

Lakeview Area News

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TOWN TOPICS

The Tamarack District Library will be hosting a free movie night by playing the movie, "Jack Reacher - Never Let Go", tonight (March 23) at 5:45 p.m.

The Edmore Order of Eastern Star's 12th Annual Women's Expo will be held this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Curtis Building.

The Community First Federal Credit Union is holding a 'What I am Saving For' contest for kids age 5 - 16. Turn to page 4 for more information.

Also, the credit union has started their Fifth Annual Treasure Hunt. Turn to the back page for the second clue. The first clue said, 'Outside of Lakeview Village limits.'

4-H Pancake Breakfast & Auction



**Saturday,
March 25, 2017
9:00 am to Noon**

**Where: Montcalm
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Winter Forecast

Partly cloudy skies are in the forecast for today (Thu.). Then there is a 40% chance for rain for Fri.; 90% chance for Sat.; 50% chance for Sun.; 40% chance for Mon.; 60% chance for Tue. and Wed. Highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s.



Lakeview Council Activities



Village Manager Shay Gallagher

By Shirley Pool

The March 13, 2017 meeting found Steve Case, Chris Fryover, Bob Huttinga, Dave Lund, Dominic Trevino and Ed Winter all present and Kathy Lobert absent.

Bills in the amount of \$41,654.26 were approved for payment.

President Ed Winter asked Chief Darin Dood about the COPS Grant for the School Resource Officer position.

DPW Supervisor Mike Vellanti reported that

his staff has been working to clean out the current buildings for relocation.

Because the Pickle Dock Drive Project is coming in under the original budgeted money, it will be funded from the street line items. The village is working on obtaining permits.

Village Manager Shay Gallagher is looking at adopting the International Property Maintenance Code. [When Edmore was contemplating adopting this same code, about 150 people at-

tended the village council meeting to strongly object, and it was unanimously voted down.]

I urge the Lakeview people to look this up on your computer. If you type in International Property Maintenance Code you will find it to be about 50 pages long and it will automatically change and probably enlarge on a yearly basis. If adopted it signs away your 4th Amendment rights that cover the sanctity of your home.

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Community Memorial Luncheon for Abby Williams



Abigail (Abby) Williams

By Shirley Pool

There will be a memorial luncheon on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at the Stanton American Legion Post located at 337 W. Day Street. The luncheon is to remember the life of 13-year-old Abigail J. Williams who was murdered on Valentine's Day. Abby and her 14 year old friend Liberty German were walking on a trail near Delphi, Indiana where they attend school. One of the girls was able

to capture the photo and voice of a man who police believe is the one who killed the girls and left their bodies near a creek.

When one hears about these dreadful stories from another state, you do not realize how close it hits to home. Abby has close family ties in our community. Her grandfather is Cliff Williams who lives in Greenville. There is an Aunt Lucy and Uncle Jeff Hubbard who reside at Six Lakes; the Erskin family members who live near

Vestaburg, and the Williams family came from Stanton. Abby's Great Grandmother Virgi Williams was the owner of the Danish Kitchen. Abby was born on June 23, 2003, was in the 8th grade, and is the daughter of Anna M. Williams. Abby played saxophone in the school band, as well as volleyball. She enjoyed being outdoors, riding ATV's, swimming and taking camping trips to Michigan.

Friends of the family have decided to host this memorial luncheon to bring the community together in order to provide support for the family at this very sad time. Any donations received will go to the Abby Williams Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will send someone from Central Montcalm High School to the American Legion Girls and Boys State. For information or to make a donation please call Ann or Eve Witzel at (989) 831-5395 or send an e-mail to lorimazzola@ymail.com.

Help Support a Good Group



The Burns May VFW Post 5602

By Mary Gaffield

The Six Lakes VFW Post 5602 was founded in 1946 when the area had many men returning home after serving in the military. United to support each other after leaving the military they also began helping within their community. Currently, there are 71 members of VFW Post 5602 as well as about 50 auxiliary members that continue to provide support to the community. Whether it is providing funeral service recognition for veterans, placing flags in the cemeteries, Memorial Day programs, meals for wakes, fundraisers for organizations such as firefighters, scholarships to students,

donations to veteran homes, community dances, or summer camp opportunities for youth, the members of VFW Post 5602 provide valuable services.

This year they are facing a financial challenge. The VFW hall, which is located about a mile East of Six Lakes on Fleck Road, is in need of a new roof. This building is often rented out to people in the community so that they can hold wedding receptions, reunions, and parties for their families. The post needs to pay for the repairs to continue their services and to make sure that this facility remains available to the community for its use.

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Where the Lakeview AreaNews Has Been



Tjerk and daughter Evelyn Okkema traveled to The Netherlands (Holland) during Evelyn's spring break at MSU. Evelyn wanted to re-connect with her grandmother, aunts, uncles, and cousins for the first time as an adult. Evelyn and Tjerk are holding the *Lakeview Area News* while touring Amsterdam. They took a boat canal ride and visited the Rijks Museum. Evelyn hopes to return someday to visit the Anne Frank House and Madame Trousseau's Wax Museum. Turn to page 2 for one more picture.

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