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# Grand Ledge

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## What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

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### September-2010

Sept. 9—Chamber Golf Outing—  
Sept. 10-11, Fox Park Observatory, 9-11pm  
Sept. 12—Brenda Loomis & The Blue Coyote Band (country), 6pm, Opera House  
Sept. 19— Friends of Eaton County Parks Annual Dinner Cruise, 5:30pm, Michigan Princess Riverboat  
Sept. 26- "An Afternoon at the Pops" with organist Scott Smith & Lakewood Area Choral Society, 3pm, Opera House

### 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  
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

### Color Cruise and Island Festival

Color Cruise and Island Festival is scheduled for October 8,9,10, 2010 from 10am to 5pm each day. Brochures have been mailed to area senior groups, tour groups, area chambers of commerce, churches, libraries and businesses. Some of the activities that will take place are: horse drawn wagon rides, boat rides, helicopter and airplane rides (weather permitting, at the airport), spinning, quilting, petting zoo, face painting, blacksmithing, wood carving, old steam engines, apple cider pressing, corn shelling, black kettle caramel corn, basket weaving, fur trader encampment, Native American display, canoe rentals, Amish baked goods, vintage cars on the Island all three days, vintage car drive-in Saturday in downtown Grand Ledge, bicycle ride (Eaton County Parks), Saturday afternoon boat ride/Ledges walk narrated by Eaton County Parks naturalist Jackie Blanc, pumpkin painting, Fire Pup, McGruff, food and entertainment on the stage.



This is a major Chamber sponsored activity that brings thousands of people to Grand Ledge. We need many willing volunteers to help with everything from ticket sales to traffic control to pumpkin painting. Please sign up to help. Call Karla Chamberlain 627-2154 or Melanie Dart 622-3278.

## Eaton County Parks Events

Eaton County Parks invites everyone to join us at the Fox Observatory in Potterville on Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11 from 9 to 11pm to view the moon, Jupiter, summer Milky Way and Great Square of Pegasus. Public observation nights are suitable for people of all ages. Program fee is \$2 per person or \$5 per family unless otherwise noted. 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.

The Friends of Eaton County Parks are pleased to announce that tickets are now available for the Annual Dinner Cruise which will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2010. Greater Lansing residents are invited to come out and enjoy a wonderful evening on the Grand River with live music, great food and good friends while helping to support Eaton County Parks. Tickets for the two hour cruise and dinner are \$40 per person. Businesses, individuals and charitable organizations sponsoring a table of eight people will have the name of the group displayed on the table. Boarding for the cruise begins at 5:30 pm at Grand River Park in Lansing. The dinner features a delicious buffet. Another ticket purchase option is to join the Lincoln Brick 100 Club at a cost of \$100. Those choosing this method of ticket purchase will receive one dinner cruise ticket and a 2011 annual pass to all Eaton County Parks. Lincoln Brick Club members may purchase one additional ticket for a reduced price of \$20. The proceeds from the Lincoln Brick 100 Club memberships go exclusively for the benefit of Lincoln Brick Park in Grand Ledge, while the individual dinner cruise ticket purchase proceeds benefit the countywide park system. Dinner cruise tickets and 100 Club membership forms are available at the Fitzgerald Park office in Grand Ledge. To purchase tickets by phone with your VISA, MasterCard or Discover Card, please call 517-627-7351. Those desiring more information regarding the cruise should call 517-703-9666 or email: friends.ecparks@gmail.com

The Friends of Eaton County Parks is a 501(C)3 organization dedicated to the preservation, maintenance, advancement and improvement of parks and recreation facilities and programs in Eaton County. Its Annual Dinner Cruise is one of its primary fundraising undertakings. Other major activities of the Friends group are the sponsorship of an annual Arbor Day event and the Annual Ledges Classic Auto and Craft Show.

For more information contact: friends.ecparks@gmail.com. or call the park office at (517) 627-7351. Please visit "eatoncountyparks.org".

## Growing Business in Grand Ledge

We are asking businesses to decorate their store fronts for Color Cruise and Island Festival with scarecrows or other fall decorations. MacDowell's will give a discount on fall colored balloons for your flower pots. Let's give a festive fall welcome to our Color Cruise visitors.

Colleen Austin 622-4321

### Ledges Playhouse Restoration

The last play of the season "Dying City" runs Sept. 3-12, Fridays & Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 2pm. Free, donation suggested.

The Help Paint the Barn canisters are being picked up. The committee thanks those businesses that allowed us to display the canisters in their business and to all of you who made donations. Take a drive out to Fitzgerald Park. We think you will be pleased with how it looks. We appreciate your community spirit. Our next big project for Ledge's Playhouse will be the restoration of more seats.  
Marilyn Smith 627-5170

### Chamber Corner

September 9th is the Chamber's annual golf outing. This year it will be held at the Grand Ledge Country Club. Applications can be obtained by calling the Chamber office or going to the Chamber web site. Still room for more teams. \$80.00 per person or \$320.00 for a team. Included is 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, dinner and unlimited drinks. Lots of prizes, 50/50 drawing. Great opportunity for networking.

The Chamber again this year will be collecting coats and all winter apparel for the Grand Ledge Food Bank. As you get your fall and winter clothing out, remember those that have nothing. The need here in our community is GREAT. Just drop your clean items off at the Chamber office. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm.

Mark your calendars for the Color Cruise and Island Festival October 8, 9, 10. Again a three day festival bringing thousands of people to our community. We will need many volunteers.

As always, if you have any suggestions, concerns, and constructive criticism. Help us make our community stronger and a place where people will want to live and shop. We know it's GREAT. Let's show everybody else.

Susan Sasse  
Chamber Treasurer

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

This former "Home Tour" will be held December 4 and 5, the same weekend as the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade on the 3rd.

Please consider opening your home, decorating a tree for the Grand Hall at the Opera House supporting your business or a group you belong to, decorating a festive table for the Terrace Level, loaning your manger scene for the Blake Room or donating a trim for the market.

Contact Marilyn Smith with any ideas or suggestions you have : [marnor1@comcast.net](mailto:marnor1@comcast.net) or 627-5170.

This is the major fundraiser for the Grand Ledge Area Historical Society to support the Museum, collection of artifacts and the Archives. Please consider what you might do to help preserve Grand Ledge history.

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Grand Ledge City Hall and Ace Hardware.  
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