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October, 2013

A Great Day of Golf for the Chamber of Commerce Annual Outing

Golfers enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of John Nagel and the entire staff at Centennial Acres Golf & Banquet Center. Thank you to all the Sponsors, Donors and Volunteers for making this event a success.



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Parks Director John Greenslit and Representative Theresa Abed lead the pack crossing the bridge.



ECP 3RD Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk A Huge Success

The 3rd annual Labor Day Bridge Walk at Fitzgerald Park continues to grow into a wonderful community celebration. With complimentary shuttle bus services donated by Dean Transportation, nearly 200 walkers were blessed with great weather on their annual jaunt from Oak Park on the north side of the Grand River to Fitzgerald Park, a distance of nearly two miles. Grand Marshall Representative Theresa Abed led the early kick-off group as walkers came from 15 area communities including Hastings, St. Johns, Leslie, Eaton Rapids, Charlotte, Bellevue and Eagle, as they joined Grand Ledge, Lansing, Holt, Dimondale, Mulliken, Sunfield and other community guests. Each walker was greeted by Park Commissioner Jerry Roe who presented a participation certificate issued by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness signed by Governor Rick Snyder. Community Partners in Health walkers joined the three hour window to enjoy bright sunshine, cool weather and meeting new friends. Playmakers and Blue Cross/Blue Shield provided door prizes. County Commissioner Daryl Baker (Charlotte) participated along with Charlotte City Council member Mary Jean Baker (spouse) to represent area elected officials. Several walkers claimed to be more than 80 years old, as families with youngsters in strollers co-mingled in the rapidly growing annual event.

**Garden Club Recognition
Fitzgerald Park Entrance Garden**

The Grand Ledge Garden Club was honored recently by Eaton County Parks for their continued support of a prize winning flower garden display at the entrance to Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge. Attending the recognition event at the Park were Club representatives Dess Johnson, Dorothy Johnston, Terri Pine, Cecil Miller and Pam Cathy. The ladies posed for a photo with Director John Greenslit. Greenslit commented "this is a great welcome to the Park, but also a welcome to the community." "The Garden Club has made the West Jefferson entrance a symbol of excellence and dedication, which truly makes Grand Ledge a destination for many visitors," he said. For further information call 517-627-7351.



"Movie in the Park" Was A Hit With Families

Over 200 people brought their blankets and munched on popcorn while watching "Finding Nemo". The Chamber hopes to have a movie night series next summer!

The Grand Ledge Opera House presents

*David Songer and special guests
Steve Amerson
Laurie Gayle Stephenson*

Monday, October 7, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15.00 and available at the Grand Ledge Opera House, 121 S. Bridge Street. For more information call 517-627-1443 or 517-627-5170. Friends of the Opera House Benefit.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 12, 2013

Rally Start: 2:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM
Finish: 10:00 PM



- \$500.00 Prize For Winning Time
- Buffet Dinner At 7:00 PM
- Live Music During and After Dinner
- Entry Fee: \$40.00 Per Person

Come and have fun while helping an important support organization keep operating. New Freedom Care-A-Van has been providing non-emergency medical transportation to seniors and people with disabilities of Clinton County for the past 3.5 years, and is facing diminished funding from the Federal Government. To keep our service operating, we need your help. Join us at the Most Holy Trinity Activity Center for clues, travel, food and music. Tickets can be purchased by phone or by stopping by our office in St. Johns. Get your team together now.

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**34th Annual
Color Cruise and Island Festival
October 11-13 in Grand Ledge
Open daily 10am-5pm**

Color Cruise Volunteers Needed!

Call the Chamber at 627-2383 or sign up
online at www.grandlegechamber.com



Eaton County Park Info:

www.eatoncountyparks.org or call the park office at 517-627-7351.

The Fall 2013 ECP Newsletter is now available for viewing on the park website.

COLOR CRUISE LEDGES TOURS

Take a special Color Cruise Festival one-way ride on the river boat from Island Park to Fitzgerald Park on Saturday, October 12, and Sunday, October 13, at 1:30 p.m. Join Park Naturalist, Jackie Blanc, as she describes scenic and historic sights on the cruise and narrates the walk back along the Ledges Trail. Interested participants will board the river boat at Island Park in downtown Grand Ledge for a 30-minute one-way boat ride to Fitzgerald Park. Once at the park, individuals will have an opportunity to explore the Nature Center and join the Naturalist for the 45-minute historic walk back along the Ledges Trail to Island Park. Cost for the special one-way boat ride is \$4 per person. There is no charge for the guided walk on the Ledges. Boat tour tickets may be purchased at Island Park during the Color Cruise Festival weekend—October 11, 12, and 13.

FOX PARK OBSERVATORY – COMET WATCH 2013

With Comet C20012 ISON's highly anticipated approach this fall, the Fox Park Observatory will be hosting special dusk 'til dawn Comet Viewing/Astrophotography Nights on the following Saturdays: October 5, November 2, and December 7. The Observatory will be open from 7 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. on these special viewing dates, weather permitting. Comet ISON is on a very predictable path through space but how bright this comet will become is still a mystery. ISON will be passing by Mars around the beginning of October and then will just graze the sun (passing within 1.1 million miles of the sun's surface) around Thanksgiving, which may give us a clue of what magnitude is in store for this comet. If ISON survives its near brush with the sun, it will round the sun and reemerge in December. ISON is not considered an extremely big comet, estimated at no larger than a two kilometer radius, but comet brightness is not synonymous with size. Brightness is frequently associated with the composition of the dusts and density of the gases that make up the comet and the effect solar winds and radiation have on these dusts and gases. Regardless of magnitude it appears that the best time to get a glimpse of this object will be in the eastern sky in the early morning hours, just prior to sunrise.

The Observatory, located at 3979 E. Gresham Hwy. just north of Potterville, is an open air facility. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy footwear for the 200 yard walk to the Observatory. Program fee is \$2 per person or \$5 per family, payable on site. Comet viewing nights are weather dependent and will not be held on nights with more than 30% cloud cover. You may call the Observatory at 517-645-6666 during public viewing hours to check sky conditions.

FAMILY BICYCLE COLOR TOURS

ECP extends an invitation to join the 27th Annual Family Bicycle Color Tours on Saturday, October 12, 2013. Two tour routes are available. The first leaves from Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge at 10 a.m. and travels to the Country Mill on Otto Rd. This is a 12 mile one-way ride or a 24 mile round trip. The second ride departs from Fox Park in Potterville at 11 a.m. This is a 4-mile round trip ride to the Country Mill. Advance registration is recommended. Cost for the Fitzgerald Park ride is \$3 per adult, \$2 per child 12 and under, or \$8 per family. Cost for the Fox Park ride is \$2 per person or \$8 per family. You may wish to bring additional money to purchase items at the Country Mill. For more information or to register for the ride, please visit .

BENNETT PARK FALL FOLIAGE WALK

The public is invited to join the ECP Naturalist for a fall foliage walk at Bennett Park in Charlotte on Tuesday, October 15, at 5:30 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals, families, and youth groups to experience the magnificent colors of Michigan's woodlands and learn about the flora and fauna of Eaton County. Interested participants should meet at the front parking lot by the restrooms. This program is suitable for all ages. Cost for the walk is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Program fee is collected on site and exact change is appreciated. A reduced youth group rate is available. Advance registration is recommended.

FOX PARK OBSERVATORY – SOLAR VIEWING PROGRAMS

Come out to Fox Park Observatory on the following Sundays – October 13, November 10, and December 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. to view our closet star - the Sun. Participants will use a solar scope and filters to safely view the Sun's surface, spying spots and solar flares. The Observatory, located at 3979 E. Gresham Hwy. just north of Potterville, is an open air facility. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy footwear for the 200 yard walk to the Observatory. Program fee is \$2 per person or \$5 per family, payable on site

FOX PARK OBSERVATORY – PUBLIC VIEWING DATES

Public viewing nights will be held at Eaton County's Fox Park Observatory, weather permitting, from 7 to 11 p.m. on the following Saturdays: October 12, 19, and 26; November 9 and 23; and December 14. The Observatory, located at 3979 E. Gresham Hwy., just north of Potterville, is an open air observatory. Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear sensible footwear for the 200 yard walk to the observatory. Public observation nights are suitable for people of all ages but are not held on nights with more than 30% cloud cover. You may call the Observatory at 517-645-6666 during public viewing hours to check on sky conditions. Program fee is \$2 per person or \$5 per family, payable on site.

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October 2013

- Oct. 3 **Paxtoberfest Anniversary Party**
3pm-9pm at 319 S. Bridge Street
- Oct. 7 **Songer & Friends Concert**
7pm at the Grand Ledge Opera House
- Oct. 11-13 **Color Cruise and Island Festival**
10am-5pm at Island Park
- Oct. 14 **Free - Health Management Workshop**
9:30am-12pm at Independence Village
RSVP 627-7585
- Oct. 18 **Homemade Pasties Dinner**
5pm-7pm at The Masonic Temple
- Library Book Sale** 6pm-8pm
- Oct. 19 **Fall Festival Open House - Free**
11am-2pm at Independence Village
- Library Book Sale** 10am-12pm

October 2013

- Oct. 21 **Flu Season - What You Should Know**
Free Presentation & Lunch
10:30am-12pm at Independence Village
- Oct. 27 **Lansing Theatre Organ Concert**
3pm at the Grand Ledge Opera House
- Trunk or Treat**
11:45-1:30pm at First Congregational UCC
- Oct. 30 **Community Band Concert**
7:30 pm at the Grand Ledge Opera House
- Annual Howl'ween Parade**
6:30pm at Independence Village
- A Matter of Balance Free Presentation**
10am-12pm at Independence Village
- Oct. 31 **Happy Halloween**
6pm-8pm Trick or Treating in Grand Ledge

