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TOWN TOPICS

Happy Thanksgiving

Today is Thanksgiving Day. This year, it will be celebrated a little differently. You may have smaller gatherings, but the fact remains that we still have a lot to be thankful for. Take the time to thank God for your blessings. Have a great day.

Don't forget that Christmas in Lakeview is coming on December 4-5. No wagon rides this year but still lots to do. See the article in last week's newspaper.

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower landing in Plymouth, MA. The actual day was November 11. Turn to page 5 for a story about a local man who is a descendant of someone who came over on the Mayflower in 1620.



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Fall Forecast

Thurs., cloudy, high 47, low 36; Fri., mostly cloudy, high 46, low 30; Sat., partly cloudy, high 45, low 30; Sun., pm showers, high 44, low 28; Mon., am snow showers, high 33, low 24; Tues., partly cloudy, high 34, low 24.



Music and Praise Resound as Local Communities Give Thanks



Thanksgiving Service Orchestra: (front row) Penny Clemence on flute, Sydni Nelson on violin, (second row) Aryan Ballard and Beth Storey on violins, (back row) Emma Storey on clarinet. Marian Flynn is at the piano.

By Cindy Havens

Spirits were high last Sunday evening, as several local churches came together to praise God and give thanks. Despite lower than normal attendance, the annual Thanksgiving service of the Lakeview Area Ministerial Association (LAMA) proved to be a joyous hour of worship and gratitude for God's many blessings - even during this time that can easily be called "a year like no other."

Hosted this year by

Sylvester Community Church, the congregation was welcomed by former Sylvester Pastor Richard Taylor. Pastor Taylor reminded the group that no matter what our circumstances, God is still on His throne and always in control. The Prayer of Invocation was then given by Pastor David Waid of the Lakeview Free Methodist Church.

The evening's scripture was 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 and was presented by Deacon Rick Dubridge from Christ the

King Catholic Church.

Sylvester's own Pastor Simon Endacott gave the message, entitled "Thanks be to God for Victory in Jesus!" "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:57-58.

The evening's program also included time

that honored all of our frontline medical workers, law enforcement and fire fighters as well as the 600 local businesses that provide year-round services to our local communities.

Musical selections from the Sylvester Praise Team and Orchestra included the hymns "To God Be the Glory," "How Great Thou Art," "Give Thanks" and "Victory in Jesus."

The Praise Team for the service was led by Mecosta resident Marian Flynn. Flynn, who received her bachelor's degree in

music from Oklahoma Baptist University, has been a member of the Sylvester Church family for over 8 years. Her background includes directing music in several different churches in the Midwest, which she has been doing for over 40 years. She also teaches piano and currently has several local students. Flynn and her husband Mike divide their time between the Lakeview area and Killeen, Texas. The evening's orchestra included Penny Clemence on flute, Sydni Nelson, Aryan Ballard and Beth Storey on violins and Emma Storey on clarinet. In addition to Mike and Marian Flynn, Remus resident Joan Stickler also sang with the Praise Team.

Included in the evening's program was the annual treasurer's report for the Lakeview Area Ministerial Association.

In what many would call an unprecedented year, Pastor Ted Johnson (Pastor Emeritus Lakeview FMC) reviewed the association's income and expenses for 2020, as well as the many services that the ministerial association provides to our communities.

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New Lesson for One Homeschool Family



The Hoffman children with Lakeview Makerspace's Randy Huckins

By Linda Huckins

The Lakeview Makerspace is now providing lessons in electronics, computers, and robotics on a one-family-at-a-time basis as part of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education. Last Friday, the Hoffman family of Coral had their first lesson with Lake-

view Makerspace's Randy Huckins.

"No one is too young to participate is my motto," Randy said.

The Hoffman family consists of parents Andrea and Adam and children Gabriel, age 11; Kadence, age 9; Joshua, age 7; Jonas, age 4; and Annabelle, age 1.

Friday's lesson was a

breadboard lesson - building a battery, battery connector, switch, resistor, LED circuit, and jumper, complete with an explanation of each part.

The battery converts chemical energy into electrons. The switch allows the transfer of electrons to the resistor which limits the flow of electrons and divides the voltage to the

LED (light-emitting diode) that changes electrons into photons that our eyes see as light and a jumper to the negative lead of the battery.

The children learned to remove the top off of a dead 9-volt fire alarm battery. The top connector is used to attach to a good 9-volt battery to power the above circuit. The salvaged top connector saves 50

cents, the cost of a typical 9-volt connector.

"The kids loved the lesson," Andrea said. "They were all engaged [expect Annabelle who slept through the whole thing]. They loved the hands-on experience and can't wait for the next lesson."

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CLOSED THURSDAY

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