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Hey!!! You!!! Yes, you!!!!

The Chamber needs your help with Yankee Doodle Days. To make it a successful event, more workers are needed to take entrance fees, check ID's, put on wristbands, sell tokens and serve beer. Bring your co-workers (and wear a hat or t-shirt with your company logo for some promotion), friends and family. The tent is open extra hours this year for the pig roast. Extra workers are needed. Call the Chamber office (517) 627-2383 and volunteer now.



Models Strut Their Stuff at 2nd Annual Fashion Show

On May 15th, the runway was filled with models strutting their stuff with fashions from Younkers, Kingdom Dreams, K2 Boutique, Dress Barn and Jacobson's Alumni Group. From casual to dressy, from purses to shoes, they showed it all. The fashion show was expanded to include 14 vendors. Again this year, a very successful afternoon.

Chamber Corner

The Chamber office is gearing up for one of our BIGGEST festivals of the year. Yankee Doodle Days is June 16, 17, and 18th. Lots of events are going on this year. They are listed in the flyer insert this newsletter. We need lots of volunteers to make this event a success, so if you can lend a hand on any of those days, it would be greatly appreciated.

We have three new members: Falsetta and Winne Farm Market, Ginger's Professional Tax Service and the American Legion. A ribbon cutting was held on June 9th for the Farm Market and Ginger's. Please welcome these new businesses to our community.

The second annual Fashion Show was held on May 15th and was a huge success. We expanded the number of vendors and the variety of vendors and that seemed to be a big hit. Everyone enjoyed seeing the new spring fashions.

Fall is a few months away, but be thinking about putting together your team for the Chamber Golf Outing. This year the event will be September 8th at Centennial Golf Course. We are pleased to have it at their newly remodeled facility.

As always, if you have any comments or concerns, please feel free to call the Chamber office.

Susan Sasse 290-3933

Eaton County Parks

Calling All Crafters— The Friends of Eaton County Parks are looking for people interested in exhibiting their crafts at the 22nd Annual Ledges Classic Auto and Craft Show on Saturday, July 9, 2011, from 9am to 4pm. More information and a registration form are available on the website.

Annual Park Passes on Sale Now— An annual 2011 park pass would make an ideal gift for the dog walker, hiker, or nature lover. Resident annual pass is \$20 (\$15 for senior citizens); non-resident \$25 (\$20 for senior citizens). Annual passes are valid from January 1—December 31, 2011.

Fox Park Public Observatory—Everyone is invited to join us this winter at the Fox Park Observatory for public viewing nights on the following dates: June 10-11, 9:30-11:30pm. Local amateur astronomers Kevin Keys and/or Jason Blaschka will be on hand to answer questions about the night sky. Observation nights will not be held on nights with more than 30% cloud cover. Program fee is \$2 per person or \$5 per family payable at donation box on site. You may call the Observatory at (517) 645-6666 during public viewing hours to check sky conditions.

2011 Summer Environmental Youth Programs —Join Eaton County Parks Naturalist Jackie Blanc for an exciting, educational summer of fun and adventure. Activities range from one to five day adventures as well as an overnight field trip. Each adventure will begin at the Interpretive Center at Lincoln Brick Park except for the African Safari overnight field trip to Binder Park Zoo. Registration deadline is May 1, 2011.

Hazel Ridge Farm Experience-one day field trip, June 15, July 21, August 22; Wildlife Rehabilitation-one day field trip, July 11, July 20; Binder Park Zoo-African Safari— two day overnight field trip, June 17-18, July 22-23, August 12-13; US Forest Service-Jr. Ranger Program-three day sessions, June 28-30, August 9-11; Go Green-Sustainability Weeks— four to five days sessions, June 20-24, July 5-8, August 1-5.

For more information, times, fees or to register for a program, please visit www.eatoncountyparks.org or call the park office at (517) 627-7351.

Grand Ledge Featured in *Kalamazoo Gazette*

In a special article in the *Kalamazoo Gazette*, reporter Phyllis Rose reported on her visit to Grand Ledge during the Victorian Day celebration. She and friends spent the entire day taking in the activities and sampling the foods, eating in local restaurants, visiting local stores and hiking the ledges. There were also several photos of Grand Ledge and surrounding area included in the article. It's great to see Grand Ledge get well deserved recognition for the many wonderful festivals, events, businesses and natural features located in our area.

Help Wanted

We need your help!!!!

>**We are inviting all motorcyclists to join in our parade at 11am on Saturday, June 18th and then display your bike and enjoy conversation with fellow bikers.**

>**We are encouraging children to decorate their bikes and ride in the parade as well. Children should line up on the corner of Scott St and Bridge St.**

>**Color Cruise and Island Festival needs a 15-20 foot trailer to use as an on site office. If you have one you would be willing to loan or know of one, please call the Chamber office.**

>**Color Cruise and Island Festival needs a volunteer to be a stage manager on Sunday only.**

This person is not required to set up or take down anything, just to be available for any of the performers if they have questions. Time is 9:30 am –5pm. This person could be an adult or older high school/college student. Please contact Sandy Cornell-Howe—sandysjazz@gmail.com

>**Color Cruise and Island Festival is looking for someone to help the committee with record keeping/coin counting. Must be available all three days of the festival, but not all day. If you are interested, please contact Karla Chamberlain –miriverboat@aol.com**

>**Color Cruise and Island Festival needs someone to co-ordinate our traffic volunteers. It is not necessary to be at the festival continuously. If you can help, please contact Karla Chamberlain at (517) 627-2154.**

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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

June, 2011

June 10-11— Public Viewing Night, Fox Park Observatory, 9:30-11:30pm

June 16-18—Yankee Doodle Days-various activities and locations-see enclosed flyer

June 23-24—31st Annual Mudge's Follies- Fabulous 50's

June 24-25— Astrophotography Imaging Night, 9pm-1am, Fox Park Observatory

June 26—8th Annual Garden Tour

July, 2011

July 9—22nd Annual Ledge's Classic Auto & Craft Show

August, 2011

Aug. 6— 38th Annual Island Art Fair

August 11—John Two Hawks, Native American Flutist, 7pm, Opera House

September, 2011

Sept. 8— Chamber Annual Golf Outing

October, 2011

Oct. 7,8,9— Color Cruise and Island Festival

