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Thank You All In Event Sponsors:



Music in the Park Sponsorships are due Wednesday, April 29. Don't delay... be part of the greatest summer concert series EVER! The form is attached.

The **Yankee Doodle Days** Parade is right around the corner... Register your business, organization or group today. The form is attached!

Calling all Sponsors...Here is YOUR chance to have your business name displayed everywhere during the 4-day Yankee Doodle Days Festival. See the attached Sponsorship form for details...time is running out.

Please remember when renewing your **Chamber membership** you are also able to become an Auxiliary Member of the GL Opera House for only \$50. This offer is ONLY for Chamber Members so lend your support to this historic landmark. Already renewed...? Give give the Chamber office a call or email and we will gladly add you! (517) 627-2383 or glaccgl@gmail.com



Victorian Days is THIS WEEKEND! See the Schedule of Events!

ABWA American Business Women Association
(ABWA) Grand Ledge Chapter May meeting will feature a presentation on networking like a PRO! It will be presented by a Michigan Small Business Development Center Senior Consultant- see the flyer for all the details.

GRAND LEDGE BUMS BENEFIT

The Grand Ledge Bums and Friends are presenting a Benefit Concert for the Ledges Playhouse Restoration Committee at Ledges Playhouse in Fitzgerald Park, 133 Fitzgerald Park Drive on Friday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 available at the Opera House, MacDowell's Hearth & Flowers and True Value Hardware. Information 517-627-5170.

Register for the **Comet Chase!** The Race will be run during Yankee Doodle Days on Saturday, June 20.

Calling All Artists - Would you like to be the one that creates the Masterpiece?

**Movies in the Park -
2015**

Grab a blanket and gather up the family and come on down for the FREE Movie & Popcorn every Friday night in August! The movie starts at 9:30pm at Bridge Street Plaza.

**Aug 7 Willy Wonka & the
Chocolate Factory**

Aug 14 Big Hero 6

Aug 21 Frozen

Aug 28 Paddington



THURSDAY
APRIL 30, 2015
3:30 P.M.
Grand Ledge Office

You are invited to join us on April 30, 2015 for our 90th anniversary celebration at **1020 Charlevoix Dr. — Grand Ledge, MI 48837**. Coffee and doughnuts will be served starting at 9 a.m. **Ribbon-cutting presentation and surprise starting at 3:30 p.m.** Please RSVP by April 17 to Kylie Rogers-Strahan **517-244-4406**

If you can't attend this event, look for other Dart Bank celebrations at our Mason office on April 24th and our Holt/S. Lansing office on May 1st.

Announcing the 2015 Lineup for the
"Music in the Park" Summer Concert Series

See the flyer on how YOU can be a Sponsor!

Every Thursday in the Summer, join us for an evening of great FREE Live Entertainment from various genres! All concerts will be at Bridge Street Plaza from 7-9 pm. Bring your lawn chair!

- June 4 Global Village
- June 11 Brian Lorente
- June 18 Delilah DeWylde in the tent during Yankee Doodle Days
- June 25 LUVS
- July 2 Toppermost - Beatles Tribute
- July 9 The Grand Ledge Bums with special guest Exit 86
- July 16 Bottle Rocket Cabaret
- July 23 Showdown
- July 30 Root Doctor
- Aug 6 Unlimited
- Aug 13 Life Support
- Aug 20 Ritmo
- Aug 27 Three Men and a Tenor



Victorian Days

in Historic Grand Ledge, Michigan

Sat & Sun, May 2 & 3, 2015

Enjoy These Free Events

SATURDAY, MAY 2

All Day 10am - 5pm

Quilt Show - Civil War Encampments & Saloon
Period Craft Demonstrations & Booths including
Victorian General Store - Goat Milk Soap - Spinning
Jewelry - Loom Weaving - Knitting - Crocheting
1899 Curved Dash Olds - 1903 Pie Wagon
Blacksmithing - Letterpress - Plant Exchange
Street Music & Food

Saturday Scheduled

Civil War Firing Squad 10:00am

Kite Flying & Kids Games 11:00am - noon

"Frozen" Victorian Children's Tea 11:00am

Make May Baskets 11:00am - 2:00pm

Chautauqua 11:00am - 1:30pm

May Pole Dance noon

Museum Exhibit "Farm to Table" 12:00 - 5:00pm

1860s Rules Base Ball Game 12:00pm

High Tea 1:00pm

Civil War Skirmish 2:00pm

Moustache Contest 2:45pm

Kid's Head Wreath / Moustache Crafting 3:00pm

May Pole Dance 4:00pm

Gilbert & Sullivan Sing-a-Long 4:00pm

Civil War Firing Demo 4:30pm

And For A Nominal Fee

Carriage Rides Noon - 5:00pm, \$5 per person

Grand Princess Riverboat Rides boarding on the hour
from Noon - 5:00pm. \$8 adults, \$3 children

Grand Victorian Ball 7:00 - 11:00pm \$30

Supported By



Commodity Code #80090630

Grand Victorian Ball

at the Grand Ledge Opera House
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015
7:00 - 11:00pm

Tickets \$25 early price, \$30 after March 29, 2015.

For information and ticket sales locations,
visit www.victoriandays.org/ball

Enjoy These Free Events

SUNDAY, MAY 3 11am - 5pm

Guided Walking Tour of Encampments 11am - noon

Museum Exhibit "Farm to Table" noon - 5:00pm

Civil War Encampments noon - 5:00pm

Civil War Saloon noon - 5:00pm

Civil War Skirmish 1:30pm

Victorian Chautauqua featuring topics of
education, enlightenment, & entertainment
concerning Civil War life and times 2:30pm

Civil War Firing Demo 4:00pm

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Start Your Summer In Grand Fashion!

We invite you to join us for our annual Victorian Days celebration in downtown Grand Ledge. Hark back to a time of horse and carriage, corsets and bustled skirts, proper deportment, top hats, and serious facial hair.

There are fantastic things to do for the whole family! Enjoy with us a High Tea, Victorian Grand Ball, May Pole Dance, period crafts, and more. Take in the sights by horse drawn carriage, and see our namesake ledges via river cruise on the Grand Princess. Experience the thrill and excitement of the Civil War at the island encampments, firing demonstration, and re-enacted skirmish.

So come as you are or dress to the nines in your Victorian finery and have a great time.

*Victorian Dress
Encouraged*

For more information, please
visit our website at
www.victoriandays.org



VICTORIAN DAYS IN HISTORIC GRAND LEDGE, MICHIGAN
SPONSORED BY THE GRAND LEDGE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PROUDLY PRESENTS *The Society Event*
the 2015 OF THE SUMMER SEASON,

Grand Victorian Ball

at the
Grand Ledge Opera House



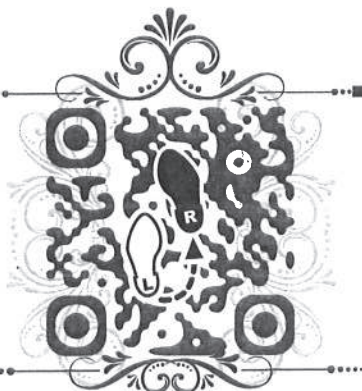
ENJOY AN EVENING OF
ELEGANCE
and GAIETY
in *Grand VICTORIAN*
Style!

IN CONJUNCTION WITH
VICTORIAN DAYS

SATURDAY
2 MAY
7:00
PM
2015

Tickets are limited! Reserve yours now!

For more information and
ticket locations, visit
victoriandays.org/ball
or call 517.316.6694



Admission
\$25⁰⁰ **\$30⁰⁰**
early price after 29 Mar 2015

while
tickets last!

Grand Ledge MUSIC IN THE PARK

The Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce is preparing for the 6th Annual Grand Ledge Music in the Park Summer Concert Series. The success of this event is largely credited to our Sponsors, who lend their names and financial support to the events. We invite you to help support Grand Ledge and the Summer Concert Series. For our 6th year, we are planning a spectacular summer of great live music with 13 Main Acts and 13 Acoustic Opening Acts as well. The Music is from 7pm- 9pm at Bridge Street Plaza in downtown Grand Ledge! These are a few of the featured artists this summer:

Delilah DeWylde



Brian Lorente



Three Men and a Tenor



Root Doctor



The Music in the Park Summer Concert Series begins June 4th and continues every Thursday throughout the summer until the last show on August 27th. This is a fantastic opportunity for area residents to bring their families to enjoy music from various genres. Last summer, each concert brought hundreds of people to Grand Ledge to enjoy the city and experience an incredible evening of live entertainment.

As a Sponsor, your organization will benefit from extended exposure through media campaigns and promotional materials directed toward our Sponsors. For your support we ensure your business will be promoted to this targeted audience throughout the entire Summer Concert Series.

Platinum Sponsor (minimum of) \$500

Company name and logo on:

- Official Sponsor Banner
- Brochures
- Posters
- Social Media
- Press Releases
- Name Announced at all Concerts

Gold Sponsor (minimum of) \$250

Company name on:

- Brochures
- Posters
- Social Media
- Press Releases
- Name Announced at all Concerts

To ensure inclusion on print media, Sponsorship payment must be received by Wednesday, April 29, 2015.

Please let us know if you would like to be a sponsor and we will send an invoice.

Please make checks payable to: **G.L. Chamber of Commerce** and mail to: 220 S. Bridge Street, G.L., MI 48837

Contact us with any questions: Shawn VanSteeland, shawn@audiologicdj.com (517) 410-6409

We are counting on you! Thank you in advance for your willingness to support the efforts of the Grand Ledge Music in the Park Summer Concert Series in making a positive difference in our community!

Sincerely,

Jill Russell

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Public Art Opportunity

The City of Grand Ledge is accepting proposals from artists interested in creating a commissioned public art piece.

- Proposal deadline is May 22, 2015
- Total budget for the art piece is \$10,000
- Located in Riverfront Park
- A complete RFP document is located at www.grand-ledge.com
- For more information email cityhall@grand-ledge.com or call 517.627.2149

This project was made possible by a grant from the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP).




Learn to Network Like a Pro!

It's a vital skill for anyone in business.

with **Laurie Lonsdorf**, Senior Business Consultant

Michigan Small Business Development Center



**Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Dart Bank
(1020 Charlevoix Dr), Grand Ledge**

Social Hour...5:30-6:00 p.m.; Dinner...6:00 p.m.; Presentation...6:30 p.m.

Networking is a vital skill, yet most of us make rookie mistakes every time we step into a mixer or a crowded event. You'll learn steps to be a better networker during this presentation.

The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.

Changing Women's Lives One Woman at a Time

For more information about ABWA's Seven Islands Chapter, contact Seven Islands Chapter President Patty Barnard at pmbarnard@ftch.com or visit our website at

<http://abwagrandledge.webs.com>.

ABWA
AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Seven Islands Chapter

Join the Seven Islands Chapter of ABWA on Wednesday, May 20th for networking followed by dinner and web presentation by special guest, Laurie Lonsdorf, Senior Business Consultant at the Michigan Small Business Development Center.

Networking is a vital skill for any business owner or anyone in business. Becoming a great networker is an acquired skill, and the good news is anyone can learn to do it successfully - even introverts! In this program you will learn some techniques that top networkers use to connect easily, authentically and memorably for building strong business relationships.

Event cost is \$12 (cost includes dinner). The dinner menu includes a catered hot dinner, and dessert. Please RSVP by Friday, May 15th by one of the following methods:

- 1) <https://www.facebook.com/events/370682999781508/>
- 2) Email kelly.stephens.91@gmail.com, Kelly Stephens.
- 3) Call 517-331-7389.

www.abwa.org

**Signature:**

- The signature below waives and releases all rights and claims against the Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce for any injury or property damage incurred during this event.
- The signature below confirms that you are an “authorized representative” acting on behalf of the listed organization/group and have read, understand and agree to abide by the parade policies.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Please print name: _____

Parade Policies

The Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce coordinates this parade on behalf of the Grand Ledge community and area businesses. We are committed to providing a safe and exciting event, and require parade participants to comply with our policies listed below. Please mail, fax or email this completed and signed two-page registration form to the Chamber address listed.

Registration:

- The Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes the participation of all people regardless of age, race, creed, national origin, sexual orientation or religion affiliation and prohibits parade participants from engaging in any type of discriminatory action.
- Organizations/groups must register in advance and registration forms will be reviewed and approved. The Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to deny any registration form.

Lineup/Staging Area:

- Assigned lineup and cone number will be communicated to the contact person listed prior to the event day.
- Route subject to change as warranted by emergency personnel.
- **Christmas Parade 7pm** - line-up cone #1 will be along the G.L. Fire Station and continue down Halbert Street. Parade route will proceed down N. Bridge St. across the bridge to S. Bridge St. and end at the Sun Theater.
- **Yankee Doodle Days Parade 11am** – lineup cone #1 will be at the Sawdon Administration Building (The front of the building is on Lamson Street and the back of the building/parking lot area is on Jenne Street.) Parade route will proceed to S. Bridge St. across the bridge to N. Bridge St. and end at the G.L. Fire Station.

Safety:

- Two designated chaperones MUST walk alongside all floats and large vehicles to ensure a kid-free safety zone throughout the parade route.
- Participants shall follow all direction and guidance provided by police/fire personnel and parade coordinators.
- All drivers must have a current and applicable driver’s license, vehicle registration and vehicle insurance.
- No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances may be on or in any unit.
- Vehicles and float unit length may not exceed State of MI requirements for truck and trailer or tractor-trailer units.
- It is recommended all vehicles and/or floats have a working ABC Fire Extinguisher.

Throws and Item Distribution:

- Safety for spectators and parade participants is critical. Therefore, ALL ITEMS MUST BE HANDED to spectators along the parade route. No throwing of candy or similar items will be allowed and parade participants must be alert for children at all times. Organizations/groups may distribute candy, small toy items, literature, brochures...etc. Offensive and sexually explicit materials are strictly prohibited.

Political Entries:

- Political entries – please enclose \$50.00 payment with registration.
- Checks may be made payable to the Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce.

Training Wheels: On-Road Bicycle Facility Design Training

Friday, May 15, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Grand Ledge, MI

Pre-Registration is required. Space is limited. Deadline: April 24, 2015

Training Wheels is an educational course on the planning and design of on-road bicycle facilities. It consists of two hours of classroom instruction on the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, followed by an on-road bicycling segment. During this part, we will casually ride through the community and analyze the types of on-road facilities presently available or needed. There will be many stops to point out potential facility types along the way. The ride will be followed by lunch, a group exercise and discussion, questions from participants, and a brief wrap-up.



Target Audience: This course is for city and MDOT managers, engineers, planners, elected officials, DDA staff, economic development staff, county managers, township officials, Safe Routes to School coordinators, the Chamber of Commerce, and other stakeholders that can help communities educate others and provide on-road bicycle facilities.

Education Credits: This course is eligible for up to five (5) Professional Development Hours (PDH) for Professional Engineers (PE). Certified Planners may self-report up to five (5) Certification Maintenance (CM) hours.

Please note: This course is intended to accommodate all levels of users. If special accommodations are required, please notify the host community a minimum of two weeks in advance. Please dress appropriately as we will bike, **rain or shine**.

Class size: Maximum of 25 participants.

Instructors: Cynthia Hoyle and Joshua Sikich of Alta Planning & Design.

Required Materials: Bicycle and Helmet. Please let us know if you need assistance. Reflective vests provided.

Registration: **FREE!** Course provided by Michigan Department of Transportation. Lunch and refreshments provided by Ziemnick Foster Engineering, LLC.

Please RSVP by April 24, 2015

To register, send your name, address, organization, and contact information to:

City of Grand Ledge at cityhall@grand-ledge.com or 517-627-2149

Relay For Life of Grand Ledge

Saturday, May 16, 2015

11:00 AM - Midnight

Beagle Elementary School

600 W. South Street

Money raised will
fund programs for
cancer research,
education, advocacy,
and patient services



Heather Holland-Matthews
517.819.8394

Julie Gray
517.898.5272

RelayForLifeOfGrandLedge
@yahoo.com

REGISTER FOR
RELAY TODAY!
RelayForLife.org/GrandLedgeMI

Get involved in this
13-hour community
event to fight back
against cancer

CELEBRATE
our cancer survivors

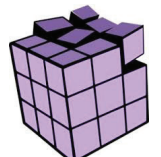


REMEMBER
those who have
lost their battles



FIGHT BACK
against this
relentless disease

Grab your totally groovy
80's attire and join us,
as Grand Ledge goes...





Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce Needs Your Help!

The Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking sponsors for the Yankee Doodle Day fireworks celebration. This is a great opportunity for your local business to give back to the community that has given you so much! Below you will find information on all of our sponsorship opportunities.

Diamond Sponsor \$5,000 and up

Sponsor Benefits

- One Year Membership to the Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce with the following benefits:
- Signage posted at all Chamber events throughout the year
- Your business logo will have premium placement on all official Yankee Doodle Day t-shirts
- logo recognition in the Grand Ledge Independent
- Signage posted at the activity tent during Yankee Doodle Days
- Signage posted at the corner of M-100 and M-43 at least two weeks prior to the event

Platinum Sponsor \$1500

Sponsor Benefits

- Your business logo on all official Yankee Doodle Day t-shirts
- Name recognition in the Grand Ledge Independent
- Signage posted at the activity tent during Yankee Doodle Days
- Signage posted at the corner of M-100 and M-43 at least two weeks prior to the event

Gold Sponsor \$500

Sponsor Benefits

- Your business name on all official Yankee Doodle Day t-shirts
- Name recognition in the Grand Ledge Independent
- Name recognition on the Chamber of Commerce Homepage and facebook page

Silver Sponsor \$250

Sponsor Benefits

- Name recognition in the Grand Ledge Independent
- Name recognition on the Chamber of Commerce Homepage and facebook page

Yes, I am pleased to sponsor The Yankee Doodle Days Fireworks

Company Name (As you wish it to appear on promotional materials)

Sponsorship Level

Signature

Date

Please return this sponsorship commitment to Jill Russell
Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce 220 S. Bridge St. Grand Ledge MI 48837
Phone: (517) 627-2383 Fax : (517) 627-9213
Email: glaccgl@gmail.com



Grand Ledge

12th Annual
Josh Spalsbury Memorial
5K Comet Chase...



One Mile run for youth and 400m kids race

Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 8:30 am
Grand Ledge, Michigan

The Comet Chase 5K race will be held on Saturday, June 20th in Grand Ledge, Michigan. This is a fundraising event for the Grand Ledge Education Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.

RACE START TIMES: 1 mile youth race: 8:00 a.m.
400m. Kids' race: 8:15a.m.
5K: 8:30a.m.

LOCATION: Well-marked race route through the city streets of Grand Ledge, lined with charming Victorian homes along the Grand River and out to Fitzgerald Park. Race maps available at www.5kcometchase.com

REGISTRATION TIME & LOCATION:
Prior to June 18, 2015 you may register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/GrandLedge/JoshSpalsburyMemorialCometChase5K>
Saturday, June 20th 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison Street,
Grand Ledge, Michigan (corner of Harrison & E. Scott Streets)

ENTRY FEES & INFORMATION:
\$20.00 early registration (\$10 for 400m kids race and 1 mile youth race—postmarked **no later than** June 13 (see address at bottom of page) **Includes tech t-shirt for 5K. Be sure to circle size below.** \$25.00 late registration for 5K and \$15 1 mile race—postmarked **after** June 13 (T-shirt size is not guaranteed for late registrants.)

RACE DAY registration: \$30.00 For info: Call Race Director **Kim Spalsbury**, at (517) 627-2034. or visit the race website at <https://sites.google.com/site/glef501c3>

AWARDS & RESULTS:
Great short sleeve tech t-shirts guaranteed to all pre-registered 5K participants. Post-race refreshments for all registrants and chance at race day door prizes. Medals to the top 3 place finishers in each division. Results will be posted on race day and on Playmakers.com. **All kids 400m race participants will receive a finisher's ribbon. If registered by June 13, they will also receive a t-shirt. This race will be run at 8:15am.** (entry fee is \$10)
1 mile youth race for 13 & under starts at **8:00am** and all preregistered receive a cotton t-shirt (\$15 after June 13). Top ten earn medals and all others receive participant ribbons.

5K DIVISIONS:
Awards for overall, masters male and female, and these Age Groups: 10 & under, 11-13, 14-16, 17-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+

Entry Form

Please print clearly and sign. Incomplete and unreadable forms will not be processed. No refunds or transfers.

Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____ Date of Birth _____ Age on Race Day _____

Street Address (including Apartment #) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail address _____

____ Male ____ Female ____ Kids Race ____ Youth 1Mile ____ 5K T-Shirt Order: (Circle Size) YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

Please accept my entry in the Grand Ledge Education Foundation Comet Chase 5K Run. I state that I am physically fit for the event. I waive any rights I may have against the Grand Ledge Education Foundation, volunteers, or organizations sponsoring this event for damage or injuries occasioned by my participation in this event.

Entrant Signature _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian if entrant under 18)

In case of emergency contact: _____ Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Mail this form with check or money order payable to GLEF to: Grand Ledge Education Foundation
5K Comet Chase Registration P.O. Box 121, Grand Ledge, MI 48837



220 South Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

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glaccgl@gmail.com

GrandLedgeChamber.com

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What's Happening in GL

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