

Lakeview Area News

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TOWN TOPICS

The mid-term elections are over. We have preliminary results as of Tuesday, November 6 at 11 p.m. That's when we go to press. We focused on Montcalm County and a few local races.

The first day of rifle hunting season is Thursday, November 15. Several places around town are having "hunters widow" specials through next weekend. It could be for men too if it's the ladies who hunt. If you are going hunting, remember to practice safety rules.

The Blue Star Mothers are collecting items to send to our military serving overseas. Turn to page 10 for a list of items needed. You can drop off the items at our newspaper office.

Firefighters Save House in Lakeview



Lakeview firefighters responded quickly to house fire and kept the damage to a back room

By Linda Huckins

Long before trick or treaters took to the streets on Halloween, the quiet of downtown Lakeview was interrupted by the sirens of fire trucks responding to a house fire at 913 1/2 S. Lincoln Avenue. Kevin Stockton, who lives across the street, was standing on his front porch when he noticed smoke billowing out of one half of the duplex around 11:30 a.m. He immediately called 9-1-1, which resulted in the firefighters arriving on the scene very quickly. Lake-

view Fire Chief Pat Carr said, "The key to success at a fire is early notification."

No one was at home in the apartment where the fire started, however, the other side of the duplex was occupied. Shirley Yanke noticed smoke coming into her side and vacated the building immediately. She moved her car across the street for safety reasons and stood there watching the firefighters.

The building's owner, Ed Winter, was also among the spectators.

"I was only concerned for Shirley's safety," he said. Mike Basset and his girlfriend rented the apartment where the fire started. They were notified and came home after the fire was contained.

The chief said that the fire remains under investigation, but nothing appears to be suspicious. It took the firefighters one half hour to contain the fire. There was water and smoke damage as well as structural damage to Basset's unit and smoke in Yanke's apartment.

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2018 Mid-Term Election Results

By Jake Kinsey

On Tuesday, November 6 voters went to the polls in large numbers to elect officials to federal, state and local positions. There were also several proposals on the ballots. The results for Montcalm County are presented here. Statistics are as of 10 p.m. with 22 of 52 precincts reporting.

For US Senate the vote was 57.97% for John James and 37.20% for Debbie Stabenow. In the 4th Congressional District the vote was 60.46% for John Moolenaar and 32.87% for Jerry Hilliard.

In the state of Michigan the vote for governor was 55.93% for Bill Schuette and 38.23% for Gretchen Whitmer. In the race for attorney general the vote was 58.47% for Tom Leonard and 30.31% for Dana Nessel. In the 33rd state senate race the vote was 63.65% for Rick Outman and 29.77% for Mark Bignell. In the 70th state house district the vote was 58.87% for James Lower and 34.83% for Kresta Train.

In the county commissioners races all those running were Republicans except in the 2nd and 5th districts. In the 2nd district the vote was 59.18% for Brendan Mahar and 34.10% for Mark Wilkin. In the 5th district the vote was 59.23% for Phil Kohn and 31.08% for Alan Andersen.

One of the local races that has been closely watched is the Edmore village council election. Gloria Burr received 233 votes or 54.44% for the position of village president. Aaron Hadley received 163 or 38.08%. The votes for village trustees were as follows:

Joelle Betts 96-7.48%
Tom Colburn 161-12.54%
Karen Deja-Caulkett 146-11.37%
Bonnie Gray-Davis 128-9.97%
Jeffrey Hansen 128-9.97%
John Moore 177-13.79%
Jerry Rasmussen 177-13.79%

The race for Lakeview village president was close with Steven Case receiving 157 or 41.53% and David Lund receiving 165 or 43.65%.

In Howard City the votes for village trustees were as follows:

Jason Hacko 161-8.97%
Bruce MacTavish 316-17.61%



Kenneth Thomas II 182-10.14%
Michael VanWagner 220-12.26%
Janice Williams 267-14.88%

The vote for the two Lakeview school board positions was as follows:

Edward Jonaitis 1033-14.83%
Jeff Kurtze 977-14.03%
Michael Roberts 917-13.16%
Melissa Stevens 1674-24.03%

Proposal 1 was for the legalization of recreational marijuana. In Montcalm County the vote was very close with 48.97% for and 49.15% against. The final vote could change.

Proposal 2 was to change the process of re-districting. The vote was 51.30% yes and 44.45% no.

Proposal 3 was for election day voter registration. The vote was 57.38% yes and 38.48% no.

Other ballot proposals that may be of interest are the following:

Reynolds Township Proposal 1 Fire and Safety Funding Special Assessment

Yes 793 57.46%
No 519 37.61%
Reynolds Township Proposal 2 Road Funding Special Assessment

Yes 671 48.62%
No 640 46.38%
Tri County Area Schools Bonding Proposal

Yes 1139 42.68%
No 1455 54.51%
Lakeview Community Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

Yes 2018 57.94%
No 1284 36.86%
Vestaburg Community School Bonding Proposal

Yes 614 44.30%
No 707 51.01%
Greenville Public Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

Yes 4156 64.12%
No 2074 32.00%
Belvidere Township Fire Millage Proposition

Yes 567 61.30%
No 335 36.22%
For more information and updated results go to the Montcalm County web site and check the county clerk section for election results. For state-wide results go to the Michigan secretary of state web site.

Public Hearing on Human Waste



Full House at MCC

By Joe Tilton

Human waste discovered in our streams, rivers and lakes in the Mid-Michigan Health Department's service area has become a serious problem, as explained by Aaron Snell of Streamside Ecological Services. His presentation was before a packed house of citizens at Montcalm Community

College during the public hearing Monday evening at 6:00, requested by the county Board of Commissioners. The Board is considering an addition to existing regulations for septic systems in the three-county region that must be approved by all three commissions before it can be in force.

Snell methodically demonstrated discoveries

of human feces in three areas tested, including Maple and Flat Rivers and Upper Pine. Tests of waters in the three-county, 1,300 square mile area that is Montcalm, Gratiot and Clinton counties, resulted in levels of e-coli so high that any human contact, even wading is dangerous.

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