

“MUSIC ON THE GRAND”

Submitted by Debbie Spetoskey

“Music on the Grand,” located at the Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium in Grand Haven will be featuring five new bands this summer; West Side Soul Surfers, Guinness Brothers Band, Two Dudes in Flip Flops, Steeple Hill Band, and the Thornapple River Band.

This summer line-up will be showcasing a variety of very talented musicians for your musical enjoyment.

Thanks to our sponsors, this event is **FREE**; everyone of all ages is welcome to come and enjoy the music and “dance” if you want.

Remember to bring your lawn chair

The time change in August is due to it getting dark earlier.

7:00 – 9:00

June 5 Spring Lake High School Jazz Band

June 12 Sea Cruisers

June 19 Livin’ the Dream

June 26 Frank Eimer Band

July 3 West Side Soul Surfers

July 10 Carl Webb Band

July 17 Guinness Brothers Band

July 24 The 6-Pak Band

July 31 **Coast Guard Wednesday (no Music on the Grand)**

6:30 – 8:30

August 7 Lakeshore Big Band

August 14 Two Dudes in Flip Flops

August 21 Steeple Hill Band

August 28 Thornapple River Band

Weather Concerns: Tune into 92.1 WGHN

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May 1, 2024 - Revel has been named one of West Michigan’s Best and Brightest Companies to Work For in 2024. This marks the eighth year the company has received this honor.

“Winning the Best and Brightest award for the eighth time isn’t just luck—it speaks volumes about how much we value our customers and, equally importantly, our team,” said Revel COO Danielle Webb. “When we prioritize our team, success naturally follows suit. I’ve been proud to be on this team since day one, and I can’t wait to see where we’ll go next.”

The Muskegon-based marketing agency creates impactful marketing strategies, builds brands, and executes marketing campaigns to drive growth for business-to-business companies. The Revel team believes that B2B marketing doesn’t have to be boring to deliver big ideas that break through the clutter, make a lasting impression, and move the needle.

To learn more about the Best and Brightest program, visit thebestandbrightest.com. For more information about Revel, visit revelmarketing.com.

ALL-Fruitport Class Reunion!

Lookout! Here comes another festive gathering of Fruitport’s finest. Join us at the Fruitport Eagles for an exciting warm summer’s evening as the traditional all-Fruitport class reunion gala takes place center stage on Saturday, August 10th from 11am to 2am. Drop in and mingle with family, friends and classmates of all ages, and be sure to say hi to the amazing Michelle Olsen. Food is available as well as a bonfire and live music. The public is welcome...don’t forget your party hat!!

-Larry J Pellet

Why I Love the Library

by Nan Riekse

I have always like to read and have had a library card at the Fruitport District Library since it opened in 1964. In the last 10 years I found I did not enjoy reading because I couldn’t focus and stay engaged reading what I had always read in the past. Then, I saw that the library was having a summer reading program called Book Bingo, so I gave it a try. Book Bingo is a sheet with Bingo squares that contain different genre of books or something specific to read such as “Graphic Novel” or Read a Classic”. I had never heard of a graphic novel so I asked the staff member to recommend one to me. I loved it! They aren’t typically long or wordy- think adult comic book. You can find graphic novels for all age groups and I have read most of the classics that I would never have attempted. I also found that I enjoy reading other types of books I had never considered before. I finally realized that you don’t have to read what you think is “normal” for your age to enjoy reading. My love of reading was rekindled and I have found other types of books I enjoy. Just go to the library! I guarantee you will find something that interests you and if you are unsure, ask. The staff has a wealth of knowledge and are willing to help you find that perfect book.

Fruitport District Library Teen and Adult Programs

by Matt Lubbers-Moore, FDL Director

Gentle Yoga continues throughout summer at 9:30am on Fridays. Bring your own mat and wear comfortable clothes. Instructor Joyce Borst wants participants to have fun while building strength in our body, mind, and soul! Teens and adults welcome. This event is free for the public.

Join Shirley Conroy for a fun beginner course in line dancing! Wear comfortable shoes and be prepared to dance! Class is at 6pm. Teens and adults welcome. This event is free for the public.

Teens can learn how to draw Manga, Pixel Art, or Fantasy with Natalie Budnick! This program takes place on June 27 at 5:30pm.

Ever want to learn how to swing a sword like a pirate? Join the Swordmanship Museum in learning how to use a Pirate Cutlass on July 15th at 5:30pm. This class is limited to 20 individuals and all participants must be between 13 and 18 years of age to sign up.

Stay up to date with fun crafts, programs, and events throughout the year with our monthly community calendar available in the library!!

Memorial Mile

On Monday, May 27 The Fruitport Old Fashioned Days will be hosting a new 1 mile race. The runners in the race will begin their run in front of Edgewood Elementary school, follow the parade route and finish by the Carnival.

When Roque Ybara came to me and asked if it would be possible to have a 1 mile race on the parade route right before the Fruitport Old Fashioned Days parade. I didn’t have to think long. I grew up in a town like Fruitport which put on a 1.2 mile race called the Ox Roast Run. This race led the festivities and stirred up a wave of enthusiasm for the spectators waiting for the parade.

As a young person I loved going to the parade over memorial weekend. It wasn’t to watch the floats, but rather to watch the steady trail of runners pass by. I was amazed at their speed as they flew past me. I made it my goal, one day I would be one of those runners. With my dad’s help I set out to train for this race. I began running around our block (9/10 of a mile) between episodes of Happy Days and Lavern and Shirley. My day finally came and it did not disappoint. The race was tough and fast, but having hundreds of people lined up on the course gave me an energy boost I never felt before. Running down the middle of a busy road that was closed down just for us made me feel pretty special. As a young athlete it didn’t get any better than that. As the years passed It became a tradition to run the race then relax on the sidelines to watch the rest of the parade.

We would like to thank the Lions Club for their willingness to try something new. Roque and I are hoping this new race experience will also become a tradition for our area residence. Participants can sign up for the race on Runsignup.com: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Fruitport/MemorialMileFruitport>

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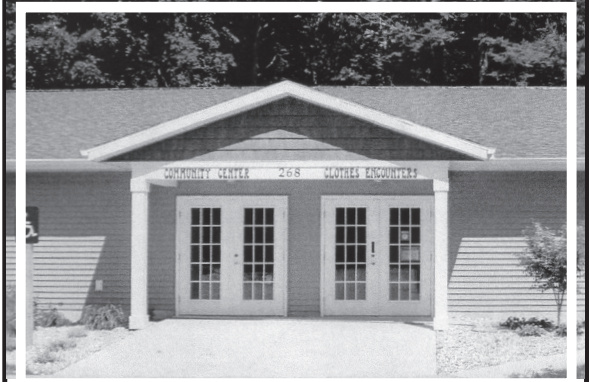
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