

# TIBBITS

Tibbits Opera Foundation and  
Arts Council , Inc.

2009- 2010  
Annual Report



For the fiscal year October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010  
Annual Meeting—January 27, 2011

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**Audited financials are available at the administrative office, 93 W Chicago Street**

## *Our Mission*



*The Tibbits Opera Foundation  
and Arts Council, Inc.  
fosters enrichment of life for all people  
by preserving the historic opera house  
and supporting the arts,  
culture and education.*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Members:

It has been an honor to represent the Tibbits Opera Foundation and Arts Council, Inc. for the past two years as your President. My love of local history and passion for the arts intersect at this wonderful historic building. I am pleased to be surrounded by other people who truly love this old theater, and want to see it restored.

The restoration of the opera house has been a long-term vision for many of us. Step-by-step it is becoming a reality. Completed items include the architectural studies, the elevator and handicapped accessible restroom, and last year's raising of the cupola to the rooftop of the theater.

This year we are excited about the restoration of the façade, known as the "Strip the Tibbits" campaign. Through donations and a Scenic Byways grant through the Federal Highway Administration, we are currently within approximately \$118,000 of the \$1,000,000 cost of stripping and restoring the face of the building. In the coming months you will see the 1960's façade begin to be removed as we forge ahead with this phase.

When the façade restoration is complete, we anticipate media attention and excitement in the historical architecture industry.

The year 2011 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Coldwater. We are pleased that the Tibbits Opera House has been a part of the City for 129 of those years! Celebrations are planned through-out the year, and you can bet Tibbits will be included in many of them.

Remind all your out-of-town friends that Coldwater is a cool place to visit! It is important to remember that the Tibbits brings tourists into Branch County from the surrounding areas. The financial impact from these tourists on the restaurants, gas stations and retailers is impressive.

I would like to thank all the patrons, members, volunteers and staff for your interest and support of the Tibbits. Each of you is truly appreciated. Thank You!

Randall S. Hazelbaker, President  
Tibbits Opera Foundation and Arts Council, Inc.

# Executive Director's Report

*Reflect upon your present blessings of which every man has many - not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some ~ Charles Dickens*

I would summarize the 2009-10 fiscal year as a year of blessings. Wonderful things happened, unexpected gifts, a talented, hardworking and cohesive summer company, a magical chemistry alighting in some of our shows, a new spirit in the audience, continued support of our dedicated volunteers and inspiring financial support from members and donors alike. All beautiful and inspiring things!

The previous year had been very challenging. As 2010 approached no one really knew what to expect from the economy, on the political front, from the community or even from audience and supporters. With a shoulder down, braced for a possible impact, with determination and a prayer, we plowed forward knowing there was still work to be done. And the blessings came!

A few unexpected and substantial gifts right at the close of December alleviated the financial pressure on the operations allowing us to breathe a little more easily and perhaps more importantly think a little more clearly. Grant opportunities also surfaced from the Branch County Community Foundation and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The Entertainment Series melded the notion of partnership and cooperation resulting in many rewards for audiences, students and artists alike. We partnered with Coldwater High School band and choir programs for the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, with the Branch Area Career Center for the Singing Chef, and with Young Michigan Dances, MSU Extension, Altrusa International of Branch County and Celebrating Cultural Connections Committee for Kuungana Drum and Dance Company. All were outstanding experiences!

Summer Theatre arrived with a fresh company mixed with seasoned Tibbits veterans and talented newcomers. The chemistry was apparent from the opening show and carried through the summer bringing new audiences and rave reviews. The activities of Tibbits Boosters and Arts Alive added freshness and fun. Boosters hit a record in attendance and money raised for its *Dancing with the Celebrities*. Tibbits Young Audiences and our activities for youth still made an impact introducing new audiences to the performing arts, providing a creative outlet and building self esteem. More blessings!

New sponsors and new members helped the bottom line. Membership reached a new record for dollars raised. Restoration donations and pledges also continued to come in as the work progressed readying the theatre for the façade restoration to begin.

Blessings! I am truly grateful so many people hold this theatre in their hearts and support it in so many ways, every single day, year after year. I thank each and every one of you. You provide a great benefit not just to the theatre but to the community, to our children, grandchildren and many generations to come. We are blessed.

Christine Delaney,  
Executive Director

# Board of Directors and Staff

## 2009-2010 Board of directors

**Randall Hazelbaker\***

*President*

**Jim Maynard\***

*Vice President*

**Brian Hodson\***

*Treasurer*

**Jeff Holbrook\***

*Secretary*

**Erl Gleason\***

*Past President*

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*BCCT*

**Ray Sebastian\***

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**Doug Bloom**

**J. Richard Colbeck**

**Laura Lutterbeck**

**Barb Mullally**

**Brad Parrish**

**Julie Stratos**

**Bev Tippmann**

*\*Denotes Executive Committee*

## 2009-2010 Staff

**Christine Delaney**—*Executive Director*

**Charles Burr**—*Artistic Director*

**Rebecca Murfin**—*Operations Manager (June 2010)*

**Carol Coyle**—*Membership Director*

**Judy Latchaw**—*Accounting Manager*

**Carolyn Stewart**—*Director of Volunteers*

**Leslie Suelzer**—*Box Office Manager (until Aug.2010)*

**Steve Rutz**—*Box Office Manager (Sept. 2010)*

**Dave Brown**—*Facility Manager*

**Joan Spaulding**—*Misc. Assistant*

# Tibbits Endowment

Tibbits Opera House Endowment (TOHE) was established by the Tibbits Opera Foundation board in July 2003. The TOHE is a 501 (c) 3 organization separate from the Tibbits Opera Foundation. Members of the TOHE board include Jim Cole (president), Jeff Dean (vice president), Andrew Van Doren (secretary), Jim Gordon (treasurer), J. Richard Colbeck, Tod Dally, Ken Delaney, Brian Hodson and Ray Sebastian.

The TOHE receives and administers endowment funds used to support programming and maintenance for Tibbits Opera House. While the restoration committee seeks to restore the theatre, the endowment board's purpose is to ensure the long-term viability of the building and organization through endowed gifts.

The TOHE's gift to Tibbits this year was used to support programming for Summer Theatre (\$2000) as well as the Entertainment Series (\$2000). Repair and maintenance support included major repair to the theatre's air conditioning system (\$3000), repair to the sump pump (\$255), elevator/fire safety tests (\$400), software upgrades, and the purchase of additional tables for the gallery, light cages for the dressing rooms and a camera to record the many events for marketing and publicity (\$600 combined total). The only expense for the TOHE was for a review of the financials by Rumsey & Watkins; all administrative expenses are covered by the Tibbits Opera Foundation.

*To date, funds within the endowment represent the gracious gifts of :*

***Harold J. "Dutch" Meier, M.D. Endowment Fund  
Gloria & Norman Hawk and Gretchen & Raymond Dresser***

***Glen & Eileen Barnett Estate***

***Dick Fitzgerald Memorial***

***Marvin & Phyllis Rosenberg***

***Endowment Fund for Children's Programming***

***Alex Lomik - Children's Programming Memorial Fund***

***Olga F. Wright - Children's Programming Endowment Fund***

The organization accepts gifts of cash, securities, real and personal property which a donor wishes to permanently endow. The board invests and manages these gifts for the benefit of Tibbits Opera House, its programs, and the arts in our community. Only a portion of the interest or earnings is distributed; the principal is preserved to provide a steady source of income.

Persons interested in receiving more information on the endowment, planned giving or the restoration may contact Tibbits Opera House. Advisors are available to meet with donors about gifting options.

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**TIBBITS OPERA FOUNDATION  
AND ARTS COUNCIL, INC.  
Balance Sheet for the year ending September 30, 2010**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Cash	\$ 23,322.45	
Accounts Receivable	\$ 2,394.34	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>\$ 25,716.79</b>

**Fixed Assets**

Company House	\$ 43,665.38	
Vehicle	\$ 6,264.00	
Buildings	\$ 1,187,626.18	
Computers/Software	\$ 18,939.67	
Land	\$ 12,100.00	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	\$ (435,272.00)	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>\$ 833,323.23</b>

**Other Assets**

Investments	\$ 708.25	
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 5,116.52	
<b>Total Other Assets</b>		<b>\$ 5,824.77</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$ 864,864.79**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Current Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	\$ 11,726.94	
Payroll Taxes Payable	\$ 461.50	
Accrued Payroll	\$ 10,689.60	
Deferred Membership	\$ 33,729.00	
Deferred Income	\$ 3,210.00	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>\$ 59,817.04</b>

**Long Term Liabilities**

Loan Payable - CB&T	\$ 172,662.50	
Line of Credit - CB&T	\$ 39,000.00	
Line of Credit - NCB	\$ 24,000.00	
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>		<b>\$ 235,662.50</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$ 295,479.54</b>

**EQUITY**

Retained Earnings	\$ 578,408.74	
Net Income	\$ (9,023.49)	
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>\$ 569,385.25</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** **\$ 864,864.79**

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**TIBBITS OPERA FOUNDATION  
AND ARTS COUNCIL, INC.**

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES  
For the year ending September 30, 2010

<b>REVENUE:</b>	Tibbits Summer Theatre	\$ 152,868.99	
	Membership	\$ 105,806.20	
	Special Events	\$ 62,240.62	
	Programming, Entertainment & Family Series	\$ 64,197.65	
	Gifts/Donations/Trusts/Donated Services	\$ 79,332.06	
	Grants	\$ 21,900.00	
	Endowment Donation	\$ 4,149.97	
	Theatre Rental	\$ 23,384.11	
	Miscellaneous	\$ 2,400.80	
	<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 516,280.40</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
	Administrative Payroll	\$ 103,941.21	
	Advertising	\$ 1,708.89	
	Boosters	\$ 14.13	
	Depreciation	\$ 35,809.06	
	Donated Services	\$ 14,133.74	
	Dues & Subscription	\$ 1,436.00	
	Elevator Expense	\$ 1,057.83	
	General Payroll	\$ 29,887.30	
	Interest	\$ 13,728.74	
	Liability Insurance	\$ 7,780.00	
	Membership Development	\$ 1,547.52	
	Miscellaneous	\$ 6,506.08	
	Programming, Entertainment & Family Series	\$ 32,327.63	
	Office Supplies and Equipment	\$ 6,907.94	
	Payroll Taxes	\$ 9,471.90	
	Printing and Reproduction	\$ 780.91	
	Professional Fees	\$ 4,340.00	
	Property Taxes	\$ 593.38	
	Repair and Maintenance	\$ 4,921.42	
	Repair and Maintenance Endowment	\$ 4,149.97	
	School Programming/Young Audience	\$ 4,690.52	
	Special Events	\$ 13,929.84	
	Technical Support	\$ 1,995.00	
	Telephone/Internet	\$ 3,086.99	
	Tenant Expenses	\$ 9,062.01	
	Tibbits Summer Theatre	\$ 186,583.59	
	Utilities	\$ 15,870.96	
	Waste Removal	\$ 735.83	
	Workman's Comp	\$ 909.50	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 517,907.89</b>
	Net Gain (Before depreciation)		34,181.57
	Loss on Disposal of asset		(7,396.00)
	Depreciation		<u>(35,809.06)</u>
	<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>		<b>(9,023.49)</b>

**TIBBITS OPERA FOUNDATION  
AND ARTS COUNCIL, INC.**

**RESTORATION BALANCE SHEET**

**Tibbits Opera Foundation Restoration Campaign  
For Year Ended September 30, 2010**

<b>ASSETS</b>			
	<b>Current Assets</b>		
	SMB Checking	\$	810.29
	SMB Money Market	\$	120,880.45
	PNC Money Market Savings	\$	27,312.34
	<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>\$ 149,003.08</b>
	<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
	Capitalized Phases	\$	351,868.98
	Money Market Edward Jones	\$	1,885.75
	PNC Certificate of Deposit	\$	26,219.68
	<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>		<b>\$ 379,974.41</b>
	<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
	Computers & Software	\$	668.33
	<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>\$ 668.33</b>
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$ 529,645.82</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
<b>EQUITY</b>	Retained Earnings	\$	456,399.51
	Net Income	\$	73,246.31
	<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>\$ 529,645.82</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>			<b>\$ 529,645.82</b>

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**Tibbits Endowment**  
**ENDOWMENT BALANCE SHEET**  
**For Year Ended December 31, 2010**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Edward Jones Money Market Savings	\$ 24,412.17	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>\$24,412.17</b>

**Other Assets**

Edward Jones Bonds	\$ 10,187.89	
Edward Jones Stocks	\$ 91,718.17	
Edward Jones Market Value	\$ 11,124.82	
CB&T Certificate of Deposit	\$ 52,412.32	
<b>Total Other Assets</b>		<b>\$165,443.20</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$189,855.37</b>
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**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

<b>EQUITY</b>	304 Valuation Allowance	\$ 11,124.82	
	305 Approved Grants 2010	\$ 6,317.00	
	Permanently Restricted	\$ 167,193.96	
	Retained Earnings	\$ 3,254.17	
	Net Income	\$ 1,965.42	
	<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>\$189,855.37</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES EQUITY</b>		<b>\$189,855.37</b>
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# Summer Theatre

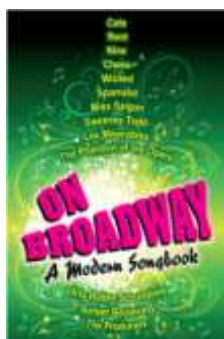
The 47th Tibbits Summer Theatre season under the direction of Artistic Director Charles Burr started in June and ran through mid-August. The professional company included 40 plus actors, directors, designers, musicians and technical staff all working together to produce a season of audience pleasing, creative productions. It turned out to be a great company in terms of talent and hard work and resulted in outstanding productions with great reviews from audience and critics alike. The happiest news of the summer was that Summer Theatre made \$10,000 more than what the budget projected. Summer Theatre continues to be a tourism draw with great economic impact for Branch County.

The season opened with *On Broadway: A Modern Songbook*, a musical revue compiled by Charles Burr and Trinity Bird, of music from the last 20 or so years of new Broadway musicals—many unavailable to the Tibbits for full productions. The “New” Gershwin musical *Crazy For You* tapped its way into the audience’s heart with one of the longest first act ovations ever heard in the opera house. The farce by Ray Cooney, *Run for Your Wife* provoked gales of laughter from all who saw it—with sales almost as strong as the musicals—with its tale of a hapless taxi driver working overtime to keep the secret of his two wives from the police. The final show was the audience participation production of *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* where several audience members (and a series of local celebrity spellers) competed with the cast of odd “middle school-ers” for the championship.

The summer company was just as involved with Popcorn Theatre, which produced four exciting, quality children’s shows; *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *The Emperor’s New Clothes*, *Little Red Riding Hood & The Three Little Pigs*, and *The Abracadabra: Popcorn Magic Show*. The last production was a co-production with the Colon Magic Festival, bringing many different magicians to the Tibbits stage.

Throughout the summer the special activities were held including an appearance by members of the company at Entertainment Under the Stars in downtown Coldwater. During the run of *The Emperor’s New Clothes*, a Backstage Pass was issued to participating audience members. Talks with the Artistic Director, the Director of the production, and the cast were augmented by a tour backstage and lunch in the Art Gallery. Tours of the theatre for adults were held twice over the summer. We also continued the “Talkbacks” after certain Saturday evening performances.

TST again featured area artists who created the artwork showcased on the front the summer theatre brochures, the programs, posters and other materials promoting the shows. Art and design credit goes to: Clovis Bordeaux, Aaron Garn, Susan Miller and Carlene Rucker.



## Summer Theatre (CON'T)



*Crazy for You*

### **2010 Tibbits Summer Theatre**

***On Broadway: A Modern Songbook***

***Crazy for You***

*Vandervoort, Christ & Fisher, P.C.  
Attorneys & Counselors*

***Run For Your Wife***

*Satek Winery*



*The 25th Annual Putnam  
County Spelling Bee*

***The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee***

*Wal\*Mart Distribution #6043*

*Wal\*Mart Transportation #6843*

### **Tibbits Popcorn Theatre**

*Dr. Jon & Seibra Herbener*

***Goldilocks and the Three Bears***

*Dedicated in loving memory of Macy & Sydney Donay  
by their sister, Kaia Brooke Donay*

***The Emperor's New Clothes***

*Allegis Credit Union*

***Little Red Riding Hood & The Three Little Pigs***

*Great Lakes Chiropractic*

***Abracadabra Popcorn Magic Show***

*Coldwater Exchange Club*

### **Grant Support**

Tibbits Summer Theatre was made possible through grant support from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs  
Popcorn Theatre was made possible through support from McDonald's of Branch and Hillsdale Counties and the Capri Drive-In Theater



*Run for Your Wife*



*On Broadway A Modern Songbook*

## Special Tribute

*In 2010 we celebrated the life and mourned the death of a man who served Tibbits as Facility Manager for more than a dozen years and continued to provide help and guidance for several more years. Though he has passed his spirit remains a part of the fiber of this great theatre.*

### Sam Cole

Aug. 10, 1935 – March 5, 2010

*“Well done my good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful  
take possession of the kingdom prepared for you”*

Matthew 25: 23, 24



In appreciation for the gifts of time and talent he gave to the Tibbits Opera House and by extension to the entire community, Tibbits Opera Foundation and Arts Council salutes the memory of Sam Cole.

For nearly twenty years his involvement kept the theatre operating so the show could always go on. He provided a lasting legacy for countless groups who use the theatre, for the community and for the generations who will enjoy it in the future. Sam was always there, always willing to do whatever needed to be done. He kept the building and all its aspects running smoothly. He kept the boilers working sometimes with seemingly nothing more than a wish and a prayer. His sincerity and “can do” perspective was a treasure that will be sorely missed.

# Special Events Report

The Tibbits Opera House conducts many fundraising events throughout the year. Special events coupled with our annual membership drive is the lifeblood of the organization. Gifts from the private sector are becoming more and more important in helping Tibbits Opera House continue to provide quality entertainment throughout the region.

## **Tibbits Annual Auction – November 7, 2009**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction “Under the Big Top” was indeed a special event. Dave Norton celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> year as the event Auctioneer. He also displayed pieces from his circus memorabilia collection which added a special nuance to the theme. A gift was presented to Dave to recognize his dedication and donations of expertise, time and monetary supports to Tibbits.

Co-chairs for the event were Marisue Taylor & Marilyn Ostrander. Revenue from the auction was \$47,733.62. Expenses totaled \$5,560.39. High bidders for the evening were Ed and Norma Geishert for the Barton S. Tibbits sponsorship selling for \$5,000. They receive four tickets to every event at the theatre for 2010.



*Dave Norton*

Over 500 items were up for bid with the help of more than 35 volunteers to gather and distribute items. Proceeds from the auction help with the general operation of the theatre, including programming, maintenance and utilities.

## **Golf Outing – July 12, 2010**

Thirteen teams signed up and competed on Monday, July 12 in the Annual Tibbits Golf Outing. The event was held at the Golf Club of Coldwater while Martell’s Tavern on the Green provided the lunch following the event.

Monarch Community Bank was again the title sponsor of the event. Mark Ludlow, event chair, thanked local businesses, industry and individuals for their support in making the event such a successful fundraiser. This year’s revenue was \$11,348.00 with total expenses of \$3,628.00. Luis Cruz of Marshall won the Adams Golf Irons, donated by the Foundation Golf Center, as the first prize raffle item. Many thanks went out to all volunteers, donors and players who continue to be loyal support for Tibbits. The Golf Club of Coldwater will host the 2011 event scheduled for June 20.



*John & Joan Rohloff  
Dick & Nancy Aker*

## Entertainment Series

Tibbits Entertainment Series opened the season with a special performance by the **Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra**. The performance incorporated the Coldwater High School choirs and a select group from the CHS band. The theatre's acoustics were perfect to showcase the sound of the symphony as well as the choir as it rang out with the sounds of Vivaldi's "Gloria."



The **Saline Fiddlers**, America's premier youth fiddling show band wowed the audience with their December appearance at Tibbits. The group combined dazzling fiddling, lively dancing and singing to delight everyone in this highly energetic and polished stage show.

In January, Tibbits teamed with the Branch Area Career Center Culinary Art/ Hospitality Management program for a unique event with **The Singing Chef**. Andy LoRusso provided an entertaining, interactive culinary and musical show. Beautiful images of Italy were projected on stage as Andy demonstrated a four course Italian menu while he sang. The students served each course to the audience in their theatre seats for a multi-sensory experience.



Singer, songwriter, outstanding acoustic guitarist **Jay Buchanan** in February showed why he has been awarded "The Best of the West" in his home state of California. Normally touring with his rock band "Rival Sons," Buchanan loved performing in the old opera house. Then in March, **Not for Women Only** gave a lively musical review. The audience enjoyed this sassy, funny, entertaining revue with songs by, for and about women and their lives.

**Kuungana Drum & Dance Company** presented a mesmerizing performance of drums, dance and costumes in April. The show was an exciting colorful spectacle of rhythm and inspiration evoking the traditions of West Africa. You could feel the pulse of drum beats through your entire body and the troupe's dancers never seemed to stop with their fast, high-stepping movements. A collaboration with Young Michigan Dances, MSU Extension and Altrusa International of Branch County this event was the third Celebrating Cultural Connections. Kevin Collins, founder and director of Kuungan also presented multiple performances in the schools engaging the students with demonstrations on the drums and lessons about life and self esteem.

### **Thank you to our Entertainment Series sponsors...**

**Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra** – *Coldwater Board of Public Utilities*

**The Singing Chef** – *Gordon Food Service*

**Not for Women Only** – *Comfort Inn & Suites*

**Kuungana Drum & Dance Co.**– *Consumer's Credit Union*

*The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Tibbits Endowment*



# Tibbits Young Audiences

***Touching youth with quality arts experiences and supplementing the arts education offered by the schools is the entire focus of Tibbits Young Audiences.***

TYA produces two shows a year, a fall show and a musical in the spring. These offer area youth great opportunities to be involved with live theatre which in turn enhances and enriches their lives. They learn team work, theatre skills like memorizing lines, blocking and develop confidence and self esteem. One result is they develop an appreciation for the performing arts.

In October 2009 TYA presented *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* featuring 59 students in grades 3 through 8 from Angola, Bronson, Coldwater, Fremont, Montgomery, Quincy, Reading and Sturgis. The Tibbits Teen Advisory Board (T-Tab) participated on stage and behind the scenes as front of house, stage hands, stage manager, actors and helped greatly with publicity. Kayla Dove, a senior and a 4-year T-Tab member, was student stage manager, Stephanie Stratos was choreographer and Carolyn Stewart was the director. Kiwanis was the sponsor.

In March 2010 TYA presented the musical *Doo Wop Wed Widing Hood* under the leadership of Lois Voss and Julia Littlely as co-directors, Jayne Lillis as producer and choreographer Diane Harmon. 48 students in grades 4 though 8 from Angola, Bronson, Coldwater, Quincy, Sherwood, Tekonsha and White Pigeon participated. Kiwanis once again was a generous sponsor.



An important element of Tibbits Young Audiences is its school programming. Two events were presented for the schools. In February Wild Swan Theatre presented *Strega Nona and the Magic Pasta Pot* for nearly 800 students from eight different schools. With a public performance in the evening, the lively rendition of Tommie dePaula's adaptation of the Italian fairy tale entertained all ages.

In April, percussionist Baba Kevin Collins brought his authentic African and Cuban drums to six schools. He shared his interactive program with over 1300 students teaching them about the drums, the African culture, and positive messages of hard work and self worth.

TYA continues to provide opportunities for youth to gain skills, experience and self esteem and develop an appreciation for the performing arts.

# Attendance

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Children</b>
Oct. 4, 2009	Coldwater DBA	Army Air Force Band Concert	100	10
Oct. 17, 2009	Beatlemania Now Inc.	Beatlemania Now	216	0
Oct. 22-24, 2010	TYA	Legend of Sleepy Hollow	771	50
Nov. 3, 2009	Tibbits	Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra	316	60
Nov. 7, 2009	Tibbits	Auction	250	0
Nov. 17, 2009	Bruce Caswell	Committee to Elect Bruce Caswell	75	0
Nov. 20, 2009	Br. Co. Comm. Band	Fall Concert	269	15
Nov. 22, 2009	Sweet Adeline's	Sweet Adeline's Concert	138	0
Nov. 23, 2009	CAMA/Tibbits	Thanksgiving Service	300	50
Dec. 5, 2009	Edward Jones/Tibbits	Polar Express	274	75
Dec. 10-12, 2009	BCCT	It's A Wonderful Life	458	32
Dec. 18, 2009	Tibbits	Saline Fiddlers	201	0
Dec. 31, 2009	Tibbits	New Year's Eve Ball	51	0
Jan. 8, 2010	Quincy Tip Up	Quincy Tip Up Little Miss Pageant	225	130
Jan. 9, 2010	Quincy Tip Up	Quincy Tip Up Jr-Sr Pageant	425	200
Jan. 16, 2010	Tibbits	The Singing Chef	99	2
Jan. 21-23, 2010	Quincy Drama Society	Smile	267	37
Jan. 28-30, 2010	BCCT	Two By Two	283	4
Feb. 4, 2010	Tibbits	Strega Nona School performances	861	776
Feb. 4, 2010	Tibbits	Strega Nona	43	0
Feb. 12, 2010	Tibbits	Jay Buchanan	72	0
Feb. 25-27, 2010	Coldwater Rotary	Rotary Rewind	1311	0
Mar. 4-6, 2010	BCCT	Connoisseurs	242	2
Mar. 13, 2010	Tibbits	Not For Women Only	72	0
Mar. 15, 2010	Branch District Library	Author Bich Minh Nguyen	64	29
Mar. 18,20, 2010	TYA	Doo Wop Wed Widing Hood	802	231
Mar. 26, 2010	Br. Co. Comm. Band	Musical Memories-30 years	267	25
<b>Apr.14-16, 2010</b>	<b>Tibbits</b>	<b>Kevin Collins School Performances</b>	<b>1385</b>	<b>1345</b>
Apr. 16, 2010	Tibbits	Kuongana Drum and Dance	220	2
Apr. 22-24, 2010	Coldwater High School	Little Women	271	24
May 7, 2010	Tibbits	T-Tab Auditions for Teen Talent Show	64	50
May 15, 2010	Kathy's School of Dance	Dance 2010	510	200
May 22, 2010	Dance Factory	Dance Recital	834	340
May 27-29, 2010	BCCT	Our Town	250	23
Jun. 1, 2010	Jennings Elementary	Reward Movie: Alvin and the Chipmunks	176	161
Jun. 4, 2010	T-Tab	Teen Talent Show	142	63
Jun. 5, 2010	Performing Arts Studio	PAS Spring Concert	122	15
Jun. 18-19, 25-26, 2010	Tibbits Popcorn Theatre	Goldilocks and The Three Bears	954	668
Jun. 24-30 & July 1-3, 2010	Tibbits Summer Theatre	On Broadway: A Modern Songbook	1015	20
Jul. 2-3, 9-10, 2010	Tibbits Popcorn Theatre	Emperor's New Clothes	950	570
<b>Jul. 12, 2010</b>	<b>Tibbits</b>	<b>Golf Tournament</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1</b>
Jul. 8-17, 2010	Tibbits Summer Theatre	Crazy For You	1642	47

# Attendance

Date	Sponsor	Event	Attendance	Children
July. 16-17, 23-24, 2010	Tibbits Popcorn Theatre	Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs	1204	843
Jul. 22-31, 2010	Tibbits Summer Theatre	Run For Your Wife	1620	9
Jul. 27, 2010	Tibbits	Cahlua and Cream	299	0
Jul. 30-31, & Aug. 6-7, 2010	Tibbits Popcorn Theatre	Abracadabra Magic Show	894	625
Aug. 5-14, 2010	Tibbits Summer Theatre	The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee	1234	32
Sept. 11, 2010	Tibbits Boosters	Dancing with Celebrities	408	42
Sept. 17-18, 2010	G.L.A.S.S.	Paranormal Conference	41	0
Sept. 21, 2010	Tibbits	Patrizio	217	0
Sept. 25, 2010	Coldwater Jaycees	Miss-ter Coldwater Pageant	68	0
			<b>21394</b>	<b>6808</b>

Summary:	178	Days of Usage
	22	Community Events
	25	Tibbits Events
	2	Joint Events

Highlighted events held outside theatre

*New Year's Eve  
Backstage Pass  
Al & Mary Gail "Dancing With  
the Celebrities"*



# Tibbits Community Ticket Program

The Tibbits Boosters support the mission of the Tibbits Opera Foundation and Arts Council which “fosters enrichment of life for all people by preserving the historic opera house and supporting the arts, culture and education.” We realize the future of this opera house is not only reliant on volunteers and in funding, but in developing and increasing the number of those attending functions at the Tibbits. Audiences are not only crucial to funding, but provide future memberships and volunteers. Tibbits Community Tickets, coordinated by Tibbits Boosters, further supports this mission by providing access to arts and cultural experiences for underserved and at-risk people of all ages. Tibbits Community Tickets provide larger audiences for performances, increased publicity for sponsors and community service by the Tibbits.

Tibbits Community Tickets program facilitates the donation of unsold (and therefore unused) Tibbits tickets to youth, underserved and at-risk people of all ages. Tickets are designated as available by the person responsible for performance and the sponsoring organization if there is a corporate sponsor for the performance.

Tickets have been made available for Community Theater Events, Tibbits Young Audiences Events, and Summer Theater Shows. This 2010 Summer Theater Season provided 224 seats to nine different agencies. The Box Office staff was exceptional in providing tickets. We were informed when pre-sales were low and that allowed plenty of time to get tickets for a variety of groups. It also allowed us to work with Senior Connect to provide free transportation for seniors.

It is our plan that Tibbits Community Tickets will continue to expand.

Lois Voss  
Community Ticket Coordinator

## Memorials (Other Than Restoration)

**\*\*New in 2009-2010 fiscal year**

Russell Aker  
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Emily Alexander  
Robin Aughenbaugh  
M.G. Bailey  
Donna Baker  
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Richard F. Biringer  
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Joseph Bonfiglio  
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Oscar Brooks  
Kenneth Brown  
Francis Carr  
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Duke Davidson  
John Dean  
Elmer Dobson  
R. Ella Downes  
Ruth Fiske  
Dr. Richard Fitzgerald  
Florene Fuhrman  
John S. Furry  
Sylvia Geishert  
Stanley Godfrey  
Mary Good  
William Good  
Brian Hargreave  
Margaret Hayes  
Paul Herman  
Phyllis Herman  
Eloise Holben  
Noah Hortsch  
Doris Houghton  
Elmer Houghton  
Bill Hyska  
Freda Mae Johnson  
Donald Kehoe  
Franz Keller  
Wilma Kennedy  
Clyde Kibiloski  
Rae Kleindinst  
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Jim Koss  
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Helen LaVelle  
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**We recognize our corporate contributors according to the following categories:**

<b>Corporate Partner</b>	<b>\$2500 Plus</b>
<b>Corporate Director</b>	<b>\$1500 to \$2499</b>
<b>Corporate Angel</b>	<b>\$1000 to \$1499</b>
<b>Corporate Star</b>	<b>\$500 to \$999</b>
<b>Corporate Benefactor</b>	<b>\$250 to \$499</b>
<b>Corporate Friend</b>	<b>\$249 and below</b>

# Membership

Even though tough economic times persisted throughout the state and the nation our members gave generously to this historic theatre. Their unwavering loyalty allowed us to fulfill our mission of providing quality entertainment to the community and to the surrounding area. We are indeed fortunate to have numerous friends who have been members for many years. With their help our donations have reached a new high.

We are well aware the well-being of our organization is linked to membership. Our members provide the foundation for the existence of this gem of a theatre. Ticket sales alone cannot sustain the daily operations of the theatre or provide for its quality programming. Our members recognize the importance of the theatre to the community and give unselfishly so others may enjoy professional summer theatre and nationally recognized talents such as Jeff Daniels and the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Thanks to our members, Cloris Leachman will present her one-woman show in early 2011.

We currently have 448 individual and 38 corporate members on our roster. We appreciate each and every one of them. We salute their loyalty and their commitment. We wish we could have all of them appear on stage so we could give them a standing ovation!

Our goal is to constantly improve in all facets relating to the theatre and its operation. To do this we need the help of our members. We welcome their input and cherish their friendship.

Caroline Lowe, Membership Chairperson  
Georgann Reppert, Barbara Mullally, Chris Rodesiler and Rochelle Denney,  
Committee Members  
Carol Coyle, Membership Coordinator

**Individual contributors are recognized according  
to the following categories:**

<b>Curtain Raiser</b>	<b>\$1000 and above</b>
<b>Angel</b>	<b>\$650 to \$999</b>
<b>Star</b>	<b>\$500 to \$599</b>
<b>Producer</b>	<b>\$400 to \$499</b>
<b>Benefactor</b>	<b>\$250 to \$399</b>
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<b>Donor</b>	<b>\$35 to \$99</b>

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## Individual Members (CON'T)

### Donor (con't)

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## Barton S. Tibbits Sponsor

One of the highlights of the annual November auction is the naming of the Barton S. Tibbits Sponsor of the year. The sponsorship goes to the highest bidder. In addition to the distinction of being the highest bidder, the sponsor receives four reserved tickets to *every event* at the Tibbits Opera House for an entire year along with a reserved parking space in front of the theatre. The sponsor's name is engraved on a plaque which is displayed in the lobby of the theatre. During the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year Sponsors Ed and Norma Geishert could be found in their favorite seats.

2009 - 2010	Ed & Norma Geishert
2001 - 2009	Ed & Norma Geishert (8 years)
2000 - 2001	Harold & Jane Schultz
1999 - 2000	Dale & Judy Custer
1990 - 1999	Harold & Jane Schultz (9 years)
1989 - 1990	Irv & Catherine Harris
1988 - 1989	Ed & Sylvia Geishert
1986 - 1988	Richard & Marie Bettinger (2 years)

## Tibbits Teen Advisory Board (T-Tab)

**2009-2010** was a fantastic “growing” year for T-Tab as the previous year was a “building” year because of the member’s young ages, grades 4 through 9. This has created its own special issues like having T-Tabbers learning particular responsibilities at a young age and not having any drivers in the group! However, this special group of T-Tabbers have been full of nice surprises and full of leaders! The focus of T-Tab remains to reach out and teach youth interested in theatre all aspects of what happens at the opera house: behind the scenes, “front-of-house,” acting, costuming, set building, etc. Through this interaction, they are learning teamwork, responsibility, how to interact with the public and building self-esteem. Also important to T-Tab is how to be respectful of each other.

The T-Tabbers have to earn their own blue T-Tab shirts by working at Strawberry Festival and Applefest. They wear the shirts at all T-Tab events which helps promote their organization, builds team work and also makes it easier for other students to ask them what the T-Tab on their shirt means. Members include: **Anna Armstrong, Jacob Covert, Emma Grife, Becca Harmon, Aubrey Hodson, Mikayla Johnson, Elly Ohm, Cami Price, Kala Sperbeck, Mary Tate and Erin Washburn.** In 2010, Angela Washburn joined the group as Assistant Coordinator and has been a wonderful addition to the group.

***The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*** (October 2009) T-Tab and Tibbits Young Audiences joined together again in presenting this classic tale. T-Tabbers were involved in behind the scenes, costuming, make up, front-of-house, ushering, publicity, ticket sales, and acting.

*On dress rehearsal night, eight people were missing, including the two male leads. I assigned understudy roles for everyone who was missing. I told them they would use their scripts on stage but I didn’t want them stressing over their new roles. The show must go on but we would do it with scripts in hand. This wasn’t good enough for the T-Tabbers. They decided the cast would get together in small groups and learn all their new lines, some staying up until 2:30 am! On opening night they told me they were prepared to go on in their new roles but luckily all the “sick” showed up. I thought this showed great dedication, loyalty and respect for everyone!*

***Tibbits Auction:*** (November 2009) The T-Tabbers formed into groups and contacted fast food places, restaurants, a few hair salons and car washes for donations. They successfully received donations from more than 10 businesses.

***Tibbits Teen Talent Show:*** (June 2010) This is a T-Tab event. They worked behind the scenes, helped put together the show, ran front-of-house, did publicity, sold tickets and raised \$752.

***Popcorn Theatre Usher Day:*** (June 2010) For one of the Popcorn Theatres performances, T-Tab house managed, ushered, set-up and distributed popcorn and juice and shared T-Tab information.

***4-H Fair Booth:*** (Aug. 2010) T-Tabbers helped distribute Tibbits and T-Tab information.

***AppleFest Fundraiser*** (September 2009) T-Tab held its annual face painting booth and raised \$103. This profit is traditionally used to buy new T-Tab t-shirts for the new season.

Carolyn Stewart  
T-Tab Advisor

## Tibbits Boosters – Volunteers

Tibbits Boosters has completed 5 years in its role as a Tibbits supporter. We have grown in that role and look to the future for even more growth. In 2010, the Boosters donated \$7250 to Tibbits. This money included profits from *Dancing with the Celebrities* and earnings from coloring books sold in the gift shop. We also donated a family package and a Tibbits Tile to the auction.

The third annual *Dancing with the Celebrities* was held with a net profit of over \$6,000. The art wall continued with Tibbits Tiles and children's hand prints. Kidz Art Rocks! completed its first year by leasing all 18 pieces of student art work.

Our 2009-10 membership was the highest ever. We have 172 individual members that represent 110 households. In 2010, our membership year changed to March 1<sup>st</sup> until the end of February. The biggest reason for doing this was to separate our membership drive from Tibbits membership drive.

The Booster Board was restructured to increase our efficiency and get more people involved at the board level. Our elected executive board consists of 6 positions – president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and two members-at-large. The appointed board also consists of 6 positions – data base manager, historian, annual luncheon/volunteer reception, long range planning, social and one member at large. We maintained the Tibbits Board liaison and the Tibbits staff liaison positions.

“Tea with the Tibbits Boosters” was the name of our annual meeting held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Three people were elected to two year positions. They were Diane Riegel, president, Nancy Sprow, treasurer, and Diana Conant, member at large.

Volunteers were sentenced for “Doing Time with Tibbits” at our annual volunteer reception held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. A fun evening was enjoyed as we honored 19 volunteers with hundred hour pins. Sabrina Aughenbaugh was honored as the volunteer of the year.

In 2011, we are planning to continue with *Dancing with the Celebrities*, the Tibbits tiles, Kids Art Rocks!, the miniature golf event, our annual volunteer reception, and Tibbits Community Tickets. We will continue to improve the Gift Shop. A new event, *Doll-a-rama* will be added to our fall schedule. It will provide an opportunity for girls, their dolls and families to enjoy the special aspects of doll ownership.

Hopefully, 2011 will be another productive and fun year!!

Diane Riegel  
President, Tibbits Booster Board

# Arts Alive



Arts Alive had quite a productive 2010. There were six themed gallery shows throughout the year, with artists participating from Coldwater, Battle Creek, Hillsdale, Union City, Allen, Spring Arbor, Reading, Sturgis, and Ft. Wayne. Each show had three “People’s Choice” awards, which encouraged guests at the theater to vote for their favorite piece of art. A school sponsored children’s art show and a display of art by Alzheimer patients through Pines Respite Center was also included.

Art Walks took place in May and October with the fall event including an artist reception, live music and poetry reading in Tibbits Gallery. We had our 1st “paint-out”, with seven artists setting up and creating beautiful paintings in downtown Coldwater, which were later displayed in a Gallery show.

A website was created for Arts Alive which is linked to the Tibbits site, plus we were able to merge our email listing with Tibbits’ Constant Contact list which simplifies getting info out such as “Call for Artists”. Gallery guidelines were set up and approved by Tibbits for those outside of the organization interested in individual and group shows.

Last but not least, Arts Alive was able to make a \$500 donation to the Tibbits Restoration Project! We are looking forward to another successful year ahead.

Bev Tippmann  
President, Arts Alive



*Poetry Reading*



*Downtown Paint Out*

# Branch County Community Theatre

2010 has been a successful year for Branch County Community Theatre (BCCT). We have seen many new faces both on stage and in the audience, including people from surrounding counties in Michigan and Indiana. We now have a web site ([www.BranchCCT.org](http://www.BranchCCT.org)) and a Facebook page.

Our year began with the musical *Two by Two*, which was postponed from the fall due to a medical problem with a cast member. This show was performed for one weekend in Jonesville as well as a weekend at Tibbits Opera House. This was followed by the Robert J. Pickering Award winning original play, *The Connoisseurs*. The author was able to join us for opening night. In the spring, BCCT put on the timeless classic, *Our Town*. This fall, we put on *Holes*, based on the popular children's book. We finished up our year with *A Christmas Carol*, which had over 800 people in the attendance over the 4 show run.

BCCT continues to enjoy our close relationship with Tibbits Opera House. We appreciate having such a beautiful and historic place to call home during our shows. Our members continue to overlap with Tibbits members and are often seen volunteering and contributing in many different ways to keep the Opera House alive and well. We look forward to many more upcoming seasons together with Tibbits as we bring amateur theatre opportunities to the Branch county community.

Charlene N. Rucker, President  
Branch County Community Theatre

## Community Service

*Each year Tibbits Opera Foundation helps other organizations through the donation of tickets, gift items, props, costumes, set pieces or sharing theatre advice and expertise. Tibbits also collaborates with other organizations on events held at the theatre. Following is a partial list of the organizations who benefited from Tibbits' community service:*

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Bellevue United Methodist Church - tour  
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# Restoration Campaign Report

## *Through the Magic of Believing!*

### **Poised to Begin**

The past year has been busy with fundraising and preparation for Phase III, the restoration of the façade of the 1882 Tibbits Opera House. As we approach 2011, after much work completed out of the limelight, Tibbits is poised and ready to begin the restoration of the front to its original 1882 French Second Empire design.

Donations continue to come in as the Restoration Executive and Major Gifts committees and Tibbits Board of Directors meet and explain the project to individual donors, corporate decision-makers, and granting organizations. So many friends of Tibbits have continued to show their support. As of the annual meeting funds are within \$118,000 of the \$1,000,000 goal set by the board to begin the work. It is remarkable and a measure of the value of the project, to consider the amount of money donated to the project during one of Michigan's worst economies ever.

Tibbits hired Architect Tom Roberts at the end of the summer. With an appreciation of the role of preservation and a strong background in historic architecture and theatre restoration, Roberts also brings with him a deep understanding of the Tibbits Opera House. He worked on the original feasibility study and design development under Architect Ed Francis and spent many hours crawling through the theatre's many nooks and crannies.

Tom set to work developing the plan and drawings to take off the 1960s façade and continues the research on the many nuances of materials and methods needed to restore the front to its original glory. The preparation includes coordination of details and documentation for the federal grants awarded to Tibbits by the US Department of Agriculture and to the City of Coldwater on behalf of Tibbits by the Federal Highway Administration. All work on the theatre must meet preservation guidelines and be approved by the State Historic Preservation Office. Grand River Builders has been hired to do the demolition work revealing the original brick and allowing Roberts to understand the true conditions before completing the construction documents. The architectural beauty of the Tibbits Opera House like a butterfly could begin emerging from its cocoon as soon as summer of 2011.

Tibbits' original ornamentation was removed and covered with an Art Deco façade in the 1930s when it was turned into a movie house. During the 1960s that façade was removed and a "temporary" façade was put up and remains today. Within Phase III, the brick on the north, south, and west walls has already been restored. In 2009 the cupola was built and raised to the top of the building.

Previous phases of restoration included design development; demolition of an adjacent building; removal of hazardous materials from inside the theatre; repair of the boilers; improvement of emergency exits; and installation of an elevator, a barrier free entrance, and restroom.

*Ken Delaney, Mary Smith, David Norton (Co-Chairs)*

# Restoration Campaign Report (CON'T)

## *Through the Magic of Believing!*

### Restoration Volunteer Committees

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**2. Become a Member!**

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**4. Give a Gift to the Restoration Campaign!**

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