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May 2010 Newsletter

New Theme for 2010: Grandpa's Farm

Our new theme exhibit, Grandpa's Farm, is full of surprises. Look for the barn, chicken coop, planting area, a cow you can milk, other farm animals, tractors and trailers, and a silo and conveyer belt. Our new traveling exhibit, which debuted at the Family Affair, is a corn maze. We want to thank Mark Todd for approximately 500 hours of volunteer time, as well as materials, for Grandpa's Farm. Hmm—Grandpa kind of resembles him....

The Badger Exhibit

Another exciting new exhibit is The Badger Play Ship, donated by Don and Bobbie Clingan and built by Shawn Eldon. Children will be captivated by its many attractions, including real instruments, a wheelhouse, space to drive cars on and off, an attached slide, and nooks and crannies, just like the real Badger. It's wonderful! We truly appreciate the Clingan's generosity and commitment to Sandcastles and the children who visit.

WMOM Lake Jump

Be sure to turn to page 3 of the newsletter for more details!



We raised over \$30,000!!! Sue Vengen (left, with Buffy) and Andrea Carlson tied for the most pledges; each raised over \$1500 for Sandcastles.

Ludington Area Schools, the winner of the company spirit contest will sponsor a Community Free Day on June 4.



Mark Todd and helpers

Grandpa

Opening Week Events

May 20—Adult Sneak Preview
May 22—Opening Day

Recent Grants & Donations

- Mason County Community Fdn. \$3000 for water table
- Pere Marquette Watershed Council \$300 for water table
- Home Depot \$3210 for Storefronts and bank
- Michigan Council for the Arts (Holland Regrant Agency) \$2970 for Arts -Themed Munchkin Mon./Thrilling Thurs.
- Country Veterinarian Clinic \$1010 Donation

Committees

The Sandcastles Board will be forming committees to assist with planning and carrying out the programs of the museum. If you are interested in becoming more involved behind the scenes, watch for the announcement of committee openings. If you have a skill you think would be helpful, call Kristin Korendyke, Board President, at 231-690-6735.

Donation Opportunity: Make Your Money Grow with a 50% Match from MCCF

Sandcastles is a member of the Mason County Community Foundation, where we have a capital fund (to purchase a building) and an endowment fund. **Match Day will be held June 17.** On that day only, donations will be matched at 50% by several funds within the MCCF (e.g., a *Good Neighbor* donation of \$100 will increase to \$150 with the match, and a \$1,000 donation will increase to \$1,500.) Donations must be made **at the Ludington Council for the Arts, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on June 17.** The earlier you go, the better, because when the pool of matching funds is depleted, the match opportunity ends. There is no minimum amount for eligibility, but the **maximum match is \$1,500.** If you would like to make a donation on that day but are unable to be present, you can mail a check to Sandcastles, and we will deliver it on that day for you! All checks should be made out to MCCF (memo Sandcastles) and mailed to Buffy Nagle at 1421 N. Wooded Lake, Ludington MI 49431.10

Munchkin Mondays

5/24 Stories/songs - Ms. Sue Ann
5/31 Seeds & Planting Time
6/7 Music with Mrs. Shinn
6/14 Bunny Day with 4-H
6/21 Chicken Day
6/28 Story Theater (C. Wilson)
7/5 Finger Paints
7/12 Calf Day
7/19 Music: Mr. Frog & Diane Baker
7/26 Art - Mrs. McWilliams-Knee
8/2 Goat Day
8/9 Play Dough
8/16 Making Wind Chimes
8/23 Fruits and Vegetables
8/30 Preschool Games

Thrilling Thursdays

6/10 Farm Animal Day
6/17 Buidling—Home Depot
6/24 Barnyard Dancing
7/1 Bees and Honey
7/8 *Cirque Amongus* (Circus Arts)
7/15 Firefighters
7/22 Pirates
7/29 Henna Interactive
8/5 Benjammin & Analisa
8/12 How Does That Work?
8/19 Crafting—FloraCraft
8/26 Art with Mrs. Kanine
9/2 Homemade Butter

More Changes in 2010

- We have replaced the much-loved but often-leaking water table with a new one in a new location.
- We have added space behind the stage for costumes—and to allow for grand entrances.
- We have a new sound system.
- With the help of Home Depot, we have made improvements to Our Neighborhood, including the addition of a bank..
- Art tables, Discovery Boxes, & the Infant Center have moved to new locations.
- Animal Rescue is once again a traveling exhibit.
- Some "old favorites " exhibits have been retired, but most of them will be back in rotation eventually.

Wish List

- Heavy shelving units
- Sandbox toys
- Children's musical instruments
- Stickers
- Ribbon and other trims
- Paper—construction, computer, newsprint, etc.
- Paints
- Hand puppets: farm animals, people, fish
- "Dress-up" clothes—especially for boys
- Old jewelry—the glitzier the better; clip or screw-type earrings. Broken jewelry can be used for art projects.
- Magazines—only those with lots of pictures that appeal to kids

Summer Hours and Admission

9:30 - 5:00

Monday- Saturday

May 22—Sept. 4

Daily Admission: \$3.50/person

Babies under 1 year are free.

Annual Family Membership: \$75.00

Sandcastles Board Members
Kristin Korendyke, President
Michal LaCombe, Vice President
Darlene Ponko, Secretary
Buffy Nagle, Treasurer
Pat Carney
Marsha Barter
Mary Todd
Mary Ann Ferguson



11th Annual WMOM Lake Jump

We kicked off our Lake Jump Fund Raiser with two great events. First, Sue Ann Schnitker hosted (donated) a fantastic kick-off party at Cartier Mansion, where we raised \$700. Then we held a Pancake Breakfast on March 13 to sign up participants. Thanks to Indian Summer Co-op, Kistlercrest Farm, Sanders Meats, Shop N Save, and Mark and Mary Todd for their donations to the breakfast. We appreciate Andrea Carlson for planning the event and the volunteers who worked. We not only signed up jumpers but we raised \$1,000.



What great friends we have!!!



We appreciate our donations!

- \$1000, workers, travel mugs, and warming trucks from Servpro
- \$500 from Metalworks
- \$500 from FloraCraft
- Tents and heaters from Grand Rental Station
- Drinks, cups, and coupons from McDonald's
- Tree for free entertainment



The Nagle family survived the Lake Jump

Thanks to our committee members. You made our day an outstanding success!

Chairperson Jeff Nellis

Fundraising Kristin Korendyke

Jeff Nellis

Steve Brockelbank

Heidi Urka

Buffy Nagle

Publicity

Andrea Carlson

Darlene Ponko

Roger Martin (Logo)

Rose DeLoof

Kristin Korendyke

Pledging/

Buffy Nagle

Finance

Val Berrett

Bev Hamman

Kristen Biggs

Marsha Olmstead

Event

Hjordis Rivet

Gig Rose

Carol Pehrson

Mary Ann Ferguson

Mark Todd

Mary Todd



Check out those fabulous towels. The OXY Chem Employee Activity Club donated 140 big, fluffy towels for those who took the plunge.

When we began planning our application for the Lake Jump, we had no idea how to begin or what steps we would need to take. With help from our friends at the Mason County Library, we were able to write a great application. They shared their notes and their suggestions—and Sue Carlson and Bob Dickson jumped, too.

