

Parking, Events Location

More than \$200,000 will go into a planned parking lot with brick pavers, landscaping and a special events performing area on the site of the former Hotel Owosso, demolished by the city more than three years ago.

A proposed plan for the southwest corner of Main (M-21) and Washington, which has been a gravel-covered lot for the past three years, was detailed to the Downtown Development Authority Board during Wednesday morning's meeting.

The city used \$247,000 of a state grant for the demolition three years ago with the stipulation that jobs be created on the site. At the time, city officials believed a multi-story Signature Building would be constructed on the parcel, but then the major tenant was lost by Flint developers.

Repeated efforts to find a project at the site fell through, then the city listed the parcel with local real estate agents, but nothing occurred.

State officials, wanting to, close out the grant told the city earlier this year to either send a check for \$247,000 back to Lansing, or invest the money in a project of "area-wide benefit." The city has asked that the old hotel site be designed for area-wide benefit.

State approval is still needed on the plan to have a parking lot on the site, with a decorative brick wall and decorative fencing plus the raised platform for special events in addition to shrubbery around the perimeter of the lot. "It may have to go to the Michigan Strategic Fund Board" for approval, said Community Development Director Brent Morgan during Wednesday morning's DDA meeting.

He said there has long been a concern about having more parking in the downtown area, and that the DDA had considered trying to develop more by buying property in the block bounded by Main, Washington, Exchange and Park streets, but that did not occur.

If the state approves the plan, the city needs to have the project completed by Oct. 1, said Morgan and City Manager Joe Fivas during the DDA meeting.

The state's stipulation on a project of "area-wide benefit" requires that all improvements tied to such work be in place five years.

CORUNNA FIREWORKS TEST SUCCESSFUL, SHOW EXPANDS

By Helen A. Granger, staff writer

The May 24 fireworks test from the top of the Mt. McCurdy Sledding Hill in Corunna's McCurdy Park was deemed a success by the city and Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. of Kawkawlin.

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NEARING COMPLETION - The new Wrought Iron Grill, inside the landmark former Woodard Furniture Co. building, now known as Woodard Station off S. Shiawassee (M-52) in Owosso, is nearly complete, said owner John Lowman (left) as he and Chef Chambre Beauvais (right) paused in the horseshoe-shaped bar area Thursday morning.

The Wrought Iron Grill's seven-day-a-week operations begin Monday, June 16. It includes a dining room, large banquet room, smaller banquet room and the patio, on a former loading dock at the east side of the building.

Lowman had been the manager at Eddie O'Flynn's west of Owosso for more than 8 years before deciding to establish the Wrought Iron Grill. He lives in Owosso.

Chambre earned his bachelor's at MSU in 1990 in Finance and Philosophy. He attended Grand Rapids Community College, working toward a degree in Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management.

He has been Executive Chef of The Knight Cap in downtown Lansing, November 2003 to April this year. Prior to that, he was the Front of House Manager for Robert's

American Grille in St. Thomas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, November 2002 to April 2003.

Chambre was the Executive Chef and Clubhouse Manager for the Owosso Country Club March 2002 through November 2002. He had been the Banquet Chef at Walnut Hills Country Club in East Lansing, March 2001 through January 2002; was Sous Chef at Walnut Hills Country Club of East Lansing August 2000 to March 2001; and Executive Chef and Manager Jambalaya's on Round Lake west of Laingsburg, June 1997 to August 2000.

His charitable involvements include: Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, Wheatland Music Organization, Bliss Music Festival, Citizens for Alternatives to Chemical Contamination (CACC), CACC Ecofest, Giving Tree Farms, Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance. He said his hobbies are organic gardening, sailing, boating, scuba diving, tropical travel, wine appreciation and philosophizing.

Related photos are inside today's edition. (Independent Photo/BILL CONSTINE)



PLACING A WREATH on the Oak Hill Cemetery grave of author-conservationist James Oliver Curwood, a tradition for about 20 years by Curwood Festival volunteers, was done at 5 p.m. Thursday, the opening day of the four-day Festival in Owosso.

Gathered were (front row, from left): Curwood Festival Queen's Court members Kaitlyn Dwyer and Jillian Taylor; Festival Queen Lisa Dexter; Princess Madison Howe;

Princess Court members Ava Ringheisen and Taylor Helt plus (second row, from left) Festival President Sarah (Adams) Hoover; Festival Office Manager Christie Usher; Festival Treasurer Deb Adams-Mills; board member and Heritage Parade Committee Chair Char Cornell; Festival Secretary Mike Espich; plus Festival board member and marshalling coordinator for the Heritage Parade Don Washburn.

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Corunna Scholars

Shiawassee Scholars

The ninth annual reception and induction for the Shiawassee Scholars was held Monday, April 28, with 51 eighth-grade students recognized during an awards reception at Byron High School.

The Shiawassee Scholars program began nine years ago in collaboration with the Cook Family Foundation and the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District. The Shiawassee Scholars identifies those eighth-grade students in the county who achieve high scores on the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). Generally, colleges and universities look at the SAT score to determine a student's readiness for college. Students can take the test as early as sixth grade.

By identifying and recognizing talented academic students early, the Shiawassee Scholars program seeks to encourage students to continue pursuing academically challenging activities during their high school years. The program provides a scholarship of at least \$500 for each student in the Shiawassee Scholars program. This scholarship can be applied toward enrichment activities that encourage development of academic, arts and leadership skills.

In addition to receiving the scholarship, students participate in several programs during their high school career. This past year Shiawassee Scholars acquired team and leadership skills by going through the Base Camp Challenge Center at the Genesee Area Skill Center. They attended several informational sessions regarding planning for college and their futures; dual enrollment options and accelerated academic programs as well as visiting a "Big Ten" University.

Tom Cook, executive director of the Cook Family Foundation, gave opening remarks and welcomed the Class of 2012 Scholars. School personnel including superintendents, curriculum directors, principals and counselors presented this year's scholars with certificates, while Bruce Cook and Tom Cook presented them with a small gift.

Sarah Dolan from Laingsburg High School and Mandie Maurer from Perry High School, both graduating seniors and Shiawassee Scholars, addressed the students and encouraged them to explore challenging options in high school while holding themselves to high expectations. Students selected for the program this year are:

*Byron: Shannon Moore. *Corunna: Nicholas Frederick, Philipp Gibson, Kristen Gilbert, Carly Hendershot, Michael Janca, Briklan Keating, Steven Kirkman, Jane Mandley, Nikkole McNamara, Garrett Ruess, Steven Sexton, Jonathan Toma and Emma Tompkins.

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In some locations the fireworks could be seen as far as six miles or more. "We had an excellent view from the park and resolved many safety concerns," said City Manager Joe Sawyer in a June 3 telephone interview.

With the success of that test, the city revised its 2008 agreement with Wolverine to reduce the number of the larger, more expensive firework shells. Instead of using 6-inch to 8-inch shells, the city asked Wolverine to utilize 3-inch to 5-inch shells to enable more double and triple bursts for both the opening and finale and to extend the length of the main show.

"We have scheduled 1,264 shells for the Corunna Fourth of July show. Last year we had 1,000 shells," said Jenny Campau, display manager for Wolverine, speaking during a June 3 telephone interview.

In addition, the City Council authorized an additional \$4,000 per year to pay for up to four mini fireworks shows for 2009. "The dates are to be determined, possibly New Year's Eve, Veterans Day, or other dates," said Sawyer. "With the price of gas more people will be staying closer to home and we want to provide additional activities for our residents."

This year marks the last of a three-year contract (2006-2008) at approximately \$10,000 per year between the city and Wolverine. "We will more than likely be seeking bids for another three-year contract," said Sawyer.



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THE WINNER of Corunna's Founders Day Celebration souvenir button design is Nicole Watson of Morrice. Her design was selected from 20 entries at the Founders Day Committee meeting on June 3.



It is hoped that she can be at the Fourth of July pancake breakfast to receive her prize.

The buttons will be given with a \$1 paid admission to the Founders Day activities, Sept. 5-7, in the Corunna Historical Village of Shiawassee County. Buttons will also be on sale before the event and will allow the purchaser to enter the Village without paying another entry fee.

(Courtesy Graphic)

Fees Adopted

The 13-page City of Corunna Fee Schedule was adopted by the City Council on June 2.

The schedule covers fees charged by the city for licenses, fire protection service, fire department cost recovery, water rates and service fees, sewer rates and fees, parks and recreation, Pine Tree Cemetery, general Department of Public Works services, general Administrative services, building and zoning fees, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, police service and fines.

A copy of the fee schedule is available for viewing at Corunna City Hall or on the Website: www.corm.us or www.corunna-mi.gov.

RESIGNATION, APPOINTMENT

The resignation of Nichole Cowdrey from the Corunna Softball Commission was accepted with regret at the June 2 Corunna City Council meeting. She is the city clerk/treasurer and that was one of the additional things she was involved with.

Appointed to the Corunna Softball Commission was Dave Harvey. Harvey has served on the commission previously for about 20 years.

Gary Schooley was appointed to the Youth Sports and Recreation Commission. Schooley is currently president of the Softball Commission and served as director for the Little League for about 10 years. Appointees will serve at the pleasure of the council until a successor is appointed.



NEWEST DELI – "Itsa Deli Thing" is the name of downtown Owosso's newest deli, W. Main (M-21) at N. Ball, where the very popular Sassy Sandwich had been until moving to Traverse City.

Owners Kevin and Dawn Wiles had just been given the go-ahead to open by the Shiawassee County Health Department Thursday morning and crews were putting renovation equipment away, preparing for the Thursday afternoon opening.

Kevin, who has been in restaurant management most of his life, is a 1977 graduate of Chesaning Union High School. Dawn works at a Lansing-area

restaurant. They live in Bath.

Kevin's career includes having been on the management team which opened the Golden Corral (where Lefty's Steakhouse is now) east of Owosso in the late 1990s, then he was on the management team of the Golden Corral on Linden Road near the Genesee Valley Mall.

"One of our specials is a 32-ounce Pepsi product for 75 cents" to go with the great deli foods, said Kevin.

(Independent Photo/BILL CONSTINE)

Car, Truck and Bike Show

A "Rides On The River – Car, Truck and Bike Show" is being organized by Justin Carlton, president of Optical Illusions Car Club, on Saturday, June 14, at Showboat Park in Chesaning. Registration will be 4:30 to 7 p.m. with the show 5 to 10 p.m.

The cost is \$10 to pre register by June 9; or \$15 the day of the show. Events will include: a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for ages 16 and up; car club vs. car club events such as tug of war and softball homerun challenge; Neon Light glow off contest at dark.

Also, Loudest bass contest (subwoofers); Loudest muffler rap contest; Lowered vehicle limbo contest. There will be live bands plus models from Toledo, Ohio present taking pictures with vehicles and handing out trophies.

In addition, Carlton said there will be dash plaques to everyone who registers for the show and free goodie bags to everyone in the show. Vendors will be on site.

There will be over 20 vehicle classes ranging from custom to classic to motorcycle to sport bike and many more with awards to winners of each vehicle class.

Any vendor is welcome, he said. There is a \$25 vendor fee, no limit on space.

For more, persons may contact the website at www.myspace.com/opticalcarclub or email us at opticalcarclub@yahoo.com or call (989) 295-4789 for more info or to pre-register for the show.

"We are expecting a turn out of around 200 or more vehicles, many car clubs will be coming from Detroit

to the show," said Carlton.

There is no spectator fee to get into the car show but donations are welcome. If it rains, the show will be pushed back to June 21 with the same times

"Optical Illusions is a new car club based mainly out of Chesaning but we have members from Saginaw, Flint, Owosso, New Lothrop and other areas. We're just a group of young guys who love cars and figured it'd be fun to get together and help each other with our cars, make new friends, and attend car shows together. We will be attending about 15 car shows together over the summer months.

Said Carlton, "I wanted to bring an exciting and new event to Chesaning, I remember when I was younger, me and my grandpa would always go to the big car show down at Showboat Park and then they suddenly stopped having the car show and I've really missed it so I thought why not bring it back and give everyone in the area something fun to do in Chesaning during the summer."

He added: "I'm expecting this to be a very large show and continue to grow year after year. I held a car show last August in Chesaning but unfortunately it rained all day, but even with the rain we still had people come out and it was still a good time. I'm just hoping it doesn't rain this year but in case it does we are prepared and the show will be pushed back to June 21 with the same times.

"I figured anything that can bring people into Chesaning and see what our town is about is a big plus. It's been pretty crazy planning the show. Any free time I get has been put into advertising and planning for this show. I've had very little help from any other members of the club due to their work or school schedule so it's kind of been a solo act on my part, but everything seems to be coming along nice and I'm really excited for June 14 to come."

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Lunch available for \$2.50 of hot dogs, chips and drink.

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Letter to the Editor

Editor, The Independent:

The Child Advocacy Center's Dodgeball Tournament and Hungry Howie's Pizza Eating Contest at Owosso High School Tuesday evening, May 20, was great fun. Steve Irelan organized the event on behalf of the CAC. Nine teams competed in the dodgeball tournament, including the CAC's candidate for Mr. Owosso, Kevin Kregger, and his teammates (unfortunately, Kevin's team did not win). The OHS National Honors Society members helped organize and run the event. Special thanks to Mrs. Laskowski and NHS for their help!

The first place team was "Team Gucci" from OHS. Congratulations to team members Nic Jenc, Tommy Black, Matt Stewart, Ronnie Fesko, Rickie Gruzd and Mark Wojokwitz. The runners-up were "the Nazarators" from the Nazarene Church.

Immediately following the dodgeball tournament, Kevin Dittrich and Hungry Howie's sponsored an ice-cream contest and pizza eating contests. The winners were: Ice cream eating contest (age 6 and under) winner: Cassie White, first grade, Central Elementary School, winning a gift certificate for \$100 to Hungry Howie's.

Pizza eating contests (age 7-12), winner David Helmer, sixth grade, Central Elementary School, also receiving a \$100 gift certificate to Hungry Howie's. Age 13-17, winner, Kelly Lepley, eleventh grade, Owosso High School. This age group was given the additional challenge of finishing their entire pizza within 3 minutes to increase their winnings. Kelly came through by eating his entire pizza in 2 minutes, 34 seconds! Instead of winning a \$100 gift certificate, Kelly received a \$400 gift certificate (that's a lot of pizza!). Kelly also competed in our dodgeball tournament, with his team winning second place overall.

For the age 18-up competition, the adult category winner was Greg Osmer, age 18, a senior at Owosso High School. Greg won a large pizza every week for the next year from Hungry Howie's! A mystery pizza was also given to one of our contestants. This pizza contained anchovies! Rickie Gruzd, 18, of Owosso, traded another contestant for this pizza and was given an extra incentive if he won the competition. Rickie did not win the contest, but showed good effort (and drank lots of water!). Because Rickie was such a good sport, Kevin Dittrich, owner of Hungry Howie's, presented him with a \$100 gift certificate.

Kevin Dittrich and Hungry Howie's pizza donated all proceeds from selling pizza throughout the night to the Child Advocacy Center, as well as providing all of the ice cream, pizza and water for the contest, and providing the certificates to the winners.

Robin Stechschulte, Owosso
Child Advocacy Center

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE WONDERGIRL 5K IS NOW EXTENDED TILL MONDAY, JUNE 9TH!

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The Course: The 5K Run/Walk will begin promptly at 9:00 am at Gerald Collamer Park (Hopkins Lake) 1405 S. M-52, Owosso, MI. The course winds through the woods around scenic Hopkins Lake.

Contact: Contact Mary Kelpinski 517-282-0970 or Debbie Gilbert 989-413-7248 for additional information about the 5K Run/Walk or Girls on the Run. Learn more about Girls on the Run at www.girlsontherun.org

Girls on the Run: All proceeds will support the Shiawassee County Girls on the Run. Girls on the Run is a non-profit prevention program which uses an interactive curriculum and running to encourage pre-teen girls in developing self-respect and healthy lifestyles. Our curricula addresses all aspects of girls' development-their physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual wellbeing. The lessons are designed to provide girls with the tools to avoid risky adolescent behaviors such as drug or alcohol use, early sexual activity and eating disorders/obesity.

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SUITING UP—Amy Wood's tandem parachute jump partner Larry helps her suit up before her jump out of an airplane at 15,000 feet.



ON THE WAY DOWN—Amy Wood and her parachute partner on their descent.



PARACHUTE OPEN—One of the concerns Amy Wood had about jumping out of an airplane was that her parachute would not open.



PERFECT LANDING—After freefalling at 120 miles per hour, Amy Wood made a perfect landing, in

a sitting position, back on solid ground. (Courtesy Photos)

OPERATION FREEFALL

By Jackie Leone, staff writer

Amy Wood had a personal motivation for parachuting 15,000 feet out of, as she terms it, “a perfectly good airplane.”

She was one of a number of jumpers participating in the April 26 nationwide Operation Freefall fundraiser benefiting sexual assault programs, including those offered by Relief After Violent Encounter, Inc., the domestic violence/sexual assault prevention and referral agency serving Clinton and Shiawassee counties.

She says it was her way of taking a stand for sexual assault victims. “I was raped myself 17 years ago. I did it for my son, who is my pride and joy.”

Wood, who, when she isn't jumping out of airplanes, works at Memorial Healthcare in Owosso as a bio-medical technician, says she read about Operation Freefall in a local newspaper, called RAVE to get more information, signed up and started collecting donations.

Although it was her first jump experience, Wood says she was not really scared, “just nervous about the (possibility of the) parachute not opening.”

She related that she, her husband Todd Wood, and her daughter Jessica Storey made the three-hour trek from their home in Pompeii to the airport in Romulus (Detroit Metropolitan Airport) to arrive at 9 a.m. for the 9:30 jump.

However, due to extremely windy conditions that day, the skydivers did not get to go up until 7:30 p.m. when the winds calmed. Although she could have taken a rain check, Wood says she stayed because she didn't want to make the long trip back.

“I'm glad I did it and I would do it again,” Wood says of the experience. “It only took seven to eight minutes to reach the ground falling at 120 miles per hour. I couldn't believe how quick it went. We got on

the plane, got ready to jump and the next thing I know, I'm on the ground again. It took longer to get in the wind suit than it did to jump.”

The Operation Freefall jump is a tandem skydive. Wood had an experienced partner, named Larry, who was making his 11,598th jump.

She underwent a brief orientation during which she learned hand signals, how to turn, steer and prepare to land, as well as “a few tricks, so we knew what was going on and what to expect.”

In addition to the tandem partner, each skydiver also had his or her own videographer, who recorded the experience from start to finish. According to Wood, because the plane carried only 12 people, there were only four jumpers on board her flight.

And, she says, in addition to being slightly nervous, because she and her tandem partner were “harnessed so tightly together, it was hard to breathe.” A meter device strapped to her partner's arm tracked their course.

Wood admits, “A lot of different things went through my mind just before I jumped out of the airplane, like ‘Why am I doing this? Can I back out?’”

But, she says, “I am glad I did it and I would do it again. It was breathtaking; I would do it again in a heartbeat. Until you do it (jump), you go up in an airplane and seeing the sun setting seems peaceful. Skydiving – there is nothing between you and the horizon. I never imagined something so beautiful. It was just as warm up there as it was on the ground. There was just a lot of wind in your face at 120 miles per hour.”

Back with both feet planted on solid Earth, Wood says, “I was relieved I was safe and in one piece on the ground again... I can't wait to do it again.”

And that is the plan. Her son, Joseph Storey, turns 18 in the fall and they anticipate making the jump together during next April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month Operation Freefall.

Letter to the Editor

Editor, The Independent:

From 4 p.m. May 30 through 4 p.m. May 31, more than 500 participants gathered at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds to combat the Number One health issue facing Americans – cancer.

Area residents showed their support by celebrating, remembering and fighting back for 24 hours at the 12th annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Shiawassee County. It was truly an inspiring event.

This year, the Relay For Life of Shiawassee County has raised a generous \$119,000, which will support the life-saving mission of the American Cancer Society through research, education, advocacy and service. Donations are still accepted until Aug. 31, 2008 for this year's Relay.

The American Cancer Society would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the Relay committee, volunteers, individuals, teams and companies who participated and made this year's Relay For Life a tremendous success. We also thank our many corporate sponsors. The leadership of these employees and their families is heartfelt. The overwhelming support shown by everyone who took part in the festivities is a testament to our community's determination to Fight Back against cancer.

We will never forget the glowing faces of our cancer survivors as they celebrated their collective victory, the glow of the touching luminaria and the dedicated participants who pledged to save one life from cancer this year. We hope to see you all again at next year's American Cancer Society Relay For Life – because there is no finish line until we find a cure.

Geoff Washburn, 2008 Event chair
Relay For Life of Shiawassee County

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A VIEW during the Relay for Life in Shiawassee County, May 30-31, at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds.
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Relay Success May 30-31

By Brian Sanderson, for the Relay

Over 300 residents from around Shiawassee County rallied together in their fight against cancer by participating in the Relay For Life of Shiawassee County, the American Cancer Society's signature event. The 12th annual Relay "was a tremendous success, raising \$119,000 to aid in the American Cancer Society's ongoing programs of research, education, advocacy and service," said a spokesman.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life, a team-based fundraising event, is a unique, empowering and fun way to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Participants spent 24 hours at the beautiful Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, celebrating the lives of cancer survivors, remembering loved ones lost to cancer and fighting back against a disease that has taken too much from too many.

"Relay was an inspiring event. The sheer number of people who came to support survivors as they took their victory lap and the families there to remember loved ones lost to the disease by lighting a luminaria truly offered hope that one day cancer will not be a major health problem," said Jenni Beamer, ACS staff partner. "Overnight, our lives were changed forever."

At the heart of Relay For Life were two opportunities to pay tribute to those who have battled cancer.

During the Victory Lap, 106 cancer survivors from the surrounding community walked a celebratory lap around the track together, signifying their victory over a disease, which claims the lives of one in four Americans each year. At sundown, more than 1,700 luminaria were lit in honor and in memory of those who have battled cancer. The candles continued to burn throughout the night, lighting a path that will one day lead to a cure.

New this year was a special Fight Back ceremony which empowered community members to make a pledge to save one life from cancer before next year's event. More than 36 friends, family, neighbors and co-workers committed to fighting cancer year-round.

The 2008 American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Shiawassee County was made possible by numerous community sponsors, including Meijer, Memorial Healthcare, The Independent Newspaper Group & Quality Printing, NBC 25 & CW 46, Physicians of Memorial Healthcare, the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Shiawassee County Dog & Gun Club, Baker College of Owosso, and Wal-Mart.

"Relay For Life is a perfect example of the great results that can be accomplished through teamwork,"

said Yvette Turnwald of Meijer. "By joining together we built strong teams, raised money and united our community in fighting back against cancer."

Donations can still be made until Aug. 31, 2008 to American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Shiawassee County by visiting <http://events.cancer.org/shiawassee>.

As the Society's signature event, Relay has been bringing cancer survivors and anyone touched by the disease together for more than 20 years. Held overnight in honor of the fact that cancer never sleeps, Relay For Life has grown from a single event in Tacoma, Wash. that raised \$27,000 to the largest grassroots movement nationwide. More than 4,800 communities throughout the U.S. now host an American Cancer Society Relay For Life event and have raised more than \$2.6 billion dollars for the fight against cancer.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Founded in 1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 13 regional divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States. For more information anytime, persons may call toll free, 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

WOMEN'S SAFETY CLINIC THURSDAY

A Women's Safety Clinic, sponsored by Signature Ford and the Perry Police Department, will be 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at Signature Ford of Perry, 3942 Lansing Road, west of the M-52/I-69 interchange. All women, 18 years and older are encouraged to attend.

The second in a series of what is hoped to be an ongoing activity, this session will focus on basic first aid, with instructor Kim Dennison of Absolute Learning.

Participants will also have the opportunity to see what happens when someone is shot with a taser (stun) gun and be able to register for self-defense classes.

Seminars are free and refreshments are provided.

Letter to the Editor

Editor, The Independent:

On May 31, the south side of the McCurdy Park Sledding Hill, known as Mt. McCurdy, was planted with native Michigan plants. Over 20 volunteers took four hours to plant the four terraces on the hill and then were treated to a hot dog lunch.

The Sled Hill Planting Committee of Kathryn Gehrs-Pahl, Richard Clark, Janet Washburn, and Shauna Bayless would like to thank the following for their help in making this project a reality: The Owosso Garden Club, the City of Corunna, the Corunna Department of Public Works, Holzhausen Excavating, Great Lakes Central Railway of Owosso, Nash Nursery, Wildtype Design, Hannah's Garden Gallery, Oracle Product Recovery, the MSU Master Gardener volunteers, Judy Horton and Millie Taute for making lunch and everyone who came out to help plant. Thank you again for making this project possible.

The Sled Hill Planting Committee

FARMERS MARKET OPENING

The St. Johns Downtown Management Board is sponsoring a Farmer's Market for the 2008 growing season. It opens June 21.

The public is invited to attend each Saturday to purchase home-grown and homemade goods from local vendors.

On June 21 the Farmer's Market will be open 8 a.m. to noon (or until sold out) each Saturday on Maple Street west of the Courthouse in downtown St. Johns.

The Farmer's Market will offer farm-fresh produce and baked goods through the end of the harvest in October. According to Shirley Davis, manager of the Market, "We always look forward to seeing our friends and making new ones at the Farmer's Market. There's always lots to see and enjoy."

Whether one is a previous vendor or a new one, Davis welcomes all vendors to the downtown St. Johns Farmer's Market. Customers of the Farmer's Market appreciate the open-air environment and the friendliness of the local growers, artisans and community organizations. "It's a great time to visit with neighbors, spend some time outside, and enjoy downtown," said Tyler Barlage, executive director with the St. Johns Downtown Management Board/DDA.

The Farmer's Market is open to vendors of home-grown, home-made items including: fruits, vegetables, eggs, dried or fresh-cut flowers, landscaping plants and supplies, baked goods, honey, jams and jellies, makers of home-made arts, jewelry and crafts and clothing.

Non-profits and churches are welcome to participate as a vendor. There is a daily fee of \$4 to participate, and spaces are appointed on a "first-come, first-served" basis. To participate vendors do not have to attend every Saturday, and payment is due each Saturday of participation.

Vendors must provide their own tables if needed. Vendors do not have to pre-register to participate. For more details, persons may call the Downtown Management Board, (989) 227-1717.



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CENTER 'GOING GREEN'

By Jackie Leone, staff writer

The Shiawassee County Service Center of Capital Area Community Services, Inc. is "Going Green," environmentally green that is.

Spearheaded by Baker College of Owosso Human Services intern Amanda Pitcher, a June 14 Neighborhood Cleanup is planned in Owosso in the vicinity of Alger Avenue.

Totally a volunteer effort, people are being asked to take along their rakes, hoes, shovels and other gardening equipment, if available, and help with the general yard cleanup at three or four homes in the southeast section of the city of Owosso. Tools are not a requirement but able bodies are needed.

"Spring is here. Let's work together and get out and beautify the community," said Pitcher. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Pitcher, who has been interning with CACS since April 7, said the project appealed to her because she wanted to both get out in the community and be outside.

Coming here from Gratiot County, Pitcher said, coordinating the neighborhood cleanup "gave me the opportunity to get out and meet people." She added, "I want to take the idea back to my own community."

According to CACS Shiawassee Service Center Coordinator Rebecca Zemla, this Neighborhood Cleanup effort came about as a result of a gathering last fall of business, government, nonprofit and community individuals from Laingsburg, Perry, Durand and Owosso brainstorming about what is currently happening in Shiawassee County, with foreclosures "and all the things we are seeing."

Two big ideas, Zemla related, resulted from this session: a housing matrix, something people could refer to when dealing with foreclosures, taken on by Baker College of Owosso Human Services intern Lynette Tilson, and the Neighborhood Cleanup, taken on by Pitcher.

The Washington School area was chosen because of the neighborhood poverty rate, said Zemla. If successful, she added, this Neighborhood Cleanup day might become an annual event.

To date, Wal-Mart, Meijer and Kroger have committed to help. "There is a very good chance we will be getting things like flowers, shrubs and energy-efficient light bulbs," Zemla said. In addition, Shiawassee County Habitat for Humanity is on board and will be donating, for instance, paint for sprucing up porches.

"Normally, we (CACS) work with utility and housing issues and, in reality, this could be classified as a housing issue. This is a neat program. It is kind of neat in that this project supports the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District Support Neighborhood Kids Program, which has also been working in that (Washington School) area," said Zemla.

"It is really something different for us," Zemla continued. "We don't usually work with this amount of volunteers. I'm excited about it. It is something different and I'm not sure it has ever been done before in this county... It is an event."

Those wishing to volunteer are asked to call the CACS Shiawassee Service Center, (989) 723-3115, Pitcher at (1-989) 875-4382 or email her at apitch01@Baker.edu to sign up.

Anyone who owns a home on Alger and needs help sprucing up their yard for summer should call CACS and ask for Becky.

Volunteers should report at Washington Elementary School, 645 Alger Avenue, at 9 a.m. June 14. The cleanup is expected to last until 3 p.m.



THIS BUILDING, 239 E. Grand River in downtown Laingsburg, will soon be the new home of the retail sales division of United Nuclear Scientific, a scientific supplies distributor and manufacturer that is moving here from Sandia Park, New Mexico. The retail division will employ five, but United

New Mexico-Based Scientific Supply Company Relocates to Laingsburg

United Nuclear Scientific, LLC, a distributor and manufacturer of scientific supplies, announced Thursday it is relocating operations from Sandia Park, New Mexico to downtown Laingsburg.

"We are excited about establishing our business in the local community," said company owners Bob Lazar and Joy White, who have family ties to the state.

The firm's purpose is to put the "fun" back into science by providing interesting, affordable, hands-on scientific equipment of all types available to the hobbyist, teacher, experimenter and professional organizations.

They manufacture a wide range of scientific products of their own design such as Nuclear Cloud Chambers - which allow a person to "see" radiation; High Voltage Generators - that flash million-volt lightning bolts through the air; and small Turbojet Engines that can power go-karts, bicycles and small aircraft.

United Nuclear Scientific is also involved in government contract work as well as consulting and research work for the private sector. They produce Alpha Radiation Probes that detect plutonium for the nuclear weapons industry as well as specialized infrared and ultraviolet lighting for the military and Homeland Security.

United Nuclear Scientific also supplies fire departments and first responders with radiation detection equipment and radioactive materials used in training. The retail sales division, United Nuclear Scientific Supplies, has been in operation since 1998. Their Website is www.unitednuclear.com. It is expected to employ five people from the start.

"We hope to have an open house when the business gets up and running so we can show local residents what we do," said Bob Lazar.

Nuclear is also looking for a Laingsburg location for its Hydrogen Fuel System division, which will manufacture hydrogen fuel conversion kits for automobiles, and could create 50 to 80 new jobs when fully operational in 2009 or 2010.

(Independent Photo/ED BUSKIRK)

The company also has a Hydrogen Fuel System division, which is expected to come online starting in 2009-2010, and will manufacture hydrogen fuel conversion kits for most U.S. and foreign cars. More information on this can be found on the Website www.switch2hydrogen.com. This could create 50 to 80 jobs when fully operational, Lazar said.

Lazar is a scientist who has previously worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory and been involved in various classified government projects. He is also a master pyrotechnician. For 13 years (in his spare time) he produced "Desert Blast," an annual pyrotechnic festival that attracted well-known amateur pyrotechnicians and fireworks companies from around the world in a weekend-long "no holds barred" firework extravaganza. Desert Blast was routinely covered on TLC (The Learning Channel), History Channel, the Discovery Channel as well as CBS News. White is a licensed Aesthetician (skin care specialist) with her own business and she is an avid horse enthusiast.

United Nuclear Scientific will be occupying a downtown Laingsburg building owned by developer John Lancour. The city received an \$80,000 community development block grant (CDBG) from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Community Assistance Team to make exterior improvements to facilitate its redevelopment. The new operation will help the city meet the job creation requirement component of the grant.

"We are grateful to Bob and Joy - this means some really terrific benefits to the city and its residents," said Laingsburg Mayor Michael Culpepper.

"We are happy to welcome United Nuclear to Laingsburg, and look forward to not only helping them make the transition as easy as possible, but also to becoming an active resident in our community," said Laingsburg Business Association (LBA) President Eric Schuman.

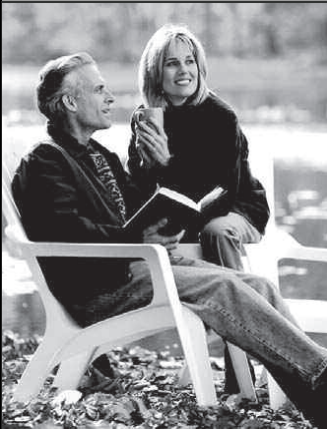
United Nuclear Scientific has been working with the city, LBA, Baker College of Owosso and the Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership (SEDP) to facilitate the relocation process.

"This is a tremendous opportunity on multiple fronts for Laingsburg and Shiawassee County," said SEDP Director Justin Horvath. "We will gain a proven, successful business that will create local jobs,

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Letter to the Editor

Editor, The Independent:

Just over a week ago, the Rambler Rays completed its ninth Relay for Life of Shiawassee County raising about \$23,000. This task would not have been possible without the continued efforts of many people who continue to support this great cause. We live in a wonderful and caring community.

We especially want to say Thank You to the Shiawassee County Fair Board for allowing us to continue to use the beautiful Shiawassee County Fairgrounds for our "Relay Home" and to Gary Bulemore our logistics person for Relay. This man is like the "Energizer Bunny" he truly makes it all happen and always with a smile on his face, he continues to amaze us with his dedication and drive for such a worthy cause.

The Rambler Rays would like to say a special thanks to the many sponsors who continue to help us raise funds to find a cure for cancer.

We would not be able to raise these types of funds without the continued support that we get from so many. We are so proud to be able to chair and participate each year in the Shiawassee County's Relay for Life Silent Auction. This year's auction brought in well over \$12,000, this is a huge part of Shiawassee's Relay.

This team was formed in 1999 in honor of Robert "Bump" Lardie and we are so proud to be able to say that we have raised over \$161,000 in nine years, raising funds about four months each year.

Congratulations to all of the teams that participated in Relay 2008. You truly are amazing. Keep up the great work, together we will find a cure for cancer.

Judy Beach, Rambler Rays captain
Rambler Rays Relay for Life Team

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and an innovative energy project that has the potential to reduce our dependence on gasoline."

The Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership is a collaboration of the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce and Public and Private Partners.

'DROP-IN' YOGA CLASSES

Morning and evening yoga classes are scheduled for Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings in June by the Shiawassee River in Green Meadows Park.

Classes are held on a drop in basis. "Bring your own mat and if you don't want it to get dirty, something to put under it," said Paula Alexander, the instructor. Cost is \$5 per class, drop in.

Classes will be held in Green Meadows Park (Harmon Patridge). The park is west off M-52 on Getman Road by the Speedway Station and follow it around to the parking area.

Morning classes will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesdays, June 10, 17 and 24. Evening classes will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays June 12, 19 and 26.

Classes will be appropriate for any level. A minimum level of fitness is desired. Class level will be determined by the fitness levels and yoga experience of those who attend. Regardless, participants will get a good stretch and a good workout!

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SUMMER READING

Readers of all ages can Catch the Reading Bug this summer during the annual reading program at the Community District Library.

The formal program and entertainment begins Monday, June 16, with a demonstration by The Young Entomologists at the Bentley Memorial Branch in Perry. Insects of all kinds will be displayed during the free event, which lasts about an hour.

Other programs that week are Science Alive, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, at the Bancroft Branch; and The Howell Nature Center, 1 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at the New Lothrop Branch. Both programs feature live creatures from around the world. Seating is limited at all locations and pre-registration is suggested by calling the branch.

Other programs this summer include Drummunity, Scheer Genius, Acting Up Theatre and The Organization for Bat Conservation. There will be a total of 26 programs this summer including a Big Machinery Show of police cars, fire trucks and bulldozers at all the branches.

Guidelines for the children's program are simple: persons use their CDL card to register for the program and keep a log of books checked out from the library. Audio books are included but not DVDs. The goal behind the children's program to keep students reading throughout the summer to maintain their literacy skills.

Prizes are given for number of hours a student reads. Also, there are weekly drawings for gift cards or other coupons. There's a separate program and prizes for readers in fourth-through eighth-grade. Adults may participate in a book bingo and are also eligible for a weekly prize drawing.

The 2008 reading program is again partially sponsored by Rep Dick Ball, Friends of the Corunna/Caledonia Branch of Community District Library, the Shiawassee-Owosso Kiwanis Club and the Owosso-area Meijer.

Persons may visit www.communitydistrictlibrary.com for complete program guidelines and a list of summer events. Branch phone numbers are: Bancroft, (989) 634-5689; New Lothrop, (810) 638-7575; and Perry, (517) 625-3166.

Death Notices

Rick George McNaughton, 53, of Perry, passed away Wednesday, May 28, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing. Services were Saturday, May 31, with interment at Oak Plains Cemetery, Shaftsbury.

Mary Ellen Oviatt, 41, of Owosso, passed away Wednesday, May 28, at Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo. Services were Sunday, June 1, with interment at Oakwood Cemetery.

Alex Capitan, 87, of Green Valley, Ariz. (formerly of Owosso), passed away Thursday, May 29, at home. Memorial Mass was Wednesday, June 4, in Green Valley.

Evelyn Martha McMonigle, 82, of Owosso, passed away Friday, May 30, at Ovid Healthcare Center. Services were Thursday, June 5, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mary A. Vincent, 66, of Chesaning, passed away Friday, May 30, at home. Services were Tuesday, June 3, with interment at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Owosso.

Eugene Earl Andrews, 78, of Corunna, passed away Saturday, May 31, at Stoneleigh Residence Hospice of Lansing. Services were Friday, June 6, with interment at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Jay F. Wendling, 56, of Chesaning, passed away Saturday, May 31, at home. Services were Thursday, June 5, with interment at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Dorothy "Dottie" J. Johnson, 73, of Prescott (formerly of Corunna), passed away Sunday, June 1, at Bortz Healthcare, West Branch. Services were Wednesday, June 4, in Corunna.

CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTING



On Sunday June 1st, the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors attended a ribbon cutting during the open house for the new multi million-dollar Memorial Healthcare Medical Arts Building. Those present for the ribbon cutting along with the Chamber Ambassadors were Cheryl Peterson, CEO of Memorial Healthcare, (holding the ceremonial scissors) and staff and Physicians of the Medical Arts Building.

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SCF Scholarships Listed

This year the Shiawassee Community Foundation is awarding scholarships totaling \$87,000 to students who attend or have attended a high school in Shiawassee County.

The criteria for each of these scholarship funds is established by the original founder of the fund. It is the responsibility of the Foundation to assure that the founder's intent is carried on forever. Those receiving scholarships are listed by scholarship fund name

Alexander Women's Scholarship Fund: Nicole E. Demerly, \$550.

Byron Community Scholarship Fund: Lauren A. Atkinson, \$500; Rebecca J. Dykstra, \$250; Robert D. Hagerman, \$250; Melanie K. Latson, \$250; Amelia J. Maier, \$300; Robert M. McGuire, \$300; Rachel K. Rhyne, \$300; Heidi L. Smithingell, \$500; and Jamie L. Ward, \$1,000.

Byron Staff Scholarship: Matthew L. McCormick, \$1,000.

Byron Community Scholarship Fund - Chase Bank: Trena L. Unger, \$500.

Byron Community Scholarship - Duncanson Fund: Carolyn R. Hamilton, \$500; Hannah R. Lahring, \$1,000.

Nancy Ruth Patenge Beyer Memorial Scholarship Fund: Katie A. Jehn, \$1,500.

Dr. Bhaskaran Memorial Scholarship Fund: Elizabeth K. Valasek, \$300.

Elsie Blair Memorial Scholarship Fund: Katie A. Jehn, \$300.

Olive Blanner Memorial Scholarship Fund: Brian C. Lawcock, \$1,000; Kelsey W. Nover, \$1,000; Karreen L. Reed, \$1,000; and Kelsey-Jo Ritter, \$1,000.

Emily Chapman Memorial Scholarship Fund: Tyler L. Childs, \$500; Krystyn M. Guzniczak, \$500.

Robert J. Cole Memorial Scholarship Fund: Robert D. Hagerman, \$500; Trena L. Unger, \$500.

Karen K. Dasen Memorial Scholarship Fund: Breann M. Eckerle, \$1,500.

Norman L. and Marcella C. DesJardins Memorial Scholarship Fund: Rachel L. Kelly, \$1,000; Sarah G. Zawacki, \$1,000.

Margaret E. Dittenber Memorial Scholarship Fund: Ashleigh J. Abney, \$400.

Shana Lynne Dumond Memorial Scholarship Fund: Meagan A. Stechsulte, \$500.

Durand Rotary Club Scholarship Fund: Emmalie K. Williams, \$1,000.

Durand St. Mary's K of C 7955 Scholarship in memory of Dr. M. Jean (Brinkman) and Peter Sloan: Lauren A. Barella, \$500.

Durand St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 7955 Scholarship Fund: Stephanie A. Fortino, \$500.

Alford and Alice Emmert Memorial Scholarship Fund: Eric M. Bannan, \$1,000; Nicholas B. DeClerg, \$1,000; Anthony J. Hart \$1,000; Elizabeth K. Krhovsky, \$1,000; Robert M. McGuire, \$1,000.

Cyril C. and Ella M. Gregoricka Environmental Engineering Scholarship Fund: Anthony J. Hart, \$500.

Harold J. Haas Memorial Scholarship Fund: Ashleigh M. Schooley, \$1,000.

Harry W. and Olive E. Harder Memorial Scholarship Fund: Sadie E. Bullard, \$200; Jennifer J. DeClerg, \$200.

Ellane I. Hogan Memorial Scholarship Fund: April A. Helvie, \$250.

Clarence S. Hood Memorial Scholarship Fund: Caylee A. Coe, \$3,000; Amanda R. Wetzel, \$1,000; Emmalie K. Williams, \$1,000; John D. Wyrick, \$3,000.

Cheryl L. Hrcka Memorial Scholarship Fund: Nicole E. Demerly, \$1,000; Michael T. Everhart, \$1,000.

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LaJoye-Shenk Scholarship Fund: Staci A. Peterson, \$1,000.

Jill Malzahn Memorial Health Fund: April A. Helvie, \$500.

Dr. Leon A. Montague Owosso Musicale Scholarship Fund: Brent M. Smith, \$1,200.

JoAnn (Butcher) Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund: Nicole E. Demerly, \$1,000; Emily R. Jager, \$1,000; Nicholas T. Jenc, \$1,000; Crystal M. Povinelli, \$1,000; and Casandra K. Thayer, \$1,000.

Nathan Nover Memorial Scholarship Fund: Casandra K. Thayer, \$500.

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Michael Anthony Randolph Memorial Scholarship Fund: Jonathan W. Coffey, \$1,000.

David A. Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund: Katherine G. Braden, \$1,000.

Evan James Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund: Julia A. Fiebertz, \$500.

Owen A. and D. Arlene Rood Journalism Scholarship Fund: Julia A. Fiebertz, \$300.

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Ronald K. Seelhoff Memorial Scholarship Fund: Jennifer L. Buehler, \$1,200.

Joseph T. Sierzenga, III Memorial Scholarship Fund: Amy L. Sorenson, \$600.

Devin Allen Swatman Memorial Scholarship Fund: Joshua G. Wildermuth, \$2,500.

Brad VanPelt Scholarship Fund: Ashley L. Lawrence, \$1,000; Jodi L. Sieb, \$1,000.

Troy A. Vincke Memorial Scholarship Fund: Amanda K. Kviz, \$700.

Mary Bea deBoom Wasper Memorial Scholarship Fund: Rachel J. Hettinger, \$300.

Merijo Wieber Memorial Scholarship Fund: Mary B. Erickson, \$2,000.

"Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients and best of luck to you in

your future endeavors," said SCF Executive Director Carol Soule. For more information regarding the Shiawassee Community Foundation, persons may contact Carol Soule, (989) 725-1093, or email at shi-afd@micronline.net.

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FOR DISPLAY - A commemorative shadowbox marking the 50th anniversary of the first Corvettes rolling off the assembly line of the Flint General Motors plant June 1, 1953 was donated last year to the Shiawassee Corvette Club by honorary club member Michael Ferich, who was one of the crew who helped build the 1953 Corvette and was among those honored as such at a 1953 Corvette assembly workers' reunion at Flint's Sloan Museum in 2003.

In order for more people to enjoy the commemorative, Shiawassee Corvette Club President Barry Leone (right) presented it on loan to Graff of Durand for display in the dealership at 9099 Lansing Road, Durand.

Accepting the shadowbox, and a plaque denoting Ferich's donation, on behalf of the dealership Saturday, May 31, when Graff of Durand sponsored the Shiawassee Corvette Club's People's Choice Car Show were (from left) salesman T.J. Nowaczyk, sales manager Jeremy Ackels and finance manager Tom Gotham.

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Reading Bug

Read a book and "Catch the Reading Bug @ your library" this year during the Shiawassee District Library's summer reading program, said Erynne Purvis, Children's Services librarian at the Shiawassee District Library in Owosso.

The summer reading program and story hours start June 16 and end July 25. "Your child may sign up for the Summer Reading program on June 9 but will not be able to report until the 16," she said. The following are locations for story hour this year, which are from 10 to 11 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Monday, Roosevelt school on Brooks Street; Tuesday, in the Library Children's Department on W. Main, Owosso; Wednesday, Curwood Castle Lawn; Thursday, Emerson School in Emerson Grove near the Alan Montgomery Tennis Courts; Friday, Bryant School lawn off Hampton Street.

Each child is encouraged to attend the location nearest his/her home. In the event of rain, story hour will be held at the library. Children aged six and under should be accompanied by an adult.

When a child is enrolled in story hour he/she is automatically enrolled in the reading program. Besides receiving "library dollars" at story hour, children may earn dollars if read to by parents or by reading library books themselves and reporting on them at the library. First through third graders will receive one library dollar for every three books read, up to 30 books per day.

Fourth through sixth graders must read a library book in their own reading level and make short verbal reports on them to earn library dollars. They will earn one library dollar for every 50 pages read. Library dollars earned can be redeemed at the annual Library Carnival scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 6.

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*Laingsburg: Mitchell Curry, Hannah Garner, Joshua Peck and Makayla Putnam. *Morrice, Andrew York. *New Lothrop, Brittney Kline, Cody Loll, Lauren Timmons and Allen Warren.

*Owosso: Kelsey Buchmayer, Gus Cook, Sascha Garrett, Allison George, Jacob Gerstler, Zachery

Jenks-Western, Nicole Johnson, Evan Klinkoski, Mitchell Opanasenko, Nick Owens and Jake Remenec; Perry, Katie Aldrich, Austin Dunn, Abigail Feuka, Garyt Forman, Danielle Gerlach, Andrew Huguélet, Vince Kelly, Bradley Liestenfeltz, Leah Reichstetter, Rebecca Ross, Scott Watson, Samuel Whaley and Kaytlyn Witgen.

*St. Paul School in Owosso, Leah Beaulac, Nichole Constine, Yvonne Lehr and Evan Ritter.

Corunna and POLC

The Corunna Council on Monday, June 2, approved a five-year contract with the Police Officers Labor Council, effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2013.

All terms and conditions of employment are included in the document ranging from grievance procedure to seniority, transfers, promotions and much more.

Some of the highlights of the contract include: Work shifts are established as 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Whenever scheduling will allow, two patrol officers will be in the patrol car during the hours of darkness.

Wages for patrol officers will be increased three per cent each successive year beginning with July 1, 2008 and continuing through July 1, 2012, according to provided documents.

The Corunna Police sergeant will receive a sergeant premium in addition to the five-year patrol officer rate as follows, effective: July 1, 2008 at five percent; July 1, 2009 at six percent; and July 1, 2010 at seven percent.

HEALTH CLINICS

The SCHD provides the following Health Clinics and services:

*Immunization Clinic, Corunna Clinic Only: Wednesday, June 11. Children, a \$12 fee per shot charged for children's vaccine provided by the state. By appointment only. Call (989) 743-2355.

Persons may also call for prices regarding adult vaccine and private pay children's vaccines.

If a parent is not accompanying a child to appointment, persons should call in advance to receive consent forms, or download a form from the SCHD website, <http://health.shiawassee.net>.

*WIC (Women, Infants and Children) - Corunna WIC Clinic is open 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Durand Clinic is open 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Thursdays.

For appointment, persons may call (both 989) Corunna 743-2383 or Durand 288-6747.

The Shaftsbury WIC Clinic is open the second and fourth Tuesday. For appointment, persons may call (517) 675-4920 or 1-800-859-4229.

*Children's Special Health Care Services are available 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. For appointment, persons may call (989) 743-2355.

*HIV Testing and Counseling, anonymous HIV testing on Mondays, available by appointment only, cost is \$25. For an appointment, persons may call (989) 743-2355.

*TB Testing is available Mondays, by appointment only. Persons may call (989) 743-2355, for appointment and cost of testing.

*STD testing and referrals available if needed. Persons may call (989) 743-2355 or 1-800-859-4229 for more information.

*MICHILD Healthy Kids provides assistance with Medicaid applications. For appointment, persons may call (989) 743-2356.

*Free Vision and Hearing Screening available for preschool and school age children. For appointment, persons may call (989) 743-2355.

*Adult Physical Assessment, free for persons 60 years and older. Flu vaccine is available in this clinic. For appointment, persons may call (989) 743-2356.

*LaLeche Breastfeeding Support group meets at 7 p.m., second Tuesday of month. For additional information, persons may call (both 989) Cindy, 723-5524 or Angie, 288-2857.

*Parent Helpline available at 1-800-942-HELP.

The SCHD is located at 110 E. Mack Street, Corunna. Public access is through the new security entrance on south end of building.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m., five days a week, closed weekends and holidays. For additional information, persons may call (989) 743-2355 or 1-800-859-4229.

All Girls Welcome

Sunny Woods Day Camp Day Camp gives all girls the opportunity to learn and enjoy the outdoors. The girls help plan and participate in cooking, crafts, nature and other activities.

This year at Sunny Woods, girls will learn and experience many of the pioneer crafts and skills that helped build our nation. Girls going into fourth grade and up will try archery and have a one-night sleep over. Fifth grade and up will do advanced outdoor cooking. Girls entering seventh grade and up can be part of a leadership experience called Program Aide. Program Aides are trained prior to camp on Saturday, June 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Girls don't have to be a Girl Scout to have fun at camp!" said a spokesperson. "There is need-based financial assistance available for any girl."

Sunny Woods Day Camp is on Brewer Road, south of Owosso. The 2008 dates are June 23 through 27; 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday plus Friday. Special hours on Thursday are 1 to 8 p.m. with a family program at 6:30 p.m. Cost for the week is \$70. This includes: a T-shirt, program supplies, lunches and facilities. There is a \$10 registration fee for non-Girl Scouts which includes insurance coverage.

There is still space available for new campers to join in the fun. For information about Sunny Woods Day Camp, persons may contact Betty, (989) 725-6789. For more information about camps and Girl Scouting, persons may visit www.gsfcw.org or call 1-800-482-6734 for a brochure.

Girl Scouts Fair Winds Council serves over 9,300 girls in Genesee, Lapeer, northern Oakland and Shiawassee counties. Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.5 million girls and adults. Today, as when founded in 1912, Girl Scouting helps cultivate values, social conscience, and self-esteem in young girls, while also teaching them critical life skills that will help them succeed as adults. In Girl Scouting and its special girl-only environment, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together.

HIGHLIGHTS

OPEN - The Shiawassee County Archives and Museum is open for the season, 1 to 5 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday. "The newest display is an interesting collection of milk bottles from local dairies - you will see some from dairies you have forgotten and some you didn't know existed," said a Society spokesperson.

The Museum and Archives, in the former Green Meadows School, is at M-52 and Wilkinson Road, north of Owosso.

HELPING FAIR - The Saginaw County Fair's first annual Consignment or Donation Auction will be 10 a.m. Saturday, June 28, at the Saginaw County Fairgrounds,

11350 W. Peet Road in Chesaning. For consignments or donations, persons may call (all 989): Bob Corrin, 845-6414; Francis Sloan, 845-6202; or Dick Bayne, auctioneer, 723-8334.

Proceeds go the Fairgrounds Improvement Fund, said Bayne, who is among those donating services to help the Saginaw County Fair.

FOOD VENDORS NEEDED for the Morrice Homecoming Festival Saturday, June 28, in Morrice. Vendors will be screened by application and limited to two with the same menu items.

Applications due by Friday, June 13; may be picked up at the Morrice Village Hall, or persons may call (517) 625-4170.

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'Taste of the Town'

Downtown St. Johns will be host to "Taste of the Town" on Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28, on the depot lawn, 107 E. Railroad Street.

The event will include a BBQ contest by individuals with judging at 3:30 p.m. June 28. Vendors of arts, crafts, jewelry and food will be on site 4 to 9 p.m. Friday and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday. There will be a beverage tent selling beer and wine 6 to 11 p.m. Friday plus 3 to 11 p.m. Saturday. There will also be a Poker Walk, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at participating downtown businesses, with a gift basket being given away to the person who puts together the best poker hand.

Three bands will play throughout the event. For 6 to 11 p.m. Friday it will be Louie Longoria and his band, Blue Coyote, entertaining with country music. Four to 7 p.m. Saturday, music will be played by a band yet to be confirmed. From 7 to 11 p.m. Jim Pratl and his Pfat Morris band will wrap up the evening with Rock-N-Roll favorites.

To participate as a vendor, persons may contact the St. Johns Downtown Management Board, (989) 227-1717. There is a \$10 vendor registration cost. To participate as a BBQ contestant, persons may contact Jessie, (989) 327-4885. There is a BBQ contestant registration cost. Proceeds from this event benefit downtown St. Johns projects and improvements.

Taste of the Town is made possible by the generous corporate sponsorship of several businesses. Additional help and support is being provided by the City of St. Johns and the Clinton County Road Commission.



IN THE KITCHEN Wednesday morning were Wrought Iron Grill owner John Lowman (left) and Chef Chambre Beauvais (right) as crews were com-

pleting their work on equipment for the restaurant inside the Woodard Station of Owosso. (Independent Photo/BILL CONSTINE)

Letter to the Editor

Editor, The Independent:

In June grading of gravel roads is now only completed as requested by the respective Township Supervisor. Dust control brine has been applied with the second application following the July 4 holiday. Ditch clean out, construction activities, pothole patching and crack sealing are some of the activities for June.

As a cost cutting move, the Road Commission will shut down operations June 30 through July 4. Emergencies will be addressed by contacting Central Dispatch at the Sheriff's office. Regular business hours will resume Monday July 7.

*Right of Way Issues: Other than for highway travel purposes, any activity within, or use of, the right of way along roads under the jurisdiction of the Shiawassee County Road Commission is subject to a review and permitting process.

This review and permit process has been established to help ensure safe travel on roads in Shiawassee County by discouraging those activities or objects that may create a hazard. The process also controls those activities that may interfere with road maintenance, snow removal, drainage or future road improvement projects.

Permits will not usually be issued where a reasonable alternative exists out side of the right of way. The Road Commission reserves the right to remove - at the owner's expense - non-permitted items placed or constructed within the road right of way.

Permitted activities include, but are not limited to: new, or modifications to existing, driveways or roads to access the County road; utilities; tree/brush removal; seismographic exploration; and oversize load transport.

Activities not permitted

include, but are not limited to: the placement of signs, fences, retaining walls, sprinkler systems, landscaping rocks, berms, trees, shrubs, bushes, lighting, structures, septic tanks, drain-fields, wells, or any other item the Road Commission considers hazardous.

Mailboxes are allowed within the right of way without a permit, but must be installed in a manner to minimize any traffic hazard. Property owners should consult their local Post Office for postal standards for installation regarding height and distance from the road. It is required, however, that all mailbox installations be in accordance with the Road Commission's adopted standards. All support structures must be of "break away" construction. To minimize the possibility of liability should an errant vehicle strike the structure, mailbox owners must resist the urge to reinforce or strengthen the post.

The road right of way is generally 66 feet (33 feet on each side of the "centerline" of the road), but could be wider in certain locations. Before proceeding with any activity in Shiawassee County, please contact the Shiawassee County Road Commission to verify the right of way and whether a permit is needed. Also to prevent serious injury or damage, before you dig, contact MISS DIG at 1-800-482-7171 to locate and mark any buried facilities such as gas, electric, and communication lines that may be in the right of way.

Your cooperation will help keep our roadsides free of obstacles and hazards and ensure safer travel and more efficient maintenance on the roads in Shiawassee County. Please contact the Shiawassee County Road Commission at 701 West Corunna Avenue, P.O. Box 96, Corunna, MI 48817, by phone at (989) 743-2228, or by e-mail at shiawassee@earthlink.net

Road Commission regular June meetings are at 3:30 p.m. June 10 and June 24 at the Road Commission headquarters, 701 W. Corunna Avenue in Corunna.

Lonny L. Latunski, managing director
Shiawassee County Road Commission

HIGHLIGHTS

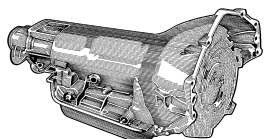
VBS - Lennon Wesleyan Church invites all youngsters ages 5 through 12 to join an out-of-this-world Bible adventure this summer. "Prepare for lift off to Cosmic City, where we will explore the awesome wonder of God," said a church news release. Cosmic City Vacation Bible School is completely free and is scheduled 6 to 8:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 16 through 20, at Lennon Wesleyan Church, 11280 E.

Lennon Road, Lennon.

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 16. "Come join us for incredible Bible adventures, stellar games, super cool crafts, spacey snacks, wonder-filled science experiments, amazing worship, and terrific prizes! You won't want to miss the VBS Grand Finale at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 22," added the news release. Free food, games and prizes for the whole family. For more details, persons may call Marissa Young, (810) 621-9123.

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SummerPraise! Series

The popular SUMMERPraise! series will celebrate its tenth anniversary when the season opens Sunday, July 6, in downtown Owosso.

Since 1998, SUMMERPraise! has been a wonderful summer event, noted Event Coordinator Lynn Webster. All concerts, except for the final one, are held at Mitchell Amphitheater, 225 N. Water.

Community worship and praise song singing starts at 7:15 p.m., with the featured group starting at 7:30 p.m. The Owosso Middle School next door is the alternate rain site. Gospel music fans from all over the state have been drawn to the quality and variety of each schedule. Webster said: "The entire community is invited to attend and be blessed through the music ministries of wonderful groups. An offering is taken each Sunday evening to support the ministry of the groups appearing. Our quality SUMMERPraise! concerts have provided an incredible opportunity to enjoy first-rate gospel music."

The six-week concert slate, sponsored by the Owosso Area Ministerial Association, will feature three national-level groups and three regional groups. According to Rev. Dave Woodby, president of the Ministerial Association, "The SUMMERPraise! planners - Lynn Webster, Tom Perkin, Don Elliott, Ron Brooks and Karl Miller - have put together a great schedule of groups that will definitely appeal to the

Owosso-area community. SUMMERPraise! has been a great way for all music-loving believers to bring a lawn chair or blanket and fellowship together on Sunday evenings during the summer."

"Bringing people to the beautiful Mitchell Amphitheater is a real joy," said Webster. "The people who serve on the Amphitheater Board are very committed to providing quality entertainment in a wonderful setting. We'll endeavor to make the 2008 SUMMERPraise! season a real blessing to those who support it with their attendance and offerings."

The SUMMERPraise! 2008 series will feature these groups and artists:

*July 6, The Calvarymen, Michigan's "Goodwill Ambassadors" from Burton, Mich., have been delighting gospel music fans since 1956. The Calvarymen have added a touch of contemporary harmony to the smooth southern gospel sound their fans love.

*July 13, The Gospelmen. Since 1985, this Genesee, Mich. group has been delighting audiences in the area. They again join the line-up to share some wonderful southern gospel quartet music.

*July 20, The Crist Family from eastern Tennessee. The Crist Family has become one of southern gospel's new voices, with frequent chart hits.

*July 27, Stronghold Quartet, from Howell, Mich. began its music ministry three years ago and is quickly becoming a Mid-Michigan favorite!



The Gospelmen

Aug. 3, The Down East Boys. This North Carolina group has a sound and stage presence! The group has been together for 19 years and is on the national song charts every month.

*Aug. 10, The Collingsworth Family returns to delight SUMMERPraise! friends for the fifth time. They're becoming one of the most popular groups in gospel music. "You will love them!" said Webster. This event will be presented in the air-conditioned Owosso Middle School auditorium, beginning at 7:00 p.m. A free admission ticket will be required!

In addition to the overall sponsorship by the OAMA, individual churches, businesses, groups, and

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AIRPORT Day was Thursday morning, May 15, for 32 youngsters from the Congregational Child Development Center of Owosso as each had a chance to sit in a single-engine airplane owned by Doug



Haskins (left) of Owosso to start their outing. Ethan Moore (right), 4, of Byron, moved the plane's wheel regulating its wing flaps, as Haskins, standing outside the plane explained some of the

160-horsepower plane's controls. (Independent Photo/BILL CONSTINE)

HIGHLIGHTS

TRACTOR Show and Swap Meet. Steiner Tractor Parts fourth-annual Customer Appreciation Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 21, 1660 S. M-13, Lennon.
 Restored antique tractors. Charity pancake breakfast, picnic-style lunch, used-parts swap meet, crafts, petting zoo, prize drawings. Persons taking their tractor for display receive extra discount on a purchase. For more, persons may call 1-800-621-3000.
 Also, crafters wanted for the show by contacting Steiner at the 800 number.

TESTS -Meijer Pharmacy will be having a Health Screening Clinic at the Owosso-area Meijer, E. M-21 at N. State Road, north of Corunna, 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 7. Prices are as follows: Full Lipid Profile, \$30; Liver Function test, \$25; Hemoglobin A1c, \$30; Glucose test, \$4.
 Appointments can be made by calling (989) 743-2533. Finger stick testing only. Lab results meet National Institute of Health and National Laboratory Reference System guidelines.

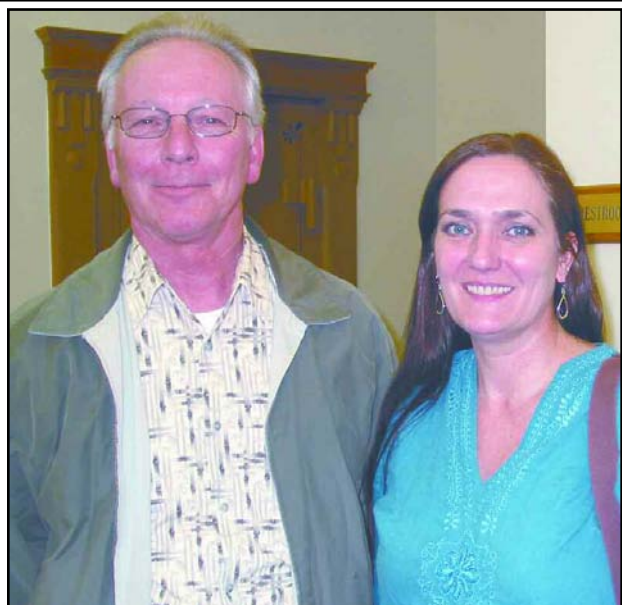
AVAILABLE SPACE

The Shiawassee Arts Center still has space available in a few weeks of the eARTh has ART - Multi-Media Summer Art Camps for children in kindergarten through eighth grades.

These are four-day, Monday through Thursday, camps to be held at the Owosso Middle School art room. Students will work with two artists each day. Projects will be Creepy Crawly Printmaking with Karreen Reed; Clay Tiles with Linda Ruele; Folk bird houses from found objects with Kathryn Gehrs-Pahl; Tribal Drawing and Painting with Wayne LeDuc; Photography with Anthony Cepak; and Watercolor Batik with Alissa Lester. The cost is \$75 for a SAC member; \$85 for a non-member. An annual student membership is \$15.

The schedule is as follows: Week 2, K-Grade 3, June 16-19; Week 3, Grades 4-8, June 23-26; Week 6, K-Grade 3, July 21-24; Week 7, Grades 4-8, July 28-31; Monday through Thursday, 8:15 a.m. - noon, Owosso Middle School art room (north parking lot entrance).

For registration or further information, persons may call the Arts Center, (989) 723-8354. Payment is due with registration and can be mailed, paid at The Arts Center, 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso or with a credit card by phone. The Arts Center is open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday; closed Mondays.



REV. JOHN DOWNING, pastor of St. Johns United Church of Christ (UCC) in Owosso (left) and St. Johns UCC Council President Tina Johnson (right) spoke during the May 8 Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners meeting about changing the licensing fees that are affecting non-profits and churches - among other charitable organizations - that provide food to those in need.

They spoke against imposing a fee structure that could hinder charitable organizations' fundraising abilities and the serving of free meals.

At the heart of the debate is whether non-profit/non-revenue organizations should be charged a fee for kitchen inspections.

The matter was first brought before commissioners at the Feb. 26 Committee of the Whole meeting by Darrell Coffey, who is the supervisor of Antrim Township. Coffey asked commissioners to waive fees charged to non-profit/non-revenue organizations for restaurant inspection fees.

As a member of the Burns Grange, Coffey said charging non-profit/non-revenue organizations restaurant inspections fees could add up to more than \$400 for the Grange as well as other non-profits that hold benefit dinners as major fundraisers.

(Of note, the State of Michigan passed a law in late 2007 aimed at schools - public and private (including church schools) - to assure all school kitchens were inspected. However, in requiring the inspections it also included all religious and non-profit kitchens that were to be subject to the same fees as schools and commercial/restaurant kitchens.)

Commissioners have all voiced their displeasure with the situation. Both state Sen. Valde Garcia and state Rep. Dick Ball have responded and are working to move corrective legislation as quickly as possible through the House and Senate.

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Left to Right: Judy Ragan, Cathy Sitko, Jil Nickoloff, Betsy Meyer, Mike McDonald (Members of H.O.G. Chapter)

Jil Nickoloff and Betsy Meyer pictured holding the plaques they received in appreciation for their participation in heading up efforts to join in the 2008 American Cancer Society, Relay for Life. Jil and Betsy formed the team named Aloha Hogs and members from the Shiawassee H.O.G. Chapter, sponsored by the Shiawassee Sports Center, located in Birch Run, quickly joined in to support the cause. Several fundraisers over the past few months contributed to the total funds raised by the membership, many members had their own fundraising ideas, all of which made it such a great success. A record year for the event, raising over \$60,000, the team raised \$11,901.82. The event was held in St. Charles, Michigan. The Chapter also host an annual Mystery Ride on July 27th, in which a portion of the proceeds will also be donated to Relay.

This is yet another way that Shiawassee H.O.G. Chapter with many members from the surrounding area have come together for the community and gave their time and raised money for such a great cause.

HIGHLIGHTS

OFFICE Change - The Shiawassee United Way, on W. Main (M-21) in Owosso, in order to improve its operations, will be closed on Fridays.

Office hours now are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For special needs, persons may contact First Call for Help at the toll free number, 1-888-866-4566

MHS '87 - The Morrice High School Class of 1987 is preparing for a reunion. In keeping with tradition, this reunion is one year late.

Anyone interested in helping obtain addresses, planning the reunion, etc., may contact Chris (Ware) Cole, (517) 749-1078, or e-mail, alforcebabe@hotmail.com.

GOSPEL Jamboree continues through the summer, changing to 7 to 9 p.m. first Friday of each month, in the gym at First Free Methodist Church of

Owosso, 1249 N. Chipman (at North Street).

Singers, musicians welcome; refreshments available. For more persons may contact Pastor Mark Kincaid, (989) 723-3695.

CRAFT VENDORS needed for the 2008 Morrice Homecoming Festival, Saturday, June 28, in Morrice. Cost, 12- by 12-foot space, \$30.

For applications, persons may contact Janine Slater at the Morrice Community Senior Center, (517) 625-4270.

FARMERS' MARKET and Craft Sale vendors sought for 6th annual PerryFest, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.

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GEORGE HODDY, the Curwood Festival's Heritage Parade Grand Marshal, was among speakers during Thursday evening's Opening Ceremonies on the lawn of Curwood Castle.

Hoddy, 103, served on the Owosso Board of Education in the era when the Owosso Public Schools owned Curwood Castle. "We (the school board) met at the big table in front of the fireplace (in the Great Hall)," said Mr. Hoddy in a conversation before the ceremonies began. When Owosso High School was built more than 45 years ago, money left over from the bond sale proceeds was used to build Bentley Elementary and the Owosso Public Schools Administration building, both on W. North Street. The school board's administrative operations then moved to the new building and ownership of the Castle was transferred to the city.

Shown here during Thursday evening's program were (from left): state Sen. Valde Garcia; Rev. Rodger DeVore, senior pastor of the Owosso Church of the Nazarene, who delivered the invocation; George Hoddy; Ivan Conger, known as The Curwood Collector for his collection of Curwood books and his knowledge about the man who was the highest-paid author of his era through the late 1920s, and Piper Brewer, chairperson of the Owosso Historical Commission and executive director of Shiawassee Arts Council, where a major addition is underway overlooking the Shiawassee River. A past mayor, Jerry Collamer, named Conger The Curator of the Castle.

(Independent Photo/BILL CONSTINE)



BAKER COLLEGE of Owosso student nurses were among those who helped raise money for Memorial Healthcare's new Medical Arts Center, which will soon house the hospital's Cancer Center.

The student nurses gathered on Saturday morning, April 26, just before Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary's first annual 5K Run Walk.

(Courtesy Photo)

HIGHLIGHTS

DIAGNOSED with a brain tumor, a fundraiser to help the family of Olivia Morse, 4, daughter of Melissa and Tim Morse, will start at 1 p.m. July 20, at the Albee Township Hall.

Live auction and drawings starting at 4 p.m. She is the granddaughter of Dean and Deb Miller, Dennis and Kathy Morse and Sue Ellen Morse.

Anyone wishing to donate

items or help with the benefit is asked to call Melissa Peters, (989) 770-4293.

SPRING Dance, 2 to 6 p.m. today (Sunday, June 8), at the Owosso ZCJB Hall, 1775, Owosso Avenue, between Owosso and Corunna, one block north of Corunna Avenue (M-71).

Music by Vesela Kapela Band and Charlie Chapko Band. Donation, \$8. Food will be available; cash bar. Sponsored

by the Michigan State Polka Music Hall of Fame.

HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES will be held at the Looking Glass River Sportsman's Club, located approximately one-mile south of Laingsburg on Woodbury Road, on the following dates: Aug. 16-17; Sept. 6-7; Sept. 27-29; and Oct. 11-12.

For more information, persons may contact Larry Glick, (517) 675-7316 or lag9522@tds.net.

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“TIME is of the essence,” and recently-retired City of Durand Treasurer Donna Tobias (right-hand photo above) will be able to keep track of it with this gift clock while enjoying her retirement and her large variety of community involvements.

Congratulations and good wishes were expressed individually by Durand City Council members and

city staff to the retiree at the council’s May 5, meeting.

“I’ve enjoyed working for the city and I’m glad I can leave it in good hands,” she said, referring to the new treasurer, Lisa David, seen at left in the left-hand photo as she is sworn in to office by City Clerk Amy Roddy. She worked as deputy treasurer while

Donna served as the treasurer.

In the right-hand photo, Donna accepts the clock from City Manager Lynn Markland, who presented it on behalf of the city staff and council.

After the council meeting May 5, a reception was held for both women.

(Independent Photo/DONNA KLEIN)

Family Fun at Open House

The American Red Cross Shiawassee Service Center

is hosting an open house, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 14. People of all ages are invited to attend the open house which will feature food, fun and the opportunity to learn more about the Red Cross.

Face painting, clowns, coloring pages, door prizes and refreshments in addition to informational booths and a tour of the Red Cross office will be offered. The Shiawassee Sheriff’s Department will be providing free chil-

dren’s fingerprinting, and the Owosso Firefighters Fire Safety House will also be available.

Open house attendees are encouraged to take along non-perishable food and personal needs items to donate to the Service Center emergency food pantry. Raffle tickets for a chance to win special prizes will be given for every grocery bag of donated items. All donated items will be used to benefit the local community.

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individuals can help underwrite this season as a Partner, \$50; Patron, \$100; Benefactor, \$200; or Concert Sponsor, \$500 to \$750. Churches will be recognized separately. All gifts are tax-deductible and are greatly appreciated.

Checks should be made payable to the Owosso Area Ministerial Association and mailed to Lynn Webster, 814 E. Oliver, Owosso, MI 48867. For further information, persons may call Webster, (989) 723-1288, or (517) 304-9292.

HIGHLIGHTS

HISTORIC SITE – After 15 years of effort, Ratville – in Hazelton Township, at Henderson and New Lothrop roads – has been declared a historic site. A sign has been ordered.

Persons who have suggestions on how to celebrate can write to the Juddville Historical Society, P.O. Box 2, New Lothrop, MI 48460. Suggestions have included a parade or a Ratville Hoedown. Also needed, stories about Ratville, Fleming’s store and the cat in the cracker barrel in addition to old pictures.

Henderson Road just south of Ratville is where the Shiawassee County Road Commission built its longest and highest ever bridge, the Francis “Bus”

Spaniola bridge, over the Misteaguay Creek.

MUSEUM, Archives. The Shiawassee County Archives and Museum is open for the public 1 to 5 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday during warm-weather months.

The building is the former Green Meadows School, at N. M-52 and Wilkinson Road, north of Owosso.

Persons will see the Swanson Manufacturing Company display, Felix Schlaag’s sculpture, a collection of old typewriters, barbershop articles and Indian arrows.

In the Archives, persons can view a collection of city directories, Owosso and Corunna school year books, city and town histories, school books from each township and the

Society’s collection of obituaries taken from newspapers from 1862 through 1922.

YEARBOOKS wanted – The Community District Library’s Corunna/Caledonia Branch is in need of Corunna High School yearbooks.

All years, prior to 1950 are needed. Also, yearbooks from 1970, 1971, 1972, 1975 and 1998 are requested.

For more information, persons may call the branch, at (989) 743-4800, or drop the yearbook(s) off at 210 E. Corunna Avenue, Corunna.

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KEITH'S TROOP, with members from throughout Shiawassee County, was one of 28 teams participating in the 2008 Relay for Life, held 4 p.m. Friday, May 30, through 4 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds on Hibbard Road south of Corunna.

Keith's Troop, celebrating its second year as a Relay participant, is named in honor of Keith Lawrence and Lillian Cox, both victims of lung cancer.

Keith is the father of team captain Stacy Moiles (back, center), and Lillian is the grandmother of her husband, Todd Moiles. Co-leader is Michelle Goetl (standing, right), sister-in-law of Stacy.

Keith's Troop is sponsored by B-L Shed, Crosswinds Café and The Independent.

This year's Relay raised over \$119,000 for cancer research. The final tally of funds raised will be Aug. 31.

(Independent Photo/DORI BOERTMAN)



RED HATTERS of various Shiawassee County Chapters met in front of the Rambler Rays Relay for Life camp Saturday, May 31, for the annual Red Hat Lap held as part of the 2008 Shiawassee County Relay for Life at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds.

This year the Red Hatters did their lap aboard a trolley pulled by a tractor, driven by Gary Bulemore, of the Bulemore Bash Out Cancer team.

Although Aug. 31 is the final date for collecting funds for this year's Relay, over \$119,000 was initially tallied, which will assist the American Cancer Society in cancer research.

(Independent Photo/DORI BOERTMAN)



DUNK OUT CANCER - Anna Cummings, 11, of Corunna, was one of several who donated time to be the honorary dunkee in the dunk tank, sponsored by the Bo's Believers Relay team during the 2008 Shiawassee County Relay for Life at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds.

Bo's Believers, one of the original teams participating in the annual event, conducts fundraisers throughout the year to benefit the American Cancer Society in cancer research.

(Independent Photo/DORI BOERTMAN)



GARY BULEMORE (the "Energizer Bunny"), of the Bulemore Bash Out Cancer team, chauffeured members of local Red Hatters clubs in a tractor-pulled trolley for the annual Red Hat Lap during the 12th annual Shiawassee County Relay for Life May 30 and 31 at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds.

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THE DINING Room of the Wrought Iron Grill of Owosso has booth-style seating, being completed Thursday morning. Pausing here were (from left): restaurant manager Jen Zwick, owner John Lowman and chef Chambre Beauvais. The view overlooks the restaurant's patio on the east side of the landmark building. (Independent Photo/BILL CONSTINE)

Free Food

There will be a Mobile Food Pantry from about 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 14, at the Shiawassee County Road Commission headquarters, 701 W. Corunna Avenue (M-71), Corunna. The Mobile Food Pantry is being sponsored by the state Rep. Richard Ball and the Owosso Church of the Nazarene. Persons going to the free food distribution are asked to take along a box to carry the food in.

HIGHLIGHTS

SHIAWASSEE County Genealogical Society members continues cutting vital records from old newspapers. Meeting 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the Shiawassee County Historical Society's Museum and Archives, N. M-52 at Wilkinson Road. Members are available to help anyone who drops by during that time to do some research. Volunteers to help cut and/or paste are always welcome.

BOARD and card games at the Corunna Community Center in McCurdy Park, first and third Sundays of each month. Lunch served at 1 p.m. with games to follow. Cost is \$3 each.

LOOKING Glass River Sportsman's Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Sunday of each month at the club, located about one-mile south of Laingsburg on Woodbury Road. For more information, persons may call Dale Snider, (989) 233-9680.

NEWSPAPER recycling at the SCCHMA (Shiawassee County Community Mental Health Authority) trailer, a consumer micro-business, in the parking lot at Vg's Grocery of Owosso, 1341 N. M-52.

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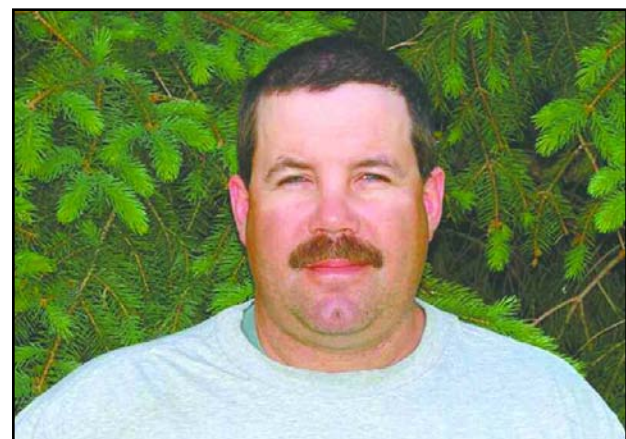
AUDREY SOVIS, a Republican, has announced that she is running for one of two Middlebury Township Trustee seats.

She has lived in the township for 22 years with her husband David and two sons Tony and Stephen.

Sovis was previously the deputy clerk and clerk for Middlebury from 2003-2007. During that time she attended numerous educational workshops and seminars pertaining to township government and elections. She also sat on the township planning commission as secretary and board representative. She is currently enrolled at Baker College pursuing a certificate in administrative support.

"I love my township and I am excited at the idea of serving the residents of Middlebury once again."

(Courtesy Photo)



GENE A. RUESS, a Republican, has announced that he is running for one of two Middlebury Township Trustee seats.

A veteran of the United States Navy, Ruess and his wife Jill have resided in the township for over 27 years. They have two children, Colleen and Caleb. He is employed as a licensed electrician and crew leader for Consumers Energy in Lansing.

Ruess shows his dedication to the community with his involvement with the Ovid Youth Football League as the grounds and maintenance director and sitting on the Middlebury Township Planning Commission.

"I feel it's time for my generation to step up and do our part," he said.

(Courtesy Photo)

Horn Wants Free Visits to State Parks

Michigan residents would be able to enjoy state parks at no charge on four weekends a year under legislation introduced by Rep. Ken Horn that will help families trim vacation costs as the price of fuel continues to skyrocket.

House Bill 6203 requires the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to waive park entrance fees for all resident vehicles for one weekend during each of the four seasons.

"We need to do all we can to stimulate tourism growth in Michigan while giving residents an opportunity to experience our beautiful state parks," said Horn, R-Frankenmuth. "With our busy lifestyles and hectic agendas, many people have lost touch with nature and Michigan's tremendous natural resources."

The Horn legislation is similar to Michigan's successful free fishing weekends, where fishing license fees are waived during a weekend in the summer and winter.

"My legislation will allow residents to experience a greater variety of activities offered at our many state parks," Horn said. "Michigan residents can go hiking in the spring, biking in the summer, sightseeing in the fall and cross country skiing in the winter."

Horn, a former small-business owner, has been at the forefront to help strengthen the tourism industry and create jobs. He authored a law to allocate a projected \$60 million to Pure Michigan and other business advertising over two years, and recently chaired a legislative tourism task force to help improve the tourism industry.

"Tourism growth is an extremely effective way that Michigan can improve its overall economy and create good-paying jobs for our families," Horn said. "Initiatives like free camping weekends will encourage travel within Michigan and help families trim vacation costs. Saving money is especially important considering the rise in fuel costs."



RICH GIVENS is running for the Republican nomination for Middlebury Township Supervisor.

Givens and his wife Lynn have lived in the Ovid area for 17 years, 10 years in Middlebury Township. They have four children and two grandchildren.

Givens has served as deputy supervisor of Middlebury Township for the past 3-1/2 years and attended numerous board and committee meetings,

educational seminars and workshops pertaining to township government.

He has served 3 years on the Middlebury Township Planning Commission as chairman and vice-chairman. He has served 1 year as vice-chairman of the Ovid Middlebury Emergency Services Board. He has also performed the duties of the supervisor for the Middlebury Township Board of Review.

Givens retired from 27 years of road construction where he was a supervisor. He is also a veteran of the U.S. Army, an active member of the Lions Club and the United Church of Ovid where he serves on the Board of Trustees.

If elected Township Supervisor, Givens said: "I would like to move the monthly Township Board meetings out of the Ovid Village Hall in Clinton County back to the Middlebury Township Hall." He also plans to work with the board on communicating with the township residents via the Internet and local paper. "I feel it's important to keep the township residents informed about changes taking place at the county and state level that affect the townships. If elected, I will serve the township residents with pride and to the best of my ability."

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A Rail Tale

(In conjunction with National Trails Day on June 7, 2008, the following is a brief history and background of the 41.3 mile corridor (historically the Grand Trunk Railroad) that runs through Ionia, Clinton and Shiawassee counties, and through the cities of Ionia, St. Johns and Owosso along with the villages of Muir, Pewamo, Fowler and Ovid. This article was written by Wilmott Wood, past president of the Friends of the Fred Meijer CIS Trail. Mr. Wood lives in Danby Township, Ionia County and has been involved with the FMCIS trail since its inception.)

According to Willie Dunbar who wrote "All Aboard: A History of Railroads in Michigan," our rail corridor was first proposed in 1837 as one of the first three railroads in Michigan and was designed to link Port Huron and Canada in the east with Grand Haven and the mouth of the Grand River in the west, by way of Owosso, Ionia and Grand Rapids.

These early railroads were awarded vast tracts of land, over four million acres in Michigan alone. Unfortunately, most of the former rail corridors have now been broken up by individuals buying pieces of them and many times resulting in the removal of ballast and bridges being torn down. What is left of these rail corridors is now left scattered like jewels across Michigan's landscape.

In 1856, the Detroit and Milwaukee railroad arrived in Owosso, and in 1857, the tracks were laid as far as Ionia. Then the panic of 1857 hit and the work stopped. Being heavily in debt, the railroad was loaned money in exchange for controlling interest by Canada's Great Western Railroad that was looking for a link between Canada's eastern and western provinces.

With this backing construction went forward rapidly from Ionia westward and Grand Haven eastward. In July 1858, the entire route was completed with the locomotive "Empire" puffing into Grand Rapids.

After operating for more than 140 years, in the early 1990s, the Grand Trunk Western Railroad abandoned the Owosso to Ionia section of track.

Shortly afterward, a "friends" group was formed and began meeting in every city, town, village and township along the corridor, seeking support for preserving the corridor and using it as a pedestrian trail.

About two years ago, local businessman Fred Meijer stepped forward and offered to donate over \$1 million to help pay for the development and maintenance of the trail, provided clear title was shown and a tri-county intergovernmental agreement could be signed by the three involved counties.

In appreciation of this generous offer, it is proposed to name this trail the "Fred Meijer Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee Trail" (FMCIS). In his wisdom, Fred Meijer also requested that a 25 percent match be included. So to qualify for the donation, cash, goods and services need to be raised, which will result in greater community commitment to this project.

As of Oct. 10, 2007 Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced that 41.3 miles of abandoned rail corridor in Ionia, Clinton and Shiawassee counties will be preserved and made available for a non-motorized trail for Mid-Michigan.

The Governor remarked in her news release that "This great collaboration creates exciting new recreational opportunities in Mid-Michigan. By meeting public demand for more recreational trailways, it expands Michigan's beautiful natural environment for all of our citizens to enjoy."

The news release further stated that "... under federal law, 10 percent of federal surface transportation funds are set aside for Transportation Enhancement projects. Administered by MDOT, the grants enable communities to invest in landscapes, streetscapes and bike path development. Transportation Enhancement funds provide a maximum of up to 80 percent of the money required for each project, with the remainder coming from state and local government and the private sector. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund was established in 1976 to provide a source of funding for public acquisition of lands for resource protection and public outdoor recreation. The funding is derived from royalties on the sale and lease of state-owned mineral rights . . ."

Total cost of the purchase was \$1.3 million, including \$1 million in funding from the federal Transportation Enhancement Program and \$260,000 from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

The trail is not yet open to the public and won't be until bridges are inspected, any needed repairs completed, railings installed, trail grading and signs put up where roads cross the trail, etc.

There is much work left to do. We have been blessed with the generosity of Fred Meijer and the Meijer Foundation, the foresight of our state government and a lot of volunteers.

With the railroad from Ionia to Greenville facing abandonment, there is hope that this corridor also be preserved or "rail-banked" as some call it, and saved for

future railroad use as a rail trail in the meantime.

The friends' group board consists of three members from each county. We hold monthly meetings at different locations along the rail corridor at 7p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Our mission is "to create a safe multi-use trail for non-motorized recreation utilizing the railroad corridor between Owosso and Ionia."

To this end, we are seeking individuals, community groups and organizations to assist in fund raising and development of the trail. We also currently have two vacancies on the board for residents of Ionia County that need to be filled.

If you are interested in joining the friends group, attending meetings, or becoming involved you may write to the friends group at: Friends of the FMCIS, PO Box 274, St. Johns, MI 48879. Hope to see you on the trail!



THE GOSPELMEN Ministries – "Do you enjoy fresh and exciting Gospel Music?" ask the group in a news release Wednesday. "Be it the latest in Southern Gospel or the hymns of the church the Gospelmen do it all!"

The Gospelmen began "presenting the Gospel through song" in 1985. The Gospelmen are from Genesee, Michigan, about 10 miles northeast of Flint.

While there are several denominations represented in this group, each member proclaims "Jesus Christ as Lord" and each member is also a born-again Christian. Also, each member feels a definite call on his life to serve and work diligently for the cause of Christ! The Gospelmen also work full time jobs through the week, then travel on the weekends.

The Gospelmen travel throughout the Midwest. They are also members of the Midwest Quartet Association (MWQA).

The Gospelmen members are: Tim Herbert; tenor; Brian Wright; lead; Gregg Martin, baritone and manager; R.W. Hammond, bass; and Todd Brewer, sound engineer.

The Gospelmen have had the pleasure of sharing the stage with some of Gospel Music's very finest: Brian Free and Assurance, Dottie Rambo, Janet Paschal, Ivan Parker, The Martins, Legacy Five, The Hoppers and Greater Vision plus many more.

In June 2007, the Gospelmen signed a recording contract with the Eddie Crook Company. The Gospelmen record exclusively on the 4 Square label.

The Gospelmen will be at Bentley Park, S. Shiawassee (M-52) at Stewart in Owosso 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 29. There will be an ice cream social from 6 to 8 p.m. Refreshments are free, but a free will offering will be taken.

This is coordinated through St. John's United Church of Christ in Owosso.
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New Haven Township Yearly Meeting Schedule for 2008

January 7, 2008	7:00 p.m.
February 4, 2008	7:00 p.m.
March 3, 2008	7:30 p.m.
April 14, 2008	7:30 p.m.
May 12, 2008	7:30 p.m.
June 2, 2008	7:30 p.m.
July 7, 2008	7:30 p.m.
August 11, 2008	7:30 p.m.
September 8, 2008	7:30 p.m.
October 6, 2008	7:30 p.m.
November 10, 2008	7:30 p.m.
December 1, 2008	7:30 p.m.

Bennington Township Special Meeting May 28, 2008

The Bennington Township Special Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lee Ash on May 28, 2008, 8:05am at the Bennington Township Hall.
Present: Lee Ash, Gerald Sayles, Donna Ash.
Nancy Zdunic arrived at 8:25am.
Also Present: Richard Lucas, Robert Ware, Joe Rathbun.
L. Ash moved to appoint Richard Lucas to fill the position of Trustee on the Bennington Township Board for the term expiring November 20, 2008. Second by D. Ash. Roll call vote: Sayles- no, D. Ash- yes, L. Ash- yes, Zdunic- no. No majority vote, Motion failed.
Sayles moved to appoint Jim Forsythe to fill the position of Trustee on the Bennington Township Board for the term expiring November 20, 2008. Second by Zdunic. Roll call vote: Sayles- yes, D. Ash- yes, L. Ash- no, Zdunic- yes. Motion carried.
D. Ash moved to adjourn. Second by Sayles. Motion carried.
Adjournment at 8:35am.
Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Ash, Clerk
6/1/08

SHIawassee COUNTY

PLANNING COMMISSION CANCELLATION NOTICE

The Shiawassee County Planning Commission has cancelled its public hearing scheduled for 7:00 P.M. Wednesday evening, June 25, 2008 within the Board of Commissioners' meeting room, 201 North Shiawassee Street, 1st Floor, Corunna, MI, as there are no scheduled agenda items to be reviewed at this time.

Questions (if any) may be directed to the Community Development Department (989/743-2399) Monday through Thursday during the office hours of 8:00 A.M. – Noon and 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., 201 N. Shiawassee Street, 3rd Floor, Corunna, MI.

Linda Gene Cordier
Zoning Administrator

Bennington Township

Notice of Library Board Position

The Bennington Township Board is now accepting letters of interest from Township residents interested in serving on the Shiawassee District Library Board as the Bennington Township representative. This is for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2012. The selected person is responsible for attending the Shiawassee District Library Board meeting and communicating the Township's views and interest to the Library Board. This position also requires that you attend the Township Board meeting to report on the Library and obtain information from the Township Board regarding the Library.

Interested persons may submit a letter of interest to the Bennington Township Board, 5849 S. M-52, Owosso, MI 48867, no later than July 7, 2008, 4:00pm.

Donna Ash, Clerk
Bennington Township
6/8/08

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA

The Caledonia Charter Township Board will hold the second reading and vote on approval of the following ordinance at their June 16, 2008 meeting. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm at the Township Hall at 135 N State Road, Owosso.

Ordinance No.

An ordinance to amend the Township Sign Ordinance to revise the definition of wall sign and to modify the regulation of wall signs under the ordinance

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA, SHIawassee COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

ARTICLE I. The sign ordinance is amended by modifying Section 24-1 to read as follows.

Sec. 24-1. Definitions

Wall sign. (fascia sign) means a sign which is attached directly to or painted upon a building wall and which does not extend more than 18 inches there from nor above the roof line, with the exposed face of the sign in a plan parallel to the building wall. Window signs are included in calculating the maximum area allowed for wall signs.

ARTICLE II. The sign ordinance is amended by modifying Section 24-4 to read as follows.

Sec. 24-4. Signs permitted with a permit.

(4) The following types of signs shall be permitted on the premises Of offices, businesses, or other commercial enterprises except industries and may be illuminated in accordance with provisions of this section:

a. Freestanding signs:

- Two on-premises advertising signs per business not exceeding 140 square feet in surface display area. For every commercial business that owns over 100 feet of road frontage, that business would be allowed one more advertising sign per 100 square feet of frontage with a maximum of no more than four signs per business.
- Such signs may be located in the front yard with the leading edge of the sign at least ten feet back of the right-of-way line.
- The bottom of freestanding signs shall be no less than six feet from ground level and the top of the sign shall be no higher than 30 feet in height.

b. Wall signs:

- There is no maximum number of wall signs. Wall signs shall no exceed 15 percent of the building face to which it is attached. The building face shall include areas with windows.
- Wall signs shall be placed flat against the main building or parallel to the building on a canopy and may only face public streets or parking areas which are part of the development.
- Wall signs shall not project above the roof line or cornice.

c. Marquee signs:

- Marquee signs shall not exceed the surface display area permitted for wall signs.
- No portion of a marquee sign shall be higher than the roof line or cornice.

ARTICLE III. This ordinance and its various articles, paragraphs and clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any article, paragraph or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this amendatory ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE IV. All ordinances and provisions of ordinances of the Charter Township of Caledonia in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE V. This amendatory ordinance shall be published as required by law and shall take effect 7 days after publication.

Ballet Exams

Ballet students from Kim's Dance Dynamics recently completed their ballet examinations through the Cecchetti Council of America for the school year 2007- 2008.

The Cecchetti Council of America is a nationally-recognized organization that governs the Cecchetti method of ballet. The Cecchetti method is a traditional and classical method of ballet, in which students study a balanced syllabus for each level and must be examined by certified national examiners to move up to the next level.

They are tested on French vocabulary and theory, barre work, port de bra, adage (slow, controlled movement), and allegro (quick movements and jumps). Teachers also must take examinations in order to present students. Students were presented by Kim Remenec, who has passed teaching exams I-V with high honors, and is a qualified member of the Cecchetti Council of America.

Examinations were hosted at Kim's Dance Dynamics in Owosso on April 19 and 20.

The following students passed their Grade I exams: Tarryn Blankinship, Abbey Edwards, Carly Gaudard, Amanda VanHuylenbrouck and Makenna Vincent.

The following students passed their Grade I exams with high honors or honors: Payton Beamish, Ellie Beck, Delaney Coldiron, Madison Howe and Erin Konopacke.

The following students passed their Grade II exams: Tyleena Ellis, Sarah Kimble and Kaycee Konopacke.

Students passing their Grade II with high honors and honors: Paige Comrie, Danielle Dougherty, Nick Frederick, Breanna Sedlar and Danielle Whitney.

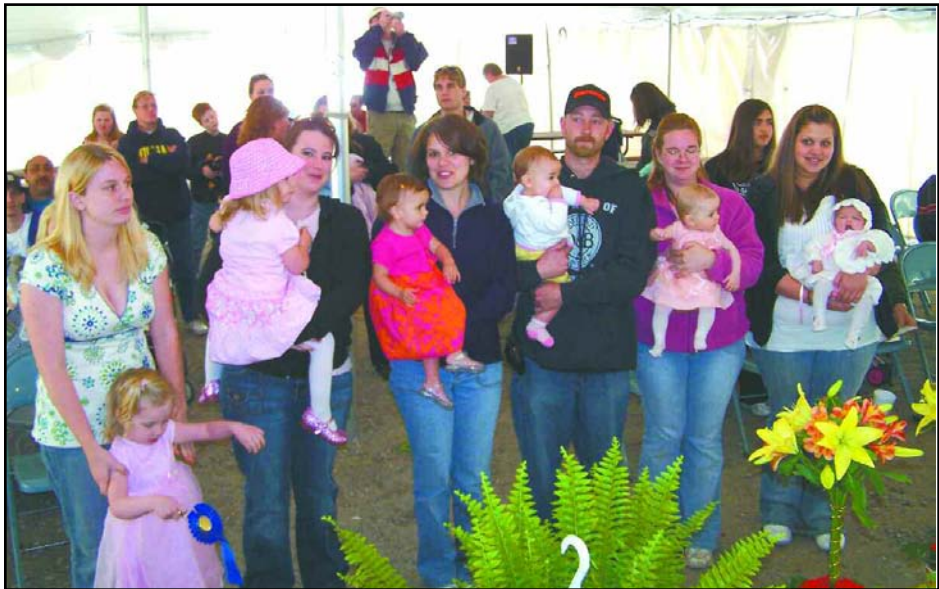
Students passing Grade III with high honors and honors: Hallie Ballard, Hannah Baker, Lauren Bohac, Nichole Constine, Taylor Engel, Chelsea Gillett, Makayla Gotham, Marissa Johnson, Skylar Kleinschmidt, Jenna Ledtke, Jake Remenec, Cassandra Silvers, Allison Stoney and Shelby St. Souver.

Students passing Grade IV: Morgan McSweyn and Taylor Parks.

Students passing Grade IV with high honors: Samantha Chadwick, Kristen Dwan, Melissa Greve and Kayla Stewart.

Examiners were Gail Choate-Pettit and Eleanore Brown of the Detroit area committee. Gail Choate-Pettit, director of the River Raisin Ballet Company and former founder of Monroe Ballet Company, holds the Enrico Cecchetti Diploma and is a permanent examiner for the Council. Eleanore Brown, who also is a permanent examiner, has her Advanced certification through the Council.

For further information about the Cecchetti Council of America, persons may visit their website www.cecchetti.org or for information regarding Cecchetti ballet classes for ages 8 and up persons may contact Kim, (989) 725-6665, or kimsdancedynamics@charter.net.



THERE WERE 59 Beautiful Babies in this year's Railroad Days contest and, as always, judges had the difficult job of choosing official winners in each age category.

The age division winners were (from right), with their moms and a dad: Kaydense Wilkinson, six-weeks-old division, from Lennon; Kyra Middleton, six months, Owosso; Veronica Stacey, nine months, Flushing; Abigail Hart, 13 months, Bancroft; Caitlyn Lambitz, 33 months, Durand; and Adrianna Jones, three years, Lennon.

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RAVE Week at OHS - April is the month dedicated to Relief After Violent Encounter and the Owosso High School Key Club wanted to help make a difference for RAVE so the group organized a classroom competition during the week of May 12 through 16.

The fifth-hour class which brought in the most wanted products for RAVE would have an ice cream party and each would get a movie pass. This resulted in collecting hundreds of needed items for battered women and children. Jackie Washburn's fifth-hour class won the competition and will be served the ice cream they won.

Gathered in front of the showcase with the products are Key Club members (seated, from left): Brandon Perry, Dustin Brown, Sabrina Rangy, Zech Peas, Paige Cormier and Matt Cobb plus (back row, kneeling) Mike Hobart, Devin Van, Austin Adcock, Christian Van Epps, Zech Kirby, Metric Hayes, Drew Delong, Joyce Westbrook, Cody Bowie and Sydney Kincaid.

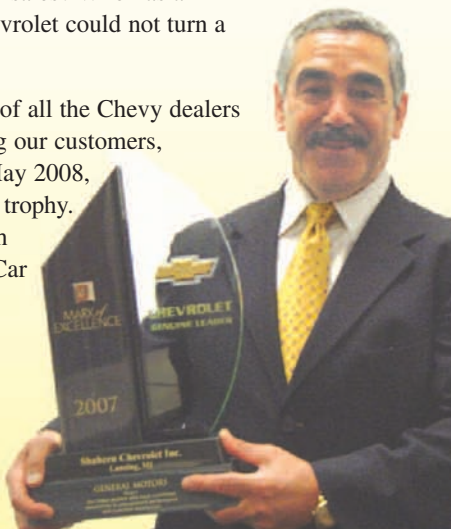
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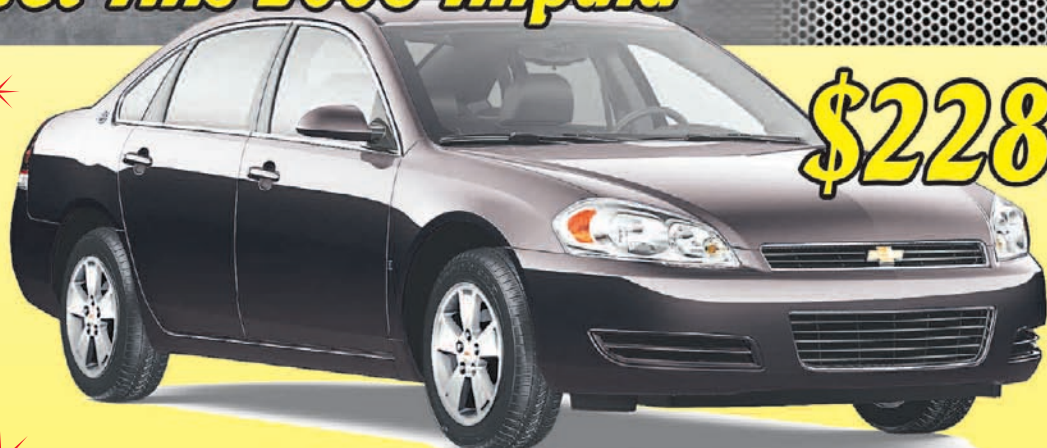
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Letter to the Editor

Editor, The Independent:

We would like to extend our congratulations to the Academy of Dance and Music of Chesaning for a terrific recital held May 31 at the Chesaning Middle School.

This was the first year of dance for both of our daughters and we are so proud of how much they have learned and accomplished! A special thank you to their teachers, Blanca Newball and Alexis Plank, for their patience, hard work and great attitude all year long!

Congratulations to all of the dancers on a job well done!

Aaron and Rachel Tithof, Owosso

HIGHLIGHTS

PREGNANCY Resource Center is in downtown Owosso, 217 N. Washington Street, Suite 109. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Questions regarding Family Life Services or the Pregnancy Resource Center can be directed to Jennifer J. Baker, the director of the Pregnancy Resource Center, (989) 723-4025.

The Pregnancy Resource Center of Shiawassee County is

a nonprofit organization that offers honest, accurate and confidential advice regarding pregnancy-related matters. The Center provides free pregnancy tests, resources and referral services to those it serves.

FREE CLINIC, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. the first and third Saturdays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2510 N. M-52, Owosso.

Persons who do not have health care insurance are welcomed.

MAIBOCK EXCLUSIVE

Main Beverage Company of Owosso will unveil Michigan Brewing Company's Maibock beer at the Curwood Festival's Micro Brew Tasting today (Sunday, June 8), from 2 to 7 pm. Not sold in stores, this style of beer will be an exclusive for Shiawassee County at this one-time tasting.

"Maibock is a seasonal beer and we are pleased to help Curwood bring this to its first ever tasting," said Keith Maike, President of Main Beverage Company. "This will be one of seven beers from Michigan Brewing Company to be featured, and this particular style will be the only MBC product available from draft. We will also be featuring Hamtramck, Mackinac Pale Ale, High Seas India Pale Ale, Peninsular Porter, Superior Stout, as well as Celis White which is a Belgian style beer".

Tickets at the door will be \$22 but are expected to be extremely limited due to tent capacity and demand for advance sales.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RANDY FEDERICK and KIMBERLY A. FEDERICK F/K/A KIMBERLY A. AUSTIN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 24, 2003, and recorded on October 10, 2003, in Liber 1048, on Page 383, Shiawassee County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Two Cents (\$93,456.62), including interest at 5.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front main entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Corunna, Shiawassee County, Michigan at 10:00 AM o'clock, on July 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Shiawassee County, Michigan and described as:

PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 12, TOWN 5 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, BURNS TOWNSHIP, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 12, THAT IS NORTH 00 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 283 FEET FROM THE WEST QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 12, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 150 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 12; THENCE EAST 300.60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST 150 FEET; THENCE WEST 300.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

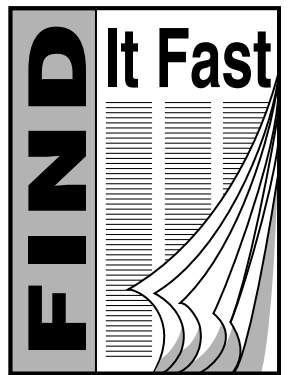
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 5, 2008
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee/Assignee
Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

"If you would like to try a new perspective on beer, Curwood Festival's Brew Tasting is the place to be" said Michael Espich, the event organizer. "This event will not only provide attendees samples of these micro beers but also an education of the many different styles and makeups by Rex Halfpenny, beer guru and editor / publisher of the Michigan Beer Guide."

Advanced Tickets are available at the Curwood Festival Office located on the first floor of the Mathews Building at the corner of Water Street and M-21 in downtown Owosso or at McNeil Street Market, 444 East McNeil Street in Corunna. Telephone orders can be made by calling Espich, (989) 725-6395 or the festival office, (989) 723-2161.

For additional information or directions to the event, persons may visit www.curwoodfestival.com/events.htm. Detailed information on speaker Rex Halfpenny can be found @ <http://michiganbeer-guide.com>



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State of Michigan
County of Shiawassee
Charter Township of Owosso
Minute Synopsis
Be it known that the Owosso Charter Township Board met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 7:00 P.M., at 2998 W. M 21, Owosso, Michigan 48867.
Members Present: Supervisor Dute, Trustee Campbell, Treasurer Cudney, Trustee Krajcovic, Trustee Schultz, Trustee Miller, Clerk Gute.
Board Action - Approved: 1) Agenda. 2) Minutes of 04/14/2008. 3) Treasurer's report as written for 03/31/08. 4) Cemetery maintenance employee Russ Raleigh's resignation effective June 30, 2008 if replacement is found. If a replacement is not found he will remain employed until August 30, 2008. 5) Hire Todd Blevins as a temporary at-will employee to train with Mr. Raleigh until June 9, 2008 and to consider him as a regular employee at the next meeting. 6) Create list of 3 hearing officers to represent the township in regards to inspecting dangerous buildings. The officer will give written report and if necessary attend court proceedings. 7) Ryan Kioski to Z/P Commission. 8) Payment of bills.
Adjourned: 8:33 p.m.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Judy Gute
 Owosso Charter Township, clerk
 A complete copy of these minutes, are available to the public upon request by contacting 989-725-1709 ext. 2. The next regular township board meeting is scheduled for June 09, 2008 at 7:00 P.M @ 2998 W. M-21.

Preventing Caregiver Stress

The Alzheimer's Association will present "Preventing Caregiver Stress, 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, June 17, in the Memorial Healthcare auditorium, 826 W. King, Owosso.

Helpful tips and valuable tools will be presented to help participants define and understand stress, including how to identify caregiver burnout and how to prevent it. Techniques for reducing stress will also be included.

Tassy Kalemis, MSW, Program coordinator of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, East Central Region, will be the keynote speaker.

Registration is required for the free program, which is partially funded by a grant from the Valley Area Agency on Aging. For registration or additional information, persons may call (810) 720-2791 or 1-800-272-3900.

SHIAWASSEE ARTS CENTER

OWOSSO - The Shiawassee Arts Center is located in Curwood Castle Park and is open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Center features the artwork of local and statewide artists in eight galleries, including the Frieske Gallery. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge.

The Shiawassee Arts Council is a non-profit corporation working to develop programs and projects to make the arts available to everyone in the Shiawassee County area. Persons wanting more information may call (989) 723-8354.

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Amy Kate Davio, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 5, 2007, and recorded on April 10, 2007 in Liber 1109 on Page 438, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty-One And 34/100 Dollars (\$99,641.34), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on June 18, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, A.L. and B.O. Williams' Subdivision of Out Lot No. 7, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 677.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 18, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-2525
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Roger D. Czarnecki and Stephanie R. Czarnecki, His Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 16, 2005, and recorded on November 18, 2005 in Liber 1088 on Page 183, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Five And 61/100 Dollars (\$144,685.61), including interest at 11.075% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on July 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 32 and 33, Block 11 of the plat of A.L. Williams 2nd Addition to the city of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, According to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 58, Shiawassee County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 8, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-2525
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JACOB CONSTINE, 10, of Ovid, went out Saturday morning, May 3, with his Dad, Mark, at 4:30 for the sixth hunt and waited patiently until he finally had a good enough shot at 7:10.

Jacob's attended Youth Archery at the Shiawassee Conservation Club north of Owosso, which paid off. He shot the Jake with a bow and arrow. The Jake had a 5-inch beard.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on July 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Shiawassee, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 6 North, Range 3 East, Shiawassee Township, Shiawassee County, Michigan, as beginning at a point that is North 00 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 31a distance of 1226.97 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 31; thence continuing North 00 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds west 200.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 10 minutes 08 seconds East 429.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds East 200.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 10 minutes 08 seconds West 429 feet to the point of beginning.

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Dated: June 8, 2008
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on June 18, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Corunna, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 12, Block 1, Original Plat, City of Corunna, Shiawassee County, Michigan according to the plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 18, 2008
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CELEBRATE RECOVERY Support Group, a twelve-step Christ-Centered program written by Rick Warren, author of "The Purpose Driven Life," meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays at "Connection Christian Church," 812 W. Main (M-21), Owosso. For additional information, persons may contact "The Connection," (989) 494-8459.

BOOK donations wanted – The Friends of the Corunna/Caledonia Community District Library asking the community to donate clean, gently-used books for our bookstore and book sales. Proceeds from book sales go to support the library and library sponsored community programs.

Books can be dropped during regular library hours (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday).

The Corunna/Caledonia Community District Library, 210 E. Corunna Avenue, downtown Corunna, is directly east of the landmark Shiawassee County Courthouse. The Friends are not able to accept magazines, Readers Digests or textbooks.

BURGER Bash Fundraiser – The Shiawassee Conservation Association is holding a Burger

Bash fundraiser 5 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday at the clubhouse, 4247 N. M-52, Owosso. Each one-third pound burger is \$2 with other specials offered. All proceeds will benefit club projects and programs.

VOLUNTEERS needed for an ongoing project being undertaken by the Shiawassee County Genealogical Society. The group is the vital records from old Argus Press newspapers (1930s and on). These include the births, deaths, marriages, birthday celebrations, anniversaries and reunions.

There is also plenty of time to browse the historical events of that time period and lots of chatter of the days gone by. These clippings will be bound in books and placed in the Shiawassee County District Library Owosso Branch. "This project is extremely important in our county because we don't have access to records at the County Clerk's Office. This information is important to our generation and to the generations to come," said one of the volunteers. "Clipping parties" are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the Shiawassee County Historical Museum and Archives on M-52 at Wilkinson Road north of Owosso. "If you can spare an hour, a few hours, or a day or two please stop in and grab a newspaper," said a volunteer.

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MORTGAGE SALE – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Paul L. Kanan, Jr. and Sherri L. Kanan, husband and wife, of Shiawassee County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank, successor in interest by merger to Old Kent Bank dated the 21st day of November, A.D. 1997, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Shiawassee and State of Michigan, on the 12th day of December, A.D. 1997, Liber 913 Page 316 of Shiawassee Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$38,332.31 (thirty-eight thousand three hundred thirty-two and 31/100) plus accrued interest at 9.75% (nine point seven five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 2nd day of July, A.D., 2008, at 10:00:00 AM o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front main entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Corunna, Shiawassee County, MI, Shiawassee County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Caledonia, in the County of Shiawassee and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Township of Caledonia, County of Shiawassee, Michigan:

Part of the Southeast fractional 1/4 of Section 8, Town 7 North, Range 3 East, described as beginning at a point which is South 88 degrees 35 minutes 36 seconds West on the South line of said Section 8 a distance of 1186.84 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 8; thence continuing South 88 degrees 35 minutes 36 seconds West 570.76 feet to a point that is North 88 degrees 35 minutes 36 seconds East 585.36 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 8; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 27 seconds East 385.65 feet; thence South 81 degrees 05 minutes 54 seconds East 281.89 feet; thence North 89 degrees 11 minutes 01 seconds East 117.59 feet; thence South 36 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 235.49 feet; thence South 88 degrees 09 minutes 43 seconds East 38.10 feet; thence South 01 degrees 50 minutes 17 seconds 138.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as:

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The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
Dated: June 1, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James S. Howe and Shelley R. Howe, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 24, 2005, and recorded on July 7, 2005 in Liber 1081 on Page 506, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-One Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Three And 44/100 Dollars (\$251,133.44), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on July 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 7 North, Range 2 East, Township of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point that is South 88 degrees 54 minutes 23 seconds West on the South line of said Section 11, a distance of 1266.00 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 11; thence continuing South 88 degrees 54 minutes 23 seconds West 200.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 22 seconds West parallel with the East line of said Section 11, a distance of 359.50 feet; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes 23 seconds East 200.00 feet thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 22 seconds East 359.50 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 8, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Alexander J. Ackley and Patricia K. Ackley, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Republic Banc Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 14, 2000, and recorded on December 26, 2000 in Liber 984 on Page 520, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Two And 45/100 Dollars (\$83,162.45), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on June 25, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the East part of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 13, Township 7 North, Range 2 East, City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, described as beginning on the West line of Shiawassee Street at a point which is determined by commencing at the North 1/4 post of said Section and run thence along the quarter line 10.70 chains and thence West at right angles with said quarter line 33 feet to the point of beginning, thence from the point of beginning so determined run South along the West line of Shiawassee Street 132 feet, thence West at right angles with said quarter line 132, then North parallel with the quarter line 132 feet, and thence East 132 feet to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 25, 2008
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Inman and Tracy Inman, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successor and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2006 and recorded March 9, 2006 in Liber 1093, Page 115, Shiawassee County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Nine and 43/100 Dollars (\$59,569.43) including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front main entrance of the Courthouse in City of Corunna in Shiawassee County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JUNE 18, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Caledonia, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1 - Commencing on the Northwest corner of Lot 12, Block 2, of the Plat of Riverside Subdivision, Caledonia Township, Shiawassee County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 24, Shiawassee County Records, thence Southeasterly 38 feet, thence Southwesterly 63 feet, thence Northwesterly 38 feet, thence Northeasterly 63 feet to place of beginning, also the joint use of driveway about 14 feet wide off the west side of said Lot 12, Block 2, of said Subdivision, leading to Corunna Avenue.

Parcel 2 - Lots 11 and 12 in Block 2 of Riverside Subdivision of part of Section 20, Township 7 North, Range 3 East, except a plot of ground beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 12, thence Southeasterly 38 feet, thence Southwesterly 63 feet, thence Northwesterly 38 feet, thence Northeasterly 63 feet to the place of beginning together with the joint use of a driveway about 14 feet wide on the West side of said Lot 12.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: May 18, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Andria E Dillsworth, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated January 22, 2004, and recorded on February 9, 2004 in Liber 1055 on Page 93, and modified by agreement dated July 26, 2007, and recorded on September 27, 2007 in Liber 1115 on Page 468, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four And 86/100 Dollars (\$170,834.86), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on June 25, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Bennington, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 6 North, Range 2 East, Bennington Township, Shiawassee County, Michigan, described as commencing on the East line of section 17, a distance of 330 feet South of the Northeast corner of said section; thence South 242 feet; thence West 180 feet; thence North 242 feet; thence East 180 feet to the place of beginning.

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Dated: May 25, 2008
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Said premises are situated in Shiawassee County, Michigan and described as:

A PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWN 7 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, CITY OF OWOSSO, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING ON THE NORTH LINE OF LINN STREET TO A POINT WHICH IS 11 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 85 OF PLAT OF FOREST PARK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF OWOSSO, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE WEST ALONG NORTH LINE OF LINN STREET, 71.245 FEET; THENCE NORTH TO SOUTH LINE OF LOT 84 OF SAID ADDITION; THENCE EAST 71.245 FEET; THENCE SOUTH TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 29, 2008
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee/Assignee
Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frederic Lubkin, Married to Janice E Lubkin aka Janice E Opanasenko, His Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2005, and recorded on March 7, 2005 in Liber 1075 on Page 376, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association, trustee for LEHMAN BROTHERS STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST SAIL 2005-4 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight And 94/100 Dollars (\$89,768.94), including interest at 11% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on July 2, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Corunna, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7 and the North 1/2 of Lot 10, Block 39, Plat of Village (now City) of Corunna, Shiawassee County, Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber B, Page 515 of Deeds, Shiawassee County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 1, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason M. Houk, a single man and Sara N. Williams, a single woman, as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 7, 2006, and recorded on February 13, 2007 in Liber 1107 on Page 180, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Washington Mutual Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand One Hundred Two And 53/100 Dollars (\$65,102.53), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on June 18, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 75 and the South 10 feet of Lot 74, Block 17, George T. Abrey's Woodlawn Park Addition to the City of Owosso, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 120.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 18, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael L. McDowell and Chara R. McDowell, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2006, and recorded on July 20, 2006 in Liber 1098 on Page 840, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Seven And 94/100 Dollars (\$122,377.94), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on June 25, 2008. Said premises are situated in Village of New Lothrop, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 10 feet of Lot 10, and the West 48 feet of Lot 11, Block A of Northwoods Addition to the Village of New Lothrop, according to the recording plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 122, Shiawassee County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 25, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shelley D Winsler a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 1, 2006, and recorded on March 24, 2006 in Liber 1093 on Page 837, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association as Trustee as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Seventy-Eight And 74/100 Dollars (\$99,078.74), including interest at 9.9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on July 2, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 18 feet of Lot 4, and the East 27 feet of Lot 5, block 5 of the plat of H.N. and S.A. Williams Subdivision of outlot No. 3 of A.L. and B.O. Williams Addition to the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1, page 108, Shiawassee County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 1, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joshua Nichols, and Amy Nichols, husband and wife as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 15, 2003, and recorded on October 22, 2003 in Liber 1049 on Page 166, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Six And 39/100 Dollars (\$73,566.39), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on June 25, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 24 and South 1/2 of the Lot 25, Block 10, Maple Ridge Park Resubdivision of Keyte's Addition to the City of Owosso, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 92.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 25, 2008
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080 Estate Sales

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd T Flagg, a married man and Donna Flagg, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 18, 2005, and recorded on March 7, 2005 in Liber 1075 on Page 282, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Two And 41/100 Dollars (\$98,462.41), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on July 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, C.C. Cope's Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in liber 1, page(s) 144, of plats, Shiawassee County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 8, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott W Barker and Kimberly M Barker husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Lender LTD. dba Metro Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 9, 2004, and recorded on July 14, 2004 in Liber 1063 on Page 821, and assigned by mesne assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty And 11/100 Dollars (\$105,430.11), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on July 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Caledonia, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 36, of Teahen Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof recorded in liber 11 of plats, page(s) 154 of Shiawassee County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by John D. Newport and Cheryl E. Newport, his Wife to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2006, and recorded on March 29, 2006, in Liber 1094, Page 80, Shiawassee County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of Argent Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-W5 by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Shiawassee County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Three Dollars and 13/100 (\$113,983.13) including interest at the rate of 9.725% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front main entrance of the Courthouse in City of Corunna, Michigan at 10:00 AM on July 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of Outlots 8 and 9, of the Plat of Jennett H. Kelly's Addition to the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 12, Page 645, Shiawassee County Records, described as beginning on the East line of Ball Street at a point 8 rods North of the North line of Jennett Street; thence East 8 rods; thence North 4 rods; thence West 8 rods, thence South 4 rods to the beginning. 914 N BALL ST

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later.

Dated: June 8, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cheryl L. Edwards and Terry George Edwards, wife and husband who joins in the execution of this mortgage solely to subject his homestead rights to the lien of this mortgage, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 28, 2007, and recorded on March 2, 2007 in Liber 1107 on Page 924, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Eight And 67/100 Dollars (\$124,998.67), including interest at 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on July 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 41 and 42 and the North 20 feet of Lot 40, Block 16, George T. Abrey's Woodlawn Park Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 120.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 8, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jerry Lee VanDeusen Jr. aka Jerry Lee VanDeusen and Melinda VanDeusen aka Melinda J. VanDeusen, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 9, 2007, and recorded on April 13, 2007 in Liber 1109 on Page 583, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to IndyMac Bank F.S.B. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Eight And 34/100 Dollars (\$120,748.34), including interest at 8.999% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on July 2, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Middlebury, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 1 of Mabbitt's Addition to the Village of Ovid, on North 1/2 of Section 17, Town 7 North, Range 1 East, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 1, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darin Matthew Slawson, a married man and Treasa L. Slawson, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2005, and recorded on May 25, 2005 in Liber 1079 on Page 332, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Shiawassee county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Three And 49/100 Dollars (\$88,373.49), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Shiawassee County, at 10:00 AM, on June 25, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 4 rods of Lot 9 of the Plat of M.L. Stewart and Co's Addition to the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 55, Shiawassee County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 25, 2008
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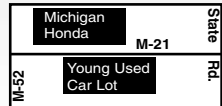
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The children's activity was organized by LeAnn Gerard (back, right) and Joyce Gomez (front, right), of the Perry Rambler Rays Relay team.

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"CELEBRATE, Remember, Fight Back," was the theme of the 2008 Shiawassee County Relay for Life May 30 and 31 at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds.

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Owosso- This home has everything you're looking for! Classy decor, open floor plan, great kitchen with a center island, family room, 3 bdrms., 2 ba. & an expansive, multi level deck. #I-1730K. \$179,900. Ask for Sue!

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New Lothrop- Sprawling 3 bdrm., 3 ba. ranch! Gorgeous maple kitchen, nice living room w/pine ceiling & more! 1st fl. laundry. 2 Car attached & 28x44 garages. Beautiful 2 acres! #I-6124D. \$199,900. Ask for Kori!

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Henderson- Country pure and simple. The type of ranch YOU WANT TO OWN! 3 Bdrms. and a 3 car garage, this country delight has a cement floor pole barn! #I-8775F. \$109,999. Ask for Diedre!

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Owosso- Cute, clean and ready to move into! Three bdrms., 1.5 car garage, main floor laundry, nice yard, appliances included! #I-1016S. \$59,900. Ask for Morgan!

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Northside Owosso- Three bdrm. ranch features 1,352 sq. ft., three car garage, fenced in yard, family room, cathedral ceiling, newer kitchen and bath, and more! #I-820W. \$111,000. Ask for Morgan!

Just Listed!

Owosso- Perfectly maintained 3 bdrm. ranch w/finished bsmt, 2 wood burning fireplace, 3 seasons room with nature views. Large 2 car garage & 32x48 pole barn. Fenced area with patio & 1 mile from M-21. #I-8067M. \$164,888. Ask for Jim!

Just Listed!

Owosso- Timeless design with a modern touch! Classy, urban decor compliments the two spacious bdrms., the brand new all equipped kitchen and the cozy, firelit living room. Full, useable basement. #I-1001C. \$124,900. Ask for Sue!

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Laingsburg- Dream property! 112 Acres w/unique little house w/cathedral ceilings, loft sleeping area & more! 40x60 Attached, finished pole barn! #I-604W. Offered at \$349,900. Ask for Kori!

Just Listed!

Owosso- Newer contemporary cape cod on 21 wooded riverfront acres! 3 Bdrms., 3 ba., cathedral ceilings, glass walls, spectacular outdoor views. Close to 2000 sq. ft. above & below with a bonus room & walkout basement! #I-6720S. \$365,777. Ask for Diedre!

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Owosso- Motivated sellers! 2300 Sq. ft. 3 bdrm. brick ranch, great value, original owners, newer hickory cabinets throughout, c/a, 3 ceramic tiled baths & hot water heat! #I-2390W. \$174,000. Ask for Debbie!

Just Listed!

Chesaning- Four bdrm. home on one acre in the country on paved street! Hardwood floors, main floor laundry, over 1500 sq. ft. of living space. Vinyl siding and more! #I-6858P. \$170,000. Ask for Rich!

Just Listed!

Oakley- Very unique home on partially wooded 2.8 acres. 3 Bdrm., 1 ba., 2 fireplaces, open floor plan, 2 car det. garage, many updates including new roof & furnace. Motivated seller! #I-12447S. \$99,900. Ask for Marshall!

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JAILED FOR CANCER RESEARCH – Jeri-Lynn Kellogg of the Memorial Healthcare Relay team found herself jailed Saturday, May 31, and begging for bail money during the 2008 Shiawassee County Relay for Life at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds.

Sheila Rogers (left) of Owosso, a member of Karen's Kids Relay team, succumbed to Kellogg's beckoning for money and dropped some money in the cup to help with the \$5 bail fee.

The jail, sponsored by Machine Tool & Gear of Corunna, was one of several activities during this year's Relay to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

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HIGHLIGHTS

RESPITE Volunteers of Shiawassee serves adults with persistent health needs, and their caregiving families in Shiawassee County.

The program provides patient and caregiver education, and matches volunteers to help adults with persistent health needs. Many of the persons served are elderly.

Volunteers provide friendly visiting, and respite, for the family caregivers, and individualized help for the patients. Persons may call (989) 725-1127 for more information. Donations are accepted at Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee, 1350 E. M-21, Suite 205, Owosso, MI 48867.

CRAFTERS – The Williamston Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for crafters for the Jubilee Craft Show set for

Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21, in downtown Williamston.

This craft show will be in conjunction with the 37th annual Williamston Red Cedar Jubilee, a week-long event in downtown Williamston. Most Jubilee events will be held within one or two blocks of the craft show site. Admission to the show will be free for shoppers. This is a juried show, no manufactured items, no flea market.

For more information, persons may contact the Williamston Area Chamber of Commerce, (517) 655-1549, chamber@williamston.org.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 6 p.m. every Tuesday at the Rehmann Health Center, S. Saginaw Street, downtown Chesaning. New members welcome. For information, persons may call (both 989) 845-7318 or 725-2507.

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