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## TOWN TOPICS

Saturday, September 19, is joint Clean-up Day for the Village of Lakeview and Cato Township, 8 a.m.-noon, on North Street.

Last Friday, the Blue Star Mothers held their annual 9-11 Silent Parade to honor those we lost on September 11, 2001 as well as our fallen police officers, firefighters, first responders and military. It was a beautiful parade and remembrance ceremony. See pictures in this issue.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Gail Burmeister. She was a veteran who served her country with honor and was a caring, wonderful lady and a friend to all who knew her. She will be missed.

The first day of fall is September 22. Trees are starting to turn.

## Lakeview's 9-11 Parade: We Remember



Color Guard leads the parade through the village streets

**By Kathy L. Barnes**  
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., President  
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With coffee in hand, sitting here this morning and pondering the beautiful response to the Blue Star Mothers 9/11 Patriot's Day Silent Parade. If I start making lists, I know I will surely forget someone. Please know that your presence was felt and to

everyone who came out last night, thank you for your support of this time of remembrance. First to the Village of Lakeview. Thank you. Your continued support of this event is deeply appreciated. I couldn't think of a better place to host it. To those who lined the streets! Thank you.

Lakeview Area News, Jim and WGLM, The Greenville Daily News, Greg Hetherington and the Lakeview Times - thank

you for helping to get the word out. Steve VanHolstyn, the Fire Department Honor Guard and all of the greater Montcalm area Fire Departments who were able to come, thank you. The time of remembrance after the parade, was so special because of the bell and your participation. Thank you, Chaplain Pastor

Philip VanDop, for your part in the service. Thank you all.

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## Welcome, Lt. Braunscheider



Village Manager and Police Chief Darin Dood with Lt. Brian Braunscheider

**By Linda Huckins**

The Lakeview Police Department has added a new member to the force. Lt. Brian Braunscheider was sworn in at last Monday's Village Council meeting. He is taking over the day-to-day operation of the department.

He joins School Resource Officer Jon Ludwick, full-time officer Gary Hansen, and part-time officers Noah Tarrant, Jeffrey Campbell, and Bill Russell.

Welcome to our village, Lt. Braunscheider.

Chief Darin Dood, who is also Lakeview's Village Manager, reminds

people that if they have a complaint to either call the police line (989) 352-6211 or Montcalm County Central Dispatch at (989) 831-3500. An officer will respond to your complaint.

Some folks have complained by word of mouth or on social media, but never filed a formal complaint. Filing complaints are the only way to get the police to respond to whatever the problem is.

Let's support our local police officers and thank them for keeping Lakeview a safe community.

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## Summer Forecast

Thurs., sunny, with high 63, low 38; Fri., sunny, with high 59, low 37; Sat., sunny, with high 60, low 38; Sun., sunny, with high 65, low 42; Mon., sunny, with high 71, low 48; Tues., sunny, with high 75, low 53.



## Tamarack District Library In Transition Again



Deb Bose

**By Linda Huckins**

Tamarack District Library (TDL) is once again between directors. In the interim Deb Bose is TDL's acting library director for

the second time. Bose has over 50 years of library experience and has served in almost every job within the field. She started working in a library during high school and continued when

she went to college, working in the Grand Valley State University's library. While there she became the first woman night manager.

When she graduated in 1974, she had earned a teaching certificate, but teaching jobs were scarce. "I applied to Grand Rapids Public Library and was hired," she said. "I was library assistant to the branch manager."

Bose attended Western Michigan University (WMU) to earn her Masters in Library Science degree. WMU had a consortium with the University of Michigan that allowed her to take some of her classes in Grand Rapids, which was convenient.

"I have been every kind of librarian," she said, "youth/teen, children, branch manager, etc."

She stayed at Grand Rapids Public Library until she reached retirement age. How they determined retirement age is interesting.

They calculate the person's age plus their years of service. If it equals 80, they can retire!

After "retirement", Deb Bose went to work at Grant Public Library where she was the director for 13 years. Once again, she "retired". Kent Public Library asked her if she would be interested in taking interim jobs at different libraries. She agreed and that is how she ended up in Lakeview the first time.

Bose said that she is happy to help [during transitions].

"My goal is to unite the staff so we are all on the same page," she said. "Harmony between the staff and the director is vital. I want to set people up to succeed and work in harmony. It can be achieved."

She is participating with the staff to help them grow. "Everyone has a place and all are needed," she said.

Some things Bose

plans on doing while in Lakeview is to look at the library's policies and maybe rewrite some. She will also look at job descriptions and hone them, evaluate salaries to be sure that the pay scale is appropriate to the positions.

No decision has been made yet on hiring a new director. It may take a few months before the board is ready to move forward. They are starting the process to begin a search for a new director.

In the meantime, Tamarack District Library is in the capable hands of Deb Bose. She said, "We are the same service organization that we always were, just different."

She added that they are doing a brisk business with curbside services. People can call the library and ask for books to be pulled for them or they can reserve books.

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