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Congratulations to Eva Main on her 102nd birthday. She wishes to invites folks to visit her at New Life United Methodist Church on Sundays at 10 a.m.

How do you like the cold? At least there should be enough ice for the big fishing tournament next month.

Winter Forecast

Thu A 20 percent chance of snow showers before 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 24. Northwest wind 6 to 9 mph.

Thu Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 5.

Fri Partly sunny, with a high near 21.

Fri Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 11.

Sat A chance of snow showers before 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 28.

Sat Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17.

Sun Mostly cloudy, with a high near 25.

Sun Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 12.

Mon Partly sunny, with a high near 25.



Happy Birthday, Eva Main!



By Cindy Havens

The little lady sat behind her birthday cake, and beamed with a beautiful smile. She was surrounded by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her church family. Last Sunday, New Life United Methodist Church in Lakeview hosted a birthday potluck meal to celebrate a significant birthday. Eva Main is 102. A lifelong Lakeview resident, Eva Main shared some of her memories. She was born in Six Lakes in 1923. "I grew up during the depression, so we didn't have a lot" she said, "but our home was always full of love. I had two sisters who were nine and eleven years older than me. After I got married, we farmed and I've lived in the same house for 79 years."

Main taught first grade in Lakeview for 25

years and retired in 1986. "I didn't know if I could be a mother and a teacher at the same time," she shared, "and I always felt my first responsibility was in raising my three children. After high school I went to County Normal in Stanton for a year. So when my youngest son went into kindergarten, I started substitute teaching. Then I was asked to teach full time. Oh, I loved my little first graders," Main said with a smile. "I needed ten more semester hours. I took some extension classes and finally I got my elementary education degree." My first four years I taught in a one-room schoolhouse, grades one through eight."

Eva's daughter, Judy Nuznov, remembered her mother telling the story of being born during a snowstorm. "Dr. Kelsey was driving out to our home

and he got stuck in the snow. My father had to go out into the storm and pull his car out of the ditch. Then when he got to the house, it wasn't quite time. So they waited and I was born about 6:00 in the morning," Eva recounted.

Asked about some of the highlights in her life, Eva didn't hesitate. "Getting electricity!" She told how "when I studied my school lessons, I had to use a kerosene lamp, and when I moved from one room to another, I had to carry the lamp with me. But then they got electricity in the rural areas. You could just walk into a room, flip a switch and there was light! It was wonderful," she recalled, smiling. "And getting an automatic washer and dryer. That was good too, because then I didn't have to use those old wringer washers."

She talked about her

three children, Judy, Jeff and Curtis. "I have six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. I was a farmer's wife too." Main stated again how she always thought "my first responsibility was as a mother." She eventually realized that she could both teach and be a mom. She met her husband, Archie Main in school. "We rode the same bus." Main explained that there was a two-week school vacation every fall to dig potatoes and Archie's dad was a potato farmer. "So we dug potatoes for two weeks. It helped us earn money to buy our winter clothes. Then he asked me to go to the movies, so I went," she remembered.

She talked about some changes she has seen in Lakeview over the years. "There were more businesses," Main said. "There was a dry cleaners, two

drug stores, another restaurant and a dentist office."

We talked about her New Life church family. "Church was the first place my mother took me when I was six months old. We went to the United Brethren in Christ in Six Lakes." Main told how that church split because some folks wanted the service to be in German and some did not. She has attended church all her life. Asked about her longevity, Main said, "Just good genes, I think. My mother lived into her 90's." She did add that she had never drank or smoked. "I haven't done anything really special," she said. I'm sure her hundreds of former first grade students would disagree with that. Happy Birthday, Eva Main, you're a very special lady!

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Wesco Makes Donation to LAMA & Pantry

Wesco, with the help of the Lakeview area community and others, has again stepped up and gone above and beyond to help out those in need by donating to the Lakeview Area Ministerial Association.

Last Thursday, January 9th, Katie Burgess, Manager of Wesco in Lakeview contacted the association to present them with a check for \$12,452.01! This amount was due to the community and others who pass through the Wesco at the corner of M-46 and M-91 in Lakeview, saying "yes" to the "Do you want to 'Round Up?'" program that Wesco runs from October through December. A special "Thank you" to Wesco, who matches the first \$1,000, and also all of those at the local Wesco

who make this happen. Without this blessing from the local community and everyone who passes through this corner, and decides to say, "yes" to rounding up, it would be very difficult for "LAMA" to survive. With rising prices and expenses, all donations are appreciated more than ever before.

The Lakeview Area Ministerial Association is made up of local pastors and lay leaders from churches in the Lakeview area. The organization works together to run the food pantry which is open to those in need who live in the Lakeview area school district every Thursday, from noon till 3:00 p.m. (except holidays). They also bring in the Feeding America Mobile Food distribution truck every other



Pictured with check: left to right: From Wesco; Fawn Newell (assistant Manager), Ashely Patton, Katie Burgess (Manager), From LAMA; Barb Cole (Food Pantry Chair), Julie Drews (LAMA President-Treas.), Terri Larsen (Food Pantry Co-chair), Connie Andrews (Food Pantry Assistant)

month, and help people with other major needs in our community.

"LAMA", (Lakeview Area Ministerial Association), also sponsors a community Good Friday Service, National Day of Prayer service, hosting the "Unity Tent" at Summer-

fest as well as "Praise in the Park", a "LAMA" Walk - which had been a "Crop Walk" raising funds and reaching out to organizations with a worldwide hand as well as keeping some funds locally, a community Thanksgiving service, and Christmas boxes

for those in need.

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