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# Maple Lake Wine and Spirits is where holiday fun begins

By Brenda Erdahl

The holidays may look a little different again this year, but Maple Lake Wine and Spirits off Highway 55 east in Maple Lake is open, and staff are eager to help you celebrate. The biggest obstacles lately are shortages and discontinued items. Staff are asking customers to plan ahead and be pa-

"In general, it's hard to get product," said General Manager Ang Berthiaume. "There are a lot of out of stock or discontinued items then sometimes they say it's in stock then it doesn't come on the truck."

The on-going labor shortage is another problem for the liquor store. Lack of drivers means delivery trucks are often late or don't show up at all.

"It's never been like this before, it's a waiting game," Berthiaume said.

Berthiaume and Assistant Manager Kate Heberling recommend customers call ahead to make sure what they are looking for is in stock. Staff are willing to set items aside if the customer requests something specific. They also suggest customers plan well in advance of Christmas and New Year's Eve parties. "Start looking now," Berthiaume said. They also suggest patrons be willing to try other similar products if their first choice isn't in stock.

"We'll always have something similar to the product that is not in stock, it just may not have the same name, so try to be open to try new things," Heberling said.

Customers may notice a few other



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changes at the store since this summer. Manufacturers are using more plastic now instead of glass and many beers are going away from glass bottles to

As Christmas draws near, customers will also notice Maple Lake Wine and Spirits no longer carries the selection of gift packs it's had in the past. Berthiaume said don't let that stop you from coming in and putting together your own gift pack for that someone special.

"We're just asking people to plan ahead and be patient and understanding. It's out of our control," she said.

# A great selection

Despite the shortages and delivery difficulties, Maple Lake Wine and Spirits still offers a vast variety of items including many Minnesota-made wines and liquors. Customers will find wines from Carlos Creek Winery in Alexandria; Crow River Winery in Hutchinson; Millner Heritage Winery in Kimball and Winehaven in Chisago City. They still carry a large selection of liquor, whiskey, rum, cordials, and seltzers, and are always adding to their craft beer options for the craft beer lovers out there.

With everything from moonshine pickles to peanut-butter whisky, Maple Lake Wine and Spirits has a "great se-



Assistant Manager Kate Heberling, left, and Store Manager Ang Berthiaume, promote the Wine Club's next tasting on Dec. 2. from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Maple Lake Legion. Stop by the store off Highway 55 east in Maple Lake for more information.

lection for a small, hometown liquor store and customers like that we have such a wide variety," Berthiaume said.

# **Rewards program**

To make shopping at Maple Lake Wine and Spirits even more economical, Berthiaume and her staff have a successful rewards program called the Lucky Irish Rewards where every pretaxed dollar spent earns customers a point. When they reach 500 points, they get a \$20 in-store credit.

Monthly specials on domestic beers, craft beers and wines, makes shopping at Maple Lake Wine and Spirits even more affordable.

# Friendly, knowledgeable staff

Besides a wide selection of products, Berthiaume oversees a friendly, knowledgeable staff who will help you make the perfect selection then carry it out to your car for you. For those who don't want to enter the store during these times of COVID, they can simply call ahead with their order and Wine and Spirit's staff will bring it out to their car.

Berthiaume reminds the community that when you shop at Maple Lake Wine and Spirits 100 percent of the profits go back to the city for projects and upkeeps. Their slogan is "where shopping local makes a difference."

# Wine Club

Maple Lake Wine and Spirits promotes the community in other ways as well. Berthiaume and Heberling organize a successful Wine Club that currently has 200 members and meets every six to eight weeks. They also host wine and spirit tastings with the next one scheduled for Dec. 2. The event takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Maple Lake Legion and costs \$10 if you are a wine club member and \$20 per person if you are not a member. Besides a variety of wines, spirits, and beers to sample there are appetizers and a chance to win prizes. To really get into the holiday spirit, organizers are requesting everyone wear their best ugly Christmas sweater. "It's fun to see what people come up with. Everyone really has a good time," Berthiaume

# Fire department fundraiser

In August and early September, the store was part of a fundraiser for the local fire department sponsored by the Municipal Beverage Association and Miller Coors. The store raised \$1,540 this year which was a sizable increase from last year when they raised \$1,125. Berthiaume was pleased with the increase. She had her doubts because of the pandemic, but patrons surprised her with their generosity. "We asked every customer if they would like to donate pocket change. We got donations from 50 cents up to \$100," she said. The fire department will use the money on liquor store hosted a wine tasting and silent auction in August with money

raised going to the fire department. The event drew about 120 people to the Legion and raised \$600. Berthiaume and Heberling said they hope to make the event an annual one every August.

# Your business is appreciated

"We want to say thank you to all our customers who stopped in and purchased items from us during COVID. We're trying our best to keep the store sanitized and safe. Thanks for shopping local instead of going to the big box stores. When you shop here, all the proceeds go back to city projects. It stays local and keeps city taxes low," Berthiaume said.

# Hours

The municipal liquor store is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Holiday hours will be as follows: Christmas Eve, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and New Year's Eve 9 a.m. to 9 safety equipment. New this year, the  $\,$   $\,$  p.m. The store will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



Maple Lake Wine and Spirits raised \$1,540 for the Maple Lake Fire Department this year with help from their generous customers. Pictured, from left, is Store Manager Ang Berthiaume and Assistant Manager Kate Heberling outside the fire hall.



Maple Lake Wine and Spirits staff organize a successful Wine Club that currently has 200 members. The club hosts wine and spirit tastings throughout the year that always draw a crowd.



Maple Lake Wine and Spirits has a great selection for a small, hometown liquor store and customers appreciate that. Pictured is Bud Light's tribute to the holiday season, their Seltzer Ugly Sweater Pack, available at Maple Lake Wine and Spirits.

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# Your guide to picking the perfect

# Christmas Tree

### **Contributed report**

Come the holiday season, perhaps no tradition evokes the warm and fuzzy feels more than a family outing to pick a Christmas tree. Whether it's a trek to a live Christmas tree farm or a short drive to the nearest pre-cut tree lot, the process of selecting a tree that will serve as the crown jewel of the entire season is a great way to make lasting memories.

Selecting a tree is a yearly ritual and each person has his or her set of criteria for what makes the ideal Christmas tree. These tips can help families find the right tree.

## Choose your species

Do some homework on the type of tree you want prior to buying the tree. Balsam fir and Fraser fir are popular Christmas tree varieties, but there are many others, such as noble fir and Norway spruce. Balsams are known for having the most fragrant smell, but Frasers tend to keep their needles the longest. For those who prefer a Douglas fir, keep in mind that they sometimes drop their needles prematurely due to foliar diseases like needlecast fungus.



Many people turn to finding a real tree for the holidays. These tips will help you and your family bring home the perfect tree fpr your home Photo submitted

# **Space for ornaments**

In addition to aroma and needle longevity, look for trees that have a desirable shape and allow for adequate space between branches, advises the home and garden re-

source The Spruce. Trees groomed to be lush and full will look beautiful unadorned, but once ornaments are added, full branches may cause those ornaments to hang low or even fall off.

allow for ornaments to hang straight.

# Measure your space

Trees in the field or in a lot may look much smaller than they do when brought into the living room. Don't make

the mistake of selecting a tree that is too large for your home. The agricultural firm Ragan & Masey says to measure the room from floor to ceiling and subtract the height of the tree stand and tree topper. It's equally important to measure the width of the area where the tree will stand and allow for ample space for foot traffic around the tree.

## Perform a needle check

Every tree will drop some needles, and most evergreens hold their foliage. Modest needle loss is not an indicator of a poor tree. However, Decker's Nursery in Greenlawn, NY says if 50 percent of the needles are lost when you swipe your hand down three to five different branches around the tree, the tree likely is not a good choice. In addition, avoid a tree that has glaring defects in the trunk as it can impede water flow through the tree.

## **Heavier** is better

A heavy pre-cut tree means it is full of water and has been cut more recently. A healthy, fresh tree is going to require an effort to lift. Older, dried out trees will not be heavy.

Upon arriving home, make a fresh cut off the tree trunk and get it in water as soon as possible even if that's a bucket until the tree stand can be set up.

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# Ransey Lake dates back nearly 90 years



The Ramsey Lake public access had a skim layer of ice forming 100 feet out on Monday, Nov. 22. Anglers looking to get out on safe ice will have to wait a little longer or head farther north. Reports of 2-3 inches near Ely will have anglers venturing out on ice very soon. Anglers are advisesd to take caution when venturing out during the early ice season. Swans and geese can also keep pockets of water from freezing on many area lakes.

By Joe Stewig Area Fisheries Manager

amsey Lake is a 275acre lake located just south Maple Lake in Wright County. The lake is fairly developed and has one (1) public access with room to hold six (6) to eight (8) truck and trailer combos. As with many lakes in the area, Ramsey Lake offers fishing opportunities for a variety of species and while the lake is stocked with walleye, it is probably better known as a bass/panfish/northern pike lake.

The lake has a history of fish stocking dating back to 1932; however, Walleye stocking didn't begin until 1946 and consisted of fingerling stocking about every three (3) years up until 1999. Since 2001 a mixture of Walleye fingerlings, yearlings and adults have been stocked every other year most recently in 2021. The most recent lake survey was conducted in 2017 and found average numbers of Walleye (2.7/gill net) for the lake class, but below average numbers for the lake. Walleye caught ranged in length from 17 to 25 inches and averaged 21 inches and about 3 ½ pounds. Growth is average for the area taking three (3) years to reach 15 inches.

While the lake is stocked with walleye, Ramsey Lake is probably best known for its largemouth bass fishery and there are plenty of bass to be had. In 2017, we sampled 155 largemouth bass ranging in length from six (6) to 19 inches with an average length and weight of 12 inches and 1 ½ pounds. Seventy-eight percent of the bass sampled were longer than 12 inches and 69% were longer than 15 inches. While we didn't sample any bass over 20 inches in 2017 rest assured there are some out there roaming the lake so don't be surprised to catch a few over 20 inches.

Black Crappie are another sought after species in the lake and at times can provide excellent fishing. Based on the summer assessment, abundance appears to be average; however, summer assessments tend to not give a true representation of the actual size structure of the crappie population and so a targeted spring assessment would better represent the size structure of the crappie population. That said, crappies sampled in 2017 ranged in length from 3.7 - 15inches with an average length of

Bluegill abundance is average for the lake class, but the size structure is relatively poor. Those sampled in 2017 ranged in length from three (3) to 8 ½

inches with an average length of five (5) inches. Only 30% of the

Area lake fisheries managers say Ramsey Lake bluegill growth is slow. It takes six years for bluegills to reach 7-inches in length.

7.6 inches. Seventy-one percent of the crappies sampled were longer than eight (8) inches and 14% were longer than 10 inches. There were a fair number of crappies between 6 ½ and 10 inches sampled in 2017 and so there should be some nice crappies to be had out there.

Bluegill sampled were longer than six (6) inches and 1% were longer than eight (8) inches. Like crappies, the size structure of the Bluegill population is better represented through spring targeted sampling. Unfortunately to date, a spring survey has not been conducted on

Ramsey Lake. Bluegill growth is slow, taking six (6) years to reach seven (7) inches. Even though the average size is small, anglers can still scratch out a good meal of sunfish if they are willing to sort.

Northern Pike abundance is also average for the lake class, but the average size is excellent. Pike sampled ranged in length from 17 - 35 inches and averaged 24 inches and 3 ½ pounds. Anglers should have a good opportunity to catch some quality size pike as 30% of the catch were 26 inches or longer and 15% were 30 inches or longer. Growth of Northern Pike is average for the area, taking six (6) years to reach 25 inches. Although pike are not over abundant in the lake, anglers are encouraged to take advantage of the new statewide regulations on pike. The new regulations, implemented in 2018, now allow anglers to harvest up to 10 Northern Pike of which only two (2) can be over 26 inches in lakes within the North-Central Zone (excluding lakes with existing Experimental/Special regulations). All pike between 22 and 26 inches (inclusive) must however be immediately re-

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# **December Fishing Forecast**

# **Anglers wait for safe ice**

By Brenda Erdahl

tart getting your ice fishing gear ready is the advice Shawn at Lake Region Coop in Buffalo has for anglers anxious to be back out on the lakes. Right now, thin layers of ice can be found in places on area lakes with some of the smaller ponds completely frozen. Anglers that Shawn has talked to are patiently waiting for colder weather which he expects to be arriving soon. He predicts within two to 2 ½ weeks there should be enough ice to walk on. That's later than other years, he said. He can recall many years being out on the ice with a pole in hand by Thanksgiving. First ice is generally the best ice for fishing he added, and when you do get out, he recommends trying a wax worm/½ minnow combination because the fish are hungry, but finicky. When venturing out on new ice, remember the DNR's general ice thickness guidelines. Four inches is considered adequate for ice fishing or other activities on foot. If the ice is less than four inches thick, the DNR advises you stay off. Five to seven inches is considered adequate for a snowmobile or ATV; eight to 12 inches for a car or small pick up and 12 to 15 inches of ice for a medium truck. Temperature, snow cover, currents, springs, and rough fish all affect the relative safety of ice and the DNR reminds ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water. It can be two feet thick in one place and one inch thick a few yards away. Anglers venturing out this early winter should check the ice every 150 feet.



While waiting for hardwater anglers are advised to get their ice gear ready. Greased gears and new line on reels will keep jigs moving smoothly through the water column when safe ice arrives.







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# Parks & Rec Announces Winter Activity Schedule

**Contributed report** 

Looking to get outdoors this winter? The Wright County Parks & Recreation Department has announced its Winter Programs for December 2021 through March 2022. Here is a summary of those offerings:

Saturday, Dec. 4 – Santa at Bertram Chain of Lakes Park (10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). A family-oriented event that will include photos with Santa, horse drawn sleigh rides (if there is enough snow) or carriage rides (if there isn't sufficient snow). Cost: \$20 per child.

Friday, Jan. 7 and Saturday, Jan. 8 – Dog Sledding at Robert Ney Memorial Park (4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Jan 7 and 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Jan. 8). There will be a presentation to explain how the dogs are trained to pull sleds, followed by a 1.5-mile mush through the park. It should be noted that this is a very popular annual program and will fill up quickly. Cost: \$25 per person.

Sunday, Jan. 16 – Moonlit Snowshoe Adventure (7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Ney Park). The nighttime adventure is conducted under a full moon. It is guided hike led by Minnesota master naturalist David Grack. The hike will go on even if the skies are cloudy. Cost: \$7 per person which includes snowshoe rental and an activity

Saturday, Jan. 22 – Lantern Cross-Country Ski (6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Ney Park). A come-and-go event for skiers to arrive and



Ney Park is offering moonlit snowshoe adventures this winter.

Photos submitted

leave at any time. The 1.5-mile ski loop around the pond at the park will be illuminated with lanterns. There are no reservations required. Cost: Free with your own skis, \$5 if you rent skis and poles.

Saturday, Feb. 5 – Woodworking for Wildlife (2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Ney Park). Participants will learn about the native bird species in the area. Participants will construct a birdhouse and learn the proper technique for placing the birdhouse in a backyard setting. Cost: \$7 per birdhouse.

Saturday, Feb. 12 – Sweetheart Snow-shoe/Boot Hike (6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Ney Park). A guided evening hike for couples celebrating Valentine's Day followed by a catered meal at the Ney Park Nature Center. Spaces are limited. Cost: \$30 per couple (Note: registrations done online must be done separately – two registrations at \$15 each).

Sunday, Feb. 13 – Family Snowshoe (2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Ney Park). Minnesota Master Naturalist David Grack will lead the interactive hike, pointing out the wildlife and

habitat of the area. Cost: \$7 per person.

Saturday, Feb. 26 – Lantern Cross-Country Ski (6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Ney Park). A come-and-go event for skiers to arrive and leave at any time. The 1.5-mile ski loop around the pond at the park will be illuminated with lanterns. There are no reservations required. Cost: Free with your own skis, \$5 if you rent skis and poles.

Saturday, March 12 – Buckthorn Hiking Sticks (2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.). Participants convert an invasive buckthorn tree into a hiking stick. Due to the pandemic, last year this event was conducted virtually and the same in expected this year. Parks & Rec staff will cut down buckthorn and bring them to the Parks & Rec office on the Wright County campus for pickup prior to the event. Cost: No charge.

Winter Stargazing – (6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Ney Park). Carson Law of Parks & Rec will instruct participants about what to find in the night sky, from stars to planets to constellations visible in winter. Cost: No charge.

Those interested in any of the Winter Programs can sign up on the Parks & Rec online registration site: https://wrightcountyparksandrec.perfectmind.com/SocialSite/Member-Registration/MemberSignIn or can call the Parks & Recreation office at (763) 682-7693 to register or find out about program availability.





Ney Park just north of Maple Lake offers several opportunities for nighttime cross country ski adventures





The holiday season is a time when families across the globe look forward to the traditions they've passed down from generation to generation. Holiday baking is one such tradition in many families.

From cookies and pies to brittles and fudge, there's no shortage of sweet treats come the holiday season. But who's recipe collection couldn't benefit from another delicious addition? That's just what can be found in "Toffee Cheesecake Bars" from "Taste of Home Healthy Cooking Cookbook" (RDA Enthusiast Brands) by the Taste of Home/Reader's Digest Kitchens.



# Makes 2.5 dozen

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/3 cup baking cocoa
- 1/2 cup cold butter
- 18-ounce package reduced-fat cream cheese
- 1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 cups milk chocolate English toffee bits, divided
- 1. In a small bowl, combine the flour, confectioners' sugar, cocoa and baking soda. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press in the bottom of an ungreased 13-inch x 9-inch baking dish. Bake at 350 F for 12 to 15 minutes or until set
- 2. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Add the milk, eggs and vanilla; beat until smooth. Stir in 3/4 cup toffee bits. Pour over crust. Bake 18 to 22 minutes longer or until center is almost set.
- 3. Cool on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining toffee bits; cool completely. Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours overnight.





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# Bus Driver Edition EACHER the MONTH

# KAREN FASHANT

### By Tom Westman Staff Writer

Recently Annandale area residents were asked to vote for the Annandale School District's School Bus Driver of the month. The votes have been tabulated and Karen Fashant, a school bus driver with M&M Bus Service, is this month's honoree.

# Above and beyond

"Karen is a great dedicated employee," said Shelly Jonas M&M Bus Company Vice President. "She was selected by the Minnesota School Bus Operators Association in 2018 as a Transportation Specialist, who they recognize as a bus driver who goes above and beyond their duty as a school bus driver as well as in their community."

# Mama Karen

"Karen takes a lot of sports trips and is often found cheering on the sidelines for the kids," Jonas said. "Many of the students refer to her as Mama Karen because of her caring nature."

Fashant trains Annandale's youngest student riders on how to the ride the school bus safely, each year. For those training sessions, she can be seen wearing a Tigger costume, a Winnie the Pooh character.

"We have many great school bus drivers at M&M, but I'm not surprised that Karen was selected by the Annandale community," Jonas said. "She has a fun personality that she combines with her dedication to safety to make sure her students have a safe ride to school each day."

# **Driving a school bus**

"I started driving school bus in 1983 in the Twin Cities to put myself through college," Fashant said. "I drove bus for the Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted School District until 2004 when our twin girls where born," Fashant said. "I then took a hiatus while staying home with our four children.'

In 2012, after a short refresher course with M&M, Fashant was re-licensed as a school bus driver in Annandale.

"I love the variety I get driving a school bus."

# Family

Fashant grew up in Shoreview, a St. Paul suburb and graduated from Mounds View High School.

Andy and Karen Fashant were married in 1997 and lived in Howard Lake until 2004, when they moved to Annandale.

Andy and Karen raised their four very talented children in Annandale; Lyle, Noah (Rachel), Lydia and Emma.

"When our kids went on field trips or were in other school related activities, I was offered the chance to drive them," Fashant said. "I rarely missed any of my kids' events."



# When not driving a bus

When not behind the wheel of a school bus you might see Fashant behind the wheel of their motor home heading out of town or sitting in the passenger seat reading a book.

"The Annandale community has been a pleasure to be a part of, there always seems to be something fun going on."



# MARILYN BLIZIL

### By Brenda Erdahl Staff Writer

Caring, attentive, safe, and dependable are just a few reasons Marilyn Blizil was voted Bus Driver of the Month in the Teacher of the Month-Bus Driver edition online competi-

Blizil is a bus driver for M&M Bus Company in Maple Lake. Every morning and afternoon, Monday through Friday, she escorts 35 to 55 children in the Maple Lake School District to and from school. It's a big responsibility, but she said kids put a smile on her face, and she hopes she puts a smile on theirs' as well.

The public cast their votes via the Maple Lake Messenger website in November in favor of Blizil who voters called "attentive to each kiddo on the bus," "wonderful," dedicated," "reliable," "kindhearted" and "always has a smile on her face."

"She is an awesome person; very kind and caring for all the students on the bus," another voter said.

This is Blizil's 16th year driving bus in the Maple Lake School District. Although not born in Maple Lake, she moved here at the age of six and is a 1984 graduate of Maple Lake High School. She is married to Joe and has three daughters and three grandchildren. Blizil starting driving bus because of the job's flexibility and its proximity to home and her young children, but over the years found she really enjoyed it so stuck with it even after her children were

"I love the kids and the connection we have. You really build a relationship with them," she

Blizil's day starts at 6:30 a.m. with a pre-trip check of the bus. She makes sure that the lights are working properly, the dashboard



tank is full of diesel. Next, she looks under the hood to check the oil, all the fluids and confirm that nothing is leaking. She'll walk around the bus inspecting the tires and other details before getting on board to complete another thorough inspection inside that includes making sure the seats are securely locked in place and the emergency exits open

She picks up and delivers about 35 students to school in the morning and brings 50 to 55 home every afternoon. When she pulls back into the bus garage, the first thing she does is check that no child is left behind. In her 16 years, she has had at least one little stowaway give her a startle at the end of her morning route.

"I had dropped all the kids off at school and was back at the garage and all of a sudden he

'hey!' I said what are you doing here? He said 'well, I wanted to see the bus garage.'

She delivered the kindergartner safely to school and now smiles over the episode whenever she thinks about it.

Besides bringing students to and from school, Blizil has also been known to drive the sports buses in the evening. One voter called her a "caring cheerleader" because she has attended so many sporting events in her 16 years.

The kids appreciate Blizil's kindness and attentiveness, so much so, that hers is reportedly "the bus to be on."

"Marilyn is the most down to earth, genuine and caring bus driver there is. You can truly tell that Marilyn cares about her students, her bus is the bus to be on," one voter said. "Everyone should be like Marilyn.

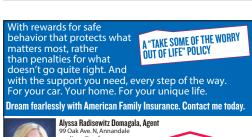




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# Country December 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 12 p.m.	• Legion Riders Meeting, 7 p.m. at Legion Club		December New Moon     Pioneer Park's Village Christmas, TBD
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Annandale City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.     Hanukkah Ends	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Silver Creek Township Meeting, 7 p.m. Corinna Township Meeting, 7 p.m. South Haven City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Hall	Annandale School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.     Annandale Chamber Meeting, 11:30 a.m. location TBD     Hasty-Silver Creek Sportsmen's Club Meeting, 8 p.m.	<ul> <li>Lions Club Meeting, 7 p.m. at The V by HH</li> <li>Sons of the American Legion, 8 p.m.</li> </ul>	• First Quarter Moon	Main Street Holiday, Downtown Annandale     Christmas in Maple , Maple Lake
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Maple Lake School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	Late Start Maple Lake Schools Chatham Township Meeting, 7 p.m. American Legion Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Club Maple Lake City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Potluck Supper, Pioneer Park, 6:30 p.m.		Maple Lake Legion Auxiliary Meeting, 7 pm     Wright Saddle Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m.		Full Moon - Full Cold Moon
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<ul> <li>Annandale School Board Meeting, 7 p.m. in AES Media Center</li> </ul>	Corinna Township Meeting, 7 p.m. Albion Township Meeting, 7 p.m. Maple Lake Township Meeting, 7 p.m.		• <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (both districts)	Christmas Eve  • NO SCHOOL (both districts)	Christmas Day  • NO SCHOOL (both districts)
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Kwanzaa Begins     Last Quarter Moon     NO SCHOOL (both districts)	NO SCHOOL (both districts)     Wright Co. Snowmobile Association     Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Club	• NO SCHOOL (both districts)		Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7 p.m., Church of St. Timothy	New Years Eve	





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