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Luau Fish Fry and **Movies In The Park**

Michigan City, IN (July 7, 2003) - Come to Washington Park this Friday for the best fish dinner you've ever tasted and stay for the FREE movie!

Joe Doyle, chairman of the Michigan City Summer Festival Committee, said, "The Luau Fish Fry is home of the best fish dinner in the area. Each year we've presented the Luau, we've sold more fish than the year before, so come down early and get your Luau fish dinner this Friday, July 11th."

Sponsored in part by Island Seafood Co., Top Dog Restaurant, and City Flowers, the Luau Fish Fry is a favorite event for Summer Festival participants, according to Doyle, and the quality of the food is the primary reason so many people attend the event in the lower level of the Park Office building in Washington Park.

"The Luau Fish Fry is held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 11th in beautiful Washington Park," said Doyle. "Tickets are only \$7, and they can be purchased in advance from City Flowers at 201 Center Street in Michigan City."

After you finish your delicious fish dinner in Washington Park, stay for the free movie!

Robin Kohn, publicity manager for the Michigan City Public Library said, "**Movies In The Park**, a collaboration between the City of Michigan City and the Michigan City Public Library as part of the Task Force on Literacy, brings great films to Washington Park on the shores of Lake Michigan throughout the summer. **Movies In The Park's** first presentation this summer is Family Night, and the movie is "**October Sky**." Andrew Tallackson, Entertainment Editor for the News Dispatch, will present a short discussion about this true life story just before the movie begins at dusk."

NASA engineer Homer H. Hickam, Jr.'s autobiography provided the basis for "**October Sky**," a drama about a teenager coming of age at the dawn of the space race. In 1957, Homer Hickam (Jake Gyllenhaal) is a high school student in Coalwood, West Virginia when the Soviet Union launches Sputnik, the first man-made satellite. While most of his friends and neighbors react with fear or distrust, Homer is instantly fascinated and begins studying everything he can find on jet and rocket design. While many of Homer's friends are puzzled by his new obsession, several new friends share his enthusiasm, and with the encouragement of his teacher (Laura Dern), Homer and his fellow "Rocket Boys" begin designing and launching their own homemade missiles. However, Homer's father (Chris Cooper) takes a dim view of his son's interest in rockets and is convinced Homer's future should be the same as his own, working in the local coal mines. "**October Sky**" mixes the

drama of traditional family conflicts with a nostalgic glimpse of life in the mid-50's and a look at the earliest days of our journey into space.

“Each showing of **Movies In The Dark** begins at dusk and all features are **FREE** of charge,” said Ms. Kohn. “Films are shown at the Jaycee Stage in Washington Park on a screen donated by AJ Canopy of Michigan City. Michiana Resources has an on-site concession stand offering popcorn, soda, and other tasty treats available at reasonable prices. Picnic tables are available, but audience members are welcome to bring their own chairs. We recommend you bring along blankets and warm sweaters/sweatshirts, or a jacket, as the evening breeze off the Lake can be quite cool even after the hottest day.”

For more information on the Luau Fish Fry, contact Summer Festival Committee members Joe Doyle at 219/874-8213 or Karen Post at 219/878-8273.

For more information on **Movies In The Dark**, contact Robin Kohn, Michigan City Public Library, at 219/873-3049.