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Grand Ledge

Area Chamber of Commerce

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It looks like Spring is here and we are finalizing our plans for our Summer festivals.

Yankee Doodle Days will soon be here. June 21, 22, and 23. Stop by the chamber office and see the big display for the Hi-Heel race sponsored by the Yes House. That event will take place on the bridge at 10:30 on Saturday June 23 just before the parade. It was a smashing hit last year and promises to be that and more this year. Several new events have been added this year for the family. Some of those are Touch A Truck, Hula Hoop contest, cake walk, pony rides, farmers market, kids craft activities in the scout building, bike decorating contest, Ronald McDonald magic show, Boat rides, and of course the parade.

If you would like to have a float or entry in the parade please be sure to get your application into the chamber office. Applications can be found on the chamber web site or call the chamber office.

The chamber will be hosting a "Good Morning Grand Ledge" event on May 23rd at 7:30 a.m. it will be held at Dart Banks lower level. Plan to come and network with your fellow business/chamber members. Watch your e-mail for more details about the event.

The chamber and Growing Business group has created a survey for businesses in Grand Ledge and have personally visited over 75 businesses. We are trying to compile a list of store hours, as well as seeing what marketing works and what we can do to assist businesses to prosper more. We are surveying to see, of the events, parades and festivals, what increase in business or value for their business do they see. We are compiling this information and will make it available as soon as it is ready. We would like to have a community calendar on the chambers web site so that all community events and be posted.

We would like to welcome Corner Cone back as a member and wish them great success this summer.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Post 48 American Legion 2012 Memorial Day Parade

Date is Saturday May 26th - All veterans are invited to march in the parade

Public Library Ceremony at 10:00am Raising of the Flag, blessing of parade and veterans that served our country. Parade kicks off at 10:00 (route Jenne street to the Fire Barn, parade staging area Sawdon school 9:15am)

Naval Memorial Service on the bridge during the parade,

Oakwood Cemetery Presentations honoring 6 local WW II Veterans and ceremonies.

Auxiliary Luncheon (post Oakwood Cemetery service) at the American Legion

For more information call Ken Black at 517-420-3375



Grand Ledge Chamber hosts ribbon cutting:

Royston Ridge Inc. an adult foster care facility was welcomed with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce. The new business is located at 10216 Royston Rd. Grand Ledge. The facility is owned and operated by Teri and Phil Myers. Teri comes with many years of managing foster care facilities. The home that Teri and her husband, Phil are providing is in a country setting. They are able to offer 24 hr a day care. Their facility is licensed for 6 patients. They have two private rooms and two shared rooms. For more information regarding Royston Ridge Foster Care call 517-402-1004.

***** NEW MEMBERS *****

Grand Ledge Chamber is proud to add **CORNER CONE** as our new member



Arbor Day Celebration!

National Arbor Day is celebrated the fourth Friday of April throughout the nation.

Eaton County Parks and the Friends of Eaton County Parks invite everyone to join us in celebrating Arbor Day 2012 at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge on Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is a great event for families, friends, and youth groups. Meet Smokey Bear and help prep the park for the coming summer season.



Free trees and a variety of hands-on educational and entertaining tree related information will be available for all who participate.

For those interested in making a day of it, pack your lunch for a picnic in the park.

Following the Arbor Day Celebration, a Wildflower Walk will take place at 2 p.m. Interested participants should meet at the Fitzgerald Park Nature Center.

For more information or to register for this event, please call the park office at 517-627-7351.

Arbor Day—inspiring people to plant, nurture, and care for trees and the environment.

From the Desk of the Director: 2012—A New Era

With another weather related season pending this summer, the nine Eaton County Parks will see some dramatic changes for our visitors.

Annual motor vehicle passes are now transferable from vehicle to vehicle, so families can visit and enjoy Eaton County Parks without worrying about the "sticker" being on the "other" vehicle. This "user friendly" approach will encourage more park usage.

Previously purchased non-transferable annual passes will be exchanged at the gatehouse at your first visit, as we anticipate over 145 days of primary use at Lincoln Brick, Fox and Fitzgerald Parks. Annual and daily passes will permit visitors to enjoy several special events, also.

Included in the 2012 calendar at Fitzgerald Park is vehicle admission to Rock The World June 30 and July 1, the Friends Ledges Classic Auto and Craft Show July 14, Run and Play for Ariana kid's festival August 25, the Ford Mustang Car Show August 26, the September 3 Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk, the Grand Adventure Race September 30, and the Capital Area Humane Society Walk/Run for the Animals fundraiser October 6.

As other special events are scheduled, public service announcements will add them to the "pass" calendar. Disc golf tournaments are included in the passes on October 7 and 20-21 at Fitzgerald Park. All in all, the Eaton County motor vehicle passes support over 160 dates in our 2012 calendar, as well as free entry at the Keehne Environmental Area, Butler and Dyer Kiln Parks in Bellevue, the Thornapple Trail in Vermontville, and the Tirrell Roadside Park and the Optimist Youth Camp near Charlotte.

While all nine Eaton County Parks continue to operate on a dawn to dusk basis, hours may be limited for gate attendants to collect vehicle entry fees. Self-pay drop boxes are being designed and placed to permit visitors to support the operations of the entire system year round.

Group functions and special events continue to remain attractive at Fox, Lincoln Brick and Fitzgerald Parks. Reservations are strongly suggested to reserve prime dates and special sites. For more information, call 517-627-7351.

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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
- 04-28 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

- May 8 GLHS Madrigal Concert 7:30pm
 - May 16 Hayes Middle School
Select Women & Select Men Concert 7:30pm
 - May 25 Concert on the Grand 6:00pm
GLHS and Community Bands
 - June 12 David Songer and 'Americia's
Tenor' Steve Amerson 8:00pm
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- May 5 Victorian Day
 - May 3, 5, 6 Phantom of the Opera
 - May 11 DooWops