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## TOWN TOPICS

Saturday, October 17, is Sweetest Day. Do something nice for your sweetheart. Remember to shop and eat out at local establishments

Check out the Upcoming Events section on page 3. Tamarack District Library is hosting several events and there are a few Trunk and Treat events taking place. It is good to see activities slowly starting up again. Remember to practice social distancing, have fun, and be safe.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Do something nice for your pastor and family to let them know how much you appreciate them.

We only have 20 days to November 3rd, Election Day. Be sure to vote. Make your voice heard. This election is vital to the future of our country.

## Gail Force Wins! Running for a Cause



Gail Shurlow after the marathon

By Linda Huckins

When the Chicago Marathon that was scheduled for October 11 was cancelled for this year due to concerns over Covid-19, runner and Lakeview resident, Gail Shurlow, was not discouraged. She was determined to run a marathon even if she was the only runner. You see, Gail wasn't just running for the sake of running. She was running to raise money for Huntington's Disease research and to help families battling this hereditary disease.

Last Saturday, October 10 (one day before the Chicago Marathon was supposed to take place),

Gail Shurlow laced up her running shoes and took off on her own marathon. She planned her own route starting in the Townline Lake area where she lives. She ran around Townline Lake twice and around Lakeview for 26.2 miles, ending at Spectrum Health Kelsey Hospital.

"This was my second marathon," Shurlow said. "I ran the New York Marathon in 2017 and raised \$13,500 for Huntington's. I had hoped to surpass that amount this year. I was able to transfer my name and the \$7,000 I have raised so far this year into next year's Chicago Marathon." Whatever she raises will be added to that

amount.

Shurlow didn't have to run in Lakeview, but she wanted to. Huntington's Disease research is very personal for her. Her husband passed away from the disease two years ago and three of her four children have tested positive for the disease. "It is hereditary," she said. "If a parent has the disease, there is a 50% chance that it will be passed on to the children. I am raising money for research because my children need a cure. They don't have symptoms yet, but they know what they are facing."

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## Retirement after Spectacular Career



Detective-Sergeant Ed Doyle

By Joe Tilton

Every generation of law-enforcement officers wonder how the new recruits will do. Some might wonder how to transfer experience and wisdom beyond tactical training. Such thinking was heard during our interview with Detective-Sergeant Ed Doyle of the Michigan State Police, Lakeview Post, who is retiring at the end of the month.

Since 1989, Doyle has been part of Lakeview, far beyond his police work. Whether Doyle coached softball with his daughter from age four through high school, served in Explorers and through the MSP or raised children, this amazing officer sounds a theme of "responsibility." Listening to his stories and solutions over 31-years in his profession, making life better for families and offenders, it's easy to realize how Doyle is a psychologist, mentor, rescuer and friend, even when some might not think he is any of those things when he has to insist on responsibility. Still, his heart is in the right place whether in church or with the badge.

A long discussion began when asked about his nine-years as a K-9 officer. "I've had two dogs," he began with a smile. "Where else do you get paid to hunt?" His two companions were Shack and Jax, a Black Labrador and German Shepherd. And yes, you must have solid relationships with your K-9 officers. The dogs, with their personalities, provided a list of stories to keep us spellbound for a long time.

"A young girl around seven-years old," he began, "went missing while playing. The

weather was cold and she was not dressed for warmth." Doyle and his K-9 officer were called to the area after human searchers had failed to find her. The night was cold and fears were they might not find the child, or find her alive. The dog approached an area when Doyle heard a chattering sound, and thought it was a rattle snake, meaning his dog may be in danger. He told his K-9 to retreat while he kept listening. They cautiously approached. They found the girl. The sound was her teeth chattering. He gave the girl his coat and she lived. That story for Doyle was one of the most powerful in his career. He was very emotional.

Another time, a young man, 20, was depressed over the breakup of his girlfriend. He too had been missing and officers were called to find him. They began searching an area where they thought the youth might be. Some time passed when a single gunshot was heard in the distance. Doyle and his K-9 officer headed in the direction of the sound. A bush-covered area is where the dog focused; they found the young man had covered his body, stationed a small wooden cross by his side, and committed suicide. Without his dog, the body never would have been found.

Other stories include the capture of sex offenders and others with lesser crimes. "You have to consider the circumstances," Doyle said, restating the need for lessons in responsibility.

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## Headline: Lakeview



Lt. Brian Braunschneider

By Joe Tilton

Too many strong and positive actions were taken during Lakeview's Village

Council meeting to name just one, so the report includes many.

The Cato Township meeting room was the site

of the council proceedings at 7:30 p.m., Monday the 12th, so distancing could be accomplished.

Police Chief and Village Manager Dood introduced new police Lieutenant Brian Braunschneider to the force. He was sworn in September 14th. Dood highly praised the lieutenant for his skill and reports on his service as an officer in other communities. The lieutenant lives in Howard City, and has once retired, but decided to continue as a police officer in Lakeview. "I'm happy with his skill set," Dood said. "He has the best background ever. When I have a job for him, he just goes and does it."

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### Fall Forecast

Thurs., cloudy, high 50, low 31; Fri., partly cloudy, high 51, low 31; Sat., mostly cloudy, high 52, low 42; Sun., pm showers, high 53, 35; Mon., showers, high 48, low 34; Tues., few showers, high 50, low 38.



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