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TOWN TOPICS

Lakeview McDonald's has a new drive-thru ordering screen. When you order from the drive-thru, your order now appears on the menu board. It is larger and much easier to read.

Jorgi's Supermarket in Edmore is closing effective the end of this month. They have been serving Edmore for 25 years. See page 5 for story.

Chapz Roadhouse in Lakeview is officially open for lunch and dinner. They are hiring. See their classified ad on page 10.

The Tamarack District Library is hosting a "Meet the Author" event this Saturday, January 12, 11 a.m. - 12 noon. Come and meet author and Lakeview Area News reporter Joe Tilton.

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Winter Forecast

Today (Thurs.) mostly cloudy with high 25, low 17; Fri., cloudy with high 27, low 21; Sat., cloudy with high 29, low 19; Sun, mostly sunny with high 31, low 20; Mon., partly cloudy with high 34, low 26; Tues., partly cloudy with high 37, low 27.



Infant and Aunt Killed in M-46 Crash



Aero-Med in flight to hospital with victim of car crash

By Joe Tilton

Nine-month-old Annalee Baker was killed early Sunday afternoon in a violent truck-auto collision on M-46 at Amble Road. Annie's aunt, 18-year-old Samantha, died approximately 24-hours later, Monday afternoon, around 2:00, apparently from brain injuries.

The crash, which is still under investigation by Michigan State Police, happened when the small-red Ford Focus, driven by Michelle Baker, 46, traveling eastbound, stopped at the intersection, waiting for traffic to clear for a left-hand turn to travel north on Amble Road. A

Dodge pickup was reported by the State Police to be driven by 27-year-old Brian Johnson of Cedar Springs, rear-ended the Ford, knocking it into oncoming traffic and into the path of another pickup that stuck the car, pushing both Ford and Dodge into the ditch on the southwest corner of the intersection.

Annalee's aunt, Samantha, 18, apparently in the front-passenger's seat, was taken by Aero-Med to Spectrum and hospitalized in critical condition with brain injuries, for which she had surgery. Monday, the family struggled with the decision to remove life support. Samantha's

boyfriend, who was riding in the back seat with the baby, was transported to Kelsey Hospital with non life-threatening injuries. Samantha was an employee of B.C.'s Pizza. Julie, Annie's mother, was working at Save-A-Lot when the crash occurred.

Michelle Baker, age 46, mother of Samantha and Julie, was also hospitalized. Five of the six people in the crash were transported for medical care.

The driver of the other westbound pickup, 54-year-old Annette Dow of Sand Lake, was also taken to Kelsey Hospital with minor injuries.

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New Board of Commissioners Sworn and Seated



Our youngest commissioner Brendan Mahar

By Joe Tilton

New and incumbent members of the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners began their morning, Wednesday the second, with a swearing in

ceremony in the courtroom on north State Street. Families of the Commissioners were there to witness the ceremony that included first-time members, Brendan Mahar, the 18-year-old and obviously youngest,

and Adam Petersen who replaced John Johansen.

Mahar, District 2 Representative and Republican, serves primarily the Eureka Township, the third precinct in Greenville and part of Fairplains. Mahar won his district by a 2-to-1 margin after personally visiting every home in his district.

Petersen replaces John Johansen after an endorsement by another publication and rumors attached to financial issues in the county. Petersen later admitted he had believed the erroneous reports but now understands with apologies for his comments about the board. Now, Petersen is vice chair of the board as elected during the organizational meeting. Petersen represents Montcalm and Sidney townships and part of Douglass.

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The Jewel Box Has Closed



Pat Rankin

By Linda Huckins

After 16 years of bringing nice affordable jewelry to the women of Lakeview, Pat Rankin has closed The Jewel Box, which she ran out of the Peddlers Patch. Pat's friendly personality and her ready smile for everyone she met will be greatly missed. She officially closed the business on January 1, 2019. This is Pat's second retirement, but she is calling it a "partial retirement" because she said that she will always "find something else to do".

Her first retirement was from teaching. Pat taught in Lakeview Community Schools for 34 years, retiring in 1994. Her teaching career, however, started in the UP. After graduating from Benzonia High School and then Central Michigan University, she moved with her husband Don to Sault Saint Marie where she taught kindergarten and helped to put him through school. Don Rankin attended Sault Technical College (now Lake Superior State). He then transferred to Ferris State in Big Rapids.

"I needed a job," Pat said, "so I sent applica-

tions to towns around Big Rapids. A man in Reed City received my application and passed it on to Jim Kos in Lakeview."

Mr. Kos called Pat about a position in Lakeview schools and she said, "Where's Lakeview?" They came to Lakeview during Spring Break to interview and she was hired. Don attended Ferris State and the couple made their home in Lakeview. They had two daughters, Julie and Jyll. Julie (Rankin) Lohff lives in St. Louis, Missouri and is a legal secretary. Jyll (Rankin) Mitchell lives in Lakeview and has twin boys that are active in Lakeview sports.

For the first eight years, Pat taught 5th grade, then she taught 7th and 8th grades. She taught general studies, 7th grade math, and middle school art. Her major in college was education but she had minors in biology, sociology, and art.

While in Lakeview, Pat was a coach for Odyssey of the Mind and was also a regional and state judge for the competition. She also recalls doing make-up for Elmer Coon's plays.

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New Office Hours

Here are the Lakeview Area News' new office hours for 2019:

Monday - Wednesday:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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