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TOWN TOPICS

March is Women's History Month. Just as we did with Black History Month, let's remember the many accomplishments of women. Our Remember When column will highlight women this month.

Last Saturday, the Lakeview Festival Committee hosted a Winter Celebration with events for people of all ages. Thank you, festival committee and volunteers, for all your hard work. See our coverage in this week's issue.

Can you believe there are only 5 weeks to Easter! March will give us Daylight Savings Time on the 14th when we set our clocks ahead one hour. Then St. Patrick's Day is on Wednesday, March 17, followed by Palm Sunday on the 28th. Hopefully by the end of the month we will be experiencing warmer weather.

Have a good week.

And the Battle Was On!



Let the Battle Begin!

By Randy Huckins

It will be known as the Lakeview Winter Campaign!

After a snowy night the night before, on Saturday, February 27, 2021 two forces challenged each other to a Nerf War at Lakeview's Lakeside Park.

The Green Team consisted of 12 combatants and the Orange Team had 11 combatants, all ages 15 and under. Most team members had more than one Nerf weapon and

multiple magazines loaded with Nerf bullets.

On the hillside, local residents watched the action like Francis Scott Key watched from the bow of the ship in Baltimore Harbor as Fort McHenry was attacked by the British Royal Navy in the War of 1812.

The rules of the Lakeview Engagement were simple,

1. Capture the opposing force's flag.

2. If hit, raise your arms and weapon and count to 10—slowly, then rejoin the attack.

3. Stay inside the battlefield outlined with the red paint in the snow.

The air was thick with a swarm of Nerf bullets as the teams progressed from one barrier to another on the way to the opposing team's home barrier with the flag.

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Marshall's Has a New Owner



Drake Boomer (left) with Rick Marshall.

By Linda Huckins

In January 2021, Drake Boomer bought Marshall's Mid Michigan Tent and Party and is looking forward to serving the tent and party needs of the Lakeview community just like Rick and Nancy Marshall have done for 24 years. The company will from now on be called Mid Michigan Tent and Party, dropping Marshall's from

the name.

"It is a gradual take over," Boomer said. "Rick and Nancy are helping with the transition, showing me the ropes. Then they will retire."

The business is not new to Boomer. He has worked for the Marshalls while going to college. Boomer graduated from Lakeview High School and then earned a business degree from Davenport

University in Grand Rapids. "My degree is a perfect fit for the business," he said.

The Marshalls have been wanting to retire and have been looking for someone to take over the company. They had worked with Boomer taking him under their wings and teaching him about the business, so he was the best choice to continue their work.

Mid-Michigan Tent and Party supplies tents and party equipment for all occasions, including weddings, graduations, reunions, and other outdoor events. In addition to tents, they provide tables, chairs, bounce houses, side walls for tents, lighting, heaters, pop corn and snow cone machines, dance floors and more.

COVID has had an effect on the business. "Normally the summer is busy with graduations, weddings, etc.," Boomer said, "but last year we lost the graduation business and people postponed weddings."

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New Chair Lift for LCWC Pool



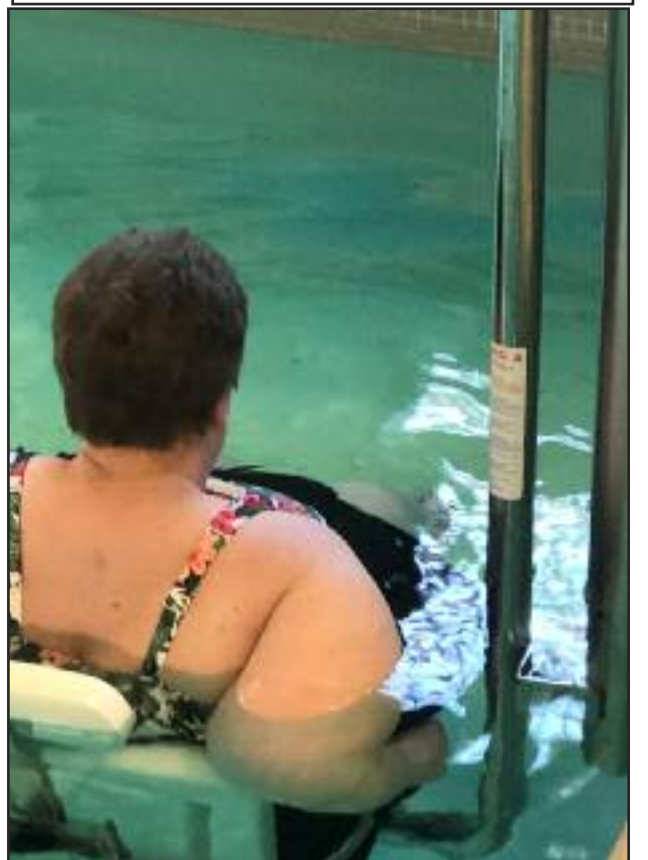
By Luann Koester

The Lakeview Community Wellness Center Foundation would like to express our gratitude to the Lakeview Area Community Foundation! Our new pool lift chair was installed last week and made ready for use. LCWC's pool is a shallow pool, and we keep it warmer than most pools for the comfort of those with arthritic conditions. The shallow depth makes it perfect for water walking and exercise for those with limited mobility issues.

Our new lift will make it safer and more accessible for those needing

the lift to get in and out of the pool. If you know somebody in the area that would benefit from exercise in the pool, please let them know. It is amazing what can be gained from exercise in the water.

We will always be grateful and remember Bud and Anne Martin and Ken and Betsy Leppink for the generosity in setting up these grants designated for LCWC, giving us money to make needed improvements like replacing our 20-year-old chair lift. We will always remember them and their legacy of generosity to our community.



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