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Hayes Middle School Vocal Ensembles will present a concert at the Grand Ledge Opera House on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 pm. The Men's Select group has 38 members and the Women's Select group has 72 members. The students audition for the select groups that each meet after school once a week. Besides performing at their own Middle School concerts, they competed at the District Festivals in March, where each choir received the highest rating, a Superior. They are now competing at the State Festivals at Potter Center at Jackson Community College. They also performed at the Jackson National Life Insurance Christmas Party. The Women's Select received invitations to perform at the semi-professional Steiner Choral Christmas Concert and a special invitation to perform at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association Annual Conference in Grand Rapids in January. Only two Middle School groups are invited to perform. The Men's Select were invited to perform three years ago. Tickets for this Opera House Benefit Concert are \$5.00 adults and children, \$12.00 Immediate Family rate, available at the Opera House, MacDowell's Hearth and Flowers and True Value Hardware. For further information call 517,-627-1443 or 517-627-5170. Visit www.gloperahouse.com or Like us on Facebook.



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Ledge Craft Lane - May Artist of the Month

AliceRose B. Vettraino

Artist Reception May 18, 2013 at 2:00pm at Ledge Craft Lane, 120 S. Bridge St., Grand, Ledge, Mi 48837



AliceRose B. Vettraino, or simply "Ali," is a Mid-Michigan artist who works in various mediums including pencil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic and oil. Ali grew up in the Detroit area where she learned to draw cityscapes and contemporary urban scenes. After graduating from Eastern Michigan University, she moved to the Lansing area to pursue her Master's degree in Art Education at Michigan State University. Enchanted by the open spaces and Michigan's natural beauty, Ali enjoys painting still life, flowers, landscapes and rural subjects. As an art teacher for over 30 years, she passed along her love and talent to students from elementary through high school. Ali encouraged her students to draw; reminding them of the respect they should keep for the pencil, a piece of paper and their sketch book. After all, a computer may break down. A broken pencil just needs to be sharpened. Ali enjoys designing and is currently involved in one of her favorite activities, illustrating a children's book. She is a watermedia artist, focusing mainly on watercolor, mixed media and acrylic. She challenges herself to paint on a variety of surfaces and believes her subject choices are endless. You may view her work at Ledge Craft Lane the entire month of May and at her website www.artbyalicerose.com.

Ribbon Cutting



Chamber members, Grand Ledge city officials, friends and employees celebrated the Grand Opening of the Apothecary Shop with a ribbon cutting. The pharmacy is located at 820 Charlevoix Drive and can help you with prescriptions, medical supplies, medical equipment and free home delivery. Call (517) 622-4000 for more information or stop in to see what they have available to help with medical needs.



Spend "An Evening with the Madrigals" from Grand Ledge High School.

The "Grand Ledge Madrigal Singers" will present their program of music at the Grand Ledge Opera House from 7:30 to 9:00 PM, Tuesday, May 14th, 2013. The performance is sponsored by the Friends of the Opera House who appreciate your support. The program will include classical as well as contemporary selections that should satisfy the musical tastes of most people who enjoy a cappella singing, and of course, it offers the opportunity for several of the group to give individual performances. The program will be held in the main floor of the 1884 Opera House, which has excellent acoustics. The madrigal singers are a group of Grand Ledge High School students who love music and have been singing for most of their Junior and Senior High School years in various singing groups. The madrigals are an auditioned choir, and along with being the top group at the high school, they are considered to be one of the top ensembles in the area. Many of the students take private voice lessons and plan on majoring in music when they attend college. The Grand Ledge Madrigals are directed by Sheri Tulloch. The Grand Ledge Opera House is located in downtown Grand Ledge, on Bridge Street, next to the river. There is plenty of free parking. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students. Tickets are available in Grand Ledge at MacDowell's Hearth & Flowers, True Value Hardware, and the Opera House. More information available at phone 627-1443.

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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

May, 2013

May 14- GLHS Madrigal Concert, Opera House, 7:30pm

May 18- 10th Annual Thank the Troops Event

May 22—Hayes Middle School, Select Women & Select

Men Concert, Opera House, 7:30pm

May 24—Concert on the Grand, GLHS & Community

Band, Opera House Lawn, 6pm

<u>June, 2013</u>

June 6- Music in the Park, 7:30pm, Maypole Park, Global Village, a variety of music styles including funk, soul, old school R&B, rock and roll, blues, jazz, hip hop, reggae and ska. Bring your lawn chairs.

June 18-20 (3 day session), 8am-2pm, Jr. Ranger-State Park Explorer, Sleepy Hollow State Park, for more info www.eatoncountyparks.org

June 20 -23—30th Annual Yankee Doodle Days

June 23-10th Annual Garden Tour

June 27- Music in the Park, 7:30pm, Maypole Park, Root Doctor, a diverse mix of classic soul, R&B, traditional blues and inspired material. Bring your lawn chairs.

June 27-28—33rd Annual Mudge's Follies—Community Musical Variety Show

June 27-Hazel Ridge Farm Experience one day field trip, 8:30am-5pm, for children 7-14, for more info:

www.eatoncountyparks.org

July, 2013

July 11- Music in the Park, 7:30pm, Maypole Park, Three Men and A Tenor, pop music, classic rock, country, Motown and standards. Bring your lawn chairs.

July 13—24th Annual Ledge's Classic Auto & Craft Show July 18- Music in the Park, 7:30pm, Maypole Park, The Backwoods Band, they bring a new dimension to the music scene, guaranteed to rock the dance floor. Bring your lawn chairs. July 25- Hazel Ridge Farm Experience one day field trip, 8:30am-5pm, for children 7-14, for more info www.eatoncountyparks.org

July 25- Music in the Park, 7:30pm, Maypole Park, Jen Sygit, album of the year, nominated for 2 Jammie Awards. Bring your lawn chairs.

July 30 & 31- MSU Days (2 day session), 8:30am-5pm, MSU Campus, for more info: eatoncountyparks.org

August, 2013

Aug. I- Music in the Park, 7:30pm, Maypole Park, Showdown, 70s & 80s tribute to Earth, Wind & Fire, Marvin Gaye, Def Leppard, Journey, Bob Seger, Styx, Foreigner, Hall & Oates, Rick James, Bon Jovi, Kc & The Sunshine Band, The Temptations & Steely Dan and more. Bring your lawn chairs.

Aug. 3- 40th Annual Island Art Fair

Aug. 6-8 (3 day session), 8:30am-2pm, Jr. Ranger-Live and Local, Lincoln Brick Park, for more info: eatoncountyparks,org Aug. 20 & 21 (2 day session), 8:30am-5pm, Potter Park Zoo, for more info: eatoncountyparks.org