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Grand Ledge

Area Chamber of Commerce

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From the President's Desk

Dear Members:

Happy almost Summer! I hope that 2012 is shaping up to be a successful year for your businesses.

As you likely know, Yankee Doodle Days is fast approaching, with the festival planned for Thursday, June 21st through Saturday, June 23rd. The Entertainment Tent opens at 6pm Thursday with entertainment provided by DJ James. On Friday, the tent opens again at 6pm with crowd favorite Global Village Band providing the music. Saturday will be an entire day filled with activities. Starting at 8:30am, there will be a 5K run. Ledge Craft Lane will be open at 10 am for children to make pennants to wave during the parade. At 10:30 there will be a high heel race across the bridge with the parade starting at 11. Also at 11, the entertainment tent will open for lunch, with food provided by the Grand Ledge Masons. New this year will be a number of family friendly activities from 12-3 in JC Park, including "Touch a Truck", a hula hoop contest and a bike decorating contest. Ledge Craft Lane will be hosting children's art activities in the Scout Building 12-3pm. The Grand Princess will be giving boat rides from noon- 4pm at Island Park, with a special fireworks cruise at 8:30pm until after the fireworks. An acoustic "open mic" event in the entertainment tent will be held at 2pm. Sudden Impact Band, winner from last year's Battle of the Bands, will be providing the musical entertainment Saturday night, with fireworks sponsored by the Chamber around 10pm.

As in years past, we will need a number of dedicated member volunteers to help make Yankee Doodle Days a success. Please contact Maris Brennan by calling 517-490-9269 or E-mailing her at rammsinvestments@comcast.net to volunteer. It is a great opportunity to showcase your business to literally thousands of people!

We have had a few changes in the Chamber office, which means that it won't be staffed on a daily basis temporarily. The Chamber Board will be working to address this situation over the next weeks, but I assure you that we will be checking the Chamber E-mail and the answering machine regularly and responding to any requests. If something arises which needs immediate attention, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time by calling my cell at 517-449-0590 or E-mailing ericjdean1@yahoo.com.

Thank you for all you do to make our community great. I look forward to seeing you around town and especially at Yankee Doodle Days!

Eric Dean, President

SUMMER 2012 SEASON



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APARTMENT 3A

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ESCANABA IN DA MOONLIGHT

written by Jeff Daniels
July 5th - July 15th (\$6-10)

THE 39 STEPS

from the novel by John Buchan and movie by Alfred Hitchcock
adapted by Patrick Barlow
August 2nd - August 12th (\$6-10)

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ATTITUDE DANCE CO: ECHOES OF A HEARTBEAT • June 22nd (\$6-10)

HAPPENDANCE TO-GO FOR KIDS! • July 20th & 21st (\$6-10)

HAPPENDANCE PROFESSIONAL • September 21st & 22nd (\$6-10)

SHOWTIMES (ALL SHOWS): THURSDAY-SATURDAY 8PM, SUNDAY 2PM

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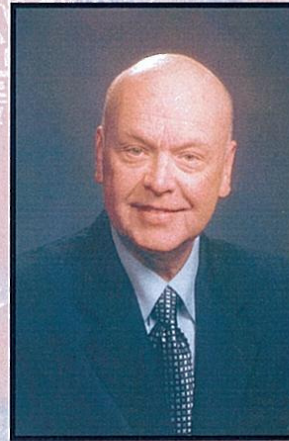
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Ribbon Cutting

The Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new business to the area on Friday, June 1, 2012. Bare Canvas is located at 11963 E Andre Drive, Ste A. Colette Jones, owner, studied skincare at the Douglas J Aveda Institute and continued her education in cosmeceutical skincare and nutrition. The office number is (517) 214-5683. Welcome, Colette!

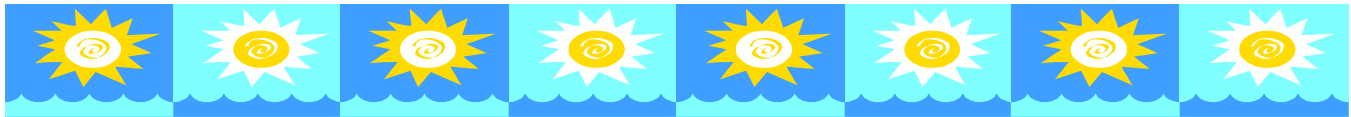
The Island Art Fair Committee is looking for artists and crafters to participate in the juried show at Island Park in Grand Ledge on Saturday, August 4 from 10am to 5 pm. This one day juried arts and crafts show is sponsored by Ledge Craft Lane, Ltd. Applications are available on the website at: www.ledgecraftlane.com or by calling (517) 627-9843. No jewelry applications, please. The jewelry quota has been filled.



May 19th Food Drive

The Chamber food drive held on May 19th at Family Fare gathered non-perishable food items and \$36.00 in cash for the Grand Ledge Food Bank. Maris Brennan and family donated the use of their truck and awning and also donated their time during the event to “man” the truck.

Thanks to the Brennan family.



Good Morning, Grand Ledge!



Good Morning, Grand Ledge! was held at 7:45am on May 23rd in the lower level of Dart Bank. Grand Ledge Public Schools Superintendent Brian Metcalf and 24th District State Senator Rick Jones led discussion and answered questions about public school funding. Several guests and Chamber members enjoyed the presentation and networking, along with coffee, sweets and fresh fruit provided by Mark Mitchell. Thanks, Mark, for organizing this event.

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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

June, 2012

May 31-June 10—Apartment 3A (written by Jeff Daniels)
Over The Ledge Theatre Co., Fitzgerald Park

June 12—Business After Hours, Over The Ledge Theatre
Co @ Fitzgerald Park, 5:30pm

June 12—David Songer Concert, 8pm, Opera House

June 21-23—Yankee Doodle Days

June 30 and July 1—Obstacle Race—for more information
visit: eatoncountyparks.org or (517) 627-7351

July 2012

July 5-15—Escanaba In Da Moonlight (written by Jeff
Daniels) Over The Ledge Theatre Co, Fitzgerald Park

July 10—Business After Hours @ Independence Village,
5:30pm

July 14—23rd Annual Ledges Classic Auto & Craft Show,
Fitzgerald Park, 9am-4pm

August, 2012

Aug. 2—12—The 39 Steps, Over the Ledge Theatre Co,
Fitzgerald Park

Aug. 4—39th Annual Island Art Fair

Aug. 6-11—Thornapple River Expedition 2012

Aug. 26—Blue Oval Blast 2012—Mustang & Ford Show

September, 2012

Sept. 6—25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Over
The Ledge Theatre Co, Fitzgerald Park

Sept. 13—Chamber Annual Golf Outing

Sept. 30—2012 Grand Adventure Race (2 mi kayak, 12 mi
bike, 3.1 mi run)