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Branson Chamber Chatter

Musical Theaters

Make The Connection!

Thursday, March 26, on Branson Community Connection: The local talk show about what's going on in Branson airs Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. on the Vacation Channel. This week's show features John Baltes talking about the Care For Kids program.

Cory Ross of Ozark Mountain Bank announces April 11 events: the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at Appleby's followed by the Hollister Easter Egg Hunt. And don't miss Cory's surprise guest!

Lana Johnson Nichols talks about the hot fashions in prom dresses at Touch of Class in The Shoppes. And Phil Lilley tells about Lilley's Landing and gives fishing tips.

Branson's Tourism Update

Mark your calendars for the 2009 Community Marketing Presentation by the Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and Convention & Visitors Bureau from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 3, in the Keeter Center on the campus of College of the Ozarks.

The program featuring several presenters includes 2008 research statistics; the 2009 economic forecast; marketing, media, public relations and sales plans for 2009 and news from the Chamber of Commerce.

Dan Lennon, Chamber/CVB Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations, said they'll discuss marketing designed to respond to the challenging national economic environment. "We've got a lot going for us," Lennon said. For more information, call the Chamber at 334-4084.

Magnificent Show In New Location

It's a spring tradition that music shows play musical chairs, moving from one theater to another for a variety of reasons.

Tamra Holden Tinoco and hubby Joe Tinoco are performing the "Magnificent Variety Show" at the Osmond Theater this year. Tamra's a local girl. She was born in Joplin, and moved to Springfield when she was seven, and later became Miss Springfield.

She's had an exciting career, performing in Nashville at Opryland and on a Disney cruise ship. She performed with Lee Greenwood, and spent eight seasons with the Magnificent 7 at the White House Theatre. She and Joe met while they were performing in "Blondes, Blondes, Blondes."

This year, watch for their beautiful daughter Talya onstage. She's four and already a veteran performer. Visit www.magnificentvariety.com or call 336-6100.

Rankin Brothers Also Moved

The Rankin Brothers Classic Music Revue opened this week to rave reviews at the Starlite Theater across from the Hollywood Wax Museum.

They're offering a special price of \$5 to residents of Taney and Stone counties through March 30. They perform at 8 p.m. on Monday and Thursday; 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Mark and Matt are known as singer-impressionists. They grew up in Texas, and developed a love for the music of the 50's and 60's. They perform the hits of Elvis, Buddy Holly, The Everly Brothers, Neil Diamond, The Righteous Brothers, Simon and Garfunkel, Roy Orbison, George Strait, Conway Twitty, Chuck Berry and more.

Call 337-9333 or visit www.rankinbrothers.com.

Greening Up...And it's not just Spring

More people are going green by recycling in the Branson area. Last year, there was a nine percent increase in the amount of materials collected at the Branson Recycling and Processing Center, said City of Branson Public Works Director Larry VanGilder.

More than 700 electronic devices were brought to the recycle center, which were recycled through Computer Recycling in Springfield.

The recycle center is on Compton Drive just past the Community Center. They also accept chemical wastes including paint, fuel, pesticides and fluorescent tubes. You have to make an appointment for chemical wastes.

It looks like Debbie Redford, who provided many environmental programs to area students, may have encouraged a great trend. It's open 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday through Saturday, 4 to 6 p.m. Thursdays. Call 334-5277.

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