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Grand Ledge

Area Chamber of Commerce

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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

December

12/12—Wreath Workshop, 10am, Lincoln Brick Interpretive Center

12/11 or 12/12—Her Winter House Moon Night Hike, 6:30pm, Fox Park comfort Station

12/11-12/12—Observing The Milky Way, Meteors and Mars, 7:30-9:30pm, Fox Park Observatory

12/17-18—Holiday Wishes Christmas Benefit Concert for GL Food Bank, 7:00pm @ Opera House

January -2010

01/01-New Year's Day

01/07- Chamber Annual Dinner, Opera House, 6pm

01/24- Bob Milne Concert (Ragtime Pianist) 3pm @ Opera House

February

02/09- Tax Forum Informational Meeting, 3-5pm, Dart Bank Lower Level

02/11- Tax Forum Informational Meeting, 7-9pm, Dart Bank Lower Level

02/14-Pops Concert featuring Scott Smith, organist, accompanying 2 Buster Keaton Silent Movie Comedies, 3pm @ Opera House

02/21- 7th Annual Opera House Bridal Show

02/28—Earl Nelson Singers Concert, 4pm @ Opera House

March

03/12-13—7th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration

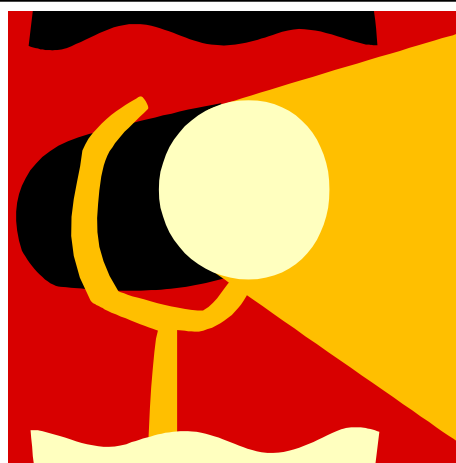
03/28- Clarinet Connexions Concert, 3pm @ Opera House



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The Spotlight Shines on Chamber Businesses

This month the spotlight shines on:

- ♥ State Farm Insurance
- ♥ Millers Pharmacy
- ♥ Myers Plumbing and Heating

These three businesses and several others offer deep discounts to CHAMBER members through our MEMBER TO MEMBER program. Increase your bottom line by doing business with Chamber members. Become a member of our Member to Member Program. It's free. Call the Chamber office at 627-2383 for more information.

Chamber Office

The Chamber office is still collecting winter coats and clothing for the Grand Ledge Food Bank.. We have taken over a large load already and have another ready to go. Thanks to those that have brought things in for us to donate.

The membership has approved the changing of our fiscal year from April-March to January-December. The move to January will aid in the accounting and tax preparation, as well as allow incoming officers to set forth the projects that they want to see thru for the year.

With the above change, the Annual Dinner will be held on January 7, 2010 at 6pm at the Opera House. Invitations will be mailed out soon. Mark your calendars now!

The Christmas Parade was a huge success. Again this year we had over 50 entries. A big thank you to John Maurer, George Vollman and Susan Sasse for organizing the event again this year.

The Chamber published a survey in the community newspaper and it is also posted on the Chamber website. If you didn't have a chance to complete it, please do so online. It is an aid to help us provide to the public what they want in our community. Please take a minute and fill it out. It will help all of us.

We have held several ribbon cuttings for new businesses in our community. Please try to stop by and welcome those new businesses– Wild Oats, Arthur's Bridal Shop, Falsetta's Farm Market. Remember every new business in our community will enhance your business.

Submitted by Susan Sasse. Secretary/Treasurer



Chamber of Commerce Welcomes Daycare and Preschool to Community

Tate's Playhouse is an established daycare and preschool provider. This business is not new to the owners Shannon and Jason Dziewiatkowski and Michael Endres. They have a second location in Portland. Newly renovated by the new owners, Tate's Playhouse is located at the corner of Grand Ledge Hwy and Jefferson Street. You will find one of the finest preschool and daycare providers in the area. Tate's Playhouse provides a safe and healthy environment for newborn to school age children. It has a wonderful preschool program designed to nurture children's learning potential and creativity in preparation for entering kindergarten. The daycare's mission is to provide a loving and welcoming environment for children and their families, give each child opportunities to learn and grow at their own pace, and provide guidance along the way. Please take some time to stop in and see them in action as well as what they have to offer.

We now have the capability to include photographs in the Chamber newsletter. If you have a photo that you would like to see included in a future issue, please email it to: glaccgl@hotmail.com along with information about the photo, people in it, what's happening, etc.

Eaton County Parks Events

Eaton County Parks invites everyone to join the parks naturalist at Fox Park for a series of **Nature at Night Series** during the month of December. Program dates are listed below.

Celebrate the season of Her Winter House Moon with the parks naturalist on Friday, Dec. 11 or Saturday, Dec.12. Explore the trails and learn what animals do during winter for shelter and survival. Wear your warmest boots, hats and mittens. The night hike starts at 6:30pm. Interested participants should meet at the new comfort station at Fox Park in Potterville. This program is suitable for all ages. Program cost is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Program fee will be collected on site and exact change is appreciated. A reduced youth group rate is available. Advanced registration is recommended. Following the night hike, the Fox Park Observatory will be open for public viewing from 7:30—9:30pm (weather permitting) on the dates listed above.

The Milky Way, Meteors and Mars— If the sky is sufficiently clear, Friends of Eaton County Parks volunteer and local area astronomer Jason Blaschka, will open Fox Park Observatory for public observing from 7:30-9:30pm on the Friday and Saturday nights listed below.

December 11-12: Mars will be focus at the Observatory, located at 3979 E. Gresham Hwy, Potterville, 48876. This is an open air observatory so please dress appropriately for the weather and wear sensible shoes or boots for the 200 yard walk to the observatory. Public viewing nights are provided free of charge due to the generous sponsorship of the Friends of Eaton County Parks. This program is open to and suitable for all ages. Observation nights will not be held on nights with more than 30% cloud cover. You may call the Observatory at (517) 645-MOON (6666) during public viewing hours to check sky conditions. Don't forget, you can join Eaton County Parks Naturalist Jackie Blanc at 6:30pm on the dates listed above for our Nature at Night series of night hikes.

Holiday Wreath Workshop— Celebrate the holiday season by creating your very own wreath Saturday, December 12, from 10am-12 noon at the Lincoln Brick Park Interpretive Center. Participants will use fresh cut greenery to craft a beautiful wreath to celebrate the holiday season. Program cost is \$20 per person and includes instruction and materials to create one 18 inch wreath. Class size is limited to 15 people and advance registration is required. Program is suitable for adults and pruning shears are required. Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 9, 2009.

For more information about any of the events or programs listed here or to register for any of the activities, please visit www.eatoncountyparks.org or call the park office at (517) 627-7351.

Opera House

Friends of the Opera House 2010 membership renewals are in the mail to all present members. Tax deductible annual memberships are available at three levels: \$18.84, \$50.00 or \$100.00. Your support for the Opera House is greatly appreciated. If you do not have a membership form, stop in at the Opera House office or call Melanie May at 627-7443.



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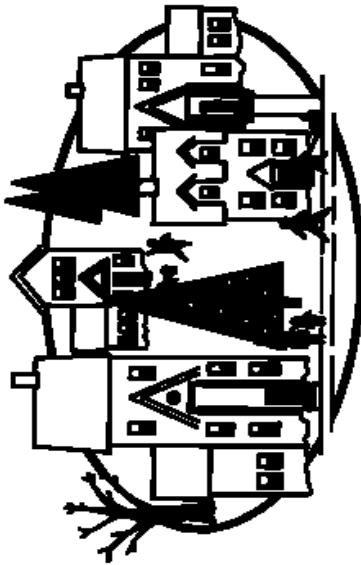
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GRAND LEDGE'S FINEST RETIREMENT LIVING COMMUNITY

The Grand Ledge Opera House Welcomes You to the 20th Annual

"Holiday Wishes" Benefit Concert



"A Home Town Christmas"

Directed by Charlie Martin
Accompanied by Karla Chamberlain
Produced by Gwen Knight

Thursday, December 17, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 18, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$8.00 Presale \$10.00 at the door
\$5.00 Children 4-12, 3 and Under Free
(Additional Donations Appreciated)

Tickets on sale at The Grand Ledge Opera House,
MacDowell's Hearth & Flowers, Ace Hardware, and Shell Food Mart
For more information call: 517-627-1443. www.gloperahouse.com

Please bring Non-Perishable
items for the
Grand Ledge Food Bank.
(will be collected at the door)

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