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West Michigan Promotions presents 2 Southern Gospel Concerts

#1 - Friday, October 2, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Food Available 5-7 p.m.



Lumber River Qt.



Lightbearers Qt.

#2 - Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Includes the Lightbearers also



Toney Brothers Qt.



Walkers Trio

Tickets: \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.

For more information and tickets, call (616) 875-8609.

Copies & More in Fruitport (231-865-6370) or at Walmart Plaza-James St., Holland

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South Olive Christian Ref. Church

Port Sheldon Rd.

So. Olive CRC

(Corner of Port Sheldon St. and 120th Ave.)

Companies seeking to diversify

(Submitted by the Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce)

With the help of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), local companies are seeking out new markets as a strategy to combat Michigan's lagging economy. Local companies such as Aero Foil International, Great Lakes Die Cast, KL Industries, Quality Tool, and a host of others have been identified as having the capability to serve four growing industries identified by the State of Michigan: Alternative and renewable energy, aerospace, medical devices, and defense and homeland security.

MEDC has been conducting diversification summits across the state to expose selected companies to opportunities in these industries. Companies that attend the summit and demonstrate the potential to diversify could qualify to receive a \$10,000 matching grant from the MEDC to assist in their diversification process. Loan participation and collateral support programs have also been established to assist companies with financing needed to gear up for production.

In collaboration with several West Michigan organizations, Muskegon Area First will be hosting a Diversification Summit at the Holiday Inn Muskegon Harbor on October 21, 2009. We encourage any company that feels they can serve one of the four key markets listed to attend. For more information, and to register online go to www.muskegonareafirst.org/events.php or contact Eugenia Brown at (231) 724-3179.

40th Grand Rapids' Heritage Hill tour of homes in October

(Submitted by the Heritage Hill Association)

On Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4 Heritage Hill in Grand Rapids welcomes you inside eight private historic homes and four public buildings. Heritage Hill is one of the largest urban historic districts recognized by the National Register of Historic Places. Over 1,300 homes dating from 1848 line the 64-block neighborhood. Every style of American architecture is represented.

Highlights of the 2009 tour include an 1867 saltbox style house that sits on a former Civil War cavalry camp. It was transformed into a columned Greek Revival. The 1890's shingle-style mansion's owners repair fine musical instruments. There is an 1896 Eastlake-adorned charmer; a 1905 prairie-influenced home; and two 1909 Craftsmen styles, both built by families with ties to the justice system. The well-known Voigt House is included on the tour as well as the 1908 Frank Lloyd Wright Meyer May House, which is celebrating its 20th year of restored glory.

Tickets purchased by October 1 are \$15 per person. Tickets purchased on tour weekend are \$18.

To order tickets, write to the Heritage Hill Association, 126 College S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49503, or go on-line at www.heritagehillweb.org.

For more information, please call the association at (616) 459-8950.

DeVos Performance Hall presents O.A.R.

(Submitted by Grand Rapids Kent County Convention/ Arena Authority)

O.A.R. (Of A Revolution) will rock out in DeVos Performance Hall on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

O.A.R. was formed in 1996 by lead vocalist Marc Roberge. Roberge's other band members include Chris Culos, Richard On, Jerry DePizzo and Benj Gershman.

Hailed as one of the best live bands on the planet, O.A.R. has built a well deserved reputation as a must-see band when they come to town. Fans can expect to connect with the band as they play.

More than 10 years after the group's first release, O.A.R. has come to stand for authentic rock music that reflects the collective triumphs and tragedies we all experience in this world: Real people making real music that resounds deeply with their fans.

Tickets are \$32.50 in advance and \$35 the day of the show. Tickets are on sale now at the DeVos Place and Van Andel Arena box offices, Ticketmaster, and charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000 or on-line at ticketmaster.com.

Fifth Lakeshore Athena Award presentation scheduled

by Mary Weimer

The Lakeshore Athena® Committee is delighted to have the Honorable Judge Sara Smolenski from Grand Rapids as the featured speaker at this year's award presentation. Judge Smolenski is the 2006 Athena Award recipient.

The Athena Award is presented to honor individuals who have made a difference in the lives of women in our lakeshore communities and is sponsored by area chambers of commerce.

This year's presentation will be held on Tuesday, October 6 at the Trillium Banquet and Conference Center, 17246 VanWagoner Road in Spring Lake. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with luncheon and the program from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon tickets are \$35 per person for chamber members; \$45 per person for non-members, or \$350 per corporate table of eight. A portion of all ticket sales goes toward the scholarship program.

Please reserve your seat immediately, as the deadline is September 28. You may phone (616) 842-4910, extension 103; fax (616) 842-0379 or e-mail: pblake@grandhavenchamber.org.

Fruitport Polar Bear VFW Post

3734 hosting meals

by Florence Smith, publicity chairperson

All you can eat country breakfasts will be served on November 1 and December 6, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults are \$5; children ages five to 10 are just \$2; and children under five eat free. Our hot and hearty breakfast features pancakes, eggs (any style), bacon, sausage, toast (all cooked to your order), plus juice and coffee.

All you can eat soup suppers will be served on October 16 and November 20, 2009 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The prices are the same as the all you can eat breakfasts. The menu includes assorted homemade soups, homemade bread, crackers, dessert, and beverage.

The meals will be served at the post home, 5201 Airline Road. The public is cordially invited. All events are sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 3734. All proceeds are used to fund community activities.

Dinner to benefit Muskegon County Right to Life

(Submitted by Muskegon County Right to Life)

The annual Focus on Life benefit dinner will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Muskegon.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the dinner and program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Bryan Kemper, founder and president of Stand True Ministries, will be the special guest speaker.

For more information, please call (231) 733-6300.

Annual pilaf dinner and sweet sale Sunday

(Submitted by Muskegon's Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church)

The annual pilaf dinner and sweet sale will be held Sunday, September 27, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the church hall of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 185 East Pontaluna Road.

The special Hellenic Greek Dance Company from Toledo, Ohio will perform.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Tickets are \$10; children 12 and under are \$5. Takeouts are available.

New fitness program offered at First Congregational

(Submitted by First Congregational Church)

First Congregational Church, 3212 Pontaluna Road in Fruitport, has begun a fitness program open to the public. The program, "Balance Your Life," was designed and is facilitated by Jimmy O'Hearn (a.k.a. "Jimmy O").

The class has 273 participants in various locations throughout West Michigan, and has been featured on *Good Morning America* where it was rated the most popular and most effective fitness program.

The program is built around an exercise ball, resistance band and a folding chair. The benefits derived from the program are better functional balance and coordination, more energy, reduced stress, and a chance to have fun while feeling and looking younger. Senior citizens are particularly encouraged to attend!

The instructor, Jimmy O, a retired businessman, is a five-time Senior Olympic gold medalist. He is a cancer survivor, a personal/athletic trainer, and motivational speaker.

Sessions at First Congregational Church are currently offered on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. for one hour in the multi-purpose room. Sessions are \$4 per person per class.

VFW's backpacks for children program

by Florence Smith, publicity chairperson

The Ladies Auxiliary of Fruitport Polar Bear VFW Post 3734 purchased 12 backpacks for children in our community. Auxiliary members donated school supplies for them.

Yvonne Bayne is the youth activities chairperson and Florence Smith is auxiliary president.

MCC seeking college board member

(Submitted by Muskegon Community College)

The Muskegon Community College Board of Trustees formally accepted the resignation of Trustee Barbara Saint Denis at the regular monthly meeting held on campus September 16, 2009.

Persons interested in serving in the non-paid position are asked to provide the written or typed answers to two questions:

1. What makes you qualified to serve as a Muskegon Community College Trustee?

2. Why do you want the job?

This information should be supplemented with a copy of the applicant's personal resume. All materials should be forwarded to the attention of MCC Board Chair Dorothy Lester, Muskegon Community College Administrative Offices, 221 S. Quarterline Road, Muskegon, MI 49442. The deadline for the submission of materials is no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2009.

Current plans call for appointing the new trustee at the October meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.