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Volunteers Pack LAMA Christmas Food Boxes



A crew of volunteers from several area churches packed 75 Christmas food boxes on behalf of LAMA.

By Bethel Larsen

For most Lakeview area residents, being well fed and having gifts for or from our loved ones are just normal expectations of the Christmas season. Every year, however, there are neighbors in our community who struggle to provide those basic expectations for their families. Perhaps the breadwinner has lost a job, or health

able finances. Perhaps gaining ground in the battle of the budget is an ongoing struggle. For these neighbors, the Lakeview Area Ministerial Association annually provides the makings of a bountiful Christmas dinner, plus leftovers and some additions to the pantry. On Monday, December 16, a crew of volunteers from several area churches met at Lakeview Community Church to fill 75 boxes for pickup

on Tuesday, December 17. The annual distribution is sponsored and coordinated by Lakeview Area Ministerial Association (LAMA). Recipients must register ahead of time to receive boxes.

Packing the boxes is an efficient and joyful event thanks to pre-planning by LAMA members and many years of experience. Volunteers line up with shopping carts to fill banana boxes from stacks

of food items lined up on long tables and labeled: canned vegetables, stuffing mix, bags of potatoes, bags of oranges...one of this item, two of those.... A frozen turkey is the centerpiece of the Christmas meal, with all the usual trimmings, including dessert. This year, a Thrivent Action Team Community Impact Card paid for a pie and a container of Cool Whip to top off each box. As part of the

Action Team, each volunteer received a Thrivent "Live Generously" T-shirt. Volunteers from St. Francis de Sales Catholic Parish, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Sylvester Community Church, Cowden Lake Christian Church, and Lakeview United Church of Christ all had a great time working together to serve the community.

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Lakeview Wildcat Wrestling

Thu Snow showers likely, mainly after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, high 29. Calm wind becoming south southeast 5 to 7 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Thu Night Snow showers. Low 23. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Fri A 40 percent chance of snow showers before 1pm. Mostly cloudy, high 28.

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Fri Night Mostly cloudy, low 15.

Sat Partly sunny, high 24.

Sat Night Partly cloudy, low 8.

Sun Partly sunny, high 24.

Sun Night Mostly cloudy, low 13. Mon Mostly cloudy, high 29.





Lakeview's Varsity Wrestling program cancer awareness night. Thanks to K & W Tool for sponsoring singlets.

By Jennifer Perez

The Wildcats had another successful showing last week. They first took to the mat last Wednesday again separating into two teams against their opponents. Lakeview Blue won over Montabella 72-6 and Muskegon Catholic 59-9. Lakeview Gold won over Montabella 60-8 and Muskegon Catholic 60-11. Thanks to K & W Tool

for generously donating singlets for cancer awareness night.

The team again split on Saturday sending part of the team to Belding to compete in a team tournament. The team went 4-1 on the day finishing 3rd out of 10 teams winning Belding over 45-32, Owosso 58-20, Boyne City 45-27, Fremont 40-31, losing to Central Montcalm 52-26. Those going unde-

feated for the day included Easton Fryover, Braxton Hill, and Colton Rosenburger. Going 4-1 was Jack Zaborac.

The other 9 Cats went to Chippewa Hills to compete on Saturday in an individual tournament and with only a partial squad scored enough team points to place 4th overall out of 30 teams. Cameron Perez (a) 132# and Landon Johnson @ 215# were

tournament champions, CJ Copeland Runner-up, placing 3rd Zach Schenden @ #144, placing 4th David Vail @ 150# and Lucas Vail @ 165#, placing 6th Dylan Mazurek @ #132, and placing 8th Kaydyn Betham @ #126.

The Lady Cats went to Chippewa Hills to compete on Sunday with a i l e e Η Hendry @190# tournament runner up and Holli Painter

@ 115# placing 3rd.

The team looks forward to hosting their first league match up at home Wednesday night 5pm against Central Montcalm and Grant. This upcoming Friday, the Cats will split and send one team to Fulton and the other on Saturday to Martin for the Clipper Classic.

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