

# Lakeview Area News

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## TOWN TOPICS

It is with sadness that we report that *Lakeview Area News* political reporter, Joe Tilton, passed away last week following a lengthy battle with cancer. Joe wrote for us for approximately three years and he was never afraid to cover controversial issues even if it made him unpopular. He hasn't been able to write for a little over a year. We miss his straight-forward, tell-it-like-it-is reporting. Our condolences to his wife Connie, family and friends.

Dig out your ice skates and try out the new ice rink at the old Bollinger's lot, across from the Municipal Complex building. It opens tomorrow.

Renovations have begun on the new VFW 3701 building (formerly Mercantile Bank) in Lakeview.

## Local Store Relocating



Future site of Dollar General

By Linda Huckins

Have you been wondering what is happening at the lot on the corner of M-91 and M-46? The little house that was on the lot has been torn down and crews have been busy working there every day.

Well, *Lakeview Area News* has discovered that the lot will soon be the site of a new Dollar General store. The old Dollar General on M-46 next to the gas station will be closed and a new store will be built just up the road at the intersection.

*Lakeview Area News* has reached out to the person in charge of the project, but as of this writing, he has been unavailable for comment. We will bring you more details as they become available.

## Figure Eights, Anyone?



New ice skating rink in Lakeview just waiting for skaters. Try it out!

By Linda Huckins

The Village of Lakeview has frozen a portion of the old Bollinger's lot across the street from the Municipal Complex building to be used as a public ice skating rink. It was supposed to be open earlier this week, but the liner had to be replaced. The new start date is Friday, January 14. Skating will be at-your-own risk.

Village Manager and Chief of Police Darin Dood wants to thank the following for donations that made the rink possible: Big L. Lumber, Fabulous Finds, VerPlank Electric, and an anonymous council member.

The rink and benches were constructed by a group of volunteers, and the water was brought in by the Lakeview District Fire Department.

## How Now Should We Live?



Some of the local community members who attended the first Issachar Perspective at Sylvester Community Church

By Cindy Havens

It's certainly a question for our times. When more and more of what we see around us seems topsy-turvy. Up is down and down is up. Much in our culture says right is wrong and wrong is right. How do we respond? How does God want us to respond? What does the Bible say about (fill in the blank)? Welcome to the Issachar Perspective - hosted by Pastor Simon Endacott and the Sylvester Community Church Elders.

About twenty-five people came out last Saturday morning to hear an introduction on just what this Issachar Perspective is all about -- and why it just might be relevant to us today. Maybe now more than ever. I Chronicles 12:32 describes the tribe of Issachar as men who "had

understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do..." And don't we need that today? "An understanding of the times..." Boy, do we ever. To live lovingly in unity with all people. There seems to be much division in our beloved America today. How do we heal that? Things are changing quickly-things that affect our daily lives. And not all of the changes are good. Some would say that is an understatement. The Issachar Perspective sessions aim to address some issues and areas where, as Christians, we need to stand boldly for Christ in a quickly evolving culture. Lakeview residents Garth and Vickie Bunker were there. As they visited with others at their table, Garth said, "We're really here to learn more about things that are happening in our

world today and get a Biblical perspective."

The first one-hour session, (featuring free coffee and donuts), included a time of teaching and interaction and then allowed for questions and answers. Pastor Endacott began with the purpose of the sessions. Why are we here? He cited Matthew 24:5 "...do not be deceived." He spoke of how it is easy to be deceived in our world today. In order to speak the truth in love, we must first know what the truth is. During these Issachar sessions we will look to the scriptures to see what God says about any given topic. He then gave a historical overview of who Issachar was and his place in the Old Testament.

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## Fundraiser Raffle for Joe Tilton

By Linda Huckins

The Hough / Pontius VFW 3701 in Lakeview and other friends of the Tiltons are holding a raffle to help with medical expenses. The raffle is for Joe Tilton's beloved black 1990 Corvette. As many of you know, Joe was an avid Corvette enthusiast and a member of the Greenville Area Corvette Club.

Joe was diagnosed with glioblastoma in July of 2020, which is one of the most aggressive forms of brain cancer. He underwent two brain surgeries, one of which had to be done in Phoenix, Arizona. Joe's body just was not strong enough to endure such as invasive procedure. He was placed on hospice and recently passed away.

Having to move to Arizona and all the medical expenses has become overwhelming for Joe's wife Connie, which is the purpose for the fundraiser.

Lakeview VFW 3701, the Greenville Area Corvette Club, Your Team Realty, Community First Federal Credit Union, and Blake Hollenbeck Auto Sales are helping to raffle off Joe's Corvette to help pay for his medical expenses.

One hundred raffle tickets are available at the cost of \$100 per ticket. The drawing will take



Joe Tilton

place when all the tickets have been sold or on March 1st, whichever comes first.

If all the tickets are not sold, there will be a \$1000 cash payout for the winner.

All proceeds will go to the Tilton family.

If you don't want to purchase a raffle ticket, but would like to donate to help Joe's family, there is a fund set up for that purpose at the Community First Federal Credit Union. Any amount is accepted and appreciated.

For more information or to purchase a raffle ticket, you can call VFW 3701 at 989-460-8250 or email them at vfw-post3701@gmail.com.

You can also join the Greenville Area Corvette Club on January 22, 2022 between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Hough / Pontius VFW Post 3701, 506 S. Lincoln Ave., Lakeview.

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