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TOWN TOPICS

This week the Peddler's Patch in downtown Lakeview is holding an open house. Come in and check out the sales.

The free food truck comes to Lakeview today. Note that it is a week earlier this month because next week is Thanksgiving. It will be at the Lakeview Free Methodist Church, 110 Edgar Street. The time is earlier also. Set up is at 2:25 p.m. ; distribution at 3:00 p.m. Bring boxes for your food.

On Sunday, November 22, there will be a community Thanksgiving service at the Sylvester Community Church, 6 p.m.

Christmas in Lakeview is December 4-5. See the story on this page and check the Upcoming Events section on page 3.



The meal includes:
 • One roasted turkey breast
 • 1lb. mashed potatoes
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 • 1 lb. Green Bean Casserole
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Fall Forecast

Thurs., partly cloudy, high 56, low 46; Fri., mostly cloudy, high 58, low 43; Sat., showers, high 49, low 39; Sun., showers, high 43, low 31; Mon., partly cloudy, high 41, low 29; Tues., partly cloudy, high 42, low 33.



After 14 Boys, It's a Girl!



Kateri and Jay Schwandt with baby Maggie and son number 14, Finley

By Linda Huckins

The birth of a baby is always a joyous event, but when the baby is number 15 and the only girl in a family of 14 boys, the response is "over the moon". Little Maggie Jayne Schwandt was born on November 4, 2020 to Jay and Kateri Margaret Schwandt of Rockford and Lakeview. "We wanted to vote," Jay said, "so were happy she came the next day."

To say little Maggie is a joy and a blessing is an understatement. They have one granddaughter and thought that was the only way they were going to get

their little girl.

The happy parents had been hoping for a girl as their family of sons grew, but they never found out the sex of any of their children before they were born. "We never wanted to know," Jay said. "It would ruin the surprise. This time it definitely was the right decision. The shock and surprise wouldn't have been as great had we known ahead of time."

Jay explained what it was like when Maggie was born. Kateri had to have an emergency caesarean, her first. When the baby was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, the nurses never let on that it

was a girl. "The nurse asked if I wanted to reveal the gender," Jay said. "I said 'sure' and walked over to the baby fully expecting what I would see. I looked and it was a girl. I started to cry and looked again. It was still a girl. When I told Kateri, she didn't believe me! It was emotional, a shock."

When asked how they came up with the baby's name, Jay and Kateri said that it was a combination of both of their names. Kateri's middle name is Margaret, hence Maggie, and Jay was lengthened to Jayne.

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Veterans Day 2020 in Lakeview



VFW 3701 Chaplain John Wichman, member Amanda Durst, and Vice Commander Sunni Haglund

By Linda Huckins

On Wednesday, November 11, 2020, the Hough/Pontius VFW 3701 in Lakeview held its annual Veterans Day ceremony in Lakeview Cemetery. The ceremony took place at 11:00 a.m., the exact time the

Armistice was signed on November 11, 1918, thus ending World War I. That original Veterans Day (then called Armistice Day) ceremony took place at Arlington National Cemetery and was marked by the burial of the Unknown Soldier from World War I.

In Lakeview, 102 years later, a few folks gathered to remember those who fought to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. With head coverings removed and heads bowed, VFW 3701 Chaplain John Wichman opened the ceremony with prayer.

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Christmas in Lakeview Covid Style



Lakeview decorates for Christmas

By Linda Huckins

The Lakeview Festival Committee has announced that it will hold its annual Christmas in Lakeview celebration on Friday, December 4 and Saturday, December 5, but things will be a little different this year.

On December 4 the judging of the Christmas Light Challenge will take place. It is open to businesses and residents. Decorate your business or home and you could win. Businesses win bragging rights and a trophy. Residents can win cash: \$500 (first place), \$300 (second place) or \$100 (third place). Visit lakeviewfestivals.org for more information. Winners will be announced at McKenna's Restaurant (out back) on December 5 at 9 p.m.

Because of the governor's shut down orders, most of the activities will take place outside. Here are just a few of the planned events for that weekend. Note that they are subject to change.

December 4 is the last day of the Friends of Tamarack District Library's Celebration of the Seasons. It will start on December 1 and run until 5 p.m. on December 4

The Friends of TDL will hold a cookie sale at the library on the 4th as well, starting at 10 a.m.. Some businesses

may have goodie bags that they will give away.

A Make and Take Bird Feeders craft event will be held at Lakeview Elevator in their greenhouse from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A chili cookoff is scheduled from 3-4:30 p.m. in back of McKenna's Restaurant on its outdoor patio. Judging will be at 5 p.m. To participate, get an application at Tamarack District Library.

It is up in the air as of this writing if the Craft and Vendor Show at Tamarack Place will take place.

The Kids' Crafts at Peddler's Patch will be a take home craft this year. Pick it up at Peddler's Patch and make it at home.

Live music with Tony Rogers is also on the schedule in back of McKenna's on Saturday from 7-10 p.m.

A fireworks display at Tamarack Park is still planned for 8 p.m. on December 5.

Tickets for a \$1000 Visa gift card raffle will be on sale for \$10/ticket at McKenna's until 9 p.m. on Saturday or until tickets are gone. You can also purchase tickets from a festival committee member.

Also going on that weekend is a coat drive. Drop off new coats, hats, and gloves at McKenna's.



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