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TOWN TOPICS

Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 11. Remember to spring ahead 1 hr.

LHS is hosting a donation drive for military troops that are currently serving overseas. We have a donation box in our office sponsoring the 11th graders, and would love to have you drop items off during our business hours. For more information, turn to page 10.

Have yarn that you don't want anymore? Debbie Ashbaugh knits hats for needy children in the area and is looking for donations. Call New Life UMC if you are able to help, (989) 352-7788.

The Healing Center in Lakeview is planning a grand re-opening. No date is set as of yet. However, they are still open for business.



Where:
Blanchard Wesleyan Church
542 Jackson Road Blanchard



When:
Thursday, March 8
9AM-5PM
Friday, March 9
9AM-5PM
Saturday, March 10
9AM-Noon

Taking Donations

For donation pick-up and information,

Call: Pastor Ruth
989-330-7008

Winter Forecast

There is a 40% chance for lake-effect snow showers for Thu. (H: 34; L: 24). Partly to mostly sunny skies for the rest of the week, Fri. through Wed. The average high for the week is 40 and low is 24.



Black Balloon Day in Lakeview



Black Balloons were tied to street lights in Lakeview last Tuesday.

By Joe Tilton

Black balloons were tied to lamp posts in Lakeview Tuesday morning. The activity was meant to join the rest of the nation in recognizing deaths from opioid overdoses that are taking so many lives.

From information provided by village office personnel, there have been 53 deaths from the epi-

demic in Montcalm County since 1999. Nationally, 22,000 died in 2017, which is 60 every day.

Opioids are being prescribed by doctors for pain, plus the black market is strong in the distribution problem. The other issue is that when addicts cannot get opioids they turn to heroin that kills them.

Dr. Don Teater, Na-

tional Safety Council's (NSC) medical advisor, said, "Painkillers don't kill pain. They kill people." He went on to say that people think taking opioids is the best way to treat pain, but the reality is other non-addictive medicines are just as effective, including many over-the-counter drugs such as ibuprofen and naproxen. Some believe cannabis (marijuana) oils can replace opioids for pain relief, benefiting the medical-marijuana efforts in Michigan.

The NSC released details on opioids writing, "Like heroin, opioid painkillers come from the poppy plant that contains morphine and codeine. In 2010, more than 400,000 emergency room visits were made related to prescription painkillers. In 2006, the estimated total cost in the U.S. of non-medical use of prescription opioids was \$53.4 billion. Four out of five new heroin users began by using prescription painkillers, and the NSC indicates four to six percent of prescription painkiller abusers will transition to heroin.

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Montabella Junior Honored during Basketball Half Time



(above) Laura Keilholtz (below) with throwing coach Owen Elered

By Linda Huckins

Montabella High School Junior Laura Keilholtz was presented with a plaque during half time of the boys varsity basketball game on Thursday, March 1, 2018. The plaque was to honor Laura for placing 8th at All-State last year in girls track discus throwing.

"I've been discus throwing since ninth grade," Laura said. "I was anxious and excited about

being honored."

Laura Keilholtz is an honor student at Montabella and a member of the Quiz Bowl Team as well as Model U.N. She also participates in the Peer-to-Peer Program where students help students with learning disabilities.

When she graduates from high school, Laura plans on going to college but hasn't picked one yet. "I am leaning toward a career in bio-medical engineering or maybe chiropractic," she said.

Congratulations, Laura, on such a great accomplishment. We are all proud of you.



A Tribute to Shirley Pool



Shirley in 2013 after receiving the Media Shout-Out Award

By Linda Huckins

It is with deep sadness that we report that one of *Lakeview Area News'* staff has passed away. Shirley Pool was a beloved reporter who enjoyed meeting new people and sharing their stories with our readers.

Shirley and Nile Pool walked into my office one day when I owned the newspaper. Shirley said that she was interested in writing articles and would I consider hiring her. As you know, I did hire Shirley and it was one of the best decisions I have ever made. She became a vital member of our newspaper family and stayed with us when I sold the paper to the current owners, Jake and Charlene Kinsey.

Shirley had a way with people. She was compassionate and endeared herself to the people she interviewed. I can't tell you the number of times that people have called our office to say what a wonderful job Shirley had done on a particular article.

She covered human interest stories, such as 100 birthdays and promotions, grand openings of businesses, community organizational events, Republican meetings like the Legislative Dinners, senior citizen activities, and many more. We all sat in awe at the number of stories Shirley came up with each week, and each one was important to our readers.

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Where the LAN Has Been



Joe Tilton and Connie McClain took the *Lakeview Area News* to the Kennedy Space Center, located on the east coast in Florida. Turn to page 7 for the story.

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Details to come



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