



Putting the 'Country' in Starved Rock Country

A COUNTRY NIGHT FOR A CAUSE

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Program & Auction Catalog

Live Music • Great Food • Exciting Auctions • Lasting Community Impact

Saturday, February 28, 2026
Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club

Benefiting

Starved Rock Country Community Foundation

Connecting People Who Care with Causes That Matter

NOT MY FIRST RODEO



A COUNTRY NIGHT FOR A CAUSE
February 28, 2026

Welcome to a Country Night for a Cause

Thank you for joining us for a night of country fun with a purpose. Tonight's event brings together friends, neighbors, businesses, and community leaders — all united by a shared commitment to strengthening Starved Rock Country.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation, supporting scholarships, grants, and community initiatives that make a lasting impact across our region.

We are grateful for your support and hope you enjoy every moment of the evening.

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Starved Rock Country Community Foundation

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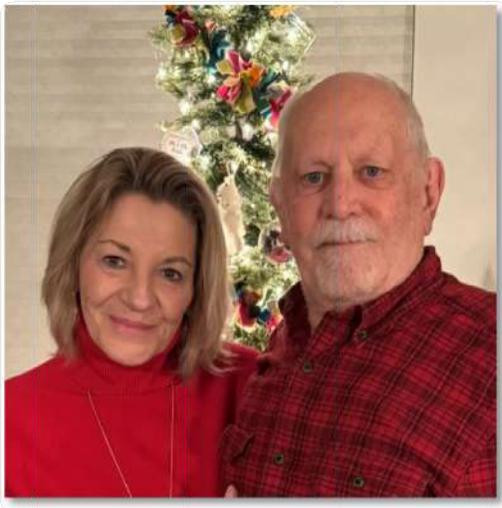
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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION



The Starved Rock Country Community Foundation (SRCCF) connects people who care with causes that matter by managing charitable funds that benefit our community.

Guided by stewardship. Grounded in community. Focused on the future.



PAMELA AND CHUCK BECKETT, CO-FOUNDERS

“What began as a vision has grown into a trusted resource for our community. Through this Foundation, we have connected generous donors to scholarships that open doors for local students, grants that strengthen nonprofit organizations and partnerships that address real needs across our region. None of this happens without careful stewardship and a deep respect for the community we serve. I am proud of what we have accomplished together and grateful for the trust that continues to guide this work forward.”

“To learn more about our work and the impact made possible through community generosity, I invite you to visit our website and explore our Community Impact Statement.”

\$3.81M

Total assets
under management

\$3.48M

Funds distributed
Within the community

951

Scholarships, Grants and
Disaster Relief Funds

As of January 2026



Scan here for our Genuine Impact

Thank You to Our Sponsors

This evening would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors. Their support strengthens our communities and ensures that more resources go directly to scholarships, grants, and nonprofit partners across Starved Rock Country.

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HIGH NOON SPONSOR

We are proud to recognize Board Member
Tracy Bedeker and her husband Dan as our **HIGH NOON SPONSOR**

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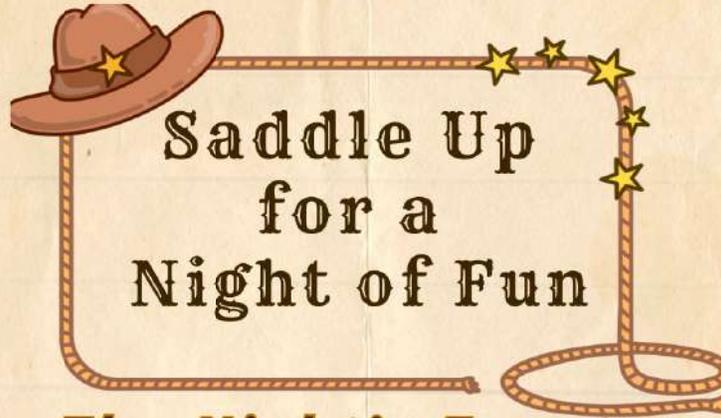


SPECIAL RECOGNITION



We are continually grateful to our friends at **HR Imaging** for their outstanding contributions of time, talent, design, and printing.

Please remember to support the businesses that support our communities.



Saddle Up for a Night of Fun

The Night's Events

5:30 PM | Event Opens

Saddle up and enjoy the evening!
Check-in, cocktails, games, and silent
auction open.

Games Open All Night:

- Buckin' Bronco – Test your cowboy grit
- Bags Tournament – Perfect score wins a cowboy hat
- 50/50 Raffle – Cash prize up for grabs
- Silent Auction – W-O-W... don't miss these items

6:30 PM | Welcome to the Ranch

Opening remarks
Special recognition - Elevate Members

6:45 PM | Buffet Dinner

Fuel up and get ready for a lively night ahead

7:15 PM | The Emcees Take the Reins

Game highlights, contests, and how to play

7:20 PM | Live Auction Begins

Hold onto your hats!

- Heads or Tails showdown
- Mission Moment
- Paddle Raise

8:15 PM | Silent Auction closes

8:30 PM | Contest Winners Announced

- 50/50
- Best Cowboy/Best Cowgirl
- Best Country Spirit Table

8:40 PM | Live Music

River Road Trio

Country entertainment to keep your
boots moving

10:15 PM | Final Thank You & Toast

A heartfelt toast to the cowboys and
cowgirls who made the night
unforgettable.



Schedule subject to change.

KEEPIN' THE CROWD ROLLIN'

(Our Emcees from Starved Rock Media)

Emcee DUO – Both from Starved Rock Media!

John Spencer



We are honored to have John Spencer, the President/General Manager at Starved Rock Media, as our Emcee this evening.

John grew up on a farm near Jacksonville, Illinois, and spent many nights in his room listening to music and sports on the radio. He led the congregation of a local church in song at an early age, began DJ'ing with a boombox on the school bus, and started broadcasting morning announcements in high school.

He attended Western Illinois University, the American Institute of Commerce, and is a graduate of the National Association of Broadcasters Leadership Training Program.

Over three decades ago, John was fortunate to be hired for commercial production and to host the 99.3 WAJK morning show. In the 30 years since he was behind the microphone for countless shows, appeared at hundreds of remote broadcasts, hosted many events and has done just about everything you can do in and on the radio. He also helped raise two great young professionals, a son who is news director at WQAD-TV in the Quad Cities, and a daughter who is a program manager at PWC in Richmond.

In 2019, John and long-time LaSalle County Broadcasting chief engineer Steve Vogler formed Starved Rock Media to purchase WAJK, WLPO and 96.5 the Wolf and keep the stations local.

John lives in Princeton with his partner Linda. He enjoys live music, traveling, hiking, bowling, golf and giving back to a community that has given him so much.

Jaimie London



Jaimie London is a familiar and trusted voice across Starved Rock Country, serving as a co-host of Starved Rock Media's *No Name Morning Show*, airing weekday mornings on 99.3 WAJK and 96.5 the WOLF. With her upbeat energy and genuine connection to listeners, Jaimie helps start each day by highlighting local happenings, community stories, and the people who make this region special.

As Morning Co-Host alongside Brad Spelich, Jaimie brings a vibrant, relatable on-air presence that blends music, humor, and conversation with a strong sense of place. Her ability to connect with listeners comes from a natural warmth and authenticity that resonates across generations, making the show a favorite part of the morning routine for many throughout the Illinois Valley.

Beyond the microphone, Jaimie's work reflects a deep commitment to the communities her station serves. She actively participates in and promotes regional events, local news, and community initiatives—helping give voice to the small-town stories, milestones, and moments that matter most throughout the LaSalle–Peru market and greater Starved Rock Country.

We're grateful to have Jaimie with us tonight as co-emcee, helping keep the energy high, the evening moving, and the fun rolling as we celebrate community and impact together.

Marty McConville

Our Auctioneer



Marty McConville, a seasoned auctioneer with over four decades of experience, has dedicated his life to the art of selling land, particularly farmland. Growing up on his family farm, established in 1848, he has a deep-rooted connection to the land and agriculture. Marty brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to every auction. In addition, Marty generously lends his time and talent as an auctioneer to charitable organizations and works to achieve the highest level of success through fundraising auctions. Beyond his auctioneering career, Marty is a co-owner of McConville Realty & Auctioneering. As a real estate agent and broker, he extends his services to include the sale of residential and commercial properties. His extensive knowledge of the local market and his commitment to providing exceptional service make him a trusted advisor to clients.

In addition to his land-based endeavors, Marty also has a love for the water. With over 20 years of experience, he is a 100-ton boat captain and currently captains the St. Genevieve River Boat in Ottawa. Marty's diverse background and passion for both land and water make him a unique and accomplished individual.

We are honored to have Marty's commitment to excellence, compassion and generosity with us tonight.

BOOT-STOMPIN' LIVE MUSIC

RIVER ROAD TRIO

Our Music



River Road Trio is a popular local country band formed in 2011, featuring **Jonelle Carter, Terry Carter, and Kyle Ripsch**. Based in Illinois, the trio blends crowd-favorite covers with original music that has earned regional, national, and even international recognition.

After releasing their debut album *Unloaded* in 2017, River Road Trio saw several singles gain radio and television exposure, including appearances on **NBC, FOX, WGN Chicago**, and other major outlets. In 2019, their song "**Anymore**" became an international line-dance hit, reaching **#1 on the Austrian charts** in 2021. Their single "**Freedom of Love**" later earned a **Midwest Country Music Award nomination**.

Frontwoman **Jonelle Carter**, a Seneca native, has been writing music since childhood and serves as the band's primary songwriter. **Terry Carter**, a vocalist and guitarist from Dwight, Illinois, brings decades of touring experience, including performances with country star **Sammy Kershaw**. **Kyle Ripsch**, a pianist and vocalist from Coal City, Illinois, rounds out the trio with extensive studio and live performance experience.

River Road Trio continues to record, release new music, and entertain audiences across Illinois and beyond — and tonight, they're bringing that energy to **A Country Night for a Cause**.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



ELEVATE Giving Circle

Far beyond traditional philanthropy, **ELEVATE** is a **collaborative, participatory giving circle** that brings together community members to collectively support the work and mission of the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation.

As an ELEVATE member, you are part of a powerful network that values:

- Philanthropic synergy
- Collective wisdom
- Meaningful networking
- Social connections with like-minded individuals
- Informed, community-focused decision-making



ELEVATE members pictured:
Bob Eschbach, John Ross,
Karen and Nelson Nussbaum,
Ethel McConnell, Larry Windsor,
Pamela Beckett

ELEVATE members not pictured:
Chuck Beckett,
Sharon Coleman,
Steve Aubry, David Eller,
Tracy and Dan Bedeker,
Jim and Liz Ferrero

By pooling knowledge, energy, and financial resources, ELEVATE members help strengthen the **operations and administration of SRCCF** to make a **greater impact than any of us could ever do alone.**

Interested in become an **ELEVATE** member?
Contact Pamela Beckett at 815-830-0202.



Tracy Bedeker, **ELEVATE** member



PADDLES UP, BOOTS ON, AND LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

This is where the bids get bigger, the laughs get louder, and the good times really roll. Led by the one and only **Auctioneer Party Marty McConville**, our Live Auction is packed with one-of-a-kind items and experiences you won't want to let slip by.

Every bid you make helps support the **Starved Rock Country Community Foundation's mission to strengthen our community through meaningful grants and initiatives** — so bid high, bid proud, and enjoy the ride.

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

Live Auction #L1

An Unforgettable In-Home Cooking Experience for Six in Your Home OR a culinary party for Twelve at the Ottawa Lions Clubhouse



Imagine turning your home into a private culinary stage for one unforgettable evening. Planning a themed event or an unforgettable surprise party? With event planner Tony at the helm, every detail comes together for a truly memorable experience.

Six friends, your house OR a culinary party for 12 at the Ottawa Lions Clubhouse, a chef, a show, and wine on the table — who's raising a paddle?

This exclusive in-home cooking experience brings **Tony Einhaus**, event planner and caterer extraordinaire of **Thee Ultimate Party**, and **Sally Van Cura**, friend of the Foundation and former host of her own **In the American Kitchen** cooking show.

Have your home transformed into an intimate culinary stage — **complete with a beautifully dressed table and thoughtfully curated dining décor** tailored to your theme or occasion. From linens and table settings to finishing touches that elevate the evening, everything is designed so you can simply enjoy being the host.

Your evening for six includes:

- Chef-driven culinary creativity
- Engaging storytelling and live cooking moments
- Thoughtfully paired wine
- A fully styled dining table with themed or classic décor
- Professional service and seamless hosting
- Exceptional food from first course to final bite

This is more than a meal — it's a private dinner party with built-in entertainment, thoughtfully planned to perfection. Every detail is handled, every moment is intentional, and every guest leaves impressed.

Details: Experience for 6 in-home guests OR a party of 12 at the Ottawa Lions Clubhouse | Date and menu coordinated with the hosts | Must be used during 2026

Who's ready to host this one-of-a-kind in-home culinary party that everyone will be talking about?

Estimated Value: \$1,400

Starting Bid: \$600

Tony Einhaus | Thee Ultimate Party
Sally M Van Cura | Marketing and Community Outreach Contractor

Live Auction #L2

Private Tito's Party Cruise for 12



Adventure Time on the Illinois River; Private 47' Trawler Cruise for Family or Friends
Step aboard and cast off for an unforgettable adventure on the water.

Four hours, a 47-foot yacht, Tito's flowing, and Starved Rock views from the water — who's ready to cruise with Party Marty?

This exclusive four-hour private cruise aboard the stunning 47-foot trawler *Adventure Time* is generously donated by Captain Party Marty himself, offering a rare opportunity to experience Starved Rock Country from the peaceful waters of the Illinois River.

Available Monday through Thursday, this one-of-a-kind experience blends relaxation, scenery, and pure fun. The vessel features two comfortable bedrooms, two bathrooms, a cozy sitting area, and a fully equipped kitchen — everything you need for a smooth and memorable outing.

As you glide along the river, take in sweeping views of lush landscapes, dramatic bluffs, and local wildlife — a perspective of Starved Rock Country few ever get to see. Whether you're hosting friends, spending quality time with family, or simply looking to unplug and unwind, this cruise delivers big on memories.

And because this is *Party Marty* we're talking about, the experience is topped off with Tito's and T-shirts, making this cruise equal parts laid-back luxury and good-time fun.

Details:

- Four-hour private cruise
- Available Monday–Thursday
- Two bedrooms | Two baths
- Fully equipped kitchen & indoor seating
- Tito's and commemorative T-shirts included

Marty McConville
McConville Realty & Auctioneering

Estimated Value: \$1,500
Starting Bid: \$550

Live Auction #L3

ROCK SOLID: Seven yards of Concrete Ready to pour the foundation for your next big project?

This rock-solid package includes seven yards of premium concrete, generously donated by Princeton Redi-Crete — perfect for turning plans into reality.



Concrete you can actually use — patios, driveways, projects big and small — who's ready to pour some value and start me at six hundred?

Whether you're dreaming up a new patio, upgrading your driveway, setting posts, or tackling that long-awaited outdoor improvement, this is the kind of practical, high-value item that gets real results fast. No fluff here — just serious value that will last for years to come.



How many square feet are in a yard of concrete

Thickness in inches	1"	2"	3"	4"	5"	6"	7"	8"	9"	10"	11"	12"
How many square feet in a yard	320	160	107	81	65	54	46	40	36	32	29	27

Estimated Value: \$1,500
Starting Bid: \$600

Keith Cain, former SRCCF Board Member
Princeton Redi-Crete

Live Auction #L4

Where's the Beef? Quarter Side of Beef Extravaganza

Get ready for the best cookouts of your life.

Two hundred pounds of premium local beef, processing included — steaks, roasts, and bragging rights — who's ready to fill their freezer and start me at seven hundred?



Estimated Value: \$1,500
Starting Bid: \$600

This quarter side of premium beef — processing included — comes straight from Dimmick Township, right here in LaSalle County, raised by fifth-generation farmers who know their craft. This is beef done right.

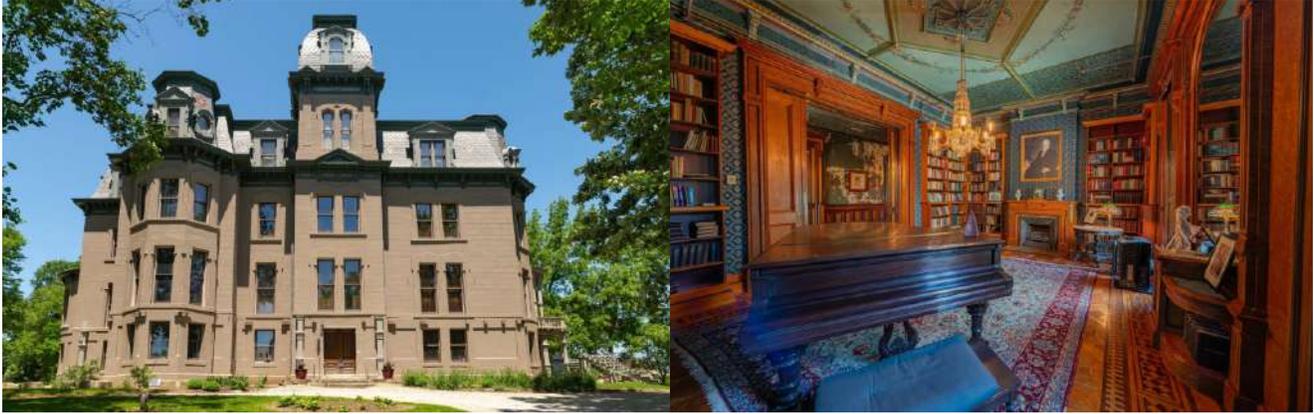
Grass-fed and corn-finished for exceptional flavor and tenderness, this locally raised beef is free from growth hormones and antibiotics. With an approximate 200 pounds dressed weight, you'll take home a freezer full of top-quality cuts — steaks, roasts, and everything in between — ready to fuel months of backyard grilling, family meals, and unforgettable gatherings.

This isn't just beef — it's local pride, farm-to-table flavor, and serious value wrapped into one incredible package.

Martha Small, Board Member and Gary Small
North Utica

Live Auction #L5

Hegeler Carus Museum – “Cover to Cover” Historical Night Out



Who in your life has always wanted to tour the Hegeler Carus Mansion — and wouldn't it be special to experience it together?

Step back into the elegance of the Gilded Age with a private “Cover to Cover” historical experience inside this iconic National Historic Landmark, built in 1876 and designed by renowned architect W.W. Boyington. This is not a standard tour — it's a deeper, more immersive journey through time.

Designed for up to 10 guests, this guided experience offers an in-depth exploration of the mansion's beautifully preserved interiors, featuring intricate woodwork, hand-painted details, remarkable architecture, and the captivating stories of the Hegeler and Carus families — whose influence helped shape the history of LaSalle County and beyond.

Taking place during regular mansion hours, the tour offers flexibility and endless possibilities: a meaningful daytime outing with friends, a memorable experience for parents or relatives, or a truly unforgettable gift for history lovers, milestone celebrations, or family gatherings.

To complete the experience, the package includes a \$300 gift certificates, allowing your group to continue the day with lunch, dinner, or drinks — sharing conversation, reflection, and connection long after the tour ends.

This is more than a visit — it's a shared moment, a story to tell, and a memory to treasure.

Includes:

- Private “Cover to Cover” guided tour for up to 10 guests
- Approximately 2.5-hour immersive experience
- Flexible scheduling during regular mansion hours
- \$300 in area restaurant gift certificates

Estimated Value: \$1,500 + \$300 gift certificate

Starting Bid: \$600

Tour date and time to be scheduled by arrangement with the Mansion.

Gift certificate is included to explore the surrounding establishments.

Live Auction #L6

Weekend Getaway at The Pear Tree Lane Farmhouse

A Picture-Perfect Farmhouse Weekend for Eight near Princeton. Slow down, unplug, and escape to the kind of place where time feels a little gentler.

Eight people, a gorgeous farmhouse, rolling fields, small-town charm, and a full weekend escape — who's ready to bid on peace and quiet?



This unforgettable weekend retreat is set in a tranquil, newly remodeled farmhouse near Princeton's famed **Red Covered Bridge**, surrounded by rolling green fields and classic Midwest charm. Hosted on a mutually agreed-upon date with **E. Michael and Sue Stutzke**, this beautiful three-bedroom, two-bath home comfortably sleeps up to eight guests.

Originally built in 1920, the farmhouse has been thoughtfully refreshed while preserving its original floor plan and character — from the bright white kitchen with farmhouse sink, to the exposed brick chimney, cozy gathering spaces, and sun-filled rooms. A pull-out sofa in the sunroom provides additional sleeping space, making it perfect for family or friends.

Step outside and take in the views: an original 1886 walnut hand-hewn barn, horse pastures, a classic windmill, and wide-open skies in every direction. This is Midwest farm living at its finest.

The experience continues with time to explore the charming town of Princeton, complete with a \$250 gift certificate so it can be used at the local establishments — perfect for shopping, dining, and discovering all this beloved community has to offer.

Details:

Weekend stay for up to 8 guests
3 bedrooms | 2 baths
Pull-out sofa in sunroom

Date coordinated with hosts
Includes \$250 Gift Certificate

Estimated Value: \$850 + \$250 gift certificate
Starting Bid: \$350

E. Michael Stutzke, Board Member and Sue Stutzke
Includes \$250 Gift Certificate to enjoy the many Princeton establishments

Live Auction #L7

All-Inclusive – World of Hyatt Resorts (Land Only-Airfare not included) – selection of Cancun, Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, Riviera Maya, Cozumel, Huatulco, Ixtapa, Mexico or Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

Starting Bid - **FIRM**: \$2,000



ELEVATED ALL-INCLUSIVE

WORLD OF HYATT RESORTS DESIGNED FOR YOU IN EITHER CANCUN, CABO SAN LUCAS, PUERTO VALLARTA, RIVIERA MAYA, COZUMEL, HUATULCO, IXTAPA, MEXICO OR PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
2 PEOPLE, 4 NIGHTS

- 5 DAYS AND 4 NIGHTS IN A STUDIO ROOM AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SAMPLE RESORTS: DREAMS VALLARTA, DREAMS CABO, DREAMS RIVIERA MAYA, DREAMS CANCUN, DREAMS HUATULCO, SECRETS VALLARTA, SECRETS COZUMEL, SUNSCAPE PUERTO VALLARTA, SUNSCAPE COZUMEL, SUNSCAPE IXTAPA, HYATT ZIVA RIVIERA, HYATT ZILARA RIVIERA MAYA OR HYATT VIVID GRAND ISLAND CANCUN (COMPLETE HOTEL LIST AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)
- ALL MEALS, SNACKS AND BEVERAGES, INCLUDING ALCOHOL
- GRATUITIES AND HOTEL TAXES

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: PACKAGE FOR COUPLES ONLY. NO MORE THAN TWO COUPLES ARE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL TOGETHER. TRAVEL PACKAGE IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. CERTIFICATES/GIFT CARDS CANNOT BE REPLACED. TRAVELERS MUST BE RESIDENTS OF EITHER THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA. PASSPORT REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE U.S. PARTICIPATING PROPERTIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. TRAVEL IS VALID FOR 18 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE. HOLIDAY TRAVEL DATES MAY BE AVAILABLE AT AN ADDITIONAL COST, BUT AVAILABILITY IS NOT GUARANTEED. BLACKOUT DATES: DEC 19- JAN 4. ANY UPGRADES, ADDITIONAL NIGHTS, OR ADDING ADDITIONAL GUESTS MUST BE BOOKED DIRECTLY WITH THE RESORT AFTER THE ORIGINAL PACKAGE BOOKING IS COMPLETED. A MINIMUM 60 DAY ADVANCE RESERVATION IS REQUIRED. CANCELLATION POLICY: CANCELLATION MORE THAN 16 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IS SUBJECT TO REBOOKING WITH FULL CREDIT. CANCELLATION LESS THAN 16 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IS SUBJECT TO A 2- NIGHT PENALTY.

Travel packages are professionally fulfilled by our travel partner; certificates and redemption instructions are provided to the winning bidder at checkout.

Live Auction #L8

Family Adventure

Blast Off to Florida's Space Coast – Cocoa Beach or Melbourne Beach, Florida (Land Only-Airfare not included)

Starting Bid - **FIRM** - \$3,200



BLAST OFF TO FLORIDA'S SPACE COAST

**COCOA BEACH OR MELBOURNE BEACH FLORIDA
4 PEOPLE (2 ADULTS AND 2 CHILDREN), 3 NIGHTS**

- 4 DAYS, 3 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATIONS AT EITHER THE HILTON COCOA BEACH OCEANFRONT OR THE HILTON MELBOURNE BEACH OCEANFRONT IN ONE GUESTROOM
- ALL ROOM-RELATED TAXES
- TWO-DAY ADMISSION TICKET TO THE KENNEDY SPACE CENTER VISITOR COMPLEX
- CHAT WITH AN ASTRONAUT
- KSC EXPLORE TOUR
- FREE CONCIERGE RESERVATION SERVICE

TRAVEL PACKAGE IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. CERTIFICATES/GIFT CARDS CANNOT BE REPLACED. HOTEL MAY BE SUBSTITUTED WITH EQUAL OR SIMILAR ACCOMMODATIONS. BLACKOUT DATES: APR 2-5, JUL 2-5. CHAT WITH AN ASTRONAUT OPERATES ON SPECIFIC DAYS OF THE WEEK AND AT SPECIFIC TIMES. A MINIMUM 45 DAY ADVANCE RESERVATION IS REQUIRED. TRAVEL IS VALID FOR 18 MONTHS FROM DATE OF ISSUE. CHAT WITH AN ASTRONAUT AND EXPLORE TOUR MAY BE SUBSTITUTED WITH EQUAL OR SIMILAR EXPERIENCES IF CLOSED DUE TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT OR LAUNCH PREPARATIONS.

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Please note that Live Auction Item #L9 has been replaced and updated.

Live Auction Update – Item #L9



Lake Geneva Late Summer & Fall Getaway Experience

Donated by Cedar Key Development

Escape to the beauty of Lake Geneva with a relaxing and indulgent lakeside retreat — the perfect blend of late-summer warmth and crisp fall charm.



This Exclusive Offer Includes:

- **Two-Night Stay at The Abbey Resort – Fontana, Wisconsin**
Enjoy a two-night stay in a standard guest room (one king or two queen beds). Located directly on the shores of Lake Geneva, The Abbey Resort offers marina views, cozy elegance, and peaceful resort charm.
- **Dinner for Two at Calamari Restaurant – Williams Bay**
A \$200 dining voucher to savor exceptional Italian cuisine and fresh seafood in an inviting lakeside atmosphere.
- **Two One-Day Passes to Avani Spa at The Abbey Resort**
Full access to spa amenities including:
 - Indoor pool
 - Hot tub
 - Steam room
 - Sauna



Valid August 15 – November 15 (subject to availability).

Due to high demand at The Abbey Resort, reservations must be secured within **two weeks** of this event.

Whether you're enjoying golden sunsets over the marina, strolling charming lakeside towns, or relaxing at the spa, this getaway offers romance, renewal, and unforgettable lakefront memories.

Perfect for an anniversary, couples retreat, or peaceful weekend escape.

Bid generously and treat yourself to Lake Geneva at its most beautiful.

We are grateful for this generous addition to our Live Auction lineup and appreciate your attention to this updated listing.

Value: \$1,100

Starting Bid: \$450

Live Auction #L10

NASHVILLE RHYTHMS AND OPRY LEGENDS NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Nashville, Tennessee (Land Only-airfare not included)

Starting Bid: **FIRM:** \$2,950

If you love country music, this one's calling your name — who wants Nashville?



COUNTRY MUSIC IN MUSIC CITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
2 PEOPLE, 3 NIGHTS

- 4 DAYS, 3 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATIONS AT YOUR CHOICE OF LOEWS VANDERBILT HOTEL, THE BANKERS ALLEY HOTEL BY HILTON OR DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL NASHVILLE DOWNTOWN
- ALL ROOM-RELATED TAXES
- GRAND OLE OPRY HOUSE BACKSTAGE TOUR
- DISCOVER NASHVILLE CITY TOUR, INCLUDING ADMISSION TO THE RYMAN AUDITORIUM AND THE COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM
- COMPLIMENTARY WIFI
- FREE CONCIERGE RESERVATION SERVICE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: CANNOT BE REPLACED. TOUR RUNS ON SPECIFIC DAYS OF THE WEEK AND AT SPECIFIC TIMES. IF TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE, IT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED WITH EQUAL OR SIMILAR EXPERIENCE. BLACKOUT DATES: JUNE 9-11, COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS WEEKEND AND OCT 13-17. A MINIMUM 45 DAY ADVANCE RESERVATION IS REQUIRED. TRAVEL IS VALID FOR 18 MONTHS FROM DATE OF ISSUE.

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Live Auction #L11

SIGNED & AUTHENTICATED OLYMPIC ART PROOF **Olga Korbut on the Balance Beam**



This isn't just art. It's history in motion.

It captures the very moment when gymnastics — and the Olympics themselves — changed forever.

THE ARTIST.

This exceptional signed and authenticated proof comes from a private collection by the late **LeRoy Neiman**, one of America's most celebrated artists and the official artist of five Olympic Games. Neiman was renowned for capturing movement, emotion, and once-in-a-lifetime moments in sport, and his Olympic works remain among the most sought-after in fine sports art.

OLYMPIC HISTORY.

The artwork depicts **Olga Korbut** on the balance beam — an unforgettable image of the gymnast who changed the sport forever. Korbut electrified the world at the **1972 and 1976 Summer Olympic Games**, earning **four gold medals and two silver medals**, and redefining gymnastics with her daring, grace, and emotional connection to the audience.

This is more than an image — it's a captured moment from an era when the Olympics transformed global sport and culture.

A rare convergence of **Olympic history, fine art, and cultural legacy**, this authenticated proof is a striking addition for collectors of sports art, Olympic memorabilia, or anyone drawn to moments that redefine greatness.

COLLECTOR'S NOTE:

Original signed and authenticated proof from a private LeRoy Neiman collection. Proofs of Neiman's Olympic works are produced in extremely limited numbers, rarely available at public auction, and highly prized by collectors of fine art, sports history, and Olympic memorabilia.

Value: \$3,500

Starting Bid: \$1,500

- From the private collection of –
E. Michael Stutzke, Board Member and Sue Stutzke

Live Auction #L12

Live the Ferrari Dream – Maranello & Modena, Italy

An experience of a LIFETIME - Live the Ferrari Dream
Maranello, Italy (Land Only-Airfare not included)
Starting Bid - **FIRM**: \$3,400

Three nights in Italy, a Ferrari beneath your hands, and the birthplace of automotive legend — who's ready to live the Ferrari dream?



LIVE THE FERRARI DREAM

**MARANELLO, ITALY
2 PEOPLE, 3 NIGHTS**

- 4 DAYS, 3 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATIONS IN A FOUR STAR HOTEL IN HISTORIC MODENA CITY CENTER
- BREAKFAST DAILY
- FERRARI PORTOFINO TEST DRIVE IN MARANELLO
- WORLD OF FERRARI MUSEUM IN MARANELLO AND FACTORY VISIT
- BALSAMIC VINEGAR CELLAR VISIT WITH LUNCH
- ROOM-RELATED TAXES AND FREE CONCIERGE RESERVATION SERVICE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: TRAVEL PACKAGE IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.. PASSPORT REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE U.S. TOUR RUNS ON SPECIFIC DAYS OF THE WEEK AND AT SPECIFIC TIMES. IF TOUR IS NOT AVAILABLE, IT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED WITH EQUAL OR SIMILAR EXPERIENCE. BLACKOUT DATES: SEP 7-13, 18-21 SOME RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY DURING SPECIAL EVENTS. DRIVERS MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER AND POSSESS AN INTERNATIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSE. A MINIMUM 45 DAY ADVANCE RESERVATION IS REQUIRED. TRAVEL IS VALID FOR 18 MONTHS FROM DATE OF ISSUE.

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Please check the auction tables to make your bids.

S1. Glow Up & Go

Consultation + HydraFacial with Dermaplaning

-Provided by Nicole Norris Medical Spa (Peru)

Treat yourself to a luxury skincare experience designed to refresh, refine, and reveal your natural glow. This indulgent package includes a personalized skincare consultation followed by a HydraFacial enhanced with dermaplaning—leaving your skin smoother, brighter, and event-ready.

- Customized professional consultation
- Deep cleansing, exfoliation & hydration
- Dermaplaning for ultra-smooth, radiant skin
- Perfect before a special occasion—or just because

A feel-good favorite that everyone will want to bid on.

Value: \$349

Starting Bid: \$140



S2. Breakfast with the Heroes – A Firehouse Experience for Kids

Breakfast for 10 at the Princeton Fire Station

Looking for the *perfect experience gift* for your grandchild, niece, nephew, or child?

This is one they'll talk about for years.



Treat a group of kids to a one-of-a-kind morning at the Princeton Fire Station, where breakfast favorites meet real firehouse fun. Little guests will enjoy breakfast with local firefighters, explore fire trucks, and get an up-close look at what it means to be a hometown hero.

Ideal for a birthday party, family gathering, or special “just because” gift, this experience is easy for the winner and unforgettable for the kids. Just excitement, smiles, and memories in the making.

The Perfect Experience Gift for Kids! Grandparents, aunts, uncles, and parents — bid this for a no-stress, memory-making celebration kids will never forget.

Place a bid; give the gift of firehouse excitement & a *flaming good time* with your local heroes!

Starting Bid - \$250

Estimated Value: Priceless

S3. Junior Mayor for a Day!

-Provided and hosted by Mayor Robert Hasty

A Fun, Family-Friendly City Hall Adventure



Ever wonder what it's like to help run a city? This one-of-a-kind experience gives a child the chance to step into the world of local leadership with **Robb Hasty, Mayor of Ottawa**-and bring a parent or grandparent along for the fun!

Designed to be engaging, welcoming, and age-appropriate, this behind-the-scenes City Hall adventure lets kids see how Ottawa works, meet community helpers, ask questions, and feel like an “official” for the day.



What's Included

- A kid-friendly visit to City Hall
- Meet the Mayor and learn what a mayor actually does
- A fun, easy-to-understand look at how city government works
- Meet some of the people who keep Ottawa running (police, fire, public works — as schedules allow)
- Kid-approved Ice cream or lunch with the Mayor
- Photo time to capture the memories

Details

- Designed for 1–2 children with a parent or grandparent
- Scheduled at a mutually agreeable time
- Must be redeemed by October 2026
- Non-transferable • No cash value

Starting Bid: \$300

Estimated Value: Priceless

S4. **Your Story in Print – A Full-Page Community Spotlight**

S4-A and S4-B: **TWO PACKAGES / TWO OPPORTUNITIES**



Full-Page Color Ad in Shaw Media

-Provided by ShawMedia

This is more than an advertisement — it's your moment in the spotlight.

Imagine opening the paper and seeing your family, your business, or someone you love featured across an entire full-color page, shared with thousands of readers across our community.

Use this rare opportunity to:

- Honor a milestone anniversary, graduation, or retirement
- Create a heartfelt tribute or memorial
- Celebrate a family legacy, nonprofit, or hometown hero
- Tell your business story in a way ads rarely allow

**Your message. Your photos. Your words.
Full page. Full color. Full impact.**

Whether personal or professional, this high-visibility placement turns a single page into a keepsake — one that's seen, shared, clipped, and remembered long after the paper is printed.

Perfect for Families, Businesses & Legacy Moments. Because some stories deserve more than a post — they deserve a page.

Starting Bid: \$300

Estimated Value: \$600

S5. **Swing & Score at Mendota Golf Club**

S5-A and S5-B: **TWO PACKAGES / TWO OPPORTUNITIES**

-Provided by Mendota Golf Club

A foursome with cart is available (2 separate bid sheets - A and B) and will be auctioned separately.

Golf lovers, get ready to tee off in style! This *Swing & Score* golf experience includes a foursome with carts for a memorable day on the greens at Mendota Golf Club. Enjoy 18 holes of friendly competition, fresh air, and great company—perfect for friends, family, or a client outing.



- Foursome with carts
- 18 holes of golf
- Tee time required
- Good times guaranteed

Four players. Eighteen holes. Endless bragging rights.

Starting Bid: \$175

Estimated Value: \$450 (per foursome)

S6. Swing for a Dream – A Meaningful Day on the Course

- Provided by Tom and Mary Heitmann



Bid on a powerful experience that blends community, legacy, and a great day of golf. Join the Heitmann family and friends for a memorable outing that truly makes a difference.

This silent auction package includes a **foursome** in the **Annual Swing for a Dream Memorial Golf Outing**, honoring **Captain Thomas John Heitmann**.

About Captain Thomas John Heitmann

Captain Thomas John Heitmann was a beloved son, brother, friend, and community leader whose life was marked by courage, service, and a deep commitment to others. In honor of his memory and his dream of giving back to the youth in his community, the Heitmann family — led by Tom and Mary Heitmann of Mendota — partnered with St. Bede Academy to bring his vision to life: the Captain Thomas John Heitmann Memorial Track.

Through the annual Swing for a Dream Memorial Golf Outing, family, friends, and supporters have raised more than \$250,000 to build and continually enhance the Memorial Track at St. Bede Academy. What began as a heartfelt tribute has become a lasting legacy that provides a safe, vibrant place for students and athletes to train, compete, and pursue their own dreams.

This yearly golf outing exists to honor Captain Heitmann's spirit of generosity and to support ongoing improvements at the Memorial Track, ensuring that his legacy continues to inspire and uplift future generations.

Package Includes (Valued at \$400):

- Foursome entry
- Green fees & cart
- Lunch & dinner

A fun, meaningful day shared with family, friends, and supporters

Starting Bid: \$175

Value: \$400

S7. Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Basket

-Provided by Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club



Enjoy a classic day on the greens with this **Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Basket**, featuring a **golf packet for a foursome** at one of the area's most popular courses—plus a curated basket of **Senica's Oak Ridge golf accessories**, selected by the club.

Perfect for a friendly foursome, client outing, or a day of fresh air and fairways, this package pairs great golf with quality course-branded gear you'll use again and again.

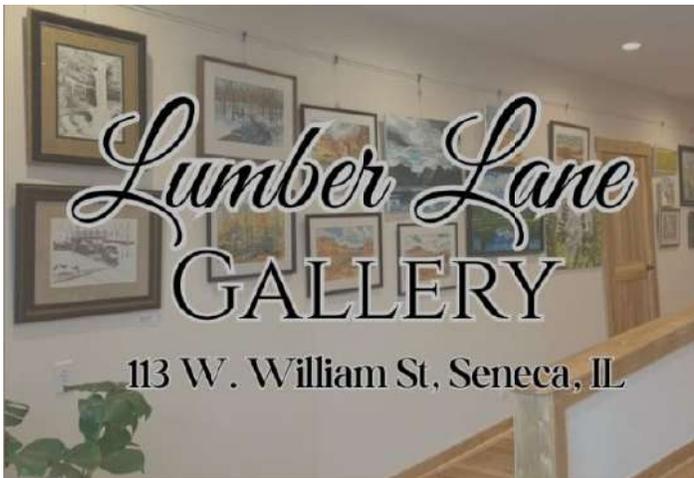
A must-bid for golf lovers who appreciate a well-rounded day on the course.

Starting Bid: \$240
Estimated Value: \$600

S8. Private Gallery Party at Lumber Lane Gallery, Seneca, Illinois

-Provided and hosted by Erin Stuedemann

Host an unforgettable 3-hour private gallery party for up to 12 guests at the Lumberyard's Lumber Lane Gallery—where art, atmosphere, and community come together.



Your guests will enjoy an intimate evening surrounded by curated artwork, complete with wine and charcuterie, and live music (to be announced) that sets the tone for a relaxed and memorable gathering. Whether celebrating a milestone, hosting friends, or planning a unique client appreciation event, this experience offers a perfect blend of culture and connection.

Date and time to be coordinated directly through, Erin Stuedemann, the gallery owner for a seamless, personalized experience.

Starting Bid: \$340
Estimated Value: \$850

S9-A and S9-B: **TWO PACKAGES / TWO OPPORTUNITIES**

Wrigley Field Rooftop Experience! Chicago, IL (Land Only-Travel not included)

Starting Bid – **FIRM** - \$2,300
(2 packages are available)



WRIGLEY FIELD ROOFTOP EXPERIENCE!

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
2 PEOPLE, 2 NIGHTS**

- 3 DAYS, 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE OMNI CHICAGO HOTEL
- ACCESS PASSES FOR TWO TO A WRIGLEY FIELD ROOFTOP FOR ANY ONE REGULAR SEASON CHICAGO CUBS BASEBALL GAME
- UNLIMITED FOOD AND BEVERAGES WHILE AT THE GAME
- ALL ROOM-RELATED TAXES
- FREE CONCIERGE RESERVATION SERVICE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: TRAVEL PACKAGE IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. CERTIFICATES/GIFT CARDS CANNOT BE REPLACED. WRIGLEY FIELD ROOFTOP TICKETS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY, SOME RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY. A 60 DAY ADVANCE RESERVATION IS REQUIRED. TRAVEL IS VALID FOR 18 MONTHS FROM DATE OF ISSUE.

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S10. Ultimate Off Shore Salt Water Fishing Experience Continental United States
Four-Hour Off Shore Salt Water Fishing Experience (Land Only-Airfare not included)

Starting Bid - **FIRM**: \$2,100



**ULTIMATE OFF SHORE SALT WATER
FISHING EXPERIENCE**
CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES
UP TO 6 PEOPLE

- EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE USE OF AN OFF-SHORE OR IN-SHORE FISHING VESSEL AND CREW FOR SIX PEOPLE FOR FOUR HOURS ANYWHERE IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES
- AN EXPERIENCED, PROFESSIONAL CAPTAIN TO DIRECT YOUR EXCURSION
- ALL REQUIRED ICE, EQUIPMENT, FISHING TACKLE AND GEAR FOR A MAXIMUM OF SIX FISHERMEN
- CATCH CLEANING/BAGGING SERVICES
- ALL FISHING RELATED TAXES
- FREE CONCIERGE RESERVATION SERVICE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: TRAVEL PACKAGE IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. CERTIFICATES/GIFT CARDS CANNOT BE REPLACED. A 90 DAY ADVANCE RESERVATION IS REQUIRED. TRAVEL IS VALID FOR 18 MONTHS FROM DATE OF ISSUE.

Travel packages are professionally fulfilled by our travel partner; certificates and redemption instructions are provided to the winning bidder at checkout.

S11. **Ottawa Lions Clubhouse Rental – Celebrate Your Way**

-Provided by the Ottawa Lions Club



Host your next special occasion in a welcoming, well-appointed community space at the Ottawa Lions Clubhouse, ideally located adjacent to Walsh Park.

This package includes a 4-hour facility rental (date and availability to be mutually determined), perfect for: Weddings Anniversaries Birthday parties Family celebrations and gatherings

With a capacity of up to 100 guests, including bar service, the Clubhouse offers the ideal balance—intimate enough to feel personal, yet spacious enough to celebrate in style.

Optional add-on services available through the Ottawa Lions Club include:

- Full buffet service with dining room setup, tables, chairs, linens, silverware, and décor
- Bar rental (highly recommended), including professional bartenders
- Catering kitchen access, featuring a commercial gas range and refrigerator

Whether you're planning a milestone celebration or a casual get-together, this flexible venue makes hosting easy and memorable.

Starting Bid: \$300

Estimated Value: \$800

S12. **4-Person Wine Tasting Experience + Bottle of Wine at August Hill Winery**

-Provided by August Hill Winery



Indulge in a delightful wine adventure for four at August Hill Winery, a beloved Illinois vineyard destination. Enjoy a guided wine tasting featuring a selection of handcrafted August Hill wines, perfect for savoring with friends or loved ones. After your tasting experience, take home a bottle of premium August Hill wine to continue the celebration at home.

This package is ideal for wine lovers and anyone looking for a memorable and flavorful outing in the heart of the Illinois wine country!

Starting Bid: \$25

Estimated Value: \$80

S13. Birdie Bed & Breakfast Basket

-Provided by Board Member - Norma Cotner



Basket - A charming garden collection featuring handmade rustic birdhouse paired with assorted bird seed packets—perfect for creating a welcoming retreat for feathered friends. Where every bird gets five-star service.

Starting Bid: \$20
Estimated Value: \$50

S14. Boots, Bourbon & Bonfire Night

-Provided by Board Member - Shelly Carey

Basket - Set the scene for the ultimate country-cool evening under the stars. This cozy, fireside package features a **smokeless fire pit**, **Buffalo Trace bourbon**, **crystal bourbon glasses**, and a **whiskey smoker kit with torch and six wood-chip flavors**—plus all the **s'mores essentials** for a sweet finish.

Whether you're hosting friends or kicking back after a long day, this basket delivers warmth, flavor, and unforgettable atmosphere. Just add boots, good company, and a crackling night sky.



Where the fire stays hot and the bourbon stays smooth.

Starting Bid: \$80
Estimated Value: \$250

S15. Rustic Warmth

-Provided by Board Member - Norma Cotner



A thoughtfully curated basket designed for comfort and quiet moments. This cozy collection features a **handmade moss stitch blanket (40" x 53")** in soft light blue, **Starved Rock Country Community Foundation mugs**, rich **hot chocolate**, and a classic **Zane Grey** book—everything you need for a peaceful evening by the fire.

Wrap up, sip slowly, turn the page, and settle in.

Starting Bid: \$50
Estimated Value: \$150

S16. Relax & Restore Spa Basket

-Provided by Director of Operations - Janice Corrigan

An invitation to slow down and indulge. This soothing self-care collection features a **gift certificate from Balanced Spirit Wellness Center**, paired with thoughtfully selected spa-inspired items.

Perfect for unwinding, recharging, and enjoying a little well-deserved relaxation.

Starting Bid: \$60
Estimated Value: \$180



S17. Relax & Read Basket

-Provided by Director of Operations - Janice Corrigan



Designed for slowing down, this cozy basket brings together reading comforts, tea-time indulgences, and a few sweet treats — perfect for a quiet evening or a relaxing weekend escape.

Starting Bid: \$50
Estimated Value: \$150

S18. Case of Wine

-Provided by Director of Operations - Janice Corrigan



Jeff Runquist
WINES

Twelve bottles from the award-winning Jeff Runquist Wines, known for crafting distinctive, small-lot varietals from California’s premier appellations. These beautifully balanced wines are enjoyable now, yet built to age gracefully and develop added complexity over time.

This collection includes two bottles each of:

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| 2023 Barbera | 2023 Tempranillo | 2023 Sangiovese |
| 2023 Zinfandel | 2023 Syrah | 2024 Verdelho |

Starting Bid: \$200
Value: \$450

S19. Shop • Dine • Enjoy Ottawa!

-Provided by a Friend of SRCCF



Discover the best of Ottawa with this curated gift card basket featuring a variety of local restaurants, shops, and experiences. Whether you’re planning a night out, a casual bite, or a little retail therapy, this basket has something for everyone—while supporting the businesses that make our community thrive.

Starting Bid - \$75; Value – it keeps growing

S20. Holiday Gift Wrapping Service

-Provided by Jill Hayward, Friend of the Foundation

Includes: Gift-wrapping service for up to **25 gifts**



Take the stress out of the holidays with this time-saving service. Your gifts will be **picked up, professionally and beautifully wrapped**, and **returned to you in time for Christmas**—ready to place under the tree. Give the gift of time this holiday season.

- Up to 25 gifts wrapped
- Pickup and return included
- Professional, festive presentation
- Gifts must be provided by **December 16**

Starting Bid: \$40

Estimated Value: \$135

S21. Handcrafted Harvest Board & Local Artisan Tasting

-Crafted and donated by Drake Stuedemann of Drake Woodworking



This beautiful handcrafted cutting board by Drake Stuedemann of Drake Woodworking in Seneca, a skilled local artisan, is as functional as it is stunning — designed to be used, displayed, and admired.

Paired with the board is locally sourced artisan sourdough bread and locally sourced honey, creating a warm, farm-to-table tasting experience that celebrates the flavors of our region. Perfect for casual gatherings, cozy evenings, or as a thoughtful gift for the home cook or entertainer.

Whether you're slicing fresh bread, serving cheese, or simply letting it steal the show on your countertop, this one-of-a-kind board brings together craftsmanship, community, and comfort.

Includes:

- Handmade cutting board by a local craftsman
- Artisan bread from a local bakery
- Locally sourced honey

A perfect blend of craftsmanship and local flavor.

Starting Bid: \$40

Estimated Value: \$100

S22. Italian Cook's Basket

-Donated by Sally M Van Cura, Friend of the Foundation



Bring the heart of Italy into your kitchen with this Italian Cook's Basket. Thoughtfully curated to inspire one (or two!) authentic Italian meals, this collection includes pantry staples and specialty ingredients that celebrate simple, beautiful cooking — just add fresh ingredients, good company, and a little *amore*. Personalized recipe cards will be included.

Starting Bid: \$35

Estimated Value: \$125

S23. The Entertainer's Board: Handcrafted Charcuterie Experience

-Crafted and donated by Drake Stuedemann of Drake Woodworking



Elevate your hosting game with this striking **handcrafted cutting board**, designed by Drake Stuedemann of Drake Woodworking in Seneca, a skilled local craftsman who takes pride in quality, detail, and design.

This board anchors a ready-to-enjoy charcuterie starter collection, featuring sealed, shelf-stable gourmet meats, cheeses, crackers, and accompaniments — all beautifully arranged in a basket and perfect for effortless entertaining. No prep required, just unwrap, arrange, and impress.

Ideal for wine nights, game days, holiday hosting, or last-minute guests, this package delivers both style and convenience with a strong local touch.

Includes:

- Handmade cutting board by a local craftsman
- Sealed gourmet charcuterie items
- Crackers and accompaniments
- Ready-to-serve entertaining basket

Designed to impress. Built to last.

Starting Bid: \$40

Estimated Value: \$125

S24. Artist Curated Art Box

-Prepared and provided by Laurie Ragan - Artist



From the creative imagination of award winning Ottawa, Illinois Artist, Laurie Ragan. Each piece of her work is meant to inspire magic and enchantment. In everyday life, wildlife, and nature...always with a gentle story woven into the art to tug at your heartstrings!

Laurie Ragan Fire Art. Telling a Story with a Paintbrush.

The hand painted wood Storybook Box, "Wild at Heart". Is a combination of several layers of acrylic paint, with hand applied satin sheen metallic plaster for a dimensional look, and takes many hours of work. The box is finished on all sides, inside and out, And is signed by the artist.



Starting Bid: \$55

Estimated Value: \$140

S25. Handcrafted with Heart Quilt

-Created and provided by *Jane Goetz – Friend of the Foundation*



One-of-a-kind and made with love - this beautiful handmade quilt size 72” x 62” was lovingly created and donated by a friend of the Foundation just for *A Country Night for a Cause*.

Featuring a timeless patriotic patchwork design in rich reds, creams, and blues, this stunning quilt is both a work of art and a cozy keepsake. Whether draped over a couch, displayed as a statement piece, or used to keep warm on cool evenings, it’s a piece that tells a story of craftsmanship and community.

Every stitch supports something greater — proceeds from this silent auction item help fund scholarships, grants, and community initiatives right here in Starved Rock Country. Bid generously, take home something truly special, and wrap yourself in impact.

Starting Bid: \$120
Estimated Value: \$300

S26. Country Night Merch & More Basket

-Provided by our t-shirt partner – *SS Shirts & More*



Take home the spirit of **A Country Night for a Cause** with this exclusive merchandise basket from our official t-shirt partner - **SS Shirts & More**. Featuring an assortment of event-branded short-sleeve shirts and fun surprise extras, this package is perfect for supporters who want to wear their country-night pride long after the music ends — all while supporting a great cause.

- *SS Shirts & More*

Starting Bid: \$40
Estimated Value: \$110

S27. Montague X Foldable Bicycle with Carrying Case

-Featured Partner: *The Bike Place, Princeton*



Take adventure anywhere with this 26” Montague X foldable bicycle, designed for easy transport and versatile riding. With 21 speeds, this bike is ideal for vacations, RV travel, riding around town, or exploring local trails. Its foldable frame allows for quick storage and portability—no bike rack required.

Includes a durable carrying case, making it simple to pack, store, and travel with confidence. A great option for anyone who values convenience without sacrificing performance.

A full-size bike that folds for travel—freedom, flexibility, and serious value in one ride.

Details: 26” foldable bicycle; 21-speed gearing; Ideal for travel, RVs, town riding, and light trails; includes carrying case

Starting Bid: \$425
Retail Value: \$895–\$995





Additional silent auction items have ridden in since this auction catalog was printed.

Please visit the auction tables for exciting newly added items.

The Sheriff is in Town!



SILENT AUCTION CLOSING RULES

Please review the following guidelines to ensure a smooth and fair closing process for all bidders:

- Silent auction items will **close at 8:15 pm** exactly.
- Bids must be written clearly and legibly using your assigned bid number.
- Each new bid must meet or exceed the minimum bid increment listed on the bid sheet.
- Once an item is officially closed, no additional bids will be accepted.
- The highest valid bid at the time of closing will be declared the winner.
- In the event of a disputed or unclear bid, the decision of the Auction Committee is final.
- Winning bidders are responsible for completing payment at the Checkout Station following the close of the auction.
- Auction items may be picked up at the front entrance after payment is confirmed, unless other arrangements are noted in the item description.

Thank you for bidding generously and supporting the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation.

By bidding, you agree that all sales are final—no refunds or exchanges. Auction items are sold “as is” with no guarantees. Travel packages, gift certificates, and experiences may have restrictions, including blackout dates or expiration dates, at the discretion of the donor. Please read item descriptions carefully! Winning bidders must pay in full at the close of the auction unless other arrangements have been approved by the SRCCF. Winning bidders must arrange for item pickup. Only the amount paid above fair market value may be tax-deductible—consult your tax advisor. The SRCCF is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

**Your purchase supports the impactful work we do throughout our community.
Thank you for joining the celebration!**

SPECIAL FEATURES

More Ways to Support

Tonight is a celebration — of generosity, connection, and the people who care deeply about Starved Rock Country. Throughout the evening, you'll find a few simple ways to extend that generosity in support of the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation Leadership Fund.

Every gift, in any amount, helps ensure the Foundation remains strong, trusted, and ready to serve our communities today and for generations to come.

The Leadership Fund — Supporting What Makes Everything Possible

The SRCCF Leadership Fund supports the essential work behind every scholarship awarded, every grant made, and every donor partnership formed.

Your support helps:

- Sustain trusted leadership and responsible stewardship
- Ensure strong governance and community confidence
- Provide the foundation that allows all other funds and programs to thrive

Quite simply, the Leadership Fund supports the work that makes all of our work possible.

50/50 Raffle — A Little Fun, A Lot of Heart

Join in the fun with our 50/50 Raffle.

One lucky winner will take home half the pot, while the other half directly supports the SRCCF Leadership Fund — helping strengthen the Foundation that serves our entire region.

Thank you for playing, participating, and giving back.

Event Merchandise — A Keepsake with Purpose

Take a piece of tonight home with you.

Event merchandise is available throughout the evening, offering a fun reminder of a special night — and a meaningful way to support the SRCCF Leadership Fund long after the music ends.

With Grateful Hearts

However you choose to participate tonight — by attending, celebrating, giving, or simply being here — thank you.

Your presence and generosity help ensure the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation continues to serve with integrity, compassion, and vision for the future.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Your Support Matters





THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING

Starved Rock Country Community Foundation

Because of you, our community is stronger, more connected,
and full of possibility.

Tonight is a celebration of what happens when people who care come together for the place we call home. We are deeply proud of the **IMPACT** the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation is making across our region — impact made possible by generous supporters like you.

Your support opens doors for students, strengthens nonprofits, and invests in ideas that shape the future of Starved Rock Country. The lives changed, opportunities created, and hope inspired ripple far beyond tonight.

Before you leave, please pick up a copy of our latest Community Impact Statement, available at the front desk. It tells the story of what *your generosity* is making possible — today and for generations to come.

STAY CONNECTED

LEARN MORE about our work and the lives you help change at:

www.srccf.org

FOLLOW ALONG as we celebrate community milestones, generosity, and impact all year long:



SAVE THE DATE

A Country Night for a Cause

Saturday, February 27, 2027

We can't wait to welcome you back for another unforgettable evening in support of Starved Rock Country.



Starved Rock Country Community Foundation

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