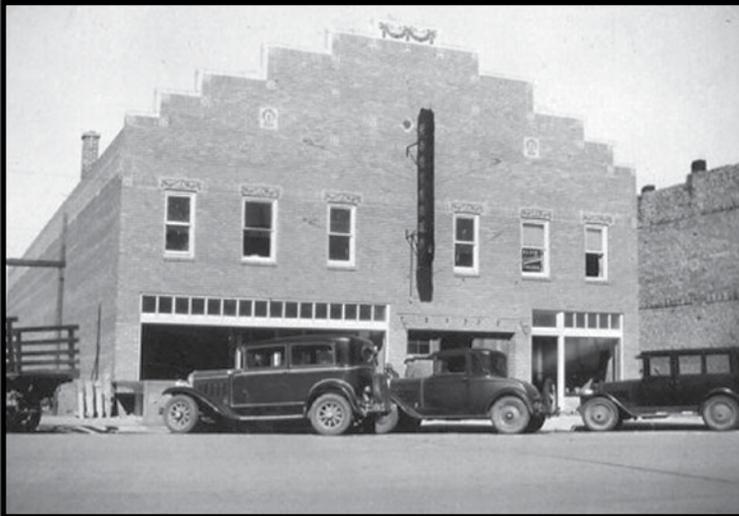


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Dear Reader



As Mayor of Syracuse, I would like to personally welcome you to our town; we are glad to have you here. There are many recreational activities throughout the year, so please make plans to visit the area more than once. Please read through our very first issue of the "Welcome to Syracuse" magazine to plan your family's fun.

Weather permitting, the golf course is open year around for challenging play on the 9-hole course on the south end of town. Our first big event of the year is the Annual Car Show the last week of April, so don't forget to make plans to attend and enter your antique or classic car in the show.

Each year, former graduates of Syracuse High School come back to town for the Annual Alumni Weekend the Saturday of each Memorial Day holiday weekend. Make plans to stay for the Alumni Parade and the Chamber of Commerce cookout.

You can spend the hot summer months at the city pool after a hard day of play at the Syracuse Sand Dunes Park. We have 1,300 acres of recreational area set aside for ATVs and dune buggies.

Summer ends with the Hamilton County Fair in August, signaling the start of fall and the Annual Classic and Antique Fly-In at the Syracuse/Hamilton County Airport on the first Saturday in October.

If you have arrived between any of our annual events, don't be discouraged. Plan a visit to the Hamilton County Museum or stop by the historic Northrup Theatre to take in a movie through our newly updated digital projection system. The new projector offers you and your family the opportunity to see a 3-D movie in Syracuse without traveling nearly an hour away to the next nearest 3-D theater.

There are many things to do and see in Syracuse and the surrounding areas. We appreciated you stopping in and seeing what we could offer you and your family. We hope you enjoyed your stay and we look forward to your next visit to Syracuse.

— Mayor Joe Stephens

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Hamilton County Museum



While staying in Syracuse make a stop at the Hamilton County Museum located one block east of the stoplight at Highway 50 and Gates Avenue. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Hamilton County Museum was established in the mid 1960's by the Hamilton County Historical Society and has been in its present location since its creation.

With thousands of items on display, there is something for everyone to enjoy. From old farm implements and kitchen tools to clothing and dishes from the early days of Hamilton County, the mu-



seum has it all.

In 2010, more than 1,000 visitors from 25 states and several countries visited the museum to take in the exhibits and history on display. Tours are self-guided, but there is always someone available to answer any questions you may have.

While visiting the museum, be sure to pick up some postcards with images of our city banners on them.

While there is no charge for



touring the exhibits, donations are always appreciated.

What: Hamilton County Museum

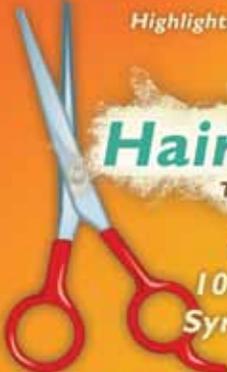
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The Syracuse-Hamilton County Chamber purchased the theatre in 1991 and continues to operate it today. In February 2005, the theatre was entered into the National Regis-

ter of Historic Places.

The theatre industry has had many ups and downs in the last 81 years, and today the single-screen movie house is a rarity. Recently, however, the community raised \$90,000 in donations to provide the theatre with a new digital projection system which makes your viewing experience the best and most up-to-date it can be.

With the addition of the digital projection system, 3D and 2D movies

can now be enjoyed at the theatre.

Movies are shown on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Special events and private parties can also be arranged such as Super Bowl parties, birthday parties, etc. Call for prices and options.

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Many planes are vintage war planes that have been restored and are popular with service vets who enjoy seeing planes and remembering working on them or flying them in their younger days.

Newer, more cutting-edge planes are also on display for spectators to explore also.

The Eagle Med plane also makes an appearance and invites everyone to go inside and look around. Kids are especially welcome and can even get a bag of goodies as they visit.

A popular place at the Fly-In is along the runway where families can sit and watch the



planes land and take off. Kids enjoy watching the planes as they climb into the skies above Syracuse.

In addition to the Fly-In, the Syracuse-Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce hosts a hamburger, hot dog and bratwurst cookout. What started years ago as a way to feed the pilots has now expanded to include anyone who wants to have a meal which annually serves around 300

people. There is also a chili cook-off featuring local cooks making their best chili to compete for cash prizes. Competition is steep with more than twenty entries. After judging, the chili is available to the public for a small fee.

So if you are in our area the first Saturday in October, head up North Main all the way to the end and look up to the skies.

What: Fly-In

Where: Hamilton County Municipal Air Field

When: 1st Saturday of Oct.

Admission: Free



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water are \$15 a night. Other privately owned camping sites are also available.



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What: Sand Dune Park

Where: South of Syracuse on Hwy 27

Hours: Open 24/7

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Phone: 384-2480

Admission: Dry Camp \$5 per day, Electric & Water \$15 Extra

Cost to ride \$5 per day

Website:

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the park is five dollars daily, and can be paid for at the office south of the parking area.

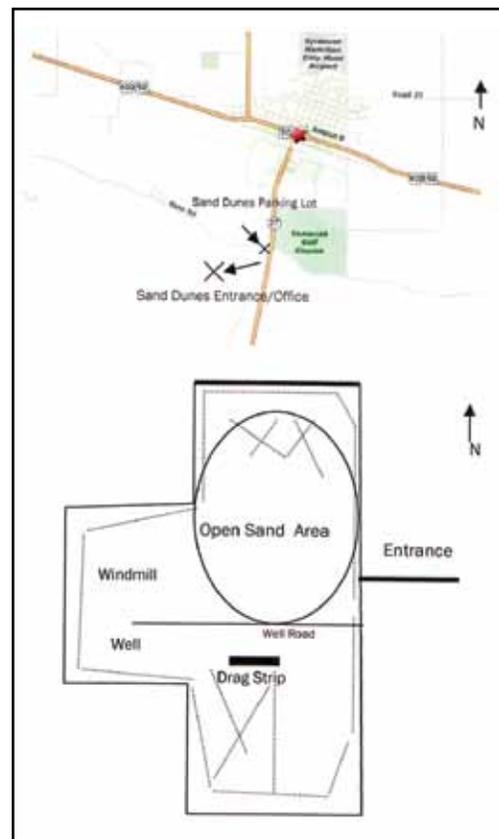
Park rules are listed at the entrance or can be found on the website at www.syracusesanddunes.com.

Sam's Pond is a 50-acre pond located on the north side of the Syracuse Sand Dunes Park which has plenty of shore area where fishermen can set up and enjoy a day of productive fishing. Parking is available around most of the pond with other areas within easy walking distance.

The pond was recently stocked with more than 500 pounds of catfish with sizes varying from six to twelve inches or



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Prairie Lanes Bowling Alley

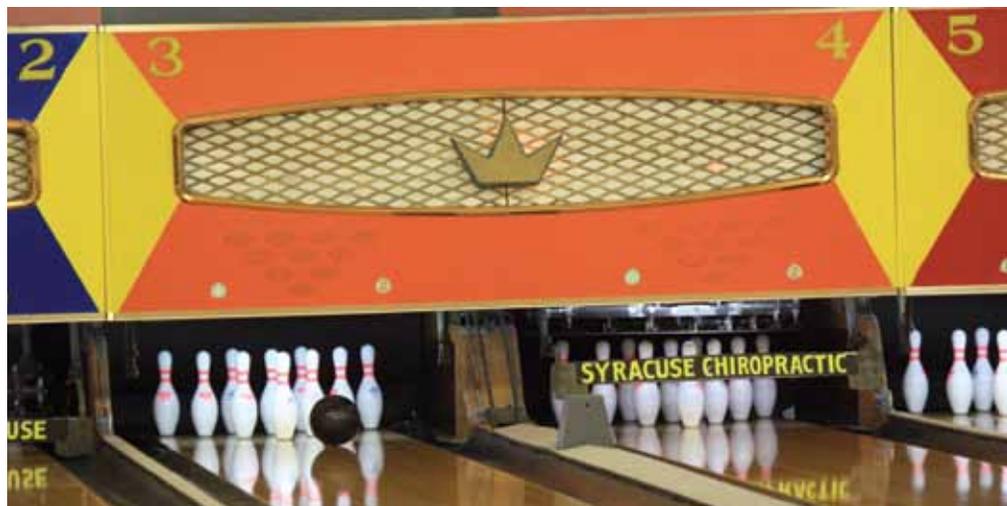
Prairie Lanes Bowling Alley opened 50 years ago to an enthusiastic group of bowlers and that tradition carries on still today.

Joe and Donna Stephens bought the bowling alley in 2007, and since then they have made improvements and strive to make sure everyone who comes in has a good time.

Prairie Lanes has ten lanes available for bowlers along with electronic scoring visible on monitors above the lanes.

For those who don't own a ball, there are plenty of house balls to choose from, and shoes are available to rent for \$1 a pair. The bowling alley also features menu with a variety of options. From burgers to shrimp, pizza to chicken baskets, a good meal is never far away. There are also fountain drinks and coffee available.

Prairie Lanes hosts league bowling several nights a week, but lanes are also open for non-



league bowling. The cost to bowl is \$3 a game per bowler.

Prairie lanes can accommodate everything from a date night to birthday and office parties to wedding receptions and private parties. Prices are available upon request.

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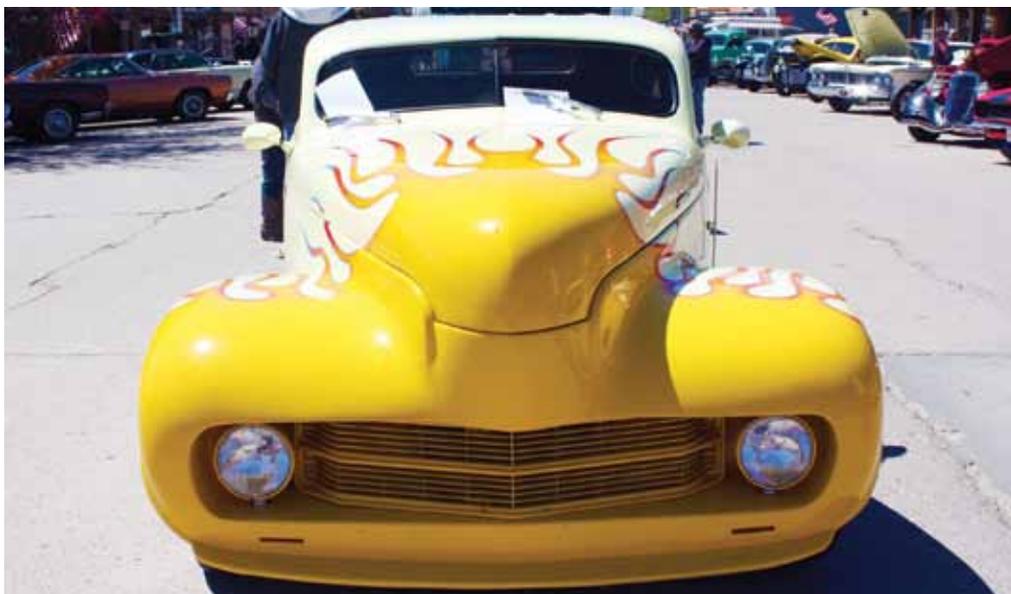
On the last weekend in April, three blocks of North Main Street are blocked off for the annual car show. Sponsored by the Syracuse-Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce, the car show has become a big hit with participants coming from miles around.

All kinds of cars from restored Ford Model Ts to brand new makes to some that need a little TLC are shown and enjoyed by all. The car show has grown each year, with over 70 cars having been entered in the 2011 show along with numerous motorcycles.

Other activities take place at the same time, such as the high school forensics team's carnival for kids. The team sponsors an array of games to play, a miniature train ride, face painting and an assortment of prizes.

In the old gym of the school, craft vendors have their wares set up for display and purchase.

A walking poker tour also takes place downtown with businesses open for the participants to go into to



play their hand.

Make plans to be with us the last weekend in April for the Cruisin' Into Summer Car Show. You will be glad you did.



What: Car Show

Where: Downtown Syracuse

When: Last Saturday in April

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holes, and there are scattered sand bunkers. The course features 3,251 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 36. Designed by Rick Bucton, the Tamarisk Golf Course opened in 1996. Tamarisk is open to the public, and green fees are \$15/\$18 weekdays/weekends.



What: Tamarisk Golf Course

Where: 811 E. Golf Course Road, South of Syracuse on Hwy 27

Hours: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., 7 days a week, weather permitting

Phone: 384-7832

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The Hamilton County Swimming Pool has a great splash pad for smaller kids. The area is separated from the rest of the pool so little ones can play without having to worry about the dangers of the bigger pool. The splash pad area includes a boat with all kinds of knobs and other objects to keep the little ones' interest. Buckets suspended from above fill with water and then dump on those under it leaving them wet and cooled off. There is also a shaded area where parents/guardians can sit and watch their children play. All children age seven and under must be accompanied by someone over the age of thirteen years of age.

For the bigger kids and the kids at heart, the larger pool features a slide and diving boards.



The slide is set apart from the diving boards, and there is plenty of area around the diving boards for the fearless to do their best dives.

The Hamilton County Swimming Pool usually opens around Memorial Day and is open Monday through Sunday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. with breaks at 2:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Other programs provided by the pool include a night swim, morning adult swim and water aerobics. Swim lessons and private parties are also

available. In the event of lightning or thunder, the pool will be closed.

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What: Hamilton County Swimming Pool

Where: 808 N. Main, Syracuse

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USD 494 At a Glance

AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress): State Assessments for 2010-11

USD 494 met AYP as a district in both reading and math

(this is with all students' scores totaled together)

Reading Target percent for 2010-11, 86.0%
USD 494 scored 88.8% district-wide

Math Target percent for 2010-11, 82.3%
USD 494 scored 85.0% district-wide

ACT Scores, average for 2010-11

ACT for College Readiness

English	16.4
Mathematics	19.2
Reading	18.3
Science	18.4
Composite	18.3

Twenty-eight Syracuse students took the ACT in 2010-11.

District investment for 2011-12 in education

District total mills	62.504
Average teacher salary	\$47,927
District Expenditures	
Per student	\$12,863
	(decrease from 2008-09 of 6.71%)

Demographics of teaching staff and students:

- 2011-12 Fully Highly Qualified Licensed staff 92%
- 2011-12 waivers for licensed staff 1%
- 2011-12 alternate licensing 7%
- Masters' degrees 33%
- 2010-11 students eligible for free/reduced lunches

Elementary	63%
Jr/Sr	59%

 (the final numbers for 2011-12 are unavailable until enrollment is audited by the state for the year)
- 2010-11 English Language Learners

Elementary	47%
Jr/Sr	34%

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Hamilton County Courthouse located at 219 North Main St., Syracuse, Kansas.

Church Directory

Bible Baptist Church

124 N. Durfee
384-7453
Pastor Bill Roberts
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study

Christ's New Covenant Church

East Highway 50
Pastor Joe Gould
Associate Pastor Bob Wedel
384-5383
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Morning Worship

Church of the Nazarene

403 E. Avenue B
Rev. Bob Leonard
384-7844
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Sun. Eve. Service
6:00 p.m. Wed Eve Bible Study

Kendall United Methodist Church

Pastor Todd Anthony
373-2400
8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

First Christian Church

309 N. Main St.
384-7416
Sunday
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Children's Church
Monday
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Thursday
12:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

First Presbyterian Church

601 N. Johnson
Pastor Ardeen Webster
384-7878
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

First United Methodist Church

409 N. Main
Pastor John Wright
384-7892
8:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Service

Saint Raphael Catholic Church

613 N. Sumner
Father Mike Helms
384-7357
10:30 a.m. Sunday Service
8:00 a.m. Wed. (week day)
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Southern Baptist Church

612 N. Main
384-7405
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Sun. Eve. Worship
6:00 p.m. Wednesday

Wesleyan Church

Barton and Post Road
Pastor Paul Runyon
384-5828
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
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