

Lakeview Area News

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TOWN TOPICS

Dippity Dog is open for the summer! Stop in and welcome them back.

The 2nd Annual Poetry Slam is tonight at the Tamarack District Library. Turn to the back page for more information about the event.

The local Easter Egg Hunts were well attended. Pictures and stories are spread throughout the paper.

The Michigan State Police are celebrating 100 years of service. To celebrate, they are holding open houses at the different posts. Lakeview's post had their open house last Tuesday. Turn to page 13 for the story.



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Spring Forecast

There is a definite chance of thunderstorms for Thu. (H: 59; L: 37). Partly cloudy skies for Fri. (H: 54; L: 35). Partly cloudy skies for Sat. (H: 58; L: 38). Partly cloudy skies for Sun. (H: 59; L: 35). Mostly sunny skies for Mon. (H: 58; L: 39). Partly cloudy skies for Tue. (H: 54; L: 39). Partly cloudy skies for Wed. (H: 59; L: 41).



Lakeview Jaycees is Joining with Lakeview Festivals Committee



Lots of family fun at last year's Summerfest in downtown Lakeview

By Joe Tilton

"The Lakeview Jaycee Chapter is forming into the Lakeview Festivals Committee," Chad Lincoln said. "We fell below the number of people required to maintain the local Charter. Rather than send the Jaycee Organization more money, we are continuing to serve

Lakeview by changing to the Festivals Committee." Chad, who is Lakeview's Farm Bureau Agent, also said the Board meeting for the group under a new name and purpose will be meeting May 3rd at 6 p.m. at McKenna's. The Committee has received their official non-profit status.

The Festivals Com-

mittee is organizing and manning the June 15 through 17 event called, "Summerfest," doubling as Lakeview's sesquicentennial, making this year's activities bigger than usual. Events such as a fireworks display at dusk on the 17th, a beer tent plus beer and wine tasting will be featured.

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Lakeview's New VFW Commander Plans Memorial Day Celebration

Lakeview, Michigan, March 2017 - It's a problem nearly all veteran associations across the country are having: Older vets are struggling to keep their organizations going while the younger generation shows little interest. The Veterans of Foreign Wars organization was founded in 1913 to ensure that veterans receive aid and to foster camaraderie between soldiers returning to civilian life. The organization has lost 400,000 members in the last decade. Step inside Hough-Pontius VFW Post #3701 of Lakeview and

you will find an average member age of 67. Because of this, VFW Post #3701 has been on a steady decline financially and in member participation over the last 5 years. The Post has lost many members, it's Ladies Auxiliary and it's presence in the community.

A meeting was recently held to discuss the closure of the 46 year old Post. During this meeting, a small group of next generation, Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans, stood up and requested a chance to turn the Post around. The request was accepted

and within a few weeks there was a large changeover of key officer positions and the addition of 12 new Iraq-era members. Post #3701 showed a revived liveliness with an increase of member attendance at the most recent meeting of 450%.

"I have high hopes of returning our Post to its former glory, offering increased services to our members and being more involved in our community," commented Stacey Roberts, VFW Post #3701's new Post Commander.

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The Shadows of the Cross



People at the Good Friday Service

By Linda Huckins

Last Friday, April 14, Christians throughout the community gathered at New Life United Methodist Church for the annual Community Good Friday Service. It was a solemn service to remember the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The theme for this year's service was "A Service of Shadows". Local pastors took part in the ecumenical service, each speaking on a different shadow.

Rev. Sue Babb, New Life's pastor, opened the service with a call to worship followed by congregational singing of the hymn "Were You There?"

Pastor Emeritus of the Lakeview Free Methodist Church, Ted Johnson, spoke on the first shadow - The Shadow of Condemnation - based on Luke 23:32-34. He said that the crucifixion of Jesus was the greatest crime of the ages. In spite of his pain and anguish, Jesus forgave his tormentors and executioners. He said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Likewise, Pastor Johnson said we are to forgive others. The Savior

commands it, the Savior modeled it, the Savior empowers a person of faith to forgive, the Savior is in control in all things, and the Savior gives justice through human governments and through the divine. Johnson added that we are to shine like stars in the universe through forgiveness.

After each shadow message, there was a prayer and a moment of silence followed by a congregational hymn.

Reverend David England, pastor of the Lakeview United Church of Christ spoke on the second shadow - The Shadow of Separation - based on Luke 23:35-43.

He related the story of the two thieves who hung on crosses on either side of Jesus. One was unrepentant, but the other thief rebuked him saying that they deserved death but Jesus is innocent. He then asked Jesus to remember him when He came into His kingdom, The translation of the Bible that England used worded Jesus' response this way, "Don't worry, today you will be with me in paradise."

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Where the Lakeview Area News Has Been



Janet Johnson and her son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Laurie traveled to Australia. They enjoyed time in Sydney, NSW visiting family, as well as a few days at Avoca Beach and several days in Cairns, Queensland.



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