

Lakeview Area News

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TOWN TOPICS

This past weekend was Winterfest at Lakeview High School. Several couples dined at McKenna's Restaurant Saturday night prior to the dance which started at 8 a.m.

Lakeview High School's Winterfest King was Brien Keene and the Queen was Hailee Cantu. See their pictures on page 2.

The Village of Lakeview will not hold a village Winterfest celebration this year.

The Shelf Life Book Club at Tamarack District Library will meet on February 28 at the library at 5:00 p.m. They are reading *Music Shop* by Rachel Joyce.

Check Upcoming Events on page 3 for what's happening in the area.



FRIDAY - FEB. 22
6 PM - 8:30 PM

LAKEVIEW VFW POST #3701
8968 N GREENVILLE RD

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QUESTIONS
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Winter Forecast

Thurs. (today), cloudy with high 31, low 15; Fri., partly cloudy with high 36, low 23; Sat., ice to rain with high 40, low 36; Sun., rain/snow/wind with high 40, low 19; Mon., partly cloudy with high 27, low 16; Tues., snow showers with high 31, low 22.



MACC Students Build Bunk Beds for Needy Kids



MACC students sanding wood that will go into the bunk beds

By Linda Huckins

The construction class at Montcalm Area Career Center (MACC) in Sidney was abuzz with activity last Monday with students, sawing, nailing, sanding and staining wood. They were making bunk beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), a non-profit organization that builds and delivers bunk beds to needy families where children (ages 3-17) don't have decent beds and are often sleeping on the floor or are in compromising situations.

The idea for the construction class to build the beds came about from a

campus-wide "Penny War" where classes competed against each other.

MACC Principal Celenia Mills explained the competition. She said that the idea was for classes to put out jars and collect as many pennies as they could. The pennies earned them positive points, and the class with the most points won. However, other classes could sabotage their competitors by putting silver coins or bills into their opponents' jars. Each coin that is not a penny or a bill was a negative point and subtracted points from that class.

This year the winner was the welding class. All

the money from all the classes was counted and students nominated an organization to give the money to. They had to defend their nomination, explaining why that particular organization should win. Then an advisory committee of students decided what charity to support with the money based on the nominations.

Blake Bellinger, who is studying diesel engines, said that all nominations were worthy, including DeVos Children's Hospital, but he suggested that they support a local charity that will help people in Montcalm County.

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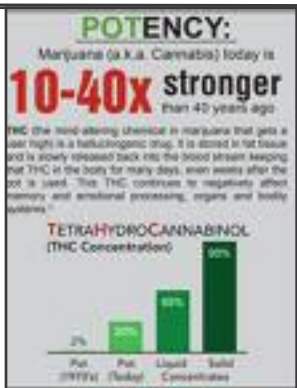
Marihuana Response

By Joe Tilton

A reader called to challenge results of a study in Colorado, recently released to the strategy-group meeting in Miami in January. The information related is; a 12-to-17 year-old, using marijuana once a week has an 80-percent higher risk of testicular cancer.

Of course, that's startling information and could be a deterrent to the pot industry picking up more customers. The caller claimed to have a PhD and a subscriber to the *Lakeview Area News* since the '80's, although this publication was established in 2006. Regardless, the question deserves an answer.

The source of the latest information is a prominent psychiatrist plus PhD pharmacist. I know their names; however I will not disclose that information until they release this and other details of the Colorado study. Call it "made



up" if you like, but it's not. What I can disclose is that three independent studies from 2009 (Daling JR, et al. Association of marijuana use and the incidence of testicular germ cell tumors; 225(6): 1215-1223) and 2012 (Lackson et al. Population-based case-control study of recreational use and testis cancer risk, 188:5374-83), have shown a 50-percent increase. Still another study, concluded in 2011 (Trabert et al. Cancer 2011; 117:848-53) reached the same result.

This new and startling information is coming out now because the Trump Administration

restarted research and opposition strategic planning against marijuana. The Obama Administration cancelled the group, so there's an eight-year release delay in information to, apparently, give the pot industry a jump on opposition to legalization. You can see remnants of that thinking from certain members of Congress, such as Senator Cory Booker, a Presidential candidate, and the super-liberal member of Congress, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Republicans should not feel smug since former House Speaker John Boehner is a leading proponent of legalized pot.

Now that more research is being done with experience from states where "recreational" and "medical" (there's no difference) use has existed for a while, and concentrations are dramatically higher, new data is arriving.

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A Sweet Shop in Sidney



Owner Jenna Worthy

By Linda Huckins

A new bakery / coffee shop has opened at 1971 W. Sidney Road in Sidney, Michigan right across from Montcalm Community College.

The Sweet Shop has only been open for four weeks and the owner said that they are still in their soft opening stage, trying to get a feel for the area and what customers want.

Owner Jenna Worthy went to school to be a baker, but also wanted to be an entrepreneur. One day she and her fiancé, Harley Hansen, were driving down Sidney Road and saw the vacant former pizzeria building. Hansen said, "Wouldn't this be a great location for a bakery?" She agreed, but didn't think anything more about it.

Hansen, who owns a store in Alma, bought the building and told Worthy, "Let's make it happen."

It took two years to bring the dream of opening a bakery to fruition. The first thing they did was to renovate the mobile home next to the building. Once renovated, they rented the mobile home to help with the mortgage on the bakery.

Right now, Worthy and her aunt are the sole bakers but Worthy hopes to soon hire experienced bakers. She is also serving as barista, but will be bringing on more baristas in the near future.

"We are down home [people]," Worthy said. "We are friendly and fam-

ily oriented. We accept anybody and want to be the "hang out" place where students can come to use our free WIFI, have some coffee and a sweet, do homework and enjoy themselves away from the school atmosphere."

They are slowly getting known. The weather lately had slowed down the traffic some, but now they are seeing more customers.

They offer all kinds of coffees, including lattes and cappuccinos, as well as teas, cold brews, water, milk, orange juice, and fountain pop. They can make their specialty coffees low calorie with non-fat milk and sugar free syrups.

Their baked goods, made on site, include bear claws, doughnuts, cakes, cup cakes, muffins, scones, cookies, pies and more.

Their hours are Monday through Friday 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"We chose to stay open until 7:00 week-nights so students can get coffee or a snack before class to help them to make it through the class," Worthy said.

If you would like more information, give Worthy a call at 989-328-5020, and if you are in the Sidney area, stop into the Sweet Shop and tell them you heard about them in the *Lakeview Area News*. You can also look them up on Facebook.



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