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Veterans Day 2023 in Lakeview



VFW 3701 Commander Stacey Roberts, Post Chaplain John Wichman, and Post Quartermaster Jessica Wright

By Linda Huckins

Saturday, November 11, 2023 was Veterans Day. It was a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, and active-duty military personnel. The date is significant.

The day started out as Armistice Day commemorating the signing of the armistice on November 11, 1918, ending World War I. The document was signed at 11:00 a.m.

Therefore, November 11 at 11 a.m. became the official time to hold ceremonies. It became a national holiday in 1938, but in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor all veterans, living and dead, and to remember their sacrifices and service to our country.

Last Saturday in Lakeview, area veterans were honored with breakfast at McKenna's Restaurant. VFW Post 3701 paid for each veteran's breakfast. Some spouses were also in attendance.

At 11:00 a.m., veterans, VFW post officers, and community members gathered at the Tomb of the Unknown Dead in Lakeview Cemetery for the annual Veterans Day ceremony. Here is a portion of the ceremony.

VFW 3701 Commander Stacey Roberts, post Quartermaster Jessica Wright, and post Chaplain John Wichman conducted the ceremony.

Commander Roberts welcomed everyone and reminded attendees that

they were there to honor our service members and to remember the sacrifices they have made to defend and honor our nation.

The chaplain opened the ceremony with prayer.

Roberts said that those at the VFW understand the deep significance of Veterans Day and the opportunity it gives all of us to recognize and honor the millions of soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and all service men and women who answered when their nation called.

"Now, more than ever, it's important that we take time to thank those who have worn, or continue to wear, the uniform of our great country," she said, "and to the family members who stood or continue to stand just as strong at home."

She talked about the common bond that exists between those who have served in the military and the sense of duty, honor and a belief in a cause higher than self. She said they all knew the risks associated with maintaining freedom.

She introduced Quartermaster Jessica Wright who said that on Veterans Day we honor the contributions and sacrifices of the more than 41 million veterans and service members who have proudly served our country.

"Freedom and liberty are the birthright of every American, but we have had to fight for it," Wright said, "... without the love, the dedication of spirit, and without the sacrifice of our veterans, tyrants and evil would prevail."

"Throughout our

history and among our veterans, there is but one truth and absolute," Wright added. "America will always stand."

A three-man honor guard from VFW 3701 rendered a rifle salute, followed by the playing of Taps.

Chaplain Wichman gave the benediction and Roberts closed the ceremony.

Veterans were honored by local businesses and restaurants on November 11. There are too many to mention without missing a few, but we thank each establishment for their part in honoring our veterans.

Thank a veteran for your freedoms every day, not just on Veterans Day.

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Town Topics

The Lakeview Area News office will be closed next week Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

The Howard City branch of the Community First Federal Credit Union will have a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday, November 20 at noon.

Fall Forecast

Thu Partly sunny, with a high near 59. South wind 6 to 16 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph. **Thu Night** Showers likely, mainly after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Fri A 50 percent chance of showers before 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 47. Breezy.

Fri Night Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

Sat Mostly sunny, with a high near 43.

Sat Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Sun Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.

Sun Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Mon Partly sunny, with a high near 41.

After Recall, The Work Continues



By Cindy Havens

The thud heard just north of Big Rapids last week was the sound of the former Green Township board getting kicked to the curb by the voters. Yes, all five board members were recalled on Tuesday, November 7 and on Wednesday, all the newly elected citizens were sworn in as

Green Township Board Members. The Green Township Recall Election results are as follows: Jason Kruse received 740 votes and defeated Supervisor James Chapman, Corri Riebow defeated Janet Clark to secure the township clerk position – while Denise McFarlane was ousted by the new

treasurer, Robert Henderson. Trustee Dale Jernstadt ran a bit afoul of the public earlier this year, when it was revealed that he had allegedly cut a secret deal with Gotion to sell some or all of his property to the Chinese Communist-affiliated company. Nonetheless, 571 Green Township residents still voted for

him. But he lost his bid to fend off the recall, to Jeff Thorne, who received 785 votes. Kelly Cushway received 707 votes for trustee, to defeat Roger E. Carroll who got only 527 votes. In Mecosta County, unofficial results showed Carmen Bean received 444 votes to defeat Gotion supporter Big Rapids resident Bill Stanek, who garnered 391 votes. Two other board members had already resigned before they had a chance to be recalled. All five of the new board members' terms will end on November 20, 2024. "We the people" have spoken. May this be a lesson to all elected officials to listen to the people who elect you. Talk to the people who voted for you. Tell them what you want

do before you do it. Represent everyone. That's why it's called a representative constitutional republic! "The board brought in Gotion without letting the community know about it," said Lori Brock, one of the organizers of the recall. Brock has been involved from the very beginning of the recall effort, because the proposed Gotion factory would be right across the road from her 140-acre Majestic Friesians Horse Farm. "They lied all the way around, so we're immediately going to try to reverse a lot of the stuff this township board did," she continued. "And we're definitely going to get rid of Gotion."

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