

# Lakeview Area News

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## TOWN TOPICS

We were saddened to hear that **Lena Rader Meijer** passed away over the weekend at age 102. She was a Lakeview High School graduate, class of 1937 and one of the school's most successful alumni. She was a great supporter of the community of Lakeview and the *Lakeview Area News* as was her late husband, Fred. Fred and Lena were major donors of the Emergency Department at Spectrum Kelsey Hospital. She was a grand lady and leaves behind a wonderful legacy.

The ice skating rink in Lakeview is getting used. This is a great boost for our community.

The raffle tickets for Joe Tilton's Corvette that we told you about in last week's paper have been sold. See the story with drawing information on page 2.

## Lakeview Rural Health Clinic Coming Next Spring



Artist rendition of what the new Rural Health Clinic will look like

*Major expansion of outpatient facilities means convenience for patients, reduced cost of care*

By **Andrea Finnigan**  
Spectrum Health Newsroom

Spectrum Health has announced new building projects that will benefit patients in several West

Michigan locations (including Lakeview) with more convenient access to primary and specialty care close to home. The projects focus on expanding outpatient services and represent an investment of \$151 million in West Michigan patient care locations.

"Providing our communities with care that is high-quality and convenient, particularly for outpatient services, is essential to helping people live healthier lives," said Tina Freese Decker, President and CEO, Spectrum Health.

"We are committed to making investments that increase access to affordable health care."

### The Three Building Projects

**Grand Rapids: Medical Center – New Ambulatory Care Building** – This new 11-story 240,000 square foot building in downtown Grand Rapids will allow Spectrum Health to continue advancing education, research and clinical excellence in one location on the Medical Mile. It will bring together several outpatient services, including primary and specialty care, such as our heart and vascular and neurosciences clinics as well as residency clinics. The facility also will include a simulation center to train and educate physicians by utilizing applied experiential learning and hands-on innovative technology to improve patient safety and outcomes. (Opening Spring 2024)

**Lakeview Rural Health Clinic** – A new Rural Health Clinic will bring together much-needed outpatient care for the Lakeview community and surrounding

area in a convenient location. The 15,800 square foot building will relocate the Lakeview Family Medicine practice, outpatient rehabilitation and walk-in clinic from their current locations and provide space for specialty care services. (Opening Spring 2023)

**Big Rapids Primary Care Building** – The new 33,000 square foot building will house the Big Rapids Family Medicine clinic, the first Spectrum Health Urgent Care in the area, outpatient rehabilitation, occupational health and other ancillary services, which are currently located in the hospital. (Opening Spring 2023)

"We have listened to our community in prioritizing these building projects to improve access to exceptional care. We thank the physicians and community members who have helped develop these plans," said Darryl Elmouchi, MD, president, Spectrum Health West Michigan.

## Update on Skating Rink



A good day for hockey! Photo courtesy of Missy King

email the PTO for a pickup (lakeviewwildcatspto@gmail.com)

A local couple, who wish to remain anonymous are spearheading a project to build a shed to house the donated skates. Once it is built, people can borrow a pair of skates from the shed and return them when they are finished skating.

The couple is doing this for the community and said they don't need their name announced.

"I haven't decided if I will build the shed out of metal or wood," the anonymous builder said. "I plan on putting it on some sort of portable base with wheels so that it can be

rolled into a garage and stored during the off season."

He said that he plans on having the shed built within the next two or three weeks.

Looking to the future, the builder said that he would love to see lighting installed for night-time skating and maybe even music.

Borrowing the skates will probably be on the honor system but cameras are installed on the lot for security purposes. Details still need to be finalized.

Thank you to everyone who made this a reality. It is a boost for our community.

By **Linda Huckins**

It is good to see that the new ice skating rink in Lakeview is being used.

The Lakeview PTO is holding a Skate Drive to collect gently used and/or new skates, both figure and hockey. The skates will be available for use by anyone who would like to use the new rink but doesn't have his or her own skates.

To date the PTO has collected 17 skates in many sizes from 1-5. Many more sizes are needed, for both children and adult. If you would like to donate, there is a donation box for skates in the Municipal Complex building lobby.

Also, people can



Skates donated so far to the Lakeview PTO

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### Winter Forecast

Thurs., mostly cloudy, high 17, low 0; Fri., mostly sunny, high 20, low 8; Sat., pm snow showers, high 25, low 12; Sun., mostly cloudy, high 18, low 8; Mon., pm snow showers, high 18, low 4; Tues., partly cloudy, high 15, low 4.



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