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TOWN TOPICS

Friday, January 20, is an Early Release Day at Lakeview Community Schools. It is also the end of the first semester, and Inauguration Day.

The Coral Pancake Breakfast will be held this Saturday, January 21, 8-12 noon. Proceeds to benefit the Coral Days Festival.

Also, on Saturday is the 4-H Spaghetti Dinner at New Life United Methodist Church, located on M-46. Proceeds from the dinner will go towards a new bath house on the 4-H Fairgrounds.

Going on vacation? Remember to take the *Lakeview Area News* with you, take a picture and send it to us.

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Winter Forecast

Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for today (Thu.). There is a 60% chance for rain/freezing rain for Fri. Cloudy skies for Sat. and Sun. A 70% chance for rain on Mon. Back to cloudy skies for Tue. And then there is a 60% chance for rain on Wed. Highs in the 40s and lows in the 30s.



Dixon to Inspect Water Tower



Lakeview water tower

By Shirley Pool

The Lakeview Village Council held their first monthly meeting of the year on January 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Steve Case, Bob Huttinga, Kathy Lobert, Chris Fryover, Dave Lund, Dominic

Trevino, and President Ed Winter were all present. Also attending the meeting were Police Chief Darin Dood, Public Works Manager Mike Vellanti, and Village Clerk Pam Main. Guests were Greg McKenna and Mr. and Mrs. Russell.

The minutes for the special meeting on November 21, 2016 and the regular meeting minutes of December 12, 2016 were both approved as presented.

Lund moved and Lobert supported to approve the bills in the amount of \$65,455.23. Motion carried.

The reports were presented:

*Chief Dood had no additional information to add to his report.

*Mike Vellanti spoke about the North Street lift station in addition to his report.

*There was no Airport Manager report.

Village Manager Shay Gallagher addressed some options for the recycling location that included moving the location to North Street and having hours of operation in the spring. Gallagher also presented quotes for the DPW Building which included construction of an addition or using the airport structure as an interim building.

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Home Township Receives ISO 5/5X Rating



Front row: Bryan Collins, Captain; back row, left to right: Michael Irwin; Doug Lapham; Rikki Irwin, Asst. Chief/Operations Officer; Jonathon Porter; Robb Stratton; Tim Irwin; Fire Chief; Tristen Withey; Erica Moody, Captain; Brandon Bogart; Keith Hunt, Asst. Chief/ Safety Officer; Haylee Kimball; Adam Josephus; Jim Muscott and Jessica Carroll; Missing from photo: David Withey, LD Lapham and Jerycho Powelson

By Shirley Pool

Home Township Fire Chief Tim Irwin has announced that the Home Township Fire Department has received a 5/5X rating from the Insurance Services Office Inc. (ISO), which will take effect on March 1, 2017. Irwin noted that several things

are studied that determine the ISO rating such as paperwork, water hydrants, certifications of the firefighters, water flow, water pumps on the trucks, and fire accounting. They are tested about every 10 years. The fire department has held a rating of 6 for about the past 20 years and they are very pleased to re-

ceive the report of the upgraded rating. Properties over 5 road miles from a recognized fire station would receive a class 10 rating (the lowest).

The higher rating will mean lower insurance rates for both Home Township, The Village of Edmore and Cedar Lake.

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Lakeview Makers Space Takes Robots to Jenison



Randy Huckins, Superintendent Thomas TenBrink "Pirate" and 6th Grade Teacher Gabe Steward, and Principal Rachael Postle-Brown

By Randy Huckins

In September 2016, The Lakeview Makerspace participated in the Pinewood Elementary "Teach Like a Pirate Day" event hosted by Jenison Public Schools in Jenison, Michigan. The Lakeview group was sponsored by Lori Barr, a 6th grade teacher at Pinewood, who got the school excited about "Take It Apart" days and was instrumental in introducing STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) projects into the elementary school system.

This was the third annual "Teach Like a Pirate Day" held at Pinewood. The inspiration for the all-day event originated from a couple of books called *Teach Like a Pirate* by Dave Burgess and *Learn Like a Pirate* by Paul Solarz.

"The idea is to create amazing experiences for our students and give them more choice in their education," said Pinewood Elementary

Principal Rachael Postle-Brown. "Our lower elementary students will be doing fun activities with their class and with the lower elementary teachers. Our third through sixth grade students will have the opportunity to choose their classes for the entire day.

The Lakeview Makerspace has participated in "Take it Apart" projects. We helped Pinewood Elementary students build a couple of Sassy-type robot platforms and demonstrated different battery operated hand tools like drill, sawzall, jigsaw, sander and flashlights. The tools were mounted with part of the case removed so the students could see the motors and gears operating.

I had an opportunity to talk with Mr. TenBrink about the Robotics Enrichment program at Lakeview Middle School. The high school also has a FIRST Robotics program and will be participating in FIRST's competition events.



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