

# Lakeview Area News

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## TOWN TOPICS

Summerfest is here! Finally, Lakeview can once again celebrate summer with its Summerfest celebration, starting today and running through Saturday. The schedule of events is on page 9. Note the new activities in the south part of town on Friday. That schedule is also on page 9. The Lakeview Area Museum will be open this weekend as well.

Blanchard is also having their Blanchard Days celebration this weekend. The schedule for those events is on page 10.

Sunday, June 20, is Father's Day. Do something nice for dear old dad. Remember to shop and dine locally.

Sunday also is the first day of Summer.

Come out and support your local communities.

## AYSO Tournament Held



U12 Boys

By Deb Gorby

This past weekend, teams of young soccer players arrived in town to play in a tournament hosted by AYSO Region 1224 Lakeview. Teams came from Lakeview and then surrounding areas including Newaygo, Grant, White Cloud and Gratiot. The youth teams ranged from U10 (8 & 9 year olds) to U19 (high schoolers) and played games on Friday and Saturday with the top 4 teams in each di-

vision playing semifinals & finals games on Sunday. They faced a few pop-up thunderstorms but managed to get all the games in, enduring the heat at the fields near Bright Start Elementary.

Lakeview teams that made the semifinals and finals included: Coach Dan/Rich U10 Boys, Coach Josh U12 Boys and Coach Mike/Amanda U12 Girls. The Lakeview teams that did not continue on played some hard fought games and endured a very

hot day while making great memories. Those teams included Coach Josh/Nate U19 CoEd, Coach Rikki/Nate U14 CoEd, Coach Rick U10 Boys and Coach Molly/Dawn U10 Girls.

Thank you to all the referees and coaches who put in a full weekend and to all the volunteers who helped make the food booth run, especially Chad & Molly Lincoln!

Turn to page 2 for more pictures.

## Prelude to Music in the Park



At last year's Music in the Park

June 23rd  
7:00 p.m.

By Stephen Charnley

This year we will have a prelude and postlude to our music in the park giving us ten musical Wednesdays from June 23rd through August 26th! It will be the best music summer yet!

Next Wednesday night at 7 p.m, Dean Gilbert, our recently retired director of bands will welcome the crowd and lead us from the piano as we sing the National Anthem.

Following that beginning, he will be playing an arrangement he wrote and dedicated it to all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

The first part of the evening's performance will feature the stellar talent from the Flat River Dance Company.

The Greenville based dance company has been owned and operated by Joseph and Miranda Haywood-Curry since 2008. Miranda and Joseph have worked in the professional world of dance and Montcalm County is the beneficiary of their talent and experience.

The dancers for the evening will be performing to the energizing

music of Hip Hop. You'll won't want to miss it!

The second part of the evening will feature performers from Dean Gilbert's Music Studio including piano and trombone students.

Dean opened his studio here in Lakeview in the fall of 2019.

The first year was for piano students only; the second year it was opened to band instruments and the guitar.

All of his students are in their first or second year of lessons.

In addition to the students of Dean Gilbert's Music Studio the newly hired director of bands for the Lakeview Community Schools will be performing a tuba solo. This will offer Lakeview's first opportunity to welcome this young man to our wonderful and supportive community.

The evening will close with Dean Gilbert playing a few selections on the piano.

Next Wednesday evening at 7pm promises to be an exceptional chance to share time with friends as we savor the beauty of our lakeside park, listen to good music, experience energizing dance and prepare for the tradition of Music in the Park!

See you there!

## VFW / Auxiliary Installation



The incoming VFW 3701 officers and Auxiliary officers line up to take their oaths of office.

By Linda Huckins

On Tuesday, June 1, 2021, the Hough - Pontius VFW 3701 and its Auxiliary installed their officers for the 2021-2022 year. The installation was held during a joint meeting of the VFW and the Auxiliary and it was the first time that an installation was conducted jointly. Usually, each group conducts its own installation.

Past VFW Post Commander of Six Lakes Doug Paulson installed Lakeview's VFW officers, while the incoming Auxiliary President of District 9 Shirley Wilbert installed the auxiliary.

Paulson served as commander in Six Lakes for 30 years. Recently the Six Lakes post closed and has merged with the Lakeview VFW.

The new officers for VFW 3701 are:

**Commander** Stacey Roberts

**Sr. Vice Commander** Sunni Haglund

**Jr. Vice Commander** Michael Christensen

**Quartermaster** Jessica Wright

**Judge Advocate** David Sheehan

**Chaplain** John Wichman

**2 Year Trustee** Dennis Bacon

**3 Year Trustee** Chris Owen

**1 Year Trustee** Ryan Tanning

The new officers for VFW 3701 Auxiliary are:

**President** Amy Mahanic

**Sr. Vice President** Linda Huckins

**Jr. Vice President** Leisa Mahanic

**Secretary** Shirley Wilbert

**Treasurer** Tabatha Sutherland

**Chaplain** Lawanda Kielholtz

**Conductress** Ashley Christensen

**Guard / 1 Year Trustee** Wanda Eckles-Bacon

**2 Year Trustee** Nicole Merritt

**3 Year Trustee** Carol Goodwin

Each officer in both groups also chair various committees.

Congratulations to all the elected officers.

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## Summer Forecast

Thurs., partly cloudy, high 83, low 63; Fri., am thundershowers, high 79, low 56; Sat., mostly sunny, high 73, low 49; Sun., partly cloudy, high 76, low 54; Mon., showers, high 76, low 56; Tues., isolated thundershowers, high 73, 54.



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