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## TOWN TOPICS

The old library lot in downtown Lakeview has been sold. The Lakeview Car Center, which abuts the property, has purchased it.

An "Upscale Rumage Sale" will be held this Saturday, January 25, at the Wildflower Schoolhouse on First Street in Trufant from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A Vintage Snowmobile Show & Swap Meet will be held this Saturday, January 25 at Blanchard Millpond Park, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Blanchard Area Parks and Recreation.

One Family's Story of Living with Huntington's Disease will be presented at Tamarack District Library, Tues., Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. Join us in hearing Gail and Madison Shur-low share their story.

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## Winter Forecast

Thurs., snow showers with high 32, low 29; Fri., rain/snow with high 35, low 31; Sat., am snow showers with high 36, low 26; Sun., mostly cloudy with high 37, low 28; Mon., mostly cloudy with high 38, low 28; Tues., cloudy with high 37, low 29.



## The Alley Cat Bar & Grill Is under New Management



New owners of the Alley Cat Bar & Grill (and bowling alley) in Lakeview. From left to right: Lyle Jaworski, Lyle's wife Jenny Jaworski, Janelle Bolster, and Derrick Bolster.

By Linda Huckins

The Lakeview Alley Cat Bar & Grill (and bowling alley) in Lakeview has been sold. The new owners officially took possession on December 30, 2019. Owners Lyle Jaworski, his daughter Janelle and son-in-law Derrick Bolster originate from Dundee, Michigan, about 40 miles south of Detroit. It is a family affair. They are sharing management responsibilities but other family members will help out from time to time. Lyle and his wife

Jenny have five children, all involved in the restaurant business.

Lyle was a farmer and now he calls himself an entrepreneur, owning several businesses including two restaurants in the Dundee area with Janelle and Derrick. One of their restaurants is Uncle Lyle's Tavern & Grill in Dundee. Other businesses he owns include a pheasant preserve and a corn maze.

How did they hear about the Alley Cat being up for sale? Lyle has contacts with brokers who keep him abreast of busi-

nesses for sale in the state. One broker sent him a listing for the Alley Cat. "When we came to see the business," Janelle said, "We fell in love with the village."

Derrick added that it [the Alley Cat] was a good business opportunity and bigger than their other restaurants. "Lyle got the ball rolling and brought us in," he said.

Derreck would recognize a good business opportunity because he has a background in accounting.

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## Mother Sentenced to 12 to 40 Years



Mistie D. Moyer

By Joe Tilton

The Lakeview Area News was the only media in the courtroom covering the sentencing of Mistie D. Moyer, the teenage mother accused of killing her three-month-old baby boy. Moyer stood before Judge Kreeger Thursday morning to hear her attorney, Randy Norton, say, "This is a tragic situation for everybody. She is throwing herself at the mercy of

the court."

Judge Kreeger replied, "This is very tragic on so many levels." Kreeger then announced how the pre-sentence report had been received, then she said, "This was not an accident, and such conduct cannot be tolerated. Nothing can change what has happened." Her comments likely resulted from reading the medical examiner's report that the death was homicide.

Throughout sentencing, Judge Kreeger stopped to gather her emotions, and reached for a tissue, still tears could be seen on her face. Obviously, the strength of her compassion was challenged in this case.

"This child did not have support," the judge continued, "And I see how you are a victim as well," she added while looking at Moyer. "I want to honor the memory of your son."

The baby, whose fa-

ther was Fred LeRoy Wallace III with a Morley address and Winfield Township residence, along with Mistie Moyer, was born August 12<sup>th</sup> and died November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Judge Kreeger waited a moment and then said, "I'm sad to impose this sentence. It's the bottom of the guidelines. While in prison, choose to be with people who are good, and make changes in your life. With 343-days already served, pronouncement of the 12 to 40-years was given.

Moyer is small in stature, shorter than five feet with very long hair. As she entered the courtroom she showed little emotion, but seemed bright and aware. It was only while communicating with Judge Kreeger that she began breaking down.

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## Millard vs Board of Commissioners II



Clerk Kristen Millard

By Joe Tilton

Last week's article explained "what" County Clerk Kristen Millard did. She filed a lawsuit against the county's Board of Commissioners. Her attorney brought the suit claiming the board was "illegally operating." Since the suit was brought, details are coming to light.

"Why" the suit was brought appeared to be her claim that the board's illegal actions were also aimed at Bob Clingenpeel, the county administrator. That part of the claim triggered a personnel "review" of Clingenpeel, which was done in the same closed session on Monday the 13th. The administrator who led the county back to financial stability, was asked some direct and stern questions, but those questions were answered satisfactorily and he is still on the job.

Accusations concerning board actions are apparently the main crux

of the issue. As we have discovered, Millard is apparently upset that she has not been included in closed-door sessions involving personnel, legalities or real estate. Follow up questions are: what does she intend to do with information discussed in closed sessions? Should she be involved in non-public considerations when she is suing the Board? Remember, she supported the previous administrator, Chris Hyzer. It was only after Hyzer resigned that the board discovered the gross lack of financial management from which the county struggled to recover.

Apparently, members of the board did not see a reason for the clerk to be a part of executive sessions, any more than the treasurer, drain commissioner or other elected officials. Records of events in closed sessions were being recorded by a member of the board, so she was not needed for transcriptions. The "why" issue is important. And, since disagreements between offices and personnel in the Administration Building with the clerk apparently being on one "side," and leading political disagreements, the "why" question is reinforced.

Other questions are raised over the suit since the clerk was involved in previous operations led by the former administrator. (continued on page 10)

## Habitat Completing House



By Joe Tilton

Stanton is about to celebrate a brand new house on First Street, built by Habitat for Humanity. Mike Adams, Montcalm County Director for the Organization, announced completion by the end of the month.

"I'm excited about this house," he told the

Stanton Commission. "We'll have an open house and dedication soon. At the same time applications will be accepted for another house this week, which will be in Belview and started this Fall."

Adams said neighbors near the new house have been cooperative. Move in is expected soon.

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