CURWOOD
Festival 2014 • June 5-8

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Welcome to Curwood Country!

We are glad you could join all of us who make this wonderful homecoming, the Curwood Festival, possible. The festival began as a tribute to one of Owosso’s own, James Oliver Curwood, who was an avid conservationist that wrote 33 adventure novels that were very popular in the 1920’s, so popular that some were made into movies. Along with all of his wonderful stories, he left the community a replica of a Norman chateau which he constructed on the banks of the Shiawassee River to look much like one he had seen in France on one of his adventures. He used the castle as his writing studio. It’s now a museum which holds much of his personal items and some of Owosso’s history. Please take the time to visit and enjoy the castle.

The many festival volunteers invite you to experience a weekend full of food, music, entertainment and many family events. Stroll along Heritage Park, visit the shops in our downtown area or simply sit beneath the trees on the riverbank taking in all the sights and sounds.

The Board of Directors, the Committee Volunteers and the City Administration hope that you feel a warm welcome to the City and join us in Celebrating Owosso!!!

Debra Adams-Mills
Curwood President

Children’s Events

Come join us for an afternoon of fun! The Curwood Festival children’s events are June 8, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. just outside the Owosso Middle School. There will be games, crafts and other fun activities for families to participate in together. Children age 14 and under are able to win prizes, have their face painted, and so much more. The best part is; it’s FREE! A big thanks to our sponsors, Big John Steak & Onion, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and Cadwallader-Lord-Hahn along with our volunteers who make this event possible.

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Amphitheater Stage Entertainment

Hometown favorite, THE JACK CLARKSON BAND returns to Curwood Festival at the Amphitheater Stage on Saturday, June 7, from 4 p.m. – 6 pm. During the last year, they’ve played from Brownsville, Texas on the Mexican border to Copper Harbor, Michigan across Lake Michigan from Canada. They were invited for the third straight year to play at the San Antonio Rodeo & Livestock Show, the world’s number one indoor rodeo and a full schedule of concerts, dances and events said Tess Clarkson, vocalist, keyboard and guitar player.

The JCB has played in South Texas the last seven years in the winter, specializing in Texas Swing, Cajun & Classic Country music. They’ve recorded in Nashville, Tennessee and played with artists in the National Country, Bluegrass and Rock & Roll Halls of fame. Jack will play fiddle, guitar and mandolin. George Podany from Minneapolis, Minnesota will play bass and Jim Hammond from St. John’s will play piano. Contact information can be found at JackClarksonBand.com

Local DJ, Jerry Davis, of SOUND WAVZ will take the Amphitheater Stage from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Saturday, June 7. Sound Wavz has been providing the Shiawassee County area with professional DJ services since 1988. We specialize in wedding receptions but also offer DJ entertainment for private parties, birthdays, high school dances and reunions, proms and corporate events.

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Merchant Window Decorating Contest

As you’re strolling the downtown streets of Owosso be sure to check out the window displays of the local businesses that participated in the annual Curwood Window Decorating Display. This year, businesses used the Curwood Festival Heritage Parade theme, “Celebrate Owosso,” as inspiration to create their window displays incorporating the red and white Curwood colors along with memorabilia from festivals past and present. The winner of the “Best Curwood Display” will win bragging rights for a year and a traveling trophy to display in their store front window.
Youth Fishing Derby

Back by popular demand, the 4th Annual Curwood YOUTH FISHING DERBY invites kids ages 5-15 to Grab Your Pole! Bait Your Hook! and cast a line into the Shiawassee River. The free fishing event will take place this year on Saturday, June 7, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Prizes will be awarded to the top place anglers in several age categories. The catch & release fishing derby is designed to give boys and girls who live in urban areas an opportunity to enjoy a fishing experience in or close to their own neighborhood. Volunteers and staff of the River Rat Rods Bait and Tackle will be on hand to educate kids on proper fishing techniques and etiquette. Each angler must be accompanied by an adult and are asked to bring their own rod, reel and bucket. Bait will be provided free of charge while supplies last. Over 50 kids have preregistered at River Rat Rods Bait and Tackle located at 1120 W. Stewart Street in Owosso. The official weigh-in will end promptly at Noon. You won’t want to miss this fun and memorable opportunity to introduce your child to the world of fishing. On-site registration from 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. near the school bus barns on Jerome Street.

Special Day for Special People

For over 29 years, Curwood Festival has created a SPECIAL DAY FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE, making it possible for individuals with physical or mental impairments to experience the thrill of the carnival rides and games during the festival. This invitation only event, sponsored by Skerbeck Brothers Carnival, Chemical Bank, Domino’s Pizza, Mid Michigan Dental and Nelson House Funeral Home takes place on Friday, June 6, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Owosso Coronation

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2014 Curwood Festival Royalty

On Saturday, March 1, five young women and 12 little girls competed for the titles of Miss Curwood Festival and Curwood Festival Princess at the Baker College Welcome Center.

The newly crowned Miss Curwood Festival is Miss Aubrey Minarik. Aubrey is the daughter of Dave & Tracey Minarik. She is 19 years old and a freshman at Michigan State University where she is a Finance major. Her sponsor was Edward Jones Investments, the office of Dave Minarik. The Queen’s Court member is Miss Sydney Brodeur. Sydney is the 18 year old daughter of Suzanne Brodeur. She is studying Social Work at Michigan State University. Sydney was sponsored by State Farm Insurance, Matt Grubb Agency. Both Aubrey and Sydney are Owosso High School graduates.

The newly crowned 2014 Curwood Princess is Olivia McIntyre. Olivia is the eight year old daughter of Missy & Jeff McIntyre. She attends Emerson Elementary where she is in 3rd grade. Princess Olivia enjoys dance, softball and reading. The Princess Court member is Carly White. Carly is the daughter of Chad & Heidi White. She is ten years old and attends Central Elementary where she is in 4th grade. She participates in dance, gymnastics and volleyball.

The queen, princess and both court members have attended several festivals and events in promotion of this year’s Curwood Festival. They will be participating in many festival weekend events and look forward to meeting the many visitors that come to our community.

This year, the pageant selected four winners; a queen, a princess and two court members. The committee made this new change for a number of reasons after reviewing other similar programs in our area. Other local programs have scaled back their programs to reduce the number of winners in an effort to still make the program and opportunities available, while also keeping in mind the financial difficulties facing non-profit festivals and events. A big benefit to only having four winners instead of six is the option to have the group able to ride together in a parade on one car or one float; this lessens the number of volunteers required as well as the financial burden of having two parade entries. There may also be more opportunities to appear at events when there are fewer schedules to coordinate and less funds needed to participate. The committee reviews their operating plan yearly and makes adjustments necessary for the continuation of the program.

All proceeds from ticket sales of the pageant help to fund the Queen and Court scholarships. This year, scholarships were partially underwritten by Northwestern Mutual—Len Wright. Special thanks to all of the partners who make the pageant possible, as well as the entire Queen’s Pageant Committee for another great event.
Pedal Tractor Pull

Michigan Pedal Pullers will again be joining Curwood Festival on Sunday, June 8 at 2:00 p.m. on Water Street near the Armory Parking Lot. Children in several age groups will have a chance to win prizes for their feats of strength. The age groups for both boys and girls divisions are 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10. Made possible by Kingsbury-Tuma Agency, registration begins at 1:00 p.m.

YMCA/Curwood Festival Half Marathon

After you’ve enjoyed your pancake breakfast, you might want to mosey on over to the start of the Shiawassee YMCA River Run and cheer on your favorites. The morning of races will start on Saturday, June 7, with the half marathon kickoff at 7:30 a.m.; both 5K events and the 10K run starts at 9:00 a.m. and the Fun Run will begin at 10:15 a.m. On-site registration prices for the half marathon, 5K walk, 5K run and 10K run are $35 w/shirt and $30 without. Shirts are not guaranteed with on-site registration. The Fun Run on-site registration fees are $12 with a shirt or $7 without a shirt. If you have any questions, call the Shiawassee Family YMCA at (989) 725-8136, stop by 515 West Main Street, or visit our website at: www.shiawasseeymca.org.
This year’s Grand Marshal Committee received 17 nominations. But, it soon became obvious who they would choose as the 2014 Grand Marshal. One of his students summed it up by stating: “He has helped to inspire countless young people to reach their full potential as both band members and as young citizens. Whether he was helping me learn “hot cross buns” in the fifth grade or giving me a hug upon my graduation as a proud member of the Owosso Trojan Marching Band, he never lost focus that as he was teaching us to craft music, he was also teaching us how to be better men and women.” A number of his peers added that his involvement in the Owosso Swing and the Shiawassee Strings prove that he is committed to promoting a love of music and the performing arts in this community. After 48 years of service to the band program at Owosso High School, contributing to a culture of disciplined excellence among our student body, maintaining a decades-long tradition of straight I performances at state competitions, this will be his last performance as he moves onto retirement. We salute you Carl Knipe.

**Arts & Crafts Show**

This year, Curwood Arts & Crafts Show will feature over 75 artisans from throughout mid-Michigan selling handmade items done in various mediums. Held in Curwood Castle Park on the banks of the Shiawassee River, the show opens at NOON on Friday, June 6, and is open until dusk. Saturday, June 7, hours are 9:00 a.m. until dusk and Sunday, June 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The show will include handmade items in various mediums including glass, fiber, metal, wood and stone. Artisans will begin their day with a complimentary continental breakfast courtesy of Indian Trails, Midwest Bus Corporation and Waugh’s Culligan.

**Be on the Look Out for a SPECIAL FLASH MOB!**

Ashleigh’s Dance Shack is owned by past Curwood royalty member Ashleigh Shack. Many of her studio team members and dancers are past Curwood Royalty as well. Always looking for way to give back to the hometown they all hold so dear, Ashleigh’s Dance Shack will be performing throughout Curwood weekend. Keep an eye out at the conclusion of the Opening Ceremony and the beginning of the Wine and Cheese Party. Ashleigh’s Dance Shack specializes in Competition & Recreational Dance Classes, Adult & College Dance & Fitness Classes, Wedding Choreography, All Boys Hip-Hop Class, Cheerleading & Dance Clinics, and Pageantry Training. Call (989) 720-5327 for more information.
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Friday, June 20 - Saturday, June 21 - Sunday, June 22
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Curwood Cat Contest

It’s Sunday, June 8, and my cat, Muey Tai was strutting around in front of the mirror in the bathroom. When I asked what he was doing, he meowed that he was going to the Curwood Cat Contest where he was sure to take First Place! He continued to fuss, meowing that he had to be at the Mitchell Amphitheater at 10:30 a.m. to register. And, to top it off, Muey Tai is challenging all of his feline friends to do the same! So cats, tell your owners, if you’re unique, healthy, and have a great personality, get them to bring you down to compete with your other feline friends and have a fantastic feline day in Owosso! This event is sponsored by Clay-Mar Veterinary Clinic and Pet Supplies Plus. On-site registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with judging at 11:30 a.m. Registration fee is $8. Muey Tai hopes to see you all there!

Curwood Dog of the Year

By Cheryl Barton, Curwood Dog of the Year Chairman

Come and join the fun with your favorite 4-legged friend during the Curwood Dog of the Year contest.

With talented dog handlers from the 4-H Dog Program of Clever Dogs, Hush Puppies and Doggie Diggers 4-H clubs, you and your pet will be sure of have a “howling” good time. The profits from this venture go to support the 4-H dog program as a whole and the plans to build a new dog barn in the future. Each club gets to select and execute an event of their choosing. The events last year were an “Obstacle Course,” “Best Trick” contest, “Dog Owner Look-a-like” and “Doggie Games” for the dogs.

So MARK YOUR CALENDARS for June 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. and come and join the fun at the Mitchell Amphitheater lawn area for another “tail wagging” good time.

Riverdaze

Chairman Janie VanStrate states: “This is a very exciting year for the River Daze kayak, canoe and raft race.” Our committee is working with the Friends of the Shiawassee to add new ideas for the upcoming years. We call it a race, when in fact, this is more of a pleasure cruise down the beautiful Shiawassee River. Have you been on the river lately? Come check it out! The river is slow moving making it fun for the whole family.

As always, the River Daze event which begins at McCurdy Park in Corunna beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 8, will bring back memories of “back in the day” of when River Daze was merely a flatbed truck filled with Junior High students that would spend the day cleaning the river to now being a big part of Curwood Festival.

Thank you to our sponsors Farm Bureau Insurance – Tony Cook Agency, Willoughby Press and VanStrate & Son Plumbing. If you haven’t signed up, you still have time to participate. Onsite registration will take place the day of the event from 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

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Curwood Festival to Host State K-9 Disc Championship Series

Leaping Labs, springing Spaniels, pouncing Poodles and magnificent mutts will be taking to the skies when Curwood Festival and Advanced Drainage Systems hosts the Skyhoundz / Hyper-flight State Canine Disc Championships...the premier athletic competition for dogs. Also known to countless participants and fans as the 29th Annual Curwood Ashley Whippet Invitation-al, the competition will attract the most entertaining four-legged athletes from all over the United States.

This re-known event is Sunday of Festival (June 8, 2014) at 1 p.m., on the Owosso Middle School Athletic Field, 219 North Water Street. “We are delighted that our Curwood Partner Advanced Drainage Systems is bringing such a prestigious event like this to Owosso. For 29 years, we have hosted a competition and because of Partners like Advanced Drainage we have never had to charge an entry fee,” said Curwood chairman Mike Espich.

The very best of the best in terms of Frisbee-catching dogs from all over the country will be here making the competition a great spectator event. We invite families, photography buffs, sports enthusiasts, dog owners and the media, to join us in applauding these great canine athletes and sharing the joy of dog ownership. This event is open to all veteran and novice dogs that can catch a flying disc. Registration is on-site at the Mitchell Amphitheater stage starting at 12:15 pm. It is not necessary to have competed previously or to have had a qualifying score, but we do encourage early registration.

There is no admission fee for spectators and families are invited to enjoy this unique event in a beautiful setting, across the river from the famous Curwood Castle. Each contestant will receive an official 2014 Championship Canine Frisbee disc for competition. All competitors will receive a handsome Certificate of Achievement, suitable for framing. Prizes for the top six teams will be awarded. Merchandise and full concessions are available throughout the Festival area. For more information please contact Chairman Mike Espich at (989) 729-6176 or visit http://www.skyhoundz.com/
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### Curwood Festival Schedule of Events

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2014**
- 9:00am Information Center/Curwood Office ‘til 5:00pm
- 1:00pm Curwood Castle open ‘til 5:00pm
- Shiawassee Arts Center open ‘til 5:00pm
- 3:00pm Carnival Rides ‘til 10:00pm
- 6:00pm Opening Ceremony
- 7:00pm Partnership Appreciation Party ‘til 8:30pm – 
  INVITATION ONLY – featuring “DJ PZ”
- 8:30pm Outpost “Buck Night” ‘til 11:00pm Admission $1– 
  NO ONE UNDER 21 – featuring “DJ PZ”

**FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2014**
- 9:00am Information Center/Curwood Office ‘til 5:00pm
- 11:30am Special Day for Special People ‘til 1:30pm – 
  INVITATION ONLY
- Noon Carpetbagger’s Row ‘til 10:00pm
- Arts & Crafts at the Castle ‘til 6:00pm
- 1:00pm Curwood Castle open ‘til 6:00pm
- Shiawassee Arts Center open ‘til 5:00pm
- 3:00pm Carnival Rides ‘til 11:00pm
- 4:30pm Wine & Cheese Party ‘til 7:00pm – 
  No admittance after 5:30pm
- Admission $20 - Music provided by “DJ PZ”
- 5:00pm 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament ‘til dusk – 
  Hosted by Shiawassee Family YMCA
- Rain Site: Owosso High School

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014**
- 7:00am 5K Run, 10K Run, 5K Walk, 1 Mile Fun Run Late Registration
- Hosted by Shiawassee Family YMCA
- 7:30am Half Marathon - Hosted by Shiawassee Family YMCA
- 8:00am 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament continues
  ‘til dusk - Hosted by Shiawassee Family YMCA
- Rain Site: Owosso High School
- Flapjack Brunch ‘til NOON at the Owosso Middle School
  Hosted by Owosso Rotary Club
- Farmers Market ‘til 1:00pm
- Curwood Youth Fishing Derby Registration ‘til 9:00am
- 9:00am Information Center/Curwood Office ‘til 5:00pm
- 5K Run and 10K Run - Hosted by Shiawassee Family YMCA
- Curwood Dog of the Year Registration w/judging
  beginning at 9:30am • Hosted by Shiawassee County
  Dog Developmental Committee

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Curwood Softball Tournament at Mitchell Complex in Corunna • Hosted by Corunna Softball Commission
Carpetbagger’s Row ‘til 10:00pm
Arts & Crafts at the Castle ‘til 6:00pm
10:00am Art in the Park ‘til 6:00pm – Hosted by Shiawassee Arts Center
Curwood Castle open ‘til 6:00pm
Shiawassee Arts Center open ‘til 6:00pm
10:15am 1 Mile Fun Run - Hosted by Shiawassee Family YMCA
Noon Carnival Rides ‘til 11:00pm
Curwood Youth Fishing Derby Awards
2:00pm Heritage Parade - Theme: “Celebrate Owosso” (see map)
4:00pm Amphitheater Stage featuring “Jack Clarkson Band” ‘til 6:00pm
4:15pm Owosso High School Trojan Marching Band (following completion of Heritage Parade)
6:00pm Mr. Owosso Contest & Coronation ‘til 8:00pm - Admission $5 – Music provided by “DJ PZ”
7:00pm Amphitheater Stage featuring “Sound Wavz-DJ Jerry Davis” till 9pm
8:30pm OUTPOST - ‘til 1:00am – Admission $5 – featuring “West Wind” alternating with “DJ PZ”

Sunday, June 8, 2014

8:00am 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
IF NEEDED continues ‘til completed
Hosted by Shiawassee Family YMCA - Rain Site: Owosso High School
9:00am Curwood Softball Tournament at Mitchell Complex in Corunna
Hosted by Corunna Softball Commission
10:00am Information Center/Curwood Office ‘til 4:00pm
Arts & Crafts at the Castle ‘til 5:00pm
Carpetbagger’s Row ‘til 6:00pm
10:30am Curwood Cat Contest Registration ‘til 11:30am
11:00am River Daze On-site Registration ‘til 11:30am (McCurdy Park in Corunna)
Art in the Park ‘til 4:00pm – Hosted by Shiawassee Arts Center
Shiawassee Arts Center Open ‘til 4:00pm
Curwood Castle open ‘til 5:00pm
11:30am River Daze Canoes/Kayaks/Rafts depart Corunna
Curwood Cat Contest
Noon Carnival Rides ‘til 10:00pm
Children’s Games ‘til 2:00pm
12:15pm Skyhoundz/Hyperflite K-9 Disc Championships Registration ‘til 12:55pm
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2014 Curwood Button and Postcard Winners

Co-Chairs Jessica Justice and Brandy Kenny of the 2014 Curwood Festival Button and Postcards Contest are pleased to announce that Brianna Scanlon, a 17-year-old Perry High School senior designed the winning entry for 2014 Curwood Button and Bailey Steele, a 15-year-old sophomore from Owosso High School designed the winning entry for the 2014 Curwood Postcard Contest. Winning entries were selected from 90 entries from 3 area public and home schools. The contest is sponsored by Michigan State Senator-24th District, Rick Jones.

Brianna is the daughter of Jeanae Rowley of Perry. After graduation, Brianna plans on attending the Art Institute of Chicago. Her teacher, Jayne Brown (Art & Business Departments) said ‘Brianna worked extremely hard getting caught up in all his classes. He is a very conscientious student and a person of great character! He works to meet deadlines and always submits high quality projects. I’m always proud of Brianna and am very happy that he is the 2014 winner of the Curwood Postcard Contest.’

Both Brianna and Bailey will receive a $100 scholarship, a plaque from the Curwood Festival Committee and an opportunity to ride in the Heritage Parade on Saturday, June 7, beginning at 2 p.m. The souvenir button and postcard will be available for sale Curwood weekend at the Curwood office.

Outpost Entertainment

All Weekend Long

DJ PZ, better known as Dave PZ to his Curwood family, is the former Mr. Owosso 1999, has been very active in the community for many years. His involvement includes organizations such as the Owosso Community Players, Artisan Market and many other non-profit organizations, including Shiawassee Family YMCA, Shiawassie Council on Aging, along with Relay For Life and many others. Dave has been a Local DJ in Owosso since he was on Z92.5 back when it was just getting off the ground. These days he does some local venues in Mid-Michigan and some right here in town like the Capitol Bowl’s Hot Spot & many others.

Friday, June 6, 8:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

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Saturday, June 7,
8:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
The Westwind band was formed in 1983 by Corunna High School friends Troy Napier, John Teichman and Craig Thornton. Another high school friend, Les Tipton was added in 1984. The band got its start performing for weddings, parties and in local taverns throughout mid-Michigan, hitching a ride on the “urban cowboy” wave of country music which was popular at the time. By 1986, the band had zeroed in on the 80’s music scene popularized by MTV and started playing at the Pines in Owosso, soon to become its largest draw. By 1987, the band was traveling the state of Michigan from Kalamazoo to Mackinac Island playing the college circuits and released their first 45rpm record “Flat Bottom Girl and On My Way.” Within a year, Westwind’s first album was released locally and the band began headlining the Shiawassee County Fair and Curwood Festival. The band entered the Seagram’s talent search receiving radio play for their original “On My Way” and went on to perform in a live radio broadcast in the final competition for a record contract.

Westwind continues to play musical genres from Johnny Cash, Classic 80’s and Current Billboard rock covers as well as producing new original music.

Sunday, June 8,
2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

The Outpost Entertainment Tent is sponsored in part by Capitol Bowl/Hot Spot, Healthfirst Pharmacy, Jumbo’s Burger Bar, Matt Grubb State Farm Agency, Oliver Woods Retirement Village, Owosso Graphic Arts and Sagelink Credit Union.

Elephant Ears

Church members of the 72-year-old Redeemer Lutheran Church will again be rolling the dough as they create their ever-popular ELEPHANT EARS masterpieces during the 37th Annual Curwood Festival. If you’ve got a hankering for some deep fried dough sprinkled with your favorite topping, then look for them in Carpetbaggers Row located in the Exchange Street parking lot beginning on Friday, June 6 from Noon – 10 p.m.; Saturday, June 7, from 9:00 a.m. – 10 p.m. and Sunday, June 8, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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The Kids in Curwood Country Parade has been a favorite Curwood event for many years. The parade was originally developed to give our elementary school age children a chance to march but not miss the parade on Saturday. Currently, the parade consists of approximately 2,500 children each year. The parade is a great opportunity for our kids to strut their stuff in a parade that is all their own. The theme of the 2014 parade is “Fun in My Hometown.”

The parade line up begins at 6:30 p.m. at the corner of Dewey and King streets. The parade route begins on Dewey and Oliver and travels west to Oliver and Park streets. South on Park Street to Exchange, west on Exchange to Ball Street. The parade will turn north on Ball Street and conclude at the corner of Ball and Williams streets. The parade will disperse in the parking lot of the First Congregational Church.

The Kids Parade is judged each year and cash prizes are awarded for the following categories: Best Float, Best Walking unit, Best Animal unit, Best Baton and Dance, Chairman’s Choice and Most Creative. Special plaques are also given to those groups who have shown dedication to the parade by their continued participation.

The parade is possible only through support by our sponsor VG’s Food Center, proud sponsor of the Kids Parade for the last 25 years, and The Edward Jones Investment office of Dave Minarik.

The Kids Parade is a genuine joy to assemble and to work with the enthusiastic children and their dedicated parents. It is apparent by the growing number of spectators that the Kids Parade is a crowd pleasing event that continues to thrill the kid in all of us. Please join us this year along Owosso’s historic tree lined streets for some fun, smiles and family entertainment.

3 On 3 Basketball Games

The Shiawassee Family YMCA will again be hosting the 2014 Curwood 3 on 3 Basketball games. Games will start Friday, June 6. Courts will be set up on Water Street in front of Owosso Middle School. Sign-in and packet pickup, one hour before 1st game and tournament is double elimination. Entry fee is $60 a team or before May 17th, after deadline team fee is $100. No entries will be accepted after June 1st. Questions, please contact Shane Nelson at the Y (989) 725-8136. For entry form and more information please visit website at: www.shiawasseeymca.org.
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The Comstock Cabin, one of the original homes constructed in Owosso, will be open to the public on Saturday, June 7, 2014. There is no charge to visit the cabin. However, donations will gladly be accepted to support the care and maintenance of the building.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or if you have Owosso or Curwood items that you would like to donate to the Owosso Historical Commission, please contact the group at owossohistoricalcommission@gmail.com or (989) 725-0597. Also be sure to visit and “like” us on Facebook: Owosso Historical Commission.

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**Flapjack Brunch**

Now in its 91st year, the Owosso Rotary Club is the oldest service club in Greater Shiawassee County. On Saturday, June 7, from 8:00 a.m. – Noon, the Owosso Middle School cafeteria will see club members serving up all the pancakes you can eat along with 3 sausage links, butter, syrup, juice, milk and coffee during their annual **FLAPJACK BRUNCH**. Cost of the brunch is $6 per adult and $3 for children under 13. In 2013, over 2,700 pancakes were served. Proceeds from the event are earmarked for the organizations service club projects including a partnership with the Shiawassee Family YMCA to assist with maintaining their soccer fields. The club also maintains the pavilion they built at Harmon Partridge Park where they also planted 100 trees.
Shiawassee-Owosso Kiwanis Executive Duck Derby

The event runs from Wednesday, June 4 through Friday, June 6. There will be 24 large ducks purchased by local businesses and decorated to reflect their business. All ducks must be turned into the Owosso Book Store by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, where they will be displayed in the bookstore windows. There will be a large 3 foot traveling trophy which the winner will keep until the 2015 Derby. The winner will have a smaller trophy to keep. Also, there will be a third trophy for the popular vote. Anyone may go into the bookstore and cast a vote for their favorite duck. Celebrity judging will be at 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 6. The duck selected by the celebrity judges and the popular vote duck will be announced at that time. Photos of the winners will be in the Argus Press and Independent Newsgroup publications. Proceeds will go to Rotary young children programs.

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The Shiawassee Arts Center is located in Curwood Castle Park. The Arts Center features the artwork of local and statewide artists in eight galleries including the Frieseke Gallery and a specialty Gift Shop. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge. The Shiawassee Arts Council, celebrating its 42nd anniversary in 2014, is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to encourage participation and appreciation of the arts. For more information call the Arts Center at (989) 723-8354 or visit www.shiawasseearts.org.
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