

Lakeview Area News

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TOWN TOPICS

Attention Vietnam Veterans. Congressman Moolenaar will be honoring you at the Lakeview VFW dinner on Fri., March 22. All persons servicing between 11/1/1955 to 5/15/1975 are eligible. Please contact the VFW at 989-460-8250 if planning to participate to be put on the list.

Lakeview School Band Director Dean Gilbert has announced his retirement after 33 years of service effective at the end of the school year. Look for an article on Mr. Gilbert in an upcoming issue of the *Lakeview Area News*.

St. Patrick's Day at McKenna's will be celebrated on Saturday, March 16 this year.



FRIDAY - MAR. 22
6 PM - 8:30 PM
LAKEVIEW VFW
POST #3701
8968 N GREENVILLE RD

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Winter Forecast

Thurs., pm thunderstorms with high 62, low 38; Fri., rain/snow showers with high 40, low 27; Sat., am clouds/pm sun with high 33, low 21; Sun., cloudy with high 40, low 21; Mon., mostly sunny with high 40, low 24; Tues., partly cloudy with high 44, low 27.



Lakeview Council Member Replaced



Emily Griffith (left) being sworn in by Kathy Lobert

By Joe Tilton

Kathy Lobert, a 17-year veteran of the Lakeview Village Council, is moving to another community. Her replacement sworn in Monday evening by Ms. Lobert, is Emily Griffith.

At the end of the regularly-scheduled council meeting, Lobert was honored for her service by many who spoke up to praise her, including former Village President, Ed Winter. An accommodation acknowledging her work on committees and time given to Lakeview was also presented, signed by all council members for her to keep. Lobert began working on community projects in 1980.

Several votes "cleaned up" ordinances

on the books, such as removing the old Cemetery Ordinance since the new one was approved a month ago. And a new weed and grass Ordinance was approved, which means if you let obnoxious weeds and/or grass grow to eight (8) inches tall in your yard, you'll be getting a knock on your door by the Police Department. A Blight Ordinance will be considered during April's meeting.

Village Manager Warren Rothe spent a good portion of the meeting advising the council on financial matters. One issue was a recommendation for a policy on where to place surplus funds and whether they should be moved to financial institutions offering higher interest rates. Another was a policy recommendation for the per-

centage of reserve based on revenue income and operating needs. Rothe talked about the village keeping their credit rating high by continuing to impress the credit-market world with sound management. A paperwork error had caused the village to be shorted in property-tax revenue by several thousand dollars. With the error corrected, the village is likely to receive additional amounts from \$35,000 to \$60,000. Investment policies suggested by Rothe were not passed, but referred to the Finance Committee for review. Rothe indicated the policies are not ordinances. He indicated the purpose in the policies is to stay in "compliance with the law," safety and liquidity.

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Hundreds Lose Power



By Linda Huckins

Over 500 Consumer Energy customers were without power in Lakeview for most of Sunday due to wind and ice on power lines.

Pictured above is a downed power line on M-91 halfway to Greenville. It was arcing and the fire department was on the scene to keep onlookers from getting too close.

Consumers Energy wants to remind people of the dangers of downed powerlines. It is recommended that anyone see-

ing a downed powerline stay at least 25 feet from it and report the location to the fire department and/or the electric company, even if you don't see a spark or fire. The powerline could still be "live" and therefore dangerous.

Consumers Energy worked diligently to restore power to affected customers on Sunday, but it still took all day before service was restored.

The above picture is courtesy of Randy Huckins, who took the picture from the safety of his car.

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Senator Rick Outman at LMS



By Linda Huckins

Last Friday, March 8, Michigan State Senator Rick Outman (R-Six Lakes) visited Lakeview Middle School and read to three 4th grade classes.

The book he read was *Duck for President* by Doreen Cronin and illustrated by Betsy Lewin. It is a delightful story about a duck who started out in a humble pond on a farm

where he didn't like the farmer running the farm. So, he campaigned and organized the animals to hold an election. Every animal voted and duck became the farmer. He found out that

running a farm was hard work. So he ran for other offices including governor and then president. He found out that running a state and a country is also hard work. It is a great

story and gave Outman a chance to explain terms used in our political process. The children sat on the floor surrounding Outman and were very attentive.

THINK SPRING

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