



Muskegon County Calendar of Events 03/12/18 – 03/19/18

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The Vietnam War: A Film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick

March 12 @ 6:00 pm

Monday evenings at 6:00pm, January 29 – April 2, come to the USS Silversides Submarine Museum for The Vietnam War by Ken Burns! Each episode will be followed by a discussion. Admission is free with the purchase of museum admission. Members are free. For more information, call 231-755-1230.

Crostoli E Frittelle with Sofia

March 12 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Monday, March 12 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, Kitchen 242 inside the Muskegon Farmers' Market invites you to the culinary class, "Crostoli E Frittelle with Sofia!" Crostoli E Frittelle are fried sweets, a traditional must on every Carnival Italian's table. Carnival or "Carnevale" is one of the biggest celebrations in Italy. Famous for its masks (Venice Carnival), it starts on January 7 until the Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras), the day before Ash Wednesday. You guessed it, you will be making Italian fried sweets in this class and learning about Carnevale from Sofia who was born, raised and lived in Italy until coming to Muskegon four years ago.

Masks are welcome although you may need to remove them while cooking! The cost is \$35. For more information, call (231) 769-2202.

LMC Speaker Series: The Sojourners and the Single Girl

March 12 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Monday, March 12 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm, come to Michigan's Heritage Park at Hilt's Landing for the Lakeshore Museum Center Speaker Series featuring "The Sojourners and the Single Girl!" Local historian Marjorie Viveen will be sharing a presentation about West Michigan fur trader, Rix Robinson, and his fur trade crew of 1830. The license he secured for his trading granted him rights on the Grand River and Vicinity and he employed one woman and 21 men at posts scattered from Little Traverse Bay to St. Joseph. This event takes a close look at one of our local fur trading outfits and promises to be very informative. RSVP by calling 231-894-0342. The cost is \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members.

Marjorie Viveen, Ed.S. is a retired School Psychologist and lifelong resident of Grand Haven. She chaired committees to preserve the Ottawa County Poor Farm Cemetery, the Grand Haven Central Park Fountain, their Town Clock, and led a year-long celebration of the Grand River Greenway in celebration of Ottawa

County Parks' Silver Anniversary. Viveen founded the Dusty Dozens History Group and was named TCHM's 2010 "Historian of the Year." In 2012 she authored "Historic River Road: A Self-Guided Auto Tour for All Seasons, co-authored Our People, Their Stories with Wallace Ewing, Ph. D., and has written numerous articles. A second book on Grand River fur trade is in the works. She currently serves on the Ottawa County Parks Foundation Board, the Tri-Cities Historical Museum's Editorial Board, and is the chairperson of the Ottawa County Poor Farm Sesquicentennial Committee.

Planetarium Show: Faster than Light! The Dream of Interstellar Flight

Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 7:00 pm - 7:35 pm

January 16 – March 29 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, come to Carr-Fles Planetarium for “Faster than Light! The Dream of Interstellar Flight!” The impulse to strike out into the unknown, to see what’s over the horizon is as old as humanity. Today, a whole new horizon beckons. Scientists now believe that our galaxy is filled with solar systems, including up to 9 billion Sun-like stars with planets similar to Earth. Astronomers are racing to find habitable worlds, including any that might exist in the neighborhood of our Sun. But if we find one, how will we ever get there? How long will it take? What rocket designs might one day conquer the voids of space? Faster Than Light! The Dream of Interstellar Flight will dazzle audiences with virtual rides aboard spacecraft of the future. This is a 35-minute presentation. (The campus will be closed March 6 and March 8 for College Spring Break) For more information, call (231) 777-0289.

Honoring Our Veterans Dinner

March 14 @ 5:30 pm

Wednesday, March 14 at 5:30pm, come to the USS Silversides Submarine Museum for the Honoring Our Veterans Dinner! This special evening will include dinner, a presentation of the Robert E. Garrison Award to Billy Charles Walker, Jr. in recognition of faithful and diligent service to country and community. Tickets are \$40 and seating is limited, so please call soon to make your reservation. Tickets may be purchased individually or tables may be sponsored by you or your organization to help honor this wonderful community of veterans. Tickets will not be held beyond 4:00pm, Monday, March 12 without payment. To make reservations, please contact Teresa Folkmier at 231-755-1230, e-mail tfolkmier@silversidesmuseum.org or purchase them online at www.silversidesmuseum.org.

Muskegon Lumberjacks Home Game

March 14 @ 7:00 pm

The Muskegon Lumberjacks are proud and dedicated members of the United States Hockey League (USHL), the nation’s only Tier I junior hockey league and leading producer of NCAA players and National Hockey League draft picks in the United States, for five years running!

Catch a home game Wednesday, March 14 at 7:15pm as the Jacks take on the Chicago Steel at the L.C. Walker Arena. Purchase tickets by calling 231-724-5225.

Muskegon Museum of Art: Free Thursday Evening Tours

Thursdays @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Every Thursday from 4:00pm – 8:00pm, you’re invited to the Muskegon Museum of Art for a free tour guided by MMA docents, compliments of Meijer! For more information, call 231-720-2570.

Swing Dance Lessons at SE4SONS

March 15 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Join Swing Dance Instructor, Becky Biesiada, at SE4SONS for a series of 3 classes in March! This is a fun opportunity to learn something new! Don't forget to check out SE4SONS Gastropub after class for great Happy Hour Deals! This is limited to the first 30 participants. Everyone is welcome and you do not need to be a Muskegon CC Member to participate. Call 231-755-3737 for reservations today.

East & West Coast Swing

Class Dates: March 15, 22, 29

Class Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Cost: \$80 per couple/ \$55 per single

Iconic Women of U.S. History: Audrey Hepburn and Susie Bright

March 15 @ 6:00 pm

The Center for Experiential Learning at Muskegon Community College is presenting a three-part lecture series on the “Iconic Women of U.S. History: Audrey Hepburn and Susie Bright,” Thursday, March 15, at 6:00pm. Free and open to the public, the talk is part of the Women’s History Month celebration throughout March and will be held in the Dr. Donald and Nancy Crandall Experiential Learning Lab on the first floor. MCC Distinguished Faculty Award recipient and Emeritus Instructor, Bill Jacobs, will offer insights into the lives and times of prominent American women. For more information, contact the MCC Social Sciences Department at (231) 777-0380.

Thursday Night Music Club: Uneven Ground

March 15 @ 7:00 pm

As part of their free Thursday Night Music Club concert series, the Norton Shores Library hosts live Celtic music from Uneven Ground, Thursday, March 15 at 7:00pm!

‘Grounded’ in the roots of traditional Irish music, Uneven Ground presents a blend of songs molded from hundreds of pub tunes from around the Celtic region. By teaching the history of their music mixed with their nonsensical humor, each performance offers the listener an escape from the busyness of life. Figuratively named after the Irish slip jig ‘On the Rocky Road to Dublin,’ members include Courtney Hutson, fiddle, vocals; Dave Cloz, guitar, vocals; Tim Staudacher, mandolin, guitar; Larry Halverson, whistle, flute and bodhrán.

For additional information, contact Alison Purgiel, lead librarian, at 231-780-8844 or apurgiel@madl.org.

Michigan Irish Music Festival’s St. Patrick’s Day Party

March 16 @ 5:30 pm - March 17 @ 11:00 pm

March 16 – 17, you’re invited to Bella Maria’s Event Center for the Michigan Irish Music Festival’s St. Patrick’s Day Party! Enjoy flavorful Irish fare, savory snacks, delicious drinks and the BEST Craic (“Craic” (/kræk/ KRAK) or “crack” is a term for news, gossip, fun, entertainment, and enjoyable conversation, particularly prominent in Ireland). The shenanigans happen from 5:30pm – 11:00pm both nights with live entertainment provided by Jimmy Keane & Dennis Cahill and Brother Crowe! There will also be performances by Ardan Academy of Irish Dance and the Celebrated Silent Auction. For more information, keep an eye on the Michigan Irish Music Festival’s Facebook page!

Raise the Roof

March 16 @ 6:00 pm

Friday, March 16, the Muskegon County Habitat for Humanity presents River City Improv for a night of comedy! Raise the Roof tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door. A cash bar will be available, but not included in the ticket price. Doors open at 6:00pm along with dinner being catered by The Hearthstone Bistro, Bar and Grill. A raffle will take place with items donated from local businesses who support their mission of bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. The show starts at 8:00pm and the evening will conclude with the raffle drawing. For more information, call (231) 727-6020.

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Catch two home games, Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17 at 7:15pm as the Jacks take on the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders at the L.C. Walker Arena. Purchase tickets by calling 231-724-5225.

Indoor Farmers' Market

Saturdays @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Muskegon Farmers' Market invites you to come inside their warm barn and shop this winter! They're open every Saturday from 9:00am – 2:00pm, November – April. They will be closed Saturday, December 30. For more information, call (231) 722-3251.

Run Muskegon's 4th Annual Shamrock Shuffle 5k

March 17 @ 9:00 am

Run Muskegon's 4th Annual Shamrock Shuffle 5k is happening Saturday, March 17, on the Lakeshore Trail behind Fricano Place! Register for this fun and festive St. Patrick's Day race to benefit Run Muskegon's snow removal efforts that keep the trail clear during the winter months.

Get festive and wear green, a kilt or dress up like a leprechaun for a chance to win prizes! The Shamrock Shuffle will be chip-timed courtesy of Runner's Edge Timing with awards given to:

- Overall Top Male & Female Finisher
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each age group
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd for the best Costume

All ages are welcome for this family friendly event. Packet pick-up will be Friday, March 16 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm and March 17 from 8:00am – 8:55am at Fricano Place. The cost is \$20 without a t-shirt or \$25 with a t-shirt. You must register by March 7 to get the shirt. After that, they'll be available for purchase at the race in very limited quantities. The Family Rate (3 or 4 people at same address) is \$15 each without a t-shirt or \$20 each with a Short Sleeve Tech T-shirt.

For more information, e-mail runmuskegon@gmail.com or runnersedge@runnersedge.biz.

Muskegon's St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 17 @ 11:00 am

Saturday, March 17, the Annual Muskegon's St. Patrick's Day Parade is stepping off at 11:00am from 4th St. and Clay Ave. and marching east along Clay to Jefferson St. Families, organizations, fraternal groups, businesses, marching bands, churches and schools are invited to join in the fun and march in this exciting event! Sponsor your "clan" and walk the parade route or design a float and ride through downtown Muskegon along "O'Clay Street!" The only cost to march in the parade or sponsor a float is a non-perishable food donation. The Greater

Muskegon Jaycees “Cart Corps” will perform along the parade route, accepting food donations from the parade crowd and entertaining the assembled masses with their synchronized grocery cart maneuvers! If your family, organization or group wants to march in the inaugural Muskegon St. Patrick’s Day Parade, please contact the Greater Muskegon Jaycees at parade@muskegonjaycees.org for a complete registration packet. For more information, call 231-412-0705.

St. Patrick’s Day Scavenger Hunt

March 17 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 17 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm, come to the Lakeshore Museum Center for a St. Patrick’s Day Scavenger Hunt!

LMC Saturday Programs are open-house style and run from 1:00 – 3:00pm in the main museum building. Programs and museum admission are free for Muskegon County Residents. Non-residents are just \$3. www.lakeshoremuseum.org

Back Alley Comedy Club: Mat Alono-Martin

March 17 @ 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 17 at 8:00pm (doors open at 7:00pm), the Back Alley Comedy Club presents Mat Alono-Martin with special guest Dwight Simmons! Advance tickets are \$7 or \$10 the day of the show. For more information, call (231) 755-1258 or visit the website below.

Mat Alono-Martin comes to comedy from the world of rock and roll, where he spent 10 years touring North America as a member of several unknown bands and as a tour manager for much more successful, well known bands. Mat has a comedic style that bridges the social and political views of his indie-rock background with the attitude and sensibilities of his rural and blue collar youth. Alono-Martin’s debut album “Profiled as Such” can be heard on the Sirius/XM Raw Dog comedy channel. He has appeared on the nationally syndicated The Bob & Tom Show, Laughs on Fox TV and at several festivals across the country. He is also the co-founder of the Limestone Comedy Festival and Arch City Comedy Festival.

Dwight Simmons has an engaging comedic presence that has allowed him to connect with audiences all over the country. In 2015, his debut album “Pacifist Aggressive” reached #1 on the iTunes Comedy Charts. More recently, Dwight has been selected to the Memphis, Limestone, Crom and Crossroads Comedy Festivals.

Spring Film Fest

March 18 @ 2:00 pm

Every Sunday at 2:00pm, February 11 – March 25, come to the Harbor Theater for the Spring Film Fest to benefit Muskegon’s historic military vessels! Tickets are only \$6. For more information, call (231) 375-5228.

The Line-Up

- 2/11 Tombstone
- 2/18 African Queen
- 2/25 MASH
- 3/4 Dr. Strangelove
- 3/11 The Quiet Man
- 3/18 The Manchurian Candidate
- 3/25 Dunkirk

What Dreams May Come

March 18 @ 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 18 at 4:00pm, come to the Frauenthal Theater for “What Dreams May Come,” presented by the Shoreline Symphony Community Orchestra!

This family-friendly performance features a variety of music: from animated film (The Secret of NIMH) to Shakespeare (A Midsummer Night's Dream) to opera (Hansel and Gretel), and more.

Preceding the concert at 3:30pm, Shoreline Symphony Director Annette Jurcevic will host a brief discussion about the music, its historical and cultural context, and the composers who wrote it.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and students. Children under 18 are free. For more information, call 231-727-8001.

Pet Painting

March 19 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

March 19 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, the Arts Council of White Lake invites you to Pub One Eleven for the “Pet Painting” event to benefit the Muskegon Humane Society! Enjoy drinks and friends while you paint a custom piece of your pet. When you register, you will be asked to email a picture of your pet. This will be pre-drawn onto a canvas ready for finishing touches the day of the event. Images may be cropped to best fit the canvas. The cost is \$40 and is for ages 16+. Space is limited, so register today by calling 231-893-2524 or visit <http://www.artswritelake.org/event-2829704/Registration>.