

# Lakeview Area News

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## TOWN TOPICS

Only 12 more days until Christmas! Remember to shop locally for those unique gifts.

The Lakeview Free Methodist Church, 110 Edgar St., Lakeview will be presenting a children's program, followed by a Christmas cantata this Sunday, December 16. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will follow the service.

The Lakeview McDonald's expects to have its renovations finished by Friday, December 14th. It will be nice to have the lobby open again.

The Lakeview Area News office will be closed December 24 and 25.

See our coloring contest on page 11. Open to ages 1-18. Be creative!

Happy Shopping!

## Opportunity Arrives for Hot Sales



By Joe Tilton

Retailers can now breathe easy with a new marketing plan for the first quarter of the year. Rather than submit to the nobody-has-any-money-after-Christmas blues, the Lakeview Area News is offering a way to bring excitement to first-of-the-year retailing.

**We are introducing "LAN Auctions" that begins with the January 3rd edition.**

Yes, it is an auction of desired merchandise at the price determined by market demand. The system, as old as the bidding process, now comes to newspaper in a unique and fun way. Businesses are given an opportunity to feature merchandise or

services at the value you, the reader, believe they are worth and at prices you can afford, even in January, February and March.

Each week, in a special section of the Lakeview Area News, forms, called "Bid Sheets," will be printed for each participating business. The form will include a photo of the item(s) or service offered, plus a place for you to write your bid. You will be asked to initial the promise to buy the product if your bid wins. Cut out the form and take it to the business that week, if the item or service is to be sold that week by Thursday. The winning bid gets the item. The business person hands the top bid to the Lakeview Area News staff where your bid payment is made. With a special "paid" stamp on the form, applied at the Paper's office, take it back to the merchant to enjoy your new purchase.

Some larger items may mean bids will be open for a month or even

until the end of March. A merchant offering a large item, such as a car, can collect the winning bid each week and hold it for the end date, or final bidding process. Regardless, forms will be in each edition. And, if you want to submit more than one bid, get an extra copy of the Lakeview Area News for more forms. You can pre-bid by entering the date of your bid on the form for the date desired for bid submission.

Bid forms copied by a photo copier will not be processed or honored. Since you have time to inspect the product or service before bidding, there will be no refunds. If payment is made but the items are not picked up or services used by April 30 at 5:00 p.m., the item or service becomes property of the Lakeview Area News. If an item receives no bids, the item becomes property of the Lakeview Area News as well.

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## Christmas Boxes



By Linda Huckins

The Lakeview Ministerial Association is holding its annual Christmas boxes packing and distribution event.

On Monday, December 17 at the New Life United Methodist Church, volunteers will sort and pack food items into approximately 75 boxes from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. It may go to 12 noon depending on the number of volunteers and the time it takes to sort and pack the items.

If you would like to volunteer, go to New Life United Methodist Church, 6584 W. Howard City/Edmore Rd. (M-46) in Six Lakes, west of Lakeview, on the 17th at 9 a.m.

On Tuesday, December 18, the boxes will be distributed. People re-

questing a Christmas box must either live in the Lakeview School District or attend one of the area's local churches.

To request a Christmas box, call the New Life office, 989-352-778 to sign up. You will be given a time to come to the church and pick up your box.

The boxes will contain a turkey plus everything you need to create a Christmas dinner, including boxed and canned food items, a pie and whipped cream.

There will also be some gifts for children and you will have an opportunity to receive a handmade, knitted hat by Debbie Ashbaugh.

The Ministerial Association wishes to thank the community for their many donations to the food boxes.

## Village Council Schedules Hearings



Steve Case being sworn in by Village President Dave Lund

By Joe Tilton

January 14th, public hearings are scheduled for the regular Lakeview Village Council meeting at the Airport Conference room. During Monday evening's meeting, the new council, led by Village President Dave Lund, the regular council plus sworn-in Councilmen Steve Chase and Greg Saxton, called for a vote on hearings on three subjects.

With the state-wide approval November 6th to legally smoke pot in Michigan, every township,

village and city must now take action via an ordinance if they do not want marijuana businesses within their borders. To comply with the law, new Village Manager Warren Roth advised the council to enact an ordinance before the state comes up with rules than could force permission to allow marijuana business locations.

During the discussion a question was raised by Trustee Bob Huttinga about "medical" marijuana and whether recreational and medical issues were under the same law. He was assured they were sep-

arate. Roth advised that the village can "always come back and change an ordinance," if at some time they want to allow a pot business, but the option is closed if they do nothing. "An ordinance keeps us safe until we know what the state is going to do," Roth said.

Police Chief Dood brought information on results of Colorado's law, saying crime rates are up, as are traffic deaths from drug-impaired drivers.

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## Christmas Services

**Amble United Methodist Church**  
December 24  
7 p.m. - "Lessons in Carols" (readings followed by singing, and ending with a candlelighting ceremony).

**Blanchard Wesleyan Church**  
December 23  
11 a.m. Service with special music for the Christmas season  
No Christmas Eve service

**Brockway Wesleyan Church**  
December 23  
10:40 a.m. - Christmas program called "The Not-So-Silent Night"  
6 p.m. - Communion Service  
No Christmas Eve Service

**Hope Lutheran Church at Dickerson Lake**  
5 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
7 p.m. Christmas Eve

**Lakeview Free Methodist Church**  
December 24  
6:40 p.m. Orchestra prelude  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service around 8 themes and ending with a candlelighting ceremony and the singing of Silent Night.

**New Life United Methodist Church**  
December 24 - Two services  
7 p.m. Family-oriented service  
11 p.m. Candlelight service

**St. Francis deSales Catholic Church and Christ the King Catholic Church**  
December 24  
5 p.m. Vigil at Christ the King  
10 p.m. Mass at St. Francis deSales

December 25  
11 a.m. Mass at Christ the King

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## Fall Forecast

Thurs. (today), AM clouds, PM sun with high 34, low 30; Fri. AM rain with high 39, low 30; Sat. sunny with high 38, low 28; Sun. partly cloudy with high 38, low 29; Mon. partly cloudy with high 34, low 24; Tues. partly cloudy with high 34, low 28.



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