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## TOWN TOPICS

Lakeview High School's graduation will be Thursday, May 26.

There will be a "Southside Party" on June 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the Family Dollar store in the Leppinks parking lot.

LCWC 2022 Vitality 5K will be on June 18. More about Summerfest on page 10.

Memorial Day is May 30. Services at Cato Cemetery at 9 am, Lakeview Cemetery at 10:30 and Six Lakes Cemetery at 1 pm.

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## Spring Forecast

**Thu** Mostly sunny, high 86. S wind 8 to 14, gusts 26.

**Thu Night** Mostly clear, low 58.

**Fri** Sunny, high 87.

**Fri Night** Partly cloudy, low 61.

**Sat** Showers likely, mainly after 2pm. Mostly sunny, high 83.

**Sat Night** Showers likely, mainly before 8pm. Mostly cloudy, low 58.

**Sun** Chance of showers. Partly sunny, high 72.

**Sun Night** Chance of showers. Partly cloudy, low 49.

**Mon** Chance of showers. Mostly sunny, high 64.



## One Million Miles without an Accident!



Lakeview's safest driving mail carrier, Chris Henry

By Linda Huckins

Lakeview Postal Rural Route Carrier, Chris Henry, has driven over one million miles without a preventable accident while making sure all his postal customers got their mail. He had no idea that he had driven that many miles until he was notified in August 2021. "You don't keep track of the miles you drive," he said. "It was all on my trip tickets but I didn't know it was that many miles." Henry may not have kept track, but thank goodness the postal service did.

Postal Services' Operational Manager Chris Powell and District Manager of Michigan, Diane Inland, came to Lakeview to present him with an award. He received a plaque, a jacket, a pin, and a certificate. "I am the first

person from the Lakeview office to receive this award," he said.

Henry said he worked at Gibson's right out of high school, but wanted to better himself, so he took the Civil Service exam and joined the postal service in August 1988. He first worked in Mt. Pleasant, transferring to Lakeview in 1989 and has been here ever since.

When he started in Lakeview, there were three routes plus an alternate. Now there are two routes plus an alternate. He delivers to Route 2 customers, which covers north of Lakeview up to 5 Mile Road, 77 miles each day.

"I enjoy the people, being outdoors, and delivering mail," he said. "I have 575 mail boxes on my route."

The most memorable experience Henry has had

on the job occurred 16 or 17 years ago, but it is still fresh in his memory. He explained that one of his customers, an elderly woman, had dementia and had wandered away from her home. As he was driving his route, he saw some fur out in the woods.

"Being a trapper, that interested me, so I stopped to see what it was," he said.

He found the woman. She had fallen and the fur he saw was her fur jacket.

"I will never forget the look on her face when she saw me," he said. "She started crying. She never thought anyone would find her. She wanted to go home, but didn't know where it was. I did. I had recognized her. I carried the woman to my car and brought her home."

The next day, her husband told Henry that the woman had cracked her pelvis.

Henry said that the worse thing about his job is driving in wintry weather, especially when customers don't shovel out and clear their mailboxes.

"There is one elderly man who consistently clears his mailbox," Henry said. "He is out there in all weather with a cane in one hand and a shovel in the other."

Henry said that if he had to walk from the corner, he would do it to make sure that man got his mail. He appreciates such dedication that much. The man's name is Harold Johnson. This should be a lesson to other postal service customers, please clear your mailboxes. Your carrier will appreciate it.

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## Veteran Remembered at Local Memorial



By Amy Skinner

"What a special and personal project this has become for me," says Amy Skinner (Marseglia), owner of Skinner Masonry & Concrete, along with her husband, Colin Skinner.

"My father, James Andera Marseglia, passed away unexpectedly in April 2018. He was a United States Army Veteran and Vietnam Veteran. I am emotionally attached and honored to work on this project. My father enjoyed visiting our family here and he loved the quaint town of Lakeview.

I chose to honor him by placing a capsule of his ashes in the concrete so he will always be a part of the town he adored. I will forever drive by the Lakeview Veterans Memorial and know a part of my heart and soul is tied to this veterans memorial. We joke, "The Hoffa Burial" is fitting for a proud Italian American veteran of the U.S. Army."

"I want to thank the Village of Lakeview, the United States Veterans, and all that support this amazing project."

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James Andera Marseglia

## National Day of Prayer, 2022



Pastor Mark Mitchell from New Life United Methodist Church

By Linda Huckins

The first Thursday in May is designated as the National Day of Prayer. It is a day set apart for the nation to come together in prayer. Throughout the country on that special Thursday, people gather in their communities to pray for local leaders, national leaders, the military, our schools, the family, the church and the world.

In Lakeview, the National Day of Prayer service was held this year on May 5, 12 noon, at the Lakeview Community Center. Approximately 25 people were in attendance.

The National Day of Prayer began in 1951 under President Truman's administration, so 2022 marked

its 71st year. Observances in Lakeview began in 1991. This year would have been its 31st year, but services were not held in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid concerns. Therefore, the Lakeview community has been meeting for National Day of Prayer for 29 years.

This year Pastor Mark Mitchell from New Life United Methodist Church led the program for the first time. Every other year in Lakeview, Pastor Ted Johnson has led the services.

The service started outside the community center at the flag pole where Pastor Mitchell welcomed everyone and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and in singing

"My Country Tis of Thee."

Pastor Johnson led the group in a prayer that was printed in the program and said in unison. Everyone then moved inside the Community Center.

This year's theme for National Day of Prayer was "Exalt the Lord Who Has Established Us" from Colossians 2:6-7.

The service began with Pastor Mitchell playing a short video from the National Day of Prayer headquarters.

Pastor Johnson read Colossians 2:6-7 and everyone sang "Amazing Grace".

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