in for pitcher Jeremy Schmidt and preserved the one-run lead. It was a good game to watch, but the Lakers vs. D-C game last Wednesday was better when the Lakers were tied going into the ninth inning. Pitcher Mitch Wurm reached back for a little more and breezed through the top of the ninth and Derek Rachel slammed a walk-off home run to deep left-centerfield with two aboard for the 5-2 win. In my humble opinion the Lakers are the best entertainment in town. They finish out this year's schedule with St. Micheal here Friday night and Moorhead here Sunday afternoon. The only casualty Sunday was yours truly when a gust of wind sent one of the umbrellas airborne and roughed up my face just ahead of my right ear. A Maple Lake fireman in the stands responded to see if I needed any attention, which I appreciated, but all that was necessary was a band-aid from my billfold (something I've been in a habit of carrying, but seldom needed). Earlier I caught the same umbrella, but I didn't see it coming the second time.

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Panfish angling has been an early morning sport for me a couple of times last week with mixed success. They were in about 13-14 feet on Maple Lake, but not as active or as large as earlier in the season. I had 12 keepers in the livewell after about three hours of fun. Friday morning I decided to see if Cedar Lake had anything to offer. It wasn't spectacular, but again I managed to keep 12. There was a lot of fishing action on Cedar besides the two fellows from Clearwater who were doing well bobber fishing, and a local angler. I'm referring to a large flock of cormorants who were busy herding the fish in front of Camp Courage while enjoying a meal. A story by Mike Mosedale (07/16/08) said Little Pelican, which is owned by

the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, is the site of the state's largest colony of double-crested cormorants. And for the last four years, it has also been ground zero for a burgeoning conflict between the fish-eating birds and fish-loving Minnesotans. We've noticed the cormorant numbers seem to have declined at Lake of the Woods the last few years, but I don't know that it has made a difference in walleye numbers.

At the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, regional fisheries manager Henry Drewes said he is convinced that four years of cormorant control has helped to hasten the remarkable recovery of walleyes and yellow perch numbers at Leech Lake. Both species went into steep declines around the time the cormorant colony on Little Pelican Island was booming. "We do know that under lower density of cormorants we've seen a dramatic rebound of walleyes," said Drewes, who also credited intensive walleye stocking and stricter fishing regulations for the comeback. Whatever the cause, gill net sampling last fall (2008) yielded the second highest walleye numbers at Leech Lake since such research began a quarter century ago. In two years, Drewes said, perch numbers went from historic lows to historic highs.

It seems like the cormorants and pelicans choose different lakes each year in Wright County. It wasn't very many years ago that they were considered a problem on Buffalo Lake and only last year they seemed to invade Ramsey Lake in huge numbers and this year Rock has been one of their favorites as well as Cedar Lake.

"I don't know if there's any other bird that people have such a visceral hate for," observed Dr. Linda Wires, a research fellow at the University of Minnesota, who calls the cormorant "the most hated bird in the world." She suspects this is partly a matter of appearance; cormorants are large, black, and resemble an ungainly cross between a crow and a goose.

But, Wires noted, most of the enmity derives from a centuries-old conflict with sport and commercial fishermen, who, despite shaky evidence, remain convinced that the cormorant's robust appetite and skills as a predator are wreaking havoc on fisheries.

"You can document four hundred years of this perception in North America that cormorants are this big destructive force," said Wires. "In fishing communities, there is just such a low tolerance, almost zero tolerance, for cormorants. It doesn't seem to matter much what the data says." (From Mike Mosedale's 2008 story on cormorants).



Pawlenty to Talk About

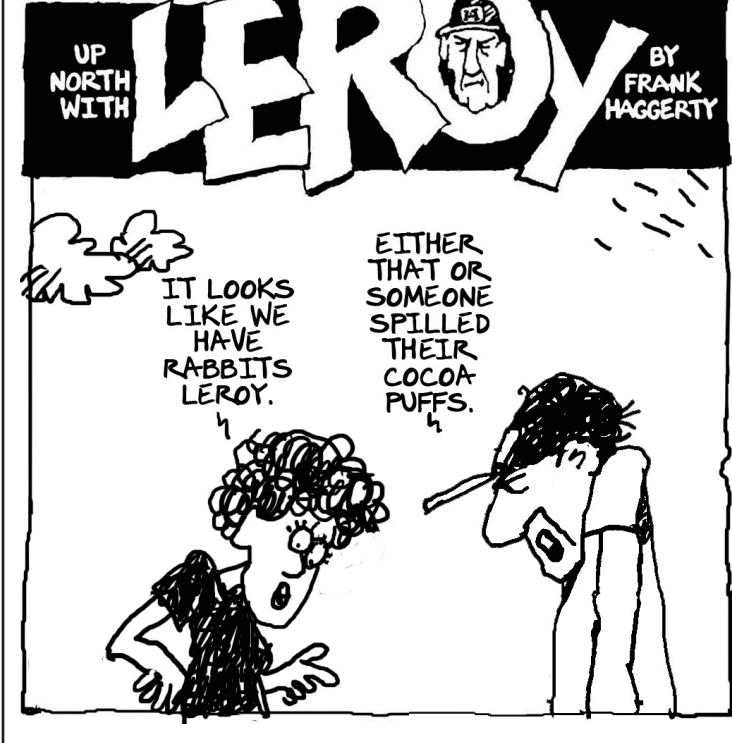
by Ed Pawlenty, Publisher

Yeehaw!!! Summer finally got here. Hopefully, she will stay a little later for us this fall so we can enjoy the lakes a bit longer. I don't know about you all, but this summer seems to be flying by exceptionally fast with so few opportunities to do the fun stuff like fishing, pontooning or just all around goofing off. Maybe some of you might have some advice, but I thought after the kids went to college and started their own lives, we parents would get a breather on the being so busy.... Oh well.

For me, this year has been one nonstop project after the other. With the winter from (you know where) and all the spring rain, I was off to a very late start on my outside projects. Trying to ready a house for sale in the cities was an experience I wish upon no one. Uncovering hidden gems of the past stored in closets, cabinets, garage and basement and then deciding what to do with them is exhausting. I did not know we had so much stuff cubby-holed all over the place. I felt like I was on an archeological dig to uncover our past life... so many treasures. There were even boxes of stuff from when I moved out of my parents' house after I got married... and my college books... ahh, the memories (Oops, she is yelling at me to get back to work... better start making some moving noise).

While I think the things I find are all treasures, my wife thinks I'm a pain in the (you know what). She wants me to either donate or throw it all out ("but, honey, the things I'm finding are unbelievable"). There were toys I remember playing with the kids (of course, the kids say it was just me playing with the toys), electrical/plumbing supplies I never used... meant to, and even an old stereo with turntable. I asked if she had found any great rock 'n roll records... wanted to see if the stereo still worked (she answered "get back to work"). Next to be uncovered was a brand new headlamp for deer hunting... still in the sealed package... been looking for it. (Next season, I'll be able to see just how lost I am in the woods).

In an effort to lighten up our long days of cleaning, I would make a big deal over finding something long lost just to watch her reaction (I think she now wants to donate or toss me away... better go make some more moving noise). I think in the final assessment, if we measure our lives by the trail of "treasures" we still have in the house, then we have had a very good life. Raising two great kids and all the "busy" we can handle during 29 years of life together must have been pretty good... I was just too busy to notice 'til now.



ping so you don't accidentally buy duplicates. (While you're at it, share, sell or donate unwanted items.)

Spread clothing purchases throughout the year so your kids don't outgrow everything at once. Many stores hold fall clearance sales to make room for holiday merchandise.

Review the school's dress code so you don't waste money on inappropriate clothing.

Although shopping online can save money, time and gas, don't forget to factor in shipping and return costs, which could undo any net savings. If your kids are old enough, put them in charge of online comparison shopping and coupon clipping.

Ask which school supplies you're expected to buy. Go in with other families to take advantage of volume discounts and sales.

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Motorcycle vs. golf cart crash kills one

An accident involving a golf cart and motorcycle on Saturday afternoon has left one person dead.

Wright County deputies responded to the accident at 17205 46th St. NW near Wright County Highway 2 in

French Lake Township at 3:40 p.m.

The driver and lone occupant of the motorcycle, Eric Lefebvre, 51, of Buffalo, was pronounced dead at the scene. He was wearing a helmet.

The driver and lone occu-

pant of the golf cart, Korie Schiel, 36, of Chaska, was treated for minor injuries and released at the scene. South Haven rescue and Allina Ambulance assisted at the scene.

The Wright County Sheriff's Office is investigating the

crash.

Lefebvre was an OB/GYN in Monticello and Buffalo and a father of four.

Golf carts are unauthorized on roads but communities can enact an ordinance allowing them on streets.

July 21 Wright County Sheriff's report

On July 14, Angela Ann Fries, 28, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo on the charges of third-degree DWI.

On July 14, Matthew Lee Grindeland, 36, of Howard Lake, was arrested in Buffalo on a Wright County warrant for a weapon possession violation.

On July 14, Luke Jordan Sheppard, 25, of Delano, was arrested in Delano on a Wright County apprehension and detention order for a probation violation.

On July 14, Faith Mari DeGroat, 25, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo on a Wright County warrant for theft.

On July 15, Georgia Marie Nyberg, 45, of Monticello, was arrested in Buffalo on a Minnesota Department of Corrections apprehension and detention order for a third-degree controlled substance violation.

On July 15, Samuel Raymond Schaffer, 22, no permanent address, was arrested in Buffalo on a Wright County apprehension and detention order for a probation violation.

On July 15, Brian Thomas Bloomquist, 39, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Waverly on the charge of fugitive from justice, and a Wisconsin Department of Corrections warrant for a probation violation.

On July 16, Seth Adam Leonard, 36, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello Township on the charges of possession of burglary tools, fourth-degree burglary, possession of stolen property and theft.

On July 16, Chad Dean Moen, 21, of Otsego, was arrested in Sherburne County on a Wright County warrant for disorderly conduct.

On July 17, Keith James Peterson, 45, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo on a Wright County warrant for assault.

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William Erickson, 35, of Cokato, was arrested in Annandale on a Minnesota Gambling Enforcement Division warrant for gambling fraud.

On July 18, John Charles Wagner, 29, of Annandale, was arrested in Buffalo on a Wright County warrant for fleeing.

On July 18, Shannon Lynn Barnett, 34, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello on a Scott County warrant for domestic assault by strangulation.

On July 18, Shawn Edward Glover, 36, of Rockford, was arrested in Buffalo on the charge of false name to a police officer, a Wright County warrant for synthetic drug possession and a Douglas County warrant for trespassing.

On July 19, Patrick John Schumm, 41, of St. Michael, was arrested in Buffalo on the charge of third-degree DWI.

On July 19, Trevor Steven Kruse, 25, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello on the charge of violation of a court order.

On July 19, Chad Eric Zink, 36, of Buffalo, was arrested in Silver Creek Township on the charge of third-degree DWI.

On July 20, Kari Ann Hoglund Kounkel, 44, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello on the charges of fourth-degree assault and obstruction of force.

On July 20, Kyle Allen Keck, 26, of Buffalo, was arrested in Corinna Township on a Wright County warrant for a driving restriction.

There were 19 property-damage accidents, five personal-injury accidents, no hit-and-run accidents and two car-deer accidents.

There were three arrests for DWI, two underage-consumption arrests, no school bus stop arm violations and 89 tickets for miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.

July 18 Wright County Attorney's report

Boutin, Robert John, 46, of Delano, sentenced July 11 for Probation Violations for Felony Controlled Substance Crime in the Fifth Degree to one year and one day prison. Sentenced by Judge Strand.

Doll, Tina Christine, 38, of Monticello, sentenced July 11 for Gross Misdemeanor Third Degree DWI to 365 days jail, \$3,000 fine; 355 days, \$2,600 stayed for two years on conditions of probation, serve 10 days jail, pay \$400 fine plus surcharges, complete an anger management program and follow all recommendations, stay out of Willy McCoys, have no same or similar violations. Sentenced by Judge Mottl.

Lerum, Jacob Andrew, 27, of Monticello, sentenced July 11 for Probation Violations for Gross Misdemeanor Second Degree DWI to 60 days jail. Sentenced by Judge Mott.

Sandeen, Sheryl Ann, 42, of Otsego, sentenced July 14 for Probation Violations for Gross Misdemeanor Second Degree DWI to 10 days jail. Sentenced by Judge McPherson.

Stolt, Steven Kenneth, 24, of Rockford, sentenced July 11 for Gross Misdemeanor Criminal Vehicular Operation to 365 days jail, \$3,000 fine; 335 days, \$2,500 stayed for two years on conditions of probation, serve 30 days jail, pay \$500 fine plus surcharges, pay restitution, complete a Level I driving program and provide proof, attend Awareness Panel for Impaired Drivers, attend a support group, have no use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs, submit to random testing, serve 20 days on electronic home monitoring, have no same or similar violations. Sentenced by Judge Mottl.

Hipp, Isaac Martin, 19, of Monticello, sentenced July 17 for Probation Violations for Simple Robbery to 30 days jail. Sentenced for Probation Violations for Misdemeanor Assault in the Fifth Degree to 30 days jail, concurrent. Sentenced by Judge McPherson.

Hudek, Jonathan James, 28, of St. Michael, sentenced July 11 for Misdemeanor Assault in the Fifth Degree to 90 days jail, \$1,000 fine; 86 days, \$700 stayed for one year on conditions of probation, serve 4 days.

Welker, Nicholas Lynn, 29, of Clearwater, sentenced July 11 for Probation Violations for Felony Stalking to 90 days jail. Sentenced by Judge Strand.

Business Brief

The V patio grand opening is July 31



Patrons enjoy lunch and beverages on the patio at The V by HH. Owner Harnanan (Harney) Heeralall said plans for the patio began a year ago when customers began asking for it. The patio will be open daily with the same hours as the bar. It will also be open for small and large parties. Heeralall plans to have music on the patio one time per month when weather permits. Though the patio has been open for a few weeks, the grand opening for it will kick off at 7:31 p.m. Thursday with a band playing until close.

(Photo by Michele Pawlenty)

County budget season to begin soon

by John Holler
Correspondent

One sure sign of summer is when county commissioners begin budget preparations. Over the next two months, the Wright County Board of Commissioners will be preparing their 2015 draft budget and certified levy. At the July 15 meeting of the county board, the commissioners discussed the process that will be taken to determine the budget and levy numbers.

"The biggest thing for us is that we want to make sure that we keep the budgets and levy as low as reasonably possible," Commissioner Charlie Borrell said. "Last year, we had four new commissioners coming on board and, while we all had experience with budgets, the scope of the county budget process was a little overwhelming."

Commissioner (Pat) Sawatzke was invaluable to us because of his experience with doing county budgets. This time around, we're all up to speed and we will have more time to spend on budgets this year than we had last year."

In its 2014 session, the state legislature pushed back the date that preliminary budget and levy numbers had to be approved from late August to

Sept. 30. The county board will use the extra time to prioritize goals for projects that will need to be done in the county in the coming years, ranging from technological needs, equipment purchases, space availability at the county courthouse and the need to plan for existing and future facilities.

Part of the process will include having department heads present a five-to-10-year plan for their needs when they present their budget requests so the board can be aware of those needs and prioritize them within departments and rank the needs from one department against those of other departments. The county has a history of turning back funds unused from a year's budget, but Auditor/Treasurer Bob Hiivala cautioned the board not to rely on turn-back funds because they aren't guaranteed.

The board will schedule budget committee of the whole meetings over the next two months, in which the process of reviewing and approving department budgets will take place. Borrell said he anticipates a lot of work being involved but the process will likely be easier this year than it was last year.

"We're going to go through

every budget and determine what we need, both in the short-term and the long-term," Borrell said. "The additional time will give us the opportunity to take a more comprehensive look at what we're facing in the future. We're going to do our best to keep our budgets and levy as close to the current numbers as we can, but we're not going to simply cut things to have a low number. We're responsible to the residents of Wright County and we're going to work to keep the costs down while providing a level of service they can expect from us. It's not always easy but, with the experience we got last year from doing the budget process, there will likely be fewer surprises because we've been through this before."

In other business the board:

• Approved a request from the city of Albertville to acquire 17 tax-forfeited parcels. Under state law, if a local government seeks to acquire tax-forfeited property for a public purpose, it is given precedence to purchase the properties at the determined value of the property.

• Authorized signatures on a lease agreement between the county on behalf of the Beebe Lake Regional Park and the

Three Rivers Park District, which is part of the Hennepin County Park Reserve District.

• Approved the parks department to continue a program called "Kids Don't Float," which is sponsored by Cabela's, to provide personal flotation devices at Cedar Lake. The program, also sponsored by the Cedar Lake Conservation Club, seeks to educate the public to the dangers of water and the need for wearing life jackets.

• Was introduced to new property appraiser Mike Vanderlinde, who will be assigned to conduct property appraisals in the Otsego area.

• Approved a request by the assessor's office to use a room that formerly housed the sheriff's department dispatch area for the storage and retention of records. State law requires assessment records to be retained for at least seven years, with many required to be retained indefinitely. The plan is to eventually move the assessor's office to the vacated sheriff's area.



**LAURYN,
GOOD LUCK AT
AQUATENNIAL!**

From the Maple Lake Ambassadors Committee

During Lauryn's week at Aquatennial, cards, flowers, etc. may be sent to Lauryn Anerud/Maple Lake, Aquatennial Hospitality Room, Marriott City Center Hotel, 30 S. 7th St., Minneapolis, MN, 55402.

July 21 Maple Lake Fire Department Report

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

July 21, 8:30 a.m.: Lift assist, no ambulance transportation.

July 20, 2:05 p.m.: Medical. Patient transferred to Allina Ambulance.

July 19, 9:15 p.m.: Water rescue, 11981 County Road 8 NW, Silver Creek Twp. No ambulance transportation necessary for five people involved. Wright County Sheriff's Department cancelled rescue operations as well.

July 19, 3:47 a.m.: Medical. Patient didn't require ambulance transportation.

July 18, 8:30 a.m.: Medical.

Patient transported by Maple Lake Ambulance to the Buffalo Hospital ER.

July 17, 5:02 p.m.: Medical. Patient transported by Maple Lake Ambulance to the Buffalo Hospital ER.

July 16, 11:43 a.m.: Medical. Patient transported by Maple Lake Ambulance to the Buffalo Hospital ER.

July 14, 5:26 p.m.: Medical. Patient transported by Maple Lake Ambulance to the Buffalo Hospital ER.

July 14, 11:05 a.m.: Medical. Patient transported by Maple Lake Ambulance to the Buffalo Hospital ER.

There were no fire emergencies during the same time period.



Community



Meetings

July 24: AA & Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m., Buffalo Evangelical Free Church, 2051 50th St. NE, County Rds. 25 & 113.

July 26: AA, 7:30 p.m., Buffalo Evangelical Free Church, 2051 50th St. NE, County Rds. 25 & 113.

July 28: Al-Anon and Men's 12 Step Group, 7:30 p.m., Buffalo Evangelical Free Church, 2015 50th St. NE, County Rds. 25 & 113.

July 29: Gamblers Anonymous & AA, 7:30 p.m., Buffalo Evangelical Free Church, 2051 50th St. NE, County Rds. 25 & 113.

July 29: Celebrate Recovery (non-denominational Christian-based recovery program), 7 p.m., Monticello Covenant Church; 763-295-2112.

July 29: Annandale Lakers



And that's the way it was . . .

The Way It Was 15 Years Ago This Week.

Andy Hudek, Maple Lake volunteer and civic leader, died at the age of 57 of pancreatic cancer. ... Tom Pogatchnik took on the position of president at First National Bank in Maple Lake following the retirement of Doyle Van Dyne. ... At The Marketplace, one pound of seedless grapes could be purchased for \$1.19. ... *And That's The Way It Was Five Years Ago This Week.*

At Cenex Lake Region Co-Op, an eight-pound bag of ice cost \$0.89. ... Summer Fun Fest was set to begin with over 100 clowns from throughout the United States taking to the football field and performing. ... Matthew L. Dalbec, 20, of Waverly, was the object of a search following a 911 call reporting a 3-wheeler accident. Dalbec could not be found by searches, even those including a helicopter with a heat sensor. Dalbec was later reported to be at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia, but the explanation of his arrival was unavailable. ... *And That's*

A motor on an air conditioner at Wright Theatre sent 200-300 kids scampering into the street after it malfunctioned and filled the theatre with smoke. ... At Andy's Red Owl, 25-35 pound watermelons could be purchased for just \$0.69. ... Customers at Dirck's Bros. Fairway Foods could purchase six popsicles for the low price of \$0.15. ... *And That's The Way It Was 50 Years Ago This Week.*

Accessing Resources.

For appointments or questions, call 763-682-7717, or toll-free at 1-800-362-3667, ext. 7717. 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, July 24: Marketplace, Cokato

Monday, July 28: Rockwood's Grill, Otsego

Tuesday, July 29: Roger's BP Amoco, Maple Lake

Wednesday, July 30 - Sunday, August 3: Wright County Fair, Howard Lake

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

Wright County Public Health offers cholesterol testing in the Wellness on Wheels (WOW) van. For WOW van sites, appointments or questions, call Rosemary at 682-7717 or toll free, 1-800-362-3667, Ext. 7717. 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 Behaviors, such as Smoking, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Unsafe Sex; Information and Assistance in

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, August 5: Rockford Walnut Place Apartments, 8830 Walnut Place, Rockford

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

SUDOKU

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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 8

BCT's musical 'The Producers'

This summer, Buffalo Community Theater has sparkly showgirls, outrageous comedians and dancing Nazis. It's all part of the spoof salute to Broadway written by Mel Brooks, known as The Producers, playing its last three performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

In this musical comedy, has-been producer Max Bialystock and timid accountant Leo Bloom hatch a plan to put on the worst Broadway show possible, have it close in one evening, then take the backers' money and escape to Rio. But plans go uproariously awry when their awful show, "Springtime for Hitler" becomes a surprise hit.

Director Erin Walsh calls the

show "a complete romp through all things Broadway, where no one is spared from a good skewering - from blondes, to little old ladies, to accountants, to Nazis."

Tickets are available through the BCT website at BCTMN.org. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The production runs Thursday July 24 through Saturday July 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the air-conditioned Buffalo High School Performing Arts Center. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board and the Central Minnesota Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



Budding playwright of "Springtime for Hitler," Franz Leibling, (Chad Carter, front) sings of Old Bavaria with two of his pigeons (Liz Walker, left, and Jessica Johnson, right)



Sweet but lonely ladies (left to right, Becca Kittel, Liz Walker, and Barb Stoffel) explain their romantic needs in no uncertain terms before launching into a dance number including twelve little old ladies --with some surprises--, twelve walkers, and intricate choreography.

Senior Dining Menu July 28 - August 1

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, July 28

Mushroom & Onion Pork Chop, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream, Creamed Peas, Bread, Applesauce

TUESDAY, July 29

Tator-Tot Casserole, Crunchy Romaine Salad, Dinner Roll, Ce

ner Roll, Fresh Strawberries, Brownie

WEDNESDAY, July 30

Spaghetti Noodles, Tomato-Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Pears

THURSDAY, July 31

Roasted Turkey, Whipped Potatoes w/Gravy, Broccoli Salad, Wheat Bread, Cranapple Crunch

FRIDAY, Aug. 1

Salmon Loaf, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream, Peas in Cream Sauce, Wheat Dinner Roll, Ce

real Bar

Programs & Events

Upcoming Red Cross blood drives

Donors of all types are encouraged to help save lives. Appointments to give blood can be made by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visiting redcrossblood.org. Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Wright County: **July 28** from 1-7 p.m. at American Legion, 505 Pine St., Clearwater; **July 28** from 8 a.m. 2 p.m. at Buffalo High School, 877 Bison Blvd., Buffalo.

Home Stretch first-time home buyer's seminar

Wright County Community Action (WCCA) offers a first-time home buyer's seminar which will cover a variety of topics related to the home buying process. The next seminar is Saturday, **July 26**, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Albertville City Hall, 5959 Main Ave. NE, Albertville. To register, call WCCA at (320) 963-6500, ext. 231.

Country Music Festival is Sunday

Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Maple Lake will be hosting its 21st country music festival on Sunday, **July 27**. In addition to the country worship service at 9:30 a.m., Holy Cross will be hosting a pork chop dinner from 5-7 p.m. and a FREE country music festival at both 5 and 7, with a silent auction from 5 to 6:30 p.m. People of the community are welcome to attend. A bake sale will take place prior to the morning service: 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Proceeds will fund Missions and Outreach programs. Holy Cross Lutheran Church is located on County Road 8 in Maple Lake, just one mile north of the stoplights at Highway 55. For more information, call the church at 763-463-9447.

Pie and ice cream social is July 30

Bethlehem United Church of Christ, on County Road 37 in Maple Lake, will host a pie and ice cream social from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, **July 30**. The event will include entertainment by congregation members. It is a special benefit for Michael Day and family. Michael recently underwent serious back surgery and had an extended recovery stay at the Mayo Clinic. All proceeds from this event will help with Michael's medical bills. For more information contact Sue Johnson at 763-878-2051.

All Star Clown Show is Aug. 2

The All Star Clown Show will take place Saturday, **Aug. 2**, at the Buffalo Civic Center (1306 Co. Rd. 134, Buffalo). Free face painting will begin at 6 p.m. with the free show at 6:30 p.m. See 99 clowns perform classic circus routines and silly stunts, perfect for children of all ages. See "All Star Clown Show" on Facebook or visit www.mooseburger.com to learn more about the show and the Mooseburger Clown Camp, which produces it.

Take a Senior Fishing is Aug. 2

Take a Senior Fishing will take place on Saturday, **Aug. 2**. Seniors will be picked up at 8:30 a.m. and pontoons will depart from the Maple Lake beach area at 9 a.m. The event will conclude around noon with a meal at the Senior Dining site at Maple Manor. For reservations, please call Gabe Licht at 963-3813 by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, **July 31**. For more information, please call Steve Loch at 963-3727. This free event is being sponsored by the Maple Lake Lions.

Maple Lake Ambassadors at the Library Aug. 6

The Maple Lake Ambassadors will be at the Maple Lake Library on Wednesday, **Aug. 6**, from 1-3 p.m. They will be doing princess-themed crafts with anyone who would like to join.

Chamber golf outing is Aug. 12

The 79th annual Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce golf outing will take place on Tuesday, **Aug. 12**, at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Registration is required, with a deadline of Tuesday, July 29. Golfers are asked to check in by 3:30 p.m., with a shotgun start to follow at 4 p.m. The event will include nine holes of golf with a cart and will feature a four-person scramble format, with dinner to follow. Individuals and smaller teams may be combined. Individuals who don't want to golf may pay to just attend the dinner. For more information, contact Ed Trager at 320-963-3914 or Paul Manuel at 320-963-3163.

'Dog Days of Summer' brunch is Aug. 14

It's the "Dog Days of Summer" in more ways than one. Not only is it the theme for a great brunch that ladies won't want to miss, at 9:30 a.m. **Aug. 14**, at Reichel's Event Center in Annandale, it's also the focus of the feature. Wright County deputy Josh Tester with his K-9 partner, Vader, will talk about how they keep the community safe. To round out the morning, there will be special music by Bev Sorensen, of Annandale, and encouragement by speaker Ellen Bergmann of Flandreau, SD, whose theme is "Help in the Midst of Crisis." Make your reservations by calling Dawn at 612-723-3905, Betsy at 320-274-5419 or email at liired.schramm@gmail.com. This event is sponsored by Stonecroft Ministries.

Maple Lake Library programs see page 9

Submit community programs and events to news@maplekagemessenger.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.

DNR question of the week

Q: How old do muskie get, and how long does it take to grow a 50-inch?

A: The oldest muskellunge I have aged was 22 years, and muskellunge in Canadian waters have been aged up to 30 years old.

In both cases, ages were assessed using the cleithrum, a calcified structure that requires lethal sampling and is collected from harvested fish. Anglers bring into taxidermy shops.

Traditional aging methods

used scales because they were easy to sample and fish didn't have to be sacrificed. Various studies have since found the scale aging method underestimates age, particularly for larger fish.

Growth and ultimate size can vary among bodies of water, depending on factors such as lake productivity, forage and genetics. Depending on the body of water, muskellunge in Minnesota could take 13 to 21 years to reach 50 inches.

People

Birth Announcement



Birth:

Nick and Kayla Goelz of Maple Lake are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Khloe Marie, born June 18, 2014. She weighed 9 pounds, 3.8 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed home by her proud brother, Jack, and her proud grandparents, Dan and Lesa Rigenhagen of Maple Lake, and Jim and Carol Goelz of Maple Lake.

Church

BETHLEHEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
400 County Rd. 37 NE, Maple Lake
Ph.: 320-963-3118
www.bethucml@gmail.com
mfritz@ants.edu
Interim Pastor: Michael Fritz
SUN.: 9:30 a.m., Worship; Semi-annual Congregational Meeting.
WED.: 6-8 p.m., Pie and Ice Cream Social; 6:30 p.m., NA.

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!
SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m., Bring Your Own Bible & Refreshments; 9:30 a.m., Worship.
MON.: 1 p.m., Quilters, First of All Prayer Group.
WED.: 6 p.m., Worship on Wednesday; 7 p.m., Sr. High Youth, Bring Your Own Bible & Refreshments.

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.: 763-878-2820, 320-333-8636
Pastor: Rev. George W. Sagisso 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.
FRI.: 10 a.m., Women's Bible Study.
SAT.: 7:30 a.m., Bible Doctrine; 9:45 a.m., Evangelism.
SUN.: 8:15 a.m., Prayer; 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., Worship; 9:45 a.m., Fellowship; 6 p.m., Gospel Life.
MON.: 9 a.m., Grandmas in Prayer; 7 p.m., Men's Bible Study.
TUES.: 5:45 p.m., Evangelism; 7 p.m., Celebrate Recovery.
WED.: 2 p.m., Young at Heart; 7 p.m., SR Worship.

ANNANDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
250 Oak Ave. N., Box 329, Annan.
Ph.: 320-274-5127
www.mumac.org/~annandaleumc
Pastor: Ruth Hogabo
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.
WED.: 4:30 p.m., 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.

55+ Driver Improvement Program

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

July 31st (4Hr. Refresher Course) 12 - 4 p.m., St. Michael-Crow River Sr. Center, 11800 Town Center Dr. NE, St. Michael

August 7th (4Hr. Refresher Course) 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Delano Sr. Center, 234 2nd St. N., PO Box 108, Delano

August 12th (4Hr. Refresher Course) 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Big Lake Independence Elem. School/Com. Ed., 701 Minnesota Ave., Big Lake

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.mnsafetycenter.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.

Obituary

David Fred Larson, Monticello



David Fred Larson, age 70, of Monticello, died on Monday July 14, 2014, from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident which occurred in St. Michael. Visitation was 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 18, at Peterson-Grimsmo Chapel, 250 East Broadway, Monticello. There was a prayer service at 5:30 p.m. Further visitation was one hour prior to the funeral at the church on Saturday. Mass of Christian Burial was 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 19, at St. Henry Catholic Church, 1001 East Seventh Street, Monticello. Fr. Tony VanderLoop officiated. Interment was at St. Henry Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are with the Peterson-Grimsmo Chapel of Monticello.

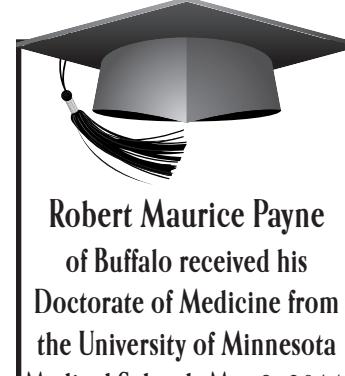
He was preceded in death by his parents, Rueben and Pauline, sister, Sharon Remer and brother, Duwayne Larson. David is survived by his loving wife, Sharon; son, Kevin (Anne) Larson, of Clearwater; daughter, Paula (Todd) Roberts, of Monticello; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Loren (Linda) Larson, of Buffalo; several nieces and nephews; and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

In Loving Memory Of Vickie Lynn Otten Who died July 28, 1986

It's been 28 years since you left us. Your memory grows stronger each year. We think about you every day. We miss you so much. Greatly missed by your family, the family of Vickie Lynn Otten

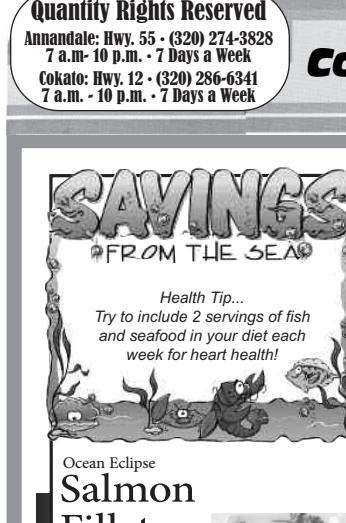


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
to the best mom & grandma, Sandy.
75 years never looked so good!
We love you
OX your family



Robert Maurice Payne of Buffalo received his Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Minnesota Medical School, May 9, 2014.

Robert is the son of R. Lynn and Molly Payne. Grandparents are Phyllis Smith & the late Maurice (Bud) Smith of Buffalo and the late Roland & Fran Payne of Buffalo.



Ocean Eclipse Salmon Fillets
\$4.79
1.5 lb pkg

Fresh Frozen Walleye Fillets
\$6.99
16 oz pkg

Fresh Frozen Pollock Fish Fillets
\$2.19
2 lb

Cold Water Lobster Tails
\$5.79
4 oz pkg

Blue Wave Cooked Shrimp
\$9.99
16 oz pkg

Fresh Frozen Cod Loin Fillets
\$4.89
1 lb

Meals in Minutes Grilled Dill Salmon
2 T Olive Oil
1 T Lemon Juice
1/2 tsp Salt
1 tsp Dill Weed
1/8 tsp Crushed Red Pepper
4 Salmon Fillets

Preheat grill. Place olive oil, lemon juice, salt, dill weed, and red pepper in small bowl. Stir to combine. Place salmon fillets on grill and brush with half the seasoned oil. Grill 7 min. Turn salmon, brush with remaining seasoned oil. Grill for an additional 5-7 min until flaky.

Coke Products
12 pack cans
6 pack 24 oz btl
8 pack 12 oz btl
3/\$9

BAKERY SPECIAL

1 lb loaf
Cottage Bread
\$1.99

6 ct pkg
Mini Caramel Pecan Rolls
\$2.99

THE MARKETPLACE

TOP SIRLOIN STEAK \$5.49
lb

Boneless Beef

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Bass tournament

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Kiffe was joined by his wife, Mary. Together, the team finished fourth with a total of 14.49 pounds.

Rounding out the field were: 5th: Bill Niccum and Justin Helland, of Mound, 12.88 pounds; 6th: Kris Merters and Mark Stowe, 12.41 pounds; 7th: Brad Seivert, of St. Michael, and Aaron Anderson, of Ramsey, 10.55; 8th: Don Schauf and Chandler Rask, of Maple Lake,

9.76 pounds; 9th: Chad Chapman, of Ramsey, and David Asp, of Birchwood, 9.63 pounds; 10th: Shane Caughey, of Maple Lake, and Jake McCarty, of Coon Rapids, 9.48; 11th: Nicole Holt and Nathan Kranz, of Monticello, 9.22 pounds; 12th: Mark Ronning, of Bagley, and Tom McFarlane, of Anoka, 8.84 pounds; 13th: Vern Wagner, of Minneapolis, and Fred Poehlmann, 7.41 pounds; 14th:

Brandon Andres and Matt Schneider, of Clearwater, 6.88 pounds; and 15th: Adam Dalum and Hunter Dalum, of Maple Lake, 6.14 pounds.

Organizer Barb Schneider said the event went well.

"They all brought in fish, so that's a good thing," Schneider said.

Despite a light sprinkle earlier in the day, the weather cleared and cooperated for the bulk of

the tournament and the weigh-in. Pleasant weather also boosted the number of spectators, including kids who participated in the Casting Kids competition.

Kylie Schwanke won the 7-11 age bracket, followed by last year's winner, Jaleal Gray, and a three-way tie between Jazlynn Baker, Maggie Johnson and Kennedy Fercho for third.

Winning the 15-18 division was Justin Klapake.

The profits from the tournament will go toward three \$500 scholarships for Maple Lake High School students.

Those scholarships are one way to remember Christopher Schneider, who was killed in a car accident on April 27, 2003, during his junior year at MLHS. He was an avid bass fisherman, leading to the formation of the tournament in his honor every year since his passing.



(Top) Maggie Johnson focuses as she competes in the Casting Kids competition. She tied for third with her cousin, Kennedy Fercho, and Jazlynn Baker. (Above, left) Boats begin to come in for the 3 p.m. weigh-in. (Above, right) Barb Schneider laughs and points to Dale Glader, who Jack Kiffe, center, beat by .01 of a pound in the big bass competition, which paid \$280. Laughing along is Bob Schneider's brother, Doug Schneider, who helped weigh in fish. (Photos by Miranda VanLith)



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Sports

Lakers go 2-1 to conclude regular season

by Matt Brown
Sports Writer

The Lakers wrapped up the regular season Sunday, finishing first in the North Star League with a 20-2 record. The Lakers will have the top seed in the Region 12C tournament, which will be in Maple Lake starting July 30.

Dassel-Cokato Saints 2

Maple Lake Lakers 5

The Lakers hosted a spirited D-C Saints team who was looking to avenge a 10-3 loss earlier in the year.

The Saints put pressure on early, putting men in scoring position in the early innings before they managed to get two across in the top of the third.

Starting pitcher Mitch Wurm helped himself in the fifth by scoring the first Laker run while Derek Rachel added another to tie the game.

The Saints buckled down after giving up the lead, changing pitchers and largely shutting down the Laker offense. Dassel's pitcher started to waiver in the ninth and the Lakers were able to capitalize, putting two men on before Rachel blasted a walk-off, three-run home run over the left-center fence, securing the win and the regular-season title.

Wurm pitched all nine innings and gave up seven hits and one walk with eight strikeouts.

Stats

	AB	R	H	RBI
M. Bergstr	5	0	1	0
N. Johnson	1	1	0	0
C. Raiche	5	0	0	0
D. Decker	4	1	1	0
M. Wurm	5	0	2	1
B. Redemske	4	1	0	0
D. Rachel	5	1	3	4
R. Decker	2	0	1	0
TOTAL	35	2	8	1

L. Fobbe	3	0	1	0
T. Queck	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	34	5	9	5

Maple Lake Lakers 2	Hutchinson Huskies 4
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The Lakers ended their North Star League season in Hutchinson Friday night with a close loss to the Huskies.

Maple Lake scored first in the top of the second, only to have Hutchinson even the score later in the inning.

The Huskies scored in the third, only to have the Lakers answer back in the fourth.

Maple Lake managed to get hits throughout the game but had trouble stringing them together.

Hutchinson put together a two-run rally in the eighth that the Lakers could not match in the ninth.

Ben Jungers started and went seven innings, giving up five hits and four walks with five strikeouts for a no decision. Todd Fuller closed out the game giving up two hits and one walk with two strikeouts.

	AB	R	H	RBI
M. Bergstrom	5	0	1	0
N. Johnson	4	0	1	0
C. Raiche	4	0	0	0
D. Decker	4	0	1	0
T. Fuller	4	0	1	0
B. Redemske	4	1	1	0
D. Rachel	4	0	1	0
B. Russell	3	1	1	0
L. Fobbe	2	0	0	1
M. Wurm	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	32	7	10	5

starting pitcher Jeremy Schmidt and the Lakers early, putting up one in the first inning. Maple Lake came back aggressively, scoring three in the first and one in the second.

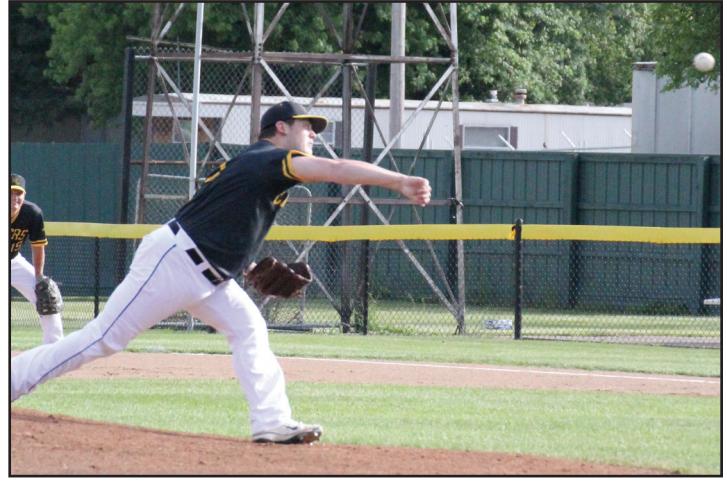
The scoring for both teams see-sawed until the seventh inning, when pitching and defense for both sides kept the score locked at 7-6.

Schmidt went 6.1 innings, giving up 11 hits, no walks and recording five strikeouts. Jake Johnson went 2.2 innings of relief, giving up no hits, four walks and fanning four Redbirds.

Luke Fobbe had three hits, Brian Redemske got a triple and a stolen base and the team totaled eight walks.

Stats

	AB	R	H	RBI
B. Redemske	3	1	2	2
M. Bergstrom	4	1	1	0
D. Decker	3	2	1	1
T. Fuller	4	1	1	1
M. Wurm	3	1	0	1
D. Rachel	3	0	1	0
B. Russell	4	0	1	0
R. Gruenhagen	4	0	0	0
L. Fobbe	4	1	3	0
TOTAL	32	7	10	5



Ben Jungers gave up five hits, four walks and five strikeouts in the Lakers' loss to the Hutchinson Huskies. (File photos)



Dusty Decker recorded two hits, two runs and an RBI in the Lakers' last three games of the season.

Legion team's season ends despite putting up a fight

by Gabe Hance
Sports Writer

Maple Lake Legion 4

Rockford Legion 3

Maple Lake Legion Post 131 squared off against Rockford Legion Post 102 on Wednesday, July 16, a playoff game. Maple Lake needed the win to have a chance to move on to the state tournament in Browerville. Maple Lake also needed Rockford to beat Howard Lake the next day to move on. The game was initially scheduled for July 7, but was cancelled due to rain. Maple Lake was the away team but played at Irish Stadium, due to lack of fields in Rockford.

An early high-scoring game began to emerge in the first three innings as Post 131's bottom of the lineup loaded the bases in the top of the second, but couldn't drive in any runs after pop-ups to the infield. Rockford also left two runners in scoring position in the bottom of the second.

Both teams scored in the third. Maple Lake scored two runs off three, back-to-back-to-back hits from Jack Seibert, Nick Preisinger and Damian Kaley. Rockford, again, repeated after Maple Lake. They drove in their first run with a man on first and back-to-back errors, putting a man on third with only one out and making the score 2-1 in favor of Post 131. A single from Drew VanDehey tied the game up at 2-2.

Maple Lake put constant pressure on Rockford, chewing through their bullpen and causing three pitchers to come in relief for Rockford. Rockford, however, managed to do the same against Post 131's starter, Tony Goelz. Four defensive errors gave Rockford a chance to hold on and stick with Maple Lake's ever-present offense. Three out of the four errors resulted in runs, giving Rockford

three key runs to keep their post-season hopes alive.

The top of the fifth inning started off with a leadoff error, putting Cal Redemske on first. A single from Seibert moved Redemske into scoring position. An unexpected bunt from Preisinger moved both runners into scoring position and almost gave Maple Lake a bases-loaded situation, but Preisinger was thrown out by one stride. A wild pitch drove in Redemske giving Maple Lake a 3-2 lead.

Rockford engineered momentum in the bottom of the fifth with a lead-off single from Brandon Schumaker. A throwing error coming from Goelz and a stolen base put Schumaker on third with no outs. With a tie to hold, Goelz needed to hunker down and pitch perfectly. He managed to get an infield pop-up causing the first out. A swinging strikeout gave Post 131 another crucial out.

The next batter, VanDehey, had already driven in a run for Rockford but, after Goelz went up 2-2, he caused VanDehey to ground out to second, ending the inning and leaving Schumaker stranded on third.

Both teams scored in the sixth after defensive errors and clever base running. As the final pitcher came in relief for Rockford, Post 131 managed to have runners on third and second with two walks and sacrifice flies. They didn't score after a poor at-bat from Lucas Fobbe pop-up to the second baseman.

With the score 4-3 going into the bottom of the seventh and the top of the order coming to bat, Goelz was pulled and Hunter Malachek, a left-handed pitcher and incoming sophomore, came in for the save.

"Tony had a good game," manager Ryan Haney said after the game, "we just needed

Malachek to step up and get the last outs."

Malachek got the first out with a pop-up to the first baseman. The next batter walked and later moved over to second with a single from Tommy Train. With men on first and second, Malachek needed the next two at-bats to be crucial and every pitch to be perfect. VanDehey was caught looking and Malachek got the strikeout. The next at-bat was very tense and exciting as Brady Boedekker stepped to the plate for Rockford with two outs and a season to save. Malachek was also in the same boat and fell behind in the pitch count 1-0 and then 1-1. The next pitch was a breaking ball and over the plate. Boedekker swung and popped up to the shortstop McRae Haney for the last out of the game.

"It was very exciting and very nerve racking as he pitched to older and more experienced players, but it is good for his learning process and will make him a better player and person," Judy Malachek said about her son after the game.

All Maple Lake needed next was Rockford to beat Howard Lake the next day to move on to the state tournament.

	AB	R	H	RBI
M. Haney	4	0	0	1
C. Redemske	4	1	0	0
J. Seibert	3	1	2	0
N. Preisinger	3	1	1	0
D. Kaley	3	0	1	2
B. Wellsted	2	0	0	0
L. Fobbe	4	0	1	0
N. Gapinski	3	0	0	0
G. Giebenhain	3	0	2	0
TOTAL	29	3	7	3

Legion baseball
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MAPLE LAKE LAKERS Fan Appreciation Day

2 p.m. on Sunday, July 27
vs. Moorhead Brewers

EVERYTHING IS \$1

Beer • Pop • Water • Mike's Hard Lemonade
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Cotton Candy Machine - All kids 18 & under will receive 1 ticket for a free cotton candy.

Bean Bag Tourney

\$20 entry fee per team

Contact Ryan Haney to enter a team.

Registration at 10:30 a.m. • Begins at 11 a.m.

All entry fee money will be paid to winning teams, with the Lakers kicking in an extra \$100 to prize pool!

Drawings

Bean bag tourney participants drawing for a set of custom Laker Bean Bag Boards. Drawings throughout the game for Laker apparel and other prizes.

The Lakers will be hosting the upcoming Region 12C tournament. The tournament is July 30 - August 3 and August 6 - 10. Brackets will be posted to our website

www.maplelakers.com

School

School News

WCCA Head Start now enrolling

Wright County Community Action is currently enrolling for the 2014-15 Head Start program year. Operating home-based options and 11 centers throughout Wright County and western Hennepin County, Head Start offers a comprehensive preschool program.

The goal of the Head Start Program is to provide every family in the program the best way for their 3- to 5-year-old child to learn. To prepare children and families for a successful future, WCCA Head Start offers: School readiness activities, developmental and hearing/vision screening, health and nutrition services, parent engagement opportunities and transportation, whenever possible. Head Start has a variety of program options. There is no cost for the Head Start program. Call the

WCCA Head Start office at 320-963-6500 for more information.

Payne graduates from U of M Med School

Robert Maurice Payne, of Buffalo, has graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School with a family medicine degree. He is the son of R. Lynn and Molly Payne and the grandson of Phyllis Smith and the late Maurice "Bud" Smith, of Buffalo, and the late Roland and Fran Payne, of Buffalo.

Wurm named to U of M dean's list

Maple Lake High School graduate Heather Wurm has been named to the University of Minnesota's dean's list for academic excellence in the College of Liberal Arts for the spring semester.

Preschool Storytime focused on "nighttime friends" on Thursday. Eighteen children brought their favorite bedtime cuddle toy or blanket to help them listen to stories by author Mo Willems. "Knuffle Bunny" and "Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late" were funny stories the children really enjoyed. They also sang songs and learned poems about nighttime and bedtime. Then they drew a picture of what they thought their "Knuffle Bunny" would like to do. These children attended: Elijah Doran, George Sylvester, Payton Schwindel, Lucas Schwindel, Clark Hawkinson, Oliver Hawkinson, Rylie Barker, Emma Stoll, Brian Whitler, Adler Whitler, Ryder Dettwiler, Cooper West, Colton Klatt, Sophia Norberg, Allie Ertel, Carter Ertel, Elena Castro, and Larson Melgaard.

Preschoolers talk about, share nighttime friends



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Library Programs and Events

Several programs are keeping readers of all ages busy at the Maple Lake Library this summer:

Preschool storytime with Marie

Marie Mavencamp will celebrate "Favorite Children's Authors" at the library with preschoolers ages 2 - 5 at 10 a.m. each Thursday until Aug. 21. Each week she will read a book and conduct story-related activities including songs, games, craft activities and snacks. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This activity is free and no registration is required.

Young reader storytime with Sara

Sara Hagen invites new readers to come to the library, enjoy a book or two and a related craft activity from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays until Aug. 18. She will introduce children to books and authors that will help strengthen the love of reading, or she may provide the spark that will interest reluctant readers. This activity is geared toward children who have completed kindergarten, but all beginning readers are welcome. There is no charge for this program and registration is not required. An adult does not need to remain for the session, but should sign in the participant.

make their own.

Summertime books with Boone

Lisa Perovich and her greyhound, Boone, will encourage readers to "paws to read" at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays until Aug. 19. She will read a story with a dog character then review the story with a game. Participants will read aloud to Boone and complete a story-related arts/crafts, writing, or other activity. They will also have the opportunity to check out a library book. This activity is geared toward first and second graders, but all readers are welcome. There is no charge for this program, and registration is not required. An adult does not need to remain for the session, but should sign in the participant.

Summer read & redeem

This is a free reading incentive program for children ages 5 and up through Aug. 26. Participants pick up a slip each week at the library and check out a book at an appropriate reading level. They record the book they read on the slip and return it the next week to redeem it for that week's prize. All returned slips are put into the Grand Prize jars. At the end of the program, three names will be drawn from each age group and the winners will receive a \$10 gift card for Buffalo Books.

Book club

This book club for adult readers meets at 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month through Aug. 14 at Irish Blessings Coffeehouse in Maple Lake. Most books are supplied in book club kits, so it is easy to borrow a copy. This activity is free, but registration is requested. Visit or contact the Maple Lake Library.

Youngsters read to a dog about a cat



Lisa Perovich read "Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library" to youngsters with her dog, Boone, at the Maple Lake Library on Tuesday. They also went on a scavenger hunt and drew their favorite thing about the library and completed a word find. Pictured are (front) Dylan Hennen, Charlie Peterson, Kalli Hennen, Keeley Dirks, Ellie Ogram, (back) Danica Hageman, Brynn Ortiz, Perovich with Boone, Hans Peterson, Kenlyn Marsicek and Ben Ogram.

'Messy Science' at the library



School board

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He also noted that he and three math teachers had interviewed a candidate for Rengel's position and that he had an interview scheduled with a candidate for Carey's position on the following Thursday.

• Set the district's Truth in Taxation hearing for 8 p.m. Dec. 8.

• Renewed the district's membership in the MSBA at a cost of

\$4,437, which was about the same price as the previous year.

Compensation leadership positions as presented by outgoing Q Comp advisor Tanya Malwitz at the June 9 meeting. The recommendation had been tabled until

the costs, which amounted to about \$400, could be calculated.

• Accepted an anonymous donation of \$500 to the district's preschool program.

Pencil Pride

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

Jennifer DesMarais-Holland had her sixth-grade students write farewell to Maple Lake Elementary in English Arts class.

Alyssa Bergeren The things I will miss about the elementary is my favorite teachers because I know my teachers so well now and they are like my family. Another thing I will miss about Maple Lake's Elementary is the snack cart and scheduled snack time. There is one specific person I will miss a lot because she is a super funny and nice teacher. Her name is Mrs. DesMarais Holland. She always has a smile on her face and is ready to go when it comes to trying new things. She makes learning fun.

Danielle Germain What I will miss about Maple Lake Elementary is my teachers Mrs. DesMarais Holland, Mr. Fuchs, and Mrs. Decker. I will miss how Mr. Fuchs made math eas-

ier. I will miss Mrs. Kosloski and Mr. Brown. I enjoyed to get to know my teachers in Elementary and will miss the fun games we played. Sometimes I'm sure I will miss recess.

Brandon Schmitz What I will miss about Maple Lake Elementary is not seeing my friends as often and having fun during recess. I will also miss all my teachers because they helped me through my whole elementary career. I will miss the field trips. Those were always a highlight of my school year. The trips gave us a chance to meet new people and just hang out with friends. The thing I will miss the most is probably the 6th grade field trip to Wolf Ridge. That was a great experience for me because I learned how to use a compass.

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Save-The-Date!
Maple Lake Library Fundraiser
Saturday, October 4, 2014
at the Maple Lake American Legion • 5-9 p.m.
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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.881 MAPLE LAKE SCHOOLS STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No.881 shall begin on July 29, 2014, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 12, 2014.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 04, 2014. At that election, three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, 200 State Highway 55 East, Maple Lake, MN 55358. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the

same primary or next ensuing general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 12, 2014.

Dated: July 14, 2014
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL
BOARD
Shelley McAlpine
School District Clerk
(42-43c)

SUMMARY OF CORINNA TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE 2014-01 (Land Use Ordinance)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Corinna, Wright County, Minnesota, have adopted Ordinance 2014-01 ("Land Use Ordinance"), an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2013-07 effective immediately. Said Ordinance has been adopted for the purpose of increasing the number of alternate members of the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment from one to two. A printed copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection by any person at the office of the Town Clerk, the office of the County

Recorder, in the County Law Library, at the Annandale and Maple Lake Public Library and is available on-line for download at www.hometownplanning.com.

Adopted by the Corinna Town Board of Supervisors this 17th day of June, 2014.

John Dearing, Board Chair
Mary Barkley Brown, Clerk

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING CITY OF MAPLE LAKE

Filings for the City of Maple Lake, Wright County, Minnesota, will open

Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at 7:00 a.m. and will close Tuesday, Au-

gust 12, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

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City elections will be held at Maple Lake City Hall on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

Lee Ann Yager, City Clerk/Treasurer
(42-43c)

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF MAPLE LAKE PRELIMINARY TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

A public accuracy test of the optical scan voting equipment will be held at the Maple Lake City Hall, 10 Maple Avenue South, Maple Lake, Minnesota, on Thursday, August 7, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.

Lee Ann Yager
City Clerk/Treasurer
(43-44c)

LEGAL NOTICE ALBION TOWNSHIP

The Town of Albion will conduct a public accuracy test of its optical scan equipment and marking equipment at the Albion Town Hall on August 4th starting at 7:00 p.m.

Debbie Uecker
Albion Township Clerk
(43-44c)

CORINNA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

There will be a public accuracy

test of the Corinna Township electronic voting equipment on Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Corinna Town Hall, 9801 Ireland Avenue NW, Annandale, MN. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Mary Barkley Brown
Clerk of Corinna Township

LEGAL NOTICE

The Mink Somers Lake Improvement District will be having their annual meeting.

The annual meeting will be Saturday August 2, 2014 9:00am to 12:00am

The meeting will be held at the Robert Ney Memorial Park Re-

serve

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(43-44c)

PUBLIC NOTICE INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all property owners in the Indian Lake Watershed that the Annual Meeting will

be held on Saturday, August 2, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the Clearwater Township Hall. Items of business to be acted on at the meeting are:

- 1) Report of the Officers and Board of Directors
- 2) Election of two (2) directors to a three-year term
- 3) Adopt a budget for the year 2014-2015
- 4) Approval of a possible proposed Special Assessment

Curt Brekke, Chair
(Published in the Maple Lake Messenger Wednesday, July 23, and July 30, 2014)

(43-44c)

LEGAL NOTICE

MAPLE LAKE TOWNSHIP

Public Accuracy Test of

Electronic Voting Equipment

A public accuracy test of electronic voting equipment will be held in the above named Township at the Maple Lake Township Hall, located at 6298 Bishop Ave. NW and County Road #37, at 1:00 P.M. August 7, 2014.

Dick Hogan, Clerk (43c)

City council

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To assist the fledgling operator in getting off the ground, the council voted to waive all associated fees until Jan. 1, 2015. In addition, the Airport Commission is looking at the potential for re-opening a seaplane base on Maple Lake.

Arrangements are currently being made between Erickson and Mavencamp to transfer a fuel facility agreement to Erickson. The council will review and update the agreement at its August meeting.

In other business, the council:

• Approved amendments to the city's comprehensive land-use plan, designating a large area of land surrounding the airport as appropriate for new businesses. Land designated for light industrial use has been expanded compared to the 1998 plan to allow for additional economic development activities. Additional industrial land is adjacent to the north and west of the city limits along Minnesota Highway 55 and north of the airport. Copies of the new land-use map will be available on the city's website and at city hall once these amendments are recorded. The council also gave permission to the planning commission to look at updating some of the city's zoning ordinances.

• Tabled a vote on Scott Christian's application for a conditional use permit to build a ground-floor apartment in his building at 66 Birch Avenue, as Christian was unable to attend the meeting.

• Heard from Mayor Lynn

Kissock that the tri-city wastewater treatment plant commissioners are revisiting the fee schedule and considering adding a base rate to the flow rate in an effort to maintain a more consistent revenue stream. The council also voted to have Kissock and Councilmember John Northen-scold to request the commission to issue a request for proposal for new management at the treatment site, once Councilmember Deb Geyen gathers written data on possible alternatives.

• Approved payment No. 3 of \$289,413.51 to LaTour Construction for work on the 2014 Street Improvement Project, which covers work through the end of June and some estimated quantities that still require contractor documentation for final payment.

• Approved a deferred assessment application by William and Bridget Timmers for the 2014 Street Improvement Project on their property at 26 Linden Ave. N. The assessed amount of \$12,465 will be deferred for 15 years, with interest to accruing normally over that time period.

• Approved a special Inflow and Infiltration assessment agreement with Chris and Pete Collins, 46 Linden Ave. S., for \$3,640 over two years at 3 percent interest, contingent upon the execution of a properly signed special assessment agreement.

• Voted to appoint Joanne Foust and Municipal Development Group, Inc. to provide economic development services as

needed.

• Agreed to study and reconsider membership in the Wright County Economic Development Partnership, after hearing a presentation from new Executive Director Duane Northagan. The council voted a few years ago to part ways with the organization, due to dissatisfaction with its benefits. Calculated by population figures and a base fee, Maple Lake's membership dues would be \$763.80 this year.

• Approved a lease with AT&T for antenna placement atop the city's water tower, contingent upon sufficient escrow funds, a sign-off by the city's engineer and maintenance department, a \$100,000 surety, approval by Utility Services and other minor

housekeeping issues.

• Authorized city maintenance crews to assist with curbside brush pickup during Buff Up Maple Lake, Saturday, Aug. 9.

• Approved an insurance agreement with the Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce for large city festivals.

• Amended approval of road closures for the Gear-Head Get Together on Aug. 16, to exclude Park Avenue, as fresh pavement and concrete on that street will still require curing time.

• Approved a temporary on-sale beer license to St. Timothy's Church Fall Festival on Sept. 28, providing all regulations are observed.

• Approved the hiring of a new part-time clerk at the liquor store.

• Approved, by a 4-0 vote, with Councilmember Bart Lauer abstaining, to hire Sue Ditters for ambulance duty on a six-month trial basis.

• Directed staff to review leash ordinances and send letters to owners of rental properties requesting renters to pick up after their dogs or face the risk of fines.

• spotlighted Thomes Insurance with a presentation by Greg

Thomes, who informed the council his company will be celebrating its 80th anniversary Thursday, Aug. 14, at Sturges Park in Buffalo with food and live music from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The city council and school board will hold a joint meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, at city hall. The city council's next regular meeting will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19.

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Lions

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The Lions are sponsors of the following school events or activities: Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for about 30 families, Silent Santa, the Veterans Day program at Maple Lake High School, the Parents In Education Halloween Program, the Maple Lake Elementary School of Excellence celebration and the Maple Lake High School Post Prom Party.

Other school programs that

benefit from the Lions are the band, Spanish Club, PIE, track, seventh-grade basketball and the MLE school safety patrol.

The Lions are also the major sponsor of the Maple Lake Ambassadors, they provide funds for maintaining the Maple Lake Swimming Beach and maintain the pavilion at the city park, which they will be upgrading in the future.

"As you can see by the above

facts, everybody in our community benefits from our efforts," Mills said. "It provides opportunities for our youth that probably wouldn't be there otherwise, helps out people in need and makes our community one of the best places to live in Minnesota."

In addition to helping local causes, the Lions were required to pay \$81,857 in taxes to the state of Minnesota.

"Just imagine what that kind of money could do for our community?" Mills said.

On a more positive note, he encourages the community to keep charitable gambling in mind when choosing how to spend their gambling dollars.

"Go out and support our businesses, participate, have fun and savor the fact that you are helping raise money for a great community," he said.

Legion baseball

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Catching for Post 131 was Nate Maas, who hadn't caught all season. In warmups, he look shaky and dropped some pitches.

This dynamic haunted Post 131 throughout the early innings of the game. Two back-to-back errors put runners on first and third and were later driven in. Another run was driven in from a walk, making the score 3-0 while Excelsior batted around their order. Maple Lake managed to score a run in the bottom of the first with a sacrifice fly from Jack Seibert to drive in McRae Haney. The next inning was not forgiving or merciful for Maple Lake as Excelsior scored five more runs off three hits and two walks to create an 8-1 deficit.

Ryan Haney made the change early to bring in left-handed pitcher Hunter Malachek and switch McRae Haney to catcher and Nate

Maas to shortstop. These changes gave Post 131 a scoreless inning and a chance to come closer to Excelsior's lead. Post 131 came back in the third after Cal Redemske drove in two runs with a standup double and Preisinger also doubled to drive in Redemske and make the score 4-8.

Four stolen bases in the fourth inning gave Excelsior two more runs and a six-run lead. In the bottom of the fourth Maple Lake established a niche in Excelsior's pitching, that they could hit off anybody and score. The next two innings resulted in Post 131 inching closer to Excelsior's seemingly unsurmountable lead after scoring one run in the fourth and six more in the fifth. Two runs came from Maas with an opposite field, bases clearing triple and he was later batted in. With this stupendous inning, Maple Lake tied the score at 11-11.

Excelsior came back with a vengeance in the sixth as pitching fell apart with three hit batters and three more getting aboard with walks, resulting in two runs being driven in for free and another three coming from three hits, later in the inning. Maple Lake's disastrous inning gave Excelsior a 17-11 lead.

"We weren't going to give

up at any point in the game," Nick Gapinski said, "It didn't matter what the score was, we weren't going away."

Post 131 did exactly that, scoring another seven runs, with three driven in by a Redemske bases-loaded double. Three more runs came from Preisinger and Kaley with back-to-back hits. This colossal inning gave Legion Post 131 their first lead of the game at 18-17.

Gapinski had pitched the previous inning and came back to close in the top of the seventh. The first batter he faced popped up to the first basemen for the first out. The next batter was punched out on a very close call from home plate umpire Mark Redemske.

An anonymous fan said after the game that Redemske called a "fair game and his strike zone was close and consistent." The next batter didn't face Gapinski as Tony Goelz was brought in, after pitching six innings

the day before against Rockford, to close the ball game. Goelz walked his first batter, loading the bases for Excelsior. The next batter swung at his first pitch, sending a soaring liner to left field and out of reach of a diving Giebenhain, driving in three runs and giving Excelsior a 20-18 lead.

The bottom of the seventh

inning was the last inning Legion Post 131 played this season as they had one hit and left one runner on base. As strike three was called for the final out, an expletive was cursed out by the visiting pitcher, Ryan Matsui, showing the sportsmanship and respect the Excelsior team had for their "deceiving" win over Maple Lake. Later, when the teams were shaking hands, words were passed between coaches and fans of Excelsior toward Post 131 that almost resulted in a brawl, but was disregarded with maturity coming from Maple Lake's veteran leaders and some responsible parents and coaches of Excelsior.

"It was a great game to play in and be apart of," Gapinski said after playing his last game in a Legion uniform. "I wish we could have won but I had fun and I won't forget this for the rest of my life."

Stats

	AB	R	H	RBI
M. Haney	4	4	1	1
G. Giebenhain	6	2	1	1
C. Redemske	4	2	3	5
J. Seibert	3	1	0	0
N. Preisinger	5	1	2	3
D. Kaley	4	2	1	1
N. Gapinski	4	1	1	0
N. Maas	3	3	1	2
T. Goelz	4	2	3	0
TOTAL	37	18	13	13

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Pencil Pride

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Lillian Shae VonArb The things I will miss most at Maple Lake Elementary school is the teachers and all the support they gave me. They would leave kids

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Lake Elementary very much.

Lindsey Paumen What I will miss about Maple Lake Elementary is the fun teachers that make learning fun. I will miss how they helped me through a lot of situations throughout the year and always had creative projects for us students. 6th grade was the best year ever. Thank you Teachers and Staff!

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