



## **News radio WOOD FM/AM TO HOST A FREE**

### **Food Tasting event JULY 19 AND 20**

*Country Music Singer Aaron Tippin to Perform*

*Area Restaurants to serve Local Delicacies*

**(Grand Rapids, MI – July 1, 2013)**— A flavor explosion will hit Fifth Third Ball park for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual ***Taste of Grand Rapids*** featuring a state-sanctioned barbecue competition, non-stop entertainment, West Michigan Trucking Show and a wide variety of food from 25 local restaurants. WOOD Radio AM/FM and Gun Lake Casino will host the event Friday, July 19 from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, July 20 from 11 a.m. to 10p.m.

“There are many reasons to come to the Taste of Grand Rapids,” said Tim Feagan, Market Manager . “From the children’s area, to the live entertainment, to food and wine pairing and the beer, there truly is something for everyone. Not to mention it’s free to attend. Above all, the food is the real star of the show, and the main attraction.”

The Taste of Grand Rapids will include live, family-friendly entertainment and will feature Aaron Tippin, classic country singer on Friday night. New to this year’s event is the merge of Taste of Grand Rapids and West Michigan Trucking Show.

Visitors will also enjoy a state-sanctioned barbecue competition in which the best of the Midwest will compete for the State of Michigan Barbecue Champion title. Teams will compete by serving up their best barbecue ribs, chicken, pork, side dishes, and more. The winner will advance to Kansas City to compete for a national title against teams from across the country.

**The entertainment lineup includes:**

**Friday, July 22:**

3:00p.....Brian Randall Band  
4:00p.....Lyndsey McFarlane  
5:30p.....Kari Lynch Band  
7:00p.....Stolen Horses  
8:30p.....Aaron Tippin

**Saturday, July 23:**

11:00a.....The Diddle Styx  
12:30p.....Afro Zuma  
2:00p.....Delilah DeWylde and the Lost Boys  
3:00p.....BBQ Competition Awards  
4:30p.....Blue Molly  
6:00p.....Sidetrack  
7:30p.....Bennett  
8:00p.....Bob Seger Tribute Band:  
Lookin' Back

**Grand Rapids flavors will be available from  
the following restaurants:**

Bobby J's

Moo-ville Creamery

Chinatown

Donk's Mexican Joint

Twisted Rooster

Café San Juan

Chez Olga

Jamaican Dave's

Sandmann's BBQ

Flo's Restaurant and Sports Bar

Su Casa

Louis Benton Steakhouse

Gun Lake Casino

Noodles & Company

XO Asian Cuisine

Mad Dogs

The Melting Pot

Koeze's

Brann's

Red Robin

Schondelmayer Bar-B-Q

Culver's

Firehouse Subs

Fat Boy Burger

Families will enjoy free admission and entertainment during the Taste of Grand Rapids. Attendees will be able to use food tickets to purchase popular dishes from each restaurant. Food tickets will be available in packages: four tickets for \$5, eight tickets for \$10, and 16 tickets for \$20. Parking fee is \$6. For more information about Taste of Grand Rapids, visit <http://www.woodradio.com/common/taste-of-grand-rapids/>

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