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Shop Maple Lake Wine and Spirits this holiday season

By Brenda Erdahl

It's been said that the right drink can enhance any meal and with the biggest meal of the season right around the corner on November 23rd, now is the time to start planning.

Maple Lake Wine and Spirit's off Highway 55 East in Maple Lake is the perfect place to begin the search. The local municipal liquor store carries a vast variety of popular, unique, and locally brewed products, plus its knowledgeable staff can direct you to the wine, beer or bourbon that will go perfectly with whatever dish you are serving.

If you are looking for something locally brewed but unique and fitting for the season, you might want to try Dangerous Man Brewing's Cranberry Cobbler Ale, General Manager Ang Berthiaume said. This seasonal favorite is brewed right here in Maple Lake at the Dangerous Man production facility. Their Cream Ale is another popular brew as is their House IPA, Peanut Butter Porter, and Coffee Stout.

If bourbon is your drink of choice during the holidays, and you are looking for something unique, Makers Mark Private Selection is hand-crafted bourbon made once a year by Minnesota Municipal Managers and is only available at municipal liquor stores, Berthiaume said.

Of course, wine is probably the most popular selection when it comes to pairing with holiday meals which is why, on Wednesday, Nov. 8, Maple Lake Wine and Spirits is hosting a wine tasting that will feature wines specifically tailored to compliment your Thanksgiving Dinner. Patrick from The Wine Company will share his knowledge on an assortment of wines that pair well with some of the traditional Thanksgiving foods like turkey, stuffing, and the trimmings, Berthiaume said. Before you leave, you will get to try some of the wines he talks about and enjoy a few appetizers as well. The event is open to the public. It starts at 7 p.m. at the Maple Lake American Legion and tickets are \$10. Wine and Spirit Wine Club members attend for free.

Since Christmas isn't far off, Maple Lake Wine and Spirits will hold another tasting on Dec. 6. This one will feature wine, spirits, and beers. Visitors will have the chance to sample drinks from 10 to 12 different vendors, plus there will be plenty of appetizers to go around and prizes given away. The cost is \$20 for non-wine club members, and \$10 for wine club members.

"As long as our wine club members keep attending our wine tastings, and continue ordering wines from the tastings, we can continue to have these great events," Berthiaume said.

Your hometown "muni"

Maple Lake Wine and Spirits isn't just another run-of-the-mill liquor store. It's your hometown "muni" owned and operated by The City which means all the money you spend here goes back into local projects and works to keep city taxes low, but best of all, staff are legitimately happy to see you and serve you.

"You're not just a number to us. We know

you by name," Berthiaume said.

In return, their dedication has earned them the loyalty of their customers.

Berthiaume and Assistant Manager Kate Heberling announced just this month that they were able to donate a whopping \$4,960 to the Maple Lake Fire Department because of the generosity of their patrons.

For three weeks this summer they held an in-store silent auction, and while high quality items like a Blackstone Grill and a Summit outdoor chair and umbrella set may have initially enticed, many customers went over the top in their bids to make sure the fundraiser was as successful as possible.

The entire campaign took place Aug. 1 through Sept. 11 with the auction held Aug. 23 through Sept. 10. Every year this event has grown a little bigger, and the local fire department, that uses the funds to purchase needed equipment, is always very appreciative.



Dangerous Man beers are brewed in Maple Lake and the municipal liquor store carries their products, including seasonal Cranberry Cobbler Ale.

Community minded

Wine and Spirits shows its community mindedness in other ways as well. Right now, and through the month of November, the store is collecting donations for the local food shelf. The holidays can be hard for families suffering economic difficulties and that is where the food shelf comes in. They provide enough groceries during the holidays to feed an entire family healthy and flavorful Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Food donations are always welcome, but cash goes further, Berthiaume said.

This year, for the first time, Wine and Spirit staff will host a silent auction to make their efforts more impactful. Like the fire department silent auction, it will take place in-house with items donated from their vendors. Watch for more information on when the silent auction will take place, Berthiaume said.

Every fall, the liquor store also participates in the local library fundraiser. This event is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the all-volunteer run Maple Lake Library and Wine and Spirits contributes by offering a 10 percent dis-



Assistant Manager Kate Heberling, left and General Manager Ang Berthiaume donated \$4,960 to the Maple Lake Fire Department this fall. The money was generated through an in-store silent auction and free-will donations by their patrons. The local fire department will use the funds to purchase needed equipment. This Blackstone griddle was one of the items up for grabs.

count on any wines customers buy to donate to the event's wine pull, plus, staff sees that it gets to the fundraiser on time. Customers can also donate cash and liquor store staff will pick out the wine.

A great selection

Maple Lake Wine and Spirits continues to offer a vast variety of items including many Minnesota-made wines, liquors, and craft beers. In addition to the Maple Lake made Dangerous Man Brewing, customers will find wines from Carlos Creek Winery in Alexandria, Millner Heritage Winery in Kimball and Winehaven in Chisago City plus rums, vodkas, and bourbons from Little Round Still in Wadena.

The store of course carries all the popular brands, plus a large selection of off-the-wall drinks sure to spur conversation around the dinner table such as pickle flavored vodka, BBQ whisky, and Eggo brand waffles and syrup cream liqueur. Plus, it's that time of the year for all the seasonal flavors to make their appearance, such as RumChata Pumpkin Spice cream liqueur and gingerbread and cookie dough whisky.

Maple Lake Wine and Spirits has a "great selection 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 economical, Berthiaume and her staff have a successful rewards program called the Lucky Irish Rewards where every pre-taxed 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.

Wine Club

It's important to the staff at Maple Lake Wine and Spirits to promote the community which is why they organize a successful Wine Club that currently has 225 members and meets every six to eight weeks. In addition to the wine and spirit tastings they hold, the store has partnered with Kings 46 Wine Bar in Maple Lake to hold a food and wine pairing twice a year. The event is called "Big Wines and Small

Plates" and the next one is scheduled for January. Since Kings 46 can only accommodate 30 people, tickets do sell out fast, Berthiaume said. Ask about it and purchase tickets at Kings 46 or Maple Lake Wine and Spirits.

Your business is appreciated

"We want to say thank you to all our customers for shopping local instead of going to the big box stores. We're friendly, we know you by name, plus, 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: Thanksgiving Day closed; Christmas Eve from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Christmas Day closed; New Year's Eve from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; New Year's Day closed.



Maple Lake Wine and Spirits hosts two wine tastings throughout the year. In addition to sampling and learning about a variety of wines and other spirits, Monica at the American Legion puts together a feast of appetizers for attendees. Above is her buffet style charcuterie board that delighted wine club members last year.

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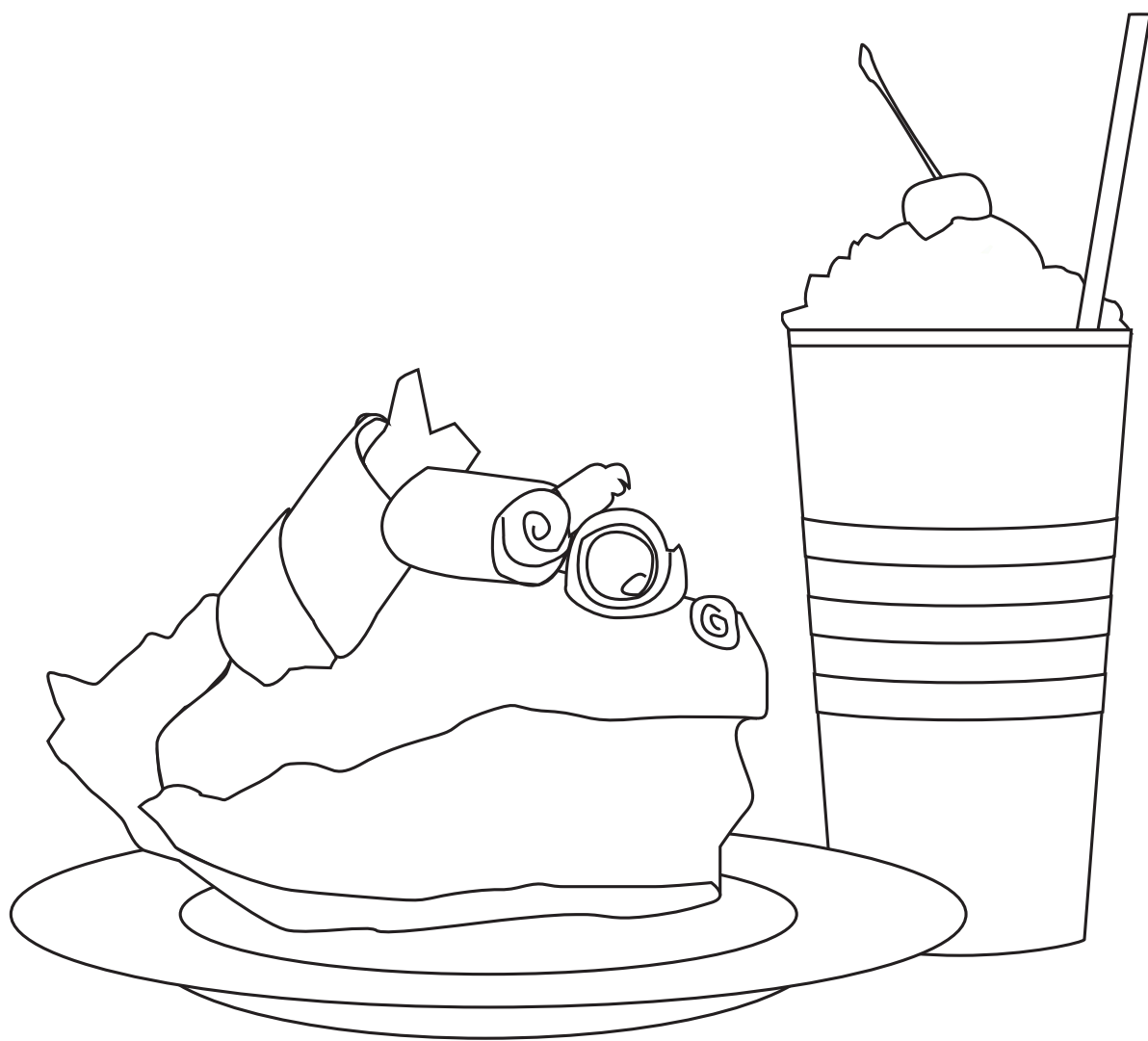
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			13
	2		14
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			Maple Lake Chamber Meeting, 12 p.m. All Saints' Day	Legion Riders at The Legion Club, 7 p.m.	Grumpy Old Men-The Musical, Buffalo Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deer Firearms Opener (Season A) Grumpy Old Men-The Musical, Buffalo Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. Dassel-Cokato Craft Fair, Cokato High School 9-2 p.m. Civil War Veteran Workshop, WCHS, 10-11 a.m. Annual Fall Bazaar, Community United Methodist Church, Monticello, 9-3 p.m.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunrise- 6:58 a.m. Sunset- 4:56 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grumpy Old Men-The Musical, Buffalo Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m. MN Vikings @ Atlanta, 12 p.m. 	Annandale, End of 1st Quarter No School	Election Day Full Moon	Hasty Silver Creek Sportsmen's Club Meeting, 7 p.m. Annandale Chamber Meets, 11:30 a.m.	Lion's Club Meets, 7 p.m., at the V by HH Sons of the American Legion, 8 p.m. at the Legion Club	Maple Lake Teacher Workshop No School	St. Timothy's Shopping Extravaganza Maple Lake's Fall Craft Sale, Maple Lake Elementary, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunrise- 7:08 a.m. Sunset- 4:48 p.m. MN Vikings Vs. New Orleans, 12 p.m.	Annandale City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7 p.m. Maple Lake School Board Meeting 7 p.m. National Education Week New Moon	Chatham Township Meeting, 7 p.m. Potluck Dinner Pioneer Park, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Club Maple Lake Schools- Late Start	Maple Lake VFW Post 7664, at the Maple Lake Legion, 7 p.m.	Maple Lake Legion Auxiliary Meets, 7 p.m. Wright Saddle Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m.		Deer Firearm Season Opener (Season B) Arts & Crafts Fair, Howard Lake School, 9-2
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunrise- 7:18 a.m. Sunset- 4:41 p.m. MN Vikings @ Denver 7:20 p.m.	Annandale School Board Meeting, AES Media Center, 7 p.m.	Maple Lake City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Corinna Township Meeting, 7 p.m. Maple Lake Township Meeting, 7 p.m. Albion Township Meeting, 7 p.m. Silver Creek Township Meeting, 7 p.m.	2023 Holiday Gift Guide is out, Pick it up in the Advocate or Messenger	Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving Break, No School Annandale/ Maple Lake ANML Annual Turkey Trot 5k, Downtown Annandale (tentative)	Thanksgiving Break No School Annandale/ Maple Lake	Small Business Saturday, Downtown Buffalo, Annandale & Maple Lake, Participating Chamber Businesses Annual Tree Lighting, Riverfront Park, Delano and Clock Tower Park, Annandale
26	27	28	29	30		
Sunrise- 7:27 a.m. Sunset- 4:36 p.m.	Full Moon MN Vikings Vs. Chicago 7:15 p.m. Cyber Monday	Wright County Snowmobile Association Meeting - American Legion, 7:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Timothy Church, 7 p.m.			

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