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TOWN TOPICS

A Nine-Pin No Tap tournament was held at Lakeview Alley Cat Bar & Grill on New Year's Eve. With forty-six participants, Norm Namminga took first place with a score of 762.

Winterfest in Lakeview will be held on Saturday, February 24. More details to follow in upcoming issues.

The Happy New Year Coloring Contest winners are as follows: Abigail Kinsey, Uriah Kinsey, Doris Drake, and Katelyn Buchner. Winners can pick up their prizes at Community First Federal Credit Union in Lakeview.

The Game of Thrones Party is this Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at TDL.

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Winter Forecast

There is a definite (100%) chance for rain showers for Thu. (H: 54; L: 42). Cloudy skies for Fri. (H: 35; L: 23). Then there is a 40% chance for snow showers for Sat. (H: 24; L: 16); and a 50% chance for Sun. and Mon. (H: 17; L: 8). Partly sunny skies for Tue. and Wed. (H: 34; L: 14).



Marihuana Dispenseries Discussed at Council Meeting



Ed Winter

By Joe Tilton

Quietly but firmly, Village President Edwin Winter said, "I'm not for it."

His comment was in response to Dillon Smyth's proposal that the Village Council consider an ordinance that would lead to a medical marihuana dispensary in Lakeview, and that he had plenty of financial resources to make it happen.

Smyth spoke in the opening moments of the Village Council meeting Monday evening. His proposal set off a series of comments among council members.

"I think it's going to become a significant part of medical care," Trustee

Bob Huttinga said. "It may be a ways off."

Smyth followed Huttinga's comments with, "I've talked with Mont-

calm Township and they're going to opt in." He continued saying he has been talking with townships in the area and "no one's jumping on board yet."

Winter reminded Smyth that marihuana is still federally illegal, and after the meeting said he was aware that the Attorney General has announced a crackdown on marihuana by the Feds.

"I just want to bring it on home," Smyth said. He referred to the "east side of the state," where dispensaries are open now.

"I'm here. I will definitely open up here if you will allow," Smyth told the council.

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Dillon Smyth

Shots Fired in Six Lakes Home



Lakeview MSP Post

By Joe Tilton

On Wednesday morning, January 3rd, a homeowner near Six Lakes noticed footprints in the snow outside his home that led to his basement door.

The homeowner was armed with a pistol and descended down the stairs where he saw a man wearing a ski mask, who then threatened him with a

shotgun. The homeowner fired his weapon at the suspect, who fled to a waiting SUV. If the intruder was hit by gunfire, it was not reported.

The call about the incident came to the Lakeview, Michigan State Police Headquarters that Wednesday morning, telling about the armed suspect committing the home invasion. MSP now wants you to be on the

lookout for the armed suspect, who is six-foot-five, about 300-pounds. He was wearing a ski mask, black clothing and black muck boots.

MSP has no leads as of press time, and they are urging you to be on the lookout and do not attempt to apprehend this man. Also, be particularly careful to keep your doors locked.

Trufant Remembers One of Its Own



Wife Ann Scoby Petersen and Daughter Jennifer Petersen

By Linda Huckins

Trufant, Michigan may have been in a deep freeze last Saturday with frigid temperatures and snow and ice on the ground, but inside the Maple Valley Complex, there was nothing but warmth. There was the warmth of friendship and love for a fallen member of their community, there was the warmth of a home-cooked spaghetti dinner, and there was the warmth of a strong community united in a single purpose. The event was a benefit for Mark Petersen to help his family with Mark's medical bills. Mark passed away on December 5, 2017 without insurance.

Mark Petersen was a lifelong Trufant resident and lived in the community with his wife of 37 years, Ann Scoby. When Ann married Mark, she chose to keep her maiden name. The couple has one daughter, Jennifer, who lives with her partner Steve in Grand Rapids.

Ann said that Mark loved the community of

Trufant and the community loved him back. He was a firefighter on the Maple Valley Fire Department for a little over 40 years. "The fire department is a family," Jennifer said, "and it shows by the turn out today [at the benefit]."

In fact, it was the fire department that planned the benefit for Mark. As Ann explained, "The firefighters came to our house to ask Mark if they could hold a benefit for him. Mark agreed. He even picked the date (January 6, 2018). He told them he would be there if he could. If not, he said he knows they will be taking care of his wife."

Sadly, Mark didn't make it physically, but Ann and Jennifer agree that he was there in spirit. "He would have loved it," Ann said. "He was very social and loved to tell stories. Life was fun for him; it was his hobby. If he were here today, he would be going up and down in his wheelchair and the stories would be flying!"

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Where the LAN Has Been



Joe Tilton took the Lakeview Area News to Chicago, Illinois.

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