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**Free Bike Drawing & WCMU PBS to Headline 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Day in the Park**

For the sixth straight year, Mid Michigan Community Action and a host of community partners will provide activities, games, resources, to area children and their families. One lucky boy and girl will go home with a free bike!

Clare County's sixth annual Fun Day in the Park will be held on Friday, June 12 at the Shamrock City Park (Clare) from 11am to 2pm. It is a free event for families with children up to six-years-old.

"With the tough economic times, we wanted more than ever to provide a free, exciting time for children to spend time with their families," Sara Dipzinski, Mid Michigan Community Action Family Service Coordinator, said.

Nearly 40 non-profits, community businesses, and organizations are collaborating for this year's event. There will be games, activities, giveaways and police car and fire truck tours to keep children busy.

"We are happy to have WCMU PBS here again this year; they will be doing music and reading activities. Free books will also be given away," Dipzinski said.

In addition to all of the entertainment, Fun Day in the Park provides parents with access to many community resources in a laid-back environment. Open enrollment for Early Head Start and preschool will be available through Mid Michigan Community Action and Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency. The Clare Masonic Lodge will be providing the MI-CHIP service, which allows parents to create a safety packet including their child's fingerprints, picture, video and other information.

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“Our goal is for everyone to have fun and for the parents to walk away with information and knowledge about resources that are available to them,” Dipzinski said.

Fun Day in the Park sponsors and organizers include: Mid Michigan Community Action Agency, United Way of Clare County, Clare County Early Intervention Collaborative Committee, Clare City Water Department, Clare Fire Department, Michigan Medical Response, MSU Extension, Chippewa Nature Center, Michigan Student Aid, Early Childhood Investment Corporation, Clare Parks and Recreation, State Representative Tim Moore 97<sup>th</sup> District, Michigan Community Blood Center, St. Cecilia Catholic School, Mt. Pleasant Association for the Education of Young Children, Mid Michigan Medical Center, Clare Public Schools, Rodnick Chiropractic, Fields Neurosciences Institute, Clare-Gladwin Literacy Council, Clare-Pere Marquette, Surrey Township & Harrison Community Libraries, Clare City Water, Mid Michigan Big Brother Big Sisters, Listening Ear, Child Advocacy-4C, Clare County Youth Council, Campbell Printing, Early On, NEMSCA Head Start, Lutheran Child & Family Services, Michigan Fatherhood Coalition, Clare Masonic Lodge # 404, Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District, Great Start, Michigan Child Identification Program, Clare McDonald’s, Clare County Department of Human Services, and Clare City Police.

*Mid Michigan Community Action Agency is a non-profit, human services agency serving Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Mecosta, Midland and Osceola Counties since 1966.*

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