

Lakeview Area News

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TOWN TOPICS

We were saddened to hear of Cato Township Clerk Louis Morse's passing last week. He was a good friend and supporter of this newspaper and a great clerk. He will be missed.

Lakeview's McDonald's lobby will be closed beginning November 19 for 3 weeks for remodeling. The drive-thru will remain open.

Aris Eye Care in Lakeview had a scare last Monday. Smoke was coming out of their office's thermostat. The Lakeview Fire Department responded and quickly got everything under control. Business continued as usual.

Thanksgiving is next Thursday. Every day should be a day for giving thanks.

Lakeview's Community Thanksgiving Service



Connie Andrews has a passion for the food pantry ministry

By Linda Huckins

Last Sunday evening the Lakeview Ministerial Association held its annual ecumenical community Thanksgiving service. Area churches take turns hosting the service each year. This year the honor went to the Lakeview Community Church (LCC).

Because the service fell on Veterans Day, the service began with a short video about honoring our veterans. LCC Pastor Dave Hansen then asked all the veterans to stand and be recognized.

Lakeview Free Methodist Church Pastor David Waid gave the opening prayer, which was followed by the LCC Praise Band leading the congregation in singing the song "You Are Good."

Several churches were represented in the congregation including New Life United Methodist Church, Sylvester Community Church, Lakeview Free Methodist Church, Lakeview Community Church, and Lakeview United Church of Christ (UCC). UCC Pastor Dave England is the ministerial

association's moderator, and as such, welcomed everyone to the service. He said that he enjoys being a part of the ministerial association and being its moderator.

"When asked to be the moderator," he said, "I wondered how long my term would be. I found out it is a life-long position like a Supreme Court Justice! The only way to leave it is to either resign or die." With that being said, he said it is a pleasure to serve the association and the community.

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Remembering the 100th Anniversary of the End of WWI



Jim Wood playing Taps

By Linda Huckins

A handful of hearty folks braved the cold temps last Sunday to remember America's soldiers who fought in the war that was to end all wars.

At 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918, the Armistice was signed ending World War I. For years at 11:00 on November 11, people gathered at Lakeview Cemetery to pay tribute to these brave soldiers.

The Hough/Pontius VFW 3701 hosted the ceremonies every year except last year. Even though the VFW no longer conducts a ceremony on Veterans Day, a few local residents still come out and continue the tradition.

This year Korean War Veteran Jim Wood, his wife Lee Wood, VFW 3701 Past Commander Jerry Walls, Dan Willison, and Molly and Jennifer Willison gathered in the cemetery.

Jim has recently taken up playing the trumpet and wanted to play taps. "I'm not very good," he said, "but I try."

Just as Jim raised the trumpet to his lips and started playing, the bell at

the United Church of Christ chimed. It was exactly 11:00 a.m.

Each person spoke about the importance of veterans and how remembering them is something every American should do.

"If only one person remembers," Lee Wood said, "then they are remembered."

They first gathered at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, then later visited the headstone of Pvt. Ernest D. Worley of Lakeview. The name on the stone is Wortley, but according to the Internet, it should be Worley.

Worley isn't actually buried in Lakeview Cemetery. There is just a headstone there to remember him. He is buried in France where he died on July 19, 1918 at 20 years old. He was a member of Company E, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division.

Dan Willison observed, "If he had lived just four months longer, he would have come home."

Thank you for continuing this tradition of remembering our veterans on Veterans Day.

Coming to a Farm Near You



By Joe Tilton

NextEra Energy, a subsidiary of Florida Power and Light, is the third company to take a serious look at Montcalm County for placement of wind farms, where wind energy is converted to electricity.

A called meeting Thursday evening (November 8th) at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Greenville, featured a staff of NextEra

experts making a presentation to land owners, township officials, county Board of Commission members and staff.

Presenter, Erico Lopez, said NextEra is the nation's top generator of electricity from wind, and boasted of three wind farms already operating in Michigan.

"We're studying wind resources here now," he told the group of 50. "We anticipate construc-

tion in Montcalm County to be happening in the spring of 2021 and production by winter that year."

Land excavation has already begun on a 40-acre solar-energy farm near Howard City, signaling a beginning of the green-energy emphasis in the state. Another 200-acre site is slated to be coming in as well. That location has not been disclosed.

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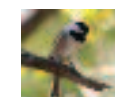
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