

# Lakeview Area News

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## TOWN TOPICS

This weekend is a very busy one for our area. Saturday is Christmas in Lakeview with all-day activities for the whole family. See page 7 for a schedule of events.

In Edmore, there is Christmas in the Village. The Seventh Day Adventist Church will offer activities including a mini live nativity on Friday, December 6, starting at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a Christmas Ball on Saturday from 7-11 p.m. at the old Bag Factory. Tickets are \$20/person and \$30/couple at the door.

The Lakeview Free Methodist Church choir will perform their Christmas Cantata at Lakeview Terrace on Sunday.

## 2019 LCWC Turkey Trot



Photo Credit: Mindy Case

By Luann Koester

We would like to start by saying how grateful we are to the Lakeview Area Community Fund for giving our group a grant that allowed us to purchase a chip system! We are so happy to have this system to help us accurately and quickly time our races. We know it will be a great addition to our goals of keeping our community active, fit, and healthy. In case you don't know, proceeds from both the Wildcat PRIDE Runfest and Lakeview Turkey Trot go toward our goal of providing athletic gear to student athletes without resources to buy their own shoes, headgear, etc. We thank everyone who has participated in our race events as an athlete, sponsor and of

course our volunteers! Thank you LACF!

Our weather for this run was as good as a late, November day in Michigan could get-a perfect morning for a run! We had 128 registered runners for the race, ready to burn off a few calories before the feast. We had some fast runners with good competition between them and a few fast walkers too.

Several runners dressed in their holiday run best, and our volunteers added to the runners fun with turkey calls and turkeys along the way making even more fun!

### Division Results of the 2019 Turkey Trot

Overall Male Runner  
TJ Curry 00:18:51.01

Overall Female Runner  
Kimberly Buskirk  
00:19:30.46

Overall Female Masters  
April Dozema  
00:25:04.68

Overall Male Masters  
Chris Town 00:20:44.50

Overall Female 10 and Under  
Adi Perez 00:36:34.81

Overall Male 10 and Under  
Kaleb Perez 00:28:55.72

Male 6 - 8  
1 511 Kaleb Perez  
00:28:55.72  
2 486 Braxton Willett  
00:38:37.74  
3 429 Cooper Delamater  
00:58:50.78

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## Haymarsh Hunt Club



Ashley Covey and Tim Somerville

By Linda Huckins

The Haymarsh Hunt Club at 11959 Jefferson Road in Morley is a pheasant and upland game bird preserve situated on 760 acres with 13 fields plus one larger one for corporate outings. It is owned by Rob Wynalda of Rockford but is managed by a local couple, Ben and Ashley Covey with help from former manager Tim Somerville. The club was founded by Bud Gummer in 1989 and Tim worked with Bud until he passed away in 2007.

"Tim's resources and knowledge are invaluable," Ashley said.

Ben and Ashley Covey have two children, Taylor and Colton, ages 2 and 5. They used to live in Lakeview, but now live in a house on the Haymarsh property where Tim and his wife Paula used to live.

How did they get into managing a hunt club? This is an interesting story. When Ben was in I high school, he had to participate in a job shadowing project and asked Tim if he could job shadow him at the club.

Years later when he heard that the club was being sold, he called Tim and asked, "Do you remember me?" He said that he did, and the rest is history.

The club is licensed through the State of Michigan to have a longer hunting season for game birds, August 15 to April 30. "Members and non-members can hunt nine months out of the year,"

Tim said.

The club also offers Short Gun Sport (five stand) which is a clay-shooting event. He or she moves among five sport stands and shoot five clays at each stand.

"We are planning to enclose the stands and heat them," Tim said. "That is unusual."

Some people come to Haymarsh to work their bird dogs. "If you want to work with a dog, but don't have one, we can get a bird dog guide for you to hunt with," Ashley said.

Another thing the club provides is "European Hunts" similar to those in England. It is a driven hunt and mostly for corporate outings.

There are different ways you can join the Haymarsh Hunt Club. There are General Memberships, Family Memberships or Corporate Memberships. For first timers who want to try it out, there is a Demo package. If wanting to join after trying it out with a Demo, the other membership packages are 20% off.

"We also rent the club house out for events," Ashley said. "We may have a wedding there soon."

Although the percentage of male members is higher than female, there is interest among the ladies too. Recently, they had a Women's Hunt where 30 women showed up and they had nine all-women teams. In January, they will have a co-ed hunt and on December 21, there is an all-men hunt.

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## Montcalm Officials Threatened

By Joe Tilton

Tuesday, at 7:42 a.m., a person indicating his name is Shawn Evans, sent an email to every elected and appointed official in the county, townships and communities, specifically naming Judge Kreeger, Prosecutors Andrea Krause and Christopher Heckman, as being in violation of law. Evans, if that is his name, made reference to a YouTube video he apparently made, which is the content of the email, using a British-sounding voice, the National Anthem, and photos of the three named. The threat of suit appears to be marijuana/cannabis related,

and could relate to a case where Judge Kreeger denied a female defendant's request to use marijuana in jail for pain she claimed to have. Judge Kreeger told her that other pain medication was available. Obviously, marijuana is not the only substance used for pain management, and allowing marijuana / cannabis in the jail would be a most unusual situation.

The YouTube address is listed at the end of this article. Here is the full text of the email:

*As we head into the 2020 election cycle, I just want to remind our elected officials of Montcalm*

*County, Michigan, that you signed a sworn oath of office to uphold the Constitutions of Michigan and the United States as well as all of the laws.*

*When notified of criminal allegations, you have the legal obligation to demand an investigation or to report those criminal allegations to the appropriate authorities. Failure to do so makes one an "accessory after the fact", is obstruction of justice, and is a willful violation of your sworn oath of office and an abuse of your power and authority of office, which may lead to fines and jail time.*

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**Pancakes WITH SANTA**

**SATURDAY DEC. 14TH**  
9 AM - 11 AM  
**LAKEVIEW VFW POST #3701**  
8968 N GREENVILLE RD  
ADULTS \$8 - 10 & UNDER \$5

**PHOTOS WITH SANTA JUST \$5 EACH**

**QUESTIONS**  
VFWPOST3701@GMAIL.COM

### Autumn Forecast

Thurs., partly cloudy with high 33, low 27; Fri., partly cloudy with high 31, low 17; Sat., partly cloudy with high 35, low 30; Sun., showers with high 41, low 33; Mon., rain/snow with high 36, low 19; Tues., mostly cloudy with high 24, low 18.



**SANTA & MRS. CLAUS** will be here **December 7th SATURDAY** 11:30am - 1:30pm

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