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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

This quarter we spotlight the Corunna Parks and Recreation Department. The following was written by Gary Schooley, Director of Parks and Recreation:

With the warm weather months finally here, the Parks and Recreation Department is starting to shift into high gear and offer fun and entertainment for all age groups.

WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR

On April 3, we held a very successful pancake breakfast and Easter Egg hunt at McCurdy Park. Approximately 500 children, from ages one to twelve, participated. It took about fifteen minutes for the children to scoop up 9,000 plastic eggs filled with candy. It appeared that everyone had a great time.

On May 19, we had a rockin' time with Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band, which played a lot of favorites from the 50's and 60's. We are hoping that this will be the first of many concerts in the park.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

We'll continue to have pancake breakfasts in the McCurdy Park Community Center basement on the second Saturday of every month for the remainder of the year. The all-you-can-eat breakfast is from 8-11 a.m. and the cost is \$3.50 per person with children under the age of

Adult and Little League teams are in full swing again this year. We have softball and T-ball games going on at Elsa Meyer School, Mitchell Field, Corunna High School and McCurdy Park. We invite everyone to come watch a game during the season.

Make sure you don't miss the big Fourth of July Celebration in McCurdy Park. Along with celebrating Independence Day, we will also be celebrating the 100th birthday of McCurdy Park. It promises to be a fun day for everyone, topped off with a huge fireworks display at dusk.

THINGS YET TO COME

On July 29, the circus will be coming to town! The Carson & Barnes circus will be setting up their tents at the end of Cherry St. for one day only. Show times are at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Sobak's, Hopkins Lake IGA, and Brady's Foodland.

The Department of Parks and Recreation has been working with other city groups to bring more activities to the City of Corunna. One idea we are working on with the Corunna Downtown Development Authority is the possibility of a sidewalk art show and a concert on the courthouse lawn. Be sure to watch for further information on that event in the near future.

The Department of Parks and Recreation hopes that everyone will enjoy the many activities going on this summer.



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QUARTERLY NEWS

CORUNNA'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION: STILL LOOKING FOR A BEAR!

McCurdy Park is 100 years old this year and the Fourth of July Commission is planning a big birthday bash for this year's Independence Day celebration. According to commission chairperson, Karen Hornus, they want everyone in the area to come spend the day in the park to help celebrate.

The Fourth of July is on a Sunday this year, so how better to start the day than with an outdoor church service followed by a gospel concert? A rundown of some of the other events (subject to change) throughout the day in the parks are:

A pancake breakfast, a bike decorating, a craft show, a car show, miniature golf, chainsaw carving, bingo, a cake walk, a magician, a storyteller and watermelon contests.

Also, there will be Uncle Sam, a renaissance tent, children's games, a petting zoo, face painting, country line dancing, an artillery encampment, a civil war encampment, 60's music with Neon Dreams, a swing band, country music with the Taylor Bros., variety entertainment with Jonathan Starts and an evening dinner.

Gary Schooley, Parks and Recreation Director, was selected as the Grand Marshall for this year's Firecracker Parade. The parade, which will start at 9 a.m. at the corner of State St. and Shiawassee St., will travel down Shiawassee St. to Ferry St. and disburse at Mitchell Field.

Now, about the bear...How many of us remember the good times we had going to the park to watch the caged bears? *Continued on page 2...*

WEED AND GRASS CONTROL

The City of Corunna will be strictly enforcing the ordinance concerning weed and grass control again this season.

On property of less than one acre, property owners must keep weeds, grass, and other rank vegetation cut to under six inches in height, and dead weeds, grass, or brush cannot be allowed to accumulate on the property.

On property of more than one acre, property owners must keep grass, weeds, and other rank vegetation cut to under six inches, within 50 feet from the edge of the street or property line, and dead weeds, grass, or brush cannot be allowed to accumulate on the property.

In either case, violation of this ordinance will result in a fine of \$300 plus department costs, to be assessed to the property owner.

There will be a free curbside pick up of bagged leaves and brush scheduled in the fall. Until then, the city's drop off site for leaves and brush will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be open the first Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. At the drop off site, leaves and brush must be dumped from bags and bags cannot be left at the drop off site. Also, please do not sweep leaves and grass clipping into the street this year since this clogs the storm drains.

The city will pick up curbside bagged leaves and brush for a minimum fee of \$15, but arrangements must be made through the city offices by calling 743-3650.

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CITY HIRES NEW ASSESSOR

Merilee Lawson was recently appointed as Assessor for the City of Corunna, replacing Ron Smith, who retired earlier this year.

Working part-time, Merilee will be in charge of all city property tax and assessment information. One of her goals is to computerize this information for faster and easier access. Merilee is also the assessor for Vernon Township and she and her husband are co-owners of Lawson Liquidating.

The assessor's office hours are Wednesday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at City Hall. During the week, messages can be left for her by calling 743-3650.



FOURTH OF JULY...

Well, The Fourth of July Commission is planning to bring back those memories by having a bear in the park for the day. They're still looking for one, so if anyone knows of a caged bear they can use, call Karen Hornus at 743-5567.

Pulling this year's celebration together are Karen Hornus, Terry Hayes, Dan Kribs, Angie Fernette, Brenda Jordan, Deana Finnegan, Larry Runyan and Gary Schooley. According to Hornus, there's not enough room to list all of the other volunteers that give so much of their time and effort to the Fourth of July celebration. However, the bigger the Fourth of July activities are, the more volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, call Karen Hornus at 743-5567. Let's celebrate the Fourth of July and McCurdy Park's birthday together!



THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN

The Carson & Barnes circus will be arriving in Corunna for one day only, July 29. They will be setting up on Cherry St., behind Mitchell Field. The Owosso Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the circus with proceeds going to their scholarship fund.

The circus trucks will arrive during the early hours of July 29, but the public is invited to watch the big top go up, using elephant power, starting around 7:30 a.m. Show times are 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Advanced tickets are \$10.00 for ages 12 and older, \$5.00 for ages 5-11, and \$4.00 for ages 2-4. Children under the age of 2 are free. Tickets can be purchased at Sobak's in Owosso, Hopkins Lake IGA in Owosso, and Brady's Foodland in Corunna.

REMINDER FROM THE CORUNNA POLICE DEPT.
YARD SALE, FOR SALE, AND CONSTRUCTION SIGNS CANNOT BE PLACED ON THE RIGHT OF WAY (AREA BETWEEN THE SIDEWALK AND THE STREET) OR ATTACHED TO TREES OR UTILITY POLES IN THE RIGHT OF WAY.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

This is a good opportunity to answer some of the frequently asked questions regarding city water and sewer that come into the city offices. Of course, if you ever do have a question or a problem, please call the city offices at 743-3650 or stop by City Hall, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and we will be happy to assist you.

industrial units. These charges are used for the repair and replacement of water and sewer lines. The City of Owosso and the City of Corunna also measure water usage differently, so a direct comparison of water/sewer costs between the cities is not possible.

WHY IS MY BILL HIGHER THAN NORMAL ?

There could be many reasons for this. First, the customer must remember that the bill they receive is for usage over a month ago. We suggest that the customer check the to and from dates on the bill. Those are the dates used for the current billing period. If the customer used more water during that time, the bill will be higher. Water leaking is a very common problem. Water continuously leaking from a faucet in a stream the size of the period at the end of this sentence can increase

your water usage by 2,000 gallons a month. There could also be a slow leak in the toilet or a leak in a pipe under the house. On rare occasions, the water/sewer recorder malfunctions and must be replaced by the city.

WHAT IS THE HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Water/sewer tap-in fees to connect to the city's water and sewer lines are the responsibility of the homeowner and must be paid before a building permit will be issued. After the water meter is installed, it is the homeowner's responsibility to keep the meter from damage and free of brush and debris. Any leaks in the home or in pipes on the property are also the owner's responsibility. When you move, you must contact City Hall and let us know when you will be moving, so that a final meter reading can be done, and to tell us where to send your final bill.

Remember, if you have questions regarding your bill, please call City Hall.

WHEN ARE WATER/SEWER BILLS MAILED AND WHEN ARE THEY DUE?

Water/sewer bills are mailed around the 20th of each month and are due around the 5th of the next month. City residents are given approximately 15 days to make the payment. Payment must reach our office on or before the due date printed on the bill or a 10% penalty will be added to the due amount. Mailed payments that are postmarked with the due date are considered

paid on time. Payments can also be made at City Hall, during normal business hours, or they can be dropped in the white payment box located in front of City Hall. Occasionally, we do have computer problems and the bills will be late in being mailed. The city will contact the news media when that happens (however, if bills have been mailed, failure to receive it does not waive the responsibility to pay or the past due penalty).

WHY ARE THE BILLS HIGHER THAN OTHER COMMUNITIES?

The City of Corunna purchases its water and has its sewer wastes removed by the City of Owosso. The City of Owosso charges us to provide this service and the cost must be passed on to our customers. The base rate for water is \$12.50, and \$9.70 for sewer. We also have capital and sewer improvement charges of \$3.00 each per residential unit or per flushable fixture on commercial/