

Star Bank reacts to the pandemic as an economic first responder



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By Brenda Erdahl

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a deep impact on local businesses, residents, and families alike over the last 13 months. Star Bank has been facing the challenges that have been brought forth by the pandemic in an aggressive and focused way, serving as an “economic first responder”. The bank has been demonstrating its flexibility to address customers’ unique financial needs while also performing acts of service to help the community stay resilient and vibrant.

“Community bankers are known as relationship lenders who stand by their customers and communities. This is the culture that we embrace at Star Bank on a daily basis,” says Andy Wahlquist, Chief Operations Officer. “As difficult as these times have been, I also think the pandemic has underscored the vital role that community banks play in our financial system.”

Star Bank’s passion and focus on helping local businesses is easily noticed when reviewing the bank’s

participation in the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan program that originated from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security (CARES) Act in early 2020. The program provides small businesses with eight weeks of cash-flow assistance through 100 percent federally-guaranteed loans backed by the Small Business Administration (SBA). The program was recently expanded by the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act.

Star Bank’s lenders in all 10 offices have been rallying for months to secure PPP funding for local

businesses of all sizes.

“Our bank even purchased new technology to streamline the loan application, approval, and forgiveness processes,” says Commercial Lender & Vice President, Craig Manz. “Because we are locally-owned and managed by a family who is involved in every aspect of bank operations, we were able to move quickly and do what needed to be done to help people. There’s no red tape here. Decisions that impact our customers are much more streamlined than what you’d see at a big bank.”

In total, Star Bank has helped more than 760 businesses secure PPP loans since the government released the Paycheck Protection Program. These loans already have or soon will enter the loan forgiveness phase.

Economic First Responders, Indeed.

More than 440 PPP loan applications for new and existing Star Bank customers have been approved during the first three months of 2021. Since the program’s inception in 2020, Star Bank has processed more than 764 PPP loans. These loans have helped businesses pay their

employees, pay the rent, or offset other business expenses like keeping the lights on.

Julie Hudek, Consumer Lender, says, “More than 1500 people’s jobs

“Banking technologies have come a long way and it seems like there’s always something new coming out or an enhancement that we can make for our customers’ benefit. We’re staying abreast of the latest

Julie Hudek, Consumer Lender, says, “More than 1500 people’s jobs have potentially been saved through Star Bank’s focused effort on PPP during this pandemic. To know that we’ve been helping businesses and their employees in this way...it means more than I can even communicate.”

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Star Bank is still navigating the pandemic during its day-to-day business operations. The mask mandate by Minnesota’s Governor is still in effect, and customers and employees alike are wearing masks in the bank lobby or any shared space. Hand sanitation stations and social distancing requirements have become the norm. Customers who prefer to stay near home have been able to conduct their banking transactions online or via their mobile device.

“We’ve definitely seen an uptick in mobile deposit, eStatements and other electronic services during the pandemic,” says Deanna Lauer, Cashier & Operations Manager.

trends to make sure it’s convenient for people of all ages to use Star Bank and continue to bank locally.”

As financial stewards and civic leaders, community bankers have always stood shoulder to shoulder with their customers and community -- doing whatever it takes to support their neighbors and ensure a strong local economy.

“I’m proud to be a community banker. Serving our customers and giving back to our local area in a volunteer capacity has been rewarding. We genuinely care about the vitality and continued growth of the communities we serve,” states Mikayla Bursch, Universal Banker.



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May Fishing Forecast



Cool temps slow down panfish action

Brenda Erdahl
Staff Writer

Cooler temperatures over the weekend made for some pretty poor fishing on area lakes. Until the waters warm up sunfish and crappies are likely to stay deep and when they are deep, they don't like to bite, said Shaun from Lake Region Coop in Buffalo.

Shane at H&H in Maple Lake noticed about 20 boats out on Little Maple Saturday, April 17 and they seemed to be having luck with crappies.

Kurt at Little Jim's Sport Shop in Annandale reported some panfish action on Clearwater, Sugar and Silvia, but until the water warms up and the fish start moving into the shallows to spawn, activity will remain slow, he predicted.

A few anglers had some luck on Schmidt Lake and Lake Constance over the weekend using crappie minnows and a beetle spin, according to Shaun. Others have had luck on the Mississippi River using fatheads and plastics.

May 15 is walleye opener when anglers can legally fish for many big game species across the state. Check the 2021 Minnesota fishing regulations booklet or hop online and see if any of the rules and regulations have changed on your favorite waters.

The Minnesota Fishing Opener, an unofficial Minnesota holiday is a little bit later than usual thanks to a Minnesota statute that sets the fishing opener two weeks before Memorial Day, which falls on May 31st this year. But that may be just the thing lakes need to warm up and make for a successful opener.

"If temperatures reach the 60s and stay there, it should make for a pretty good day on the lake", said Shaun, from Lake Region Coop in Buffalo.

Baitshop Chatter

Maple Lake: Anglers are catching crappies on Little Maple. Twenty-plus boaters were attracted to the area last weekend.

Clearwater Lake: Panfish are biting in about 10 to 15 feet of water. Anglers are using crappie minnows, wax worms, and angle worms.

Sugar Lake: Anglers are seeing a mix of sunfish and crappies in 10 to 15 feet of water.

Lake Sylvia: The water is still too cold for fish to be very active, but anglers are having some luck catching panfish on minnows and worms.

Schmidt Lake: Anglers fishing from shore are catching small panfish with few big enough to keep. They are using crappie minnows and beetle spins.

Lake Constance: Constance is producing a few fish for shorefishermen taking advantage of this warm spring weather. Anglers are reporting a good mix of sunfish and crappies hitting crappie minnows and beetle spins. The bite has been finicky but is expected to pick up as the water temps rise.

Mississippi River: The river has attracted fishing from both the shore and boats. Last weekend they were getting some panfish on fatheads and plastics, but it was slow.

Walleye opener is May 15 this year

Take a Mom Fishing Weekend is the weekend before walleye opener

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Report

Fishing seasons open for walleye, bass, trout in lakes, and northern pike on Saturday, May 15, with this year's date taking the prize for the latest possible opener under Minnesota statute.

"We know there is some confusion about this year's opener date," said Jon Hansen, fisheries program consultant for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Minnesota statute sets the fishing opener as the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. This year, with Memorial

Day the latest it can be, on May 31, that puts the fishing opener on Saturday, May 15.

Also related to May fishing, there is an error in the printed version of the Minnesota Fishing Regulations book regarding the dates for the 2021 Take a Mom Fishing Weekend.

The correct dates for this year's Take a Mom Fishing Weekend—when Minnesota-resident moms can fish without purchasing a license—are Saturday, May 8, to Sunday, May 9. That special weekend is defined in Minnesota statutes as the weekend that coincides with Mother's Day. Most years, under Minnesota law, the fish-

ing opener and Take a Mom Fishing Weekend fall on the same weekend, but not this year.

"We encourage Minnesota moms to get out and fish for free on May 8 and 9," Hansen said. "Even though the walleye season won't be open, there are still plenty of fun and easy fishing opportunities for crappie, sunfish, or even under-appreciated fish like buffalo, sucker, bullhead or sheepshead."

Fishing season dates, and the corrected Minnesota Fishing Regulations handbook, are available online at mndnr.gov/fishing.



Minnesota moms can fish for free on Take a Mom Fishing Weekend which this year falls on Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, May 9. Photo from Messenger Archives

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Maple Lake

LAKE OF THE MONTH

By Joe Stewig
Area Fisheries Manager

Maple Lake: Maple Lake is a 777-acre lake located near the City of Maple Lake in Wright County. The lake has two public accesses and they can be very busy on the weekends. As with many lakes in the area, Maple Lake offers fishing opportunities for a variety of species; however, the lake is primarily known for its bass and panfish populations.

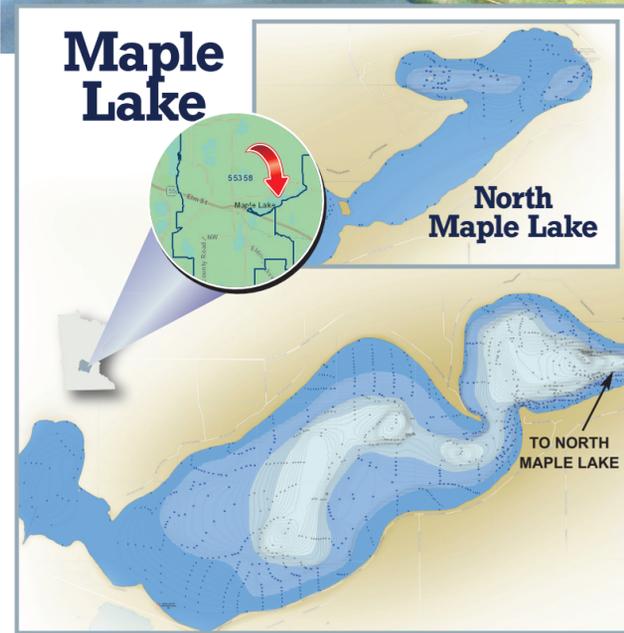
While bass and panfish are a major draw to the lake the lake is primarily managed for Walleye. Walleye fingerlings were first stocked into the lake back in 1945; however since 1985 they have been stocked every other year by the DNR with periodic supplemental stocking by the Maple Lake Property Owners Association. The most recent lake survey conducted in 2020 found low numbers of Walleye (1.8/gill net); however this is similar to the long term average for the lake (2.0/gill

the catch was longer than 26 inches), there is a chance to catch a few pike over 30 inches as pike up to 35 inches have been caught in previous surveys. Northern Pike growth is average for the area, taking six (6) years to reach 25 inches.

Besides Walleye and Northern Pike, Maple Lake is probably best known as a Largemouth Bass lake. Unfortunately, bass were not sampled in 2020 due to sampling protocols issued due to the COVID19 pandemic; however, bass numbers between 2009 and 2015 were above average. In 2015, bass collected ranged in length from five (5) to 20 inches with an average length and weight of 12 inches and 1.1 pounds. Fifty-two percent of the bass sampled were longer than 12 inches and 21 percent were longer than 15 inches. While we only sampled one bass over 20 inches in 2015 there are plenty roaming the lake so don't be sur-



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“Maple Lake is infested with Eurasian milfoil, flowering rush and zebra mussels so care should be taken not to spread these invasive species”.

net) dating back to 1980. Walleye caught ranged in length from eight (8) to 22 inches and averaged 18 inches and nearly three (3) pounds. Walleye growth is above average for the area taking about three (3) years to reach 15 inches.

Northern Pike abundance remains high although the average size is relatively small at 21 inches and two (2) pounds. While anglers will encounter numerous pike under 26 inches (only 8 percent of

prised to catch one over 20 inches.

Black Crappie are also highly sought after species in Maple Lake as well and at certain times can provide excellent fishing. Black Crappie abundance appears to be low; however summer assessments tend to not give a true representation of the actual crappie population and so a targeted spring assessment would better represent the size structure of the crappie population. That said, crappies

sampled in 2020 ranged in length from 3.8 – 11.2 inches with an average length of 7 ½ inches. Sixty-one percent of the crappies sampled were longer than eight (8) inches and 11 percent were longer than 10 inches. Growth of Black Crappie is average

for the area taking four (4) years to reach eight inches (8).

Bluegill abundance is average for the area; however the average size tends to be small. Bluegill sampled in 2020 ranged from three (3) to 7 ½ inches with an average length of 5 ¼

inches. Similar to crappies, the Bluegill population is better represented through spring targeted sampling. In 2015, a targeted Bluegill assessment was conducted and sampled 423 Bluegill ranging from two (2) to 9.1 inches. Sixty-eight percent of the Bluegill caught during that survey were six (6) inches or longer with 8 percent being eight (8) inches or longer. Bluegill growth in Maple Lake is slow, taking six (6) years to reach seven (7) inches.

There are no special fishing regulations; however, the lake is infested with Eurasian milfoil, flowering rush and zebra mussels so care should be taken not to spread these invasive species. Practicing selective harvest will continue to ensure healthy fish populations for future enjoyment. If anglers choose to harvest a meal of fish, it is suggested they harvest smaller Northern Pike (<22 inches) due to their high abundance.

Perform burn-free brush cleanup to prevent spring wildfires

Drought conditions across Minnesota have created the potential for an active and damaging spring wildfire season. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources urges woodland landowners and homeowners to help prevent wildfires by using burn-free options for spring brush and yard cleanup.

One of the drier areas of the state is the northwest. There, Ben Lang, DNR Forestry assistant supervisor in Bemidji, said the best way for residents

to prevent wildfire this spring is to use alternative methods to open burning.

“Open burning of debris is the number one cause of wildfires,” Lang said. “That’s why composting, chipping or taking brush to a collection site are the preferred alternatives for brush and yard clean-up year-round and even more so in the current dry conditions.”

Below-average snowfall this winter came on the heels

of an abnormally dry fall in 2020. What little snow there is will quickly melt away, revealing very dry grasses – fuel favorable for wildfire ignition and spread.

Lang said it shocks residents every year to learn that 75% of Minnesota wildfires occur in the months of March, April and May.

“A spark doesn’t care what month it is,” Lang said. “One spark on dry vegetation can quickly become a wildfire.”

Annual spring burning restrictions will soon go into effect. These seasonal and temporary constraints curb the open burning of brush and vegetation. The timing and length of restrictions depends on the weather and how fast things “green up” in the spring. Residents can get daily updates on burning restrictions and current fire risk at the DNR website.

DNR reminds residents that burning permits are not required if there are three or

more inches of continuous snow cover. Burning permits are available online. Those interested in obtaining a burning permit from their local

Township Fire Warden can call their local DNR Forestry Office for information on active wardens in their area.



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Baked Sweet Potato Fries

Contributed report

Sweet potatoes are a beloved side dish as they make for the perfect complement to any meal, including fresh caught fish.

Despite the popularity of sweet potatoes, some misconceptions about them have prevailed. The terms “sweet potato” and “yam” often are used interchangeably, but they actually are two different plants. Sweet potatoes, according to the cooking resource Epicurious, are in the morning glory family. Yams are related to palms and grasses. Yams are native to Africa, Southeast Asia, the Caribbean, and Central America. Sweet potatoes are grown primarily in the United States, although they were likely brought from Central or South America. One similarity of sweet potatoes and yams are that they are not potatoes at all.

Sweet potatoes range in color from yellow to dark orange. There also are purple varieties. Yams have brown or black, scaly skin. They can produce off-white, purple or red flesh that is more starchy and dry than sweet potatoes. Most North American stores do not sell genuine yams.

Sweet potatoes can be prepared in both sweet and savory ways, making them equally at home on the dinner table or for dessert. Sweet potato fries are one of the tastier ways to enjoy sweet potatoes. This recipe for “Baked Sweet Potato Fries” courtesy of the North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission can make for the perfect side when serving steak, burgers or fish.

Baked Sweet Potatoes

Serves 8

- 7 Medium Sweet Potatoes**
- 1/3 Cup Olive Oil**
- 1/2 Teaspoon Salt**

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line two baking sheets with foil; spray with nonstick cooking spray. For crispier results, place a metal rack on each baking sheet.

Peel the sweet potatoes, if desired, and cut into 1/4-inch strips.

In a large bowl, combine sweet potatoes, oil and salt; with your hands, toss to coat.

Spread sweet potatoes in a single layer on racks or foil without crowding; set aside remaining sweet potatoes.

Bake until crisp, about 30 minutes, flipping halfway through. Repeat until all the sweet potatoes are baked.

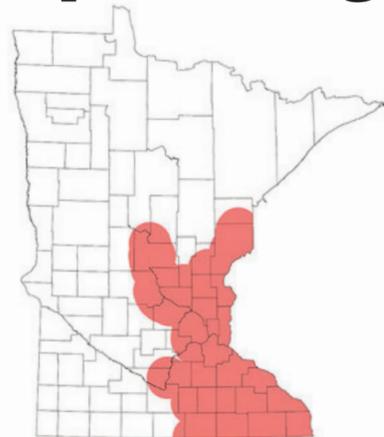
High-risk oak wilt season Avoid oak pruning

By the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

April marks the beginning of the high-risk season for oak wilt. According to the Department of Natural Resources, not pruning oaks from April through July is the best preventative measure to curb the spread of the deadly oak wilt disease.

Oak wilt is a non-native, invasive fungal disease that kills all of Minnesota’s oak species. It spreads two ways: above ground by sap-feeding beetles, and below ground through connected roots. By avoiding pruning or cutting oaks in spring and early summer, residents prevent fungus spread by sap beetles carrying spores from infected trees to fresh cuts.

“Once oak wilt gets started, controlling the disease is expensive,” said Rachael Dube, DNR Northwest Region forest health specialist. “The good news is by following pruning guidelines, people can prevent or reduce the spread of oak wilt in their yards, woods, and communities.” Dube encourages residents to postpone pruning until November-through-February, when there is no risk of oak wilt transmission.



The pink area on the map above is the oak wilt high-risk zone and shows the known range of oak wilt in Minnesota as of October 2020.

Nuisance Insects appearing in Homes

By Adam Austing & Katie Drewitz, University of MN Extension educators

With the recent increase in temperature you may begin to notice insects in your home. First, it is important to know that these insects are not reproducing indoors. Due to the emergence from their hiding places periodically throughout the winter and early spring, it appears they are laying eggs and their offspring are emerging. In fact, all of the insects you see now entered your home last fall. They hibernate in balls or clusters in wall voids, attics, and similar areas. As the temperatures warm, the insects in the outer layers become active first and then emerge into the living quarters of the home, explaining why they do not all become active at the same time.

Since these insects are emerging from hidden sites, it is not practical to treat them to prevent their emergence. To minimize these kinds of problems in the future, it is important to treat these insects in the fall as they are first trying to enter your home. This is a two-pronged approach. First it is important to inspect the outside of the home during summer and seal spaces and gaps that may be used by the insect to get inside. This can be followed up with an insecticide application in the fall, just as these insects are trying to get inside. This insecticide application is typically applied to the outer perimeter of the home. It is not possible to prevent all nuisance insects from entering into a home, but you can reduce the number that do, causing fewer headaches later during the winter and spring.

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TEACHER of the MONTH



NICOLE GREEN

By Tom Westman

Earlier this month the Annandale community voted online for the Annandale High School Teacher of the Month. The results are in and AHS Physical Education teacher and Drivers Education Coordinator Nicole Green came up with the most votes. Outside of the classroom she is the head gymnastics coach and assistant tennis coach.

Comments by those voting for Green included "Relatable, energetic, positive, helpful"; "Caring"; "A students' teacher for sure."; "Great personality and a great teacher, that has a big heart for the students."; "Amazing."

Greets with a smile

"Nicki Green is one of the most positive and welcoming people I have ever known," said Annandale High School Principal Steve Scherber. "She greets every student with a smile and words of encouragement as they enter her classroom."

Caring mother to all

"Nicki is an amazing teacher," said AHS PE teacher and coach. "I marvel at her ability to connect with her students."

"She has such a warm, positive personality that draws the students to her. She works hard at getting to know all of her students and finding what makes them tick so she can connect with them."

"She is so creative and progressive in the classroom that I'm constantly talking to her or popping into her classroom during my prep to see what she's doing so I can 'steal' from her lesson."

"Nicki is like a caring 'mother' to everyone in the school, students and coworkers alike."



Submitted photo

Annandale High School Teacher-of-the-Month Nicole Green is pictured with her family. Left to right is son Caden, husband Russ, daughter Becca, Nicole and son Caden.

About Nicole Green

Green grew up in Maple Lake and graduated from Maple Lake High School. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. While in high school she competed in volleyball, gymnastics and track.

Teaching

Prior to coming to Annandale Green taught for two years at Plymouth Creek Elementary and Kimberly Lane Elementary in the Wayzata School District.

She was hired in 2003 by then Principal Dick Ofstedahl. According to Green she was interviewed by Ofstedahl, Matt Walter, Denny Harmoning, Bob Payne and Pam Fliegel.

Green was asked what makes a great PE teacher.

"Patience, the ability to adapt and be flexible with indoor-outdoor-weather," Green said. "Also a sense of humor. The high school staff believes we are pretty funny."

Loves teaching

"I love my students, I love my colleagues and everyday is something new and exciting," Green said. "I love what I get to do and I am always trying to connect with students."

"I love trying to help them learn and become confident individuals who see they can be successful."

"I understand and enjoy that that process looks different for every single student."

Living in Annandale

Nicole, her husband Russ, daughter Becca 18, attending St. Scholastica; sons Nathan 16 and Cadan 11 make their home in Annandale. Green likes living in Annandale.

"We are a strong community of support, kindness and compassion, Green said. "It is an amazing place to raise a family."

"I love the small town, lakes and the celebrations and the Fourth of July in Annandale has an energy and excitement that is so much fun to be around."

Three quotes

Green has three favorite quotes.

"Be kind, whenever possible. It is always possible."

"Kindness is being someone who makes everybody feel like somebody."

"Thank you for being the reason I smile."



STEVE KOSLOSKI

By Brenda Erdahl

Steve Kosloski, an eighth grade World Geography and 10th grade World US History teacher at Maple Lake High School has been voted Teacher of the Month for May.

Described by his nominators as "funny, hardworking, kind, caring," he's been called a "high quality educator" who "truly cares about his students in and out of school. He is encouraging, honest and his humor just adds to who he is." Kosloski is the kind of educator that engages his students through entertainment, reportedly performing lesson-based rap songs on occasion with a "blinged-out gallon milk jug hanging from a necklace." He "makes learning fun," another fan said, adding, he is a "great teacher who picks his students up when feeling down."

Kosloski began his teaching career at MLHS 17 years ago and is still loving it. He holds a Bachelor of Science in 5th-12th grade social studies education from Minnesota State University Mankato and a Master of Arts in Education from St. Mary's University of Minnesota. It was while attending college that he realized his calling was to be a teacher.

"While attending college without a clear vision of what I wanted to do with my life, I did some soul searching and realized how much I truly enjoy working with young people," he said. "As a young student-athlete, I had the opportunity to work with many kids via wrestling camps/clinics. The joy of interacting with young people convinced me my path was education."

Teaching is also in his blood, he said. His mother was an elementary teacher in Wisconsin.

The positive impact he can have on students in and outside the classroom is what he enjoys most about his career. That, he said, provides purpose in his life.

"Kids need adult allies in their lives and if I get the opportunity to fill that role, I feel blessed. Interacting and guiding young people is a huge reason why I am living my best life," he said.

He gets a feeling of accomplishment every time he receives emails or letter from current and former students thanking him for the positive impact he had on their lives. He said they make him feel like he "won the lottery."

Originally from Mosinee, a city in central Wisconsin with a population of about 4,000 people, he is used to the small-town feel of Maple Lake. He said being in a smaller school allows him to get to know his students on a personal level.

"The ability to truly get to know my students is very appealing to me. If I can get insight into what makes kids tick, making connections with them just comes naturally. Teaching in a small community allows me the ability to get to know families and build relationships with them. Teaching multiple students from the same family from year-to-year is an awesome benefit to working at MLHS," he said.

MLHS principal Dave Hansen couldn't agree more with the public's choice for May Teacher of the Month and feels Kosloski is very deserving on the honor.



"Steve brings passion, energy, and excitement to his classroom each and every day," Hansen said. "Steve makes learning fun and creates lasting memories with his students. It is not uncommon to see Steve meandering through the hallway before or after school and stopping to talk with each group of students he encounters. Some days he even has a sign hanging from his neck while in the hallway that reads, 'You are loved!' Steve truly loves his students and is there to help and support them anyway he can. Maple Lake High School is fortunate to have teachers like Steve Kosloski."

Kosloski has been married to his wife, Kelly, for 13 years. They live near Annandale in their "forever home" on Lake John. Kelly is an on-the-job/youth apprenticeship instructor at Wright Technical Center in Buffalo. Although they have no "human children" their family wouldn't be complete without "cat-daughter" Chloe who they focus their parental love on.

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2	3 • Annandale City Council Meeting 7 p.m.	4 • Silver Creek Township Meeting 7 p.m. • Corinna Township Meeting 7 p.m. • South Haven City Council Meeting 7 p.m.	5 • Cinco de Mayo • Maple Lake Chamber Meeting 12 p.m.	6 • Maple Lake Legion Riders Meet 7 p.m.	7	8
9 Mothers Day • Roman festival of Lemuria	10 • Maple Lake PTA Meeting 5 pm • Maple Lake School Board Meets 7 pm	11 • Maple Lake Schools Late Start • Chatham Township Meets 7 p.m. • M.L. American Legion Meets 7:30 p.m. • Maple Lake City Council Meets 7 p.m. • Pioneer Park Potluck Supper 6:30 p.m. • May New Moon	12 • Annandale Chamber Meets 11:30 a.m. • Hasty-Silver Creek Sportsmen Meet 8 p.m.	13 • Sons of the American Legion_ML 8 p.m. • ML Lions Club Meet 7 p.m.	14	15 Walleye Opener Armed Forces Day
16 • Do Something Good for a Neighbor Day	17	18 Albion Township Meeting 7 p.m. Maple Lake Township Meeting 7 p.m. Corinna Township Meeting 7 p.m.	19	20 • Wright Saddle Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. • Maple Lake Legion Auxiliary Meets 7 p.m.	21 Maple Lake Elementary Track and Field Day	22
23/30 May 30 • King Arthur died 1,479 years ago in 542 • Joan of Arc died 590 years ago 1431	24/31 May 31st - Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	25 • WC Snowmobile Assoc. Meets 7:30 p.m.	26 • Sr. Award Night - Maple Lake High School • Full Moon - Full Flower Moon	27 • 6th Grade Graduation Maple Lake • Knights of Columbus Meet 7 p.m.	28 • Last Day of Classes Maple Lake • Maple Lake COMMENCEMENT	29 May Lure Published

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