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Grand Ledge

Area Chamber of Commerce

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Spring is here and plans for festivals are well underway. On May 5th Grand Ledge will become Victorian. The day will be filled with many activities thru-out the day to celebrate Victorian Days. June will bring Yankee Doodle Days to the streets of Grand Ledge. Once again this year the streets will be lined to watch the parade on Saturday June 23rd at 11:00. A bicycle decorating contest will take place following the parade at the Bicycle shop. This year some added fun for the children will be pony rides, hula hoop contest, face painting, touch-a-truck and a craft workshop (held at the scout building). These events will be held at J.C. park. Live music (Global Village) Pig roast, fireworks and much more. Mark your calendars for the great three day festival. June 21,22, and 23rd.

The chamber and GBGI are working together to survey the downtown businesses to gather information to further assist them in increasing their business and creating more awareness to our community.

We have a new member that we would like to welcome. Royston Ridge Inc. Adult Foster Care Home. Located at 10216 Royston Rd. Grand Ledge.

Membership continues to grow. We appreciate all of our members and Big 6 members. You help us continue to promote and bring awareness to our entire community. Thank you.

The new flags and flag poles are attached to the Bridge the first of March.



Eric Dean, Jason Barkley, Dan Barkley
Colleen Austin, Susan Sasse, Karla Chamberlain

NEW CHAMBER MEMBER

Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce is happy to have a new member :
Royston Ridge Inc., (Adult Foster Care)



Grand Ledge: In the Beginning

As part of the Grand Ledge Area Historical Society's on-going public historical program series, Marilyn Smith long time resident and local historian will narrate a slide presentation of "Grand Ledge: In the Beginning" including shots of the early ledges, fossils, arrowheads, and Chief Okemos from when we were called Big Rocks on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 7:30 p.m. at the Opera House.

You will see pictures of the first dam and flour mill which were located near the Opera House gardens, meet Rueban Wood who had the first store on the site of the Opera House and Edmund Lamson, the first permanent settler and first village president after we became Grand Ledge.

You will also meet Miss Sanders, the first teacher in the early 1850s and pictures of some of the 1800's schools. Check out the first four churches built in Grand Ledge. Only one still remains today.

Visit early clay pits and coal mines. See the replica of the Russell mine and a coal miner's light. Watch a barn raising and making soap, butter, sauerkraut and maple syrup.

Have you ever seen a rope bed? A Betty Lamp, a coal fired iron? An early hand held hearing amplifier?

Join us to see pictures of and learn about Big Rocks and the early years of Grand Ledge.

Please call 517-202-5656 for additional information.

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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

Chamber of Commerce

- 03-17-12 St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 03-25-12 Magic Show @ Opera House
- 04-28 Food Drive
- 05-26-12 Memorial Day Parade
- 06-21,22,23-12 Yankee Doodle Days
- 08-04-12 Island Art Fair
- 09-13-12 Annual Golf Outing
- 10-07-12 Annual Fashion Show
- 10-12,13,14-12 Color Cruise & Island Festival
- 11-30-12 Christmas Parade

Grand Ledge Opera House

Gleason Concert

A vocal concert featuring Larissa Gleason Clark and Gretchen Goodrich Gleason accompanied by Jeff Kressler on the piano and narrated by Winifred Olds and

John Gleason will be held Sunday, April 15, 3:00 p.m. at the Grand Ledge Opera

House, 121 S. Bridge St. For further information call 517-6278-1443 or

517-627-5170.