

# Lakeview Area News

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## TOWN TOPICS

A tree lighting ceremony is planned for Friday, December 9, 5:30 p.m., at the Old Court House in Stanton. Come and visit with Santa and his reindeer. The event will be presented by the City of Stanton and the DDA.

The First Annual Tree Lighting is also planned in Trufant at Petersen Park on Saturday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.

The Tree of Love ceremony, sponsored by Spectrum Health Kelsey Hospital, will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 p.m., at Lakeview United Church of Christ.

Going on vacation this holiday season? Remember to take the *Lakeview Area News* with you!



### Tree of Lights

December 8, 2016 at 6:00pm

Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and get your picture taken for free.

Christmas Cookie Decorating

Christmas Carols

Refreshments

Annual Tree Lighting

Come out and enjoy a Fun Family Event

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### Fall Forecast

There is a 50% chance for snow showers for today (Thu.). Partly cloudy skies for Fri. and Sat. A 90% chance for snow on Sun. Cloudy skies for Mon. A 60% chance for snow on Tue. Mostly cloudy skies for Wed. Highs in the 30s and lows in the teens.



## Christmas in Lakeview: A Community Tradition



Kids were busy adding frosting, graham crackers, and candy to their gingerbread houses

By Kelly Wright

There were smiles and laughter all around during Christmas in Lakeview on Saturday, December 3, 2016. The weather cooperated with sunny skies and temperatures in the mid 30s.

The Tamarack District Library held their Annual Open House. The kids, along with adults, enjoyed making Gingerbread Houses in the Tamarack Room. Empty milk cartons and frosting were used to

help hold the graham crackers into a house shape. Next, came the candy, pretzels, and cereal, to decorate the Gingerbread House. Stories were read in the children's area at the library. Around 10:30 a.m., Dr. Gary Paden was reading a story. Children sat around him and listened quietly. Also, there were choir groups scheduled throughout the afternoon for people to come and listen to: 10:00 a.m. the Children's Choir; 11:00 a.m. New Life Church Bell

Choir; 12:00 noon Jubilee Women's Ensemble; 1:00 p.m. Open Mic Sing Along.

In downtown Lakeview, businesses were filled with people. A Finger Painting Craft was held at A Work of Art Studio. Kids were lined up and patiently waited their turn to have three of their fingers painted white and the imprint was put on a Christmas ball ornament.

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Santa asking a little girl what she would like this year for Christmas



Selling jewelry at the Craft and Vendors Show at the Community Center

## Students Made Life a Little Brighter for Our Troops



The Leadership Class at Lakeview High School

By Linda Huckins

At a Veterans' Day assembly on November 11 at Lakeview High School, Blue Star Mothers President Kathy Barnes offered a challenge to the students. She told them that many of our service men and women are in the Middle East and will not be home for Christmas. She asked the students to bring in items to make up care packages for these American heroes.

The Leadership Class

at the high school, under the direction of teacher and Student Government Adviser Dan Willison, took up the challenge. Over the next week and a half following the assembly, they set up boxes for each grade (8th through 12th) in the cafeteria during lunch time. The classes competed against each other to see which class could bring in the most items.

Barnes gave the school a list of appropriate things to bring in. They in-

cluded hygiene items, lip balm, lotions, snacks, raisins, reading material (magazines and paperback books), and more.

The Leadership Class organized the Military Care Package Program and did a great job. At the end of the challenge period, over 2,000 items had been collected for our troops. The Senior Class won with 800 items brought in and the eighth grade came in second with 750 items.

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## Holiday Celebration at MCC



back row: Chris Donazzolo, Ireland Stander; front row: Santa Claus and Navy Stander

By Shirley Pool

The 35th Annual Celebration was held at Montcalm Community College (MCC) on December 4, 2016, and there were about 400 people who attended the event. It took place from 1-4 p.m. and included an opportunity to pick up a swimming pass for a future

visit to the MCC pool, wagon rides over to Heritage Village for a scavenger hunt, arts and crafts in the gymnasium, a visit and a free photo with Santa Claus in the Beatrice E. Doser Building as well as free popcorn, cookies and punch in the cafeteria.

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### Correction:

In last week's article on The Cottage, it was stated that Tanner Boonstra milked cows for Gary Nielsen. Writer's mistake! He milks cows for Jeff and Kelly Nielsen.

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