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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?



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October-2010

Oct. 8,9,10- Color Cruise and Island Festival

Oct. 17- Hot Club of Lansing, Gypsy Jazz & Accoustic Swing, 3pm, Opera House

November-2010

Nov. 5- Singers on the Grand, "Our Great American Songbook" 7:30 pm, Opera House

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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

Color Cruise is one of our biggest festivals and is rapidly approaching. We hope that you will spend some time down on the Island enjoying all of the fun things. We had a successful golf outing this year. A big thank you to all of those who worked the event and contributed gift items. A special thank you to the Grand Ledge Country Club for making it such a GREAT day.

The Christmas Parade applications are now on the web site. Please, if you are planning on having an entry in the parade, get your application in soon.

Again this year, the Chamber will be a drop off spot for winter coats, hats and winter apparel. We will take all of the items to the Grand Ledge Food Bank. The need in our community is greater than ever. Go through your closets and bring clean/and in good repair items to the office. Office hours are 10-3pm Monday-Friday.

The Chamber will host a breakfast for the German Exchange students. This year we have 15 students. The breakfast will be held Oct. 6th at 9am at the Opera House. George Vollman, Chamber president, will welcome the students and the Chamber will present each student with a gift.

In November we will send out the invoices for 2011 membership. The membership is due by January 1, 2011 (some like to pay it in 2010 and use it as a write off). As a member one of the benefits you will receive is: if your dues are paid by Jan. 10th your name will be published in the phone book in Big Black Bold lettering. Your membership dues can be paid by credit card monthly, quarterly or yearly. As always we welcome your concerns and comments.

Susan Sasse

Eaton County Parks Events

Eaton County Parks invites you and your family to join us for the **24th Annual Family Bicycle Tour** on Saturday, October 9, 2010. Two different routes are available. The first leaves Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge at 10am and travels to the Country Mill on Otto Road. This is a 12 mile one-way ride or a 24 mile round trip. The second ride departs from Fox Park in Potterville at 11am. This is a 4 mile round trip ride to the Country Mill. Advanced 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.

Take a special **Color Cruise Festival** one-way ride on the riverboat from Island Park to Fitzgerald Park on Saturday, October 9, at 1:30 pm. 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 riverboat 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 walk back along the Ledges Trail to Island Park. Cost for the special one-way ride is \$4 per person. There is no charge for the guided walk on the Ledges. Tickets for this or other boat tours may be purchased at Island Park during the Color Cruise Festival weekend—October 8,9 and 10.

You are invited to join the Eaton County Parks Naturalist for a **fall foliage walk** at Bennett Park in Charlotte on Wednesday, October 13, 2010. 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 Ranger's Station at Bennett Park at 5:30pm. This program is suitable for all ages. Cost for the walk 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. Advance registration is recommended.

Load up your canoe or kayak and join the Eaton County Naturalist Saturday, October 16 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 (7001 Old River Trail, Lansing) at 1 pm. Individuals are encouraged to bring snacks, water and warm clothes. The crew will be arriving at Fitzgerald Park at approximately 4pm 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 \$10 per person. Program fee is \$5 per person with your own canoe or kayak. Advanced registration is required.

Eaton County Parks invites everyone to join us at the **Fox Park Observatory** on the dates listed below:

Saturday, October 16, 8—11pm— Check out the moon, Jupiter, Uranus and the Autumn sky.

Saturday, November 6, 8-11pm—View Jupiter and the Autumn Milky Way—start dressing warm!

Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11, 7-10pm—Featuring the moon, Jupiter and the Autumn/Winter skies.


Public observation nights are suitable for people of all ages. Program fee is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Observation nights will not be held on nights with more than 30% cloud cover. You may call the Observatory at (517) 645-6666 during viewing hours to check on sky conditions.

Eaton County Parks invites everyone to join us at the Fox Park Observatory on the following dates for **Astrophotography Imaging Nights** this fall: (continues on next page)

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Saturday, October 2, Saturday, October 30, Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4. Imaging Nights will start at 8pm in October and 7pm in December. Bring your camera and work with experienced photographers to capture photos of our beautiful night sky. Program fee is \$5 per person. The Observatory, located at 3979 Gresham Hwy in Potterville, is an open air facility so please dress appropriately for the weather and wear sensible shoes or boots for the 200 yard walk to the Observatory. For more information or to register, please email Jason Blaschka at dasakjason@sbcglobal.net.

For more information on Eaton County Parks programs, please visit our website at www.eatoncountyparks.org or call the park office at (517) 627-7351.








The Grand Ledge Opera House Presents

Hot Club OF LANSING BAND

40's Swing & Gypsy Jazz

Sunday, October 17
3:00 p.m.

Tickets: Presale \$6.00 ~ At the door \$8.00
Available at The Grand Ledge Opera House, MacDowell's Floral & Fireplace, and Ace Hardware. For more information, call 517-202-5656, 517-627-1443 or Visit www.gloperahouse.com

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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.

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.

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Grand Ledge Chamber Welcomes New Business

The Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting to welcome a new business in town. U-Save Moving and Storage is located at 11853 W Grand River (between the corner of M-100/Grand River and Eagle). This business is a perfect example of entrepreneurship. Jae Burnham, the owner, lost his job. Jae turned to the internet to search for a job. He found that moving would be his niche since people are constantly moving. Jae created U-Save Moving and Storage. Not even owning a computer, Jae would use the public library computer to market his business. It wasn't long and his business had taken off. He started the business with just himself, but now has three employees and a building manager. He owns his own 3,000 sq. foot building and business is great. What a story! To date Jae has moved people across the country, in and out of Michigan. If a move is in your future, give Jae a try. He can be reached at (517) 627-8124 or jaeburnham@gmail.com. As always the Chamber is happy to welcome and support new businesses into our community.