

Muskegon Civic Theatre
Announces Online Fundraiser
For Their Penguin Project

Muskegon Civic Theatre was the first Penguin Project site in the state of Michigan. On September 12th and 13th the Artists and Mentors involved with the Penguin Project of Muskegon Civic Theatre will take the stage to perform *The Wizard of Oz - Young Performer's Edition* at the Frauenthal Center located in downtown Muskegon, MI.

The Penguin Project was conceived by Dr. Andrew Morgan to give individuals with special needs an opportunity to participate in the performing arts. He created The Penguin Project recognizing that theatre not only provides individuals with a valuable recreational experience and an opportunity to display their creative talents, but also enhances social interaction, communication skills, assertiveness, and self-esteem. The Penguin Project utilizes a "peer mentor" system, linking each young artist with an age-level peer who does not have a disability. The peer mentors work side-by-side with their partners, assisting them throughout the entire rehearsal process on stage. They are on the stage with their partners in the same or complimentary costumes throughout the entire show. Among the many benefits, is the impact on the parents. For the first time, many of them have experienced the joy of sitting in an audience and watching their child perform and succeed in ways they never thought possible.

The production costs to cover such a memorable event is quite costly - approximately \$350 per participant. Any amount contributed is appreciated to help our Penguins soar. For every 10 students sponsored, MCT will announce a show in their 2020-2021 Season lineup! Contributions can be made via check mailed to Muskegon Civic Theatre 425 W. Western Ave Ste 401, Muskegon, MI 49440; or online at

<https://www.muskegoncivictheatre.org/support-us/>
~ OR ~

https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/the-penguin-project-of-muskegon-civic-theatre?fbclid=IwAR3SnNn7Q2kxluKvBk0li8-07y6K5vypD3znidwnT7KSjjhOYnQlez_HMag

Coopersville & Marne
Railway 2020 Schedule

• EnterTRAINment Excursions

Saturdays at 11:00 am & 1:30 pm
June 6th & 27th
July 11th & 18th
August 15th & 22nd
September 5th

Subject to change

Wednesdays at 11:00 am & 1:30 pm
June 17th
July 15th
August 12th

Subject to change

• Veterans' Troop Train

Monday May 25th (11:00 am)

Cancelled

• Great Train Robbery

Saturday June 13th (10:30 am & 1:30 PM)
Saturday June 20th (10:30 am & 1:30 pm)

Subject to change

• Coopersville Car Show Shuttle

Saturday August 8th (10:30 am – 3:30 pm)

• Murder Mystery Train

Saturday August 15th (6:30 pm)
Saturday August 22nd (6:30 pm)

• Famous Pumpkin Train

Saturdays at 11:00 am & 1:30 pm
October 3rd, 10th, 17th & 31st
Saturday at 11:00 am, 1:30 pm & 3:30 pm
October 24th
Sundays at 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm
October 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th

• Santa Train

Saturday at 11:00 am & 1:30 pm
November 28th

Sundays at 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm
November 29th, December 6th

Saturdays at 10:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm & 4:30pm

December 5th, 12th & 19th

Sundays at 11:00 am, 1:30 pm & 3:30 pm
December 13th & 20th

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EDUCATION

- Fruitport High School, Class of 1989
- Michigan State University, BA in Anthropology and Political Science (Dec. 1992)
- University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law, Juris Doctor (May 1996)

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Total of 23 Years Experience as Attorney in Civil and Criminal Cases
- No Grievance or Disciplinary History
- Prior Judicial Experience as Special Education Hearing Officer for 8 Years
- Practiced in Federal and County Courts Throughout the State
- Appellate Record of 17-1 in the Michigan Court of Appeals and 8-1 in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals



WORK EXPERIENCE

- Kolkema Law, PLC – General Practice Attorney (Dec. 2013- Present)
- Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC - Municipal Defense Attorney (Aug. 1999 - Oct. 2012)
- David T. Bowen, PC - General Practice Attorney (Nov. 1996 - Aug. 1999)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Village of Fruitport, Village Council Member (May 2015 - Nov. 2016)
- Village of Fruitport, Planning Commission (Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2016)
- Catholic Charities of West Michigan, Food Truck Volunteer (May 2014 - May 2016)
- Ingham County Circuit Court, Case Evaluator (2003 - 2013)
- Shiawassee County Circuit Court, Case Evaluator (2002 - 2013)
- City of East Lansing, Zoning Board of Appeals (2003 - 2008)
- Autism Society of Michigan, Board of Directors (1998 - 2002)

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Kolkema

for District Court Judge
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