

Area Sportsline - March 8

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Blackhawks, Sam's Club help Special Olympics

The Iowa Blackhawks, Council Bluffs' indoor professional football team, have announced they have partnered with Sam's Club to sell season tickets in an effort to help raise money for the Special Olympics during the 2009 season. The Blackhawks will be selling deeply discounted 2009 season tickets at the Council Bluffs Sam's Club location at 3221 Manawa Centre Drive today.

For every season ticket sold, the Blackhawks will donate 25 percent of the proceeds to directly benefit the 2009 Special Olympics. Fans can also participate by purchasing their tickets through the Blackhawks website at www.IowaBlackhawks.com,

In addition, Sam's Club members will also receive a specially discounted price on season tickets.

Blackhawks players and staff will be in attendance from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to sign autographs and greet patrons.

The Blackhawks will be kicking off their sixth season of indoor professional football at the Mid-America Center on Saturday, April 25. Season tickets are available now and can be purchased by visiting www.iowablackhawks.com or by calling their office at (712) 256.6180.

Underwood youth

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UNDERWOOD - The Underwood Optimist Club will be host their 16th annual boys' basketball tournament Saturday, March 14.

The tournament has brackets for fifth through eighth grades with games at the high school and middle school. Action begins at 8 a.m.

Coming to play are teams from Council Bluffs, Adel, A-H-S-T, Ankeny, Atlantic, Carson, Creston, Denison, Elkhorn, Neb., Glenwood, Missouri Valley, Nebraska City, Nodaway Valley, Omaha, Sioux City, Treynor, Tri-Center and Underwood.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with the tournament is encouraged to call Dale or Barb Robertson at 566-2820 or e-mail AGIDale@aol.com.

Pitch, hit and run

at Underwood

A Pitch, Hit and Run competition for area youth, ages 7 to 14, will be held at Underwood High School on April 19 at 1 p.m.

Winners of the local competition will advance to sectional competition.

There is no entry fee. For more information, contact Andy VanFossan at avanFossan@yahoo.com.