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**A Fun Time at the Chamber Golf Championship!**

Thank you to all the golfers that came out to the beautiful Grand Ledge Country Club to enjoy a fantastic day of golf. We had many winners in the raffle as well as the door prizes. We appreciate the golfers, hole sponsors, volunteers and businesses that donated prizes. Thank you for your support and for making our Golf Championship a memorable and fun-filled day!

**Below:**

A great day of golf!  
 Curt McDowell  
 Brian Metcalf  
 John Spicko

We were having such a good time that this cat decided he wanted in on it too. He hung around and cheered us on all day!





### Ledge Craft Lane's Artists of the Month

Ledge Craft Lane is pleased to announce the mother-daughter team of Anne Burwick and Julie Boruta as our Artists of the Month for August. Both share a love of creative forms of art.

Anne started her hand painted jacket business Coat-Tales over 15 years ago. She takes vintage jackets, adds jewels to the lapels and beautiful matching scarves to give them new life. Coat Tales has sold thousands of one-of-a-kind jackets in various retail stores and at craft shows. Since last year, Anne has had a booth on the 2nd floor of Ledge Craft Lane and her jackets have been very popular.

Julie finds her passion in jewelry making and started "Jewels by Jewels" eight years ago. She works with stones and beads to make beautiful necklaces and earrings. Julie also specializes in sports jewelry including the Detroit Tigers, Michigan State Spartans, and much more.

When not engaged in art, Anne is a fulltime sales rep for a large gift company in western Michigan while Julie is a special education teacher at Hayes Middle School in Grand Ledge. Both feel blessed to have fulfilling full-time jobs and true passions in the arts for relaxation. Their creations will be featured for the month of August at Ledge Craft Lane, 120 S. Bridge Street in Grand Ledge. A special jacket or jewel is awaiting you. Come on down and visit.



### Dedication Ceremony at The Opera House

Please join us on Monday, Sept. 8 at 2:30 pm for a Dedication Ceremony for Opera House Members that have passed on. Beautiful flowers and plantings have been placed to honor the members and there will be a dedication of park benches in memory of John Chamberlain.



### Farmer's Market

Don't forget about the Downtown Grand Ledge Farmers Market open every Saturday morning through October 25.



# Historically Speaking

by David S. Haueter

Summer pleasures abounded in the early days of Grand Ledge. The river and islands provided entertainments for all ages.

For those who love nature, Grand Ledge has always been an exciting place to picnic and spend

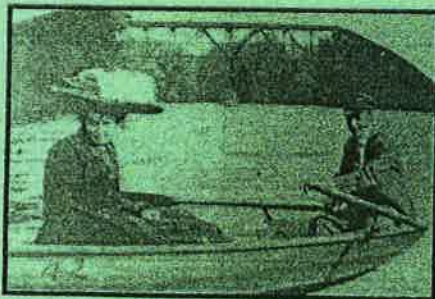


a summer day. As one poetic author put it: "Romantic views of natural parks of mingled cliff, river and island scenery, seldom brought together in one place and which seems especially designed to win mankind away from the fatigue and cares of every day life. To find in nature's companionship renewed health, confidence and hope."

Exploring the Ledges has always been popular, with rock formations, caves and sweet spring waters awaiting the adventurous explorer. Many were named along the way: Falling Spring, Rocky Way, Lionshead Rock, Stone House, Hemlock Point, Lover's Glen, Kiln's Cliff, Spring Cave, Robber's Cave, The Palisades and Campground Flats.

The river also provided pastimes with boating, bathing, swimming, hunting and fishing being very popular. The cool, clear waters of the Grand were

teaming with fish just waiting for the excited angler. Bathing by Victorian ladies was very popular, bathing suits being provided for them.



## GLAHS DATES TO REMEMBER

**JULY - PREPARE FOR ART FUNDRAISER - CALL MARY - 627-7114**

**AUG 2 - ART FUNDRAISER - CLUB ROOM, LIBRARY SAT 9:30-4PM - SUN 12-4PM**

**AUG 2 - MUSEUM OPEN SAT 12-4PM - SUN 2-4PM**

**SEPT. 1 SUN - LABOR DAY WEEKEND - MUSEUM CLOSED**

**OCT. 7 - HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM "150 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY" FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 7:30PM**

## COMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**THURS EVENINGS - MUSIC IN THE PARK**

**- BRIDGE STREET PLAZA 7:30PM**

**MAY-OCT - THE FARMERS MARKET BRIDGE ST PLAZA SAT 9-1PM**

**JUNE 19-29 - "IN THE NEXT ROOM OR THE VIBRATOR PLAY"**

**- LEDGES PLAYHOUSE, FITZGERALD PARK THURS-SAT 8PM -SUN 2PM**

**JULY 13 - 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LEDGES CLASSIC AUTO**

**AND CRAFT SHOW - FITZGERALD PARK 9-4PM**

**JUL 31-AUG 10 - "MARRIED ALIVE" - LEDGES PLAYHOUSE,**

**FITZGERALD PARK THURS-SAT 8PM -SUN 2PM**

**AUG. 2 SAT. 41<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ISLAND ART FAIR -**

**SEP 4-14 - TO BE ANNOUNCED - LEDGES PLAYHOUSE,**

**FITZGERALD PARK THURS-SAT 8PM -SUN 2PM**

**OCT. 10-12 - COLOR CRUISE - ISLAND PARK**

The islands themselves were also developed to provide summer amusements. An 1880 account tells us more: "The present proprietor, Mr. SM Hewings, is devoting his time ...to make this a first class rural watering

place. A spacious Hall, bandstand, steamer, numerous boats, swings, croquet grounds, animal parks etc will furnish ample chances for amusement and

diversions, while everything objectionable will be carefully excluded. In short, those in search of amusements or repose can repair thither with a full assurance that the heart, the eye and the mind will be gratified."

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## Echoes from the Ledges

### From Your President

GREETINGS on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Grand Ledge Area Historical Society. Efforts are being made to help our Community (Boundaries are that of the Grand Ledge Public Schools) understand the significance of keeping our history available for all the citizens.

In May we celebrated with the Preston Family their 100 years in business with 157 attendees. While in June at the invitation of the Mayor of Grand Ledge 25 persons attended the Annual Meeting of the Society and enjoyed the Potluck Supper and the tour of Historical Society Art at City Hall directed by Marilyn Smith and Cindy Langenberg. Officers were elected as is noted at the bottom of this page.

Our Survey Process is giving Clubs and individuals an opportunity to express desires for future goals of the Society. Copies are available for you at the Museum in the Lower Left Pigeon Hole. You may return the completed copy to the same place. Come view the exhibit: "Public Servants: Who's Who?" We are Open Sun. 2-4 and Festival Days 12-4PM. And complete a survey.

Thanks for All Community Support of the GLAHS which makes a difference in the cultural Influence in our community. Your Volunteer is wonderful. Thanks. If you have any questions, please call Ethelen at 627-8594

### THE MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

The Alexander name block that was at the E. Jefferson St. City Hall has been moved to The Museum in back of the garage by the section of Bridge St. & interurban track. It was a part of the three story brick building built by Cassius Alexander on the PNC Bank site in the 1800s.

We recently acquired a circa 1900 postage stamp tied quilt and a pair of curtain stretchers from the family of Fred & Kristen Kloepfer (Eaton Hwy.).

The 80 bound volumes of GRAND LEDGE INDEPENDENT from 1874-1969 were moved from our

closet at the Library to the new City Hall, providing much needed space for several more file cabinets (donated by the Library) to store our archival materials.

We are continuing to scan the photographs and file the archival materials at the Library.

People are enjoying the High School composite pictures in the hallway at City Hall. Other years will be rotated periodically.

We have rented a second storage unit and will be moving more items from The Museum and garage this summer.



### "Gently Used" Art Sale

August 2 & 3

The Grand Ledge Area Historical Society is sponsoring a fundraiser of "gently used art" at the Grand Ledge Area District Library Club Room, 131 E. Jefferson, Grand Ledge. The sale includes paintings, photographs, garden art, jewelry, mirrors, pottery and statuary.

From 9 am

Aug. 2nd 9:00 am - 4:00 pm &

Aug. 3rd 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Contact annlaw@comcast.net for more information.

### YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS APPRECIATED

Should you desire to become a member please call Ethelen Herbstreit - 627-8594.

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# MOVIES IN THE PARK

LOCATED AT BRIDGE STREET PLAZA  
DOWNTOWN GRAND LEDGE  
PRIZE DRAWINGS, TRIVIA GAMES, AND  
CARTOONS FROM 9:00 PM - 9:30 PM  
MOVIES BEGINNING AT 9:30 PM

*COME INTO THE LIBRARY AND GUESS AT -*

*AUGUST 1 LEGOS*

*AUGUST 8 "ONE FISH, TWO FISH" RUBBER FISH*

*AUGUST 15 OZ GEMS*

*AUGUST 22 LITTLE GREEN MEN*

*AUGUST 29 FROZEN MINTS*

*MOVIE PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY EACH WEEK FROM THE LIBRARY.  
COME MAKE A GUESS ON OUR JAR THE WEEK BEFORE EACH MOVIE,  
AND THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE MOVIE!  
VISIT THE LIBRARY FOR MORE DETAILS.*

*BRING A BLANKET!*

## FEATURING



**August  
1**

**August  
8**



**August  
15**

**August  
22**



**August  
29**

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## What's Happening in Grand Ledge

### August

- 7 Music in the Park: Those Delta Rhythm Kings
- 8 Movie in the Park: The Cat in the Hat
- 14 Music in the Park: The Squids
- 15 Movie in the Park: The Wizard of Oz
- 21 Music in the Park: Life Support
- 22 Movie in the Park: Disney's Toy Story
- 28 Music in the Park: Three Men and a Tenor
- 29 Movie in the Park: Disney's Frozen

### September

- 8 Dedication Ceremony at the Opera House
- 4-14 Ledges Playhouse (to be announced)
- 28 Grand Adventure Race