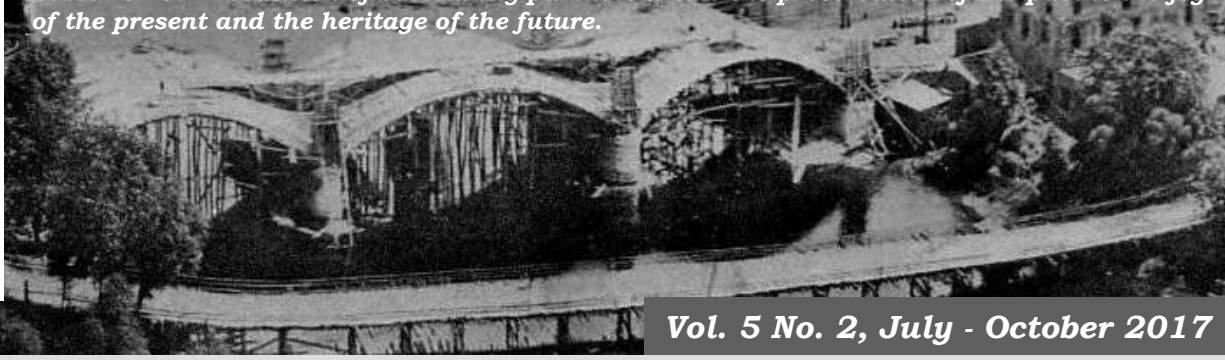


ECHOES FROM THE LEDGES

Since 1976 - A coalition of community partners where the preservation of the past is the joy of the present and the heritage of the future.



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~ From Your President ~ The Grand Ledge Area Historical Society is working diligently to explore the past, creating an environment to understand the present and envisioning the future. Your ongoing interest and enthusiasm continue the efforts of those before us to preserve the history of the area.

The annual GLAHS picnic was held on June 6th at Jaycee Park. The election of officers for 2017-2018 was held after the picnic and Kathy Fitzpatrick was elected President of the Society. The following officers were also elected: Ethelen Herbstreit, Vice President; Norm Smith, Treasurer; Cindy Langenberg, Secretary; Ann Lawrence becomes Past President. Other Board members include Stan Baxter, John Clark, Lyle Clark, Ruth Creyts and Joan Kane with terms expiring in 2019; Jim Foster, Carrie Gross, John Herbstreit, Ann Richardson and Dave Rademacher with terms expiring in 2018. The Board welcomes Joan and Dave as new board members!

The GLAHS Board of Directors sincerely thanks Marie Brown for serving on the Board as Vice President for the past several years. Marie was instrumental in many fundraising events for the Society which included the Gently Used Art Sale, the Purse and Accessories Sale, Purse Bingo and the Holiday Traditions Tour. We wish her luck in her new endeavors. Thank you Marie for a job well done!

And last but not least, thank you to the Board for allowing me to serve as President of the Society for the past two years. It was a genuine pleasure working with all of you, Ann.

Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you, Ann Lawrence 517-627-6632.

43rd Annual Holiday Traditions Tour

Help us keep this tradition going! We are seeking homes and businesses for the Holiday Traditions Tour. If you would like to have your home or business on the tour, please contact Carrie (517) 204-5254, carrie_b03@hotmail.com; or Ruth (517) 974-9367, rcreyts@hotmail.com

GLAHS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Museum Open Sundays 2-4 pm, Mondays in July (see below dates)

- July 1**—Farmers Market continues, Saturdays 9-1pm, Jaycee Park
- July 6**—Music in the Park continues, 7-9pm, Jaycee Park
- July 6-16**—Elephant's Graveyard, 8pm, Ledges Playhouse, Fitzgerald Park
- July 8**—Ledges Auto Show & Craft Show, 9-4pm, Fitzgerald Park
- July 10, 17, 24, 31**—Museum Open Extra Days! Mondays, 4-7pm
- August 3-13**—Tropical Pickle, 8 pm, Ledges Playhouse, Fitzgerald Park
- August 4**—Movies in the Park begin, 9pm, Friday nights in August, Jaycee Park
- August 5**—44th Annual Island Art Fair, 10-5pm, Island Park
- August 5**—Museum Open during Island Art Fair, 12-5 pm
- September TBD**—Moon Over Buffalo, 8 pm, Ledges Playhouse, Fitzgerald Park
- October 13, 14, 15**—37th Annual Color Cruise, 10-5pm, Island Park
- October 14, 15**—Museum Open during Color Cruise, 12-5pm



Grand Ledge Historical Society Board (serving 2017-2019): Kathy Fitzpatrick, Ethelen Herbstreit, Cindy Langenberg, Norman Smith, Ann Lawrence, Stan Baxter, John Clark, Lyle Clark, Ruth Creyts, Joan Kane, Jim Foster, Carrie Gross, John Herbstreit, Dave Rademacher, Ann Richardson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Grand Ledge Area Historical Society is seeking volunteers to help with scanning and data entry. Please contact John Clark at 881-3400.

We are also seeking volunteers at the Museum. Please contact Ethelen at 627-8594.

These opportunities are a valuable contribution to the community and we appreciate your support!

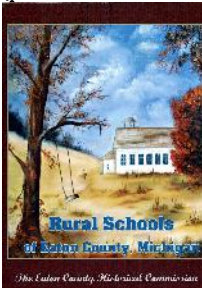


*In
Loving
Memory*

John and Ethelen Herbstreit remember their friend Betty Matz, wife of Harold Matz, mother of Diane, Debra and Dorene. Our sympathy to the family.

Need a SOUVENIR or GIFT?

We have lots of souvenirs and gifts to choose from including coffee mugs, postcard books, informational books, posters and much more! Stop by the museum or Ledge Craft Lane for more options! To go along with our theme at the museum, make sure to buy one of the "Rural Schools of Eaton County" books.



BECOME A MEMBER!

Being a member of the Historical Society helps preserve our rich history! Go to www.gdledgehistsoc.org to find a membership form.

Current Members-have a friend join & get ½ off your next renewal!



THE MUSEUM

118 W. Lincoln St.

Sundays 2-4 pm
Mondays in July 4-7pm
July, 10, 17, 24, 31
Open Festival Days
Closed National Holidays
Call 627-8594 for info

*The Grand Ledge Area Historical Society
presents*

"Hurray for School!"



This exhibit will take the viewer from the early one-room school houses in our district, to activities and graduation. An early one-room school room will be set, including an old student desk, standing blackboard, pot-bellied stove, 48 star flag, old working maps, and pump, bucket and dipper. A map of all the country schools, which consolidated to create the current school system, will be on display.

School clubs and organizations in the high school will be highlighted. Graduation photos and articles, like graduation gowns from early 1900 to current times, will be on display. Superintendents of the Grand Ledge Schools will round out the main room.

The center room will be devoted to the music programs of our schools. This will encompass the band, choir, and drama departments. Uniforms, instruments, costumes, programs and posters, as well as many photos will be displayed.



The kitchen area will focus on teachers, librarians, janitors, food service workers and staff.

The back porch will be on sports. Besides the big three sports, other sports will be highlighted. Grand Ledge has a wide variety of sports for both women and men. Archery, water polo, swimming, diving, wrestling, tennis, golf, gymnastics, pom, cheer, soccer, lacrosse, track and field, cross country, hockey, bowling...are just some of the many sports that will be on display.

This exhibit will open March 19 to the public. Come back to your school days and bring the kids to experience memories.

Make sure to check out the display at City Hall also!
Featured are Resorts and Trains of Grand Ledge.

Special tours can be arranged. Contact Ethelen Herbstreit at 627-8594 or Cindy Langenberg at 627-4889.

