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Grand Ledge

Area Chamber of Commerce

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With another year behind us committee's are already meeting to make 2012 a GREAT year. Yankee Doodle Days committee has already a couple of meetings and has plans well on their way. YDD this year will be June 21,22,and 23rd. So mark your calendars.

The Annual dinner was very successful. The attendance was greater than last year. Everyone seems to enjoy the social hour for networking. Awards were handed out to some very deserving people. Grand Ledge has such talented people.

Remember we are still collecting winter apparel for the Grand Ledge Food Bank. If you have any coats, hat, boots etc please drop them off at the Chamber office.

We are continuing to receive membership dues. Thank you to those of you that sent your dues in, in time to benefit from the Phone directory, BIG BLACK PRINT.

We are so please to announce that this year we have Four Big 6 members: MSU Credit Union, Doty/Auto Owners Insurance/, Hyundai of Lansing, and Case Credit Union.

Those Big 6 members will have the benefit of being promoted at all 6 of our festivals/events as well as on the newsletter and on the front page of our web site and several other benefits.

If you would like more information on becoming a big 6 member please contact the chamber office.

We are enclosing your membership plaque "year decal" in this newsletter. If you do not receive yours please call the chamber office. If you need a new plaque also let us know.

As always should you have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to call the chamber office

The logo for Doty Agency, featuring the text "Doty Agency" in a serif font, with "INSURANCE" in a smaller font below it, and a graphic of a car wheel and tire.
The logo for Auto-Owners Insurance, featuring the text "Auto-Owners Insurance" in a serif font, with "Life Home Car Business" in a smaller font below it, and a graphic of a car wheel and tire.
The logo for Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, featuring the text "MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY" in a bold, sans-serif font, with "FEDERAL CREDIT UNION" in a smaller font below it, and a graphic of a stylized "M" and "S" in green.
The logo for Hyundai of Lansing, featuring the Hyundai logo (a stylized "H" in a blue oval) above the text "HYUNDAI" in a bold, sans-serif font, and "OF LANSING" in a smaller font below it.
The logo for Case Credit Union, featuring a stylized "C" in a blue circle above the text "CASE" in a bold, sans-serif font, and "CREDIT UNION" in a smaller font below it.

Harp Concert at the Opera House



Take a journey with the harp featuring Deidreanna Potter, harpist, in concert with "Flavors Around the World" on Sunday, February 12, 3:00 p.m. at the Grand Ledge Opera House, 121 S. Bridge Street. Tickets are \$6.00 pre-sale at the Opera House, Ace Hardware and MacDowell's Floral OR \$8.00 at the door.

Information is available at 517-627-1443 or visit www.gloperahouse.com.

Phone: 517-627-1443

Fax: 517-627-5006

Website: www.gloperahouse.com.

Art Aid and Silent Auction

Ledge Craft Lane will hold its annual Art Aid and Silent Auction from 6:30 to 8:30pm on Friday 24 February 2012 at Ledge Craft Lane located at 120 South Bridge Street in downtown Grand Ledge. Great auction packages will be available for bidding and a Raffle. See arts and crafts on display. For more information and tickets call (517-627-9843).

Grand Ledge Opera House Bridal Show

The Grand Ledge Opera House is proud to present its 9th Annual Bridal Show on February 19, 2012 from 11 am to 4 pm. Displays include Cakes, Catering, DJs, Decorators, Florists, Guest Accommodations, Ceremony Officiants, Party Rentals, Photography, Tuxedos, Beauty Solutions and more.

Food samples from the area's finest caterers and bakers. Many vendors will also be offering "Show Specials". Door prizes will be announced every 30 minutes for brides/couples that register.

The Bridal Show will be open to the public from 11 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$4.00. The Opera House is located at 121 S. Bridge Street. For further information call Melanie May at (517) 627-1443 or email gloh@gloperahouse.com.



Eaton County Parks

NATURE AT NIGHT - SNOWSHOE OWL PROWL

Register now to reserve your pair of snowshoes or bring your own and join Eaton County Parks Naturalist Jackie Blanc on a night hike through the winter wonderland in search of screech owls, looking for animal tracks, and making a few of our own. A series of Nature at Night hikes will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the following Wednesday evenings: January 18, February 1, February 15, and March 14. All hikes will be held at Lincoln Brick Park located just north of Grand Ledge on Tallman Road. Program fee is \$5 per person with equipment rental or \$2 per person with your own equipment (reduced youth group rate is available). If there is not sufficient snow cover for For more information or to register, Please visit www.eatoncountyparks.org or call the park office at 517-627-7351.

ECP BLUES COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Grand Ledge. The 2012 Winter Warm-Up walking program, January 21 through March 10, will once again offer the Blues Community Challenge. Grand Ledge is one of nine communities to participate in the annual competition to log the most activities to qualify for special grants from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Joining the City of Grand Ledge for the 2012 campaign, coordinated by Aimee King, will be the Eaton County Parks Department. Parks Director John Greenslit is encouraging local residents to utilize the outdoor trails in Fitzgerald and Lincoln Brick Parks. Participants will be able to register their daily activity on line at www.cphlansing.com, at the Grand Ledge site. Park activities like walking, hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, sledding, snowboarding, bird watching and cross-training are all eligible activities to be logged. Program participants will be able to utilize Eaton County Parks without the seasonal motor vehicle pass, as the two agencies cooperate on a traditional Park to Park program. Pick out a route, Jaycee Park to Fitzgerald Park as an example, and add it to your routine. Aimee King is available at 517-627-2149 or aking@grand-ledge.com. Eaton County Parks Department can be reached at 517-627-7351.

***** NEW MEMBERS*****

We are happy to welcome new members to the Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce:

About the Home, A McLean & Son Trucking, Inspired Green and Advanced Plumbing & Mechanical.

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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

Chamber of Commerce

- 01-10-12: Annual Awards Dinner
- 03-17-12: St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 04-12: Food Drive
- 05-12: Annual Fashion Show
- 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
- 10-12,13,14-12: Color Cruise & Island Festival
- 11-30-12: Christmas Parade

Grand Ledge Opera House

The Grand Ledge Area Historical Society is honoring and remembering Grand

Ledge football on Tuesday, February 7th at the Grand Ledge Opera House at 7:30

with its "Touchdown Time – Grand Ledge Football" program. Roger Kowalk and

Sandy Sipes have been working with the Historical Society to coordinate this

event with the hope that community members with an interest in Grand Ledge

Football, past players and coaches will attend.

Please contact Kathy Fitzpatrick (517-202-5656) with any questions about this

event.