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# **Dingmann Funeral Care: A family that cares**

# By Brenda Erdahl

The best funeral directors are called to the field, it's a ministry, said Brian Dingmann.

Brian owns Dingmann Funeral Care of Annandale, Maple Lake and Kimball with his wife Dana. It's a fourth-generation business started by his great-grandfather John Dingmann and carried on by his parents Art and Marlene.

The funny thing is, Brian never had any plans to go into the family business and his parents never encouraged it, but when he was 17 years old, he felt the calling.

"We were at Jack and Jill's in Annandale. There was a lady in the aisle and my dad genuinely asked how she was doing. She got a tear in her eye, and she gave him a hug."

Art, who isn't a hugger, Brian said, embraced her back.

"At that moment I knew that I didn't know what my dad did at all, and I wanted to learn more."

Brian spent the next several years figuring it out. He went to school at the University of Minnesota, earned his degree in Mortuary Science, married Dana who is also a funeral director and eventually came back to Annandale. In 2014, he and Dana bought the business from his parents.

What he discovered is that being a funeral director is both one of the best jobs and one of the hardest.

"It's a field where you go home at night and know you made a difference," he said.

Brian stated that according to Alan Wolfelt, one the most predominant grief experts today, every funeral has core functions: To acknowledge the reality of the loss, to remember the person that has died, to build support for the grieving, to express our inner thoughts and feelings, and to mark the significance of the life that was lived. Throughout time, when words have not been enough to express the significance of an event, we have done so through ritual and ceremony. How that looks for each person is completely different and it's Brian and Dana's job to meet those needs.



Brian and Dana Dingmann own Dingmann Funeral Care of Annandale, Maple Lake and Kimball. They are pictured above at their Annandale location with their four-year old goldendoodle, Arlo.

"People tend to want to know how we can get this done as quickly and painlessly as possible. Painless in the sense of stress, yes, but not grief. We find ourselves educating people on the differences between efficiency and effectiveness. Our job now is to try to get them on the right first step. Grief is both universal and unique and there is a lot of misinformation out there. We need to walk them through that and empower them with healthy options and choices. We must meet everyone where they are at, recognize that all families have different needs, and then help meet those needs."

Continuing education has become a huge part of the couple's lives through organizations like Healing Hearts Connection (formerly Children's Grief Connection), the Minnesota Funeral Directors Association, National Funeral Directors Association and Selected Independent Funeral Directors. can't be overlooked because how they grieve in the first 25 years of their lives can set them up for how they will grieve for the rest of their lives, Brian said.

"A parent's instinct may be to protect their children, but that's not always the most effective. We still need to have answers for them."

Dana and Brian's pursuit of knowledge and best practices has led them down a surprisingly new road as well.

# What's your shade of green?

In 2018, the couple invested in solar panels. They had them installed on the roof of their funeral home because it made sense. They knew eventually it would pay for itself and it was a simple way for them to do their part. It wasn't intentional, but somehow, they became known as a green funeral home. and there is no right or wrong way.

Cremation has become increasingly popular. To take that one step further, in addition to flame-based cremation, Dingmann offers a waterbased alternative called alkaline hydrolysis that further minimizes the carbon impact left behind. Before cremating a loved one's remains, Brian and Dana often recommend a viewing beforehand. Private viewings do not require embalming.

Dingmann Funeral Care also offers green burials. They have willow, seagrass and bamboo caskets with natural cotton lining that will break down easier in the ground and have less of an environmental impact. They also offer greener embalming options, such as a formalin free option and even a process that uses essential oils. However, these processes are new and there have been mixed results.

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anything that helps reduce the stress of the family is worthwhile.

Pre-planning can also address financial preparations.

# **Financial burden**

The cost of a funeral and/or cremation can also be a source of stress for families. Pre-funding with the funeral home can help to alleviate this stress at the time of need. Dingmann Funeral Care also works with families with financial constraints by providing options for their budget.

# A family calling

Funeral care is truly a calling for the Dingmann family. It started in 1900 when John Dingmann began providing services in Clear Lake. In 1936 Francis E. Dingmann took up the torch left by his father and eventually expanded the business to Kimball. His son Art followed in his father's footsteps as director and owner with wife Marlene from 1976 to 2014. Brian heard the call as a young man and heeded it.

Funeral directors are always on call and ready to assist a family in need, whether it's the weekend, a holiday or you are at your kid's ball game. Because of that, you really must see it as a ministry, Brian said.

Brian was fortunate to meet the like-minded Dana. She grew up with a best friend whose dad was a funeral director. The funeral home was never a sad place for her. On the contrary, after a morning of riding bikes in the summer heat, the funeral home was a place that always had the AC turned on and a cold pop in the fridge, she said.

When she got older, she made a little extra money by doing odd jobs at the funeral home for her friend's

Thirty years ago, meeting those needs was simpler. Most people had a church home and a ritual, Brian said. That's not always the case these days and the couple have found themselves in a new role, that of educators.

For many people they are experiencing their first death, and this is their first funeral. Thirty years ago, most had experienced a significant loss at a young age, Brian said. There has been a shift and while that says a lot for modern medicine, it's changed the role of funeral directors. For instance, through their work with Healing Hearts Connection, Brian and Dana found that children are often forgotten grievers. Although unintentional, it's a vital fact that "When someone brought that up to us, we thought let's embrace it and make some green options available," Brian said.

What they came to realize was that everyone is a different shade of green



Dingmann Funeral Care's Maple Lake location on Oak Avenue North. Photos by Brenda Erdahl

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"It's really about empowering people with a choice, and doing it without judgement," Brian said.

## **Pre-planning a funeral**

Another way to feel empowered is to pre-plan. Getting some of the tasks out of the way in advance can also alleviate stress for loved ones. The simplest way to pre-plan is to get your basic information on file at the funeral home - facts like place and date of birth, maiden name, social security number, faith background and funeral preferences.

Too often Brian and Dana hear of someone who had the foresight to write all that information down, but their family doesn't find it until months after the funeral. The first step is to talk to the funeral home staff and get it on file. It doesn't have to be done all at once, Brian said, but father. That's when she began to see how much he helped people. She had always been interested in the medical field, so it was a natural fit.

Brian and Dana have three children, Isabelle, Elias, and Anneliese. They also have a four-legged family member who is turning out to have his own impact on the family business.

# Arlo

Arlo is a four-year-old goldendoodle who has been known to offer a listening ear or warm hug to the bereaved. He trained with Off Leash K9 and is available on request for families as a comfort animal.

### For more information

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# **PAGE 2 NOVEMBER 2024** LAKE COUNTRY LURE **Turkey Trot is a Thanksgiving tradition**

# **By Brenda Erdahl**

Thanksgiving is a day for turkey, stuffing, and apple pie, not a grueling three mile run in sometimes downright cold temperatures, but that's what some people around here have come to think of it as.

For almost 15 years, the Annandale Maple Lake (ANML) wrestling team has hosted the annual Turkey Trot 5K on Thanksgiving morning in Annandale, and every year 100 plus people turn out for a little early-morning exercise before indulging in holiday festivities.

"It's so cool to have people come together on Thanksgiving morning," ANML Head Coach Ben Youngs said. "At first glance, it seems like bad timing. However, everyone is gone by 9 a.m. on a typical day, so there is plenty of time to start the day with some exercise and get to a family gathering."

Youngs and fellow coaches Curt Nordlie and Jason Bartels started the race in 2009.

"For years it was just the wrestlers and coaches who met on Thanksgiving morning and ran a random 4.2-mile route. I mentioned it could be turned into a 5K fundraiser for the team, and we set it up. Curt, Jason, and I wheeled off a course and the rest is history," Youngs said.

That first race drew 80 runners. Nate Hoffman was the overall winner in a time of 18:36 and Lisa Hines was The Maple Lake From the pages of the Maple Lake Messenger. MapleLakeMessenger.com/subscribe



the overall female winner in 21:09. Four turkeys donated by Coborns in Clearwater were given to the top male and female finishers in two age categories, and that tradition continues to this day.

By 2011, the Turkey Trot had grown to 135 runners. Last year, the event attracted just over 100 runners and walkers plus approximately 50 wrestlers.

Because it takes place in the fall in Minnesota, the weather is often unpredictable for these intrepid athletes. In 2011 the day was described in the local newspaper as a "beautiful, Thanksgiving morning with temperatures at a frosty 30-some degrees" but not all race days were that nice. In 2014 temperatures hovered near zero degrees, according to the Annandale Advocate; in

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Many of the runners return year after year, including Annandale cross country runners, Maple Lake cross country runners and others who either walk or run it. Once in



Just over 100 runners and walkers erupt from the starting line of last year's Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot in Annandale. The Annandale-Maple Lake Wrestling team's annual Turkey Trot 5K on Thanksgiving morning has become an annual tradition for many looking for a little exercise before taking part in the holiday feast.

a while, the event attracts athletes from the Metro or locations further north.

The money raised through registration fees and other donations goes entirely to the wrestling program. It pays for extra coaches, occasional surprises like fruit or Dilly Bars for the wrestlers, a trip to a college match and a hotel stay in Alexandria when the team competes at a tournament up

# there, Youngs said.

For 13 years the race has gone on, rain, snow, or shine. Not even Covid could cancel it. In 2020, organizers decided to move the 5K to the Maple Lake school grounds and runners completed a two-loop course in a window of time to avoid a common start. In 2021 it moved back to Annandale.

place on Thursday, Nov. 28 at 8 a.m. Check-in is at the Annandale Middle School. There is no advance registration. T-shirts are given out on a first come, first serve basis.

Businesses interested in sponsoring the race will get their name on the back of the T-shirt. Interested businesses should contact Youngs at youngsb@maplelake.k12. mn.us

### This year's race will take

**Celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11** 

### **Contributed report**

Each November, millions of people recognize the service and sacrifice of military veterans on Veterans Day. Initially commemorated as Armistice Day but renamed Veterans Day in the United States in 1954, the holiday is a federal holiday throughout the country.

### When Veterans Day is observed

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs notes that Veterans Day is always observed officially on November 11, regardless of which day of the week that happens to be. In 2024, Veterans Day is Monday, November 11. Many communities will hold events to honor local veterans on this day. In Maple Lake, an event is held every Nov. 11 at Maple Lake High School. Watch the Maple Lake Messenger for more information as the day draws nearer.

### Significance of November 11



Local veterans are honored each year at a community event held at Maple Lake High School the morning of Nov. 11, Veteran's Day. Watch the Maple Lake Messenger for more information as the day draws nearer. Photo from Messenger archives

ing of the armistice between the Allies of World War I and Germany at 5:45 a.m. on November 11, 1918. Though the formal peace treaty, the Treaty of Versailles, was not signed until 1919 and hostilities between the sides continued for hours after the armistice was signed, the day

### World War I.

# **Distinguishing Veterans Day** from Memorial Day

The VA notes that Veterans Day honors all those individuals who served honorably in the miliary during both wartime and peacetime. Memorial Day is a day to honor and remember military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who lost their lives in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

# Significance of red poppies

Red poppies are ubiquitous on Memorial Day, but they're also visible on Veterans Day. Though it's not taboo to wear red poppies on Veterans Day, it's a tradition that aligns more with Memorial Day. That's because the poppies are typically worn to honor fallen military personnel. A 1915 poem written by a Canadian Lieutenant Colonel named John McCrae referred to the fields of poppies growing around the graves of World War I soldiers in Flanders.

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# Do other countries honor military veterans?

Many countries honor their military veterans, and many do so on November 11 as well. For example, Canadians and Australians observe Remembrance Day in honor of their nation's respective veterans on November 11. Great Britain observes Remembrance Day on the Sunday nearest to November 11.

Veterans Day is a day to honor and commemorate the brave men and women who have honorably served in the U.S. military during wartime and peacetime.



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# What **Minnesota deer hunters** can expect

### **Minnesota DNR Report**

More than 400,000 deer hunters are preparing for the firearms deer season that opens Saturday, Nov. 9. The season offers opportunities to spend time outdoors with friends and family, find adventure and put venison in the freezer.

Deer hunting is the primary tool used to manage deer populations, and hunters help keep deer numbers in line with population goals across the state. Managing deer populations contributes to the overall health of Minnesota's landscapes, natural systems and economy.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' wildlife staff report that there should be good opportunities to harvest deer in most areas.

Hunters should know the deer permit area number for where they plan to hunt prior to buying a license and ensure they understand chronic wasting disease regulations and sampling options for that area. Hunters can find these details using the DPA lookup tool on the DNR's website (www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/ deer/make-your-deer-hunting-plan.html).

Deer hunters are required to have deer one year or older sampled for CWD in all CWD management and surveillance zones during the opening weekend of the firearms and during late CWD hunts. Additional information at www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/index.html.

### Southern deer report

Deer populations continue to increase in southern Minnesota, and deer fared well over last year's mild winter. Prolonged June flooding during the fawning and fawn rearing season likely had a negligible effect on the population.

River floodplains offer some of the best deer habitat and deer hunting in southern areas of the state. Prior to flooding this year, there were several years without a major flood, and vegetation in these floodplains has grown to the point of offering excellent cover for deer, which bodes well for deer hunters. Bluff lands that overlook floodplains offer oak and other sources of nuts and seeds that saw a moderate to excellent crop in 2024. Large areas of grass with embedded wetlands are also prime deer habitat. If water levels continue to lower, hunters will have easier access to this type of habitat.

# **Central deer report**

Deer populations remain robust and highly productive in central Minnesota, and deer also fared well over the winter.

Hunters can harvest as many as three deer in many DPAs in central Minnesota, and as many as five deer in CWD management zones and the Twin Cities metro zone. To help manage deer populations, wildlife managers encourage hunters to take advantage of opportunities to harvest antlerless deer



The firearms deer season opens Saturday, Nov. 9 in Minnesota. A mild 2023-2024 winter has left deer populations robust in most of Minnesota which bodes well for the upcoming deer hunting season. Stock Photo

was redesignated as DPA 642 after CWD was detected last year near Wabasha. DPA 642 will now have some of the same CWD management zone regulations as other deer permit areas in the southeast CWD management zone, including carcass movement restrictions and disease management permits available for antlerless deer harvest. It is important to note that there is a three-buck limit (one permissible by each license type of archery, muzzleloader and firearm) in place for the southeast CWD management zone DPAs 643, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649 and 655. This three-buck limit does not apply to other CWD management DPAs in the state, including southeast DPAs 642 and 644, or to the south metro CWD management zone (DPA 605). Hunters can find these regulations on the DPA lookup tool.

# Northeast deer report

Despite a mild 2023-24 winter, deer populations in the northeast region of Minnesota are still low and will take multiple years to recover from several severe winters in prior years.

The best deer harvest opportunities in the northeast part of the state will be in the southern portion of this region, where deer numbers are higher.

In addition, the highest deer numbers are expected in areas of mixed habitat of open fields and forest. Scouting for local pockets of deer will improve hunter success. Hunters in far northern areas will again have fewer opportunities to harvest antlerless deer, and in some areas hunters will only be allowed to harvest bucks. This will give local deer populations in these northern areas a chance to grow where their numbers are below goals established through the public deer population goal setting zones where hunters must follow mandatory CWD testing requirements the opening weekend of firearms A season Nov. 9-10, and carcass movement restrictions during the entire season. The city of Grand Rapids hunts also have mandatory sampling of all deer one year of age or older taken in any season.

To help inform consideration of a proposed elk restoration project, new mandatory CWD surveillance sampling will be implemented on opening weekend of firearms A season in DPAs 156, 173, 181 and 199 as a precautionary measure within the potential elk restoration area.

## Northwest deer report

Last winter was one of the mildest winters on record and was exactly what the deer herd needed following the moderate to severe winters of 2021-22 and 2022-23. As a result, the deer population fared well throughout the northwest part of the state.

Reports abound of does giving birth to twins and even triplets in many parts of the region this spring and early summer. This level of reproduction will help local herds recover from mortality events experienced during harsher winters. The acorn crop this year was spotty, especially from bur and white oaks. Red oak acorns, on the other hand, were locally abundant. Grass and forbs, various food plot crops, and hay fields have remained green throughout much of fall, which helps deer enter winter in good shape.

Many DPAs in northwest Minnesota have two- or three-deer harvest limits, whereas hunters in DPAs 111 and 203 are limited to bucks-only. Some DPAs continue to have lower harvest limits because of concerns about the previously mentioned severe winters' effect on local deer herds and reaching established population goals.

Hunters should also know that CWD sampling will be mandatory during the opening weekend of the regular firearms deer hunting season in parts of two areas of the region, including the East Grand Forks-Crookston-Climax area in DPA 661, as well as the Bemidji area in DPA 684.

Deer hunting information is available on the Minnesota DNR's deer hunting webpage.





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# Protect trees from winter and wildlife

Taking proactive measures now can help young trees survive winter weather conditions and hungry wildlife, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"Yard trees provide countless benefits to our environment and our well-being. They help clean our air, reduce our electric bills and enhance our surroundings, to name a few," said Nikki Henger, the DNR's Forestry Division outreach specialist. "Supporting our yard trees during the winter months will help set the stage for them to thrive in the summer."

# Five tips for winter tree care

**1.** Mulch and water. Add a 3-inch layer of mulch that is at least 3 inches away from the trunk and about 3 feet in diameter. Water trees regularly until the ground freezes.

2. Tidy up around the trees. Wildlife such as rabbits and rodents browse on trees and shrubs as a regular part of their diet. Minimize this risk by removing places where wildlife might nest, such as tall grasses, brush piles, tarps or water bags, directly around trees.

3. Wrap young trees. Tree wraps or plastic guards help protect against rabbits, rodents and sunscald. Newly planted trees should be wrapped for at least two winters, while thin-barked species should be wrapped for at least five winters. Sunscald occurs when the sun heats up the trunk, followed by quick freezing at night, leading to cracking bark. Be sure to remove the tree guards in late spring.

4. Add fencing. Effective barriers can be wire fencing, hardware cloth or poultry netting. Bury fencing 2 to 3 inches below ground and extend it about 2 feet above the anticipated snow line to create a more critter-proof barrier. Periodically check fenced areas to ensure wildlife is not trapped inside. If deer are frequent visitors in a large yard or wooded area, consider installing a 10-foot woven wire fence to reduce damage. Bud capping is also commonly used to shield white pine seedlings from deer browse. Fold a 4"x6" piece of paper in half and staple it around the top leader of the tree this time of year until it grows out of reach to deer.

5. Contact an arborist about pruning. There is lower risk of disease transmissions, like oak wilt, in winter. It is also easier to visualize the tree branching structure without leaves.

Yard trees need a little attention all year-round and provide a great reason to get outside. Following these winter tree care steps will give trees some extra protection during winter. To learn more on residential tree care,

the DNR's tree care webpage (mndnr.gov/tree-care).







# Get the jump on holiday shopping

Area craft fairs offer unique and handcrafted gifts



The Fall Craft Fairs have an assortment of hand crafted décor and unique items for the holidays. You can find something special from ornate wreaths to handcrafted gifts.

# **By Brenda Erdahl**

"The early bird gets the worm" is a well-known English proverb that historians trace all the way back to the 1600s. Though the words might first have been popularized hundreds of years ago, they remain as true today as they were then, particularly regarding holiday shopping.

Savvy shoppers have long touted the importance of starting early when looking for holiday gifts for loved ones. Seasoned procrastinators may never embrace early shopping, but others who want to a less hectic holiday shopping season can get an early start at these local craft fairs. Craft fairs have the bonus of featuring unique and often handcrafted items. Plus, many offer food, entertainment and if it's a fundraiser, your money will support a good cause.

# Fall craft shows:

# St. Timothy Shopping Extravaganza

When: Nov. 9, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Where: St. Timothy School, 215 Division St. East in Maple Lake.

Spread the word, invite your friends, and come start your holiday shopping at the St. Timothy School Shopping Extravaganza! Homemade goodies, handmade crafts, and vendor sales. The event also features a Paper Pie book sale and a large bake sale!

# Maple Lake Fall Craft Sale

When: Nov. 9, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: Maple Lake Elementary School east of the stoplights.

The Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Fall Craft Sale featuring numerous vendors selling hand-crafted and holiday themed items, baked goods and more.

# **Monticello Fall Craft Fair**

When: Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: Monticello Community Center 505 Walnut Street.

This annual fall craft fair offers free admission, 70 specialty vendor booths and is hosted by the Monticello Women of Today. The show features a variety of booths with items handmade or produced by crafters. The Monticello Senior Center will hold a sloppy joe lunch and there will be concessions.

# Hunter's Widows Weekend Craft and Vendor Show

Shoppers are eligible to enter a swag bag raffle and play craft show bingo. Swag bag prizes every 30 minutes. (must be present to win). The grand prize at the end of the day is a brand-new coach bag. GRAND (do not need to be present to win grand prize)

# Dassel-Cokato Craft Fair

When: Nov. 2, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Where: Dassel-Cokato High School

Come and shop handmade items from 127 vendors at this 51st annual show. The event is spread out between two large gyms and the high school commons. Enjoy food from the high school kitchen. Sponsored by the Dassel-Cokato Early Childhood Advisory Council, all proceeds from booth fees and lunchroom food sales go directly to the Early Childhood Advisory Council to support community early literacy enhancements, preschool and Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) scholarships, playground upkeep, community outreach and a variety of other reprograming needs.

# Farmers Market Craft and Vendor Fair

When: Nov. 9, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Where: Buffalo, 206 Central Ave.

This indoor market features a farmers market and craft fair simultaneously. Enjoy farmers market food, crafts, coffee, donuts and more. Do a little holiday shopping early and spend time with friends and neighbors.

# 14th Annual Craft and Bake Sale

When: Nov. 2, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Where: Buffalo Presbyterian Church, 507 Calder Ave NE

Enjoy a sweet treat while you shop for your favorite must haves and cross off some items on your Christmas list. Proceeds will benefit local mission groups including the Buffalo Food Shelf, Love INC. and Rivers of Hope.

# Elk Pride Craft Bazaar

When: Nov. 2, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: Elk River High School 900 School Street NW, Elk River.

What began as a few faculty wives creating crafts to sell to raise money for scholarships has grown over the years to now include approximately 170+ vendors. All items are handcrafted and all proceeds from booth rentals still go to scholarships for graduating seniors.

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If you haven't already started your holiday shopping this would be the weekend. Everyone loves handmade things as gifts and get something for yourself as well.



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Cross some items off your Christmas list at this event that features 110 exhibitors then enjoy a bite to eat at one of the event's 15 food booths. There is a \$3 admission fee.

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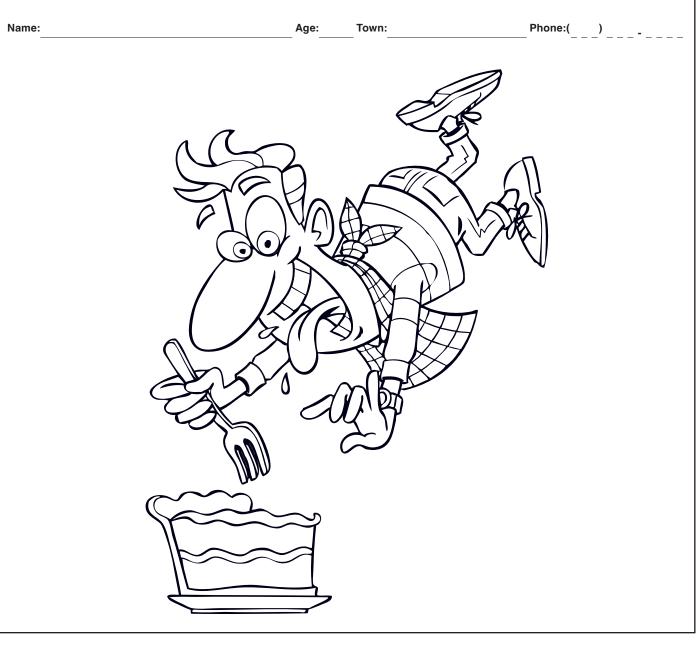
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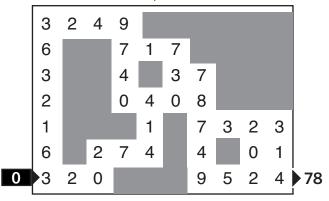
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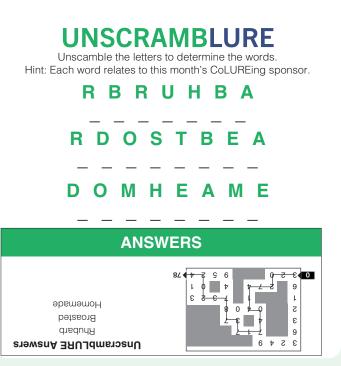


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# **MATH MAZE**

Navigate the maze by beginning at the value in the black square, move through the maze by **ADDING** horizontally or vertically adjacent numbers ending at totaling the ending value shown.





# LURE WORD SEARCH

Find the words in the word bank to the right in the puzzle below.

Words may be found in any direction including diagonally and may be overlapping each other. The solution is below the word bank.

A       E       B       T       M       V       E       T       E       R       A       N       S       E       K       M       A       T       X       F       MORD BANK         V       N       C       R       A       N       B       E       R       R       I       E       S       S       W       V       U       D       K       F       BISCUITS         O       S       P       F       S       Y       R       C       E       Y       B       R       E       I       P       R       N       T       E       Q         R       Q       Y       I       V       S       C       U       H       L       P       H       Y       W       D       I       F       T       W       D       CAKE         R       Q       Y       I       V       S       C       U       H       L       P       H       Y       W       D       I       F       T       W       D       CAKE       CHICKEN         H       O       T       D       I       S       H
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Daylight Savings Ends MN Vikings vs. Indianapolis, 12 p.m. Sunrise- 6:57 a.m. Sunset: 4:59 p.m. Buffalo Community Theater Presents "Murder on the Nile", 2 pm, Discovery Elementary Buffalo	Staff Development–Annandale, NO School	Election Day     Election Day     Annandale Conservation Club- 7:30 p.m.     South Haven Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.     Silver Creek Township Meeting, 7 p.m.     Corinna Township Meeting, 7 p.m. Potluck Dinner Pioneer Park, 6:00 p.m	<ul> <li>Customer Appreciation Raffle Tickets in Maple Lake Messenger</li> <li>Maple Lake Chamber Meeting, 12 p.m.</li> <li>Halloween Color Contest Winners Announced in Messenger</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Legion Riders at The Legion Club, 7 p.m.</li> <li>APEX Fun Run</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maple Lake Teacher Workshop- NO School</li> </ul>	Deer Firearm Season Opens     Maple Lake Fall Craft Fair, Maple Lake Elementary School 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
• MN Vikings @Jacksonville 12 p.m. Sunrise- 7:07 a.m. Sunset- 4:51 p.m.	<ul> <li>Veteran's Day</li> <li>Annandale City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7 p.m.</li> <li>Maple Lake School Board Meeting 7p.m</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chatham Township Meeting, 7 p.m.</li> <li>American Legion Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Club</li> <li>Maple Lake Schools- Late Start</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hasty-Silver Creek Sportsmen's Club Meeting, 7 p.m</li> <li>Annandale Chamber Meeting, TBD, 11:30 a.m.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sons of the American Legion, 8 p.m. at the Legion Club</li> <li>Maple Lake Lions, 7 p.m. at The V by HH</li> </ul>	O Full Moon	
17	18	19	20	21	22	2.
<ul> <li>Customer Appreciation Raffle Ticket- Deadline</li> <li>MN Vikings @ Tennessee, 12 p.m. Sunrise- 7:16 a.m.</li> <li>Sunset- 4:44 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Customer Appreciation Raffle Ticket- Drawing</li> <li>National Education week (Nov. 18-22)</li> <li>Annandale School Board Meeting, AES</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maple Lake City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m</li> <li>Corinna Township Meeting, 7 p.m.</li> <li>Maple Lake Township Meeting, 7 p.m.</li> <li>Albion Township Meeting, 7 p.m.</li> <li>Silver Creek Township Meeting, 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Customer Appreciation Raffle Ticket Winners announce in Maple Lake Messenger</li> <li>Maple Lake VFW Post 7664, at the Maple Lake Legion, 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Wright Saddle Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>M.L. Legion Auxiliary Meeting, 7 p.m.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Wright County Snowmobile Association Meeting - American Legion, 7:30 p.m.</li> </ul>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
• MN Vikings @ Chicago, 12 p.m. Sunrise- 7:26 a.m. Sunset- 4:38 p.m.			<ul> <li>Area Holiday Guide published in Annan- dale Advocate Maple Lake Messenger</li> </ul>	Thanksgiving • No School Maple Lake & Annandale • Turkey Trot 5k-Annandale High School	<ul> <li>No School Maple Lake &amp; Annandale</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Muzzleloader Deer Season Starts</li> <li>Annandale Tree Lighting, 5:30 p.m.</li> <li>Small Business Saturday, Downtown Bu Io, Annandale &amp; Maple Lake, Participatin Chamber Businesses</li> <li>Final Lake Country Lure Distributed</li> </ul>





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