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**Enjoy Good Food, Music and a Special Keynote
Friday Night at the Michigan Energy Fair**

Manistee, MI (June 16-18, 2006) – The Michigan Energy Fair will be held June 16-18, 2006 at the Manistee County Fairgrounds in Onekama, Michigan on the banks of beautiful Portage Lake. Celebrate the opening of the Michigan Energy Fair on Friday evening, June 16th with a very special evening including a dinner banquet, a visionary keynote speaker and toe-tapping music.

At 5:00 p.m., we are pleased to offer a delicious opening banquet dinner. Featuring locally grown produce and locally baked artisan breads, the banquet dinner is not to be missed. Take this opportunity to relax with a fine meal and meet a wide variety of people interested in energy issues in Michigan before the opening of the fairgrounds on Saturday.

Following dinner, the Fair is honored to host a keynote address from Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell. Mayor Heartwell will speak about the city of Grand Rapids' ambitious plans to meet its energy needs with sustainable energy. Mayor Heartwell took office in 2004 and is an ordained minister with the United Church of Christ. Prior to becoming Mayor, he served as Pastor at Heartside Ministry and was a city commissioner for 8 years.

The night will conclude with toe-tapping dance music courtesy of the *Same Ole' 2 Step* zydeco band, a high-energy zydeco band from Louisiana. Zydeco is a blend of French dance melodies with elements of Caribbean and Blues music. Expect a very danceable blend of original compositions and classic zydeco tunes from this dynamic group. Joining the band will be *Lil' Guyland*, an eight year old musical prodigy who can play over 100 songs on the accordion. Described as a musical genius, *Lil' Guyland* was recently featured in an HBO special on child prodigies.

Tickets for the banquet dinner are \$15.00 each for just the banquet, or \$20.00 each for a full evening of food and music. Music only tickets are \$8.00 each.

To register or for more information about the Michigan Energy Fair, please visit www.glrea.org, and don't forget to register while you're there!

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