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TOWN TOPICS

Happy Fall

The LACF Community Dinner was held on Tuesday this week. Expect a story in next week's paper.

The Blanchard Fall Fest is on Saturday, October 20. See page 12 for the schedule of events.

Trufant's Harvest Fest is also on Saturday, October 20. The schedule is on page 7

Turn to pages 8 and 9 for a look at the Lakeview Wildcat Fall Sports.

Central Montcalm Homecoming pictures are on the back page.

Upcoming Halloween events are scattered throughout the paper. Church Halloween activities are on page 7. Upcoming cemetery tour event is on page 2.

Public Hearing on Septic System Problem



Mike Reeves and Mary Corley listening to the Septic System Discussion

By Joe Tilton

Two health-services issues were topics of separate committee meetings of the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners Tuesday morning in Stanton.

Economic Development and Physical Resources opened a discussion led by the Chairman John Johansen, regarding a proposed ordinance governing septic systems in the county. While the issue is regional, multiple counties had formed a committee, made of commissioners from each county, to study the reasons for elevated levels of E Coli bacteria in lakes and streams, most notably Flat River that runs

through Greenville.

After five-years of study, the answers to; why is human waste showing up in water and what can be done about it? are about to be answered.

Marcus Cheatham, Director of the Mid-Michigan District Health Department told the committee that the problem appears to be septic systems that are never serviced following construction. "Before 1966 there were no regulations required. Now, we have a serious problem." Cheatham continued saying, "We do not want to interfere with property sales so we are looking at what else can be done."

The answer appears to be "discharge permits."

These permits will be good for 10-years and they are easy to comply with. His department is encouraging septic systems be pumped to alleviate the problem, particularly systems near lake and streams.

Cheatham told the committee that 10 to 15-percent of the county's homes have failed systems or no system at all. With correction efforts, financing is called to question. "Financial Program Systems are available and the Department of Environmental Quality makes money available where an ordinance is in place." A one-year time frame is expected for the structure to be "super convenient" according to Cheatham.

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A Perfect Game



Matt Brimmer holding his plaque

By Linda Huckins

Matt Brimmer bowled a perfect 300-point game on September 10th at Lakeview's Alley Cat. Matt is from Belding and recently moved to Lakeview. In fact, he bowled his perfect game the first week that he bowled at the Alley Cat.

When asked if this was his first 300-point game, Matt said, "In a sanctioned game, yes."

Matt has been bowling for eight years. "I love bowling," he said, "and disc golf and movies."

He is engaged and has two kids, both boys, ages 6 and 2.

Matt belongs to the Stanley Rasmussen League that bowls Monday nights at 6:45.

This past Monday, League Secretary/Treasurer Norm Namminger presented Matt with a 300 Point Plaque and \$300.

Ann Smith, owner of the bowling alley, presented him with a jacket. On the back is written 'Alley Cat 300 Club'. It also has his name on it.

Congratulations, Matt.

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Fall Forecast

Thurs. Sunny with high 51, low 40; Fri. mostly cloudy with high 53, low 37; Sat. mostly cloudy with high 44, low 29; Sun. partly cloudy with high 48, low 39; Mon. partly cloudy with high 51, low 34; Tues. partly cloudy with high 47, low 33.



Montcalm Youth Wellness

By Joe Tilton

High School students from all over Montcalm County met at six Sunday evening in Stanton, over concerns that fellow students' involved with substance abuse need help. While the main topic was marihuana use, alcohol was on the list.

John Kroneck encouraged the Montcalm Youth Wellness Committee to voice radio ads to disclose the dangers of youth using pot, and recorded two commercials for airing next week on WGLM. Other publicity ideas were explored with a consensus to write a group letter to be sent to the

Lakeview Area News and other publications to warn against use of marihuana. One student who began the discussion asked, "What can we do to reduce or eliminate marihuana use?"

Code of conduct implementation was one idea that would include team competition and signed pledges to avoid drugs, such as marihuana and alcohol. The pledge would include willingness to submit to evaluation and screening that could lead to counseling if they were observed high or drunk. Custom wristbands were suggested as ways of identifying team members (students) agreeing to the pledge.

Political involvement to strengthen their efforts resulted in agreement to attend a Candidates Forum at Montcalm Community College the evening of the 23rd, where they plan to ask questions about assistance to stop students from abusing substances harmful to their health.

It was reported that Narcan (naloxone) is available in area schools and at the ready in case it's needed to save an opioid-overdosed student. Smoking cessation instruction is also available. There is no antidote for marijuana.

The group letter will be released to media well before the November sixth vote."

Where the LAN Has Been



Angella Nadeau of Lakeview, MI and Edit Fulop of Dunavescs, Hungary with the Lakeview Area News outside the Pridgeon and Clay's plant in Apostag, Hungary where Edit works. Angella works for their corporate offices out of Grand Rapids MI and was there for an audit the week of September 24th. Edit has been with the company in Hungary for 18 years as their office manager; Angella has worked there for 20 years and currently is the Quality Systems Manager.

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