

Wild Lapeer

FREE Admission

10 am - 4 pm

Saturday, April 29, 2006

Earth Celebration in Downtown Lapeer

In the Historic Courthouse

Upstairs Courtroom

PROGRAMS

10:30 - 11:30 Michigan Reptiles & Amphibians

Jim McGrath from Nature Discovery will have live specimens during presentation, color slides and audio recordings. This program is about Michigan's 18 species of snakes, 10 species of turtles, 13 species of frogs and toads, 10 species of salamanders and 2 species of lizards.

11:30 - 12:30 What's So Great About Organic and Local Foods?

Do you wonder why organic is better? Did you know that conventional farming techniques are destroying the nutrient content of food? Did you know that locally grown produce that has been properly stored has higher nutrient levels than imported fresh foods? This presentation will help you shop for the best in produce, understand what influences organic prices, and see the connection between healthy soil and nourishing food. Presented by Joe Scrimger owner of Bio-Systems, a soil testing and consulting firm, and Life Time Foods, a whole foods store in Marlette.

12:30 - 1:30 Michigan Moths & Butterflies

Is it a butterfly or a moth? You can know at a glance. Learn about some common butterflies other than the well-known Monarch, including where and how to find them, what host plants their larvae eat, how they spend the winter, and other interesting aspects of their lives. Presented by Jim McGrath of Nature Discovery.

1:30 - 2:00 Farmland Preservation Essay Contest Winners

The winning essays will receive their rewards and the First Place Essay will be read.

2:15 - 3:15 Story Teller LaRon Williams

LaRon incorporates singing, acting and visual art into his storytelling. With his gifted voice he might create thunder, or maybe the sound of water falling, and he delivers chilling versions of traditional songs you won't forget. He uses stand-up props of his own design and many traditional instruments, including drums from Africa, bones from the U.S. and the old favorite — the jaw harp. Songs, games, and many stories flow endlessly with no pauses.

3:30 - 4:00 The Wisconsin School Phenomenon: Impact of Fresh, Healthy Foods on Learning and Behavior.

Documentary — Parents, teachers, students and school officials describe dramatic improvements in student behavior following a change in school meals.

Main Floor East Room

INTERACTIVE DISPLAY (10:00 - 4:00)

Great Lakes Geology

The Flint Rock and Gem Club will feature an ongoing hands-on display focusing on Michigan rocks, minerals and fossils, with activities for everyone.

Main Floor West Room

GRASS ROOTS LAPEER

Local Organizations Sharing Success Stories

10:30 - 11:00 Preserving our Farmland and Parks

John Stack & Leo Dorr & Tom Valentine

11:00 - 11:30 Great Lakes Bioregional Land Conservancy

Joe Stock

11:30 - 12:00 Sierra Club Nepessing Group

Linda Berker

12:00 - 12:30 Flint River Watershed Coalition

Scott Fairty

12:30 - 1:00 Lapeer Historical Society

Bill Rykhus

1:00 - 1:30 Cow Share Value Added Local Foods

Kim Lockard Healthy Traditions Network & Oliver Farms

2:00 - 2:30 Polly Ann Trail

Bob Resh

2:30 - 3:00 Farmland Preservation Program

Leo Dorr & John Stack & Tom Valentine

Main Floor Center

DISPLAYS (10:00 - 4:00)

Environmentally friendly organizations will have their displays here, Farmland Preservation, Bioregional Land Conservancy, Healthy Traditions Network and other organizations. Meet the people making a difference in your community.



At the Farmers Market Pavilion & Lawn

WEST OF PAVILION

Horse Drawn Carriage Rides (12:00 - 3:00)

Pinecrest Carriage will be giving rides, small charge for rides. Pinecrest Percherons

UNDER PAVILION

Frontier Brunch (11:00 - 2:30)

Locally grown foods will be served; they will include soups from a kettle, locally made award winning hotdogs, hamburgers hot off the grill, French fries, or breakfast — fresh maple syrups, pancakes, and farm fresh eggs. **Experience Buffalo Burgers.**

Eat outside on a picnic table or in the Annex building.

EAST OF PAVILION

Farmers Market (10:00 - 4:00)

Many of the same foods served at the Frontier brunch will be available for sale for you to take home. Visit with farmers and learn about CSA's (Community Supported Agriculture) Michigan Thumb Organic will be selling their members products, Boom Docks Water Plants and Perennials, Apples from Brookwood Fruit Farm, make contacts for buying freezer beef, lamb, chicken, turkey, pork and other fine foods.

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Lapeer Downtown Business Association • Great Lakes Bioregional Land Conservancy

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