

GREETINGS & WELCOME!

On behalf of the Shiawassee County Convention and Visitors Bureau please accept our invitation to come and explore all that we have to offer.

Charming and well-loved, encompassing small towns and villages, Shiawassee County has many treasures awaiting your discovery. Enjoy unique shopping and feel the excitement of our activities and festivals at our fairgrounds, parks and downtowns. Explore scenic biking and walking trails or just sit back and throw out a fishing line along the Shiawassee River. Partake in the multitude of arts and entertainment offerings at our Arts Center and outdoor summer concerts, or take in a play by the Owosso Community Players. Visit Curwood Castle, tour historic homes, and continue back in time as you visit museums and a historical village. Visit our historic Durand Depot and learn about our proud railroad heritage. Only in Shiawassee County can you see a 220 ton steam locomotive brought back to life at the Steam Railroading Institute. If it's racing you like, be sure to check out Owosso Speedway, Michigan's premier race track. Pause for a bite to eat at one of our many fine restaurants and when your day is complete, stay in one of the comfortable accommodations found throughout the county.

Whether you will be joining us for our proud heritage, fun festivals or events, small town values or business endeavors—one thing is for certain, you will be greeted and treated with genuine hospitality.





Enjoy your stay and come back soon!

Kimberly Springsdorf Executive Director,

Shiawassee County Convention & Visitors Bureau visitshiawassee@gmail.com

The mission of the Shiawassee County Convention & Visitors Bureau is to enhance the County's economy through the promotion of the County as a destination for overnight and day visitors.

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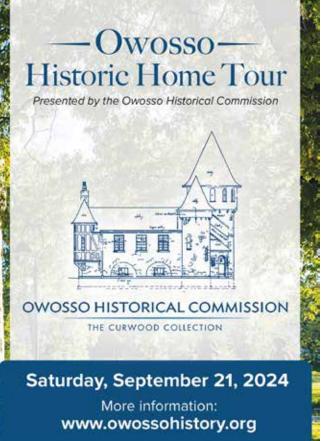
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Let us help you plan your next group tour!

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Happy 150th Birthday FREDERICK C. FRIESEKE!

Called one of the "culminating figures among American Impressionists", Frederick C. Frieseke was born in Owosso in 1874 to German-American parents. His childhood home at 654 North Water Street was built of bricks from his father's brick plant as were many additional houses and buildings in Owosso.

After graduating from Owosso High School in 1893 Frieseke studied painting at the Chicago Art Institute and the Art Students League in New York. In 1898 at the age of 24, he headed for Paris with \$500 his father had given him. From then on, although he returned to the United States occasionally for shows or to meet with his agent, Frieseke became an expatriate: living - working, marrying and dying in France at the age of 65 in 1939.

During his lifetime Frieseke was an artist of renown who won many awards and exhibited his paintings often in Europe and the United States. In 1926 Frieseke donated a painting, Lady with the Sunshade, c.1910 to the City of Owosso. The painting is







Welcome to Owosso Speedway

Michigan's oldest track for auto racing, opened in 1939, is renowned across the country for exhilarating side-by-side racing every Saturday night on its progressively banked 3/8-mile asphalt oval. Owosso Speedway prides itself on being an affordable choice for family outings with ticket prices being \$14 for adult general admission and fans 20 years old and under getting in free. Don't forget to ask about our senior citizen, first responder, active military, and veteran discounts! Make Owosso Speedway your weekend destination starting Saturday, April 27th through Sunday, September 29th. View our action-packed 2024 racing schedule on our website, where you can secure tickets to our biggest shows online before we sell out!



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BANQUET & MEETING FACILITIES

For additional facilities and assistance in planning your event call the Shiawassee County Convention & Visitors Bureau at 989-723-1199.

COMSTOCK INN & CONFERENCE CENTER

300 E. Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867 989-725-0999, www.thecomstockinn.com



The Comstock Inn is the only full service hotel in Shiawassee County and they are committed to customer satisfaction. Along with the premier banquet facility, the Comstock offers 64 luxurious rooms, a first class restaurant and a wonderful indoor swimming pool. The Comstock Inn & Conference Center can accommodate up to 400 quests and they offer dining options as simple as hors d'oeuvres to full course meals. The rooms can be separated to accommodate smaller events and gatherings as well. The Comstock Inn promises to do everything to make your next event memorable and successful.

WROUGHT IRON GRILL

317 S. Elm Street, Owosso, MI 48867



The Wrought Iron Grill is the perfect place for all of your banquet needs. Located in the historic 989-472-9025, www.wroughtirongrill.com
Woodard Station, the Wrought Iron Grill is MidMichigan's premier restaurant and banquet facility. The 110-year-old former furniture factory has an industrial feel with high ceilings, exposed duct work, and lots of windows to give you and your guests a warm, inviting atmosphere. The Mayfield Room can accommodate up to 110 people and is perfect for weddings, corporate events, fundraisers and birthday celebrations, to name a few. Our wine cellar themed Sierra Room is more intimate and can hold 23 people around a beautiful harvest table while lending itself to total

DURAND UNION STATION

200 Railroad Street, Durand, MI 48429 989-288-3561, www.durandstation.org



This beautiful banquet facility is located on the top floor of the historic Durand Union Station. This facility is ideal for business meetings, showers, reunions, anniversaries, weddings and receptions. There is a large catering kitchen and several ideal vignettes for photography or displays. The stations' banquet room can seat up to 145.

SIDELINES SPORTS BAR

219 S. Washington St., Downtown Owosso 989-720-4805, sidelineowosso.com



Welcome to Sideline family restaurant and sports bar. Our Banquet room offers seating for 36-40 people. Guests my order from our in house menu or contact us about creative buffet options. Room rental begins at \$35/ hour with discounts offered for rentals over four hours. We look forward to hosting your next event! Contact Nicole Reyna (989)720-4805 or nicole@sidelineowosso.com

1775 Owosso Avenue, Owosso, MI 48867 989-723-7028, www.theZhall.com



The Z Hall is a special place of celebration for weddings and events up to 375 people. The complete renovation of our pre-prohibition era venue ties together rustic charm with modern elegance, including timber frame accents and chandelier lighting. The Z Hall has a spacious fireside bridal suite, Michigan's largest wooden dance floor, a performance stage, a spectacular sculpture garden, a 30 ft. granite and copper bar, and full-service catering cooking up deliciousness. Our professional staff is here to serve you from start to finish.

SHIAWASSEE ARTS CENTER

206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso, MI 48867 989-723-8354 shiawasseearts.org



Framed within the Shiawassee Arts Center and overlooking the beautiful Shiawassee River and Curwood Castle, the River Gallery is a perfect location for your special events, fundraisers and private parties. A truly unique venue, the River Gallery pairs an upscale art gallery with more than 1,200 square feet of specialevent space for meetings, lunches, dinners, parties, lectures, musical recitals, films and other functions. The River Gallery comfortably accommodates 75 persons seated at round tables of eight, 125 seated theatre-style or 200 standing. A special feature of the gallery is a second floor outdoor balcony, known as the Cottonwood Terrace which holds 50 people seated. You may also expand these seating accommodations by utilizing a banquet tent on the SAC grounds.

DeVRIES NATURE CONSERVANCY

2635 N. M-52, Owosso, MI 48867 989-723-3365, www.devriesnature.org



Banquet facilities include 2 large rooms (capacities: 80 and 30) with fireplaces, full kitchen, wireless Internet, tables and chairs. We also host wedding ceremonies and other gatherings: i.e., graduation open houses, reunions, family gatherings, church and school picnics and more. The outdoor possibilities are endless as we are located on 136 acres of land along the beautiful Shiawassee River. Also located on our grounds is the Carriage and Sleigh Museum, home of one of the finest collections of carriages, buggies, surreys, sleighs and cutters in the Midwest.

NOW OFFERING Conference Rooms for:

- Wedding Showers
- · Movie Night
- · Children's Birthday Party Open House/Graduation Party
- Family Reunion Holiday Party Post Funeral Luncheon
- Baby Showers

Please Note:

- There are no facilities for food preparation on site
- No alcoholic beverages permitted on the premises
- · Spaces are self-service and must be returned to the state it was received Accommodations
 - Community Room up to 75
 - Executive Board Room up to 20
 - Board Room up to 12

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CORUNNA HISTORICAL VILLAGE

Located on Governor Parsons Lane, inside Hugh McCurdy Park, Corunna 989-743-3650 • www.corunna-mi.gov

Imagine being able to go back in time to see what it was like 100 years ago. New elements being added at every opportunity, the replicated village features restored historical buildings of the golden days of yesteryear during life before electricity, running water, automobiles and the modern conveniences of today's busy life. Open the afternoon of July 4th, the first two weekends in December, in the evenings and by appointment. The Village is available for weddings and special gatherings.

CURWOOD CASTLE PARK CURWOOD CASTLE MUSEUM

Curwood Castle Park 226 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso For more information on The Curwood Collection, call 989-723-2155

or visit us at www.owossohistory.org

James Oliver Curwood – Writer, Conservationist, Visionary, Iconoclast, Imaginer and Movie Pioneer – created Curwood Castle to serve as his writing and conservation studio. Curwood, one of America's foremost authors of adventure novels and an early advocate of environmental conservation, skillfully created a replica of a French Norman chateau on the banks of his beloved Shiawassee River. At least 230 motion pictures have been based on or directly inspired by his novels and short stories. Building began in 1922 and was completed in 1923. Curwood Castle was used by Curwood until his death in 1927.

Curwood Castle is part of the Curwood Collection, managed by the Owosso Historical Commission. The collection includes the **Comstock Pioneer Cabin** and the **Woodard Paymaster Building**, both located at Curwood Castle Park.

DEVRIES NATURE CONSERVANCY CARRIAGE & SLEIGH MUSEUM

2635 N. M-52, Owosso 989-723-3365 • www.devriesnature.org

The DeVries Historic Carriage and Sleigh Museum boasts one of the finest collections of carriages, buggies, surreys, sleighs and cutters in the Midwest. The collection consists of over 27 vehicles. Owosso's manufacturing past is well represented by buggies and sleighs built in the early 1900s by the Owosso Carriage & Sleigh Company. Entrance to the museum is by appointment only.

DURAND UNION STATION & MICHIGAN RAILROAD HISTORY MUSEUM

200 Railroad Street, P.O. Box 106, Durand 989-288-3561 • www.durandstation.org

The Durand Union Station recaptures the golden years of railroading. The Michigan Railroad History Museum features photos, artifacts, displays and articles of Durand's rich railroad history. See displays from the Ann Arbor History Society and the Grand Trunk Western Historical Society. For a firsthand look at railroading of yesterday, Durand Union Station is an interesting educational place to visit. The Depot has also gained prominence as one of the most photographed train stations in America.

You may visit Durand Union Station on Tuesday-Thursday & Sunday 1-5pm, Friday & Saturday 10am-5pm.

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY FARMERS MARKETS

Shiawassee County boasts wonderful Farmers Markets that are a treat for the whole family. You will find local farms, artisans, bakers, woodworkers, Michigan-Made and Locally grown vendors and so much more.

Downtown Owosso Farmers Market

The Armory 215 N. Water St Saturdays 9am – 1pm May 4-October 25

Original Owosso Farm Market

Walmart Shopping Ctr, 1643 East M-21 Saturdays 9am – 2pm

Durand Farmers Market

Downtown Durand, Hagle Street at Main Wednesdays 9am-2pm June 5 – October 9

Laingsburg Farmers Market

Roosevelt Row in downtown Laingsburg Wednesdays 4pm – 7pm June 5- October 16







LEBOWSKY CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

122 E. Main Street, Owosso 989-723-4003 • Lebowskycenter.com

Dedicated to its mission to Educate, Entertain, and Enrich lives by providing a quality performing arts experience, the Owosso Community Players produce 4 musicals, 2 plays, and a holiday variety show each season. In addition, they host a variety of outside live performing artists to expand the cultural offerings of the greater Shiawassee region. Lebowsky Center also provides a Youth Summer Musical Theater Camp. Visit their website to learn more about their programming, how to get involved, rental opportunities, and much more.

OWOSSO COMMUNITY AIRPORT

205 Airport Drive, Owosso 989-725-1969

The Owosso Community Airport began in 1929 as a single grass strip with one hanger. Today it has three landing strips surrounded by spacious hangers and a community that has grown up around it. Business people fly in, small jets and helicopters land and flying schools train future pilots. Bring the family out to watch planes come and go anytime. The airport is also home to Crosswinds Café. The public is always welcome.

PERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM/CALKINS-MACQUEEN HOUSE

127 East First Street, Perry 517-625-6155 perryhistoricalsociety.com

This home museum depicts the history of Perry, Morrice and Shaftsburg area. Be sure to visit the exhibit of Mastodon bones that were found In Perry Township back in 2001. The museum is open the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, July -December 1-5pm



SHIAWASSEE ARTS CENTER

206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso 989-723-8354 • shiawasseearts.org

Located next to the historic Curwood Castle overlooking the Shiawassee River, the Shiawassee Arts Center serves as a showcase for the work of area, statewide and national artists, including Owosso born and internationally famous Impressionist Artist Frederick Frieseke. It has nine galleries with featured exhibits, a specialty gift shop and art classes for children and adults. The Arts Center is available for meetings, private receptions and parties. Open Mon.-Fri. 10-5, Weekends noon-3pm. No admission fee, handicap accessible.

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

1997 N. M-52, Owosso • 989-723-2371

This museum offers collections of written historical material and artifacts relating to the history of the Shiawassee County area. Open every Saturday and Sunday afternoon from mid-May through mid-September. Organizations, clubs, church groups, or classrooms can schedule a tour of the Museum by contacting Charles Wascher at 989-723-2371.

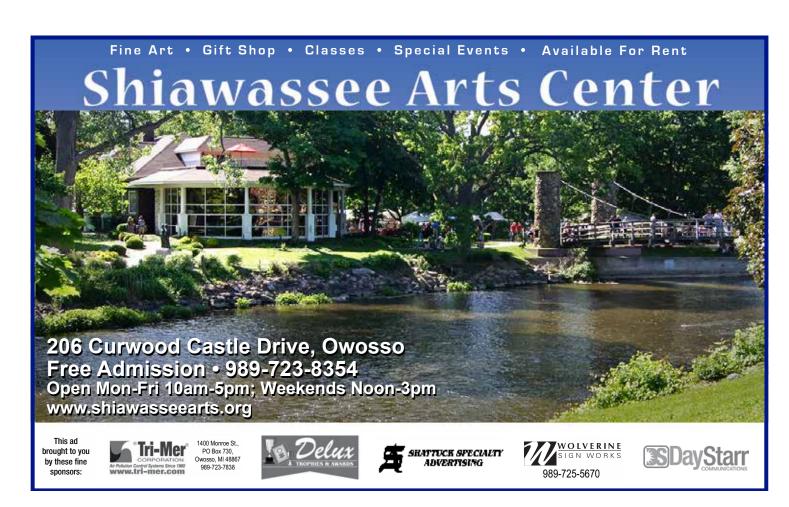
STEAM RAILROADING INSTITUTE

405 S. Washington Street, Owosso 989-725-9464 • www.michigansteamtrain.com

The Steam Railroading Institute is dedicated to educate the public about steam era railroading in Michigan and the Great Lakes Region. The Institute is home to the majestic Pere Marquette #1225. The SRI offers excursions throughout the year and the most popular of all exursions is the "North Pole Express" available during November and December. SRI is open for public tours Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm, April through October.









ANNUAL FESTIVALS & EVENTS

CHRISTMAS AT THE DEPOT

200 Railroad Street, Durand

989-288-3561 • www.durandstation.org
The holidays are magical at Durand
Union Station beginning the day after
Thanksgiving with Santa at the Depot.
The entire depot is beautifully decorated
with over 30 individual Christmas trees
and is the perfect place for unique
photographs. Holiday rental packages
are available.

CORUNNA 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

989-743-3650 • www.corunna-mi.gov Join us in celebrating Independence Day the old-fashioned way. Always held on July 4th,the all-day festivities include a parade, picnics in McCurdy Park, live entertainment, petting zoo, tours of the Corunna Historical Village, classic cars—car show and more.

CURWOOD FESTIVAL

212 S. Washington Street • Owosso 989-723-2161 • www.curwoodfestival.com
The annual Curwood Festival is held the first full weekend in June (Thurs.-Sun.) in Downtown Owosso in honor of our own author and conservationist, James Oliver Curwood. The four-day fun filled family event will include two parades, a carnival, children's events, canoe and raft races, wine and beer tasting, 5K & 10K run, arts & crafts and much more.

DURAND RAILROAD DAYS

989-288-3715 • www.durandrailroaddays.com Festivities will be held the third weekend in May (Thurs.-Sun.). The event includes a parade, a wine and beer tasting tent, carnival rides, children's activity tent, chainsaw wood carver, Art Walk, vendors and various old-fashioned hometown fun.



DURAND HARVESTFEST

989-288-3715

October 5th Noon-4pm

Join us for a day of fall festivities. Harvestfest is an exciting community event packed with free fun activities for the whole family! Enjoy bouncing around on inflatable attractions, free cider & donuts and free pumpkin painting. With over 30 different groups offering games, trick-or-treating, popcorn, face painting, crafts, and prizes, there's something for everyone! Join the City Fire Department and Police Department with "Touch the Truck" activities. Parental supervision is required at all events.

DURAND END OF SUMMER CRUISIN'

989-288-3715 • durandchamber.com
End of Summer Cruisin' is Durand's oldest
and largest one day event bringing over
1,500 visitors to the Railroad City. It is
held the Saturday of Labor Day weekend.
The Cruisin' attracts over 300 classic
car enthusiasts and features vendors,
food trucks, and music. Shuttle service is
available throughout the day. The event
is sponsored by the Greater Durand Area

LAINGSBURG LIONS SPRINGTIME FESTIVAL

517-675-5552

The Laingsburg Lions Springtime Festival was established over 25 years ago and is held the third weekend in May (Thurs.-Sun.). The festival includes amusement rides and midway, craft show, parade, basketball shootout, chicken BBQ and much more.

LENNON LIONS HOMECOMING

The annual Homecoming event is held the second weekend in July (Fri.-Sat.) at Lennon Lions Park. Festivities begin with a parade at 11 am on Saturday, followed by an antique tractor pull and family fun activities.



NORTH POLE EXPRESS

Steam Railroading Institute 989-725-9464 • michigansteamtrain.com The "North Pole Express" is an extraordinary holiday experience for the entire family. Join us for an excursion behind the world famous Pere Marquette 1225 steam engine, Passengers begin their magical journey at the Steam Railroading Institute and travel to an old-fashioned Christmas Village.

OWOSSO BIKE FEST

On the second Sunday in August, join bike enthusiasts from all over for the 17th Annual Owosso Bike Festival featuring riders with antique and classic bicycles. Enjoy a day of riding, swap meet, poker run, bike games, music and fun.

The House of Wheels at 989-725-8373.

OWOSSO SPEEDWAY

7204 W. M-21 • Ovid 989-461-7223

owossospeedway.com

Enjoy a night at the races! Fun for the whole family. Racing excitement goes from April thru September!

PERRY CHRISTMAS FANTASY

517-625-6155 • perri.mi.us

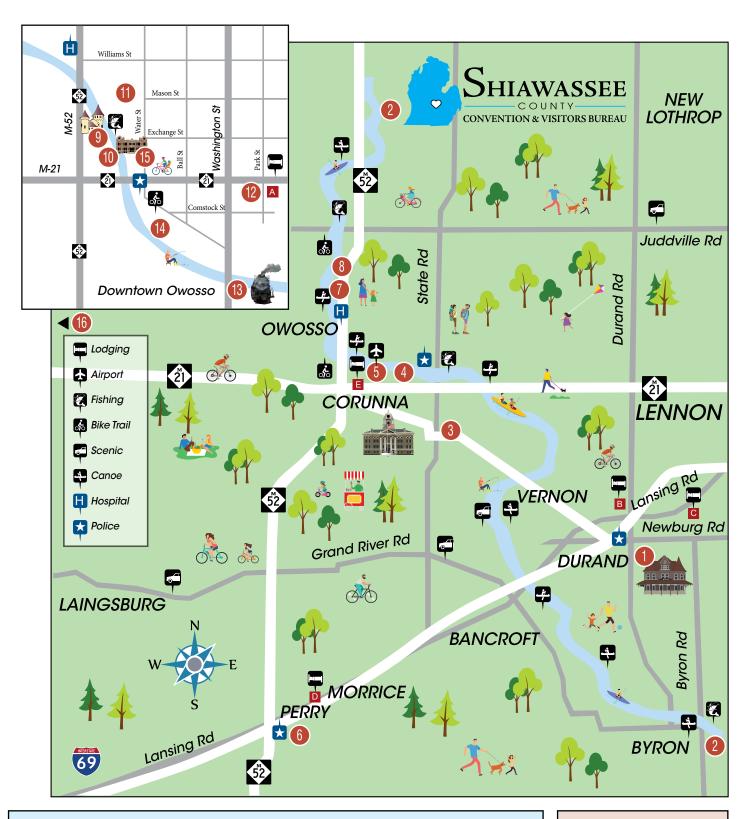
Held annually the second Saturday in December. Christmas Fantasy is the largest community event of the year in Perry. Festivities will begin behind the fire station at 5pm and continue throughout the evening. Visit local businesses for goodies, snacks, and discounts. Enjoy activities for children and the young at heart.

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY FAIR

2900 E. Hibbard Rd., Corunna 989-743-3611• shiawasseefair.com

The annual Shiawassee County Fair runs the first full week in August. The fairgrounds will be alive with 4-H and FFA youth projects, agricultural and commercial displays, amusement rides and daily entertainment. There is something for everyone to enjoy!





County Attractions:

- 1. Durand Union Station
- 2. Shiawassee River
- 3. Shiawassee County Fairgrounds
- 4. Corunna Historical Village
- 5. Owosso Community Airport
- 6. Perry Historical Society Museum/ Calkins-MacQueen House
- 7. Shiawassee County Historical Museum

- 8. DeVries Nature Conservancy
- 9. Curwood Castle
- 10. Shiawassee Arts Center
- 11. Don & Metta Mitchell Amphitheater
- 12. Lebowsky Performing Arts Center
- 13. Steam Railroading Institute
- 14. James S. Miner Riverwalk
- 15. Owosso Armory
- 16. Owosso Speedway

Accomodations:



- A Comstock Inn
- B Quality Inn
- **Sunset Motel**
- Lodge Inn of Perry
- Pine's Country Inn

Discover the Charm of Durand

A Gem of Community and Festivity

Nestled in the heart of Vernon Township, Durand is a town bursting with character and rich experiences, offering a tapestry of attractions for residents and visitors alike. From historic landmarks to vibrant downtown scenes and festive events, there's something for everyone in this quaint yet lively city.

Historical Treasures

Durand boasts a rich heritage, evident in its iconic landmarks. The Durand Union Station stands tall as a symbol of the city's railroad history, inviting travelers to step back in time and explore its grandeur. The Sandula Clock Tower, with its timeless charm, adds to the allure of the cityscape. Meanwhile, Iron Horse Park and the Centennial Walkway offer serene spots for relaxation and reflection, surrounded by nature's beauty.

Downtown Delights

Strolling through downtown Durand is an experience in itself. Here, the streets come alive with the colors and scents of the award-winning Edible Landscape Program, where vegetables and flowers are freely available to all. Studios beckon with classes in various arts and crafts, igniting creativity and passion in residents and visitors alike. Quaint shops offer a treasure trove of home decor, custom-crafted furniture, and beautiful gifts, perfect for finding that unique keepsake or adding a touch of charm to your home.

Relaxation and Recreation

Need a break from the hustle and bustle? Durand has you covered. Take a seat at the People Place or the Patti Matejeski Alley, where you can unwind with a refreshing drink and soak in the friendly atmosphere. Durand is home to eight parks. All that boasts a variety of amenities, perfect for grilling or a pickup game of basketball. There are three fine golf courses in the area along with a driving range. In the summer months, Wednesdays in Durand are a highlight, starting with the bustling Durand Farmers Market and continuing with weekly car shows, vendors, and a lively concert series. During Wednesday Night Live, the streets come alive with dining and music, creating an unforgettable ambiance.

Festive Fun Year-Round

As the seasons change, Durand transforms into a haven of festivities. Fall brings Harvestfest, a delightful family day filled with activities and craft fairs. Durand truly shines during the Christmas season. Over 50,000 lights adorn the downtown area. Downtown is alive with Holidaze in Durand featuring Small Business Saturdays and Santa's Light Parade. The Durand Union Station is transformed into a Christmas wonderland.

Schools

Durand proudly houses some of the region's best educational institutions, nurturing a legacy of excellence and achievement. The "Railroaders" epitomize this commitment to greatness, excelling not only in athletic competitions but also in the performing arts. With the recent inauguration of the Railroader Activity Center, students now enjoy expanded opportunities and enhanced facilities for sports and academics, including three dedicated STEM classrooms. Anticipated to debut in the fall of 2024, the Performing Arts Center will further enrich the educational landscape, providing a platform for students to both cultivate and showcase their talents, fostering a community of creativity and expression.

In Durand, every season brings new reasons to celebrate and cherish the tight-knit community that calls this charming city home. Whether you're exploring its rich history, indulging in local delights, or immersing yourself in festive cheer, Durand welcomes you with open arms, ready to share its warmth and wonder with all who visit.

Durand... where people want to be!







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So Much To Do In



and is a favorite of anglers in search of smallmouth bass. Other species include northern pike, channel catfish, walleye, and more. It is common to see beaver, muskrat, great blue heron, white-tailed deer, osprey, and kingfisher. Be sure to keep your eye out for bald eagles as well.

supporting over 61 species of fish,

BIKE SHIAWASSEE COUNTY

Biking at every level is a favorite pastime in Shiawassee County. With biking trails and miles and miles of back roads, your biking options are limitless. Along with the leisurely bike ride, Shiawassee County is proud to have several organized rides on a weekly basis, spring through fall. Shiawassee County is proud to announce the completion of The Fred Meijer Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee Trail.

a 42 mile addition that will take you all the way from Owosso to Ionia. Visit them on Facebook.

THE SHIAWASSEE RIVER

Shiawassee County is named for its principal river the Shiawassee. The river is about 110 miles long – 88 miles of it, between Holly and Chesaning, has been designated a State Water Trail. Its waters support fish and other wildlife species, including some designated as rare and endangered. We encourage you to spend a relaxed afternoon exploring this treasured water resource. For more information, visit the Friends of the Shiawassee's website at https://shiawasseeriver.org.

CANOEING AND KAYAKING

Why has the Shiawassee River been considered one of the top places to paddle in Michigan? With serene, scenic landscapes, and an easy, meandering flow, the river offers a diverse range of paddling experiences for canoeists and kayakers of all abilities - very suitable for families in a canoe or groups of novice kayak paddlers. Experienced paddlers will enjoy the many twists and turns along the way. Strong paddlers occasionally paddle upstream against the current a few miles and then leisurely coast back to the put-in for a good workout on the water. The Friends of the Shiawassee River offers an online brochure, highlighting river access sites and mileage/paddle times, for sections of the river from Byron to Chesaning. This guide, along with more specific section maps and a 360 video virtual paddle, may be found at https://shiawasseeriver.org/Canoeingand-Kayaking.

JAMES S. MINER RIVER WALK

Nestled along the river is a five mile River Walk, beginning in Corunna's McCurdy Park and ending in Owosso's Harmon-Partridge Park. It winds and curves along the river and is literally a sightseeing splendor passing by dozens of the areas best attractions. The Sam & Opal Voight loop trail also wraps along both the north and south sides of the river, adding another mile to walk, bike or run.

DEVRIES NATURE CONSERVANCY

2635 N. M-52, Owosso, MI 48867 www.devriesnature.org • 989-723-3365

A must see for nature enthusiasts. Four plus miles of trails take visitors through 136 acres of farmland, forest, prairie, and the floodplain along the beautiful Shiawassee River. Visit the Conservancy year-round, dawn til dusk. DNC is a great place to hike, walk the dog, cross country ski, snowshoe, learn more about Michigan's natural history, or find a quiet place to commune with nature.

Shiawassee County!

OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERTS

Lebowsky Outdoors Summer Concert Series is held at the beautiful Don and Metta Mitchell Amphitheater in Downtown Owosso on the four Thursdays in June. Concerts run from 7-9pm. For more information, visit lebowskycenter.com or call the box office at 989-723-4003.

Durand's Wednesday Night Live Concert Series May 29th to August 7th, injects vibrancy into downtown Durand with great music, a bustling array of vendors, a captivating car show, and delightful outdoor dining experiences. For further details visit Wednesday Night Live on Facebook or call 989.288.3715

Music in The Park Concert Series, brought to you by Laingsburg Community & Association, has an exciting summer planned. Join them in McClintock Park on Thursdays June 20th thru August 15th (no concert on July 4th). Concerts run from 7-9pm. Come on down early at 6pm for the Open Mic Series, sponsored by Twilligers Tavern. Visit Laingsburg.us for more information.

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR OF OWOSSO

Take a step back in time and sample some of Owosso's historical and architectural treasures. This Mid-Michigan city, located between Flint and Lansing has one of the most outstanding concentrations of nineteenth century residences in the state and visitors to Owosso will be astonished and charmed by the beauty of its older homes. A complete brochure is available at Shiawassee Arts Center, 989-723-8354

SHIAWASSEE ARTS CENTER

206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso • 989-723-8354 Shiawasseearts.org

The Shiawassee Arts Center offers multi-media art classes for all ages and levels of learning. Promoting opportunities to explore and experience new ideas and techniques with a variety of artist instructors. It's exhilarating to discover something new or revive your creativity. The Arts Center is proud to open the doors to provide a feast of inspiration and arts education, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

THE OWOSSO SPEEDWAY

7204 W M-21 Ovid, MI 48866 • 989-461-7223, owossospeedway.com

Imagine yourself...Feeling the vibrations from the race cars permeating through your seat! Hearing the roar of the race engines as you feel the hair on the back of your neck stand straight up! Yes, my friends, this is Saturday Night Racing at Owosso Speedway. Owosso Speedway offers thrilling, suspenseful, and exfiltrating entertainment every Saturday night from April to September. It's fun for the whole family. The Owosso Speedway is under new ownership and is currently undergoing a 3-year, multi-million-dollar revitalization. Come experience Owosso Speedway as it transforms into a top tourist destination in Michigan and possibly the #1 short asphalt track in the nation!



www.shiawasseefair.com 989-743-3611

So much more than a fairground!! Beginning in April and going through October, the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds is packed with excitement every weekend. Horse shows, dog shows, rabbit shows, piglet and calf sales and even a circus are only a few events that happen all summer long; other events are welcomed.





Visit Downtown Owosso

Home of Lebowsky Center for Perfoming Arts, Steam Railroading Institute, Shiawaseee Art Center, Curwood Castle Museum & Park and so much more!









SHIAWASSEE COUNTY IS THE PERFECT DESTINATION FOR GROUP TOURS!





If you are looking for new attractions for your tour groups, Shiawassee County has much to offer! Centrally located in the heart of Michigan, traveling here is convenient and you will be amazed with all there is to do.

We are proud to be home to the world famous Steam Engine Pere Marquette 1225, known all around the world as the 'Real' Polar Express. Other popular attractions include a Historic Village, Train Depot, Castle, Art Center, a Museum with the largest sleigh and carriage collection in the midwest, a historic Performing Arts Theater, historic homes and barns, unique downtowns and miles and miles of biking and walking trails.

To learn more about the fantastic finds of Shiawassee County contact the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 989-723-1199 or visitshiawassee.com.





It's Worth the Drive to Shiawassee County!!









GOLF GUIDE

Experience the well-maintained fairways and greens, plus pro-shops geared to the novice and the pro-golfer.

Banquet and meeting facilities are available for every occasion.

Corunna Hills Golf Course

S. Legion Road, Corunna • 989-743-4693

Glenbrier Golf Course & Driving Range

4178 W. Locke Road, Perry 517-625-3800 • www.glenbrier.com

Owosso Country Club

4200 N. Chipman Road, Owosso 989-723-1470 www.owossocountryclub.com

Holiday Meadows Golf Course

10611 E. Goodall Road, Durand 810-621-5454

Willowbrook Golf Course

311 W. Maple Avenue, Byron 810-266-4660 www.willowbrookgolf.net

Pine Hills Golf Course

6603 S. Woodbury Rd., Laingsburg 517-651-9700

Dutch Hollow Golf Club

8500 Lansing Road, Durand 989-288-3960













Parks and Recreation

Whether it's relaxing after a picnic or playing a competitive game of basketball....you'll be sure to find your preference at one of several Shiawassee area parks. The county and municipally maintained park system has just the right setting for your next outdoor gathering, with several being equipped with grills, restroom facilities, improved pathways, playground equipment and sport fields. For more information on how you and your family can enjoy a local park call the CVB at 989-723-1199 or use the chart for a direct park contact.

The closest State Park is Sleepy Hollow State Park, 7835 E. Price Rd., Laingsburg, MI 517-651-6217	Picnic Area	Grills	Pavilion/Shelter	Water	Toilet	Canoe Launch	Fishing	Swimming	Bike Trail	Hiking Trail	Playground	Ball Diamond	Basketball	Tennis	Soccer	Ice Skating	Roller Hockey
Bates Scout Park, City of Laingsburg 517-651-5374	•				•						•	•					
Bennett Field, City of Owosso 989-725-0599				•	•							•					
Bentley Park, City of Owosso 989-725-0599	•	•	•		•						•	•		•			
Collamer/Hopkins Lake Park, City of Owosso 989-725-0599	•	•	•				•		•	•	•	•					
Curwood Castle Park, City of Owosso 989-725-0599	•						•		•	•							
Davis Road Park, Vernon Township 989-743-2220																	
Fayette Square, City of Owosso 989-725-0599																	
Geeck Road Park, Shiawassee Township 989-743-2220						•	•										
Grove-Holman Park, City of Owosso 989-725-0599	•	•		•	•				•		•						
Harmon-Patridge Park, City of Owosso 989-725-0599	•	•	•								•	•					
Henderson Park, Henderson 989-743-2220	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•					
John Goebel Park, Caledonia Township 989-743-2220	•	•				•	•										
Jubilee Park, City of Perry 517-625-6155	•	•	•	•	•						•	•					
Kerby Park, Caledonia Township 989-743-2220	•	•	•		•						•	•					
Lions Club Park, Village of Bancroft 989-634-5375	•	•	•	•								•	•	•		•	
McCurdy Park, City of Corunna 989-743-3650	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•					•
Memorial (Adams) Park, City of Owosso 989-725-0599											•	•					
Optimist Park, City of Durand 989-288-3113	•	•	•	•	•						•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Pine Grove Park, New Haven Township 989-743-2220	•	•	•	•	•							•					
Sesquicentennial Park, Byron 810-266-4795	•	•	•		•	•					•	•		•			
Shiatown Dam Park, Shiawassee Township 989-743-2220	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•					
Trumble Park, City of Durand 989-288-3113	•	•	•	•	•						•		•	•			
Vernon Village Park, Vernon 989-288-2300	•	•	•	•									•				
Veterans Memorial Park, City of Perry 517-625-6155	•	•	•	•	•							•					П
Woodhull Township Park, Shaftsburg Rd. 517-675-4342	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•	•				

The Owosso Bark Park is a great place to bring your dogs to play and socialize.

The park is located in Collamer Park next to Hopkins Lake on South M-52.

Open dawn til dusk. Visit them on Facebook.



Camping in Shiawassee County

Enjoy the beauty of nature as you camp at any of the campgrounds of Shiawassee County.

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds

Specializing in Group Camping and Camper Rallies 2900 E. Hibbard Road Corunna, MI 48817 989-743-3611 www.shiawasseecountyfair.com

Campgrounds-R-Us

1255 S. Ruess Road Owosso, MI 48867 989-721-9120

Holiday Shores

10915 E. Goodall Road Durand, MI 48429 810-621-4440

Walnut Hills Family Camp Ground LLC

7685 E. Lehring Road Durand, MI 48429 989-634-9782 www.michigancampgrounds.com

Eagle Cove RV Park

7751 Bath Rd. Byron, MI 48418 810-266-5386



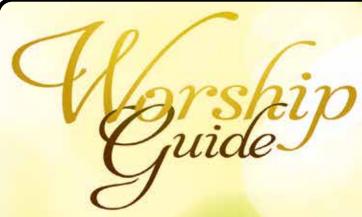












Assembly of God

1150 N. Shiawassee, Owosso 989-725-8219 Pastor Kenneth Herbruck Sun. School 10am Sun. Worship 11am

Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church

951 E. Riley Rd., Owosso Office: 114 N. Ball Street, Owosso 989-725-6930 communityepc.org Sun. 9:30am, Sun. School 11am

First Baptist Church of Corunna

1120 Legion Rd., Corunna 989-743-5400 Sun. Worship 10:15am Wed. Bible Study 6pm fbcorunna.com Interim Pastor: Tim Duffield

First Baptist Church of Owosso

114 W. Mason St., Owosso 989-723-1670 Sun. Worship 10am Pastor Katie Wallen fbcowosso.org fbcowosso@gmail.com

First Church of Christ

585 E. North St., Owosso 989-725-5039 Sun. School -All Ages 9am Sun. Worship 10:30am firstchurchofchrist.org Minister: Mark Walter

First Congregational Church of Durand

403 N. Saginaw St., Durand Sun. Worship 10am Join us in person or find us on Facebook and YouTube! 989-288-6684 durandchurch.com First Congregational
Church,
UCC & Congregational
Child Development Center
(CCDC)

327 N. Washington St., Owosso Open & Affirming Congregation Reverand Debbie Grazier 989-723-3010 Sun. Worship/School 10:30am firstcongregationalchurchowosso. com

First United Methodist Church of New Lothrop

7495 Orchard St., New Lothrop Sun. Worship 9am Rev. Russel Logston 810-638-5702 umc7495@gmail.com www.newlothropfumc.org Food Pantry- Thurs. 9am-12

First United Methodist Church of Owosso

1500 N. Water St., Owosso 989-725-2201 Sun. Adult School 9am Sun. Worship 10am firstumc@owossofumc.org owossofumc.org

Grace Pointe Wesleyan Church Owosso-St. Johns

Sun. Owosso campus 10am 1687 N. M-52, Owosso Sun. St. Johns campus 10am South Pointe Mall 1023 S. US 27, St. Johns 989-723-5247 gracepointe-mi.org onlineworship: gracepointe-mi. org Life in Christ Church 1833 W. M-21, Owosso 989-729-1972 Sun. Worship 8:30am; 10am; 11:30am Youth Sun. Night 6pm www.lic.church

Mount Hope Church 220 S. Shiawassee St., Corunna 989-743-4900

989-743-4900 Sun. Worship 10:30am-12pm Wed. Worship 7-8pm mounthopechurchcorunna.

New Creation Church of Owosso

1800 Corunna Ave., Owosso 989-723-8118 www.ncconline.com Sun. Service 9am Wed. Service 7pm

New Creation Church of Durand

811 S. Oak St., Durand 989-541-1336 www.ncconline.com Sun. Services 11am

Owosso First Church of Nazarene

1865 S. M-52, Owosso 989-723-2229 Sun. Growth Classes 9am Sun. Worship 10am Senior Pastor Jerry Walden owossonazarene.org

Perry Church of the Nazarene

3100 Ellsworth Rd., Perry 517-625-3400 perrynazarene.com Pastor Timothy Harmon Sun. Worship 9am & 11am

St. Mary Catholic Church 509 N. Main St., Morrice 517-625-4260

Confessions Sat. 3-4pm Sat. Mass 4:30pm Sun. Mass 8am & 10:30am www.stmarymorrice.org

St. Joseph Catholic Church 811 E. Oliver St., Owosso 989-725-5215 Sun. Mass 9:30am stpaulowosso.org St. Paul Catholic Church
111 N. Howell St., Owosso
989-723-4277
Sat. Confessions 3:00 - 4:00pm
Sat. Mass 4:30pm; Sun. 8am & 11am
stpaulowosso.org

The HUB Owosso & The HUB R.E.C Center

2100 N. M52,Owosso 989-723-4510 Sun. Fellowship 9:50am Sun. Service 10:30 am Loving Hands Pantry Tues.; Wed.; Thurs.; 9am-12 www.thehubowosso.com Explore-Connect-Grow-Multiply

Antrim Baptist Church

4509 E. Lovejoy Rd., Byron
1 mile east of Fowlerville Rd.
517-223-3126 • 517-518-1100
antriumbaptist.com
Sun. School 10am
Sun. Worship 11am & 6pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7pm
Pastor: Mark Bohman

Corunna United Methodist Church

200 W. McArthur St., Corunna 989-743-5050 Sun. Worship 10:45am Food Bank Thurs. 10am-12pm Alcoholics Anonymous Tue.; Wed. & Fri. 6pm

Juddville United Methodist Church

3907 N. Durand Rd., Corunna 810-638-7498 Sun. Worship 10am Sun. School is during Worship Rev. Russel Logston

Risen Life Church Durand

520 Kent St., Durand 989-932-6126 • 989-413-9566 Sun. Service 11am Live Stream Facebook risenlifedurand@gmail.com Clothes Closet - Thurs. & Sat. 10am-2pm





World-Class Community Care - in Owosso

Memorial Healthcare is an independent, community non-profit hospital in Owosso, with 161 beds and over 30 outpatient facilities.

As the sole hospital in Shiawassee County, we have an expanded footprint in Bay, Clinton, Genesee, Livingston, and Saginaw Counties.

With a medical staff of nearly 500 providers and over 1,500 employees, we are deeply rooted in our communities, providing quality healthcare services and positively impacting our neighbors' lives.

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To learn more about our services, please visit www.MemorialHealthcare.org

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