

Grand Cherry Buffet Luncheon an annual tradition

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If you have any more room in your cherry pie-filled stomach, be sure to check out the delicious Grand Cherry Buffet Luncheon at the Holiday Inn-West Bay.

The luncheon, presented by the Michigan Cherry Committee, begins at 12 p.m. on Friday July 9.

"This has been a huge annual event," said Kyle Durfee-Brandon, the event's director. "The chefs do a wonderful cherry buffet. It

changes every year, which entices people. Its also very affordable. We sold out last year."

The menu will offer ribs with the cherry BBQ sauce, cherry sausage, cherry salads and much more, all prepared by chefs Steve Whalin and Bob Novy.

"Last year they used Pleva's cherry meat to do a cherry meat loaf," Durfee-Brandon said. "It's excellent! They're really good, every year they does something different."

Durfee-Brandon said the event is showcased by how the festival started more than 70 years ago, with the end of the cherry crop.

"The farmers were celebrating the cherries," he said. "They got together with families and friends and had picnics and parades, and it escalated into what we have today." Tickets may be purchased at the Holiday Inn-West Bay or at the Festival Office. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children.

2004 NCF Food Court Vendors

Arby's Roast Beef
Roast Beef Sandwich
Beef and Cheddar Sandwich
Chicken Finger & Curly Snack
Chicken Finger & Curly Meal
Curly Fry with side of cheddar

Astoria Coney Island Restaurant
Chicken Greek Salad / Greek Salad
Coney Island Hotdogs / Hotdogs
Souvlaki / Shish Ka Bobs
Cherries and Chocolate

Chiantis
Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich
Chicken Quesadillas
Grilled Chicken Cesar Salad
Fried Perch

China Fair
Egg Roll
Crab Macau
Sweet and Sour Chicken
Sesame Chicken

Domino's Pizza
Pepperoni and Cheese Pizza
Ham and Cheese Pizza
Cheese Pizza

Heavenly Ham
Variety of Sandwiches
Half Slab Ribs
Boneless Ham
Items to complete Sandwiches

Kentucky Fried Chicken
Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Coleslaw
Baked Beans
Minerva's Restaurant
Nacho's
Wings
Salad
Chicken Strips

Outback Steakhouse
Tazmanian Steak Sandwich
No Rules Chicken Sandwich
Cheese Fries
Coconut Shrimp

Quizno's
Turkey & Ranch Swiss Sandwich
Beef and Cheddar Sandwich
Ham and Swiss Sandwich

Rancho Grande Mexican Restaurant
Beef Taco
Chicken Taco
Nacho's with Cheese
Nacho's with Meat

Red's Smokehouse
BBQ Chicken Dinners
BBQ Rib Dinners
BBQ Rib and Chicken Dinner
BBQ Pork Sandwich

Sue's J&S Hamburg
Hot Dogs
Hamburgers
French Fries
Plevalean
Chili Dogs

U&I Lounge
Gyro (Lamb, Chicken, Cherry Chicken)
Greek Salad
Hand Dipped Onion Rings
Baklava

Villa D'Alessandro
Italian Sausage, Turkey, Italian Sandwich
Pulled Pork
BBQ Ribs & Lasagna Dinners
Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, Steak Fries, Pretzels
Breadsticks
Bite size cheesecakes



A Grand Cherry Buffet Luncheon Hosted by the Holiday Inn - West Bay Friday, June 18

SALADS

*Garden Fresh Field Greens with Assorted Condiments & Dressings
Fresh Baby Spinach Salad with Cherry Balsamic Vinaigrette
Traverse City Waldorf Salad
Cherry Tree Marinated Vegetable Salad with Minted Cherry Dressing
Cherry Dream Salad*

ENTREES

*Philly Style Cherry Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions
Cherry Smoked Ham with Cherry Ginger Sauce
Cherry Pecan Whitefish
Wood Roasted Duck with Cherry Almond Glaze*

STARCHES AND VEGETABLES

*Wild Rice Pilaf with Drunken Cherries
Green Beans Cherry Almondine
Cherry Ginger Glazed Carrots*

DESSERTS

*Cherry Pie
Cherry Jubilee Cheesecake
Chocolate Cherry Mouse
Cherry Bread Pudding
Cherry Brownies
Cherry Angel Trifle
Cherry Crisp
Cherry Macadamia Cookies
Cherry Bran Muffins
Cherry Blondies*

*Tickets available at the National Cherry Festival
Headquarters
And at the Holiday Inn - West Bay
\$16 per adult, \$8 per child
12 Noon Seating*



*Presented by
Michigan Cherry
Committee*