

# Lakeview Area News

Thursday, December 8, 2016

## Jenni Lynn Part II



**Jenni Lynn, a victim of PBB**

that fire retardant had accidentally been mixed in with their feed. The farm was contaminated and no longer usable and the family lost everything. The farm was their livelihood and they had to seek other employment. It was a devastating experience for the entire family. The eggs, meat, milk, cheese all had to be taken off from the store shelves causing shortages. If you are connected with farming and animals in any way, you can only imagine how traumatic it would be to see every animal on your farm slaughtered and dumped in a pit. Often the animals have names or are pets and they all had to be destroyed.

The PBB not only took away their livelihood, but also caused health issues for the entire family. She remembers that people would come to the house and take samples of their blood. The PBB effected the reproductive and nervous systems of the children and family members, and several members of her family have suffered from cancer. Jenni and her sisters all had miscarriages and lost their first child. The Health Department monitored the effected families, but eventually ran out of funding.

**By Shirley Pool**

I recently wrote about a fairly new business in Remus called Jenni Lynn's Home Services. Her staff go to people's homes and provide care, which enables them to stay in their own homes instead of going to a nursing home. Jenni Lynn Spvams is a person with a special heart for helping people. Part of this compassion for people probably grew out of an experience pertaining to her own family. Jenni Lynn's family operated a farm near Barryton that was effected by PBB. Many people not living during the 70's have probably never heard of PBB and its trail of devastation

going back to 1973-74. Jenni's parents were Hugh and Vera Knowles who owned a dairy farm. They got their cattle feed from Barryton, however, there was a fire so they began purchasing it from the Remus Granary. As most farmers do, they drank the milk from their cows, ate the eggs from their chickens and butchered their own beef and hogs and ate the meat.

Soon all of the animals began showing signs of being sick and having sores. I personally remember the news on television showing pictures of cows not being able to walk. The vet was called out and after the government began investigating found

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## TOWN TOPICS

A tree lighting ceremony is planned for Friday, December 9, 5:30 p.m., at the Old Court House in Stanton. Come and visit with Santa and his reindeer. The event will be presented by the City of Stanton and the DDA.

The First Annual Tree Lighting is also planned in Trufant at Petersen Park on Saturday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.

The Tree of Love ceremony, sponsored by Spectrum Health Kelsey Hospital, will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 p.m., at Lakeview United Church of Christ.

Going on vacation this holiday season? Remember to take the *Lakeview Area News* with you!



**Tree of Lights**  
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### Fall Forecast

There is a 50% chance for snow showers for today (Thu.). Partly cloudy skies for Fri. and Sat. A 90% chance for snow on Sun. Cloudy skies for Mon. A 60% chance for snow on Tue. Mostly cloudy skies for Wed. Highs in the 30s and lows in the teens.



## Christmas in Lakeview: A Community Tradition



Kids were busy adding frosting, graham crackers, and candy to their gingerbread houses

By Kelly Wright

There were smiles and laughter all around during Christmas in Lakeview on Saturday, December 3, 2016. The weather cooperated with sunny skies and temperatures in the mid 30s.

The Tamarack District Library held their Annual Open House. The kids, along with adults, enjoyed making Gingerbread Houses in the Tamarack District Room. Empty milk cartons and frosting were used to

help hold the graham crackers into a house shape. Next, came the candy, pretzels, and cereal, to decorate the Gingerbread House. Stories were read in the children's area at the library. Around 10:30 a.m., Dr. Gary Paden was reading a story. Children sat around him and listened quietly. Also, there were choir groups scheduled throughout the afternoon for people to come and listen to: 10:00 a.m. the Children's Choir; 11:00 a.m. New Life Church Bell

Choir; 12:00 noon Jubilee Women's Ensemble; 1:00 p.m. Open Mic Sing Along.

In downtown Lakeview, businesses were filled with people. A Finger Painting Craft was held at A Work of Art Studio. Kids were lined up and patiently waited their turn to have three of their fingers painted white and the imprint was put on a Christmas ball ornament.

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Santa asking a little girl what she would like this year for Christmas



Selling jewelry at the Craft and Vendors Show at the Community Center

## Students Made Life a Little Brighter for Our Troops



The Leadership Class at Lakeview High School

By Linda Huckins

At a Veterans' Day assembly on November 11 at Lakeview High School, Blue Star Mothers President Kathy Barnes offered a challenge to the students. She told them that many of our service men and women are in the Middle East and will not be home for Christmas. She asked the students to bring in items to make up care packages for these American heroes.

The Leadership Class

at the high school, under the direction of teacher and Student Government Adviser Dan Willison, took up the challenge. Over the next week and a half following the assembly, they set up boxes for each grade (8th through 12th) in the cafeteria during lunch time. The classes competed against each other to see which class could bring in the most items.

Barnes gave the school a list of appropriate things to bring in. They in-

cluded hygiene items, lip balm, lotions, snacks, raisins, reading material (magazines and paperback books), and more.

The Leadership Class organized the Military Care Package Program and did a great job. At the end of the challenge period, over 2,000 items had been collected for our troops. The Senior Class won with 800 items brought in and the eighth grade came in second with 750 items.

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## Holiday Celebration at MCC



back row: Chris Donazzolo, Ireland Stander; front row: Santa Claus and Navy Stander

By Shirley Pool

The 35th Annual Celebration was held at Montcalm Community College (MCC) on December 4, 2016, and there were about 400 people who attended the event. It took place from 1-4 p.m. and included an opportunity to pick up a swimming pass for a future

visit to the MCC pool, wagon rides over to Heritage Village for a scavenger hunt, arts and crafts in the gymnasium, a visit and a free photo with Santa Claus in the Beatrice E. Doser Building as well as free popcorn, cookies and punch in the cafeteria.

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### Correction:

In last week's article on The Cottage, it was stated that Tanner Boonstra milked cows for Gary Nielsen. Writer's mistake! He milks cows for Jeff and Kelly Nielsen.

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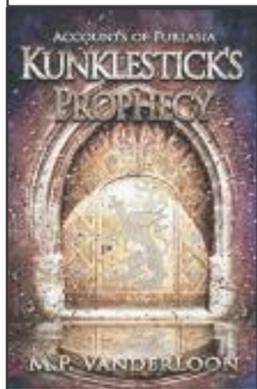
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## TDL to Host an Author Book Talk



has published two books of his *Accounts of Furlasia: Days of Trepidation* trilogy. These are fantasy books that will appeal to tweens, teens and adult. He will be presenting a book talk at the Tamarack District Library in Lakeview on Wednesday, December 21, 5:00 p.m. This is a free event and open to the public.

M.P. Vanderloon is a local author who also is a Greenville bus driver. He resides in Rockford and

For questions or for more information, call the Tamarack District Library at (989) 352-6274.

## Students Made Life a Little Brighter for Our Troops

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Because of the generosity of Lakeview High School students, the Blue Star Mothers were able to make up 181 care packages and ship them to our troops serving in the Middle East. Barnes said that it was a record number of care packages.

"The students responded with enthusiasm," Willison said. "We sent the list of items home with the kids and some parents and businesses also responded by sending in items." Willison wants to thank the students and parents for their contributions.

The Leadership class at Lakeview High School is an elective class that teaches what leadership is all about and offers students opportunities for leadership. Students work on implementing leadership projects throughout the year. One group of students is working on a reading program at the elementary school. Another is in the process of writing a grant to the DNR to get funds to take students in

grades K-12 to an 80-acre wooded property, owned by the high school, in Altona for nature/earth science activities.

"You can Google a tree, but you don't know how one smells or feels unless you can walk up to one and touch it," Willison said. "We plan on replanting some trees in the spring."

A bit of trivia that you may not know. Paperback books were invited during World War I to send to our troops. Books at that time were all hard cover. The smaller books were easier for the soldiers to carry. Sending paperback books to our troops continued through World War II, the Korean War, The Vietnam War, the Gulf and Iraqi Wars and to today.

Thank you, Lakeview High School students, not only for sending paperbacks to our troops but for all the other items that we take for granted over here that our troops cannot get! Your generosity brought a little bit of home to our heroes.

## Today in History - December 8

**1886:** The American Federation of Labor was founded at a convention of union leaders in Columbus, Ohio.

**1987:** President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev signed the first treaty to reduce the nuclear arsenals of the two superpowers.

**1993:** President Bill Clinton signed The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) into law.

## Credit Union Dream

By Shirley Pool

In October I spoke to Tim Rasmussen during credit union days and my article sparked the memories of Jean Nienhuis. She told me that her late husband Alfred "Al" Nienhuis always dreamed of starting a credit union and he was responsible for First Federal Credit Union coming to Lakeview. Al traveled to Washington D.C. and obtained the necessary information to start the credit union in 1985. Jean said they rented the building downtown where Jourdan Rasmussen now has his law office. They had a space heater and used furniture from their back porch, but she did not remember what they used for a counter. Later the office moved across from the pickle docks and later to its current location across from Leppink's.

When they started the credit union the board of directors was formed and they were Alfred and Jean Nienhuis, Mirth Brockway, Lavern Wilson, Dick Boomer, Bill Bessemer, Anne Martin, Eva Main, Charlie Custer, Abby Moliator, John DeVooge and Peg Domine. Jean helped Al in



the office and when Al had to go out of the office for loan work, Charlie Custer or Don DeVooge would come in and help. Several of the early board members have since passed away. Nienhuis noted that since Tim Rasmussen has taken over as the manager of the Community First Federal Credit Union; it has really grown. There are now three branches with the one in Lakeview (989) 352-6031, Howard City (231) 937-9400 and Trufant (616) 984-9700.

Jean's family goes back to the early settlers of Lakeview. Her grandfather

was Neal Youngman. He was the local funeral director and her father was Leo Youngman. The family had the Chevrolet auto sales for many years in the building that is now the Wellness Center. Most people remember the funeral home was located directly behind the car dealership. Neal Youngman was also one of the founders of the United Church of Christ located on Lincoln Avenue just south of the bank. Jean noted that now Jim Youngman is the only other family member left in Lakeview. Jean and Al had three children, two sons

and a daughter. They all live in other locations in the state.

Well, one man's dream has made a huge difference in the community throughout the Lakeview, Trufant and Howard City area. The credit union not only provides banking choices for the local people, but it has aided in enriching local job opportunities. I guess the lesson is... you should follow your dreams, and you should never think that one person cannot make a difference.

## Mecosta County Quilt Block Trail



Courtesy Photo

By Shirley Pool

Have you ever experienced the absolute fun of following a quilt block trail around a county in search of the barns and points of interest which represent the historic places in which the quilt blocks are located? About three years ago Nile and I rode on a tour bus to Alcona County on the sunrise side of the state and had a hoot while the poor bus driver drove the two lane roads follow-

ing the instructions as he attempting to locate each site. We went in the fall and not only enjoyed this special art, but the fall colors as well. It made a wonderful all day outing to spend with friends. Each quilt block told a special story of the history of the site. This unique artist's tradition all began in Ohio in 2001 and has now spread to several different states.

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## Kinsey Retort

Dear Readers,  
This Wednesday is the 75th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that brought the United States into World War II. Bombers and fighters from Japanese aircraft carriers made a surprise attack that killed about 2000 people and sank several American naval vessels. One of those sunk that day was the battleship Arizona, which has been made into a memorial. The men who died in the ship are still there. One sad fact about that day is that the airplanes were detected on radar, but it was thought they were American aircraft. Radar was fairly new at that time, and an attack was not expected. The one good thing about the attack for America was that the aircraft carriers were out on maneuvers. If they had been destroyed, we could not have won the Battle of Midway, which was the big turning point in the war.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is planning to visit Pearl Harbor later this month. He is the first Japanese leader to do so since the attack three-quarters of a century ago. Some think he should apologize for the attack. Actually, most of the veterans who were there don't think that is necessary. They are glad the war is over and that our two countries are now on friendly terms.

Why should he apologize? The obvious answer is that his country made a major attack on the U.S. when our two countries were not at war. They clearly committed an act of war against us. One question that is often not asked is why they attacked. Did they just like war so much that they decided to start a war they had little chance of winning? As one of their military leaders said at the time, he feared that all they had done was to awaken a sleeping giant. He was certainly right. It is always good to get both sides of any issue. We had imposed an oil embargo on Japan. They were being starved for oil, which was crucial for their economy. From their perspective they had no choice but to use force to get the resources they needed.

What lessons are there to learn from Pearl Harbor, the resulting war and its aftermath? I can think of several. Peace comes from strength, not weakness. When people are desperate, they do desperate things. Punishing a defeated enemy causes problems; it doesn't fix problems. It is smarter to turn an enemy into a friend. Germany and Japan are among our best allies today. Not every enemy can be turned into a friend, but we should treat all well. Do good, but beware.

## Ruffs from Rosco



Hi again! We just had our first 'real' snow. At least, *mom* calls it a real snow. I'm not sure how it's different than the other kind of snow - it looks the same and it feels the same. And if we get more, then I want to go skiing!

I've seen people skiing on TV and it looks like lots of fun! But would

I need two skis or four? And would I be a snow bunny or a snow dog? I like rabbits, and mom does, too, but she doesn't like them in the garden. And I *like* to help mom in the garden. And if I was a bunny, mom wouldn't let me help in the garden anymore.

So, no thank you, we don't need any more snow this year. Glad *that* problem's solved!

*Rosco belongs to Robin Ward*

## Thank You

We would like to thank our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren for arranging such a wonderful "surprise family get together". We would also like to thank our friends and family for all the lovely

cards, beautiful messages, and warm wishes. It made our 60th Wedding Anniversary truly memorable. Thank you for making us feel so loved.

*Love and prayers, Clare and Janet Morrow*

## Wedding Anniversary

**Robert and Charlotte Kruger** will be celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on December 9, 2016. The family would like to help them celebrate their anniversary by having a card shower. Cards can be sent to:

Robert & Charlotte Kruger  
519 N. Lincoln Avenue,  
Lakeview, MI 48850

**Happy Anniversary, Mom & Dad!**

*Love, Beau & Lynn and Family Denise Lutterloh and Family*

**Lao Tzu** - "Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage."  
**Oscar Wilde** - "Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead."

## Upcoming Events

### EDMORE BREAKFAST WITH JESUS

The Edmore First Church of God, 123 E. Main St., will host its Annual Breakfast with Jesus on Sat., Dec. 17, 8:30-11:30 a.m. A live nativity, petting zoo, and bake sale included. At 7 p.m., a Christmas concert will be performed by the Vestaburg Community Choir.

### GLEANER MEETING

The Entrican Gleaner Arbor will meet at Beard-slee's Restaurant on Tue., Dec. 13, 12:30 p.m. All Gleaners and friends are welcome to attend.

### MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Feeding America Free Mobile Food Pantry will be coming to the Endeavor Center (parking lot behind old high school gym on M-46) on Sat., Dec. 10, 2 p.m. Sponsored by Edmore Lions Club and Christian Endeavor.

### OFRHC HOURS

The Old Fence Rider Historical Center, 222 Sheldon St., will be open on Saturdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Appts. for group tours or alternative times can be made by contacting (989) 506-9562 or (989) 506-2634.

### OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

The Old Fence Rider Historical Center, 222 Sheldon St., will host its Annual Old Fashioned Christmas on Sat., Dec. 17, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon. There will be face painting, craft making, cookie decorating, electric trains, goodie bags, sledding (cardboard sleds provided), and old St. Nick.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

With ham and sausage on Sun., Dec. 11, 8-1 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 524 E. Forrest St. Cost: \$6/adult and free for those age 5 and under. The breakfast will be spon-

sored by the Masonic Lodge 360 and Edmore Chapter #111.

### PFHM HOURS

Pine Forest Historical Museum is open on Thurs. from 2-4 p.m. Stop by and take a look at the Dr. Myron Becker display, the large quilt collection and other treasures.

### STORY HOUR

At the Home Township Library from Sept.-May, every Wed. at 10 a.m. Ages 2 1/2-preschool. Sign up at the library.

### VICTORIAN CONCERT CANCELLED

The Pine Forest Historical Museum is sad to announce it is not hosting the Victorian Concert this year during the Hometown Holiday celebration in Edmore.

### GREENVILLE CHRISTMAS AT MAC

The Montcalm Alano Club will be open on Christmas Day at 12 noon for a potluck meal and fellowship. The Annual New Year's Eve Party will be held at 8 p.m. There will be snacks, 50/50 raffle, and karaoke. All are welcome to attend.

### MAC WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Montcalm Alano Club will be hosting a Women's Wellness Group on Fridays starting at 1:30 p.m. Sign up at the MAC, 117 E. Washington St., or call (616) 232-2002.

### MOVIE NIGHT

The MAC will be hosting Star Wars movie nights starting at 8 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 17, Jan. 7 and 21, and Feb. 4.

### HOWARD CITY LUKE GITCHEL CONCERT MATINEE

Luke Gitchel will be in concert at Zellie's Opry House, 230 E. Edgerton, on Sat., Dec. 10, 2 p.m. Cost: \$10/ticket - avail. at the door.

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## Remember When



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### 15 years ago

The Michigan Golden Gloves Association hosted a United States Amateur Boxing Sanctioned event at Tri-County Middle School. The Ninth Annual Tri-County Boxing Classic featured special guest Troy Rowland, who was an up and coming professional middleweight fighter.

### 20 years ago

Montcalm Area Hospice sponsored a seminar, "Getting Through the Holiday". This seminar was designed to help all citizens who had lost a loved one during the holiday season. It was presented by Shawn Wright, Sue Koch, Community Clergy and Community

Hospice Volunteers.

### 25 years ago

The nice person of the week nominee was Jeanette Almy, foster grandparent at the Lakeview Middle School. She was nominated by the teaching staff at the Lakeview Middle School for being so helpful.

### 30 years ago

The Halloween party sponsored by the Lakeview VFW was enjoyed by many children, and the costume contest was one of the most enjoyable things of the evening. Some of the winners included: David and Diann Clark, Sara Nelson, Jeffery Davis, Mike McCally, and many others.



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## Bowling Reports

### Miller Sunday Night Mixed at Alley Cat Bar & Grill Date: December 4, 2016

Pos.	Team	Won
1	Hit & Miss	31.0
2	Custom Design	30.0
3	Odd Couples	28.0
4	Strike Force	27.5
5	Lickety Splits	27.0
6	Strikeholics	27.0
7	Miles Road Body Shop	26.5
8	The Shockers	25.5
9	D.I.L.L.I.G.A.F.	21.0
10	Brew Balls	336

### Year-to-Date High Scores

High Scr Game- Team: Strike Force 877  
High Hcp Game- Team: Miles Road Body Shop 1033

High Scr Series- Team: Strike Force 2374  
High Hcp Series- Team: Lickety Splits 2844

High Scr Game- Men: Zack Groce 290  
High Hcp Game- Men: Chris Bannen 318

High Scr Series- Men: Jeremy Nobach 716  
High Hcp Series- Men: Shea Nielsen 807

High Scr Game- Women: Becky Hadder 252  
High Hcp Game- Women: Darcy Krause 296

High Scr Series- Women: Darcy Krause 610  
High Hcp Series- Women: Darcy Krause 756

High Ind. Ave.- Men: Jeremy Nobach 208.62  
High Ind. Ave.- Women: Becky Hadder 175.14

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### Stanley Rasmussen League at Alley Cat Bar & Grill Date: December 5, 2016

Pos.	Team	Won
1	Psycho Brew	358
2	Alley Cat	301
3	Rader Farms	298
4	Miles Road Body SHop II	298
5	Miles Road Body Shop	288
6	Cantwell Hardware	286
7	Peddler's Patch	285
8	Superior Boat & Motor	272

### Last Week's High Scores

High Scr Game- Team: Miles Road Body SHop 1044  
High Scr Series- Team: Miles Road Body Shop 2839

High Hcp Game- Team: Miles Road Body Shop 1208  
High Hcp Series- Team: Rader Farms 3339

High Scr Game- Men: Zack Groce, Jr. 244  
High Scr Series- Men: Michael Krause 644

High Hcp Game- Men: Neil Williams 272  
High Hcp Series- Men: Kenneth Rader 727

High Scr Game- Women: Darcy Krause 234  
High Scr Series- Women: Darcy Krause 581

High Hcp Game- Women: Darcy Krause 280  
High Hcp Series- Women: Darcy Krause 719

Most Over Ave (Gm)- Men: Neil Williams 57  
Most Over Ave (Ser)- Men: Kenneth Rader 85

Most Over Ave (Gm)- Women: Darcy Krause 66  
Most Over Ave (Ser)- Women: Darcy Krause 77

### Year-to-Date High Scores

High Scr Game- Team: Miles Road Body Shop 1044  
High Scr Series- Team: Miles Road Body Shop 2913

High Hcp Game- Team: Cantwell Hardware 1312  
High Hcp Series- Team: Psycho Brew 3567

High Scr Game- Men: Michael Krause 279  
High Scr Series- Men: David Frost 738

High Hcp Game- Men: David Frost 312  
High Hcp Series- Men: David Frost 873

High Scr Game- Women: Darcy Krause 234  
High Scr Series- Women: Darcy Krause 581

High Hcp Game- Women: Darcy Krause 280  
High Hcp Series- Women: Amy Gibson

# Christmas Coloring Contest

This coloring masterpiece is by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents, Winners will be announced in our December 22, 2016 edition of the Lakeview Area News! Please one entry per child.

A prize will go to the winner in each age group. Kids are encouraged to use their imagination by using crayons, markers, glitter, felt, etc., to color their masterpiece! All entries received will be on display at Community First Federal Credit Union. All entries must be received by December 19th at 3:00 pm. The winners will be announced in the newspaper on December 22, 2016. Drop off or mail your entries to: Community First Federal Credit Union 9637 N. Greenville Road Lakeview MI 48850. This year's Christmas coloring contest is sponsored by Community First Federal Credit Union. Be sure to stop by and wish them a Merry Christmas and Good Luck!

Winners will be chosen from 4 different age groups:  
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# Obituaries



**Oliver Henry "Tommy" Thompson**, age 90, passed away peacefully at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital on November 16, 2016, following an extended illness.

Tommy was born September 11, 1926 in Howard City, Michigan, to Vera (Opper) and Oliver Thompson. Tommy grew up on the family farm, which has since attained Centennial Farm status. He attended Amble Country School, but was fond of explaining that he obtained his real-world education from the "School of Hard Knocks."

The former Marian Ann Miller became Thompson's bride on September 22, 1945, and the two celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary earlier this fall. Marian survives her husband, along with the couple's three children: Shirley (Charlie) Cook, Jim (Sheri), and Deborah. The family includes seven grandchildren: Eric (Alicia), Bret (Rebecca), Tyler, Tisa (Adam), Trevan (Stefani), Travis (Laura) and Autumn (Alex) and six great-grandchildren (Olivia, Ethan, Kelsey, Emily, Paisley, Nikolas), with whom Tommy enjoyed spending time. He is also survived by a sister, Sonya (Jim)

Marchbank. During their long marriage, the Thomp- sons lived in Amble, Lake- view, Big Rapids and Reed City—all within 50 miles of their birthplace. Their retirement years found them spending summers along Lake Michigan and winters in Florida.

Tommy was known for his lifelong work ethic. He began his career path at age 13, packing butter in the Amble Creamery, and at age 15, he purchased a canned milk route, even before obtaining his driver's license. After their marriage, Tommy and Marian delivered raw milk from area farms to the creamery in Amble. In the late '40s and early '50s, he also assembled airplanes in Grand Rapids and sold automobiles locally.

In 1956, Thompson purchased Liberty Dairy in Big Rapids. Tommy grew the business, which provided dairy products to local groceries and also served door-to-door customers at home. The dairy's storefront ice cream parlor is fondly remembered for its enormous ice cream cones.

After outgrowing the Big Rapids facility, the dairy was moved to Evart in 1966. Partnering with Dean Foods in 1965, Tommy continued to manage the dairy until his retirement in 1986. He was instrumental in expanding the operation to become the major supplier of dairy products to Meijer, serving all Meijer locations statewide for many years.

An entrepreneur at heart, Tommy enjoyed other business endeavors along the way, often partnering with friends. In-

cluded in those partner- ships were a sauna stove business, a fried chicken enterprise, and a restaurant (the Charwood Inn/Brown Bungalow).

Several patented in- ventions were products fostered by Tommy's cre- ativity. One of these inven- tions, the "Bossy" system, revolutionized the han- dling of bottled milk and other dairy products from the dairy to the store. These wheeled carts elimi- nated extra handling of product through trans- portation and also served to display the milk in the grocers' dairy cases. The Bossy system invention earned Thompson a posi- tion as finalist in a national award for "Invention of the Year." These carts are still used nationwide today. He also devised electronic fishing pole "fish on" alerts, and a utility wench/hoist for ATVs that garnered interest in the hunting indus- try and by the military.

Thompson was a member of several social organizations, including the Big Rapids Eagles. He was instrumental in providing the capital resources for the building that has served that organization for several decades and continues to serve the Eagles and the community today.

Tommy was a mem- ber of the Saladin Shrine Temple in Grand Rapids. He and Marian enjoyed many special Shriner friendships, spending many summer weekends traveling to parades as part of the Shrine's Harley Mo- torcycle and Honda three- wheeler precision drill teams. The couple also en- joyed many years of mo-

torhome travel throughout the country, often touring with friends in their mo- torhome association. Win- ters were for snowmobiling, and later, for enjoying the warmer temperatures of Florida.

Ever the adventurer, Thompson's passion was for the outdoors and hunt- ing and fishing. Many friendships were formed on hunting expeditions throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Eng- land. He loved piloting his Cessna 182 on hunting ad- ventures, as well as for business. His favorite sum- mer pastime was captain- ing his Sea Ray on Lake Michigan, an activity he enjoyed until the last year of his life. In his later years, he was especially fond of wild pig hunting in Florida, and enjoyed tak- ing family and friends in his "pig buggy" on land leased there. In March of his 89th year, Tommy shot two wild pigs with a single shot, and proceeded to field dress and butcher them without assistance.

Tommy will be missed by his family and friends, with whom he shared his life's adven- tures.

It is his request that memorial contributions be made to the Shriner's Hos- pital for Children ([shriners-hospitalsforchildren.org](http://shriners-hospitalsforchildren.org)). There will be a gathering to celebrate Tommy's life at a later date.

Heckman Funeral Home in Howard City, MI has been entrusted with arrangements, and online condolences, memories and memorial contribu- tions may be shared at: [heckmanfuneralhomeinc.com](http://heckmanfuneralhomeinc.com).

**Robert Louis Cobane**, 84, of Midland, died Friday morning No- vember 25, 2016. He was born July 26, 1932, son of Raymond and Edna, grew up in Detroit graduating from high school. After high school, he spent four years in the United States Coast Guard.



Upon his return from the military, he married his first wife and had six children. He proudly served as a Detroit police officer for over 25 years. In 1976 he married Mary Fetteroff, which he de- scribed as his beautiful bride. He then became the Chief of Police for ten years in Lakeview, worked for the U.S. Mar- shall's office in the Fed- eral Court in Bay City for several years, and finished his career serving as a se- curity guard for the Dow Estates. Robert loved serving as a police officer and often talked of his ex- periences. He loved being at his lakefront cabin in Six Lakes, was an avid sports fan of the Detroit Tigers and Redwings, and enjoyed attending the Midland Loons games with his stepson Mark. He loved his dogs Buster and Sammy. Robert loved to bowl, and was on a senior bowling league up to the last days of his life. He and his wife attended church at St. Brigid Catholic Church.

In addition to his wife Mary, he is survived by his children: John of Grand Rapids, Steve (Lisa) of Grand Rapids, Diane (Floyd) of Grand Ledge, Kimm (Dave) of Grand Ledge and Jim. Stepchildren: Karen,

Gary, Mark, MaryAnn, John and Tony. Grandchil- dren and step grandchil- dren: Crystal, Eric, Ashley, Joey, Nicholas, David, Carolyn, Katie, Andrew, Mary, Brandon, Brittany, Booke, Justin, Gabrielle, Anna Grace and Jeremy, three great grandchildren: Grace, Matthew and Thomas, and his brother-in-law Richard Butler of Mid- land.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers Raymond, Orin and Floyd; sisters Inez and Glendora, son Mike, step- daughter Christin, and stepson Gregory.

Funeral Liturgy took place at 12:00 noon, Thursday, December 1, 2016 at St. Brigid Catholic Church, 207 Ashman St., Midland. Committal took place at New Calvary cemetery following the service and luncheon. Robert's family received friends at the church on Thursday from 11 a.m. until time of mass.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider the National Law Enforce- ment Officers Memorial Fund, 901 E Street, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20004-2025.

## Nicaragua Once More, Part 2



The Women's Ministry session in Chichigalpa was well attended

By Bethel Larsen

Sunday dawned bright and hot, and Jamil- ton picked us up promptly to take us to worship at the headquarters of the *Iglesia Luterana de Nicaragua*—the Lutheran Church of Nicaragua. I remembered passing the large blue building last year when a youth gathering was just ending; the structure is more imposing than many Lutheran churches in Nicaragua. We were not the only foreigners present in the service; there were some other missionaries as well as visiting professors who would be teaching Greek in a week-long in- tensive class for Nicaraguan pastors. Unfor- tunately, the pastor's rapid- fire Spanish reduced my usual one-word-in-ten comprehension to some- thing like one in fifty. The

church complex includes a seminary with dormitory and classroom buildings as well as groves of bananas and plantains and other fruits; we enjoyed explor- ing the grounds. Most stu- dents attend part-time while serving congrega- tions.

After a brief stop at the hotel to change clothes, we headed for Corinto, a resort town on the Pacific coast, and the *El Espigon* beachside restaurant where we had dined on previous trips. Our table on the ocean side afforded a de- lightful breeze and views of the harbor, where we saw a large freighter com- ing in. I ordered the house specialty seafood stew. When it arrived, my "bowl" looked more like a tureen, with a small lob- ster, numerous shrimp, a whole fish, and other denizens of the deep im-

mersed in a tasty broth. I shared with anyone who would take some. After- ward, we walked down near the water, picked up a few shells, and watched people playing in the shel- tered cove.

Our decision to have ice cream in lieu of supper meant that we would forego the traditional Sun- day-evening *nacatamal*, but we were too full to do it justice. After a stop at the crowded Maxi-Pali store back in Chinandega, we lined up at an Eskimo (pronounced Es-KEE-mo in Nicaragua) ice cream shop, across the street from a golden-yellow cathedral where a bell ringer was beating out a call to ves- pers. A thin boy of about twelve was begging as we waited; his eyes with their unnatural shine still haunt me. I suspect that he had been sniffing glue, but his

hunger was probably genu- ine. Ignoring beggars, though ultimately the best policy, is difficult.

Monday morning took us to Rancheria, a dirt-poor village at the very base of the San Cristobal volcano. Welcoming bal- loons adorned the porch of the church, where women and children waited. At most Nicaraguan churches, people arrive cleaned up and dressed in their best at- tire. It was not so in Rancheria, where the chil- dren who reached to hug us had seen neither laundry nor shampoo in a long time. We hugged them anyway. The church has an educational building next door, where it offers after- school programs. As about 28 children had accompa- nied their mothers to the morning program, we took them next door and improv- ised a program for them, though their official turn would not come until after lunch. They proved to be untamed as well as un- washed. One boy of about four persistently tooted on a duck-call whistle that drowned out anything we attempted to say. I nick- named him the Duck Com- mander, though I think his name was Juan. As we at- tempted to corral our charges for some mean- ingful activities without rush- ing into our afternoon lesson plans, young Indi- ana launched into some ac- tion songs and skillfully herded the young'uns into line, giving evidence of an amazing gift for teaching.

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### God's Gift

God gave His precious gift to all of us,  
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With a halo to shine on the first Christmas,  
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- Eva M. Roy

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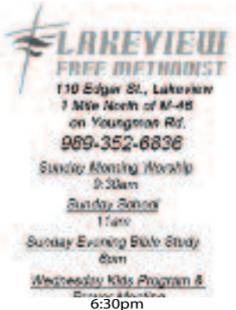
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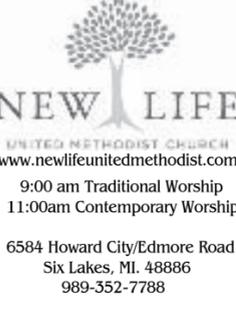
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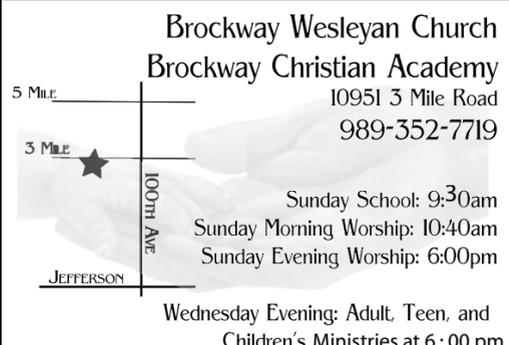
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## Are You Prepared for Christmas?

I watched Leonard as he walked along Main Street. The shoppers were charging in and out of the stores. It was a beautiful place, really, with lights burning brightly on an early evening already turned dark. Coming toward him was Mrs. Nevius, the long-term high school secretary. With a heavy sigh, Leonard approached her and said, "Good evening, Mrs. Nevius." She smiled and said, "Oh for heaven sakes, Leonard, call me June. You've been a grown man for twenty years!" Leonard nodded and replied, "So, are you ready for Christmas... June?" "Almost, dear, almost. The lights are up and the tree is in the front window. I have all the gifts except my husband's—somehow he always ends up last on the list. Two or three trips to the supermarket, one long night of wrapping and I'll be as ready as I ever am!"

"Well, have a Merry Christmas," Leonard said, hiding his disappointment as best as he could. He walked on and made a mark in a small notebook. Leonard sighed once again, straightened his shoulders and made a determined beeline for a man that I didn't recognize. "Excuse me, sir," Leonard began, "I am taking a survey. Are you ready for Christmas?" "I am," he replied. "The lights are strung and the tree is up. Other than that, my only job is to buy my wife a gift, and I just did that. I hope this necklace will finally put to rest the vacuum cleaner incident of three Christmases back!" When Leonard didn't offer even a polite chuckle, the man finished feebly with "Well, anyway, you can put me down as Christmas-ready." "Merry Christmas," Leonard mumbled as the man moved on. Leonard was reaching for his notebook when I spoke up. "Alright, Len, what's the deal? I've been tailing you for ten minutes, watching you quiz people. What's up?" "Well, Pastor," Leonard replied. "I'm not sure, exactly. I guess the Holy Spirit got a hold of me, because I couldn't shake the urge to find out how many people I would have to ask, 'Are you ready for Christmas?' before one of them would say something about prayer, or scripture, or study, or contemplation, or worship, or even Jesus." "I don't want to know how it's going, do I?" I asked. "Nope. I've been to the big box stores, the mall and now here... 89 and counting."

Not a one of us would go to a child's birthday party and completely ignore the birthday child. Yet, we often do just that with the birthday celebration of Jesus the Christ, the Savior of the World. Even those of us active in the Christian Church have a tendency to get all wrapped up in the gift-giving, the hoopla and the commercialization of Christmas. I've done it myself. This is a great time for the Church to stand up and be the Church—God's people loving God and each other, and all others, in community, no one standing alone. Each of us should prepare for Christmas by praying, reading scripture, singing the great songs and hymns and contemplating the greatest of all gifts, the gift of Jesus Christ. After all, He was sent to redeem us—to provide us with mercy and grace and salvation. We can and should prepare on our own. But, better yet, go to your church. If you don't have a church, it is a perfect time to try one out. Things are being made ready.

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## New Hope Church Announces Christmas and New Year's Events

**Submitted by Pastor Greg Buchner**

New Hope United Methodist Church is excited to invite our area communities to the following events in order to celebrate the Christmas and New Year season.

On Christmas Eve, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a candlelight service with a special time for children. The theme will be "Believe" which has been the message series for the month of December.

On Sunday, January 1, there will be a New Year's service that will begin our new message series on "God Opportunities." On that day, prayers battery operated candles will be available for those who might not want fire or for the use of younger children.

On Sunday, December 25, at 9:45 a.m., there will be a special Christmas service for all ages. The theme will be "believe" which has been the message series for the month of December. Folks are being invited to bring a gift they wish to be blessed.

On Sunday, January 1, there will be a New Year's service that will begin our new message series on "God Opportunities." On that day, prayers for the New Year will be shared as we remember that with God all things are possible. Open communion will be shared.

New Hope Church is located at 7296 9 Mile Rd. (between M20 and 90th), Mecosta, MI 49332. You'll also find the church at [www.new-hope-church.org](http://www.new-hope-church.org) and you can contact us at (231) 972-2838 or [newhope.mecosta@gmail.com](mailto:newhope.mecosta@gmail.com). We worship on Sundays at 9:45 am. As always, everyone should consider themselves invited!

## Today in Christian History

**December 8**

**1775:** Anglican clergyman and hymnwriter John Newton wrote in a letter: "This is faith: a renouncing of everything we are apt to call our own and relying wholly upon the blood, righteousness and intercession of Jesus."

**1854:** Pope Pius IX defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in his apostolic letter, "Ineffabilis Deus." It asserted that by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, Mary was freed from original sin "in the first instant of conception."

**1907:** Christmas seals were sold for the first time, to raise funds to fight tuberculosis. Today, Christmas seal income is used primarily in the fight against birth defects.

**1962:** The Rev. John Melville Burgess was consecrated as suffragan Bishop of Massachusetts - the first African American bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church to serve a predominantly white diocese.

**1981:** In one of its major rulings regarding the issue of the separation of Church and State, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of student organizations holding religious services at public colleges and universities.

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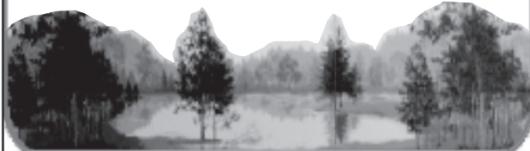
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## Trufant Talk



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First annual tree lighting will be Saturday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m., at Petersen Park. This is the first try of having the annual event for the community. Plans are: lighting the tree, caroling, and hot chocolate. Sounds like fun and gets us all ready for the Christmas spirit.

Maple Valley Senior Citizen potluck will be Tuesday, December 13, at Maple Valley Complex at 12:00 noon. Potluck is open to all and events are always planned besides the meal. Bring a dish to pass and table service

Albert Frandsen will be 90 years the 13th. I'm sure he would enjoy a card for his special day. Send to: 17188 Meddler Avenue N.E., Sand Lake, MI 49343.

The snow made us aware that winter will soon be here. That's what happens in Michigan but Santa couldn't come without some snow! So we have to enjoy it. We'll talk next week.

Virginia Christensen

## Coral Celebrates the Spirit of Christmas

By Jeanne Sturgeon

Santa came to Coral Community Center on November 26. The event began with Christmas Carols sung by the Emmanuel Baptist Choir at 6:00 p.m., followed by visits to Santa with children eager to tell him their special Christmas wishes. There were 54 kids that came to the community center to sit on Santa's lap this year! After Santa's elves gave them a candy cane, parents and children enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate or coffee. The lighted Christmas tree, Christmas music, Santa and his elves, warm laughter and happy voices made the room feel full of the magic only Christmas can bring. Outside, the Village Christmas tree and Main Street was lit with Christmas lights creating the atmosphere of Christmases of yesteryear.

Many thanks to the Maple Valley Fire Department Station Auxiliary and the sponsorship of Goestch Christmas Tree Farm, who made this wonderful event happen, as well as, the Coral Community Committee who assisted with the outside holiday decorations.



May the peace, joy, and magic of Christmas love continue to fill the Coral community and the rest of the world this holiday season.



## Nicaragua Once More, Part 2



My soup was more than a mouthful!

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Lillian produced a soccer ball for some relay races, and Charlotte brought out extra coloring pages. Lunchtime found us sweaty, weary, and laughing as the kids went home—briefly. A pig wandered between the buildings, and I found the water spigot outside before the foot-washing lesson.

Then the kids were back for their official VBS time—sixty of them, in

fact. (We had planned for an estimated 45 each day.) Lillian showed Little People Peter venturing onto the waves to meet Jesus. The children colored a picture of the story. I told about Jesus washing the disciples' feet, and though Lydia stayed close to help me out, my Spanish seemed to get through. A young Jesus then washed some of the grime off one foot per disciple, with a couple changes of water. Charlotte laid a cloth over her head

and played a servant's role, bringing a fresh basin—a brilliant and very helpful improvisation that she repeated each time the story was told. The kids drew outlines of their feet and we taped them to the wall. Then a classic Nicaraguan cloudburst hit, and nothing could be heard but the pounding of rain on the corrugated roof. We did our best to sing over the din. Our plan to look up the slope of the volcano from the end of the street was washed out, and we took the shortest way through the mud back to the main road. The floor of the van was a rather sorry sight after ten pairs of muddy shoes stepped aboard.

Jamilton had the van clean and shining when he picked us up the next morning. Our Tuesday destination was Chichigalpa, where our eyeglass team had served last year. It was good to see Pastor Douglas, his young Honduran wife, and their son Isaac, now two years old. Deaconess Lourdes, a short, stocky woman, beamed as she hugged me. It was she

who had identified the quetzal bird that had seemed to laugh at my attempts to take its picture. Most of the Nicaraguan Lutheran churches seem to employ deaconesses, and their helping role is important in church bodies that, regrettably, have few men who regularly attend. Deaconess Lourdes is a tireless worker; in addition to duties that make more obvious use of her training, she is almost compulsive about mopping the tile floor of the sanctuary.

A good-sized group of women gathered, many of them members of the congregation. One whom I will not easily forget was Norma, a seamstress of about sixty years who wore a perfectly fitted dress of brown lace and carried herself with quiet dignity. She, like several others, was an eager Bible student. After hearing and discussing the story of the woman at the well, the women decorated small prayer journals and split into smaller groups for prayer. It was my privilege to sit in on Norma's group, and I felt a bond with this

mature sister in the Lord. When about 45 children came in the afternoon—clean, neatly dressed, and ready to participate—our parachute with several small beach balls illustrated Lillian's story superbly. "Tormenta! Tormenta!" (Storm! Storm!) Indiana would call out, and the children would vigorously shake the parachute until Indiana called, "Calma!" My young actors entered into the foot-washing with gusto, and a

towel-clad Jesus took a bow at the end. Each evening, Lillian would check for her missing suitcase, in which she had supplies for bubbles and other activities, and each evening she would give thanks that God had supplied our needs without it. We needed little entertainment after our team meeting and devotions; after preparing our materials for the next day, we were more than ready to sleep.



Lillian starts a relay with the soccer ball

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## Jenni Lynn Part II



Jenni Lynn, a victim of PBB

By Shirley Pool

I recently wrote about a fairly new business in Remus called Jenni Lynn's Home Services. Her staff go to people's homes and provide care, which enables them to stay in their own homes instead of going to a nursing home. Jenni Lynn Spvarns is a person with a special heart for helping people. Part of this compassion for people probably grew out of an experience pertaining to her own family. Jenni Lynn's family operated a farm near Barryton that was effected by PBB. Many people not living during the 70's have probably never heard of PBB and its trail of devastation

going back to 1973-74. Jenni's parents were Hugh and Vera Knowles who owned a dairy farm. They got their cattle feed from Barryton, however, there was a fire so they began purchasing it from the Remus Granary. As most farmers do, they drank the milk from their cows, ate the eggs from their chickens and butchered their own beef and hogs and ate the meat.

Soon all of the animals began showing signs of being sick and having sores. I personally remembered the news on television showing pictures of cows not being able to walk. The vet was called out and after the government began investigating found

that fire retardant had accidentally been mixed in with their feed. The farm was contaminated and no longer usable and the family lost everything. The farm was their livelihood and they had to seek other employment. It was a devastating experience for the entire family. The eggs, meat, milk, cheese all had to be taken off from the store shelves causing shortages. If you are connected with farming and animals in any way, you can only imagine how traumatic it would be to see every animal on your farm slaughtered and dumped in a pit. Often the animals have names or are pets and they all had to be destroyed.

The PBB not only took away their livelihood, but also caused health issues for the entire family. She remembers that people would come to the house and take samples of their blood. The PBB effected the reproductive and nervous systems of the children and family members, and several members of her family have suffered from cancer. Jenni and her sisters all had miscarriages and lost their first child. The Health Department monitored the effected families, but eventually ran out of funding.

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## Influenza, Natural Prevention and Treatment



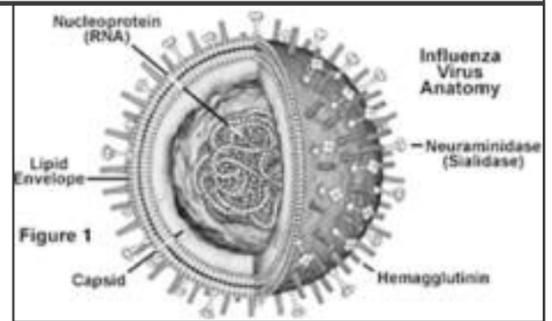
Bob & Barb Huttinga

Once again it is the time of year when we begin to hear about the Flu and getting flu shots. The purpose of this article is to help you understand the other side of the story and to realize that there are options to getting flu shots if you are allergic or choose not to do the flu shot or nasal mist. You should also know that these natural treatments work well if you have had a flu shot, but still get influenza. Remember early treatments give the best results. But prevention is even better.

Each year the big boys at the CDC travel to the oriental countries in May and collect Flu Virus from people who are ill there. From those samples they make the seasonal flu vaccine. They just hope the virus does not mutate between May when they collect the samples and December when the Flu usually reaches the US.

Bird Flu (H5N1), Swine Flu (H1N1), and seasonal Flu are caused by a virus. This virus is covered with spikes. One kind of spike acts like a hook, Neuraminidase (this is where the N comes from) and attaches the virus to a cell in the nose or lungs. The other kind, Hemagglutinin (the H) pierces the cell membrane and injects its viral code (RNA) into the cell. The cell's DNA is then used to make more viral code, which is then used to make thousands of new viruses which then are released to invade more cells and reproduce more viruses. (see picture above)

It is our body's own immune system that creates all the symptoms. The mucous is used to protect cells and prevent hooking up and penetration by the virus. The coughs and sneezes expel the virus from the body. (This spreads them, via air, to others, so learn to cough and sneeze into your sleeve.) The fever kills the virus. (Most viruses cannot live over 100.5, so do not treat the fever unless it is over 102. Take hot baths when ill.) The body aches keep us in bed. That is where you belong if you get this illness. While good hand washing is important,



these viruses are spread through the air, so the fanatic use of hand sanitizers is not necessary and may be detrimental since it kills the good micro-organisms on our skin. Use plain soap and water Do not become a nut about this. Gargle with warm salt water twice a day and use saline (salt) nasal spray 2-3 times per day. This helps break down the viral cell membranes if they are in your nose or mouth.

First and very important, if you get the flu do not use Aspirin, Motrin, Alieve, etc. to combat fever. There is some evidence from bodies frozen in Alaska from the 1918 Spanish Flu that there was a Reyes Syndrome-like effect occurring with the Flu and perhaps the Aspirin caused many more problems that it solved. Tylenol (Acetaminophen) or homeopathic Belladonna 30C are much better options to treat high fevers.

The two mainstay homeopathic remedies are Oscillocochinum and Gelsemium. In all, there are about 25 influenza remedies, depending on the symptoms that one has, but the two listed are the main general remedies. Oscillocochinum is available in most health food stores and some pharmacies. If you cannot find it locally, you can get it from our website. It can be used for prevention and is taken when flu is in your area. Six vials of Oscillo, costing between \$12-18 can protect a family of four people for 12 weeks. The usual dosage is one half vial of granules once per week for prevention. To extend that, add one half vial of granules to four teaspoons of water, and then give one teaspoon to each of the four family members once per week. Gelsemium and the other remedies are taken after one gets sick with the flu and can be purchased at most health food stores or online.

Take lots of Vitamin C, 500 mg three or four times per day. O blood types should take Vitamin C from Rose Hips; other blood types should take Vit. C from Acerola Cherries. Cheap Vitamin C, ascorbic acid, has benefit, but is usually hard on the digestive tract and often

causes diarrhea.

Preventive remedies include Herbs and Essential Oils. Echinacea/goldenseal at onset of cold symptoms or taken every day, day 1-25 of each month with 5 days off, seems to work quite well. Nature's Sunshine Products, Elderberry defense, Immune Stimulator, and VSC all help with viral infections in general. The Essential Oil *Thieves* in lozenges or tooth paste or direct application to a mask will help kill the flu virus.

If you do get the flu of any kind, H1N1 or seasonal, there is good treatment available using homeopathic medicines.

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Here it is again in outline form. Clip this out and save it.

### For Prevention of Influenza:

(only do two or three of these at a time)

- \*Oscillocochinum 1/2 vial once per week if flu is in your area
- \*take lots of Vitamin C, 500 mg three or four times per day. (When using Herbs—take day 1-25 of each month with 5 days off)
- \*Echinacea/goldenseal
- \*Elderberry defense
- \*Immune Stimulator
- \*VSC
- \*Essential Oil Thieves in lozenges, tooth paste, or apply to a mask

### For Treatment:

- \*Oscillocochinum 200 C, one dose 3-4 times per day until better, up to 8 doses.
- \*Gelsemium 200C twice per day for 5 days or 30C every 2-3 hours until better
- \*Arsenicum 30C vomiting, diarrhea, headache, restlessness and anxiety.
- \*Byronia 30C slow onset, severe headache, irritable, wants to be alone,
- \*Belladonna 30C rapid onset, very high fever, red face, dilated pupils.
- \*Ipecac 30C is good for vomiting.
- \*Podophyllum 30C is good for diarrhea

## Upcoming Events

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### LAKEVIEW FOOD TRUCK

The Lakeview Free Food Truck will be held on Thu., Dec. 15, 3 p.m., at St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church, 829 Richardson St., Lakeview. It will be sponsored by the Lakeview Ministerial Association, along with the Lakeview Free Methodist Church and the Amble Motorcycle Group providing the funds. Also, just a reminder that the next free food truck will be in February.

### FOOD TRUCK

There will be a food truck at Lakeview Community Schools on the 2nd Thu. of each month, starting at 4 p.m. The truck will be parked by the middle school.

### LAKEVIEW MUSEUM HOURS

The museum is closed for the season. For more info., call Sharon Youngman at (989) 352-7304.

### TREE OF LOVE CEREMONY

The Tree of Love Ceremony will be held on Tue., Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m., at the Lakeview United Church of Christ, downtown Lakeview. Entertainment and reading of names with appetizers to follow. The ceremony is sponsored by

emony is sponsored by Spectrum Health Kelsey Hospital.

### VFW MEETINGS

The Hough/Pontius VFW 3701 meetings are held on the first Tues. of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the post.

### WEIGHT WATCHERS

Weight Watchers meet every Thurs. night at the Lakeview Free Methodist Church. Park in the back (lower) parking lot. Weigh-ins start at 5 p.m.; meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome; wonderful supportive group.

### SHERIDAN VET ASSISTANCE

Robin Baily is currently on medical leave. She has been assisting veterans and/or widows of vets with filing claims for veterans entitlements. Barry Walter will be filling in for her. He will be at the Sheridan VFW Post Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Eric Halvorsen will be at the post every weekday to assist vets and/or vets' families who are in need of emergency relief to help pay bills, etc. Call for an appt.

### VFW MEETING

The Lester J. Sitts VFW Post and Auxiliary 5065 will meet on the 3rd Satur-

day of each month at 10 a.m.

### SIX LAKES DANCES AT THE VFW

The music of Randy & Julie at Six Lakes VFW, 1st and 3rd Sat. night of each month from 7-10:30 p.m. \$6/person. For info., call (989) 561-2226.

### NEW YEARS EVE DANCE & LUNCHEON

VFW Post 5602, 2195 W. Fleck Rd., will host a News Year's Eve dance at 8 p.m. Doors will open at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31. Randy & Julie's Good Time Band will provide the music. Cost: \$10/person with an included lunch to be served at 10:30 p.m. BYOB. NO reservation is required. Contact Commander Doug Paulson for info. at (989) 561-2226.

### SWISS STEAK SUPPER

At the Six Lakes VFW. 3rd Fri. of each month starting at 5 p.m. \$9/adult; \$7/small plate. Takeout is available; call (989) 365-3671.

### TRUFANT FOOT CARE CLINIC

A foot care clinic is available at the Maple Valley Complex on the 2nd Tue. of each month from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Bring a basin and towel. Cost: \$10/session.

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# Christmas in Lakeview: A Community Tradition



Looking good!

putting on either blue or pink frosting and sprinkles. Most of the restaurant tables were also filled with family and friends chit chatting about the day and eating lunch.

There was a Kids' Snack Giveaway at Village Kupps and a Goodie Bag Giveaway at Gigi's Boutique. There was also an Essential Oil Sampling at The Healing Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus made an appearance at the Lakeview Elevator. Kids were anxious to tell Santa what he or she would like for Christmas. After speaking to Santa, Mrs. Claus had the child pick out a gift out of a basket to take home.

The Lakeview Jaycees held a Holiday Fundraiser with "The Captain". A lucky person that bought a raffle ticket was drawn to receive a \$1,000 Visa gift card.

Christmas in Lakeview is a tradition. The people who came out to celebrate left with smiles on their faces. Thank you to all of the businesses and the people who helped make this year's Lakeview tradition a success.



A lucky winner of one of the Celebration of the Season's silent auction gift baskets

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Once the child's hands were washed he/she moved to the next table to turn their fingers into snowmen. And at the last table a person was assisting the kids by finishing off their ornament with a bow and a hook so later on they could hang it on the tree at home.

Carolers were heard all around downtown Lakeview as they sang Christmas songs by A Work of Art Studio. Bethel

Larsen was handing out goodie bags to all of the kids that walked by. The bags held an activity book titled *Come to Bethlehem and See!* and an ornament, once completed, would be of baby Jesus in a manger.

At Peddler's Patch there was a table sat up for kids to decorate a Gingerbread man ornament. Kids were busy at the table putting stickers, ribbon, craft pom poms, and pipe cleaners on the Gingerbread man to make him "one of a kind". There were also

cookies at the table if anyone wanted a snack.

The Community Center was busy with shoppers entering the building for the Craft and Vendors Show. Tables were set up with many items for sale. Some of the things that were available were jewelry, Scentsy warmers and blocks, baby clothes, and wooden signs.

McKenna's Village Restaurant had a table set up for people to come in and decorate a sugar cookie, or perhaps two, by



Erin Gorby plays the hammered dulcimer during the library open mic session



Megan Cogswell is busy at completing her Gingerbread house



Tamarack District Library's Gingerbread House craft helpers



Dr. Gary Padden reading a book to the children



Linda (elf) greeted people as they walked into the library

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Getting ready to play their bells

# Christmas in Lakeview: A Community Tradition



Carolers sang Christmas music in downtown Lakeview



Braiden Wright enjoying his cookie after decorating it at McKenna's Village Restaurant



Painting three fingers white for the Finger Painting Craft at A Work of Art Studio



Kids are painting their three fingers, that are painted on the ornament, to look like snowmen



Children at the Peddler's Patch decorating their Gingerbread ornaments



Jeremy Zuke with kids Eli, Naomi, and Caleb waiting for lunch at Main Street Pizza

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## Hometown Christmas Parade



We can't wait to see Santa!

By Kelly Wright

On Friday, December 2, 2016, people were hurrying home and taking the family to historic downtown Greenville for their Annual Hometown Christmas Parade. The street lights were decorated in white Christmas lights, wreaths, and garland. Since it gets dark around 6:00 p.m., parade participants knew that they had to "light" things up to help welcome Santa into town.

A Greenville Public Safety vehicle was first in the parade line with its lights flashing. The Boy

Scouts had a fantastic float complete with a Christmas tree and lights. The Greenville High School band played Christmas music that could be heard from a few blocks away. Also in parade attendance were Greenville's four elementary schools - Cedar Crest, Baldwin, Walnut, and Lincoln Heights. The students from the schools did a great job! There was also a live Nativity scene on a parade float. There were vehicles in the parade that were decorated in Christmas lights. Children were even riding scooters with Christmas lights.

Candy was tossed to children who hurried and scooped the candy up into a bag. There was even a few stockings given out to parade goers. Everyone was smiling and waving as they saw Santa roll into town in his sleigh. The fire department, along with another Public Safety Vehicle, ended the parade with their lights flashing and horns blaring.

The Hometown Christmas Parade was part of Christmas on the Green. The parade was sponsored by Isabella Bank.



A very festive parade float

# Holiday Celebration at MCC



Hailey Petersen visiting the craft tables

man Building on the MCC Greenville Campus each Wednesday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in G 211. Seth Sutton is the advisor. For additional information you can reach him at [seth.sutton@montcalm.edu](mailto:seth.sutton@montcalm.edu). DART was doing an awesome job for the guests. I found Chris Donazzolo, Ireland Stander and Navy Stander having a family photo taken with Santa.

Several MCC employees were helping with the yearly event. MCC Cultural Events Coordinator Karen Maxfield was all dressed up in her elf outfit and was assisting in the cafeteria. Debbie Alexander was seen helping Santa and MCC President Dr. Robert Ferrentino was also on hand to greet the families and make sure everything was well organized. The MCC Foundation and area businesses provided the funding for the event, while MCC and the Heritage Village organization helped with the Holiday Celebration, which was formerly known as Santa Super Sunday.

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Alvin Rush brought his big John Deere and wagon to MCC and provided a free ride for anyone who wished to go over to Heritage Village.

Catherine Hazekamp representing the Ionia ISD was manning an information table about the IM Kids 3rd Meal. The organization packs meals in paper bags that children can take home. It is an effort to end childhood hunger in Ionia and Montcalm Counties. If anyone would like to volunteer for this program you can contact them at (616) 225-7264 or E-mail: [imkids3rdmeal@gmail.com](mailto:imkids3rdmeal@gmail.com). They need people to make snack mixes, decorate bags, organize a food drive or host a fundraiser.

Brandy Minikey from Great Start Montcalm and Victoria Augustine representing EightCap-Head Start were working at the very busy craft tables in the gymnasium. One group was mixing oatmeal and sparkly sugar to feed to Santa's

Reindeer on Christmas Eve, and another project was making holiday window decorations. There were several different crafts for the children to do. Ryder Kelley even traveled from Grand Rapids to take part in the event.

There was a long line of children and parents waiting to visit with Santa Claus and have their photo taken. The MCC Digital Arts Department (DART) was providing this free service. DART is a student club that meet at the Bra-



Elf Karen Maxfield

### Quote of the Day

“Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values.” - Thomas S. Monson



Alvin Rush



DART Club taking photos



Craft tables



Ryder Kelly



Catherine Hazekamp

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