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John Rundall and Jeff Irvin want you to name their stout beer at Olde Main Brewing Company.

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Olde Main Brewing Co. in Ames is looking to beer lovers to name its nameless stout. The winner will get free Olde Main beer for a year, plus a party and brewery tour at the Olde Main Brewing Co. & Restaurant in Ames. Since 2004 when Olde Main opened, head brewer Jeff Irvin has been stumped for a name for this stout, currently called "To Be Named Later Stout." The beer is available on tap at bars and restaurants across Iowa, and at the Ames restaurant. Once it has a proper name, it will be launched in bottles later this year.

The stout is a "hearty ale with color and flavors derived from roast, chocolate and caramel malts," Irvin said. Entries are being accepted at NameTheStout.com until March 31.

New pizza joint

A new restaurant, Coach's Pizza, will be located adjacent to Cabaret West Glen and will be open 11 a.m.-2:30 a.m. Pizza will be available to customers of Cabaret and for after-hours customers. Coach's Pizza will also have carry-out pizza and is scheduled to open March 1.

2009 Iowa Blues Challenge

The Iowa Blues Society is now accepting applications for the 2009 Iowa Blues Challenge. Enter your band for a chance to win a prize package that includes cash, recording time and performance opportunities at Mississippi Valley Blues Fest, Simply the Blues Fest and other paid gigs, plus the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tenn. Info and applications are available at cibs.org or by calling 225-6638. The deadline is March 7.

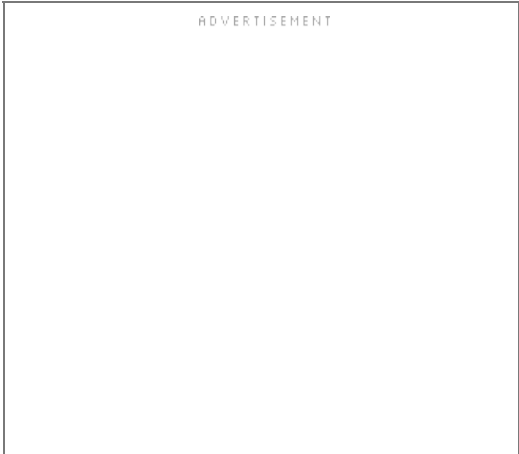
Wine & Food Showcase

The Des Moines Metro Opera's biannual event will be held Feb. 20 at the Downtown Marriott. The Grand Tasting will give attendees an opportunity to try samples from more than 50 food and drink purveyors from Des Moines. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$35 per person in a group of eight or more. At the Maestro's Tasting, pair wines donated by local collectors with hors d'oeuvres created by area chefs, for \$125 per person with included admission to the Grand Tasting. Visit desmoinesmetroopera.org.

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