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## TOWN TOPICS

Summerfest was well attended last weekend. Thank you to the festival committee and everyone who worked on the event.

Montcalm County Fair is currently taking place at the fairgrounds in Greenville this week through Saturday.

Coral Day will be this Saturday, June 25. Come out and support our sister community.

Dizzi Daze will be held in Six Lakes on July 1-4.

Sand Lake Fair and 4th of July Celebration will be on July 2nd and 3th.

## Summerfest 2022



Fife and Bugle group marching in the Summerfest Parade

By Linda Huckins

This past weekend, June 16 - 18, the Lakeview Festival Committee held its annual Summerfest festival and it was fun. After lockdowns and having to cancel the festival due to Covid concerns, it was wonderful to see the community come together having fun. If ever a festival was needed, it was now.

It started slowly on Thursday with just a few events: town-wide yard sales, a Carnival downtown, an Air Dogs

show at Lakeside Park, and a Euchre Tournament at the Beer Tent.

Things picked up on Friday. The yard sales continued into Saturday. Family Chiropractors sponsored a Shred Day in the morning where people could shred sensitive or unwanted documents. Lakeview Area Museum opened to the public Friday and Saturday and the Carnival and Air Dogs show went on in the afternoon.

The big event on Friday, however, was the Southside Street Party out-

side of Family Dollar. It was sponsored by Family Dollar with the Community Federal Credit Union (CFFCU) helping with the inflatables and games for the kids. Even CFFCU's Penny the Fox was there to greet everyone. The fire department had a bubble pool for kids to splash around in. It was a great time for people of all ages.

Bingo was held in the Beer Tent from 3-7 p.m. and the Firemen's Parade took place starting at dusk.

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## 100 Years and Still Going Strong



By Linda Huckins

There is a woman resident of Lakeview Terrace Senior Living in Lakeview that if you met her you would think she is an active 75-year-old. Well, you would be wrong! Belva Stout is a charming, intelligent, beautiful woman who turned 100 years old on Saturday, June 18. She celebrated this milestone with a birthday party at Lakeview Terrace on Friday, June 17, surrounded by family and friends.

There sure was a lot of family. Belva and her late husband Jack had eight children (John, Joyce, Ruth, Mike, George, Cindy, and twins Jean and Joe). Belva proudly said that every one of them went to college and all had fabulous jobs. Belva also has 16 grandchildren plus step grandchildren, over 35 great grandchildren, and one great great grandson.

She was born into a farming family on June 18, 1922 near Trufant and has lived in the area ever since. She grew up attending St. Clair Catholic Church in Coral and was baptized there. She went to Trufant High School, graduating at age 16.

"I met Jack at age 13. We went to the free shows and parties," she said. "We attended different schools, but he used to write me notes."

They were married in 1940 when Belva was age 18 and had been married for 72 years when he passed. Jack was also a farmer.

As one can imagine, a century of living has

seen many changes. "There were many firsts," she said, "such as the first TV and first microwave. I grew up in the Great Depression, but we always had enough food to eat."

Belva was a 4-H leader for over 15 years. She joined because her children were in 4-H. She organized the Coral Bells Garden Club, worked on the election board for all types of elections for 35 years, and was the bookkeeper for their potato farm. "We had lots of employees," she said, "so it was a lot of work."

Belva and Jack loved to travel and she boasts that she has visited all 50 states. They often traveled in their motor home and spend 30 winters in Zephyrhills, Florida.

"During the war, I worked in a glider factory in Greenville," she said. "That was a big thing."

She said that she likes to play cards, always had, and still plays cards with residents who are able to play.

"I played lots of golf in my life and have won many trophies," she said. "I was also a great deer hunting (rifle). The largest one I bagged was a 12-pointer. I also have gone elk hunting in Wyoming and have bagged two elk."

Belva calls herself an avid Tiger fan and says that she supports them even if they aren't winning.

Belva is also a long-time subscriber to the Lakeview Area News and was a fan of Virginia Christensen's column.

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## 2022 LCWC 5K Vitality Race



And they're off!

By Luann Koester

The weather could not have been more perfect for the LCWC Vitality 5k and Summerfest! The weather was perfect for a morning of running, walking and comradery with friends and fellow athletes for the 2022 Vitality 5k.

Many thanks to our generous community sponsors-Spectrum Health Kelsey Hospital, Leppinks Food Center, Community First Federal Credit Union, and Lakeview Family Chiropractors, they are all in-

strumental in bringing this annual event to our healthy community. Please support the businesses that give back to our community.

We believe this was the 21st annual Vitality 5k. The annual race began at the Lakeview Community Wellness Center as a benefit for the KCWC Foundation which operates the non-profit Fitness Center.

We had 154 registered participants this year!

Great thanks to the local businesses who took

part in our corporate challenge! The Community First Federal Credit Union and Lakeview Family Chiropractors were up to the challenge but in the end Community First Federal Credit Union brought in 63 participants and won the new trophy and bragging rights. The businesses had fun building their TEAM and TEAM building. We hope more of our local businesses participate next year.

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### Spring Forecast

**Thu** Sunny, high 85. Light N wind becoming WNW 5 to 9 in the morning. Wind gusts 18.

**Thu Night** Mostly clear, low 60.

**Fri** Mostly sunny, high 89.

**Fri Night** Partly cloudy, low 65.

**Sat** Mostly sunny and hot, high 90.

**Sat Night** Chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, low 64.

**Sun** Partly sunny, high 78.

**Sun Night** Partly cloudy, low 54.

**Mon** Sunny, high 78.



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