

Celebrate the Easter season at a local event

By Brenda Erdahl

There are several events happening in the area to celebrate the holiday, from Easter egg hunts, craft fairs and breakfasts to visits with the one and only, Easter Bunny.

Maple Lake Lions Easter Candy Scramble

The Maple Lake Lions will hold its annual Easter Pancake Breakfast and Candy Scramble, Sunday, April 2 at Maple Lake High School. Doors open at 8 a.m. for the breakfast with the scramble beginning at 11:30 a.m. The entire event is free, but good will offerings will be accepted. Children should bring their Easter baskets or something else to put their candy in.

Annandale Lions Easter Egg Hunt

The Annandale Lions Easter Egg Hunt is at Municipal Park at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 8. For more than 50 years, the Annandale Lions have sponsored the Easter Egg Hunt. Volunteers prepare 500 bags of candy, 400 eggs with various prizes including a dollar coin, and four lucky winners receive a bicycle.

Meet the Easter Bunny!

At the Spring Bake and Craft Sale on Saturday, April 8 at the Maple Lake Township Hall, meet the Easter Bunny and enjoy complimentary coffee and cocoa while shopping a variety of items.

South Haven Easter Egg Hunt

The City of South Haven will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 8. All ages are welcome to attend.



Maple Lake Lions Easter Candy Scramble sponsored by the Maple Lake Lions club is set for Sunday, April 2 at Maple Lake High School. Doors open at 8 a.m. for the Pancake breakfast with the scramble beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday breakfast in Kimball

Kimball Fire and Rescue will host its 45th annual Pancake Breakfast at the Kimball Fire Station on Palm Sunday. Proceeds are used to purchase equipment for Kimball Fire and Rescue, benefiting Kimball and the surrounding communities. It's a breakfast that could save a life.

Big Lake Easter Egg Hunt is April 1

Big Lake's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 1. The Easter Bunny will be there for photo opportunities.

Easter Bunny visits Dassel

Come see the Easter Bunny in Dassel, Saturday, March 25. Bring your own camera for pictures! Plus you can hop around town to local

businesses for goodies!

Easter fun in Monticello

You and your family are invited to join in on some Easter fun at the Quarry Church in Monticello, Saturday, April 8 for an annual Easter egg hunt. Come on over for a day of hunting eggs, making an Easter craft, grabbing a bite from some local food trucks and more.

Easter Egg Hunt is in Waite Park

The KCLD Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, April 8 at the Waite Park Baseball Complex. The Easter Bunny will be available for taking pictures with children. Parents are encouraged to bring a camera. There will be a variety of prizes for all age groups. The Free hunt will take place rain, snow, or shine!

Visit the Easter Bunny in Wait Park

Say hello and grab a picture with the Easter Bunny Saturday, April 8 at Back Shed Brewing in Waite Park. Bring your phone or camera to get a picture. There will be someone on standby who can take a photo of your whole crew! Once you meet the Easter Bunny, head over to Crafts Direct to create a FREE kids craft!

For additional coverage information and times on any of these local events pick up the Maple Lake Messenger at a local newsstands or subscribe today!



Summerized article of the Maple Lake Messenger. MapleLakeMessenger.com/subscribe

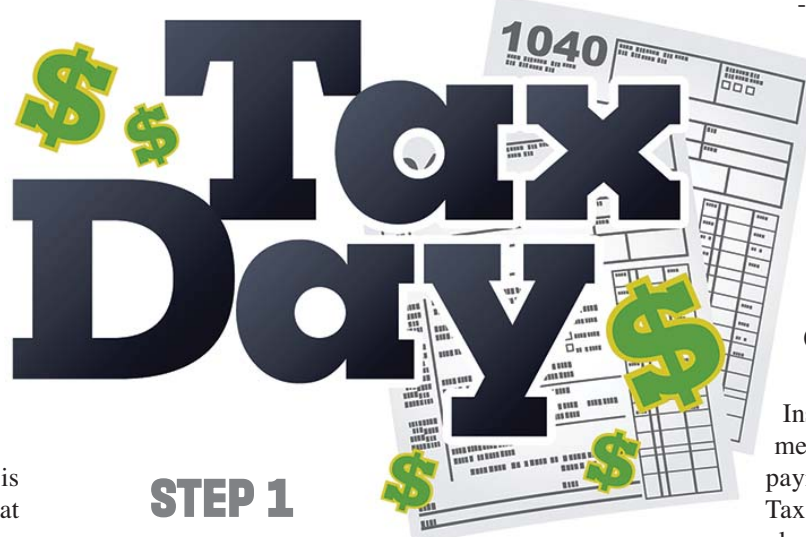


File taxes on time with these THREE SIMPLE STEPS

Contributed report

Spring is noted for the sense of rejuvenation it inspires when temperatures warm up and flowers begin to bloom. But in the United States, the onset of spring is followed shortly thereafter by tax season, which typically generates entirely different feelings than the first sight of spring blooms.

The deadline to file tax returns in the U.S. in 2023 is Tuesday, April 18. With that deadline looming, now is a good time to consider these three basic tax preparation tips, courtesy of the Internal Revenue Service.



STEP 1

Access your IRS account. Individuals can access or create their IRS account at irs.gov/account. That ensures taxpayers have the latest infor-

mation about their federal tax account and enables them to see information about their most recently filed return. A visit to irs.gov/account also allows individuals to make payments and apply for payment plans, among other options.

- For 1099-INT if you were paid interest

- Other income documents and records of digital asset transactions, including convertible virtual currency and cryptocurrency, stablecoins and non-fungible tokens (NFTs)

- Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, to reconcile advance payments or claim Premium Tax Credits for 2022 Marketplace coverage

- IRS or other agency letters

- CP01A Notice with your new Identity Protection PIN

STEP 3

Check your Individual Tax Identification Number. The IRS notes that an ITIN only requires renewal if it has expired and is needed on a federal tax return. An expired ITIN can delay the processing of a return, which in turn can delay tax credits and refunds.

Taxpayers filing with the help of a licensed tax professional are urged to contact that individual to inquire about any additional information they may need to file a return on time. Make such an inquiry well in advance of the deadline to file so you have sufficient time to gather all of the necessary documentation.

More information about filing taxes is available at irs.gov.

STEP 2

Organize your tax records. The IRS urges taxpayers to wait to file their returns until they have all of their records, including:

- Forms W-2 from employer(s)

- Forms 1099 from banks, issuing agencies and others payers, including unemployment compensation, dividends, pension, annuity or retirement plan distributions

- Form 1099-K, 1099-MISC, W-2, or other income statement if you worked in the gig economy



763-682-2033

Junction Towing – 24 Hour Hotline

Light ★ Medium ★ Heavy Duty Towing
24 HOUR SERVICE

Hedlund Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
All your plumbing needs!
We also do septic tank pumping.



Darrell Hedlund
320-286-2368

CALL THE TOP DOG



DeZiel
HEATING & A/C, INC.

www.DeZielvac.com
763-684-3965
• Residential • Heating • Cooling • Sales • Service

• PLUMBING • HEATING • COOLING • WATER CONDITIONING
ALL-SEASON SOLUTIONS



Follow our projects on facebook and Instagram
EMERGENCY SERVICE

SOLUTIONS
PLUMBING & MECHANICAL LLC

Call today!
320-267-8591
CLEARWATER, MN • AL.Evavold@solutionsplumbingmech.com

YEAR-ROUND SAVINGS

Maple Lake **WINE & SPIRITS**
www.mlwine-spirits.com

Join today
Great Discounts with
Wine Club
SAMPLINGS throughout the year!



Join **Lucky Irish**
OUR MEMBERS \$ave

Ask us for details!
FIND US ON FACEBOOK

MILITARY DISCOUNT
Receive **10% Off!**
Thank you for your service!

901 STATE HWY. 55 E.
Maple Lake
320.963.3715

EVERY MONDAY SENIOR CITIZEN DAY 10% OFF! MUST BE Over age 60

Mon-Thur 9am - 9pm Fri-Sat 9am - 10pm Sun 11am - 4pm

SPRING INTO ACTION

Build Confidence Increase Strength Boost Self Esteem Sharpen Focus Elevate Fitness Improve Stamina



MIGHTY DRAGONS CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR KIDS AGES 3+

DOJO KARATE

Four Classes & Uniform
Break a Board Earn your White Belt

DOJO KARATE \$29
EXPIRES 12.31.23

Limited Availability Reserve a Spot Today!

Visit DojoKarate.com for a FREE Class - 763.684.1000

• Buffalo • Monticello • Maple Grove • Rogers • Elk River • Medina • Waconia

Town Ball: Maple Lake baseball season kicks off May 6

By Brenda Erdahl

It may not look or feel like it yet, but spring is just around the corner and that means Laker baseball time. From May until August hardly a week goes by without the sounds of cracking bats and cheering fans emanating from Irish Stadium in Maple Lake.

Since the early 20th century, town ball has held a spot in the history and heart of Maple Lake. With one of the best amateur baseball parks in the state, no shortage of community support, and a winning program with 20-state tournament appearances since 1975, the Lakers are a source of

pride and entertainment. The tradition will resume this season in all its former glory.

2023 outlook

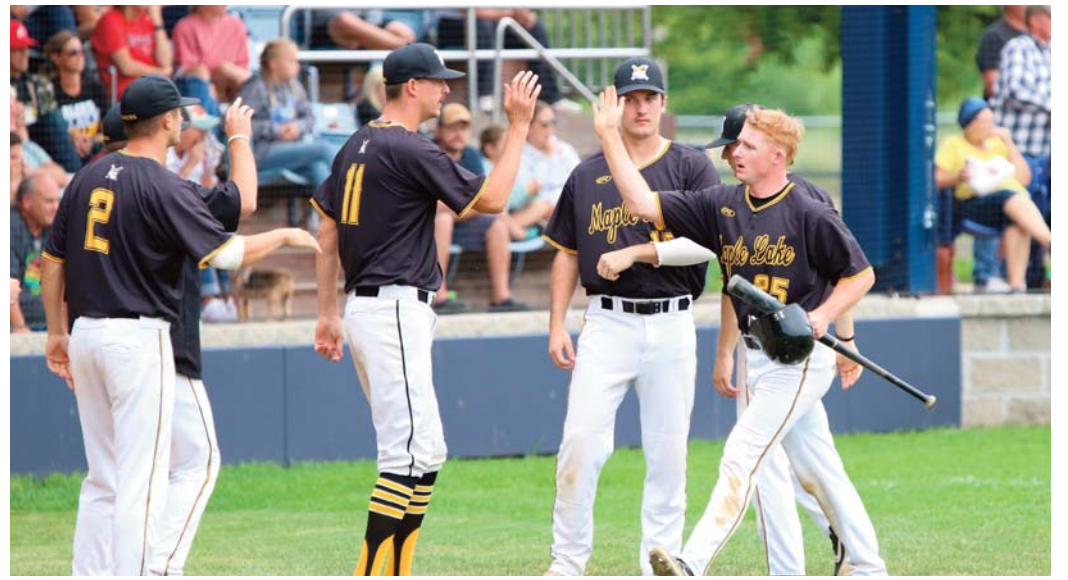
The 2023 squad returns a core of talented players including one of the best pitching staffs in the League in Ben Reilley, Hunter Malachek, Nick Preisinger, Grant Mergen and long-time ace Mitch Wurm. That staff should see plenty of run support from a hard-hitting team led by Reilley, Donnie Mavencamp, Matt Bergstrom, Ben Clapp, and Ben Goelz.

Maple Lake is part of the North Star League, a deep and competitive group made up of

12 teams: the Buffalo Bulldogs, Cokato Kernels, D-C Saints, Delano A's, Howard Lake Orphans, Hutchinson Huskies, Litchfield Blues, Loretto Larks, Maple Lake Lakers, Maple Plain Diamond Devils, Rockford Crows and Waverly/Montrose Stingers.

Last year, the Lakers finished the North Star League playoffs as the fourth seed from Region 12 to advance to the state tournament. The Lakers were knocked out in round one by a close, one-run (9-8) loss to the Stark Longhorns. The 2022 season marks the 20th time the Lakers have qualified for the state tournament. The highlight of those years was 2012 when they won the state title, the first for the team since 1939. That was also the year of a total remodel at Irish Stadium for the 2013 Class C Championship which Maple Lake was chosen to host. Maple Lake played host to the prestigious event again in 2019, further tightening the bond between baseball and the community.

A highlight of the 2022 season includes longtime player, manager, and volunteer Dale Decker's acceptance into the



Hunter Malachek is congratulated by his teammates at a game last season. Malachek is part of a talented group of players returning to the field in 2023.

MN Baseball Hall of Fame. He joined former Laker Manager Gary Porter who was inducted in 2013.

A distinguished past

Townball has been around in Maple Lake since the early 1900s and even back then saw no shortage of success.

In 1916, the Lakers won their first league championship. In 1925, they attended their first state tournament, losing 4-0 to White Bear Lake. In 1931 the Lakers won their first state championship, then

won another in 1939. That same year the team advanced to the national tournament in Battle Creek, MI as the smallest community represented, and the last Minnesota team to play there.

In 1947 the Maple Lake players again won their way to the state tournament but lost to Chaska 1-0. The first home game played in a stadium at its current site was on July 24, 1950. Since that first state appearance in 1925, the Lakers went to state seven more times in 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1936, 1939 and 1947. In 1958 the Lakers made league history by becoming the first team to win the regular season championship and the league

championship.

In 1965 a lack of players, money problems and rising interest in the Minnesota Twins caused the Lakers to withdraw from the Northstar League. It wasn't until 1971, under coach Gary Porter, that the Lakers re-organized into the success story they are today.

Off and running

The Lakers kick off the 2023 season Saturday, May 6 at Mora at 6 p.m. Friday, May 12 is the Lakers first home game. They host Waverly at 7 p.m. It's also free popcorn night.

Follow Lakers baseball in the Maple Lake Messenger all season.



The Lakers possesses one of the best pitching staffs in the North Star League.

Contributed report

Spring is a season of rejuvenation, and perhaps nowhere is that rebirth more noticeable than our own homes. Each spring, grass begins to grow again as inviting landscapes and home projects beckon people outdoors.

Homeowners enjoy gardening for many different reasons. In addition to adding beauty to a property, gardens can offset grocery costs by yielding tasty produce. They also offer important habitats and food sources for both insects and animals.

While growing a vegetable or flower garden can turn into a rewarding hobby, or even a passion, gardening also can be overwhelming - particularly when the results are less than stellar. Novice gardeners have scores of resources at their disposal, including the advice of gardeners who have made mistakes and learned from them. The following guidance can make home gardens that much more successful.

1. Start small

You may have visions of an expansive garden growing rows of crops or acres of flowers. But it is smart to start small and build on what you find successful, which includes plants that thrive in your lawn and garden.

This also is beneficial if you are unsure of vegetable yields. Several blooming plants producing bushels of crops can be overwhelming, especially if you can't get to harvesting or cooking them in a timely fashion.



Home gardens can yield many gifts, from flowers to fruit. Beginners can utilize some time-tested strategies to increase their chances of planting a successful garden.

2. Assess the soil

Plants need nutrient-rich soil to encourage extensive root systems and produce strong, hardy plants. Nourish soil with organic matter, such as manure, compost, shredded leaves, and natural mulch. Add this organic matter in the off-season to give it enough time to be incorporated into the ground before spring. You can have your soil tested for pH and other characteristics that make it friendly or averse to plants at a local garden center.

3. Build your plant knowledge

Do you know how deeply to plant seeds and how far apart to space plants? Are you aware of the sunlight needs of certain flowers or plants? If not, read the packaging and do your research so your plants have the best chance of not

only sprouting, but also surviving. Many people prefer to start seedlings indoors in late winter and then transfer those plants outdoors when they are stronger and more established.

4. Sit in your yard and observe

Watch the way the sunlight dances over areas of your landscape. Take note of which areas get the most sun and shade. This will help you plan what to plant and where to plant it. Vegetable gardens tend to need ample sunlight to bear pick-worthy produce. You can give plants a leg up by growing them in optimal conditions.

5. Choose hardy varieties

Certain plants have been bred to thrive in your climate, including heat-tolerant plants for climates with sweltering summer sun. Consult with a

local gardening center to figure out which plant zone you are in and which plants will do best within that zone.

6. Use rainwater

Rainwater contains fewer contaminants and additives than tap water, which can benefit garden plants. Collect rainwater in rain barrels and use irrigation systems to deliver it to the garden.

Don't miss The 2023 Spring Home Improvement and Lawn and Garden special sections set to come out April 19th and April 26th in the Maple Lake Messenger and Annandale Advocate. These special sections are filled with more tips and information from local businesses to help get your home and cabin ready for summer.

The Maple Lake MESSENGER From the pages of the Maple Lake Messenger. MapleLakeMessenger.com/subscribe

Annandale High School to host Annandale Expo April 15

By Steve Prinsen
Annandale Advocate

Now in its 25th year, the Expo will feature up to 100 businesses and organizations, as well as entertainment, activities and, of course, food.

The Expo was canceled in 2020 and 2021 because of the pandemic, but was welcomed back last year. It's estimated that 2,000 to 3,000 people attend the event.

This year's event should draw more vendors than last year's event "We considered

canceling last year, so planning was shortened. We feel we can build after last year's successful comeback," said Annandale Chamber of Commerce President and Expo Committee Chairperson Jeremy Wheeler.

"The expo is a longtime rite of spring for the community and a way to kick-off the spring and summer seasons. We welcome everyone back and newcomers as well. Annandale has a lot to offer, and this is a way for folks to see everything in one place,"

Wheeler said.

Longtime chairperson and committee member Mike Zieska said the beauty of the Annandale event is that it encompasses nearly all aspects of the community.

"It's more than just for business. It's a community expo," he said. "Everybody takes ownership in it, because it grows the community.

"It's kind of like an Annandale get-together. It's like a mini Fourth of July. Everybody comes out, in just a few hours, and you get to see all these people in the community that you normally don't get to see. It's fun."

Expo details are still being finalized. Look for updates in the Annandale Advocate and on the chamber website.

This year's expo will include an expanded seating area. Some events include a pancake breakfast, live entertainment throughout the day. In addition, there will be plenty of kids' activities, including laser tag, face painting and scavenger hunt.



There will be something for everyone at the 25th Annandale Expo. The fire dog will be roaming around the Annandale Expo again this year to remind kids about fire safety.



The Annandale Expo attracts up to 2,000 to 3,000 visitors. Stop by the Annandale Advocate booth and say hello, we love to hear from our readers.

The Lions also sponsor the annual adult health screening in conjunction with other agencies. The free screening is the perfect time for adults to receive some basic health benchmarks, including blood pressure, cholesterol and other measures.

Vendors will be actively engaged offering samples, demonstrations, information

and tips on their services.

Businesses may sign up

There is still time for vendors to sign up for the Expo, Wheeler and Zieska stressed, and they encouraged signing up this month to ensure booth

space and to be included in the marketing of the Expo.

Vendors may go to the chamber's website, www.annandalechamber.org for more information and to register.

Advocate

Summertime article of the Annandale Advocate.

AnnandaleAdvocate.com/subscribe

Sea Base offers high seas adventure to local boy scout troop

By Brenda Erdahl
Maple Lake Messenger

The countdown has begun for 13 local scouts preparing for the adventure of a lifetime. In less than a month Maple Lake Troop 219 will be on its way to the Florida Keys where scouts will spend nine days exploring the ocean as the crew of a 75-foot, two-masted schooner through the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) High Adventure Sea Base.

The BSA offers four National High Adventure Bases for scouts to hone their outdoor survival skills: Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, Sea Base in the Florida Keys and Northern Tier in Minnesota.

To Maple Lake Scoutmaster Chris Borgert's knowledge, Troop 219 has never, in the

history of the program attempted a high adventure like this one. At Sea Base, scouts will have opportunities to acquire skills that will make them more self-reliant as they complete challenges they may have first thought were beyond their ability.

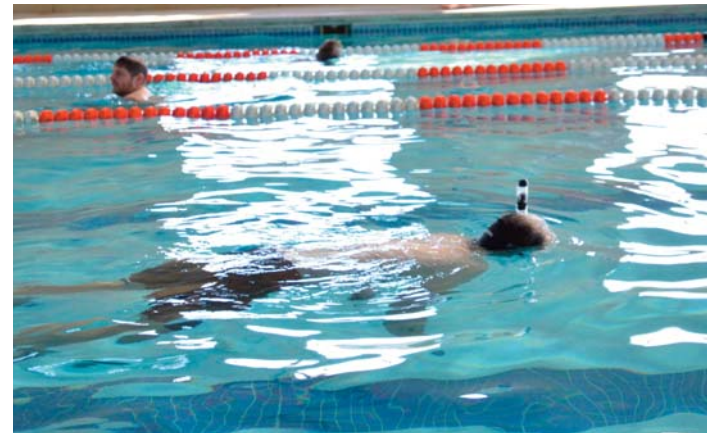
In addition to learning how to sail a schooner, they will

enjoy swimming in the ocean, snorkeling, fishing, exploring islands owned by the BSA and sleeping on the deck under the stars.

In the months leading up to their adventure, the scouts were working hard every other week at the Fitness Evolution pool in Buffalo to hone their swimming skills, the only pre-

requisite to Sea Base. To qualify, every scout had to pass a swim test that required them to demonstrate their knowledge and ability to perform certain strokes, their endurance and ability to maintain a resting back float. Even the seven adult chaperones had to pass the test before they could attend.

Several of the scouts, like Tristin Stoeber and Brolin Chlan already have some knowledge of sailing thanks to summers spent at Many Point Scout Camp in Ponsford, MN. Chlan is looking forward to operating the sailboat, learning about sails and tying knots. Stoeber is ready to dive in and start snorkeling. He's hoping to find an underwater cave to explore. Blake Stoeber, Tristin's younger brother, is looking forward to exploring some of the uninhabited islands and sandbars owned by Sea Base. He said he's been to the ocean before but has never snorkeled and is excited about that as well. He's only a little anxious about the size of the



After passing his swim test, this scout gets a little snorkeling practice in. The Maple Lake scouts set out to the Florida Keys for a high seas adventure April 22.

ocean's waves.

Adler Chlan, Brolin's 13-year-old brother is ready for everything Sea Base has to offer, but most of all, he will be happy to enjoy some warm weather, he said.

Xavier Quinn said the ocean makes him a little nervous, but he's ready to face and overcome his fears. That is after all, the motto of the scouts, to be prepared to confront any challenge, to live

without regret. Among scouts, it is believed that every adventure helps to uncover a little more about themselves.

Founded in the early 1970s, Sea Base serves around 16,000 participants annually. It started as the Florida Gateway to High Adventure by Sam Wample, a professional scouter from the South Florida Council and offered mostly sailing programs using local marinas and chartered boats to sail to the Bahamas and back. Before long, it was made part of BSA's high adventure offerings and in 1980 it was renamed the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base. Scuba diving was added to its list of adventures and in 1984 the undeveloped Big Munson Island was donated and is now used by scouts across the country as an outpost for primitive camping, Robinson Crusoe style.

Troop 219 sets off on its high seas adventure on Saturday April 22 and will return on Sunday, April 30. Watch for a follow up on the scouts' adventure in the Maple Lake Messenger in May.



Tristin Stoeber, left, demonstrates a swim stroke for Adler Chlan before Chlan's swim test.

READY TO SERVE YOU!

LAKE CENTRAL

BANKING • INSURANCE • INVESTMENTS

www.lakecentralbank.com • service@lakecentralbank.com

OFFICE PHONE: Annandale 320-274-8216 Clearwater 320-558-2271 Maple Lake 320-963-3163

Bank On The Go. Get Our App Today!

[Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)



Little Jim's re-opens after fire

Exactly one year after Little Jim's Sports Fish'n and Hunt'n Store was destroyed by fire it re-opened its doors on Wednesday, March 15. The popular outdoor store in Annandale has been in the Segner family since 1978. Kurt Segner, pictured above was busy Friday, March 10, getting the new store ready for opening day.

Pleasant Vista

SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

WELCOME HOME!

Pleasant Vista in Annandale provides luxurious, upscale 1 & 2-bedroom apartment living that includes:

- Granite Counter Tops
- Washer & Dryer - in unit
- Stainless Steel Appliances
- Walk-in shower - Tubs in two bedroom
- Patio / Balcony with beautiful scenic views

Rent Credit of \$1800/Mo. after 6 months if you reserve by February 1!

320-274-5031

Visit us online for a full list of amenities! and further details!

www.pleasantvistaseniorliving.org

CLEAN & DRY CARDBOARD?

WE NOW ACCEPT FREE OF CHARGE

HOURS: M-F 7AM-5PM

VONCO

15301 140th Ave. SE, Becker Township
763-262-8662 VoncoUSA.com

"Serving ALL your car repair needs"

Need an Oil Change?

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

520 DIVISION STREET WEST
MAPLE LAKE

Monday-Friday:
7AM-5PM

320-963-2060

LUBE & CAR CARE CENTER

HOWARD'S

Since 1961
Marv & Buck
Howard, Owners

PLUMBING, HEATING & AC, INC.

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

WIRTSBO IN FLOOR HEATING ~ HIGH EFFICIENCY BOILERS
TEMPSTAR HIGH EFFICIENCY HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
WATER HEATERS ~ WATER SOFTENERS

www.howardsplumbinginc.com • 274-8913 or 236-2102

Master Plumber License Marv, 058229-PM; Buck, 063048-PM

Three Generations, Licensed, Bonded, Insured • 715 Norway Dr., Annandale

SALES & SERVICE

Serving all your outdoor power equipment needs!

www.mmexpresssales.com

M-F: 8AM-5PM • Sat: 8AM-12PM

MAPLE LAKE: 320-963-8000
 BUFFALO: 763-682-5252
 BIG LAKE: 763-263-6000
 BRAINERD: 218-829-4699
 ST. CLOUD: 320-251-7478

LAKE Country Lure COLUREING CONTEST

COLOR ME FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A SWEET PRIZE!

Color the drawing below and bring it to the CoLUREing sponsor of the month **MCDONALD'S** for a chance to win a **\$25 gift card to McDonald's and a one year subscription to the Annandale Advocate!** Extra copies of the picture are available at any of the businesses listed on this page. Deadline to drop off picture is **Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2023.**

All ages welcome to enter. Colorings will be judged by the CoLUREing contest sponsor of the month. Winners will be notified by phone.

**THE COLUREING CONTEST SPONSOR THIS MONTH IS
MCDONALD'S OF ANNANDALE**
Drop Entries off at:
211 Elm St. W., Annandale
320-274-5958

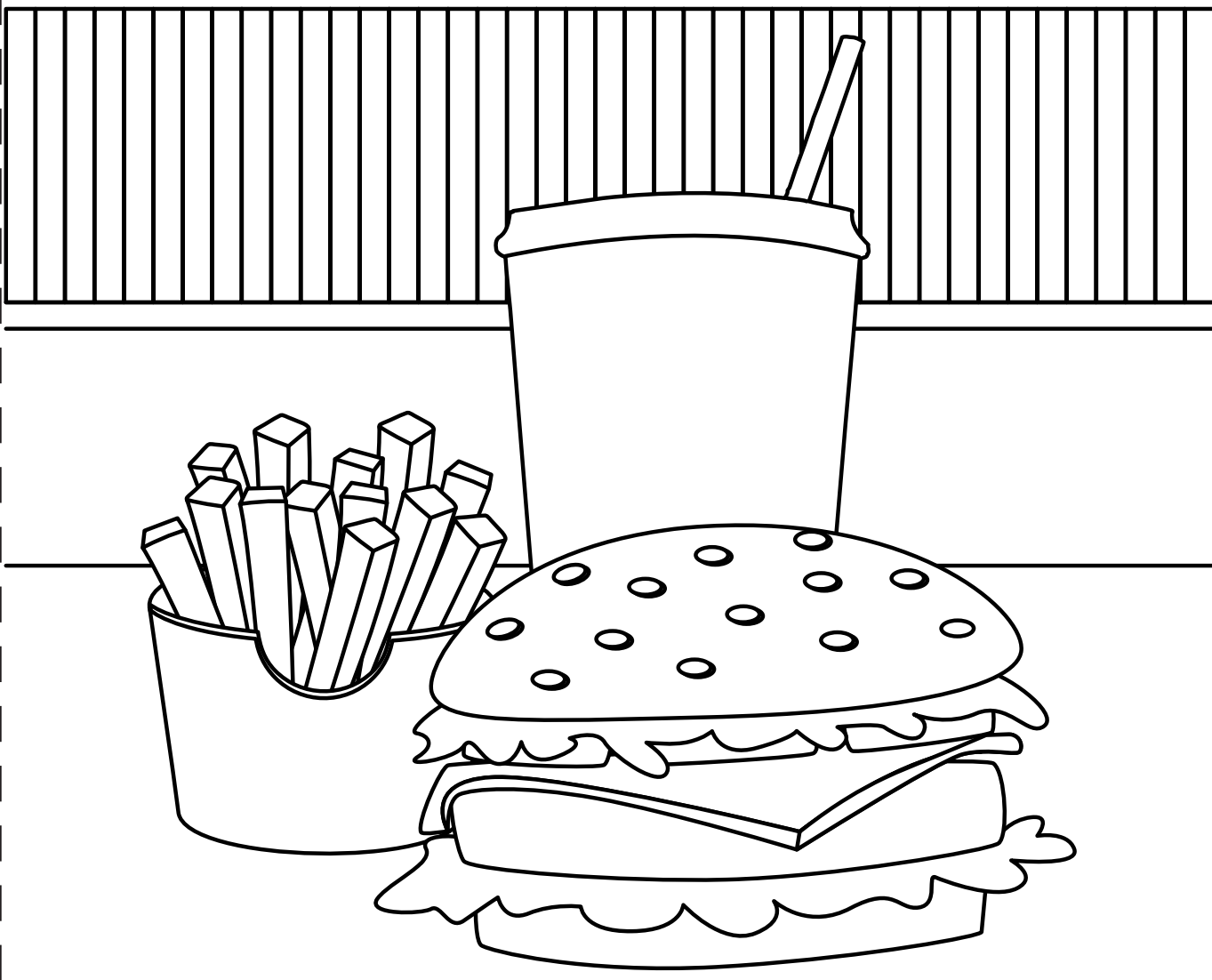


CONGRATULATIONS COLURERS, YOU'VE WON!

EVE L.
(\$25 Gift Card)
GENEVIEVE
(1-Year Subscription to the Advocate)

ENTRY INFORMATION (Please fill in the information below to complete your entry into the COLUREING contest.)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Town: _____ Phone: (____) _____



MORE FUN!

UNSCRAMBLURE

Unscramble the letters to determine the names.

R I C A M G E

R B I I E D

A M R B R U A G H L

NUMBER CRUNCHER

Find the missing numbers (1-9) in the puzzle below. Solve the puzzle using the hints in gray.

		3	10
	9		19
7			16
(+) 16	20	9	

ANSWERS

Unscramble answer:
Grimace
Birdie
Hamburger

4	5	7
2	6	8
3	9	1

**Like a good neighbor,
State Farm is there.®**

David C. Burd, Agent
10 Oak Ave. S
Annandale MN 55302-0306
Bus: 320-274-3185
www.davidcburd.com

Great home & auto rates for any budget.

Laketown Dental

- NEW PATIENTS ALWAYS WELCOME! •
- CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION •

Family • Implant • Cosmetic • Orthodontics • Invisalign

Dr. Eric & Dr. Meghan Rambow
www.laketowndental.com
300 Park St E, Annandale, MN 55302
320-274-8555

With rewards for safe behavior that protects what matters most, rather than penalties for what doesn't go quite right. And with the support you need, every step of the way. For your car. Your home. For your unique life.

A "TAKE SOME OF THE WORRY OUT OF LIFE" POLICY

Dream fearlessly with American Family Insurance. Contact me today.

Alyssa Radisewitz Domagala, Agent
99 Oak Ave. N, Annandale
aradisew@amfam.com
Bus: (320) 274-5900
alysradomagaagency.com

**IN HOT WATER
Coffee Shop**
ANNANDALE, MN

Stop by for your breakfast brew and a treat or two.

- Espresso
- Sodas
- Tea
- Scones
- Slushies
- Cookies

See us on Facebook for updates & Events

320-274-6828
20 Cedar St. E, Annandale
InHotWaterCoffee.com

Breakfast • Lunch **Broasted Chicken- Our Specialty**

Homestyle Country Cafe

- Dine In Or Take Out
- Homemade Soups Daily
- Featuring Casual Dining
- Home Cooking
- Homemade Pie

Hours: Mon-Sat 7 am-3 pm,
Sun 7 am-1 pm
-OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK-
95 Elm St. East • Hwy 55 • Annandale, 274-1404

LAKE CENTRAL
BANKING • INSURANCE • INVESTMENTS

www.lakecentralbank.com
service@lakecentralbank.com

SUBWAY
eat fresh.

We cater for ALL Occasions!!!

Open 7 Days a Week:
8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Hwy. 55 • Annandale
320.274.7100

- Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- Reunions
- Graduation Parties
- And More...

TRUCK MATE TOPPERS

- Tonneau Covers
- Compustar Remote Starts
- WeatherTech Floor Liners
- Rock Tamer Mud Flaps
- Brush Guards
- Running Boards

540 Elm St. E, Annandale, MN 320.274.3008
Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sat. By Appointment only

www.truckmatetoppers.com

A-1 MARINE, INC.
320-274-8227
WWW.A1MARINEINC.COM

HIGHWAY 55 WEST,
ANNANDALE, MN 55302

BRIDAL FASHION DIAMONDS
CUSTOM DESIGN ON-SITE REPAIR

Miller's
JEWELRY

Open Tues-Sat
Downtown Annandale
www.millers-jewelry.com

YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR NEWSPAPER,
YOUR LIFE!

Advocate
ANNANDALE
320-274-3052
Downtown, Main St., Annandale
www.annandaleadvocate.com

MCDONALD'S OF ANNANDALE

- Paynesville
- Buffalo
- Monticello

i'm lovin' it®

274-5958 211 Elm Street W., Annandale

2023 April

APRIL 9th is Easter Sunday

HOP to It!

LAKE Country Calendar

Look for Local Easter Church Service times and information in the March 29th & April 5th Issues of the Maple Lake Messenger & Annandale Advocate.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Spring Break! Maple Lake Schools</i>						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Palm Sunday • Maple Lake Lions pancake Breakfast & Easter Candy Scramble (8am-noon) See Messenger for More info Sunrise: 6:54 a.m. Sunset: 7:44 p.m.	• Classes Resume, Maple Lake Schools	• Annandale Conservation Club- 7:30 p.m. • South Haven City Council Meets, 6:30 p.m. • Silver Creek Township Meeting, 7 p.m. • Corinna Township Meeting, 7 p.m.	• Maple Lake Chamber Meeting, 11:30 a.m.	• Passover Begins • Legion Riders Club at Legion Club, 7 p.m. • Full MoonMaundy Thursday	• Good Friday- No School Maple Lake & Annandale Schools	• April Fool's Day • Twin Cities Auto Show, March 31-April 8, Minneapolis Convention Center • Maple Lake Chamber Meets, 11:30 a.m.
9	10	11	12	13	17	15
Easter Sunday Easter Service times available in the M.L. Messenger & Ann. Advocate Sunrise: 6:41 a.m. Sunset: 7:53 p.m.		• 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 • Fire Safety Training Classroom Day, South Haven City Hall, 6-8:30 p.m.	• Hasty-Silver Creek Sportsmen's Club Meets, 7 pm • Annandale Chamber Meeting, 11:30 a.m. • Turkey Hunt A Season Open Thru April 18	• Lion's Club Meeting, 7 p.m., at the V by HH • Sons of the American Legion, 8 p.m. at the Legion Club • Passover Ends		• Stream Trout Opener • Indoor Garage Sale, Monticello- Eastview Elementary- 8-12 p.m. • Annandale Business Expo • Puzzle Palooza, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., Monticello Community Center
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunrise: 6:28 a.m. Sunset: 8:02 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. • Tax Day	• Maple Lake VFW Post 7664, at the Maple Lake Legion, 7 p.m. • Turkey Hunt B Season Open Through April 25	• Wright Saddle Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m. • Maple Lake Legion Auxiliary Meets, 7 p.m.		• Ladies Day Out, Buffalo, 10-5 p.m. • Earth Day • Maple Lake Prom
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sunrise: 6:16 a.m. Sunset: 8:11 p.m.		• Wright County Snowmobile Association Meets - American Legion, 7:30 pm	• Administrative Professional's Day	• Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Timothy Church, 7 p.m.		MAY Calendar Published

Community Calendar Sponsors

NOW OPEN

Paws & Claws Grooming

—Make an Appointment—
763-228-0614
 M-F: 9am - 5pm
 Sat: 9am - 12pm
 Sun: Closed

Cathy Marquette & Katie Payne
 Pet Groomers

HELP HAS ARRIVED!

~Located in Downtown Maple Lake @ 28 Birch Ave. South

Friends of the
MAPLE LAKE
 Library

Visit your
Maple Lake Library

Monday & Friday: 12-6 • Wednesday: 12-8
 Saturday: 10-1
 Downtown Maple Lake
320.963.2009

Love your Community Find your Home

Ada Dittberner
 REALTOR®
952.999.0949

fishMLS®
 realty

Surprise someone special with
A Gift Subscription
 E-Sub or Newspaper-Sub Available

Advocate
 The Maple Lake
MESSENGER

www.AnnandaleAdvocate.com 320-274-3052
 www.MapleLakeMessenger.com 320-963-3813

Maple Lake Public Schools
 Independent School District 0881

ML IRISH

Lifelong learning

- Early Ed - 0-5 AGE DATA CENSUS
- Kidville - SCHOOL AGE CARE
- Wee Irish Preschool
- Community Use of Facility
- Community Education
- Early Childhood Family Ed - ECFE

Community Ed
 320.963.5991

Early Childhood Ed
 320.963.7453

Kidville
 320.963.6415

\$50 ADVERTISE ALL YEAR PER MONTH

Call 320-963-3813

Advertise in your Community Calendar
 Update your space Monthly! Less Than \$1.65 per day

RAFFLE TICKETS

If your organization needs raffle tickets, please give us a call!

Tickets can be numbered, perforated, put in books, specially designed, variety of colors.

REASONABLY PRICED • FINISHED QUICKLY

Annandale 320-274-2052 Maple Lake 320-963-3813

M&M EXPRESS
 LUBE & CAR CARE CENTER

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!

ASE Certified Auto Repair
 520 Division St. W, Maple Lake MN
 Hours: Mon. - Fri. 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.
320-963-2060
 www.mmexpresssales.com

LAKE CENTRAL
 INSURANCE SERVICES

Annandale • Maple Lake • Clearwater

Paul Manuel, Agency Manager • 320.963.3163
 www.lakecentralbank.com • agency@lakecentralbank.com

PROVIDING INSURANCE FOR:
 HOME • AUTO • HEALTH • LIFE • FARM • BUSINESS • LONG TERM CARE

ALLINA MEDICAL CLINIC

- Family Medicine
- OB/GYN
- Occupational Medicine
- Mental Health Services

Annandale • 440 Elm St. E
 320-274-3744

Allina Hospitals & Clinics
 Cokato • 110 Olson Blvd.
 320-286-2123

allinamedicalclinic.com

Schedule your appointments 24/7/365

RELIABLE AUTO CARE

TIRES • BRAKES • DIAGNOSTICS • SUSPENSION • & MORE!

Oil Change Specials

Bring in this COUPON

\$2995 CONVENTIONAL
\$4995 SEMI-SYNTHETIC
\$6995 FULL-SYNTHETIC

1018 Hwy 55 East • Buffalo
763-682-3222 • reliable-autocare.com

NEIL'S FLOOR COVERING

CARPET • CERAMIC • VINYL • HARDWOOD
 COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL

email@neilsfloorcovering.com • www.neilsfloorcovering.com

763-684-0600 270 State Hwy. 55 NE
 FAX: 763-684-0599 Buffalo, MN 55313

Find us on Facebook too!

SJ ROOFING LLC

Shane Jurgens • Maple Lake
320-274-ROOF

PACE INDUSTRIES
 Casting Innovation

Manufacturing in Maple Lake since 1995

NOW HIRING FOR IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
 New, Competitive Wage Progression
 Full & Part Time Positions
 apply online at: paceind.com/careers

Maple Lake
WINE & SPIRITS

320.963.3715 Ask about our Wine Club!
www.mlwine-spirits.com

Next to Cenex
 901 State Hwy. 55 East • Maple Lake

Bernatello's Foods

Proud to be part of the
 Maple Lake Community!

www.bernatellos.com

Deziel HEATING & A/C, INC.

(763) 684-3965
 www.dezielHVAC.com

• Residential • Heating • Cooling • Sales • Service

REACH OUT TO
16,000
 LOCAL RESIDENTS
 For less than .003¢ per resident – Call 320-963-3813

ADVERTISE
 YOUR EVENT IN THE
LAKE COUNTRY CALENDAR!

MVP
 NEXLEVEL, LLC
 POWERED BY API Group

For employment opportunities, visit us at mpnlevel.com, or stop in at 500 county Road 37 East, Maple Lake.

500 County Road 37 East • Maple Lake
320.963.2400 • www.mpnlevel.com

Lake Country Lure

APRIL 2023

A FREE Monthly supplement of the Maple Lake Messenger and Annandale Advocate

ANNANDALE
Advocate

The Maple Lake
MESSENGER

CAP Custom Homes: turning dreams into reality

By Brenda Erdahl

It's been a long winter, but spring is coming and with it comes the desire to get outside and tackle some long awaited warm-weather projects. For some, that might include a remodel or building a new home.

"It's still a great time to build," said Rhonda Schermer Construction Coordinator at CAP Custom Homes in Clearwater. "Though interest rates have risen since a year ago, they are still in the average range and lumber costs have actually gone down."

"Things have by far leveled out," agreed CAP owner Alex Evavold. "Engineered products like steel siding and maintenance free decking are still up there but lumber in general is back to pre-Covid pricing."

Alex, Rhonda and Project Manager Jesse Wixo make up the CAP team. They are a small, family-run general contracting company with deep local roots and big ideals.

"We pride ourselves on our integrity and quality work. We will stand behind what we say and always work hard to achieve the homeowner's expectations at the highest quality," Rhonda said.

"Building a house is probably the single largest investment someone is ever going to make. When you have a team working collaboratively to achieve your goal you can have peace that it's going to happen the way that you are hoping it to happen."

The CAP team builds trust with their customers through open communication and proven results. They work with only local, trusted subcontractors and vendors. They operate their business as a "cost plus, open book" contractor and are diligent in making sure the dollar amount the customer pays is the dollar amount the customer was invoiced.

"There are no hidden package deals, everything is dollar for dollar and accounted for; from estimates to receipts. That's how we run our business. We like everything in the open and in the clear," Alex said.



Strong local ties

CAP Custom Homes got its start as Paul Schermer Construction based out of Maple Lake. In 2015 the company was renamed to better express that it was a largely family run business. Paul and Rhonda's son Chris had long been involved in the business and joining them was son-in-law Alex. CAP is actually an acronym for Chris, Alex and Paul. Unfortunately, Paul passed away just before they were about to start their first build as CAP Custom Homes.

It was a trying time for the family. They were deep in grief and Stephanie, Paul and Rhonda's daughter and Alex's wife was seven months pregnant with their first child, but Alex was determined to get his general contracting license to keep the business going. Chris eventually decided to pursue a different



CAP Custom Homes is a general contracting company located at 8381 148th St. NW in Clearwater that specializes in custom-built homes, renovations, additions, custom decks, and porches.

Community College. He earned that degree on his future father-in-law's suggestion before he even graduated from Annandale High School. In 2020, he opened CAP's sister company Solutions Plumbing & Mechanical in Clearwater which is where CAP is headquartered now as well.

capturing the homeowner's vision. He and Rhonda work closely together and with their clients to make sure all the details – from cabinetry to carpeting – are exactly what the homeowner had in mind.

CAP's website, www.capcustomhomes.com, is a great resource for more details on their many services and pictures of past projects. CAP Custom Homes is part of the Better Business Bureau and is a proud member of the Central Minnesota Builders Association.

Territory

Eighty percent of CAP's projects take place within 20 minutes of Annandale, but they will occasionally travel for a job, Alex said. "We had a client, for instance, last year, they were looking at a piece of land that was 30 minutes away and they fell in love with a piece of land an hour and a half away. We decided to do it with them because we were committed to them, and we made it happen."

Financing

According to Alex, there are a couple local lenders that specialize in new construction, and they have some incentive programs the CAP team has been working with them on, including

medical professionals special financing deals, first time homebuyer construction loans and one time closing opportunities for construction loans.

Now is the time

It has been a busy winter for CAP Custom Homes. The team dug five foundations for new homes between September and October and two of the homes have been completed. They have also overseen two remodels/additions. With spring right around the corner now is the time to act if a custom home or addition is on your mind. Even if you are not ready to start building this year, it's not too early to begin the process. Starting to draft a project this spring for a year from now is completely normal, Alex said.

Contact information

CAP Custom Homes is located at 8381 148th St. NW in Clearwater. Call them today for an appointment at 320-267-8591. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday by appointment only.



The CAP team promises to work hard to capture your vision. Visit their website at www.capcustomhomes.com for more pictures and details on their many services.

path, but most recently, Wixo, a long-time family friend joined the team.

Alex also brings to the business a plumbing and mechanical contractor degree from St. Cloud Technical and

Services

CAP Custom Homes is a general contracting company specializing in custom-built homes, but also renovations, additions, custom decks and porches. They work directly with clients from start to finish to oversee every aspect of the project from design to engineering blueprints to working through price points to maximize what the client can get for their dollar all the while keeping in mind their budget.

The CAP team has a deep base of subcontractors to work with, all located within 15 miles of Annandale. Most of these contractors have had a working relationship with them since Paul had the business. Their main supplier continues to be Maple Lake Lumber.

With the addition of Wixo earlier this winter, CAP Custom Homes is now truly a one stop shop. Wixo's job is to stay in constant communication with the subcontractors, answering questions on site and generally keeping the project on track all with the goal of



The CAP Custom Homes team prides itself on integrity and quality work.



The CAP Custom Homes team prides itself on integrity and quality work. Pictured from left is Owner Alex Evavold, Construction coordinator Rhonda Schermer, and Project Manager Jesse Wixo. Call them today for an appointment at 320-267-8591.



PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Check out our **High Efficiency Package** Install Special



AA & A HEATING AND AIR

Small Locally Owned Business with a Lower than Average Price



"You owe it to yourself to give us a call!"

763-999-1872

BEER of the MONTH



We're **CLOSED** April 9th FOR Easter

Grain Belt Premium & Nordeast

\$13.99 12PK BTLs or CANS



Risata Moscato D'Asti

\$17.99 750ML

SAVE \$2



Luccio Moscato

Berry, Peach & Blueberry

\$9.99

SAVE \$3



Nobilo Sauvignon Blanc

\$9.99

SAVE \$3



www.mlwine-spirits.com

Maple Lake WINE & SPIRITS

Mon-Thur: 9 am - 9 pm | Fri-Sat: 9 am - 10 pm | Sun: 11 am - 4 pm

320.963.3715

Next to Cenex in Maple Lake
901 State Hwy. 55 East

