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Good morning -- 12 things to do today

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The Island Park Beach House in Cedar Falls finally has been rebuilt following the 2008 flood and is open to the public fo

Good morning, Cedar Valley! It's Saturday, May 7, 2016.

Today in the Cedar Valley: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. North wind 9 to 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 45. North wind 5 to 9 mph becoming light northwest after midnight.

Today in the Cedar Valley:

--- A Belgian Waffle Breakfast will be 8 to 11 a.m. at the Cedar Falls Women's Club, 304 Clay St.

--- The 13th annual Run Like A Mother 4 Mile Run/Walk will be 8 a.m. at Island Park in Cedar Falls. It is put on by Chicks for Change, the Cedar Valley's committee of the Iowa Women's Foundation.

--- Farmers markets are opening for the season today -- RiverLoop Plaza in Waterloo from 8 a.m. to noon; Cedar Falls at Overman Park from 8:30 a.m. to noon; and Kimball Ridge Family Market in Waterloo from 8 a.m. to noon.

--- A plant sale will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cedar Valley Arboretum and Botanic Gardens on East Orange Road, Waterloo. Admission is free to the plant sale. Admission to the arboretum is \$3.

--- Today is graduation day at the University of Northern Iowa. Graduations will be 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the McLeod Center, Cedar Falls.

--- Tri-County Spring Fling will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 800 Milwaukee Ave., Waterloo. The fun fair is a thank you to all of the families and volunteers for participating in Tri-County Child and Family Development during the past year. Food, music and activities are provided.

- UNI softball will play Illinois State at noon (double header) at Robinson-Dresser Complex on 12th Street, Cedar Falls. Tickets available at the gate."
- Public ice skating will be 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Young Arena, 125 Commercial St., Waterloo. Admission is \$5 with a \$3 skate rental fee.
- Coe College will play Wartburg in baseball at Wartburg at 1 p.m.
- Today is the final performance of Disney's "The Little Mermaid Jr." by Black Hawk Children's Theatre. The show will be 2 p.m. at the Waterloo Center for the Arts, 225 Commercial St. For tickets, go to www.wcpbhct.org.
- The Island Park Beach House open house will be 2 to 10:30 p.m. at 218 Center St., Cedar Falls. Help celebrate the opening of the new beach house, built after the old beach house was destroyed in the 2008 flood. The Cedar Falls Municipal Band will kick things off, along with burgers and hot dogs. Bouncy houses are available for the kids, and closing the celebration will be The 3rd Street Band. Bring your own drinks and chairs.
- Waverly-Shell Rock will play Waterloo West in girls' soccer at 5 p.m. at Sloan Wallace Stadium, Waterloo.
- The KBBG banquet will be 6 p.m. at Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center, 200 W. Fourth St. This is a fundraiser for KBBG public radio. Guest speaker is Mayor Quentin Hart.
- The Waterloo Black Hawks will play Tri-City in the Clark Cup playoffs at 7 p.m. at Young Arena, 125 Commercial St., Waterloo. For tickets, call 291-7680 or go to www.waterlooblackhawks.com.
- The Hoppers will perform a gospel concert at 7 p.m. at Riverview Conference Center, 429 N. Division St., Cedar Falls. The multi-award winning family group has been singing together for more than 55 years.



Cedar Falls christens new beach house Saturday



KBBG banquet May 7