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Grand Ledge

Area Chamber of Commerce

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As Spring approaches, so do the festivals, parades and events. St. Patrick's day events will take place on Saturday March 17th. Everyone in Grand Ledge becomes a little bit Irish that day.

Victorian day on May 5th turns back the hands of time. The days of the past come alive with a Victorian parade, high tea, teddy bear tea, civil war reenactment and many more activities.

As we move into summer we celebrate the Yankee Doodle Days celebration. This years event will include the parade on Saturday morning, high heel race, bike decorating contest for the children, dunk tank, pony rides, touch a truck, hula hoop contest, face painting, arts and crafts for the children at the scout building, pig roast, motorcycle display, skateboard demo, duck race, old car display, fireworks, entertainment tent and much more. Mark your calendar for the big event...June 21,22 and 23rd.

Some other events that will take place thru out the summer and fall season will include, the Island Art Fair, Fashion show and the Color Cruise festival.

Grand Ledge Chamber continues to sponsor parades, festivals and events which bring thousands of people to our town. Our aim is to bring awareness to our "wonderful" community. As people enjoy the events, they will spend some time shopping in our stores, eating in our restaurants and seeing what our town is all about.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the numerous new chamber members and thank the entire membership for your continuous support and volunteerism. Without you we could not continue all of the festivals, events and many other things that the chamber does for the community.

This year we have added: Key Builders, Walgreens, Flagstar Bank, About The Home, A. McClean & Son Trucking, Inspired Green, Advanced Plumbing & Mechanical, Flock Marketing, Meijer, Case Credit Union, Hyundai of Lansing, R & L Painting, Glacial Energy. Welcome New Members.

ECP Meals on Wheel Charity Golf Fundraiser

Grand Ledge. Eaton County Parks Director John Greenslit has recently been appointed to the 2012 Meals on Wheels Charity Golf Committee. Greenslit serves on the Tri-County Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, as one of three Eaton County volunteer delegates.

The 2012 Event will be held at Walnut Hills Country Club on June 12 with all proceeds pledged to support the Meals on Wheels program and other services for older adults and persons with disabilities. Since the original event in 1989, the event has generated over \$500,000.

Honorary co-chairs for 2012 are NBC-TV 10 news anchor Jason Colthorp and meteorologist Andy Provenzano. The event is chaired by Vaughn Thompson of the Tri County Office on Aging, [517-887-1377](tel:517-887-1377) or Thompson@tcoa.org. Early bird fees are \$130 single and \$520 per four person team.

Eaton County Parks Director Greenslit joins the event with previous experience with The First Tee program, which operates out of the Sycamore Golf facility on Mt. Hope Avenue in Lansing. The First Tee is a youth program teaching golf skills and life skills. Greenslit previously served as the Executive Director for The First Tee which is affiliated with the PGA, LPGA, Seniors PGA and USGA golf organizations.

Players and sponsors are needed for the Meals on Wheels event, which is expected to match the sold out event from last year. Contact Thompson for entries and donations.

ECP ST PATRICK'S DAY PROGRAM – HOW GREEN ARE YOU?

Everyone is invited to join Eaton County Parks Naturalist Jackie Blanc on Saturday, March 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Lincoln Brick Park Interpretive Center for a St. Patrick's Day energy conservation program. How big is your footprint? What is your environmental impact? Learn what your environmental footprint is and what steps you and/or your family can make to decrease your impact. Learn interesting and easy tips you can start doing to make a difference and save a little money! Program fee is \$3 per adult, \$2 per child 12 and under, or \$8 per family, payable on site. For more program information and registration, please visit www.eatoncountyparks.org or call the park office at [517-627-7351](tel:517-627-7351).

MUSEUM

The 2012 Museum exhibit "Grand Ledge: In the Beginning" opens Sunday, March 4, 2-4 p.m. at 118 W. Lincoln St. It includes the natural history, forming of the village, home life and earning a living. Native Americans still visited "Big Rocks" into the 1840s to hunt and fish, make maple syrup, clay pots and form baskets from the reeds found along the creek in Oneida Woods. Big Rocks became Grand Ledge. in 1850. View photos of the downtown area with the 1870 iron bridge and before the 1885 Opera House and Fire Station (now Ledge Craft Lane)

The Museum is open each Sunday 2-4 p.m. and festival days 12-4 p.m. School groups and tours are welcome by appointment. Contact Marilyn Smith [517\) 627-5170](tel:517-627-5170), [517\) 896-4613](tel:517-896-4613). Visit www.gdledgehistsoc.org.

LOOKING AHEAD: VICTORIAN DAY

Victorian Day 2012 in Grand Ledge will occur on Saturday 5 May. Plan on enjoying the traditional activities of that special day in Grand Ledge. There will also be new activities scheduled. One new activity will be a Victorian Mass celebrated at Trinity Episcopal Church at 2 pm. Another new activity will be a Gilbert and Sullivan "Sing-A- Long" also scheduled at Trinity Church at 4 pm.

TRASH OR TREASURE

Join the Grand Ledge Area Historical Society for its annual 'Trash or Treasure' program, Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Ledge Opera House. Please bring 1 or 2 items per person for our six volunteer appraisers to give an brief history and estimated value. No coins, jewelry or stamps please. For more information, call [517-202-5656](tel:517-202-5656) or email www.zamak31@yahoo.com.

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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

Chamber of Commerce

- 03-17-12 St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 03-25-12 Magic Show @ Opera House
- 04-12 Food Drive
- 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
- 10-07-12 Annual Fashion Show
- 10-12,13,14-12 Color Cruise & Island Festival
- 11-30-12 Christmas Parade

Grand Ledge Opera House

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Concert

Sunday
March 11, 2012
 3:00 p.m.

Conductor Joe Daigle
 Featuring 20 Clarinets

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