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Spring Forecast

Thu 50 percent chance of showers, mainly after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, high 60. SSW wind 8 to 13 becoming W in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 24 mph.
Thu Night 30 percent chance of showers before 8pm. Mostly cloudy, low 24.
Fri Mostly sunny, high 38.
Fri Night Mostly clear, low 21.
Sat Sunny, high 43.
Sat Night Partly cloudy, low 28.
Sun Partly sunny, high 52.
Sun Night Partly cloudy, low 34.
Mon Mostly sunny, high 58.



Lakeview Elementary Receives Literary Award



Members of Talent First, Representative Pat Outman, Lakeview Schools Superintendent Kelly Nielsen, Montcalm County ISD Superintendent Katie Flynn, LES Principal Tiffany Jackson, and School Board Members Tiffany Padden and Sara Shriver at Lakeview Elementary's award ceremony. LES students Eugene Padden, Hazel Buist, Charlie Petersen, and Tinsley Carr are holding the big check.

By Linda Huckins

It is with great pride that we announce that Lakeview Elementary School (LES) has been awarded the prestigious Literary Leader Award for 2026 from Talent First for high proficiency in reading. Lakeview is only one of six schools in West Michigan to receive such an honor.

Last Friday, March 20, in a school-wide assembly, LES Principal Tiffany Jackson and School Superintendent Kelly Nielsen were presented with the award, along with a check for \$1,000 that Jackson said she will use to buy more books.

It is fitting that the award was presented this month because March is

Reading Month. At the assembly, Talent First's President, Kevin Stotts, said, "We care deeply about literacy because a strong West Michigan starts with children knowing how to read."

Stotts explained that Talent First is a CEO business alliance providing leadership to ensure we have a thriving economy in West Michigan. He added

that they invest in early literacy by supporting K-12 educators to improve the literacy outcomes of students. He congratulated Lakeview Elementary on its dedication to fostering early literacy skills among students.

Part of the criteria for receiving the award is an achievement of 5% or greater improvement in English Language Arts on

the M-STEP tests.

State Representative Pat Outman, School Board members Tiffany Padden and Sara Shriver, Curriculum Director Candance Nielsen, and Montcalm County ISD Superintendent were also at the assembly.

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A Gift That Keeps Giving for Generations

By Linda Huckins

James and Maureen Hohler were new to the Lakeview community when they first met Marlene Scott. They were attending the United Church of Christ where Marlene was a member. The church's women's group was catering the annual Lakeview Area Community Fund (LACF) dinner that year in the church's fellowship hall.

James volunteered to help with clean up in the kitchen. Marlene pulled him aside and whispered, "We can't make any noise, even do dishes, because they are speaking now. Come into the back room with me and have some 'better than sex' cake!"

When asked after sharing this story if the cake was better than sex, James smiled and said, "It was good cake."

We lost Marlene Scott when she passed away last

fall at the age of 93, but Marlene's legacy and generosity will have a huge impact on the Lakeview community for generations.

Marlene and her husband Dean Scott were lifelong Coral / Lakeview residents. Marlene was born and raised in Coral; Dean in Lakeview. They both attended Lakeview High School where they met.

Her family was very influential in Coral. She told Maureen Hohler that she remembered going with her father to the gravel pits to get gravel from which they made bricks that were used to build her dad's shop in Coral. Her dad did all kinds of maintenance work (electrical, mechanical, welding, etc.). It is said that Marlene was a better welder than her father. She could also repair cars.

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Dean and Marlene Scott

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