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Grand Ledge

Area Chamber of Commerce

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Color Cruise and Island Festival

Grand Ledge is putting its best foot forward for the 33rd Color Cruise and Island Festival at Island Park on October 12, 13 & 14 from 10am-5pm each day. Check out the fall colors and 60 foot ledges reflecting on the Grand River from the Grand Princess riverboat or by canoe. See the colors up close while riding in a horse drawn wagon or for an overview take a ride in an airplane. Fur traders inhabit the island all three days. View a display of Indian artifacts. You will see quilting, rope making, spinning, basketry, bowls turned on a lathe and sauerkraut making. Watch the farmer shelling corn, pumping water and a blacksmith at work. See early farm equipment including a 1922 Model T Flatback Truck. View the handmade airplane and boat. For the kids there is a petting zoo, llamas to watch, pumpkins to paint and dipping a candle. Don't miss the 1921 fire truck. On Saturday and Sunday at 1:30pm take a narrated boat ride to Fitzgerald Park and a guided walking tour along the ledges back to the Island. Eat bean soup and caramel corn made in large iron pots. Enjoy chili, hotdogs, brats, elephant ears and other festival foods and drinks. Take a break, find a seat and listen to school groups, story tellers, old time music and watch dancers. Once off the island visit the Museum "Grand Ledge: In the Beginning" each day from 12-4pm and check out the shops. Saturday from 10am-2pm the Capital City Old Car Club presents a vintage vehicle display in the 300 block of Bridge St. On Saturday morning schedule a family Bicycle Tour to Country Mill or Fox Park starting at Fitzgerald Park by calling (517)627-7351. Admission to the island is \$3.00 adult, \$1.00 children-good for all three days. Seniors Friday only (senior day) \$2.00. there are additional costs for wagon, riverboat, airplane rides and some activities.

Color Cruise and Island Festival still needs volunteers to help make the festival a success. If you, a buddy, family member, co-worker or neighbor can donate 2-3 hours to help, please contact Melanie Dart (517) 622-2323, (517) 449-4073 or mdart@dartbank.com.



Welcome New Members

TeenWorks

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Falloween

The Grand Ledge Opera House is delighted to announce its inaugural Halloween fundraising event on Saturday, October 27, 2012 to generate funds for capital improvements. Many of our activities are family friendly so we encourage you to bring the family to the Opera House for our Falloween (Fall + Halloween) celebration. Your \$5 admission includes a collectible button, a vote in the scarecrow contest, a craft activity for the kids and refreshments. The day has four main activities so there will be fun for all. We begin with a scarecrow contest. Complete details and registration materials are available at the Opera House (517) 627-1443. There will also be a costume contest for ages 2 to adult. Judging will be at 3pm. Winners will be announced at 3:30pm. Prizes will be awarded. Registration will be on-site that day. The third event is the Falloween Collectible Show and Sale open between noon and 5pm. Vendors will have Halloween and fall items for your viewing and purchase. The final activity of the day is our Falloween Stem & Stein, a wine and beer tasting. From 8pm until midnight, we are sampling a selection of wines and beers from Michigan wineries and breweries as well as a selection of appetizers to compliment our wines and beers. This activity is for adults 21 and over. We will also have musical entertainment for the evening. Tickets for this activity are: Friends of the Opera House \$15 pre-sale; general public pre-sale \$20; and day of tickets are \$25. Please call the Opera House for more information (517) 627-1443.

Holiday Traditions Tour

Time to give businesses and groups the opportunity to promote their business at holiday Traditions Tour: Homes, Tables, Trees, Trims on December 1 & 2. The new loft apartments above MacDowell's will be featured on the tour. Businesses— consider decorating a tree to display or setting a festive table. You might also donate a wreath, centerpiece, ornament or other Holiday item for the Holiday Market at the Opera House. Proceeds to the Historical Society, sponsor of the tour to raise money to fund The Museum and other projects. New this year. The Opera House only will be open after the Chamber 7 pm Christmas parade until 9:00pm on Nov. 30. There will also be elves at the parade promoting an elf hunt in the participating businesses on Sat & Sun. Know of a home being restored or an interesting home? Please contact Marilyn Smith at marnor1@comcast.net or (517) 627-5170.

Golf Outing



Devin Lavengood is all smiles as he accepts the big screen TV, the prize for winning the putting contest. Thanks to Jim and Ann Lipkowitz from the Grand Ledge Country Club for providing the prize.

Thanks! We Couldn't Have Done It Without You

Dale Bennett—Chair
 Jim & Ann Lipkowitz, Jeff Hilbert— Grand Ledge Country Club
 Volunteers:
 Colleen Austin, Justin Berk-lune, Tammy Beson, Maris Brennan, Karla Chamberlain, Melissa Marshall, Jeana Rohrs

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Ledges Playhouse Restoration

We face a major problem at the playhouse. Many patch jobs have been done on the roof. There is now another major leak. We are told the shingles are so brittle that patches are a problem. Anyone with grant expertise, knowledge of sources or any other idea please contact Jon Bayless 627-2149 or Marilyn Smith 896-4613.

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What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

October, 2012

- Oct. 7—Kris Hitchcock Modern Country Concert, 3pm, Grand Ledge Opera House
- Oct. 12, 13, 14—33rd Annual Color Cruise and Island Festival, 10am—5pm each day, Island Park
- Oct. 13—Vintage Vehicle Display, downtown Grand Ledge
- Oct. 20—Chosen Vision's 10th Annual Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction featuring The Chenille Sisters, 5:30-8:30pm, www.chosenvision.org or (517) 622-0574
- Oct. 21—Lansing Theatre Organ Concert—Silent Movie "Peter Pan" (1924), Scott Smith, 3pm, Grand Ledge Opera House
- Oct. 27—Falloween (Fall + Halloween) Stem & Stein Celebration, Grand Ledge Opera House Inaugural Wine, Beer and Hard Cider tasting, 8pm-12 mid

November, 2012

- Nov. 3—Singers on the Grand Concert "American Classics", 7:30pm, Grand Ledge Opera House
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- 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

Ribbon Cutting



Members of the Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce, travel clients and friends helped celebrate the Grand Opening of Travel Leaders on September 26th with a ribbon cutting. Russ (with the big scissors) and Jodi (holding the ribbon on the far right) or any of their experienced agents would be pleased to help you with your business or vacation travel plans. Visit them at 820 Charlevoix Dr, Ste 240, Grand Ledge or call (517) 627-8350.

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OCTOBER 7, 2012
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Falloween @ the Opera House


Falloween (Fall + Halloween) event sponsored by the Grand Ledge Opera House. We have multiple activities that day, Saturday, October 27, 2012. Visit them all—fun for the family!!




Scarecrow Competition
Admission either by submitting a scarecrow entry OR by paid admission of \$5.00.
Registration and submission of a scarecrow is \$10 & includes 2 admission tickets to the event.
Check our website for registration materials.



Costume Contest at 3pm.
Registration on-site the day of the event.
Age brackets 2 yr - adult.
Prizes



Antique & Collectible Halloween Show & Sale
Terrace Level— Grand Ledge Opera House.
Halloween items only!!!
12 – 5 pm



STEM & STEIN
Saturday, October 27 from 7–12 p.m. Michigan wines, beers and ciders.
Purchase tickets in advance at the Grand Ledge Opera House or at the door.
Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

Please visit our web page www.gloperahouse.com for further information or call 517-627-1443.

Join the Friends of the Opera House for a Patriotic Benefit Dinner Cruise on Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11, 2012. The Opera House, located on the banks of the Grand River, has been a roller skating rink, opera house, home to graduation and athletic events, a movie theater, a furniture store and warehouse. Restored and reopened in 1993, the Opera House is a vital social and cultural center in the heart of our community. Totally supported by private donations and facility rentals, you can help preserve this unique link to Grand Ledge's past by becoming a Friend of the Opera house.

Patriotic Dinner Cruise

Aboard the Michigan Princess

Veteran's Day,
Sunday, November 11, 2012

Cruise along the Grand River while enjoying a fantastic meal and wonderful entertainment. The Grand Ledge Opera House will also host a silent auction including a chance to bid on a vacation. Come and place a bid on personal services, various memorabilia and other items. Tickets for this event are \$40 per person. As a Friend of the Opera House we hope you would not only reserve your tickets for the Dinner Cruise, but also provide a donation for our silent auction. A few great ideas for personal donations are:

- A time share that you may not plan on using this year
- A gift certificate
- A private plane ride
- Host a dinner for another couple
- Repair a clock, lawn mower, or another other service
- Gift basket of fruit or flowers
- Theater tickets
- A bake a secret recipe cake to give
- Tickets to a football game
- Nine hole round of Golf
- Weekend at your cottage

Please consider donating a gift or service and we can follow up with you soon!

Description of donation _____

Name of donor _____

Phone number _____

Address of donor _____

All proceeds to benefit the Grand Ledge Opera House Maintenance Fund

Your donation may be Tax Deductible. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.



Photos from the Golf Outing

