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# Grand Ledge

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## What's Happening in Grand Ledge?



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### November-2010

Nov. 5– Singers on the Grand, “Our Great American Songbook” 7:30 pm, Opera House

Nov. 6– Singers on the Grand, “Our Great American Songbook”, 3pm, Opera House

Nov. 5-7—Holiday Open House

Nov. 10—Community Band Patriotic Concert, 7:30pm, Opera House

Nov. 21—Silent Movie: The Circus (1928) featuring Charlie Chaplin; Fr. Andrew Rogers, Organist, 3pm, Opera House

### December—2010

Dec.3—Christmas Parade

Dec. 4-5—Holiday Traditions Tour: Homes,

Tables, Trees and Trims

Dec. 16-17—21st Annual Holiday Wishes

Benefit Concert, 7pm, Opera House

### January, 2011

Jan. 16– Accafellas, Male Accapella Vocal Ensemble & Russell Nebeling, Classical Guitar, 3pm, Opera House

Jan. 30– Bob Milne, Ragtime Pianist, 3pm, Opera House

## Chamber News

The Chamber has just completed another successful festival. As you know our festivals depend greatly on the weather and Color Cruise was blessed with 3 days of beautiful weather. We succeeded in bringing thousands of people to our community. A special thanks to all of the volunteers. Without our volunteers, our festivals would be impossible to do.

As the holiday season approaches, we are now planning for the Christmas parade. If you are planning on having an entry in the parade, please get your application in as soon as possible. Applications are on the Chamber website [www.grandledgechamber.com](http://www.grandledgechamber.com) or call the office and one will be mailed or faxed to you.

We are also working on the Annual Dinner to be held in January, This is our “Party of the Year” for our entire membership. Watch for more information to come in the next newsletter.

The flags that were not stolen have been taken down for the winter. Last May, for Memorial Day, the Chamber purchased all new flags to put on the bridge. It looked just beautiful to see all those new flags flying to honor our deceased. However, once again, the flags have been taken by vandals. We have tried several methods of securing them to the bridge and yet the vandals continue to take them. Over the next few months, we again will search out a way to be able to fly the flags without the vandals being able to steal them.

As always, we welcome your comments and opinions. Our goal is to continue to promote our community. Our entire community has so much to offer. We strive to make everyone aware of our wonderful “Grand Ledge”.

Susan Sasse



**Singers on The Grand  
Performing at the Grand Ledge Opera House November 6 & 7, 2010**

Back for their thirteenth year, the Singers on The Grand will perform at the Grand Ledge Opera House with an all-new show called "Our American Songbook," Saturday, November 6, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, November 7, 3:00 p.m. Presented by founder Libby Brandon and daughter, Katy McDonough, choral director, the production mixes a wonderful array of music performed as solos, duets, and, of course, the close harmonies of ensemble singing. Among them are selections from Broadway shows: a "Mary Poppins" medley, "Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat," "Ol' Man River," and "Don't Fence Me In." Some of the pop and jazz songs to be presented are "Birth of The

Blues," "Something's Gotta Give," "Someone to Watch Over Me," and a great medley of Duke Ellington hits. In addition the group will present sacred songs "Simple Gifts," and "Glory, Glory Hallelujah." Twelve singers and seven musicians make up the ensemble who perform these musical treasures. Vocalists include: Bill DeWitt, Barbara Frazier, James Hall, Ellen Hoard, Kathleen Buchin Leyrer, Charlie and Dorothea Martin, Abbie Matthews, Katy McDonough, Dave Sincox, Dan Templin, and Marty Underhill. Accompanying them are instrumentalists Herm Bushnell, Bob Engardio, Don Farnum, Bill Holda, Jim Kasprzak, Pete Murthum and Rick Peterson. Dancers Tina Bender and Michael Chan join with them to delightfully enhance the music. "It's a privilege to present these area artists who superbly interpret such a wide variety of music from past and present," comments Brandon. "Everyone who sees the show will enjoy memorable moments - comedic, nostalgic, and exciting."

Tickets for the show are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. They are available at the Grand Ledge Opera House, Ace Hardware, and MacDowell's Hearth & Floral. The Opera House is a barrier-free facility. For further information call the Opera House, (517) 627-1443 or Libby Brandon at (517) 627-2715.

## 36th Annual Holiday Tour: Homes, Tables, Trees, Trims

The dates are Saturday, December 4 (10am-6pm) and Sunday, December 5 (1-5pm), the same weekend as the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. Stops on the Home Tour:

Harry Levin/Susan Dalebout, 941 Kingsbridge Road

Dave and Janee Penfield, 600 East Scott Street

Ann Lawrence, 418 Taylor Street

Joan Belt, Independence Village, 4775 Village Drive

Peg Cook, Riverwalk Apartments, 115 Perry Street

Opera House, 121 South Bridge Street— decorated trees, festive tables, manger scenes, miniatures and Holiday Market

The Museum, 118 West Lincoln Street “Welcome Home in the 30’s”

Please give Marilyn Smith a call 627-5171 or 896-4613 to reserve space for a decorated tree, festive table or loan of a manger scene for the Opera House.

Holiday Traditions Tour is sponsored by the Grand Ledge Area Historical Society.

Marilyn Smith 627-5170

Do you enjoy swing music from the 1940’s? How about Gypsy Jazz? Come to the Grand Ledge Opera House at 121 South Bridge Street on Sunday, October 17 at 3:00 pm to hear the Hot Club of Lansing perform.

This five member band features guitars, mandolin, saxophone and an upright bass. Members from the Lansing area include Travis Therrian (Grand Ledge), Tim Williams and Jonas Greenburg (East Lansing), Dave “Dixon” Hammond (Old Town) and Bob McCarthy (Okemos). They have recently played in Old Town, East Lansing and Albion.

Some of the numbers to be included in the program are “Lady Be Good”, “Honeysuckle Rose”, “Minor Swing”, “A Night in Tunisia” and “I’ll See You in My Dreams”. There will be an area where people are free to dance if they so desire.

A barbershop quartet called the Grand-Aires will be singing between band numbers. Some of the songs they will feature are “I’ll Fly Away”, “Swanee River”, “I Believe” and “God Bless America”.

Tickets for the show are \$6.00 presale are available at the Opera House, MacDowell’s Floral and Fireplace and Ace Hardware, or \$10.00 at the door. For further information call (517) 627-1443, (517) 202-5656 or visit [www.gloperahouse.com](http://www.gloperahouse.com).

The Grand Ledge Community Band is conducted by Matthew Zerba. He is a native of Ohio and earned his music degree from the University of Akron. Prior to conducting the GLCB, Matthew taught for 2 years in the Tecumseh Public School District and gave private lessons for the GL PS band program. He specializes in playing tuba and euphonium.

Matthew and his wife, Tavia, who is the band director at Hayes Middle School, have 2 children, Eliana and Tobin.

*Remember*

THE GRAND LEDGE OPERA HOUSE PRESENTS

**The Grand Ledge Community Band**

*Patriotic Concert*

FEATURING CONDUCTOR MATT ZERMANN

**Wednesday, November 10**  
**7:30 p.m.**

TICKETS:  
PRESALE STUDENTS & ADULTS \$5.00  
AT THE DOOR \$7.00 - FAMILY \$12.00

AVAILABLE AT THE GRAND LEDGE OPERA HOUSE, MACDOWELL'S FLORAL & FIREPLACE, AND ACE HARDWARE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
CALL 517-627-1443 OR 517-627-5170  
VISIT [WWW.GLOPERAHOUSE.COM](http://WWW.GLOPERAHOUSE.COM)

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### **Grand Ledge Chamber Ribbon Cutting**

Chamber Board members Karla Chamberlain, Eric Dean, Sharon Peterson and Susan Sasse helped “About The Home” celebrate 10 years in business and the renovation of the store. Take a moment to stop by and see all the lovely gift and decorating ideas.