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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

<u>July–2010</u>

July 10—21st Annual Ledges Classic Auto Show, 9am-4pm, Fitzgerald Park

August–2010

August 7—37th Annual Island Art Fair

September-2010

Chamber Golf Outing– date to be announced soon

October-2010

Oct. 8,9,10– Color Cruise and Island Festival

Your Help Needed

The Color Cruise and Island Festival needs plastic grocery shopping bags and clean tunafish cans for pumpkin painting. We also are looking for a travel trailer to borrow for the festival weekend to use as an onsite office. If you can loan a trailer, please call the Chamber office (517) 627-2383 and leave a message with Judy. We will collect bags and cans at a later date.



Eaton County Parks Events

<u>The 21st Annual Ledges Classic Auto Show</u> will take place on Saturday, July 10, 2010 at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge. Show times are 9am-4pm, rain or shine. There is a \$5 entry fee per show vehicle. Registration begins at 9am. Dash plaques and goody bags will be given to the first 200 vehicles registered. Throughout the event, there will be door prizes given, a 50/50 raffle, craft show, swap meet and a DJ providing music. Special award trophies will also be given. Breakfast and lunch concessions will be available for purchase. For more information contact: friends.ecparks@gmail.com. or call the park office at (517) 627-7351. Please visit "eatoncountyparks.org".



From the President's Desk

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that made Yankee Doodle Days 2010 a great success. It is uplifting to see so many individuals come together, working on a festival that has many different venues. Also, it is great to see the Chamber work closely with the City of Grand Ledge to ensure the safety of all who participated, regardless if they were involved with the parade, duck race, entertainment tent or the fireworks.

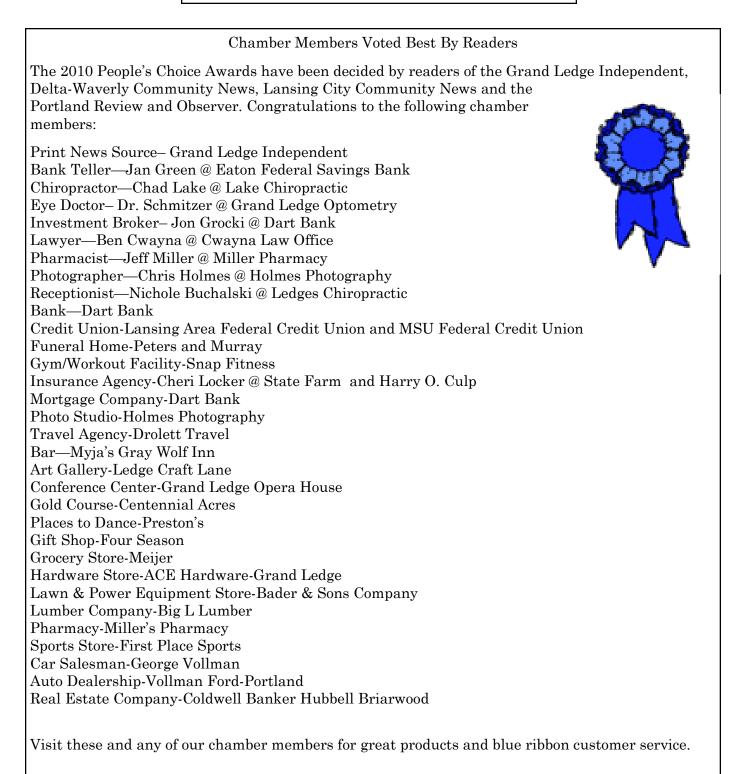
Speaking specifically from the Chamber's perspective, the most exciting part of Yankee Doodle Days was to see thousands of people crowd downtown to see the parade and the fireworks. What a fantastic opportunity for the downtown merchants to display their businesses.

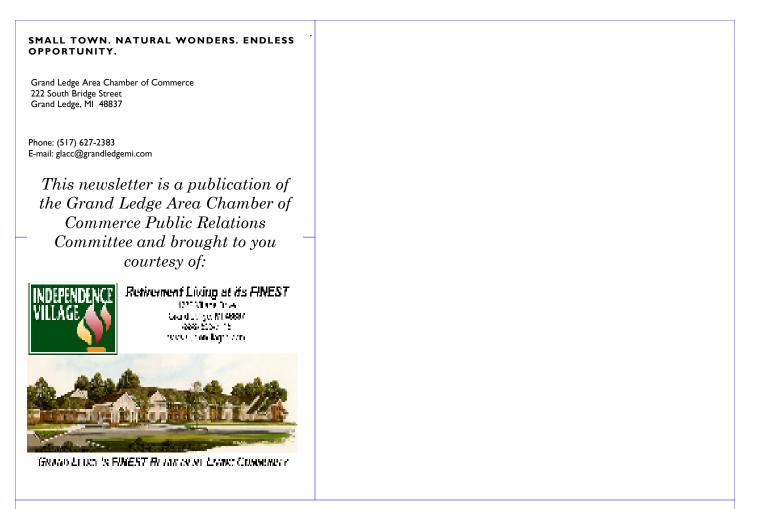
The Chamber wants to thank the Big Six Sponsors, Auto Body Credit Union for their generous contribution for the fireworks, the



hard working Grand Ledge Police officers that kept everyone safe, the Grand Ledge Parks and Recreation Department that makes the fireworks possible and J & K Steamboat for bringing the Fife and Drum Corp to round out our parade. The man with a new idea is a crack until the new idea succeeds.

Mark Twain







Members of the Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce spent Saturday morning, June 12th, walking the banks of the Grand River picking up trash. For the past several years the Chamber and Eaton County Parks have teamed up to pick up trash and debris along the banks of the river. This year the water level was high, so it made it difficult to wade in the river to retrieve bikes, tires and other discarded objects. However, bags of paper, bottles and cans were retrieved. A special thanks to Dan Patton, director of Eaton County Parks, Preston and Dorothy Childs, Eric Dean and Susan Sasse for their efforts to keep out river banks clean.