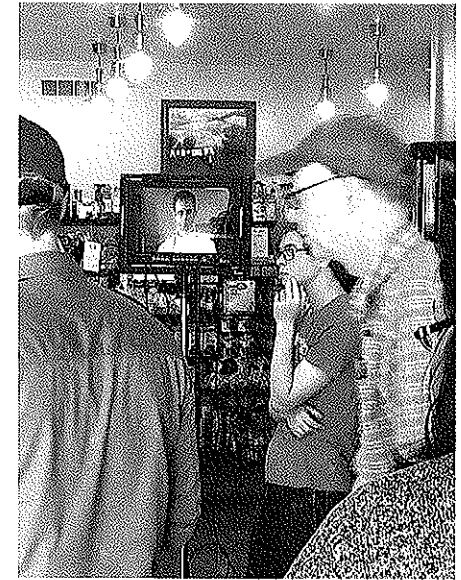
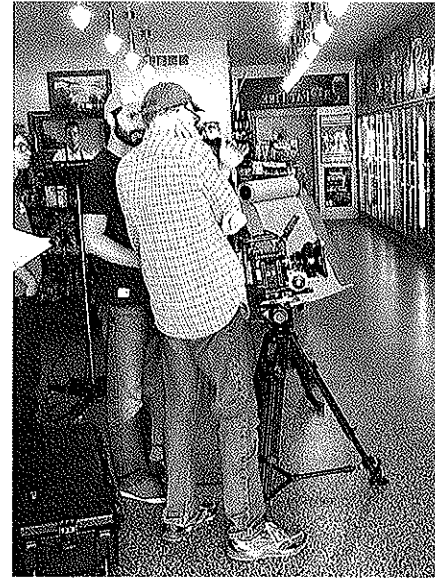


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Or Current Occupant

Otisco Township
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Belding, Michigan 48809



What in the world is going on at Otisco Bakery & Basics ?
(see inside cover for answer)

OTISCO TOWNSHIP

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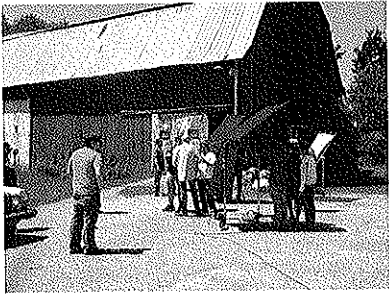
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It's a Wrap !

Answer: The pictures on the front were taken while using Otisco Bakery & Basics as a movie set for filming the movie MR. COOPER. Compass College in Grand Rapids, MI asked permission to film in Otisco Township. The pictures below were taken on set at the March farm. The Otisco Cemetery was also used as a location.

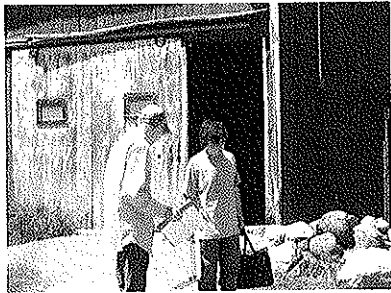
Hot New Location for Filming Movies : Otisco Township !
We will provide the link in our next newsletter, so you can view the movie , .



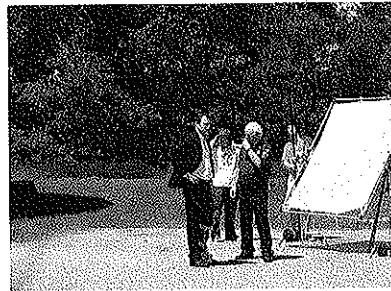
Getting everything in place



Actual scene from Mr. Cooper



Director instructing actor



Scene with Mr. Cooper and officer

Information on the college doing the filming :

Compass College of Cinematic Arts
41 Sheldon Blvd. SE
Grand Rapids, MI

Phone: 616.988.1000

Web Site: www.compass.edu

These are the Cemetery Rules (per ordinance) for Smyrna and Otisco Township cemeteries.

Otisco and Smyrna Cemetery Rules:

1. Open Daylight Hours Only
2. All plantings including Dwarf Plantings & Urns must be in line with monuments for mowing ease
3. Placement of foundation for monuments will be done by Ralph VanOcker the cemetery Sexton
4. No loose stone, brick, landscaping timbers, or fencing on grave-sites
5. Water at Cemetery NOT safe for drinking

If you are interested in having the gravestone of your loved one cleaned, fill out the certificate on the insert in this newsletter and return it to the hall.

If you have any concerns regarding the township cemeteries please contact Laura Staats @ 616.794.4313 or Maryann Reeves @ 616.794.1388. of the Cemetery Committee.

TOWNSHIP HALL OFFICE HOURS
SupervisorMon. & Tues. 9-12 & 1-4
Clerk.....Mon. & Th. 9:30 -1:30
Treasurer.....Tues.Wed.Fri. 10-4
Assessor.....Wed. 9-12
Zoning.....Wed. 9-5 & Fri-9-1
PHONE 616.794.3506 —FAX 616.794.7083
www.otiscotwp.org

from the desks of



THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE: Laura Staats

The Otisco Township Cemetery Committee has recently toured the cemeteries and found that some grave sites do not meet the posted cemetery regulations; the regulations are as follows:

Dwarf plantings and urns in line with monuments for mowing ease.

Plastic flowers prohibited except in urns.

Placement of foundations or monuments to be cleared with Cemetery Sexton.

No loose stone, brick, landscaping timbers, or fencing on grave-sites.

Please note, that per the Otisco Township Cemetery ordinances that the Cemetery committee can take the following actions; Section VIII - Ground Maintenance

B. No flowers, shrubs, trees or vegetation of any type shall be planted without approval of the Cemetery Sexton or Township Clerk. Any of the foregoing items planted without such approval may be removed by the Township or Sexton.

C. The Board reserves the right to remove or trim any tree, plant, or shrub located within the cemetery in interest of maintaining proper appearance and the use of the cemetery.

E. The Cemetery Sexton or appointee by the Township Board shall have the right and authority to remove and dispose of any and all growth, cut flowers, plants, emblems, displays or containers therefore or any item whatsoever which becomes unsightly, a source of litter, or a maintenance problem.

H. The Townships Board's determination as to any action taken under the authority granted by this section shall be final and conclusive, and any person purchasing a burial space shall be presumed to consent to such action.

For a copy of the full cemetery ordinance you may contact the Township Clerk.

Please be advised that the Otisco Township Cemetery Committee will remove any items, plantings, etc. that do not meet the posted regulations. This action will not take place until sometime in August 2015. Please visit the Smyrna and Otisco Cemetery's prior to August 15 to make sure that the graves of your loved ones meet the regulations.

Respectfully,
Otisco Township Cemetery Committee

ATTENTION RESIDENTS !!

New Freedom of Information Act laws took affect July 1, 2015
Complete information and forms are on our website.
www.otiscotwp.org

Get 2015/2016 **dump vouchers** at the township hall. You are entitled to 2 trips to the dump anytime between now and March 31, 2016. Please bring your ID.

We are happy to announce there will not be any changes in our **recycling** as previously talked about.

Cyclists are Coming: Andy Bidro addressed the township board with information on the 4th Annual Titanium Triathlon. On August 23rd, 2015-600 cyclists will be coming through our township and there will be a turn around on Hawley Hwy. This event has been voted one of the top 5 toughest events. For more info on the event go to - www.mititanium.com

Laura Staats(cemetery committee) approached the board about much needed money to repair the cemeteries. The board awarded the committee \$10,000. to get things going. Some of the repairs needed were public hazards. There are also rules regarding the cemeteries inside this newsletter.

Smyrna Summer Celebration August 1, 2015

Schedule of Events:

Pancake Breakfast.....7AM-10AM
Car/Tractor/Truck/Cycle **Registration**...9AM-11AM
Car/Tractor/Truck/Cycle **Show**9AM-4PM
Farmers Market.....9AM-4PM setup 8AM-9AM
Craft Sale.....9AM-4PM setup 8AM-9AM
Hot Dog & Brat Lunch.....11AM-3PM
For More Info Call: Maryann Reeves @ 616.794.1388
OR Laura Staats @ 616.794.4313

from the desks of



SUPERVISOR: Paul Reeves

I am in the process of moving all the township supervisor related records to a new desk location within the hall. For years I have shared a desk with the assessor and over time it has become a bit crowded. Now the assessor has her own space and I do too. Once I am totally moved and set up I think it will work well for both of us. **Have a Fun and Safe Summer !**

TREASURER: Janet Breimayer

Tax time is upon us again and if anyone in the township or the state for that matter is struggling, or behind on their taxes and even in danger of losing their property you may want to check out the Step Forward Michigan Program. This program is designed to give people a "step forward" once circumstances such as illness, unemployment etc. force them to fall behind. For more information call 866.946.7432 or go to stepforwardmichigan.org for an online application.

Reminder: Please remember that you may defer your taxes if you meet one of the following criteria:

1. Annual household income of \$40,000 or less.
2. 62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 yrs. or older at the time of death.
3. Paraplegic, Hemiplegic or Quadriplegic.
4. Eligible service person, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower
5. Blind person
6. Totally and permanently disabled
7. Agriculture deferment

Remember deferment does not mean you don't have to pay taxes, it only means you can defer summer taxes until winter and pay both by Feb.14 2016

I am in the office Tues. Wed. & Fri. 10AM to 4PM. Taxes can be paid with a personal check, cashier's check or paypal. **Have a Great Summer.**

CLERK: Lynda Sower

This year is going to be a busy one preparing for the primary election in March and then the general election in November. A new law has been proposed called a "no reason" absentee application. It has met with some opposition but we are still hoping it will go through. My deputy and I have been attending training on the new FOIA laws and are also trying to stay up to speed on the new election machines that are coming. We think all the voters will enjoy using the new machines.

Once **again** please attend the Township Board meetings the 2nd Tues. of the month @ 7:00 PM. See you there. **Have a Sun Shiny Summer !!**

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Marc Larabel

The Township is currently working on updating the **Zoning Book** and the **Forms** currently located on the Township Website under Zoning & Planning. As your Zoning Administrator I am in the process of sending notices to property owners regarding **Inoperable Vehicles**. Please be aware of this Ordinance and if you received a notice, please comply with the Ordinance. We are also in the process of reviewing the **Home Occupation Ordinance** and possible changes to that Ordinance. Feel free to contact me during office hours Wed. & Fri. 10AM -5PM or by appointment. Leave voice message or E-mail zadmin@otiscotwp.org. **Enjoy Your Summer!**

ASSESSOR: Judy Lindberg

Just a friendly reminder to check to see if you have a PRE.

WHAT IS A PRE- PRINCIPLE RESIDENCE EXEMPTION ?

If your property is owned and occupied as your primary residence, the "PRE" Percentage listed on your assessment notice should be listed at 100%. Please Review your assessment notice to verify this. A 100% PRE means you are totally exempt from the 18-mil school operating millage. Note—this is the same millage exemption agricultural (farm) property owners receive only theirs is called a Qualified Ag Exemption.

For the residents who are new to the township and didn't receive the assessment notice sent out in February, you can call the township office on Wednesday mornings between 9 and noon and have me check it to be sure you have the PRE Exemption in place. **Great Summer Everyone.**