

February 1, 2012

Pre-school Story Hour 10:30 PM - 11:30 PM
Pre-school story hour at the Big Rapids Community Library.

February 3, 2012

Free Dental Exams for Children 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Preference Dental located in Mecosta is offering free exams cleanings, fluoride sealants and fillings to children 14 and under in honor of nation "Give A Kid A Smile" day. To set up a free dental exam for your child call 231-972-7104.

February 4, 2012

Cran-Hill WinterFest 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Free WinterFest at Cran-Hill Ranch is again offering a free meal along with entertainment for the whole family. There will be 3 tubing hills, dog sleds, cross country skiing, ice skating, broom ball, horse rides, a 30 foot tall ice climbing wall and so much more. For more information call 231-796-7669.

February 6, 2012

Senior Dancing Entertainment 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
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February 7, 2012

Personal Action Towards Health Course 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Personal Action Towards Health course will be held at the Mecosta County Senior Center, participants will learn how to relax and deal with stress and depression, good nutritional habits problem solving techniques and proper use of exercise and medication. This is a 6 week course that will take place every Tuesday. For more information or to register call 231-972-2884.

Comedian Nicholas Anthony 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Nicholas Anthony, a comedian and magician who will be performing at the Ferris State University Dome Room. This event is free and open to the public. For more information e-mail Angie Walukonis at walukoa@ferris.edu

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February 10, 2012

Lady Sunshine & the X-Band 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Lady Sunshine and the X-Band was formed in 1994 and has been causing quite a stir since then. The Stax-Volt legacy is definitely alive and kickin' with these players! This group is a product of the 'Motor City' and is a reflection of the very essence of Detroit - Emotion, Fire, Pride, and Soul. This Festival of the Arts event will be held at the Williams Auditorium. For more information contact Dr. Cate Arroee at 231-591-2070.

February 11, 2012

Free Children's Dental Health Fair 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
The teeth of a child are precious and the designation of February as National Children's Dental Health Month aims to further drive that point home to parents and their children. Helping the cause is Ferris State University's Student American Dental Hygiene Association whose members are reaching out to the community through the annual Free Children's Dental Health Fair. The fair is open to children age 13 and younger and is being held in Ferris' Dental Hygiene Clinic. Participants are eligible for free exams, X-rays (for qualifying patients), sealants and fluoride treatments. Games, prizes, snacks and face painting will be available as well!

February 12, 2012

ArtPrize Meets the Festival of the Arts 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
For the fifth consecutive year, the Festival of the Arts is delighted to bring the Grand Rapids Symphony back to Big Rapids for an afternoon of outstanding orchestral music. The concert will be held at the Big Rapids High School Auditorium. FREE and open to the public, for more information contact Carrie Weis at 231-591-2536.

February 13, 2012

Black History 101 Mobile Museum 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
For the past 20 years, the Black History 101 Mobile Museum has acquired thousands of original artifacts of Black memorabilia that date from slavery to Hip Hop culture. The Black History 101 Mobile Museum travels to colleges, universities, K-12 schools, conferences, and cultural events across the country. The display will be on the campus of Ferris State University in the Rankin Student Center 155. For more information contact Michael Wade at 231-591-2617.

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February 14, 2012

Personal Action towards Health Course 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
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Musician Kurt Scobie 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Musician Kurt Scobie will be performing live at the Rock Café. For more information email Angie Walukonis at walukoa@ferris.edu.

February 15, 2012

Cake Decorating Demonstration 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Renowned local cake artist Peggy Brennan provides a demonstration on the basic tools and techniques for cake decoration. Discussing basic techniques including crumb-free icing and making such decorative elements as roses, daisies, drop flowers, daffodils, leaves, tendrils and borders, Brennan will help home bakers learn to create a beautifully decorated cake from their own

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kitchens. This event will be taking place at the MOISD Career Center, FREE and open to the public. For more information contact Steve Sobers at (231) 592-4000.

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February 16, 2012

Journey through Grief 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
This free program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping for an adult's journey through grief. Practically handouts are provided for each session and will take place at the Mecosta County Commission on Again. For more information call 231-972-2884

Feb 17 - Feb 18, 2012

"Tea for Two-morrow" One-Act Play 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tea for Two-Morrow examines the changing roles of first ladies of the United States, imagining discussions between entering and departing first ladies on the afternoons of inauguration days in 1797, 1861, 1921 and 1993. Following the production, playwright and director Barbara Pillsbury will lead a discussion. For more information, contact Immanuel Lutheran Church at (231) 796-8273. This venue offers hearing loop technology for patrons with hearing difficulties. This play is FREE and open to the public for more information contact Carrie Weis at 231-591-2536.

February 18, 2012

I am the Yeti 5K 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Come snowshoe with us for competition or stroll with friends and family at the Big Rapids High School. Goodies await you at the finish line including chili, hot chocolate, swag bag, and a warm spot around the fire. You will also earn a stylish long sleeve t-shirt to use as proof of your experience in the woods. Family oriented but the competitive are encouraged to blaze the path through the snow.

Flat River Big Band Music and Dance 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
For a fifth year with Festival of the Arts, the popular Flat River Big Band presents a fun-filled evening of big band dance music for all, hosted in the ballroom of the Big Rapids Holiday Inn and Conference Center. This year's performance will feature vocals by local singer Marilyn Fulmer, of Canadian Lakes. For more information on this FREE event, contact Richard Scott Cohen at (231) 591-2484 or rscohen@ferris.edu.

February 19, 2012

Winter Band and Orchestra Concert 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Join our Ferris instrumental ensembles as we celebrate the 5th annual Festival of the Arts in a joint concert featuring: The FSU Symphony Band, the FSU West Central Concert Band, the FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra and special musical guests. This concert is free and opens to the public and held at Williams Auditorium. For more information contact Dr. Richard Scott Cohen at 231-591-2484.

Veterans Free Dinner 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
The 3rd Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner will be held at the VFW Post on M-20. For more information contact Sharon at 231-972-2945.

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50th Anniversary Celebration of the Starr Building 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Ferris State University's Instrumental Concert Ensembles conducted by Richard Scott Cohen, present a lively concert of music from America and Spain held in the Williams Auditorium. The West Central Concert Band, the Symphony Band and the West Central Chamber Orchestra will each present a short set of pieces related to this theme. This FREE concert also celebrates the 50th anniversary of Ferris State University's Starr Building, with a historic display off of the auditorium lobby and refreshments at the conclusion of the concert. For more information, please contact Cohen at (231) 591-2484 or rscohen@ferris.edu.

February 20, 2012

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February 21, 2012

Taste of Mecosta 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
This is a chance for all of us in Mecosta County to come out, celebrate Fat Tuesday and enjoy food from the county's finest eating and catering establishments. Over 20 vendors have participated in the past, with expected growth each year. Advance tickets are \$12 per person or \$15 at the door. Children 3-8 years are \$5 and children 2 and younger are free. For more information please call the Mecosta County Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-796-7649.

February 22, 2012

Living on Support Group 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
These are on-going groups where grief and loss topics are addressed as they arise, depending, upon interests of those attending the group. The focus of these groups is to express feelings and experiences related to the loss in a supportive, caring and non-judgmental environment. For more info contact Tangela Zielinski 231-527-0913.

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Feb 22 - Feb 25, 2012

"Forever Plaid" STAGE-M Dinner Theater 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
STAGE-M presents dinner theater performances of the popular musical "Forever Plaid a the story of four high school choral musicians who dream of musical success like their idols in popular music, such 1960s popular singing ensembles as The Four Aces, The Four Lads, The Four Freshmen and The Crew Cuts. For more information, contact Jerena Keys at (231) 796-3140. Admission is \$25 per seat (includes dinner) and space is limited held at The Gate.

Happy Valentines Day!

February 26, 2012

Ferris State presents Orpheum Bell 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Relying on old, acoustic instruments, their sound moved from chiseled, plaintive song stories to articulate rhythms - American country, a little swing, Eastern European, a little gypsy "Country & Eastern" they call it. This event will be held at the Williams Auditorium, for more information call Dr. Cate Arroe at 231-591-2070.

Closing Reception Featuring "The Circle Unbroken" 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
The closing reception of the 2012 Festival of the Arts will be held at the Big Rapids High School Auditorium and will feature recognition of all Festival contest winners, the announcement of Haiku Contest winners and refreshments by VanBrocklin's Bakery of Big Rapids. The reception will feature Circle Unbroken, a non-denominational worship and artistic celebration of unity work, presented as the closing event of the 2012 Festival of the Arts. For more information, contact Ed Mallett at (231) 7969-0712.

February 27, 2012

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February 29, 2012

The Bullycide Project 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
The Bullycide Project is a theatre production of character profiles of students who are bullied. It was created and is performed by the Trust Theatre Ensemble, which is dedicated to encompassing an audience of all ages while producing expressive, truthful, thought-provoking theatre that inspires a realization of self, while creating a change of consciousness on issues of humanity, integrity, tolerance, and trust. Our goal is to bring awareness to bullying and show the effect that it has on all individuals including college students. You are strongly encouraged to attend this event as it pertains to all of us as we enter our careers and pass this message on. This event will be held at Williams Auditorium. For more information call Amanda Williamson 231-349-0138

Ferris State University Winter Jazz Concert 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
The Ferris State University Winter Jazz Concert will feature the Ferris State University Jazz Band. The 21-piece band will perform big band swing, rock and Latin pieces. Free Admission and located at the Rankin Student Center Dome Room. For more information Carrie Weis 231-591-2536

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