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# Grand Ledge

*Area Chamber of Commerce*

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## Don't Forget

Thursday, September 6th—Chamber Night at the Ledges Playhouse. Tickets still available.

Thursday, September 13th— Chamber Annual Golf Outing. Spots still available for teams.

Thursday, September 20th— Business After Hours, 5:30pm, at the Opera House.



It's back to school time. Please help keep our children safe. Watch for students crossing streets, walking or driving to and from school and bus pickup/drop-off stops.

The Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce is currently seeking an executive director. A job description is located on the Chamber website: [www.grandledgechamber.com](http://www.grandledgechamber.com)

If you know of someone who is interested in applying for this position, please have them send a resume' to the Chamber, 220 S. Bridge Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837.



# Welcome New Members

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## Color Cruise and Island Festival

The 33rd Annual Color Cruise and Island Festival is coming up very quickly. This is a Chamber sponsored event and a source of a major portion of the budget. It takes many volunteers to put on a three day event that brings thousands of visitors to the Grand Ledge area. We need your help. Most shifts run 2-3 hours. This is a good opportunity for a business to advertise if their volunteers wear shirts with the company logo. If you, your employees, your high school age children, family member, friend, neighbor, or retiree would like to see the festival at no charge, enjoy some nice Fall weather and activities, and help support your community, please call Melanie Dart @ (517) 622-2323 or email: [mdart@dartbank.com](mailto:mdart@dartbank.com). We need ticket sellers, supervisors for canoe rentals, helpers for pumpkin painting and caramel corn, stage setter uppers on Thursday, traffic directors, day chairs, stage take downers on Sunday. High school students that have a community service requirement are welcome. Please help us make this the best year we've ever had.

## Ribbon Cutting



Grand Ledge Mayor Kalmin Smith, members of the Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce, representatives from agencies involved in the rehab and community members look on as 71st District Representative Deb Shaughnessy cuts the ribbon August 29, 2012 at the Open House for the new apartments recently renovated by Bruce and Lynne MacDowell.

A few years ago the City of Grand Ledge applied for and received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). The purpose of the rental rehabilitation grant was to renovate unused space to create affordable living accommodations in downtown Grand Ledge. As a result of the grant, **Bruce and Lynne MacDowell** have renovated the 2nd floor of MacDowell's Fireplace located downtown at 228 South Bridge Street. The project included a complete gut rehabilitation of the 2nd floor. The end result is three beautiful 2-bedroom apartments, two of which will be rented to low to moderate income tenants for the next five years.

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## What's Happening in Grand Ledge?

### September, 2012

**Sept. 6— Chamber Night -25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Over The Ledge Theatre Co, Fitzgerald Park- 8pm**

**Sept. 13— Chamber Annual Golf Outing, Grand Ledge Country Club, shotgun start at noon**

**Sept. 16—Barons of Brass "Music from the Sublime to the Ridiculous", 3pm, Grand Ledge Opera House, 3pm,**

**Sept. 20—Business After Hours, Grand Ledge Opera House, 5:30 PM**

**Sept. 30—2012 Grand Adventure Race (2 mi kayak, 12 mi bike, 3.1 mi run), Fitzgerald Park**

### 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. 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**

### December, 2012

**Dec. 1,2—38th Annual Holiday Traditions Tour: Homes, Tables, Trees and Trims**