

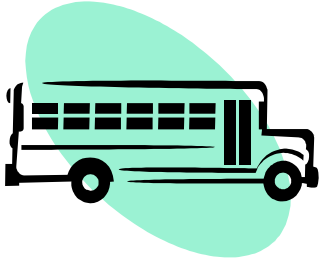
Small town. Natural Wonders. Endless Opportunity.

Grand Ledge

Area Chamber of Commerce

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**5th Annual
Stuff the Bus
For Hunger
Food Drive
Saturday
November 14
8am-4:30pm
Outside Felpausch
Non-perishable,
personal items and
cash welcome.
Join Lanjopoulos Family
Chiropractic Center,
Independence Village of
Grand Ledge, Grand
Ledge Rotary, GLHS
Interact, National City
and Beagle Middle
School in filling the
food bank shelves to
help Grand Ledge.**

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SPONSORS**

Doty Insurance/Auto-
Owners

MSU Federal Credit
Union

Vollman Ford

What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

November

11/06 or 11/07- Nocturnal Nights Night
Hike, 6:30pm, Fox Park comfort station
11/06-11/07—Search for Leonids meteor
shower, 7:30-9:30pm, Fox Park Observa-
tory
11/07 & 11/08- Holiday Season Kick-Off,
sponsored by GBGL (see back page)
11/07—"Starring the Standards", Sing-
ers on the Grand, 7:30 pm @ Opera
House
11/08—Singers on the Grand, 3:00pm
11/14- Stuff the Bus for Hunger Food
Drive, 8am-4:30pm, outside Felpausch
11/14- Fall Float, 10am, Delta Mills
Park 11/22—Pops Concert
(organ & saxophone), 3:00pm @ Opera
House

December

12/02—Barons of Brass Holiday Benefit
Concert for Eaton Comm. Hospice,
8:00pm @ Opera House
12/04- 38th Annual Holiday Parade,
7pm
12/05/06- 34th Annual Traditions Tour-

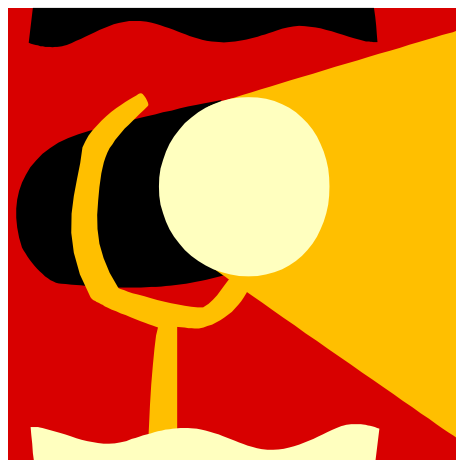
Homes, Tables, Trees & Trims @ Opera
House & various locations
12/12—Wreath Workshop, 10am, Lin-
coln Brick Interpretive Center
12/11 or 12/12—Her Winter House
Moon Night Hike, 6:30pm, Fox Park
comfort Station
12/11-12/12—Observing The Milky Way,
Meteors and Mars, 7:30-9:30pm, Fox
Park Observatory
12/17-18—Holiday Wishes Christmas
Benefit Concert for GL Food Bank,
7:00pm @ Opera House

2010 January

01/07- Chamber Annual Dinner, Opera
House

February

02/09- Tax Forum Informational Meeting,
3-5pm, Dart Bank Lower Level
02/11- Tax Forum Informational Meeting,
7-9pm, Dart Bank Lower Level



The Spotlight Shines on Chamber Businesses

This month the spotlight shines on:

- ♥ Four Seasons Gifts
- ♥ Doty Insurance
- ♥ Computer Troubleshooters
- ♥ Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home

These four businesses and several others offer deep discounts to CHAMBER members through our MEMBER TO MEMBER program. Increase your bottom line by doing business with Chamber members. Become a member of our Member to Member Program. It's free. Call the Chamber office at 627-2383 for more information.

Chamber Office

Lots of things are happening at the Chamber. The Christmas Parade is our next event. That will be held on December 4th at 7pm. The parade applications are available at the Chamber office or the drop box outside the Chamber office. They are also on the web site: www.grandledgechamber.com.

The Chamber office is acting as a **Drop Off Center** for winter coats, hats, boots and all winter apparel for the Grand Ledge Food Bank. Items need to be clean and in good repair. Check your closets and drop off those unused items.

Membership dues invoices will be mailed out within the next week. Payment is due by January 1st. All members that have paid their dues by January 1st will have their business name published in the phone book in **Big Black Bold** lettering. (This is a Chamber benefit.) Included with your dues invoice will be review of the benefits of being a Chamber member. There are sooooo many.

The Chamber has scheduled the **Tax Forum** informational meetings. They are scheduled for February 9th, 3-5pm and February 11th from 7-9pm. Both will be held at Dart Bank in the lower level. The speaker again this year will be from the Eaton County Tax Equalization Department. Come listen and have your questions answered. These meetings last year were very successful. The question most asked was "Why are my taxes going up and the value of my home going down?" Come and get the answer. This is open to the public. Invite your friends, neighbors and clients. This is a service provided by your Chamber.

The Chamber Board met last week and approved changing the time that the new officers assume their responsibilities. It was decided that it would be much better for that to happen on a calendar year basis. The new slate of officers will start their term on January 1st. The **Annual Dinner** will be held on January 7th at the Opera House. Mark your calendars now. Invitations will be sent out in December.

Applications for the awards to be given out at the Annual Dinner have been included in this newsletter. They can also be obtained at the Chamber office or on the website: www.grandledgechamber.com. Please take a minute to nominate a person for Business Person of the Year, Teacher of the Year and the ATHENA awards. These are important awards to our community.

Looking ahead— there are several things in the planning stages: Taste of Grand Ledge, River Clean-Up and another Food Drive. Plans are already in motion for Yankee Doodle Days.

The Chamber would like to thank everyone that volunteered or attended the Color Cruise and Island Festival this year. While the weather was not too kind to us, it was still a success. Our aim with our festivals and events is to bring people to our community. Our events brings thousands of people to shop in our stores, eat in our restaurants and visit our parks. While they are here they see ALL of our businesses: accountant offices, law offices, beauty shops, insurance companies, literally everything that we have to offer. This year several tour busses came to enjoy the festival and ride the river boat. While they were here, they enjoyed eating in our restaurants and shopping in our stores as well as a guided tour of our community. They now have seen what a "Great Community" we have and they WILL be back.

The Chamber office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-2pm. The answering machine is on the other days and call are answered daily.

We have an informational box outside the Chamber office (providing it stays there) with parade applications and some of our brochures for your added convenience.

Because we are the **Informational Center for the Community** please let us know if you are holding an event, classes, training sessions or anything that is of interest and open to the public. We get so many calls asking about these types of things and we want to have the correct information to pass on. Just call the Chamber office and give us your information.

Susan Sasse
Secretary/Treasurer

Chosen Vision Needs Help

Chosen Vision needs pots and pans, dishes and silverware. If you are able to help our fellow Chamber member, please call Joanne at 622-0574.

Dr. Roger Kuhlman

The Chamber extends sympathy to the family of long time Grand Ledge resident Dr. Roger Kuhlman who passed away on October 3. Dr. Kuhlman was the founding president of the Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce.

Eaton County Parks Events

Eaton County Parks invites everyone to join the parks naturalist at Fox Park for a series of **Nature at Night Series** during the months of November and December. Program dates are listed below.

Nocturnal Nights, Friday, Nov. 6 or Saturday, Nov. 7. Join the naturalist on a night vision hike to learn about the nocturnal creatures of our community and search for things that go bump in the night.

Celebrate the season of Her Winter House Moon with the parks naturalist on Friday, Dec. 11 or Saturday, Dec. 12. Explore the trails and learn what animals do during winter for shelter and survival. Wear your warmest boots, hats and mittens. All night hikes start at 6:30pm. Interested participants should meet at the new comfort station at Fox Park in Potterville. This program is suitable for all ages. Program cost is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Program fee will be collected on site and exact change is appreciated. A reduced youth group rate is available. Advanced registration is recommended. The Fox Park Observatory will be open for public viewing from 7:30—9:30pm (weather permitting) on the dates listed above.

The Milky Way, Meteors and Mars— If the sky is sufficiently clear, Friends of Eaton County Parks volunteer and local area astronomer Jason Blaschka, will open Fox Park Observatory for public observing from 7:30-9:30pm on the Friday and Saturday nights listed below.

November 6-7: Beginning the search for the Leonids meteor shower.

December 11-12: Mars will be focus at the Observatory, located at 3979 E. Gresham Hwy, Potterville, 48876. This is an open air observatory so please dress appropriately for the weather and wear sensible shoes or boots for the 200 yard walk to the observatory. Public viewing nights are provided free of charge due to the generous sponsorship of the Friends of Eaton County Parks. This program is open to and suitable for all ages. Observation nights will not be held on nights with more than 30% cloud cover. You may call the Observatory at (517) 645-MOON (6666) during public viewing hours to check sky conditions. Don't forget, you can join Eaton County Parks Naturalist Jackie Blanc at 6:30pm on the dates listed above for our Nature at Night series of night hikes.

Fall Float—Load up your canoe or kayak and join the Eaton County Parks naturalist on Saturday, November 14 for a three hour excursion down the Grand River from Delta Mills Park to Fitzgerald Park and enjoy breathing in the crisp cool air while taking in the sights, sounds and smells of autumn. Participants will meet and launch at Delta Mills Park at 10am. Individuals are encouraged to bring snacks, water and warm clothes. The crew will be arriving at Fitzgerald Park at approximately 1pm and will have the opportunity to warm up with some hot chocolate in the Fitzgerald Park Nature Center while waiting for a shuttle back to the launch point at Delta Mills Park for those who need it. The Parks Department has a limited supply of canoes available for use at a cost of \$120 per person. Program fee is \$5 per person with your own canoe or kayak. Advanced registration is required.

Holiday Wreath Workshop— Celebrate the holiday season by creating your very own wreath Saturday, December 12, from 10am-12 noon at the Lincoln Brick Park Interpretive Center. Participants will use fresh cut greenery to craft a beautiful wreath to celebrate the holiday season. Program cost is \$20 per person and includes instruction and materials to create one 18 inch wreath. Class size is limited to 15 people and advance registration is required. Program is suitable for adults and pruning shears are required. Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 9, 2009.

For more information about any of the events or programs listed here or to register for any of the activities, please visit www.eatoncountyparks.org or call the park office at (517) 627-7351.

Ledge's Playhouse Restoration Committee

The playhouse has been put to bed for the winter. We are working on getting sponsors to have more seats refurbished this winter and getting bids for painting the exterior or at least the sides. Roof repairs have been completed. We are looking for new members to join the committee. Current members representing the Chamber, Historical Society, City and Capital Theater Works are: Walt Eschtruth, Marilyn Smith, Jack & Ethelen Herbstreit, Kal Smith, Jon Bayless, Ted Daniel and Kevin Burnham (artistic director). Please let us know if you would be interested. Marilyn Smith 627-5170

Holiday Traditions Tour: Homes, Tables, Trees, Trims

Check the flyer for the four homes, two businesses, Museum and Opera House that will be featured Saturday, December 5 (11am-6pm) and Sunday, December 6 (1-5pm). Businesses, groups and individuals are invited to display a decorated tree for the Grand Hall, a festive table for the Terrace Level or items for the Holiday Market. Set-up will be Friday, 10am-7pm. Contact Marilyn Smith for application forms (517) 627-5170 or mar-nor1@comcast.net.

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Holiday Open House

November 6, 7 & 8, 2009

Start Your Shopping Early in Grand Ledge

Great Gifts, Discounts, Demonstrations and Door Prizes
Enter to win a shopping spree!!!

- About the Home-** Heavy mystery gift drawings, free gift with \$25 purchase, daily \$30 gift certificate drawings. Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12pm-5pm
- Arthur's Formal/Bridal Consignment & Taxider Rental-Receipts in win \$25 Truarch gift certificate.**
Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-3pm
- Falsetta's Farm Market** Celebrate your Christmas Wreaths & Potpourries
Sat 8am-5pm, Sun 12pm-5pm
- Four Seasons Gift Shop- Register to win products. Sat 9am-7, Sun 10am-5pm**
- Image Projections-** Come in for your holiday ornament session,
Sat 10am-5:30pm, Sun 12pm-5pm
- Jamline's Consignment Boutique-Drawing for \$25 Gift certificate.**
Sat 10am-6pm, 12pm-4pm
- Kathy's Korner Klutz-** Cookies and coffee, prize drawing.
Fri 11am-8pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12pm-5pm
- Land's Gate Antiques & Salvage Yard-Play the "What is it" Game & enter to win a gift certificate.**
Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12pm-4pm
- Ledge Craft Lane-Art & Craft Gallery- Set 12pm-3pm Personalize a free ornament**
Sat 10am-5:30pm, Sun 1pm-4pm
- Ledges Corner Café- 10% off all drinks. Sat & Sun 8am-2pm**
- Ledges Therapeutic Massage** Fri: chair massage. \$5.00 off one hour massage gift certificate.
Sat 10am-5pm
- MacDowell's Hearth and Flowers-20% off all Christmas merchandise, refreshments**
Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-3pm
- Miller's Pharmacy and Gifts- 40% off select items 50% off clearance items**
75% off Dept. 36, Sat 9am-1pm
- Piece of Mine Pottery- Glass Art Demo Sun 4pm-5pm, 25% off all Christmas Décor.**
Fri open all night! Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 12pm-6pm
- Sweet Linda's Café- Coffee Buy One Get One Free of equal or lesser value**
Fri open all night, Sat 7am-7pm, Sun 8am-12pm