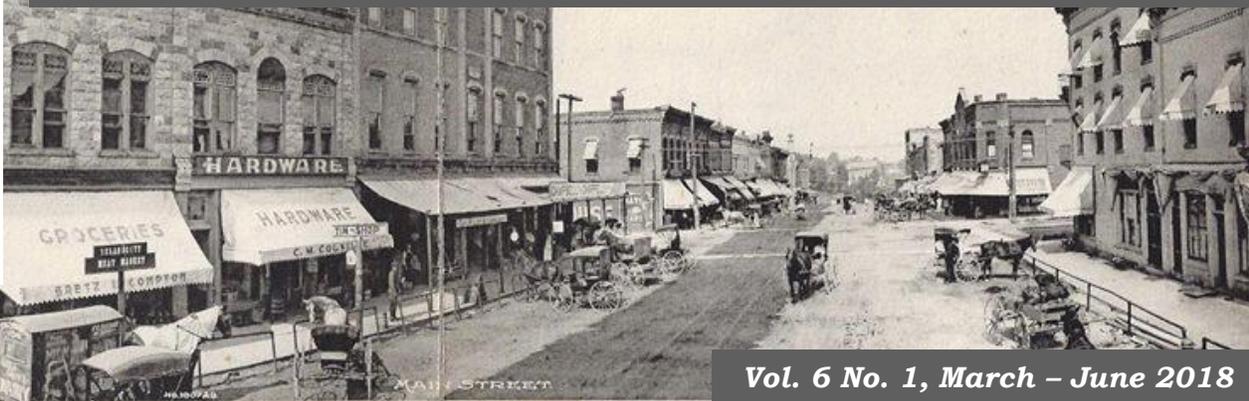
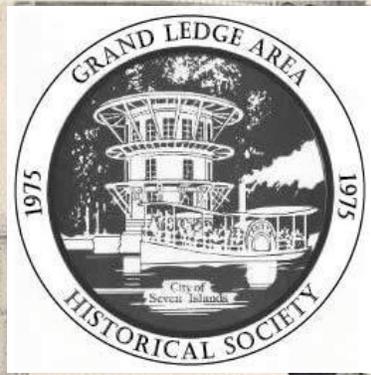


ECHOES FROM THE LEDGES



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~ *From Your President* ~ Greetings! I would like to welcome two new board members: Dave Rademacher and Nell Floeter! Neither have been on the GLAHS board before and we are very excited to have them join us. Both Dave and Nell have an interest in local history and bring unique experiences to our board and organization. If you see them when you are out and about, please say hi!

We have an interesting slate of educational programs coming up in the next few months. In March, we will host a “Collector’s Showcase” in which collectors of Grand Ledge memorabilia will share their collections. We will see a great variety of Grand Ledge items. April will bring us another program that is to be determined yet and in May we will get to enjoy “Game On!”, an evening of Grand Ledge Trivia. The board hopes you will join us for these programs that help us learn about and appreciate the rich history of Grand Ledge.

But that’s not the end of the fun...also in May, we will host our 6th Purse Party Bingo. Check it out! It is a very fun night of bingo, purses and refreshments plus it is a great fundraiser for us.

Thank you for your continued support! We are always seeking volunteers for various events. If you would like to become involved or have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please contact me at 517-202-5656. Thank you! Kathy Fitzpatrick

GLAHS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

- March 1, 15; April 5; May 3, 17** – Crafting for a Cause, Grand Ledge Library
- March 2** – St. Michael’s Fish Fry, Fridays thru March 23, 5-7pm
- March 3** – Singers on the Grand, Opera House, 6:30pm, **March 4** – 3pm
- March 6** – Grand Ledge Collector’s Showcase, Opera House, 7pm (see information on page 3)
- March 13, 20, 27** – Dreams in Jeans Community Project
- March 16, April 20, May 18** – Pasty Dinner, GL Masonic Hall, 5-7pm
- March 16** – St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, Dancing, Bagpipes, Food, Opera House, 6pm
- March 17** – Irish Stew Cook Cook Off, American Legion, 11am-4pm
- March 17** – St. Patrick’s Day Parade, 2 pm; Irish Entertainment, Opera House
- March 22, 25** – 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee The Musical, High School
- April 3** – GLAHS Program TBD, Opera House, 7pm
- April 21** – Alzheimer’s Association Benefit, High School Auditorium, 7:30-9:30pm
- May** – Farmers’ Market begins, Jaycee Park, Saturdays, 9am-1pm
- May 8** – GAME ON!, GLAHS Program, Opera House, 7pm (see information on page 3)
- May 17** – 6th Purse Party Bingo, Opera House, 6pm (see information on page 3)
- May 19** – Relay for Life of Eaton County, Beagle Elementary School, 11am-11pm
- June** – Music in the Park begins, Jaycee Park, Thursdays, 7pm
- June 5** – GLAHS Picnic & Election, Location/Time TBD, Members Welcome!
- June 21-24** – Yankee Doodle Days; Parade June 23, 11am



For more information on community events, visit the GL Chamber of Commerce website.

☞ Grand Ledge Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 203, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 ☛

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Grand Ledge Area Historical Society is seeking volunteers (high school or older) to help with scanning and data entry of information for our website. The work will be performed at the library and training will be provided. Please contact John Clark at 881-3400. This would be a valuable contribution to the community and we appreciate your support!

Help us Keep the Museum Open! We Need Volunteers!

We need your help to keep the museum open for visitors. We provide all the information and training you will need. Shifts are approximately 2 hours on Sundays and festival days. We also host tour groups occasionally that we could use additional helpers. This is a great experience being able to meet people and help the community. Please call Ethelen or John at 627-8594 for more information.



THE MUSEUM

118 W. Lincoln St.

Sundays 2-4 pm
Open Festival Days
Closed National Holidays
Call 627-8594 to arrange a
group or individual tour



The Grand Ledge Area Historical Society
presents

“WEDDING BELLS”



Such anticipation! Such excitement! Preparing for a wedding is a huge undertaking. In big cities and in small towns, all brides and grooms and their families go through a set of rituals, traditions and expectations.

This exhibit will highlight the time of engagement to the time of the honeymoon trip. Many businesses will be highlighted that are connected to the wedding process: jewelers, newspapers, photographers, florists, bakeries, gift stores, etc.

Ceremonies can happen in churches, City Hall, parks and homes. Wedding gowns and men's suits, as well as family clothing for the special event (Mother of the Bride) will be displayed. Gifts to the wedding couple and furniture for the new home will be featured. And travel to the honeymoon will have its spot also.

A beautiful time with beautiful adornments...this will be an exhibit you will not want to miss!

Come one, come all! The Grand Ledge Area Historical Society Museum is fun for all ages! We hope to see you there!

This exhibit will begin in April or May and will be open through December. Watch for an announcement on the opening date.

Make sure to check out the Country Schools and Grand Ledge Sports display at City Hall also!

Special tours can be arranged for groups or individuals.

Contact Ethelen Herbstreit at 627-8594 or Cindy Langenberg at 627-4889.



“Grand Ledge Collectors Showcase”

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 7 pm
Grand Ledge Opera House*

We are excited for our first program of the year! Collectors will display their Grand Ledge related collections for the public to view and discuss. All collections will be Grand Ledge related to include postcards, furniture, photos, industry related items and much more! This family friendly event is sure to be fun and interesting! There is no buying or selling at this event. We hope to see you there!

GAME ON!

*Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 7 pm
Grand Ledge Opera House*

Are you ready for a fun challenge? Think you know a lot about Grand Ledge and its history? Would you like to learn more about Grand Ledge? Grab a friend and join the GLAHS for a good time putting your knowledge of Grand Ledge to the test. This event will feature a series of games ranging from trivia questions to identifying the correct answers all the while competing against fellow attendees. So, put on your thinking caps and bring your competitive nature to this event. Guaranteed to be a good time and who knows...maybe you will win a prize or two!

SPONSORS

Gloria and John Gross, honoring the Carter and Gross families and in memory of those who have passed. Grand Ledge is a great place to call home.

The Salvage Yard
pieces with possibilities **Antiques**

OFFERING:

Retro, Vintage & Antiques	Ruth Creyts - Owner
Eccentric & Eclectic Objects	517-622.2001
Architectural & Reclaimed Items	208 South Bridge Street
Farm Related & Garden Pieces	Grand Ledge, MI 48837
Books & Ephemera	TheSalvageYardAntiques.com

Purse Party Bingo!!

Thursday, May 17, 2018 ~ Opera House
Doors open at 6 pm, Play begins 6:30 pm

On May 17, 2018, the Grand Ledge Area Historical Society will host the 6th Purse Party Bingo!



The fundraiser will be held at the Grand Ledge Opera House. Doors open at 6pm with play beginning at 6:30pm There will be 20 bingo games with beautiful designer purses as the bingo prizes. These purses have a retail value of at least \$70. There are lots of great door prizes too. Light refreshments will be served. Come support the Historical Society and have a great time too!

Victorian Days Festival 2018 is Cancelled

Due to lack of volunteer help and venues, this year's Victorian Days Festival is being cancelled. After 22 years promoting the heyday of popularity in Grand Ledge (the Resort Era 1880-1910) and stressing the importance of our local history, this festival must take a break. The Victorian Days Planning Committee is heartbroken but the Committee needs support to put on an event of this size. Grand Ledge has 6 festivals and 5 parades annually. Most large cities cannot claim this activity. What makes Grand Ledge unique is the pride we have in our beautiful city. We are the only Grand Ledge in the whole world! We have an active Historical Society that has been going for over 40 years. But, a town can only support activities when it has interested volunteers. The planning Committee has hopes to bring back the festival in 2019 in a different format but it is too soon to tell. If you have enjoyed Victorian Days, and will miss it, please contact the Historical Society or the Victorian Days Festival website and let the Committee know. If you would like to join the Planning Committee or help with next year's event (if it occurs), please contact Cindy Langenberg at (517) 627-4889.

We appreciate the many year's of support!

★ **Become a Grand Ledge Area
Historical Society Member!** ★
Find the membership form and more
info on the back of this newsletter.
Thank you!

If you would like to help preserve Grand Ledge history, please fill out this form and return along with a check to:

Grand Ledge Area Historical Society
P.O. Box 203
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Volunteers are our heart and soul! Please consider volunteering with us. Call 627-8594 for information!

To become a sponsor, please call Carrie Gross at 204-5254 or email carrie_b03@hotmail.com

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Grand Ledge Area Historical Society *Membership Form*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- Family/Household \$30 Student \$10
 Business/Corporation \$90 Donation \$ _____

We are always seeking new members! Sign up at any time. Your membership fees help support the museum, events, preservation of artifacts and history, and so much more. Please fill out the form above and send to the address listed on the left.

Thank you for your support!

Need a SOUVENIR or GIFT?

We have lots of souvenirs and gifts to choose from including coffee mugs, posters and much more! Just a few of the books available are: "Grand Ledge Remembered" – relates to the early history of Grand ledge; "A Walk Through the Streets of Grand Ledge" – information about how the streets were named; "Postcards of Grand Ledge" – photos and postcards of the past decades of early Grand Ledge; "40's, 50's, 60's" – life during the WWII time and following; and "Graduates of Grand Ledge High School" – featured in two volumes. Stop by the museum or Ledge Craft Lane for these and more options!



We are very excited about the "**Photos & More**" section on our website. We have partnered with the Grand Ledge Area District Library to digitize, catalog, and share historical documents. New documents and photos are continually being added.

Visit us at www.gdledgehistsoc.org

GRAND LEDGE WALKING TOUR

As the weather gets nicer, and you are out and about walking in town, take note of some of the gorgeous houses! Did you know there is a 'Historical Walking Tour'? It is hoped that this walking tour will give residents and visitors a better appreciate of the local history and early architecture of Grand Ledge, in addition to its scenic beauty. Although the tour only covers a small portion of the city, participants are encouraged to explore other areas which are not included. Many of these locations are privately owned, so please enjoy their beauty from the sidewalk. Go to our website at www.gdledgehistsoc.org, click on the 'Area History' tab and then click on 'Historical Walking Tour.' There is a brochure and information on each address. Locations featured on the walking tour are:

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| 118 W. Lincoln St. | 238 W. River St. | 201 E. Jefferson St. | 424 E. Jefferson St. |
| 410 Harrison St. | 219 W. Jefferson St. | 207 E. Jefferson St. | 428 E. Lincoln St. |
| 411 Harrison St | 211 W. Jefferson St. | 220 E. Jefferson St. | 502 E. Scott St. |
| 321 Harrison St. | 210 W. Jefferson St. | 302 E. Jefferson St. | 300 E. Scott St. |
| 315 W. Jefferson St. | 119 W. Jefferson St. | 315 E. Jefferson St. | 221 E. Scott St. |
| 316 W. Jefferson St. | 118 E. Jefferson St. | 328 E. Jefferson St. | 316 Taylor St. |
| 304 W. Jefferson St. | 131 E. Jefferson St. | 406 E. Jefferson St. | 312 Taylor St. |

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