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TOWN TOPICS

Tropical Eclipse tanning that was located next to the Lakeview Village Office has closed. The building is for rent.

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Next week we will launch our auction. Be sure to get a paper to see what items are available to bid on.

Lakeview Winter Sports teams have been reprinted from last week's paper because the pictures were too dark. See pages 8 and 9.

Turn to page 2 for more wonderful pictures from the state's capitol. Thank you to Joe Tilton for traveling to Lansing and bringing us this great story and pictures.

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Winter Forecast

Thurs. (today), cloudy with high 30, low 21; Fri., cloudy with high 25, low 15; Sat., cloudy with high 19, low 5; Sun., partly cloudy with high 13, low 6; Mon., mostly sunny with high 23, low 14; Tues., cloudy with high 27, low 18.



Day at the Capitol



Sen. Rick Outman shaking hands with Supreme Court Justice following the swearing in ceremony

By Joe Tilton

Arriving in Lansing early the morning of the ninth for swearing in of our State Senator Rick Outman and Representative James Lower resulted in a long walk in the 25° weather against strong westerly winds. Extra time at Senator Outman's office meant meeting his new staff and time with outgoing Senator Judy Emmons, who was more than happy to discuss goals with us for the 100th Michigan Legislature.

Arrangements had been made for us to be on the Senate floor during the ceremony for Outman. The plan was to photograph the ceremony in the Senate then hurry to the floor of the House for Rep. Lower's ceremony. Since each Senator had an individual ceremony with the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, Senate activities took longer

than expected, since Senator Outman represents District 33. By the time we finished on the Senate side, Rep. Lower's ceremony had concluded. Through a special arrangement, we have photos of both installations.

Capitol security was particularly pleasant given most of the visitors were family. The *Lakeview Area News* was one of a very few media at the event. Detroit and Lansing press were obvious. One TV camera was seen.

Several senators brought family Bibles for their swearing in, and in several cases their young children were held in their arms. Some senators were surrounded with two or three family members while others could hardly fit into official photographs.

So much excitement, particularly for first-time senators, was felt in the gallery that the gavel had

to be sounded several times requesting quiet.

Each senator sworn in gave their oath verbally, but still had to retire to a room to the east of the chamber to sign the same oath. One person asked, after a swearing in, if these senators had read the Constitution of the United States and Michigan's Constitution to which they swore support.

Time was taken to establish a presence at with Senator Outman and his staff, plus Representative Lower. It was a special privilege to be witness to the event and become familiar with surroundings, staff and procedures since return trips to Lansing are anticipated as legislation is considered that will change life for the better in our home towns.

A special thanks to both our Senator and Representative for assistance and welcoming to Lansing as they begin their terms.

Snow Day at TDL



By Joe Tilton

With lack of snow outside, Bethany Nettleton, Director of Lake-

view's Tamarack District Library, organized a snow-person contest for Saturday morning, January 12th. "We made snow out

of baking soda and white hair conditioner," Beth said, "And the children made their snow masterpieces."

Children came to the library through the morning, and the winning "creativity" entry was Evelyn for her unique design. Cullen won Best in Show.

"They love the snow and the opportunity to create using their imagination," Nettleton said. "...hands-on fun at its best!"

Judging was by Mary and Jeanne. Names of the contestants were not visible to the judges to keep it impartial.

The original idea was to build snowpeople outside, but there was no snow!

See more pictures from the library's Snow Day on the back page.

Going the "Extra Mile"



By Linda Huckins

With so much negative news floating around, it is nice to stop and reflect on good news in our community. Some of that good news in Lakeview comes from our schools. At last Monday's Board of Education meeting several individuals were recognized during the Points of Pride section of the agenda for outstanding accomplishments and/or service to our community.

The first one to be recognized was Tiffany Sayers. She is a custodian in Lakeview schools. Although she really works for Grand Rapids Building Services, she is assigned to Lakeview. She takes her job seriously and goes beyond the call of duty for the school buildings and our faculty, staff, and students. As stated on the Board Meeting Agenda, "Her extra efforts did not go unnoticed."

Next up was an amazing young man, a junior at Lakeview High School, who found himself in a trying situation and stepped up to help. Last week, one of our bus drivers was slowly driving his bus down an icy dirt road when a truck traveling in the opposite direction came up over a hill too fast, veered into the bus' lane and struck the bus. Lee Geister was a student riding on that bus. He showed great poise and went to help the bus driver who was shaken up. He kept his wits about him and stayed calm. He assisted the driver until Transportation Director Jackie Sower showed up to take over the route. Because he knew the route, Geister directed Sower as she completed it. Sower recommended Geister for Point-of-Pride recognition. There was damage to the bus and to the truck, but thankfully, there were no injuries.

The Giving Tree project is a yearly event

that Lakeview Community Schools is proud to be a part of. Through the Giving Tree Project, donations of presents and money are collected and presented to needy families at Christmas. Heading up this momentous task are teachers Holly Poll and Tanya Ringlever. They were recognized at the board meeting for their efforts. They made numerous phone calls and collected presents and funds from individuals, businesses, and churches. They expected to be able to serve 175 families, but 2018's Giving Tree Project was able to give gifts to 204 needy families. The items collected were put into the Lakeview Middle School locker room because the room could be locked. In a thank you letter to donors, Poll and Ringlever stated that "the Lakeview Middle School locker room was busting at the seams!"

School Superintendent Kyle Hamlin said of the women they are "caring and dedicated. They see a need and fill it."

Steve and Eva Fountain also strive to fill needs in our community. They were recognized for giving a monetary gift to the Student Need Fund that helps needy students with such things as clothing, food, eyeglasses, sports physical expense, etc.

Lastly, January is School Board Recognition Month and Superintendent Hamlin took a moment to thank previous and current Board of Education members for their service. The current board consists of: Chair Ed Jonaitis, Jack Jeppesen, Dave England, Lisa Peasley, Jennifer Schwandt, Allison Kwiatkowski, and Melissa Stevens.

If you see any of these people around town, thank them for their outstanding service and dedication to the Lakeview School District.

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