

Annual Aaron’s Walk scheduled

By Mary Weimer

The A-T Children’s Project will once again be the recipient of the money raised by the annual Aaron’s Walk. The A-T Children’s Project is a nonprofit organization that raises funds to support and coordinate biomedical research to find a cure or therapies for ataxia-telangiectasia, or A-T for short. A-T is like having cystic fibrosis, cerebral palsy, immune deficiencies, muscular dystrophy, and cancer all rolled into one genetic disease.

The local effort is in honor of Aaron Biros, a student at Edgewood Elementary School, who has A-T.

Entry forms are available by calling Christine Biros at 865-3142 or at The Storage Group, 42 S. Third Avenue.

The walk is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 17 at Edgewood Elementary School. The event includes food, raffles, prizes and fun for all as well as benefiting a worthwhile cause. •

Double JJ Ranch hosting ‘Wicked Ranch’ Halloween attractions

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If you dare, visit Double JJ Ranch in Rothbury between now and October 31 any Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

The ranch is hosting a Halloween-themed event which features three different venues: The Town of Terror, Nightmare at the Bunkhouse and Wicked Woods.

The Town of Terror has been deserted for decades and is just waiting for unsuspecting visitors to drop in for some unexpected thrills and chills. Your trip to this town may be your last, as inhuman creatures await you.

Visitors to the Nightmare at the Bunkhouse, which has a dark and demented past, will learn of the numerous hideous acts of torture that occurred there over its history. Don’t miss the chance to experience your worst nightmare as you try to make your way through the abandoned bunkhouse.

There are eyes in the Wicked Woods and they are watching and waiting for you. You will be taken deep into the woods on a tractor-pulled wagon, but you will have to find your own way out!

On Fridays and Saturdays, the ticket booth is open from 6 to 10 p.m.; Sundays, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Admission is \$15 per person for each attraction; \$20 for any two; or a scream pass for \$25 which includes all three venues. For an additional \$10 per person, you can get a VIP pass which entitles you to jump to the front of the line.

Tickets are available online at wickedranch.com. Or call 1-800-368-2535 for information.

The Double JJ Ranch is located at 5900 Water Road in Rothbury. (Take US31 north to exit 136 at Winston Road; turn left on Water Road and watch for parking signs).

All three attractions are open from 6 p.m. until the last person escapes from the woods!•

West Michigan Symphony announces 2010 – 2011 season

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Music Director Scott Speck is pleased to announce this season’s concert line up.

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December 10 & 11 – **Holiday concert** with guest conductor Emil de Cou of the Muskegon Civic Theater Children’s Chorus featuring everyone’s favorite carols.

February 4 & 5 – **Baroque and Beyond**, presenting Bach’s Brandenburg Concerto no. 3; Stravinsky’s *Pulcinella Suite*; and Strauss’ Suite from *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme*.

March 25 & 26 – **Sustainability, a West Michigan Journey** is a multi media concert using spectacular images in partnership with Grand Valley State University.

April 15 & 16 – **Beethoven and Blue Jeans** includes Beethoven’s Symphony no. 7; Rossini’s overture to *The Thieving Magpie*; and Jennifer Higdon, *On a Wire* concerto for 8th blackbird and orchestra.

May 6 & 7 – **Simply Swingin’**. Steve Lippia, vocalist, sings the songs made famous by Bobby Darin, Nat King Cole, Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Vic Damone, and Sammy Davis, Jr.

Chasing the Sun is the final concert on June 3 & 4 with Gleb Ivanov on piano. Concert features include John David Earnest, *Chasing the Sun*; Prokofiev’s piano concerto no. 3; and Tchaikovsky’s symphony no. 4.

Friday and Saturday concerts are performed at 7:30 p.m. in the historic Frauenthal Theater in downtown Muskegon. For full concert information or to order tickets, visit the website: www.WestMichiganSymphony.org or call the office at (231) 726-3231, extension 23. •



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