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# Grand Ledge

## Area Chamber of Commerce

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Jill Russell, new Executive Director of the Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce

### Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce Hires New Director

The Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce announces the hiring of Jill Russell of Lowell, Michigan to assume the role of Executive Director. Russell began her duties on Monday, October 22, 2012. Earlier this year, a subcommittee was formed to establish a framework for a new Executive Director position. After the Chamber board voted to proceed with the search and a number of resumes were received, Brian Metcalf, Superintendent of Schools for Grand Ledge and Maris Brennan, owner of the local Snap Fitness franchise, interviewed seven candidates. Subsequent interviews with the finalists were conducted, with the Chamber board

voting to extend an offer to Russell at its most recent meeting. “When we began this process last summer, I wanted it to be a very open and transparent, with no pre-conceived notions as to who our next Executive Director would be,” said Eric Dean, President of the Chamber. “I think we accomplished that goal and I believe that our members and the entire Grand Ledge community will see what the rest of us saw in Jill in the months and years to come.” Since the fall of 2007, the Grand Ledge Chamber has been operating almost entirely under the direction of volunteers. This hiring will allow the Chamber to expand its outreach and advocacy significantly and help to bring even more benefits to its members. “I am very excited for the opportunity to work with all of you,” said Russell. “I look forward to getting to know everyone in Grand Ledge and helping to fulfill the Chamber mission by promoting the economic, recreational and historical attributes of the Greater Grand Ledge Area.”

A welcome reception for Jill Russell will be held on Thursday, November 1st from 5:30—7pm at the Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce office, located at 220 S Bridge Street. Chamber and community members are encouraged to attend.



# Welcome New Members

Viet Thai Market

3600 S Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd

Lansing, MI 48910

Tuan Nguyen

(517) 708-7410

## Color Cruise and Island Festival 2012

One picture is worth a thousand words. And this picture, taken at this year's Color Cruise and Island Festival pretty much sums up what happened over the weekend. Friday was a gorgeous day with the island full of visitors and school groups. Saturday the island never opened and Sunday we opened for four hours. The rest of the time seemed to be filled with rain, rain and more rain, cold temperatures and oh, did someone mention rain?

A special thanks to committee members, demonstrators and all the volunteers who helped set up, take down, drive shuttles, direct traffic, sell tickets, pop corn, paint pumpkins, pick up trash or dip candles. All of you were needed to make this festival happen and your time was greatly appreciated.



## Holiday Traditions Tour: Homes, Tables, Trees, Trims

Saturday, December 1, 11am-5pm and Sunday, December 2, 1-5pm

Special this year—the Opera House only will be open Friday, November 30 after the parade until 9:00pm for \$3.00. Regular tour prices \$8.00 pre-sale and \$10.00 day of. Stops this year include Jeff & Sally Harrold, 1201 Candela, Gina Tamburino, 124 W Lincoln, Rosemary & Doug Jackson, 238 W River, Macey Davis 7 John McDermott, al & Penny Walter and Beth Whaley at Ledge Center Lofts, 104 W Jefferson, Seven Islands Mercantile, 205 N Bridge, Opera House, 121 S Bridge and The Museum, 118 W Lincoln. Hope you will plan to trim a tree or set a table at the Opera House.

Information 627-5170



## Ribbon Cuttings



Grand Ledge Area Chamber members and friends help celebrate the renovations at Kathy's Bakery and Deli (formerly Kathy's Korner Kloset) at 312 South Bridge. The store is a great source for soy candles, jewelry, gifts, crafts and spices and will soon include a bakery and deli section. The helpful staff can be reached by calling (517) 242-4494.

Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce members, Grand Ledge Mayor Kalmin Smith and friends help Shonda Bain celebrate the opening of Black Dog Antiques at 219 South Bridge. A visit to this store is a trip through history. Call (517) 622-1199 for more information about the store.



Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce members, Executive Director Jill Russell, friends and staff cut the ribbon and celebrate the opening of Smokey Mountain Tobacco, located 512 N. Clinton (near Jersey Giant). The store carries a full line of tobacco, supplies, hookahs, pipes, cigars, humidors and other smoking related items. Stop in and see the many items in stock.



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## What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

### November, 2012

- Nov. 3—Singers on the Grand Concert “American Classics”, 7:30pm, Grand Ledge Opera House**
- Nov. 4—Singers on the Grand Concert “American Classics”, 3pm, Grand Ledge Opera House**
- Nov. 9—John Two-Hawks Concert “Beautiful World Tour”, 7:30pm, Grand Ledge Opera House**
- Nov. 11— A Patriotic Benefit Cruise for the Opera House, 3 pm, Michigan Princess Riverboat**
- Nov. 14—Grand Ledge Community Band Concert “Giving Thanks with Music”, 7:30pm, Grand Ledge Opera House**
- Nov. 18—Lansing Theatre Organ Concert with Clark Wilson— Music of composer Burton Lane, 3pm, Grand Ledge Opera House**
- Nov. 30—41st Annual Christmas Parade, Opera House open after parade**

### December, 2012

- Dec. 1,2—38th Annual Holiday Traditions Tour: Homes, Tables, Trees and Trims**
- Dec. 13, 14— Holiday Wishes Annual Benefit Concert, 7:00pm, Opera House**
- Dec. 17—David Songer, Steve Amerson, Laurie Gayle Stephenson “Grand” Songs for Christmas, 7:30pm, Opera House**



# John Two-Hawks

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