

Grand Ledge

Area Chamber of Commerce

December, 2013

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Christmas Parade & Events - Dec. 6th

This annual favorite kicks off the Holiday Season at 7pm with lights, music and **Santa & Mrs. Claus** on a fire truck! The parade begins at the fire station, proceeds down Bridge St. and ends at the Sun Theatre. Visit with Santa and then head into the Sun Theatre

for a FREE showing of "Shrek the Halls" (25mins long).

The **Christmas Kids Shop** will be open from 4-8pm at Imagine this Church 227 S. Bridge. Kids can shop for gifts (everything is \$2 or less) or watch the parade from inside.

Be sure to stop in for the G.L. Rotary annual **Chili Cook-off** and see who takes home the "Golden Crock" for 2013. Tasting begins at 6pm and continues during the parade in the Miller Pharmacy Bldg. 204 S. Bridge. This event is free to the public, but please consider a donation as **100% of the proceeds** benefit the Grand Ledge Emergency Assistance Program (GLEAP).



You are invited to the **39th Annual Holiday Traditions Tour: Homes, Churches, Tables, & Trees**

Saturday, Dec. 7 from 11am - 5pm
Sunday, Dec. 8 from 1pm - 5pm

The **2013 Tour** features four very interesting private homes dating from 1873-1928, a wedding chapel, two churches, the Opera House and The Museum. All are beautifully decorated for Christmas or Advent.

~**Chip and Kara Christy** have lovingly restored the interior of their c. 1873 Victorian Vernacular home with memorabilia of their music and dance interests and family treasures. (117 W. Lincoln St.)

~**Greg Thon** remodeled his c. 1880 bachelor's pad that overlooks Island Park and was once the home of J. S. Mudge, owner of the Seven Islands Resort. His home reflects his interests in MSU, antiques and his farm background. (222 W. River St.)

~**Peg Cook** restored her c. 1882 Vernacular two family home to a one family home once again. She has filled it with interesting historic and quirky items that she loves, giving an eclectic feel to her home. (204 W. Jefferson St.)

~**Ginny Forstat** updated and decorated her 1928 Cape Cod Colonial home with comfortable traditional furnishings and family antiques. It was known as the Kane home for many years. (603 E. Jefferson St.)

~**Bridge Street Wedding Chapel** is a good example of adaptive reuse. The Chris Holmes Family updated and restored the 1903 Congregational Church in 2005 as a wedding chapel, retaining the stained glass windows. Their first wedding was held in 2006. (200 N. Bridge St.)

~**Trinity Episcopal Church** is celebrating its 100th year in their gothic church with 12 magnificent stained glass windows, soaring vaulted ceiling and polished hardwood. (201 E. Jefferson St.)

~**St. Michael Catholic Parish** built their contemporary church in 1970 moving from their previous church at 200 E. Jefferson St.. (City Hall presently). The contemporary sanctuary incorporated a smaller chapel. (345 Edwards St.)

~**The Museum**, a c. 1880 Gothic Revival features "Things of Beauty: Decorative Arts" by Grand Ledge artists, including painting, photography, pottery, sculpture and fabric art. (118 W. Lincoln St.)

~**The Opera House**, restored in 1884, showcases decorated trees, miniatures display, a Christmas Mart and the 1928 Barton Theater Organ in the Grand Hall. Many festive tables on the Terrace Level and Teddy Bears are displayed in the Blake Room. (121 S. Bridge St.)

Holiday Wishes Proudly Presents

A Family Christmas

December 12th and 13th, 2013
7:00pm



Grand Ledge Opera House
121 S Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 49837

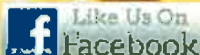
Tickets \$8 In Advance, \$10 At The Door
Children 12 and Under \$5

Tickets Available At
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Chamber Chatter

**This section will feature some of the projects the Chamber is currently working on.*



Our Marketing and Public Relations Committee is busy designing new materials including a new logo, maps of the area, things to do in G.L. and a welcome kit for new residents. We are also busy with the Christmas Parade, the Chamber Annual Dinner and our first ever **Fun on the Rocks** Winter Festival scheduled for Feb 1, 2014!

Robyn Orme, a freelance social media specialist, has volunteered her time in keeping the Chamber up to date by posting news and events in the social media world. We welcome Robyn to the Chamber!

Do you "Like" us?

Head over to our Facebook page at www.fb.com/GrandLedgeChamber and make sure that you hit the "like" button to receive our updates in your news feed. If you already have your own business page set up on Facebook be sure to like us with your business page too. We have BIG plans for this page so watch how we will promote your business!

A Warm Welcome
to our
Newest Member



Two Men and a Truck

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*Share the
Magic of
this Holiday
Season*

Calling all Angels

Grab a tag. Buy a gift.
Place it under the tree.

Flagstar is teaming up with the Salvation Army to bring joy to children this holiday season.

Gift tags need to be labeled with the child's gender and approximate age before affixing them to gifts.

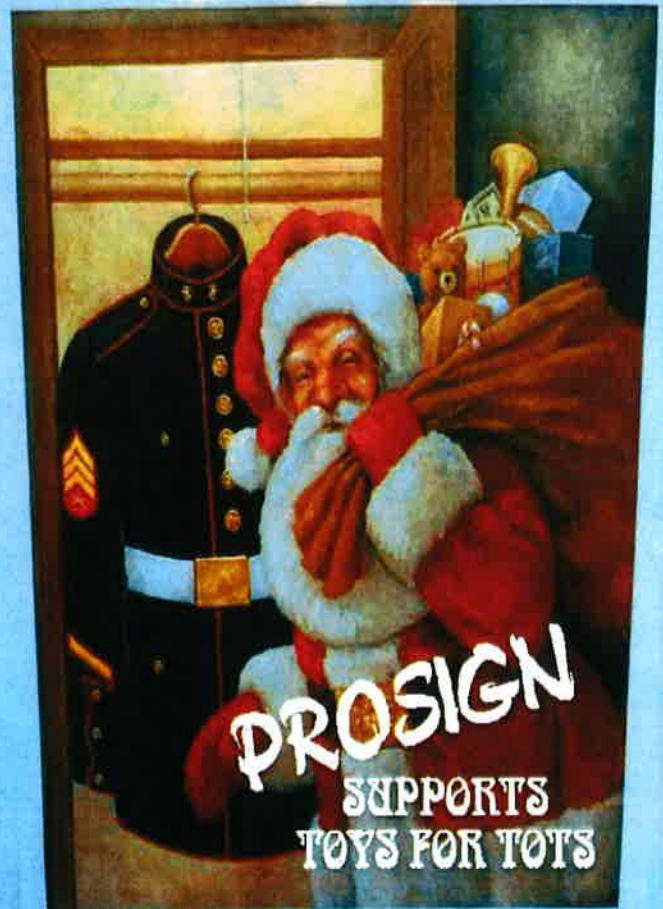
No wrapping is necessary—the Salvation Army's elves will take care of that!

Please select new, age-appropriate gifts such as clothes, sporting goods, toys, backpacks, or books.

Thank you for helping to brighten the holiday for our neighbors in need.



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December Artists of the Month

The Students of the Five Painting Instructors

at Ledge Craft Lane are the featured artists of the month.

Check out their works of art!

The exhibit will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10am - 5pm.
Further info at: 627-9843 or 627-5170.



Eaton County Park Commission Alvin Whitfield Community Service Awards November 20, 2013

The Alvin Whitfield Community Service Awards were presented for the third time since they were initiated in 2011. The awards are in honor of current Park Commissioner and Past President of the Friends of Eaton County Parks, Alvin Whitfield. Whitfield is a former executive with the Michigan Department of Corrections and an active member of the Delta Township Lions Club.



The Class of 2013 were recognized for their outstanding effort to assist the Park and Recreation system, staff and citizens of Eaton County. Each recipient received a resolution from the Parks Commission with additional recognition by a State Legislative Tribute sponsors by Senator Rick Jones, Representative Theresa Abed, Representative Mike Shirkey and signed by Governor Rick Snyder.

In addition to this tribute, 7th District Congressman Tim Walberg introduced a resolution into the Congressional Record on October 16, 2013. The honorees were further recognized with special accommodation by U.S Senator Debbie Stabenow. As the Eaton County Park system and programs continue to grow and prosper, the State and national recognition is very deserving.

Assisting in the presentation were County Commission Chair Blake Mulder and Park Commission Chair Dr. L. Robert McConnell. The honorees were nominated for their assistance in a broad variety of support, which included:

Sheriff Tom Reich for serving as honorary chair of our youth programs in football and baseball, and assisted by Pass, Punt and Kick Coordinator Coach Mike Smith of Eaton Rapids, and Pitch, Hit and Run Coordinator Aric Prudden of Pottersville. Special recognition was also given to Charlotte Non-Motorized Trail Committee Chair Patrick Sustrich, and Quiet Water Society representative Pat Harrington.

Community support has been outstanding from Jill Russell, Executive Director of the Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce, Pottersville Chamber of Commerce President Joe Bristol, Mulliken Village President Rob Piercefield, Thornapple Trail Association volunteer Wayne Curtis of Nashville and City of Charlotte Economic Development Director Bryan Myrkle.

Supplying technical assistance, mentoring advice and collaborative achievements includes Capitol Area Health Alliance Executive Director Valerie Glesnes-Anderson (Choosing Health programs), Mid Michigan Environmental Council Executive Director Julie Powers (HUD Planning Grant), Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority field representative Terry VanDoren, Delta Township Economic Development Committee Chair Dr. John Haneski (pro-bono economic development analysis report), and Eaton County 4H Director Christine Hevarly.

Special programs, promotions and public policy changes were assisted by Barry-Eaton Health Department advocates Shelli Smith and Jill Sambaer, Sun Theatre owner Chuck Pantera (hosted special screening of Red Dawn movie), and Park Professionals and collaborating partners in Ingham County Director Willis Bennett and Clinton County Director Jerry Jaloszynski.

Copies of the resolutions will be framed and hung at the Lincoln Brick Park Lions Den Museum Building in Grand Ledge.

*John F. Greenslit, Director
Eaton County Parks*



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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

December, 2013

- Dec. 3 **Special Celebration Story time**
11am - G.L. Library Info: 627-7014
- Dec. 4 & 18 **After School Craft & Games**
4:30-5:30pm - G.L. Library Info: 627-7014
- Dec. 4 & 11 **A Matter of Balance Presentation**
Independence Village of Grand Ledge
10:00a.m.-12:00pm Info: 627-7585
- Dec. 6 **42nd Annual Christmas Parade**
Visit with Santa before the free showing of
"Shrek the Halls" at the Sun Theatre
- Chili Cook-Off 6pm**
G.L. Rotary - 204 S. Bridge St.
- Dec. 7 & 8 **39th Annual Holiday Traditions Tour**
- Dec.12 & 13 **Holiday Wishes Presents:**
"A Family Christmas"
7pm at The Opera House
- Dec. 15 **Lansing Theatre Organ Concert**
- Dec. 20 **Pasties at the Masonic Temple 5-7pm**
- Dec. 25 **Merry Christmas** 

January, 2014

- Jan. 17 **Library Book Sale**
6pm - 8pm - G.L. Library
Info: 627-7014
- Jan. 17 **Pasties at the Masonic Temple** 5pm - 7pm
- Jan. 18 **Library Book Sale**
10am -12pm - G.L. Library
Info: 627-7014
- Jan. 26 **Bob Milne Pianist Concert**
3pm at The Opera House Info: 627-1443
- Jan: 30 **"Grand Ledge Voice" Singing Competition**
The Opera House. *Details coming soon...*



February, 2014

- Feb. 1 & 2 **"Fun on the Rocks" Winter Festival**
Save the date. *Details coming soon...*
- Feb. 9 **David Kollar Children's Magic Show**
3pm at The Opera House Info: 627-1443
- Feb. 16 **Annual Opera House Bridal Show**
11am at The Opera House Info: 627-1443