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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

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June—2010

06/11— World Premier of “Mr. Sims Will See You”, Ledge’s Playhouse

06/12—River Clean-up, 9am

06/17-19—27th Annual Yankee Doodle Days

06/19— Community Wide Garage Sale, Island

06/24—”An Evening with Mark Twain”, on the Michigan Princess Riverboat

06/24-25— 30th Annual Mudge’s Follies

“Back To Broadway” 7pm, Grand High School Auditorium

06/27—7th Annual Garden Tour, 1-5pm



Mudge’s Follies

Tickets are on sale now for “Mudge’s Follies”, our annual community variety show which showcases local talent and celebrated the Fourth of July and our freedom as well as raises money for our neighbors in need.

Please note that this year the dates for the show are **Thursday and Friday, June 24 and 25, 7pm** at the Grand Ledge High School Auditorium. As a cost-saving measure, there is no performance on Saturday, as previously advertised. The tickets for adults are \$8.00 pre-sale and \$10.00 at the door; children 12 and younger are all \$5.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at MacDowell’s Hearth & Floral, Shell Food Mart, ACE Hardware and the Grand Ledge Opera House. The auditorium is cool, comfortable and handicap accessible.

This is the 30th year that the all-volunteer group, ages 4 to 84!, will take to the stage; singers, dancers, musicians and comedians, a cast of over 100 kids and adults. The theme for 2010 is “Back to Broadway”, featuring old and new song hits from many musicals, including “The Lion King”, “Oklahoma”, “Spamalot”, “South Pacific”, and “Chicago”. “The Bums” (Grand Ledge’s answer to the Sons of The Pioneers, the Beach Boys and the Blues Brothers) will be there with tunes from “Jersey Boys”. As always, the show will end with the Patriotic Finale, honoring all of our veterans, and the singing of our hymn to liberty “God Bless America”.

All proceeds will go to the Grand Ledge Emergency Assistance Program (GLEAP), which provides help for families in our school district who are having trouble in tough economic times.

Please join us Thursday, June 24 or Friday, June 25 for an evening of family friendly entertainment and celebration, while lending our neighbors a helping hand.

Libby Brandon

Eaton County Parks Events

Pileated Woodpecker Program—The large impressive Pileated Woodpecker, considered extinct for decades in the greater Lansing area, has undergone a remarkable resurgence and has been successfully breeding at Lincoln Brick Park along the Grand River for the past several years. Join Friends of Eaton County Parks member and active Michigan Audubon Society Board member John Baumgartner on Saturday, June 12, at 10am at the Lincoln Brick Park Interpretive Center as he shares his insights and knowledge from his documented studies of this massive woodpecker along with information about its habitat and communities. Participants are welcome to join in a bird walk directly following the presentation (weather permitting). Sturdy walking shoes, field guides and binoculars are recommended for those interested in participating in the walk. Program fee is \$3 per adult, \$2 per child 12 and under, or \$8 per family.

For more information, please visit www.eatoncountyparks.org or call the park office at (517) 627-7351.

The Ledges Playhouse
Fitzgerald Park ~ Grand Ledge, MI

Presents
A Capital TheaterWorks Production
of a

World Premiere Comedy



Mr. Sims
Will See You.

Written by Eileen O'Leary

Directed By Bill Helder

June 11th - 20th

Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm

Sundays at 2pm

Admission is Free
Donations are Suggested

Capital
TheaterWorks

www.capitaltheaterworks.org

Elise Mayhew and Jerry MacQuarrie, a veteran theatrical couple from New York, have spent their last dime to fly to L.A. where Elise has an audition with Mr. Sims, Hollywood's hottest director, who is casting for his latest blockbuster movie. Set in an expensive Hollywood hotel suite, "*Mr. Sims Will See You.*" is a fast paced comic look into the anxiety filled world of relationships and movies.

*Contains some adult language.

Ledges Playhouse Restoration Committee
The Restoration Committee has contracted to have the theater painted this summer. Donations toward the painting are encouraged. There are "Paint the Barn Red" canisters around town for that purpose or mail a contribution to GLAHS, Norm Smith, Treasurer, 7284 Willow Hwy, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. Specify playhouse painting. The committee is sponsoring a float in the Yankee Doodle Parade to familiarize people with the "Paint the Barn Red" project.

Join us at 7L30pm for an Opening Night Reception before the season opening play provided by the Ledges Restoration Committee. Capital TheaterWorks presents a World Premier comedy "Mr. Sims Will See You", written by Eileen O'Leary (Lansing playwright) and directed by Bill Helder featuring Kevin & Tanya Burnham. It runs June 11-20th, Fridays and Saturdays 8 pm, Sundays at 2pm. General seating. Admission free-donations suggested.

Marilyn Smith 627-5170

Community Wide Garage Sale

Don't forget the Community Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 19th on the Island from 10am-5pm (Yankee Doodle Days). An 8 foot spot on the Island is available for \$15.00 for you to sell your garage sale items. Hundreds of people will be in town and strolling the Island to view and buy your wares. Please turn in your application as soon as possible. The applications are available on the Chamber website or can be picked up at the Chamber office or one can be mailed. For more information call 627-2383.

Chamber Corner

As the summer weather approaches so do the festivals. **Yankee Doodle Days** is rapidly approaching on June 17-19. Thursday night will find the **Battle of the Bands** under the big tent. Friday night will feature **Joe Wright and the Fall Creek Band and Usual Suspects Band**. On Saturday a **5K run** will take place at 8:30am. The **Community Garage Sale** on the Island will start at 10:00 am (this is a first for us this year). This is open to anyone. Bring your garage sale items down to the Island. You must submit an application and pay a \$15.00 fee. You will be provided an 8 foot spot to display and sell your garage sale items. There will be hundreds of people strolling the Island to view and buy your items. Reserve your spot today. Applications are available on the Chamber website or call the Chamber office at 627-2383. The **Parade** will step off at 11:00am. If you want to be in the parade, get your application in ASAP. Applications are on the Chamber website or call the Chamber office. The **Duck Race** will begin at 1:00 pm. The **Entertainment Tent** will start at 6pm with music until 1am. **Fireworks** will light the sky at dusk.

River Clean Up will be on Saturday, June 12th. Come one, come all to help us clean up our jewel, the "Grand River". We will start at 9am in two different meeting places– the boat launch at River Street and at Fitzgerald Park. Bring some gloves and help us walk the banks of the river and pick up trash. If you have a boat or canoe, bring it and hit the waterways to pick up trash. It's a fun morning. Come meet your neighbors and friends.

We have just completed our spring **Food Drive**. We had a great success. We took a van full of food and a sizeable cash donation to the Grand Ledge Food Bank. A special "thank you" to all that donated and/or volunteered to work the event.

The **First Ever Fashion Show** held on May 2nd was a tremendous success. The Opera House was filled with those wanting to see the new Spring fashions. The models walked the runway to model fashions from six different stores. The many vendors had everything from skin care products, purses, jewelry and much more for sale. Entertainment, wine, cheese and refreshments made the afternoon a delightful time for everyone.

The **Bridge** is decorated again this year by all NEW flags to nor our veterans. This is also a Chamber of Commerce project.

The Chamber continues to sponsor events, festivals, ribbon cuttings for new businesses, parades, golf outings, fashion shows, Color Cruise, the Christmas parade, food drives, river clean ups, tax forum meetings, Yankee Doodle Days, Annual Dinner and more to bring awareness to our community and to offer the public the opportunity to see what a wonderful town we have and to shop in our businesses. It is a pleasure to sponsor all of these events. We want everyone to know what a warm, friendly community we have.

If you have any questions about any of the upcoming events, call the Chamber office at 627-2383 or stop in at 222 S Bridge Street. The office is open Monday-Friday from 11am-3pm.

Susan Sasse

7th Annual Garden Tour

7 stops will be showcased on Sunday, June 25 from 1-5pm, including gardens at:

The Museum (Herb Garden) 188 W Lincoln St

Pat Hammond 117 W Lincoln St

Lori Craig 631 Spring St

Grand Ledge Library 131 E Jefferson St

Sally Clark 600 Edwards St

Scott and Arlene Marshall 2826 E Grand Ledge Hwy

Dale and Mary Jo Stein 2625 Legend Woods Drive

Advance tickets for \$6.00 are available at the Opera House, ACE Hardware and MacDowall's Floral and Fireplace; \$8.00 on day of tour. Ticket headquarters are at The Museum. Sponsored by the Grand Ledge Area Historical Society. Further information call (517) 627-1443 or (517) 622-3373 Marilyn Smith/Katherine Fitzpatrick

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Chamber Sponsors Successful Food Drive



The Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce held a food drive on Saturday, May 15th in the Feldpausch parking lot. Wow! What a success. The van (donated by Vollman Ford) was packed with non-perishable items for delivery to the Grand Ledge Food Bank. In addition, a sizeable amount of cash was turned over to the Food Bank. A special thanks to the volunteers from Imagine This Church, Chamber Student Ambassadors, Chamber members, Judy Moers, Renee Parker, Eric Dean, George Vollman and Susan Sasse. The Chamber sponsors two food drives a year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. A special "thank you" to all that stopped by to donate.