

# Lakeview Area News

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## TOWN TOPICS

There have been reports of seeing Robins in the area. Does that mean that spring is here?

Speaking of spring, there is a Spring Coloring Contest, sponsored by Sheridan Community Hospital, on page 10. This contest is open to all ages.

There is a ribbon cutting ceremony planned at the Tamarack District Library on Friday, February 17, 10 a.m. The TDL will be officially opening the new creative alcove with public access to the basement.

Lakeview Winterfest is this Saturday, February 18. Turn to page 8 for a schedule of events. We hope to see you there!

The tanning salon in Lakeview is under new management. Look for a story in next week's paper.

**Sheridan Community Hospital**

## Essential Oils

February 17, 2017  
5:00pm - 7:00pm  
by: Suzanne Rasmussen

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## Winter Forecast

For the week, Thursday through Wednesday, expect to see partly sunny to sunny skies. Highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s.



## Kind-Hearted Plungers Jump for Athletes



One hundred and thirty six people raised money for Special Olympics Michigan by jumping into the lake for the Turk Lake/Greenville Polar Plunge.

By Kelly Wright

One hundred and thirty six (136) area plungers helped make a difference for 21,000 athletes who take part in Special Olympics Michigan. These amazing participants asked friends, family, and businesses to donate money and in return that

person or team would jump in Turk Lake on Saturday, February 11, 2017. The weather cooperated quite nicely with temperatures in the upper 30s to low 40s with hardly any wind.

At 2:50 in the afternoon, the plungers took to the ice for pictures and to get pumped up for their upcoming task of jumping

into a hole that was cut into the freezing cold water. Many people came out to cheer on the individuals and teams. Some people may think they are crazy. Mike Hanrahan commented, "I am just a spectator. I have too much common sense to jump in." One could even buy a shirt that read, "too chicken to

plunge!"

Some of the costumes that were worn included: Superman, the Ghostbusters, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, pajamas, suit and tie, bathing suits, team matching t-shirts, and so much more. The plungers cannon balled, flopped, and twisted, to raise (at the time of the writing)

\$46,000.00. "It is amazing how much money they raise each year," said Kelly Dines, a spectator at the plunge. One of the dive team's divers even got out of the water to jump with the younger, individual participants. The participants received a towel after jumping in and quickly went to an area to change into dry clothes.

There were three judges that watched as plungers took to the ice. The three judges were WZZM-13's Juliet Dragos, Miss Danish Allison Harrison, and Miss Belding Lauren Thompson. It was their job to choose which plunger (team or individual) had the best costume. They definitely had a tough job because there were so many great costumes to choose from. However, in the end, they decided that best costume should be awarded to the first Ghostbusters Team (there were two teams that dressed in Ghostbuster costumes) that jumped into the lake. Harrison said that she was really happy that she was able to judge this year. Thompson added, "I definitely will be participating in next year's plunge."

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## Wrestler Curtis Perry Advances to the MHSAA Regional Tournament



Curtis Perry came out on top at the MHSAA District Tournament

(photo courtesy of Leigh Saxton)

By Amy Betham

Lakeview wrestlers competed in the 2016-2017 MHSAA district tournament in Belding over the weekend. Many of the wrestlers fought their way deep into the tournament, but only one earned a trip to the MHSAA regional tournament.

Sophomore Curtis

Perry not only placed well enough to keep his 2016-2017 season alive, he also claimed the district title at 103 pounds.

"Winning a district title is a great accomplishment for any wrestler, but to do it as a sophomore is really special. Perry has worked extremely hard all season in hopes of making a strong post season run.

"I'm looking forward

to the regional, and hopefully the state, meet with him," exclaimed Coach Barton.

Perry has accumulated a 33-4 record so far this season. He aims to improve his record when he returns to the mat at the regional meet in Delton Kellogg on Saturday, February 18th.

Good luck, Curtis Perry!

Going on vacation? Take the Lakeview Area News with you, take a picture, then send it in to us by e-mail at [lanewsroom@gmail.com](mailto:lanewsroom@gmail.com).

## TDL Basement Access for Patrons



Jeanne Merriman

By Shirley Pool, Linda Huckins and Jim Zynda

The Lakeview seniors invited Jeanne Merriman from the Tamarack District Library (TDL) to speak to their group on Tuesday, February 7, 2017. Jeanne is the Outreach and Reference "Go To" person at the TDL. She took the time to explain some of their new and numerous programs. We learned that someone donated 300 cake pans to the library. You can check

them out just as you would a book. That way if you wish to make a special birthday cake, you do not need to purchase the pan, just visit the library. They keep this collection downstairs in the basement.

Speaking of the basement, a renovation funded by the Friends of the Library will give patrons access to the basement for programs and special events.

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