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On Monday and Tuesday our phones and fax line were not working. We hope to have this corrected by the time you receive this. Our email is working.

We are looking forward to warmer weather for the next few days. Hopefully, we will still have adequate ice for the ice fishing competition coming February 26 to March 1.

Winter Forecast

Thu Partly sunny, with a high near 32. Northwest wind 3 to 7 mph.

Thu Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18.

Fri Mostly sunny, with a high near 36.

Fri Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Sat Mostly sunny, with a high near 36.

Sat Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Sun A chance of rain and snow showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 36.

Sun Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Washington's Birthday Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.



Sky the Lakeview Elementary School Working Pup was Five February 2nd



Sky's birthday week donations went to the animal shelter. They included collars, leashes, food, treats, towels and small blankets.

Lakeview Community Wellness Center: A brief history and where we are going.



By Luann Koester

Celebrating Our Journey and Our Commitment to Wellness in our Community

The Lakeview Community Wellness Center has been a cornerstone of fitness and health in our area for three decades. Established in 1991, LCWC began as an idea by Kelsey Memorial physical therapists who recognized the need for folks to continue their wellness journey as an extension of physical therapy. Our community came together, worked so hard in the effort and brought the dream of a

local fitness center to fruition.

We celebrate that we have been here for our community for over 30 years! To have a full fitness center, with free weights, cardio equipment and a pool, in a small, little village like ours is amazing some folks can't believe it's here when they discover it.

A little more history: When Kelsey Hospital was sold to United Memorial Hospital, LCWC was let go and given back to the community with a debt of over \$700,000. As our own community non-profit, LCWC continued to lease

physical therapy space to Spectrum/Corewell Health until June 2024. This income helped LCWC pay down our debt. In June 2024 Corewell Health Physical Therapy moved to the new building on M-46. At that time LCWC lost more than \$55,000 annual income.

Throughout its history, LCWC has remained committed to its mission: We are dedicated to a partnership in creating mental, emotional, physical and spiritual vitality. Vitality for life! We partner with local employers to bring fitness opportunities to employees and offer free

memberships to local fire fighters and police officers. We also offer deeply discounted memberships to some people unable to pay for regular memberships.

We are very grateful for annual grants from the Lakeview Area Community Foundation through the Bud and Anne Martin Fund and the Kenneth and Betsy Leppink Fund. These funds were set up for the benefit of LCWC and have helped LCWC make needed repairs and replace equipment over the years.

Without the generosity of these two funds LCWC may not be here today. The Meijer Founda-

tion has also been instrumental in helping LCWC begin and maintain our building. Many local businesses and families have contributed to our beginning and helped support LCWC through the years including the Bank of Lakeview, Tom Harkens, the Leppink Family in memory of Kent Leppink, the family of Kim and Sharyl Griffith and many, many others.

Last January we paid off our entire mortgage debt-thankfully!

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