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December—2010

Dec. 14- Chamber Business Meeting , 11:30am, Independence Village

Dec. 16-17—21st Annual Holiday Wishes Benefit Concert, 7pm, Opera House

January, 2011

Jan. 11—Chamber Annual Dinner

Jan. 16- Accafellas, Male Accapella Vocal Ensemble & Russell Nebeling, Classical Guitar, 3pm, Opera House

Jan. 30- Bob Milne, Ragtime Pianist, 3pm, Opera House



Chamber News

We have been busy at the Chamber office organizing the Christmas Parade. As with all events and festivals, it takes many volunteers to make these events a success. We would like to say a "Special Thanks" to the Honor Students from the high school for their assistance with the traffic control for the parade.

The Chamber office again this year is a drop off spot for food items and winter clothing items for the Grand Ledge Food Bank. The need in our community is GREAT this year. Take a minute and clean out those closets and bring those unused winter coats to the Chamber office.

The Annual Dinner has been scheduled for January 11, 2011. Watch your mail for your invitation. Please take a minute and nominate someone for the Business Person of the Year, Teach of the Year and ATHENA. Applications are enclosed with this newsletter and are also available on the Chamber website. These special awards are given at the Annual Dinner.

Annual Membership Meeting: December 14th at 11:30am at Independence Village. This is a full membership meeting with the purpose of voting on By-Law changes, new officers and the budget. That information has been mailed to you. This meeting will be a vote on the above items and should be fairly short. (Lunch will not be served.) We hold this meeting in December to take care of business so the Annual Dinner can be reserved for a fun party like event for our membership.

Yankee Doodle Days Committee has had one meeting so far and will have a second meeting on Dec. 15th at 6pm at the Chamber office. The committee is trying to enhance the festival with some new events. If anyone has any suggestions that you would like to see at the Yankee Doodle Days Festival, please call the Chamber office with your suggestions.

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Susan Sasse

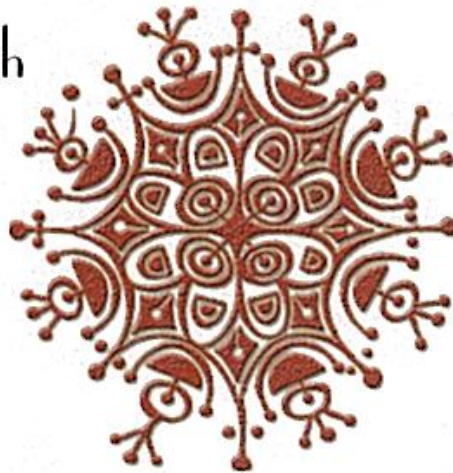
The Grand Ledge Opera House Presents

HOLIDAY WISHES 2010



"SNOW SNOW SNOW"

Thursday, December 16th
Friday, December 17th
7:00 p.m.



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GRAND LEDGE

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Grand Ledge Food Bank Benefit.

Non-perishable food donations accepted at both performances.
Supported by Eaton Federal Savings Bank, a corporate sponsor.

36th Annual Holiday Tour: Homes, Tables, Trees, Trims

Over 400 people came from 42 cities in lower Michigan to tour the five homes, Museum and Opera House with 14 decorated trees, 18 festive tables, 16 manger scenes and 8 holiday miniature scenes. They came from Saginaw, Howell, Jackson, Hillsdale, Saugatuck, Paw Paw, Rockford, Grand Rapids, Ionia and Towns in between. One group from Grand Rapids said they used to go to Marshall—now they come to Grand Ledge. What good PR for us!

Harlan MacDowell won the successful dollhouse raffle and donated it to the library.

A huge thank you to the homeowners, the sponsors, 311 workers and committees and 49 musicians who made this event successful for the support of the Museum.

Marilyn Smith, Chair

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Membership invoices have been mailed out. Again this year, if those invoices are paid by January 1st, your name and phone number will appear in the phone book in **BIG BLACK BOLD** letters. Membership dues can be paid by credit card on a monthly or quarterly basis.

Consider becoming a Big 6 sponsor: Big 6 sponsors receive top billing at all of our 6 festivals/events. They receive front page advertising on our web page, banners with their names appear at all festivals and events, they are advertised in all publications that go out from the Chamber and they are advertised in the newsletter. There are many benefits to being a Big 6 member. Call the Chamber office for more info.

The Chamber as always, welcomes your suggestions and concerns. Please feel free to call the Chamber at any time.

Holiday Wishes

Once again, a group of dedicated volunteers will present their annual benefit Christmas concert on Thursday, December 16th and Friday, December 17th, at the Opera House. All proceeds will go to the Grand Ledge Food Bank. Those attending the concert are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items that will also be donated to the Food Bank.

This year's show, titled "Snow, Snow, Snow" will feature a medley from Irving Berlin's White Christmas, "A Perfect Christmas" from "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch", "Shepherd's Joy-A Celtic Christmas Carol" sung by the Holiday Wishes Chorus, "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer", "We Are Santa's Elves" and "Silver and Gold" featuring the Holiday Wishes Children's Chorus and many specialty musical numbers.

This is an excellent family opportunity to hear great holiday music and support the Food Bank at the same time.

For more information, please see flyer on page 2.

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Home Helpers/Direct Link of Eaton County

With the experience of caring for Dorothy's 90-year-old mother full-time, and the knowledge that home senior care is on the rise, Preston and Dorothy Childs are ready to lend a hand to families in need of help.

In December, 2009, Preston retired from a telephone company after 36 years. "Preston had planned on finding another job but in Michigan's economy, it would be difficult", explained Dorothy, "so we began looking for other opportunities. We came across Home Helpers and thought it was something we could be good at. We could employ some individuals while helping families needing help with their aging parents." Home Helpers of Eaton County is based in the Childs' home. They currently employ 10 caregivers to meet the needs of their clients requiring extra care and

support to maintain their maximum independence. Home Helpers is not limited to in-home care of seniors but also provides an array of services to individuals needing recuperative and continuing care as well as new moms and developmentally disabled. The care providers at Home Helpers can provide one-on-one care and companionship to those in need from a few hours to the whole day. Services include but are not limited to: day-to-day assistance with household chores, rides to the doctor's office, errands, activities for the mind and body (such as interactions with a client's personal hobby or interests), morning wake-ups, bathing, dressing, cooking and help getting ready for bed at night and locking the house. The Childs also offer Direct Link to clients, a Personal Emergency Response System (help at the touch of a button) as well as a medication reminder unit. To learn more about Home Helpers/Direct Link and Preston and Dorothy Childs, call 627-6804, Dorothy@homehelpers.cc, www.homehelpers.cc/eatoncounty58480