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Grand Ledge

Area Chamber of Commerce

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“The 39 Steps” at Over the Ledge Theater Company. August 2 – 12 at Fitzgerald Park

Island Art Fair—Saturday, August 4, 10am-5pm, on the Island

Chamber Night @ Ledges Playhouse, September 6th— for more information or tickets, Karla Chamberlain, 626-8008

Chamber Annual Golf Outing, September 13th-Grand Ledge Country Club— for more information, Dale Bennett, 627-1181
Have you registered your team yet?

Blessings in a Backpack

Blessings In A Backpack Grand Ledge (BIABGL) is a community effort that aims to provide a backpack full of non-perishable, kid-friendly food to sustain children at risk for food insecurity over the weekends during the school year. While approximately 1,550 children in the Grand Ledge School District are considered to be at-risk, Beagle Elementary School in the Grand Ledge School District has been particularly hard hit with 42% of the children on the free (36%) and reduced (6%) lunch program.

Blessings In A Backpack is a national effort that was initiated in Louisville, Kentucky, as a response to a need recognized by teachers who noticed that many of the free and reduced lunch program children were coming to school on Monday feeling tired and sluggish as they either had not enough food, or no food, to eat over the weekend.

Since the first BIAB program was initiated in 2005, the organization has expanded to over 216 schools in 32 states. Today there are 40+ schools in Michigan sending backpacks home, and Beagle School in Grand Ledge will be added to the list this fall.

An \$80 donation will allow one child to take home a non-descript backpack with non-perishable, kid-friendly food in it to help feed them over the weekend so that they return to school on Mondays nourished and ready to learn. Research shows that well-nourished children learn better and are more able to take advantage of the educational opportunities presented to them.

Blessings in a Backpack Grand Ledge will partner with Meijer's to purchase food at reduced cost, and they aim to offer backpacks to about 255 children at Beagle Elementary in the 2012-13 school year. In order to do so, they need the community of Grand Ledge to come forward and donate to the cause.

BIABGL, a 100% volunteer-run program, currently has enough money to feed 60 of the at-risk Beagle School children for the 2012-13 school year from donations provided by service organizations, businesses, professionals, and private donors. While they will start feeding the neediest of the needy kids first, they hope to raise enough money in the community to eventually feed the entire at-risk population at Beagle Elementary beginning in the fall. If the community is supportive, they hope to start expanding the program district wide in the future, targeting the most needy schools first.

If you wish to make a donation, you may do so by check or credit card.

Checks should be made out to: Blessings In A Backpack (be sure to designate "Grand Ledge" in the memo line)

Mail it to: Blessings in a Backpack Bank Lockbox

P.O. BOX 950291

Louisville, KY 40295

To donate with a credit card online: www.blessingsinabackpack.org/donate. Under "Donor Information" locate where it says "Designation." Then click on the downward facing arrow on the right where it says "General Support." A drop down menu will open. Click on "Other" and type in "Grand Ledge" in the box that appears to ensure that you donation goes to the Grand Ledge program. Complete the rest of the information and submit.



Business After Hours

Grand Ledge Chamber members enjoyed feasting on cheese and crackers, bruschetta, shrimp, and beverages while networking at Business After Hours on July 10th hosted by Independence Village.



Ribbon Cutting

Chamber members welcomed International Minute Press to the Grand Ledge/Delta area with a ribbon cutting on Monday, July 16th. Owner Cary Ritter and staff can be reached at (517) 323-7778 or Lansing-mi@imp.com for information about helping you with your printing needs.

AUGUST 2ND - 12TH



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Adapted by Patrick Barlow

August 2nd - August 12th, 2012 8pm Thurs-Sat • 2pm Sun

Reserved Seating! Order online or call 517-318-0579

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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

August, 2012

Aug. 2—12— The 39 Steps, Over the Ledge Theatre Co, Fitzgerald Park—see flyer on page 3

Aug. 4— 39th Annual Island Art Fair, 10am-5pm

Aug. 6-11—Thornapple River Expedition 2012, more information on Eaton County Parks website

Aug. 26—Blue Oval Blast 2012— Mustang & Ford Show at Fitzgerald Park

September, 2012

Sept. 6— Chamber Night -25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Over The Ledge Theatre Co, Fitzgerald Park-

Sept. 13— Chamber Annual Golf Outing

Sept. 20—Business After Hours, Grand Ledge Opera House, 5:30 PM

Sept. 30—2012 Grand Adventure Race (2 mi kayak, 12 mi bike, 3.1 mi run)

October, 2012

Oct. 12, 13, 14—Color Cruise and Island Festival, 10am—5pm each day, Island Park

Oct. 13— Vintage Vehicle Display, downtown Grand Ledge