

Lakeview Area News

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TOWN TOPICS

Little China Restaurant is making progress on finishing their building after a recent fire. Notice the new red roof!

Remember to wear green on Saturday (St. Patrick's Day), unless you want to be pinched by everyone you come across!

The Father/Daughter dance is also this Saturday in the Lakeview High School cafeteria. It is hosted by Cowden Lake Christian Church.

The first day of spring is Tuesday. It will be nice to wear rain boots instead of winter boots!

The Tamarack District Library will be hosting a Jazz Performance on March 22, 6 p.m. Hope to see you there!

4-H Pancake Breakfast & Auction



**Saturday,
March 24, 2018
9:00am to 11:00am**

Where: Montcalm County Fairgrounds
Ash Foundation Building
8784 Peck Road
Greenville, MI

Breakfast is \$5.00 per person at the door
Auction Starts at 10:00

Profits to benefit the Montcalm County 4-H

For more info call:
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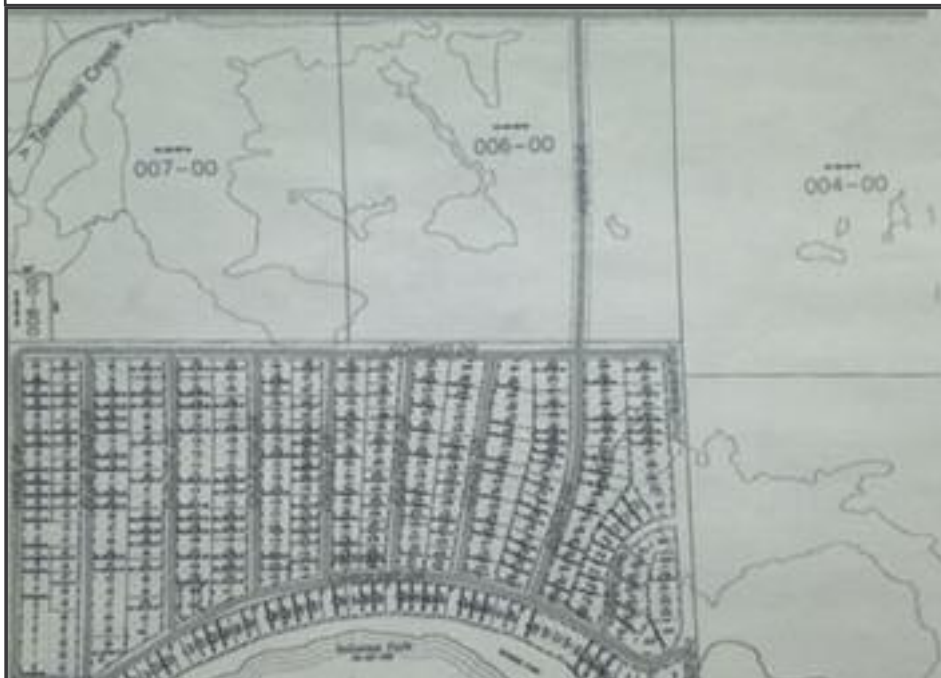
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Winter Forecast

Partly to mostly sunny skies for Thu. and Fri. (H: 49; L: 30). Then there is an 80% chance for morning rain showers for Sat. (H: 50; L: 40). Partly sunny skies for Sun. (H: 48; L: 42). An 80% chance for rain showers for Mon. (H: 42; L: 38). Partly sunny skies for Tue and Wed. (H: 35; L: 26).



Sale of County Property



Plat layout of property to be sold

By Joe Tilton

Montcalm County owns 42.86 acres (more or less) of wooded land that the Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee has recommended be sold.

While market prices have been discussed, no price-per-acre was decided.

Two parcels have been considered, however only the one intended for sale now is this acreage, owned by the county since 1932. Budget constraints appear to be the biggest reason for the sale.

The property is in the

Belvidere Township, Section 6 (59-001-006), described as follows: Parcel is split lengthwise by Robin Road with approximately 1/3 of the acreage to the east and remaining 2/3 west of Robin Road. The acreage to the west has the potential to offer some building sites along the east and south borders, which would have to be subjected to Mid-Michigan Health Department soil suitability testing, but the rest of the property to the west and north tapers down into low/wetland areas, which would limit usage to primarily hunting.

The acreage to the

east of Robin Road appears to be at an elevation suggesting it could be split into parcels suitable for building sites, subject to any or all zoning restrictions for the area, as well as obtaining a survey to create separate parcel identifications.

The site may be listed with a real estate broker. Selling at auction was discussed as well. If interested, contact the Montcalm County Administrator at 989-831-7300 for details.

The final decision will be made by the full Board of Commissioners on the 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Rockgate Real Estate to Hold Grand Opening



Rockgate Real Estate agents cutting ribbon at their Howard City branch

By Linda Huckins

Rockgate Real Estate office in Howard City held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, March 13, 2018. Although the business has had a branch in Howard City since May 2017, they have never had a ribbon-cutting ceremony or held a Grand Opening. On next Saturday, March 24, the long-awaited Grand Opening will take

place from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at their office on M-46 across the street from Catch 120 Grille in Howard City.

"It is a way for locals to come and meet our agents," said Owner/Broker Jackie Bissonette. "There will be refreshments and beverages, including hot dogs, peanuts, etc. as well as a drawing for a family four-pack of Detroit Tigers tickets. You

don't have to be present to win."

Rockgate Real Estate's main office is in Big Rapids and they have a branch in Evart as well as in Howard City. Company-wide they employ 11 agents: two full-time in Howard City, two full-time in Evart, and the rest in Big Rapids.

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Lakeview Summerfest
June 15 thru 17

**Count Down
92 days**

Lakeview Council's March Meeting



John Kroneck presenting to Lakeview Village Council

By Joe Tilton

County Commission Chairman Pat Carr attended Lakeview's Council meeting Monday evening in the airport conference room. He came to explain the Hazardous Mitigation Plan, as he has done for townships and other municipalities. He explained how it is important to have the discussion and include the issue in meeting minutes so when the time comes for funds to support the effort, chances of receiving grants are possible. A plan is important to compose. Village Manager Shay Gallagher asked for a copy of the County's Plan.

John Kroneck, Coordinator for Cherry Health, addressed Lakeview's Council on the marihuana issue that is predicted to be on the ballot at the General Election in November. With reference to the approach to opt in for a medical marihuana dispensary at a previous meeting, material from SAM (Smart Approaches to Marihuana) were explained and distributed.

One point he made regarded impact on the workplace. He showed that the percentage of people who missed work during the past 30-days in Colorado, where marihuana is legal, "because they just didn't want to be there," doubled over the overall population and alcohol users by marihuana users. The council had previously stated they wanted nothing to do with

the marihuana issue.

Trustee Bob Huttinga asked about Canada's legalization of marihuana, which began a discussion about CBD levels verses THC in plants modified for consumption.

Manager Shay Gallagher explained a \$11,200 increase in funding for roads and streets.

Summerfest was discussed with no decisions. Concern was expressed by Trustee Dominic Trevino over the surface where the beer tent would be, explaining that the pavement has been removed and lack of electrical connections for music to be played. The event will be on the April meeting agenda.

A property replacement fund plan was introduced by Gallagher, saying that a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$85,000 to \$100,000 will be established in anticipation of equipment replacement in a year to 18-months. President Pro Temp, Dave Lund, asked if it was legal, and he was assured that it is. Interest rates were discussed, which are from 1.5 to 2.0 percent.

A comp-time policy was discussed for implementation for village employees. While the issue was on the agenda, no vote was taken, meaning it was tabled for another meeting until more work could be done on the wording and hours for a sound policy.

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April 4th**

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