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Trailer residents legal

■ Judge says those living on former hospital land can vote

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

A Wayne County Circuit Court judge ruled against Northville Township last Thursday, finding that residents living in security trailers on the former Northville

Regional Psychiatric Hospital property have the right to live there and be registered voters in the township.

The township filed suit against developer REIS, a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers and Company, several months ago, saying Certificates of Occupancy for the four security trailers on the property were illegally obtained.

But Chief Judge William Giovan ruled on behalf of the developer, clearing the way for the residents to vote on an annexation proposal in

the August primary election.

"This will certainly cause many of our residents to feel betrayed and be in a state of disbelief on how a judge can be unwilling or unable to act on a matter such as this, where a developer didn't have clean hands when it came to these squatters," said Chip Snider, township manager. "We will immediately proceed to an expeditious hearing to the Court of Appeals in an attempt to overturn the Honorable Judge Giovan's decision."

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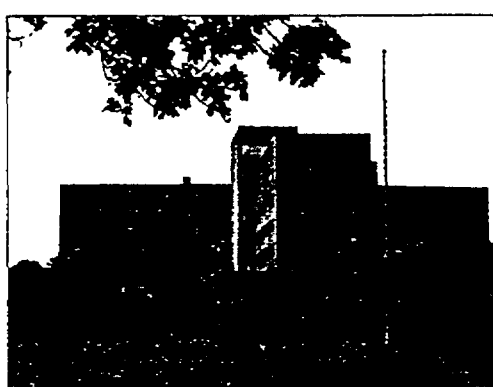


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The former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property as seen from Seven Mile Road.

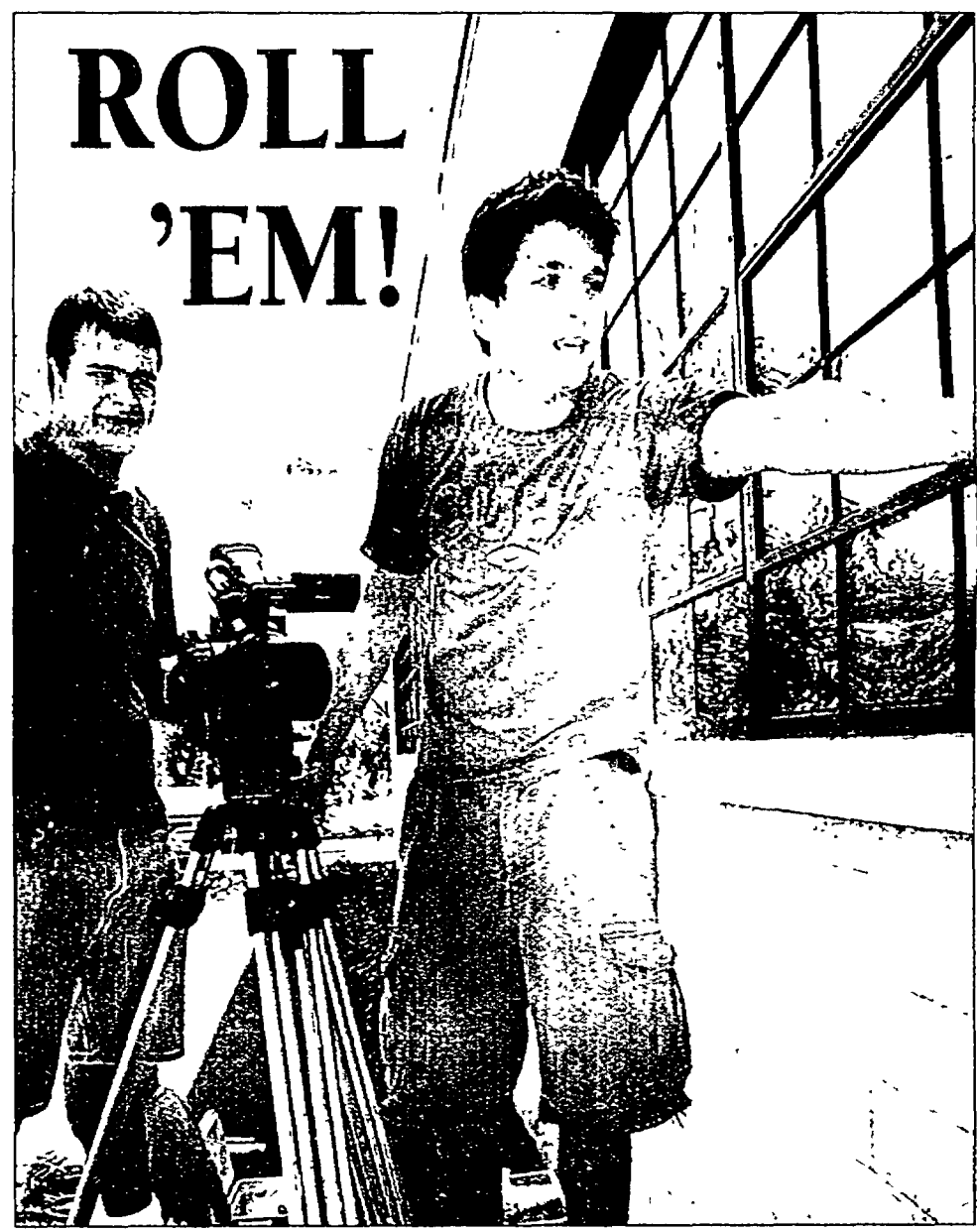


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Northville High School graduate Brian Camilleri, right, works with cameraman Daniel Hart Prieto on the roof of Camilleri's Ford Focus as they shoot Brian's short movie called "Upper Deck." Camilleri, who attends the Motion Picture Institute in Troy, is working on a semi-autobiographical movie about how he was influenced by a baseball coach at Northville's former batting cages facility, the Upper Deck. He was shooting the film at the former entrance to the facility at Northville's Water Wheel building.

Budding Northville filmmaker on location at Planet Fitness

■ "Upper Deck" about baseball

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Northville resident Brian Camilleri may be an unknown today. But who knows? He could become the next Steven Spielberg.

The 19-year-old son of

Michael Camilleri and Dianne Staron graduated from Silver Springs Elementary, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School in 2007 and is now a budding filmmaker, planning an exciting career in the industry.

Currently a student at the Motion Picture Institute of Michigan in Troy, last week he directed Daniel Hart Priest, a friend and his director of photography, while shooting a scene outside Planet Fitness in downtown Northville for Camilleri's

new short film, "Upper Deck." "The film, based on true events, is a baseball movie about father-son relationships," Camilleri said. "The moral of the story is to be a good father to your children and to never give up or lead them astray."

Camilleri said the idea for the film springs from his memories of the batting cage facility, called "Upper Deck," that used to be housed in the same building

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KOJI: Newest restaurant serves favorite dishes of Japan and Korea

■ Great location by Town Square

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

When Steve Song first opened a business in downtown Detroit, he used to sleep at his store to prevent burglaries.

He now feels safe and sound and invites area residents to come for lunch — or dinner — at his new restaurant, Koji, in downtown Northville.

The Japanese and Korean eatery just opened on June 6 in the space formerly occupied by Aladdin's and then Jasmine's at 146 Mary Alexander Court behind the Town Square.

The word Koji has a few different meanings in Japanese, according to Song.

The most popular use is a boy's name. It's also the name of a city. But for its use in naming his restaurant, case, the meaning is "truly trustworthy."

A native of Seoul, Korea, and the son of a retired school principal who later opened a construction business, Song has lived in Novi for about 10 years. He and his wife, Jin, have two daughters who attend Northville schools — Helen, 16, and Linda, 13.

He moved to the United States in 1984. "I remember the year I moved here because the Detroit Tigers won the World Series that year," Song said.

It was his wife's idea for him to open a restaurant after he operated men's clothing stores for 20 years. With the current economy, he found it difficult to compete with the large department stores in the area. He has a few friends in the restaurant business, so he learned the ropes from them. He then hired a chef, Jung Park, who formerly worked at Mine Sushi at 15 Mile and Orchard Lake roads in West Bloomfield and Sushi Ko at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Hills.

Enjoying Northville

Song is so happy to have a business in downtown



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Koji restaurant owner Steve Song displays one of its specialties: a tempura bento box with fried shrimp, sweet potato, broccoli, also pork and shrimp rolls, and a quartet of California roll.

Northville after problems with break-ins at his former men's clothing store, Male Ego, at Six Mile and Schaefer in Detroit. Although he only operated the store there for a couple of years in the mid-1980s, it was quite an experience.

"I didn't know it was a rough area," he said. Even with sound detectors and an alarm system, windows were broken a couple of times a week, and he kept weapons in the store. "I had so much happening," he said. "They even tried to come in through the roof and break down the wall," Song said. After about a year and a half, he gave up and moved the store to Redford, where he remained for almost two decades.

He obviously sleeps a lot sounder, and in his own bed, after moving to the Novi/Northville area.

"I love Northville," he said. "My family and I walk around down here all the time." He also considered opening his new restaurant in Plymouth, Ann Arbor or Lansing, but he wanted

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Walk Michigan program aims at getting residents moving

Local surveys: Walking is most popular activity

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

OK, all of you couch potatoes out there. It's time to put on some walking shoes and hit the pavement.

Northville is part of Walk Michigan/Walking Works! this year, a statewide program that offers Michiganders a chance to enjoy their recreation and park facilities while improving their health and fitness.

Walk Michigan/Walking Works! promoters point out that physical activity makes people stronger and more energetic, prevents weight gain and helps lower anxiety and stress.

The program was created by the Michigan Parks & Recreation Association and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

This year, Blue Cross Blue Shield's Walking Works program partnered with Walk Michigan to increase outreach possibilities and encourage fitness opportunities.

The five local walking events that began May 28 were organized by staff members from Northville Parks & Recreation.

The Walk Michigan program has been offered since 1985 and was created to get more Michigan people moving, said Traci Sincok, director, Northville Parks & Recreation.

The first two local events were a 1.3-mile walk on May 28, which was designated Senior Health & Fitness Day at the Northville Community Senior Center, and a 1.04-mile Brown Bag Walk on June 6 by the grassy area behind city hall.

Remaining events include the 4.4-mile Strut on 8 Mile at 8:28 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 8, that will begin at Hillside Middle School at Eight Mile and Center streets; the Maybury Family Walk at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Maybury State Park (distance

Walk Michigan events

Following are the remaining three activities that are part of Northville's Walk Michigan/Walking Works! program for 2008:

- the Strut on 8 Mile — 8:28 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 8; a 4.4-mile walk that begins at Hillside Middle School at the southwest corner of Eight Mile Road and Center Street;

- the Maybury Family Walk — 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Maybury State Park at 20145 Beck Road (distance to be determined); and

- the Pooch Stroll — 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13, at Ford Field at 150 Hutton St. north of Main Street between Hutton and Griswold streets during the Victorian Festival. All events are free and require no pre-registration. For more information, call (248) 349-0203.

to be determined); and the 1.5-mile Pooch Stroll at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13, at Ford Field at 150 Hutton St. north of Main Street between Hutton and Griswold streets during the Victorian Festival.

Walking is big in Northville

Sincok said walking is extremely popular with Northville and Northville Township residents. In fact, all of the Northville Parks & Recreation surveys have indicated that the number one activity in the community is walking.

She noted that the township has been proactive in responding to this community interest by getting developers to create paths

next to their subdivisions. "That's been a perfect amenity



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville Parks and Recreation staff members Cheryl Mudd, Nicole Passmore, Traci Sincok and Joe Barberio go for a Friday lunch-time stroll during its Walk Michigan Brown Bag event. To encourage fitness, Walk Michigan promoted events where walkers gathered for a quick stroll and then enjoyed a brown bag lunch outdoors.

for people who enjoy walking," Sincok said.

The city of Northville is blessed with many sidewalks, which are usually busy with people shopping, walking their dogs or just strolling through the downtown area.

"We're a pretty mobile community," Sincok said. "The Northville Parks & Recreation Department staff

organized events surrounding Walk Michigan in the late 1980s and early 1990s, but then dropped the program for a few years.

"We decided we wanted to bring this program back to Northville this year by offering walks of different lengths," Sincok said. "We're just getting people thinking about being more

active in their own community with little financial investment. All that's needed is a good pair of walking shoes and some water."

There is no cost to participate in any of the walks, and no pre-registration is required. Just show up and join the fun.

At each walk, participants will be entered into a drawing to receive prizes. For a complete list

of events scheduled throughout the state, visit www.mrpaonline.org.

For more information about local events, call Northville Parks & Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Zip Trip prize will feature free Boyne Mountain stay

Don't forget to visit downtown Northville's Town Square tomorrow morning, when FOX2 News will feature Northville in its Zip Trip series.

The station's newscasters will broadcast live from 6:30-10 a.m. and from 11 a.m.-noon tomorrow in Town Square.

Many features about the city have also been prerecorded for the program.

This week's Zip Trip Trivia prize is a two-night stay at Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa and three days' use of Avalance Bay Indoor Water Park, Michigan's biggest and best water park, at Boyne Mountain, for up to a family of four plus a \$100 gift certificate to Big Boy Restaurants.

For more information about the lodge and park, go to www.boyne.com.

The Zip Trip Trivia Contest questions are presented at 5 a.m. each Friday online. Visitors to the Web site have until Thursday to answer the question.

For more information, go to www.myfoxdetroit.com and click on Contests at the top of the screen.

For daily news updates on the Web: www.northvillerecord.com



Submitted photo

The Cup Comes to Town

Ken Holland, general manager of the Detroit Red Wings, brought the Stanley Cup to Northville last Friday night to show off to members of the City of Northville Fire Department. Pictured (l to r, back row) are Fire Chief Jim Allen, John LaPenta, Holland, and Brad Westfall; (kneeling) Steve Ott, John Bourne and Greg Westfall.

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Council OK's \$11,900 Web site update

Goal: To keep historic look, feel

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

In today's world, if you're not moving forward, you're moving backward.

In other words, there's no such thing as "maintaining the status quo" when it comes to technology.

Monday night, members of city council approved \$11,900 for the design and construction of a new look for the city's Web site.

The fiscal year 2009 budget provided for \$20,000 to be allocated toward Web site redesign and other major improvements, so the project fell.

The work will be done by Web designers at Municipal Web Services of Birmingham, who also designed the current City of Northville Web site. Council hired the firm in July 2001 to launch the first Web site. Since then, the firm has continued to support and improve the city's Internet pres-

ence.

Nickie Bateson, assistant city manager and finance director, said the company's level of service has been outstanding, especially in the timeliness of updates, marketing of the site, monitoring the site to remove outdated information and suggesting cost-effective enhancements. As a result of the firm's efforts, the city has received several awards for its Web site, including one of the five "Top Pick" Web sites in a national survey by MuniNetGuide.com and the second highest score in the state when ranked by Cyber-State.org.

Since the city's Web site, www.northville.org, was launched in 2002, however, Internet users' expectations have risen. So, city staff requested a proposal from Municipal Web Services for the redesign of the site.

Curt Anderson of Municipal Web Services said his company has created Web sites for about 85 communities, including the city of Novi, since he started the business 11 years ago.

He believes Northville's Web site would benefit considerably from a redesign since Web sites

were designed for much smaller monitors and slower connectivity when it was initiated in 2002. He also noted that Novi city staff has that city's Web site updated about every two years.

Nancy Darga, council member, emphasized that she thinks it's important for the company to maintain Northville's historical feel in the Web site in making it more navigable.

Bateson said that was one of the key elements described to Anderson when members of city staff discussed the project with him.

"I want it to remain easy to use and still be engaging," Darga said. In other words, "I want to be able to get into the car and drive it without having to figure out what everything on the dashboard does."

"Today's Web sites take a different approach to presenting information with more engaging content and a more compact way of presenting timely information," Anderson said.

Other council highlights

In other city council news,

Plante & Moran was selected to serve as the city's auditor at a cost of \$46,715 for fiscal year 2008, \$42,515 for fiscal year 2009 and \$43,810 for fiscal year 2010.

The Southfield firm's proposal was more expensive than Smith & Klaczewicz, which presented figures of \$27,695, \$29,125 and \$30,500, but less expensive than Rehmann Robson, who gave bids of \$52,460, \$53,900 and \$55,500.

Rehmann Robinson, however, will conduct an organizational and operational study of the city of Northville at a cost of \$34,900 for about 300 hours of time over a three to four months.

During a discussion of proposed amendments to fees, fines and penalties in the city, nonresident cemetery fees were changed for Rural Hill Cemetery.

The fee for a standard lot for an old grave was increased from \$2,200 to \$2,220, and the fee for a standard lot for a new grave went up from \$2,600 to \$2,620. This is a one-time charge.

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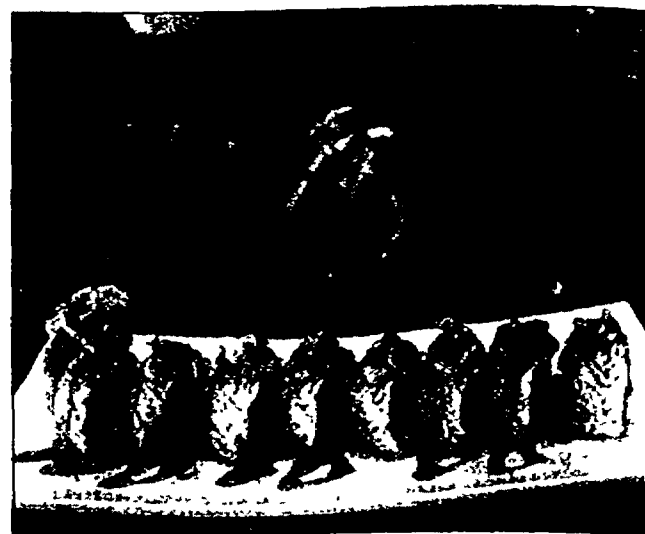


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Sushi chef Jung Park, of Northville's Koji restaurant, prepared this roll called a "Downtown" which contains raw tuna, avocado, rice and wasabi paste. Koji just opened in Northville's Mary Alexander Court.

Koji: Newest restaurant serves favorite dishes of Japan and Korea

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a place close to home.

"My wife and I promised each other when we got married that money did not matter to us," he said. "Our first priority is our kids. We wanted to work close to home to be able to care for them. Downtown Northville is only a few minutes from our house."

His fish comes from a local warehouse he visited prior to placing an order to check on its cleanliness. "Even the floor was clean," he said.

Sushi is Koji's specialty, with soup and rice served with most dishes. Japanese green tea is also served. A favorite is the traditional Japanese bento, a lunch box that features compartments for several different items.

"This is a service business,"

Song said. "So, I teach my employees to always treat the customers right. I'm praying every day the business becomes a success." Song said.

Come dine at Koji

Koji Japanese and Korean restaurant at 146 Mary Alexander Court in downtown Northville is open from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and from 5-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and closed Sunday. Lunch items range from \$7.95-\$9.95, with dinner choices ranging from \$13.95-\$15.95, with some fresh fish entrees priced up to \$19.95. Carryout is available, and the restaurant plans to offer catering in the future. For more information, call (248) 344-0888.

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Presenting one of state's best juried shows

Art in the Sun festival offers hands-on events

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Fine art aficionados should schedule some time in downtown Northville this weekend.

The 20th annual Art in the Sun, Northville's juried fine arts festival, kicks off at 10 a.m. Saturday, with more than 100 artists in all mediums of fine art plus live music and food.

The event runs until 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday.

More than 20,000 people from across the area will stroll the streets of the downtown area during the festival.

Sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, all ages of festival attendees will again be able to paint on a mural that will be donated to the Livonia hospital. The activity is being supported by the Northville Arts Commission.

Festival-goers will also enjoy the unique beauty of galleries and

outdoor dining in downtown Northville. Guests can make an entire day of it with several types of art, music, shopping and dining.

"Art in the Sun is a great way to kick off summer," said Janet Bloom, Northville Chamber of Commerce marketing and events director.

"Adults can view the work and creativity of the artists, and kids can enjoy activities created especially for them," Bloom said. "To have all of it happening in the heart of downtown Northville makes for a perfect weekend."

Bloom said festival organizers are excited to be using the newly redesigned Town Square on E. Main Street this year.

"It will be a great location to meet friends, chat and relax," she said.

"We are also thrilled to have talented new out-of-state artists joining us for the first time this year. There will be something here for everyone."

The \$1.8-million Town Square, which was dedicated Oct. 20, 2007, now features comfortable seating, tables with colorful umbrellas, a large fountain, decorative planters, Tivoli lighting

designed pavilion structure.

During Art in the Sun, the Town Square will become the center for children's activities.

Besides the hands-on mural painting, representatives from the Detroit Institute of the Arts will be in force with a membership booth near the information booth at Main and Center streets.

The DIA will also have their resident artists help children create pinwheels, which will be a free activity in Town Square.

Gil Durocher, a sand artist, will help budding artists create their own masterpieces.

Radio Disney will be broadcast on site from 12-3 p.m. on Saturday, with the D-Tour scheduled from 2-3 p.m.

Check out the Radio Disney display to see how to win tickets to a Jonas Brothers concert July 5 at DTE Energy Music Theater.

Several types of music

As far as the music during Art in the Sun, festival organizers are pleased to have the award-winning Sheila Landis Trio perform from 12-4 p.m. on Sunday.

"We are also eager to have crowd favorites Roy Scoutz, a

classical guitarist, and Americamanta, who plays South American music, back with us this year," Bloom said.

For the athletically-inclined, Northville's annual Solstice Run will take place immediately prior to the festival. For more information, visit www.solsticerun.org.

This year's Art in the Sun is sponsored by American Laser Centers, Bluegreen Resorts, Gutter Topper, the Northville Record, Renewal by Andersen, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Trupp Family Chiropractic and Varsity Lincoln Mercury.

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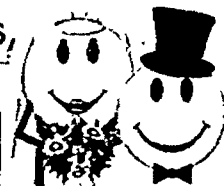
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Cut glass diamonds could be hiding in your china cabinets

Collector loves sparkly pieces

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

LindaJo Hare tells people they just might have diamonds in their china cabinet.

She's talking about cut glass, and the longtime Northville Township resident is an expert in the subject.

Now she has about 200 pieces of cut glass and has served as president of the Michigan Chapter of the American Cut Glass Association for at least six years.

The national association, with about 1,700 members, has an annual convention that moves to a different part of the country each year. The event will come to Ann Arbor in 2010. This summer, she'll travel to the convention in Memphis. Usually about 300 members attend the convention, and at the dealers' show, 10-12 dealers each bring 200-300 pieces of glass. Educational sessions are also scheduled at the convention.

Novi Public Library display

She also had some of her pieces on display recently at the Novi Public Library, and she may have an exhibit at the Northville District Library in the future. Hare graduated from Olivet College in Olivet, Mich., and was the first student to receive a master's degree in fine arts, earning a degree in graphic design in the 1970s. "I was their guinea pig," she said.

She has also served as editor of several research-oriented books on cut glass designers. "Chain of Evidence: Observations on the Life and Work of William C. Anderson," was published in 2006. "The Eye for Minutia: The Research Notes of William C. Anderson" is about a cut glass researcher and was published in 2007.

Hare has been collecting antiques most of her adult life but has only collected cut glass for about a decade.

"I kind of grew up knowing what it was, because we had pieces from my grandmothers, Viva Reynolds Blair and Linda Lee Howell," she said.

"The cut glass pieces had been wedding gifts that were passed

down through the generations."

At holiday dinners, the cut glass pieces were used for special food items.

One of her largest pieces is a 14-inch punch bowl that she just purchased at the last national convention in Portland, Ore., last July.

Pressed glass was made to copy cut glass, and she has a few pieces of it as well. "Many of the pressed glass pieces are about the same price as the cut glass ones," she said. "If you have a pressed glass piece that's 100 years old, you still have an antique."

Unique American art form

Even though cut glass was made as early as Roman times, American Brilliant Cut Glass was a uniquely American art form. It coincided with the Victorian era and the Industrial Revolution.

The period spans from about 1875 to World War I. "That's when this glass was so popular," Hare said. "Collectors who like things that are extremely sparkly will be looking for pieces from this era." Each of these pieces was hand cut by skilled craftsmen who had maybe 200 different sizes of cutting wheels. The glass is leaded crystal, and compared to today's, which is 18-24 percent lead, this older glass was 40-50 percent lead oxide. Cut glass has a prismatic quality about it as well.

"I've learned something from every single piece that I've bought," she said. "I have a vivid memory of the day when I finally realized I must be a collector and that I'd better find out what I am doing."

She started reading books and learned that patterns and glass-cutting techniques have names. Different patterns were cut by different companies, and Chicago had as many as 300 glass-cutting companies at one time.

Hare noted that Knightsbridge Antiques on Seven Mile Road always has several pieces of cut glass. "A lot of people who have these pieces in their homes don't realize that they have a real special part of American history. These pieces were an integral part of a well-set table. These are special little treasures."

Hare does give talks on cut glass collecting or for more information, go to www.cut-glass.org.

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LindaJo Hare displays some of her collection of cut glass. Hare has many examples in bowls and vases and has helped to write a book on the history of cut glass. She is a member of the American Cut Glass Association and has lectured on the subject in Michigan and Ohio. Cut glass has a certain amount of lead in it that makes it soft enough to cut patterns in with a stone wheel.

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Steven Purtell, son of Greg and Jan Purtell, of Northville.

The bride-elect received a bachelor of science degree from Middle Tennessee State University Recording Industry-Music Business with a double minor in marketing and mass communication. She is employed by Church of the Apostles as the student ministry coordinator.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School, received a bachelor of arts degree from Hope College in 2002, and a master of divinity degree in 2006 from Duke University. He is employed as a teacher at Mount Paran Christian School in Kennesaw, Ga.

An Oct. 4, 2008 wedding is planned in Stone Mountain, Ga.

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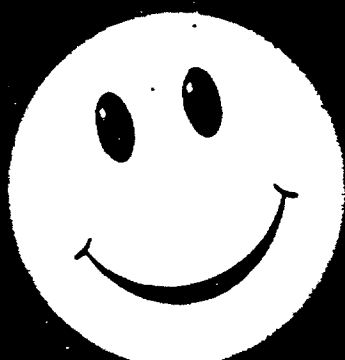
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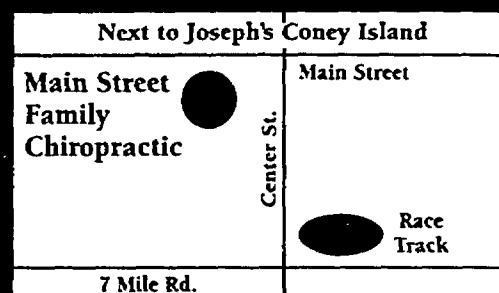
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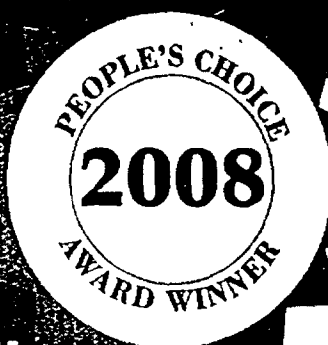
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Flower shop icon passes away and leaves a void

■ Donna & Larry's and their customers miss Theresa Podpora

By Alea Hibbeln
SPECIAL WRITER

Donna and Larry's Flowers, located on Novi Road in Northville, was once a store filled with laughter. Now the owners, Larry and Donna Podpora, and even their customers, spend their days wiping away tears because they have lost an irreplaceable treasure.

Theresa Podpora, mother to owner, Larry Podpora, died almost suddenly at age 81 from congestive heart failure in May. Podpora and his wife, Donna, haven't been the same since. Theresa, known as Mom or Grandma to customers, lived with the couple in their Brighton home and had been working in the flower shop for the past 13 years.

"She always had a kind word and a hug to give our costumers," said Podpora of his mother. "Mom just loved people. She was always out there (on the floor) with a quick compliment and a good word, a hug, a kiss on the cheek, and connecting with people. She was so genuine. Loving was as natural to her as breathing is to us."

Podpora said his mother would give the customers' kids money, cookies or candy on their birthday.

"She didn't know age," he said. "Customers keep saying, 'I came in because of your mom; she was so nice to my children.'"

"My mom added something that Donna and I couldn't — she had the time to spend with people," said Podpora. "You can't imagine how huge the gap is here. It has left a hole in our hearts."

"I didn't even realize how far reaching her connection was to people," he said, referring to the droves of customers who come into the shop teary eyed from grief. "Everyone who has met her says the same thing, 'your mom touched my life.'"

Theresa had a lasting effect on every being (human or animal) who was fortunate enough to cross her path — from the store's mailman who would bring her Christmas and birthday presents — to the couple's golden retriever, Sammy, who still mopes around the store because he misses her so much. "My mom would sit in her Lazy Boy (at home) and every day she'd



Submitted photo

Donna and Larry Podpora, of Donna and Larry's Flowers will give away a flower to adults and a balloon or candy to children when they share a story of the beloved Theresa Podpora. Donna and Larry's Flowers is located at 1063 Novi Road in Northville, across from Guernsey Farms Dairy. Phone (248) 349-2380.

give Sammy a doggy ice cream and a massage," said Podpora. "They were inseparable."

The couple would take Sammy into the hospital every day to see Theresa during her two month stay. Podpora said the large beige dog would lie under his mother's bed and weep because somehow he knew the end was near. And finally, on the day before his mother's passing, Podpora placed a rose in Sammy's mouth to take to her. The loyal canine slowly walked down a long hallway and as the staff moved back to give him a funeral, he dropped the rose in front of Theresa's closed door. There

wasn't a dry eye in the house.

"Mom and I were extremely close," Podpora said with eyes welling up with tears. "She gave me emotional and spiritual strength beyond anything I could have hoped for myself. 'Tomorrow is a better day,' was her motto."

"Donna said I've got to carry on my mom's legacy." Unsure about the tall order, Podpora said he would do it, if only for her honor.

"Mom welcomed me into the family when we got married," said Donna. "She treated me like her daughter." In fact, customers would say to Donna, "Oh, your mother is so sweet," and Donna

didn't bother to correct them because she barely recognized the fact that Theresa wasn't her mother.

After looking at several senior care centers, Donna and Larry decided "Mom" should live with them. "My mom said, 'the older people are nice, but they're always counting their pills,'" said Podpora. Theresa needed to count pills herself, but that wasn't what she meant. "My mom was young at heart," he said. "She loved to dance... and talk to birds."

Podpora said he missed his mother, the balloon lady, because she had an art to blowing up bal-

loons really fast in the store. Two days before Theresa went into the hospital she was tying balloons for a big order when Podpora said, "Mom, you really like doing balloons, don't you? She said, 'They really make me happy.'"

Ever since Theresa's passing last month, Donna and Larry have received calls daily from customers wanting to share a story about her. Prayer groups between Northville and Brighton are remembering a woman who lived her life turning strangers into her friends. A community touched so deeply by a lady named Theresa still weeps.

OBITUARIES

RAY F. CLINARD, SR.

Age 88, of Northville, previously of Milford, passed away June 12, 2008. A Funeral Service was held last Saturday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Memorial Contributions appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association

PAUL S. RIEBLING

Age 54, of South Lyon, formerly of Northville, passed away June 11, 2008. He was born December 26, 1953 in Detroit, Michigan to Frederic and Leona (Massman) Riebling. He was united in marriage to Karen Edmark on July 12, 1974 and they spent 33 loving years together until his death. Paul had been a resident of South Lyon for 9 years, and previously had been a resident of Northville for 16 years. He was the former owner of Town & Country Cyclery in Northville. Paul was a talented craftsman, who enjoyed helping friends and family with building projects. He liked to travel, especially up north and to his home in North Carolina. He also enjoyed camping, snowmobiling, and motorcycling. Paul, a Gift of Life Donor, is survived by his loving wife Karen; his children, Kate (Enik) Goerke and Andrew (Amanda Johnson) Riebling; his siblings Faye Haney and Kurt Riebling; and his nephews Byron Haney and Tim Haney. He was preceded in death by his parents. A Funeral Service was held last Sunday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Pastor Danny Langley from Crosspointe Meadows Church in Novi officiated the service. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph, Ste. 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

EDWARD FRANK DOBEK

Longtime resident of Novi, MI. Of St. Petersburg, FL. At age 87, passed into heaven at his home on June 14, 2008. Born June 29, 1920 in Detroit, MI, he was the honorable son of Andrew and Mary and beloved husband of the late Winifred. Survived by one sister Genevieve (Clare) Wahl of Grass Lake. 10 children: Edward (Sandra) of GA, Linda (Charles) Witmer of Hartland, Donald (Rose) of Clinton Twp, Jean Brown of FL, Robert (Brenda) of IA, Mary (Gregory) Kendall of Whitmore Lake, Andrew of Muskegon Hgts., Dr. Gerald of Traverse City, Debra (James) Dyer of FL and Donna (Scott) Harney of FL. He has 27 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. Edward spent most of his youth on a dairy farm in Grass Lake, Michigan. He served in the United States Army following his marriage to Winifred Johnson in 1943 and later resided in Detroit, Michigan, starting their business, Dobek & Sons, Inc., building custom homes. He was instrumental in creating an exceptionally detailed and authentic reproduction of Andrew Jackson's Hermitage (from Hermitage, Tennessee) in Bingham Farms. In November 1963, Edward moved his growing family to the Township of Novi and settled in at the Dobek Farm on Twelve Mile Road. He went to work as a General Superintendent with Highland Construction and worked with them until after his retirement in Construction Management. His working years were devoted to the development of numerous high-rises, warehouse, apartments, condominiums and redevelopment of affordable governmental housing for low income families within the greater Detroit area and later throughout Michigan, Illinois and Nevada. After the passing of his wife, Winifred, in 1988, Edward moved to Westland and later settled in St. Petersburg, Florida. Even after retirement, his expertise was still in high demand as a consultant. Ed and "Winnie" were instrumental in the founding of the City of Novi. He was a highly valued member of the City of Novi planning commission and planning board of appeals to bring forth a master-plan that is enhanced beyond other cities. This has placed the City of Novi in its constructive existence today. His dedication and professionalism made assurance that the City of Novi is constructed for the greater betterment of all residents. His devotion to excellence, dedication to his profession and love of family is unsurpassed and will be a loss to us all. Many will remember Ed Dobek by his signature cigar and the numerous aspects of his life, a farmer, builder, governmental advisor, businessman, or friend, but his greatest attribute in life was his family, as they will forever remember him for his unending gifts of wisdom, guidance, strength and love. Visitation: Sunday, June 22, 2-8 p.m., Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville, MI. Funeral Service: Monday, June 23 @ 11:00 a.m. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville, MI. Interment: Monday, June 23 @ 2:00 p.m. Oakwood (East) Cemetery, Grass Lake. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast 3050 1st Avenue South, St Petersburg, FL 33712 www.TheHospice.org

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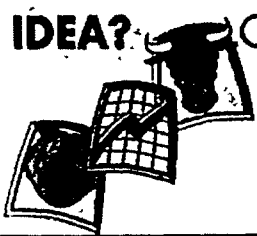
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City council approves funds for Marquis Theater lot redo

Low bid taken for project design

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Downtown Northville shoppers will be happy to know that improvements are planned for the Marquis Theater parking lot.

At their June 2 meeting, city council members approved funds for professional engineering services needed to perform the final design and construction management of one of the downtown area's largest parking lots.

The lot, which is part public and part private, is proposed to be improved this year.

Jim Gallogly, director of public works, said that although the city has written property owners next to the public portion of the lot, few have shown interest in partnering with the city on the project. So, the project will move forward with improvements only to the public areas of this important downtown parking area.

The goal is to maximize the amount of public parking and minimize the city liability by providing a safe and quality pavement surface.

After a "Request for Proposals" on May 8, the city received quotes

from 10 local engineering firms who wanted to be considered for the design and construction portion of the project.

City staff recommended Vitins Engineering of Canton, a small, one-person firm owned by Uldis Vitins, which has been in business for more than a decade. Vitins presented the lowest quote at \$29,360, compared to a high bid by Hubbel, Roth & Clark, Inc., at \$73,587.

Council member Nancy Darga questioned Vitins' low bid on the project.

"I've done a lot of municipal projects, and I think I'm very well qualified," Vitins said, noting that he assisted local architect Mark Russell on a 100-acre park in Ypsilanti and has been an engineer for 30 years.

"I can't low-ball a project just to get the work," Vitins said.

After Gallogly said that some firms just "throw out a price," council members did vote to award the project to the Canton firm.

"I'm confident this firm can do the work," Gallogly said. The city has budgeted \$350,000 in the parking fund to improve the public portion of the Marquis Theatre lot project.

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Town Square to get new security cameras, wireless

Should be up in near future

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Would-be thieves and vandals in the area, take note.

If you're contemplating any shenanigans at Northville's Town Square, you just might have your film debut.

Lori Ward, executive director of the Downtown Development Authority, announced at Tuesday's board meeting that security cameras will soon be installed on site at the \$1.8-million redevelopment project.

The cameras are being installed with the hope that they will serve as a deterrent to those contemplating stealing any of the new tables, chairs and umbrellas recently placed on the site. If any thefts or vandalism incidents do occur, the recording would also help local police to identify the suspects.

"We felt this was necessary, because we are leaving the tables, chairs and umbrellas out all night," Ward said. "We want people to use them late into the evening."

Ward noted that the cameras might serve another purpose, such as being able to livestream bands playing during Friday Night Concerts or other performances at Town Square on the city's Web site, which is about to be updated. The Town Square will also

offer wireless Internet access to laptop users soon, possibly as early as this week, Ward said. DDA staff and board members are hoping city employees and visitors will feel comfortable using their laptops on the new tables, which were specifically ordered with laptop use in mind.

In other DDA news, \$12,000 was awarded for a Wayfinding Project that will help direct visitors to Northville from sur-

rounding highways.

Ward also noted that the Detroit Free Press' Strut magazine will feature the city of Northville in its August issue. The magazine should hit the newsstands the first week of August.

Bike pads are being installed in the downtown area as well for area cyclists, and board members discussed the possibility of talking to Northville Planning Commission members about the possibility of

allowing office space on the first floor of downtown buildings in the future. Currently, these spaces are supposed to be reserved for retail businesses. Pat Sullivan, city manager, suggested that some dialogue take place between DDA board members and Don Wortman, the city's planner.

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Set sail with Diamond Jim Brady's executive chef

■ Culinary cruise hosted by Brookside Travel

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Certified executive chef Mary Brady, of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, loves cooking so much she intends to teach classes while on vacation aboard the Holland America Cruise Line to Alaska.

The seven-night Alaskan Explorer Culinary Cruise, hosted by Brookside Travel of Northville, sets sail Aug. 29 from Seattle.

"People haven't been able to see Alaska and it is one of the most beautiful states in the United States," said Jim Ehehalt, owner of Brookside Travel. "This is a trip of a lifetime and here's an opportunity to be up close and personal with Mary Brady, one of the top executive chefs in the state of Michigan."

Prices range from \$1,369-\$1,999 per person, including amenities such as culinary sessions with Brady, welcome and farewell cocktail parties, private wine tastings and private fine dining at the on-ship Pinnacle Grille, among others.

"I was excited right away," said Brady of Ehehalt's suggestion for the culinary cruise. "First of all, it's a beautiful vessel, but second of all, the venue for teaching is absolutely beautiful. It's going to be an exciting place to teach cooking classes."

The classes Brady will be teaching are exclusive to cruisers who book through Brookside Travel, which Ehehalt is hoping will be 50-75 people.

"I'm the only person crazy enough to go on vacation and work part of the time," Brady said. "There are three classes slated and they are all while the ship is at sea so people will not miss out on anything."



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Novi's Brookside Travel owner Jim Ehehalt will be joining up with Chef Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro to cook up a cuisine cruise to Alaska this summer. The cruise will start in Seattle in August.

Brady was not specific as to what recipes she intends to share, but she did mention crab, Alaskan salmon and halibut, depending on what fish is in season.

"Holland America Cruise Line is the only one that offers this culinary opportunity and that

time of year is perfect, it's the end of the season," Ehehalt said. "You're probably going to get some of the best seafood there."

Although Brady is not new to cooking or teaching, she is inexperienced when it comes to traveling via cruise ship.

"I'm not a cruiser," she said. "I've been on one cruise and that was a little three-day Disney Cruise 20 years ago."


Brady's husband, Tom, will also be aboard the vessel, leaving them restaurant-free for longer than they have ever been.

"The worst thing is going to be being away from the restaurant for that amount of time," Brady said. "But my staff here is very capable of taking care of business while we're gone."

The deadline to book the Alaskan Culinary Cruise is the end of June.

of this month, otherwise Brookside can't guarantee the pricing. "The sooner the better," Ehehalt said. "This is an opportunity for everybody to seize."

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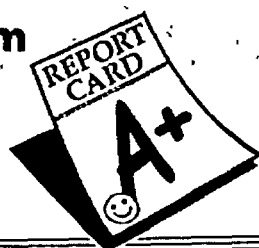
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Michigan State University

Katie Jingoian, a 2006 graduate of Northville High School was recently named to the Dean's List at Michigan State University.

Beloit College

Matthew J. Gilbert, from Northville, recently graduated with a bachelor of science degree in integrative and medical biology from Beloit College.

University of Notre Dame

Michael Yassay, son of Mark and Cindy Yassay of Northville, was named to the Dean's List for spring semester 2008. Yassay received a 4.0 GPA while engaging in a variety of extracurricular activities.

Albion College

The following Northville students were named to the Dean's List for spring semester 2008: Lynne Darga, daughter of Leon and Sharon Darga and a graduate of Ladywood High School, is a sophomore majoring in economics and management and math/physics and minoring in English and communication studies; Amanda Dekker, daughter of David and Dawn Dekker and a graduate of Northville High School, graduated in May with a degree in musical theatre; James Gates, son of Jonathan and Mary Gates of Novi and a graduate of Northville High School, will be a senior majoring in mathematics; Rachel Kowalski, daughter of David Kowalski and Laura Miner-Kowalski and a graduate of Northville High School, graduated in May with a degree in English and IDV-Individualized; David Nelson, son of James and Mary Nelson and a graduate of Northville High School, will be a junior majoring in English with creative writing and international studies; Lisa Shanks, daughter of Stephen and Mary Shanks and a graduate of Mercy High School, will be a senior majoring in music education and is completing the K-12 education program; Susan Snyder, daughter of Jeffrey and Theresa Snyder and a graduate of Northville High School, will be a sophomore; and Kristin Wysocki, daughter of Michael and Kathleen Wysocki and a graduate of Northville High School, graduated in May with a degree in communication studies and a minor in journalism.

Northern Michigan University

Ashley L. Susick of Northville and Rachel E. Watson of Novi were both named to the Dean's List for winter semester 2008 at Northern Michigan University.

Valparaiso University

Brian Havlisch, son of Gene and Rebecca Havlisch of Northville, recently participated in Valparaiso University's 22nd annual Christ College Freshman Debates. The debates are the culmination of eight weeks of research, preparation and practice of oral argumentation by the entire freshman class of Christ College, an interdisciplinary honors college. More than 80 first year students were divided into eight teams - coached by upper-class Christ College students - that debate each other on topics of international, national and local concern. Havlisch participated in a debate on the question of whether the United States should adopt the proposed American Plan for presidential primaries. He is a freshman computer science major.

Hillsdale College

Evan Duey, son of David and Claire Duey of Northville and a 2006 graduate of Northville High School, was named to the Dean's List for spring semester 2008. He is a sophomore majoring in business and economics.

Blue Lake

Stefanie Klisch, a ninth grader at Meads Mill Middle School, will be performing in Europe this summer as part of the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's Southern Winds 70-member ensemble. She plays clarinet and is the daughter of Joerg Klisch and Christine Klisch.

Ridge Wood gets new principal

Alicia Parsons succeeds Nancy Raynes, who retires after 35 years

A highly skilled and compassionate teacher and school principal for 13 years, Alicia Parsons has been named principal of Northville Public Schools Ridge Wood Elementary School.

The Northville Board of Education at its June 10 meeting unanimously approved Parsons' appointment. She succeeds Nancy Raynes, who retired at the end of the school year after 35 years as an educator including nine years with Northville Public Schools. Parsons will assume her principal duties beginning July 1.

"Alicia comes to us with outstanding credentials as both a teacher and a school administrator who has a clear understanding of the complexities involved in ensuring educational success for all children," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "As a principal, she has faced some very challenging issues and, each time, has acted responsibly and compassionately in the best interest of her students

and families.

"With Alicia's extensive knowledge and experience, I am confident we will continue the legacy of educational excellence and a strong school community at Ridge Wood."

For the past four years, Parsons has been principal at Hamburg Elementary School, part of Pinckney Community Schools. Prior to becoming a principal, she served in various teaching positions at Pinckney Middle School and Navigator School (grades 5-6) working with students with special needs.

While at Navigator, Parsons received a three-year Quality Assurance Review Grant from the Michigan Department of Education Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services to study how best to use data to support and focus instruction so students in all categories achieve at the same rate.

As a principal, Parsons participated in the development and supervision of a district program for elementary students with emotional impairments, as well as helped secure funds and oversee the creation of a building-wide book room at Hamburg to provide teachers with additional resources and materials. She also worked with her staff to develop a Professional Learning Community at Hamburg in which

teachers continuously work with ongoing assessment data to improve instruction and student learning. The strategies were later adopted across the Pinckney school district.

"I am excited to be joining the Ridge Wood community," Parsons said. "I look forward to meeting the outstanding teachers, students and families. I want to know what they are most proud of about their school community and what they love most about their school. And, I want to know in what areas they would like to see their school community grow and what they would like to see happen more. This will help me picture where I fit in, how I can help, and where I need to learn."

"I'm also excited to be joining a school district with such a vast experience and strong commitment to Professional Learning Communities as a way to enhance student learning and success."

Parsons earned her bachelor of science in elementary education with an endorsement in special education, mentally impaired, from Eastern Michigan University. She has a master of education in education leadership from Wayne State University.

Parsons lives in Chelsea, Michigan, with her husband, Terry, and their two children — Courtney, 15, and Alex, 14.



Submitted photo

After 35 years as an educator, including nine in Northville, Nancy Raynes (left) retired as principal at Ridge Wood Elementary. Her successor is Alicia Parsons, who will begin her new duties July 1.

Traditions ease transition to middle school

By Judy Huggins
SPECIAL WRITER

Being a fifth grader in Northville is a right of passage leading to the next challenge in their young lives, middle school. For most fifth graders, being the highest class in elementary school brings certain privileges, combined with hard work that students thrive on. Throughout the school year, students are given a taste of middle school by switching classes every day. They carry all of their books from one room to the next in order to ease the transition into middle school where they will have assigned lockers and change classes daily. In addition, students are responsible for maintaining an assignment notebook to help them keep them organized. Getting the students used to using an assignment notebook puts the responsibility on the student for keeping track of daily assignments and projects. This is vital as the students continue to the next level.

Academics are only part of the students' role as the eldest elementary class. Fifth graders also serve as mentors to the younger students. As safety patrols, they help the younger students get to their classroom every morning and help the teachers and students during the lunch hour. These young students look up to the fifth graders, and it is important for them to set the example. Many fifth graders lead other school activities including student council, student-run credit union, and spirit days.

As the school year is winding down, the fifth grade students at Winchester Elementary have continued to participate in ongoing traditions at the school that every student looks forward to before moving on to middle school. On May 30, fifth grade students competed against staff in the annual softball game. The entire school attends the event cheering on the teachers, mentors, and siblings. Students also participate in a 5th Grade Celebration which brings all fifth graders from Silver Springs, Winchester and



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Fifth grade students at Winchester Elementary get ready for middle school.

Ridgewood into a combined event. All of these students will attend Meads Mill Middle School in the fall. Students will spend the entire school day at Livonia Recreation Center swimming, climbing, running, and enjoying pizza while mingling with future Mead Mill classmates.

The last day of school includes a "farewell clap" in the morning. All students stand in the hallway while the outgoing fifth graders pass by. Then, students in the third through fifth-grades enjoy a roller skating party to finish out the school year.

Some may say that the last few weeks of these young students' elementary days are void of learning. They may not be concentrating on math, science and social studies, but they are learning something that will stay with them forever — by continuing the legacy of the fifth grade student,

they can ease into individual responsibilities that will continue to be important as they become young adults.

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Hillside sixth-grader creates special gift for U.S. troops

Student paints likeness of "pog" coin

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

There's nothing that means more to a U.S. soldier overseas than receiving a special gift from a young person.

Meaghan Rea, a sixth-grader at Hillside Middle School in Northville, will soon make some American soldiers smile, as she will soon send them a piece of artwork she created just for them.

The daughter of Phil and Karen Rea, who live on Nine Mile Road west of Napier Road, Meaghan is a student in Jennifer Lawson's class at Hillside.

Lawson's class has been corresponding with U.S. Army Maj. Bruce Munger and his fellow soldiers, who are stationed in Iraq.

"They said it gets pretty boring sometimes, so they play math games," Meaghan said. "They also said it was hot and dusty, and even the dogs they use in warfare wear sunglasses and bulletproof vests."

Meaghan loves art and hopes to have a career in the field some day. As such, she got the idea to paint a likeness of one of the cardboard Operation Iraqi Freedom military coins Munger had sent to the students.

The coins, called "pogs" are money, just like ordinary nickels, dimes and quarters in America.

But, unlike regular coins, they are not legal tender. Printing currency is against the law, so the Army Air Force Exchange Services, the WalMart for the military, at the direction of the U.S. Department of Defense, created these cardboard coins as "gift certificates."

They are used by members of military service participating in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The 10-cent piece Meaghan painted a likeness of features the picture of a soldier holding a gun. She selected two of the cardboard coins at one of the school's "Pass Parties" in which students win small gifts when they don't use all of their hall passes by the end of the grading period.

With a little help from her art instructor, Sharon Dillenbeck, owner of D & M Art Studio in Canton, she completed the acrylic painting in a few hours and plans to mail the work to Munger soon. She added an American flag as the background.

Erin Dillenbeck, who works with her mother at the studio, said she thought Meaghan did an excellent job on the painting of the military coin.

"My fiance, Spc. Ryan Keeseey, is a member of the Army National Guard, just returned from active duty in Baghdad and is currently stationed in Taylor. I honestly was astounded by the support she has given the troops. They really appreciate artwork they receive over there," she said. "Handmade items are

always better than store-bought."

According to Meaghan's mother, Karen, she asked for two weeks to go to the art studio so she could work on the painting.

"Meaghan voluntarily chose to spend her time working on the picture for the troops rather than the assignment of the day," said her mother. "She spent every free moment the rest of the weekend at home working to finish it so she could bring it to school on Monday." Her mom said she even sacrificed spending time with her friends to work on the painting.

"This is her way of letting the troops know she appreciates what they are doing in Iraq and that she is proud of them."

Karen Rea said when she talked to Lawson about Meaghan's art project, Lawson said she had heard student projects do mean a lot to the troops.

"She said it brings them a lot of joy," Karen Rea said.

By the same token, Rea thinks the students enjoy doing nice things for the soldiers.

"I think the kids get a lot out of corresponding with the troops," she said. "It makes the war seem more real instead of just something you hear about on TV."

In the meantime, Meaghan would like to see the troops come home. "Why are they fighting?" she asked. "Why don't they just make a compromise?"

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Meaghan Rea, a sixth-grader at Hillside Middle School, painted this likeness of a military coin called a "pog" for U.S. soldiers. Pictured presenting her painting to members of the U.S. Air Force, who drove from Grayling, are, from left, Senior Airman Travis Morgan; Master Sgt. Joshua Corbitt and Senior Airman Quincy Hambrick. The three are stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., and were in Michigan for training.

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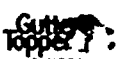
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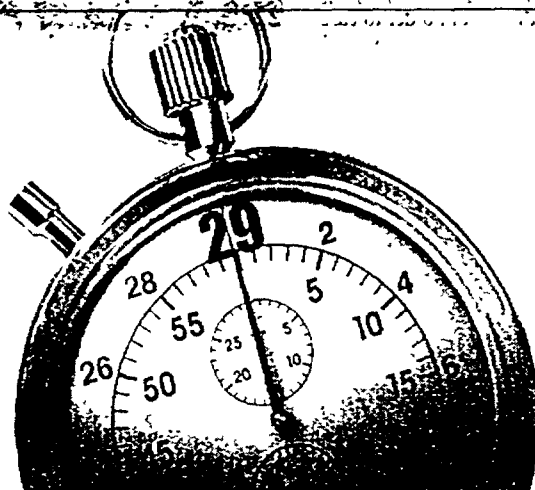
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Falling property values squeeze local services

If you want a measure of how quickly Michigan's economic strength is declining, check what's happening with real estate, which has lost about \$10 billion in value in just the last year.

That's the judgment of the Michigan Tax Commission, which sets the assessed value of all property in Michigan for taxing purposes each year. Because the studies it uses to set the numbers are months, if not a year, behind the actual market, the losses are probably worse. Next year's figures will show even more of a bloodbath.

Michigan's total equalized property value (which is supposed to reflect roughly half the market price) fell from \$453.1 billion to \$448.1 billion from 2007-2008. That's a 1.1 percent decline and the first time equalized values have dropped in at least 45 years. Counties in southeast Michigan fell most dramatically. Wayne County was down 3.6 percent, Oakland County down 3.6 percent, and Macomb County down 5.1 percent.

Because of these declines, a real world of hurt will descend gradually on local governments — counties, municipalities, intermediate school districts and community colleges — because they depend largely on property taxes. Michigan's statewide property tax for schools will also suffer, crimping K-12 funding and other programs if the Legislature decides to protect schools. Michigan's deeply concerned in terms of the tax base of the state, said Gary Evanko, Wayne County's equalization chief. Foreclosure sales, he said, are "dramatically affecting the market."

Studies on what percent of sales are foreclosures are not complete. In southern Macomb County, according to equalization chief Steve Mellen's estimate, it's 30 percent. The effects on market prices are clear. Comparable bungalows in Birmingham, assembled for comparison by Oakland County equalization chief David Hueber, show foreclosed homes selling at just about half the price at which nearby owners listed their homes. Patterns like that discourage home owners from even listing, which in effect freezes the market and, in a sense, makes it almost impossible to determine what a normal value might be.

Michigan's tax base values, which cannot grow more than the rate of inflation for people who stay in their houses, will lag behind the equalized values and have some room for growth. But the cushion is not nearly as comfortable as many local officials may want to think, and any remaining growth may not match inflation.

State lawmakers need to recognize this problem not just as it affects the state's budget, but also in the need to maintain state revenue during while local governments adjust to smaller tax bases. Most municipalities have already pared way back on services, things are only going to get worse.

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OPINION

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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Water woes

The drains on West Main Street in downtown Northville had a hard time handling the massive amount of rainfall Sunday as the water level threatened businesses and made driving a bit tricky

China's minority "problem" is a world problem

With the recent earthquake and uprising in Tibet, China seems chafed into the consciousness of most Americans. Yet, few in the West realize there are 55 nationally recognized groups of people that China officially recognizes as distinct minority groups.

There are 100 million Uighurs (also spelled Uyghur or Uigur and pronounced "wee-gur") in the world. They are a Turkic people and speak a Turkic language. They are found throughout China but are concentrated in the Xinjiang (meaning "New Territory" or "New Frontier") Autonomous Region in Northwest China. Xinjiang is bordered by Kazakhstan to the north, Mongolia to the northeast, and Kirgizia and Tajikistan to the northwest and west. To the west and southwest lie Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The Uighurs are a Turkic people and were a major empire in centuries past. The Uighurs converted to Islam several centuries ago. The Uighur population is estimated to range from 8 to 15 million strong. They are found throughout China but are concentrated in the Xinjiang (meaning "New Territory" or "New Frontier") Autonomous Region in Northwest China. Xinjiang is bordered by Kazakhstan to the north, Mongolia to the northeast, and Kirgizia and Tajikistan to the northwest and west. To the west and southwest lie Afghanistan and Pakistan.

and Pakistan to the south are Tibet and India. To the east, 1,500 miles away lies Beijing, China. Xinjiang is so remote that it is obscure or nonexistent to most in the West.

The Uighurs refer to this area by its historical name, East Turkestan or Uyghuristan. The faces of the Uighurs share few similarities with what is viewed as the typical Chinese, or Han people. They are proud to be distinct. I remember meeting a Uighur man once in Xian, the ancient capital of China, and the end point of the historic Silk Road. I asked him his nationality and he said, "Chinese." Then with a full moon grin and looking around the market so not to be overheard, he uttered "I am a Uighur — not Chinese!"

Many call the Uighurs the "Tibetan Muslims." The Uighurs like the Buddhist Tibetans, are asking for more accommodations for their separate culture and beliefs. The Chinese will respond by claiming that after the 1949 liberation, old feudal religious habits and privileges were abolished and they have removed the control of the "reactionary ruling class" while today the Uighur people enjoy a higher standard of living and more economic opportunities. The Chinese Government sees some Uighurs as terrorists espousing separatist ideology in bed with al-Qaeda and bent on violent separatist activities.

There have been historical cracks on the Uighurs that have been stepped up since 9-11. Many believe the Chinese have used the "international war on terror" as justification to tighten the grip on the Uighur people. Human rights groups contend the Chinese government exaggerates Uighur terrorist threats so it can clamp down on the Uighurs and



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arrest and torture those they suspect of being dissidents.

Like the Tibetans, the Uighurs believe the Chinese government has instituted cultural genocide against them. The Chinese would respond by claiming that after the 1949 liberation, old feudal religious habits and privileges were abolished and they have removed the control of the "reactionary ruling class" while today the Uighur people enjoy a higher standard of living and more economic opportunities. The Chinese Government sees some Uighurs as terrorists espousing separatist ideology in bed with al-Qaeda and bent on violent separatist activities.

Given these extreme views, the Uighurs and the Chinese government it is just a matter of time before the scab will be removed and the internal Chinese festering sore will come into full view. When the scab is removed, it is likely to be ugly and difficult for the world to ignore. Will the case be seen as oppression, cultural genocide, employment and

economic deprivation as charged by the Uighurs' terrorist attacks of a people longing for independence, or linked to al-Qaeda or Muslim extremists as an act of civil war against the Chinese government?

China's history has been plagued by foreign invaders and internal divisions. Perhaps the greatest fear the Chinese Ruler has is losing control that would splinter China like their old ally the Soviet Union. The months leading up to the 2008 summer Olympics in Beijing will continue to put the spotlight on the world to China. Forces internal to China and from without are jockeying to share that limelight. China's desire to have a "harmonious rise" will be profoundly tested with the world watching over the next several months.

The Chinese have vowed to never again be splintered by external or internal forces. These realities dictate that we will be hearing more about the Tibetans and Uighurs in the future. Let us be clear unlike Las Vegas — what happens in China does not stay in China. Ureest in China will impact us all.

State should embrace shortened work-week

Gas is as low as \$4.19 at my neighborhood station and they've dropped the \$50 credit card limit in the pump.

That's why I'm thinking about taking a four-day work week. I'm not alone. A survey by the Brookings Institution found that 40 percent of Americans would like to work a four-day week.

When I take a four-day week, I can save a lot of money. I can save a lot of money. I can save a lot of money. I can save a lot of money.

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week, a conservative estimate is they'd save two gallons of gas not commuting the fifth day.

That's a savings of \$12.00 a week for one employee or \$12,000 a week for all 1,500. "Over a year that adds up in a hurry."

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With that in mind, I called Liz Boyd, Gov. Jennifer Granholm's press secretary to see if state government was interested in following out. Her response: The governor met with her cabinet within the past three weeks on this issue.

Eventually not

"This program is voluntary and it's pretty popular. If the unions wanted to challenge it, they'd be hard pressed. We'll probably have to sit down and talk, but I don't see a big problem here."

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Right now we're compiling information



About Phil Power

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for state employees

That's a \$4 a gallon mind you, and prices are already past that barrier, and marching north. Still — that sum is a tidy number, and one that certainly should excite the attention of an employer who's interested in helping out beleaguered state employees.

What about state public employees? Would a four-day work week require negotiating labor contracts with the unions?

Also, the governor's press secretary didn't want to talk about that.

So I don't know whether the

Granholm administration is seriously working on Patterson's common sense idea. I don't know whether a public employee union — or anybody else — is standing in the way. I don't know whether other political pressures are at work.

But I do know that a voluntary four-day work week saves financially strapped workers money they would have to spend on gas. And that seems to meet the "let's do something simple and practical" test that all public bodies should have on top of their minds.

Some do. And evidently some sadly don't.

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LETTERS

Liberal problems

It is my view American industry is under attack by hostile liberals in both the State and Federal government. Supporting industries who are simply unable to move or sell out their assets are the best targets. Many are large industries are stock companies owned by a whole range of investors. In America, commerce supported by industry is the only legitimate job provider and spark plug for a better life of the population it supports. It is a puzzle that politicians create the climate that results in the loss of the sources of wealth for their people. Governments tend to spend themselves into potholes in accommodating special interests then look for devious means to accumulate more money. America is overrun with organized political pressure groups seeking gifting from government in support of their own special fiefdom.

Under attack specifically is the domestic oil industry. The industry is blameless for the high prices of fuel that hurts the economy. Oil is a commodity sold at auction every day. No, Congress is the actual villain. Anyone with some experience in the energy industry recognizes the current situation has been manufactured principally by Congress. There are great deposits of available hydrocarbon resources domestically in the United States and in adjacent sites. Oil sands, shale and reconstitution of coal represents an unlimited resource of fossil fuel. Supporting their special interest constituents, Congress has stood stubborn in the way of resource development and refineries. Instead, they adopt incentives that waste time pushing production of corn alcohol and windmills. There is no legitimate alternative to replace crude oil available.

Politicians subsidizing the use of food resources for fuel seems criminal to dependent nations and others opposed to waste. Liberals cheer high price of gasoline as a political leash on the economy to beat the opposition. Use of nuclear power is the only legitimate hope for ample non-fossil energy production, and liberals have denied wide implementation. Maybe a gambit to force suburban populations back into central cities? True

conservatives understand the calamities of economic suffocation through the price of energy.

New problems lurk on the horizon with suggested new spending to lock in public dependency on a liberal socialism. The threat of socialism worries me since heavy bureaucracies tend to be political and inept. Adding a load of new benefits to reward the political support of organized labor, the slippery embedded political untaxed bureaucracies, as well as the AARP and other groups. Creative new and broad taxes, such as an additional consumption tax, may become the new approach. In America, pressure groups have been doing their job too well in demanding more, more and more guarantees for their own constituencies.

America must work to solve its own problems and needs quality young people to step up and lead now. Unless a liberal tide is challenged, there will be little left for them and their families without restraining the growth of government. Certainly, nice international relations pushed by some is OK, but remember the envy of Americans among those who seek to sink America or diminish Americans. Any acts of American charity to the world in the past means nothing at all. Our malevolent adversaries do not need additional help from our blind politicians. In American history we have earned the respect of other nations but perhaps not the love of everyone. Too many currently in this Congress show little backbone and chose a course of accommodating everyone, everywhere. However, the expectation that the devouring and consuming appetites of crocodiles will ever be satisfied is a mistake.

Jim Nowka
Northville

Why Center Stage has succeeded

At a time when many businesses have left Northville during these tough economic times, I was happy to read an article last week about businesses that have remained successful in our community. Center

Stage Dance Company is one of those businesses operating in Northville since 1992. Center Stage Dance Company's 20th anniversary year has been filled, as always, with educational and philanthropic opportunities, like their annual Christmas and spring tours to area children's and senior centers, and, new this year, trend-setting events like Tap Jams and Hip Hop Fridays. These events display their love of dance along with the aspiration to include others in the valuable experience of dance that has established Center Stage as one of the area's leading members of the community.

Beyond providing traditional classes in technique for ages 3 through adult, Center Stage Dance Company has always been at the forefront of innovation in the areas that make community involvement, mentoring and artistic inspiration the cornerstone of their mission statement. Tickets are available for their June 21 and 22 performance of "CSDC 20th Birthday Bash." Audiences have been commenting for the past several years that this annual event is more a show than a recital with professional quality lighting and set design.

Lisa Shapiro, the owner and director, is an exemplary model to all of her staff and students. Hard work, dedication and her inclusive nature are just some of the ideals that her students and staff are rewarded with when in her care. This is evident in the alumni that have continued to use the skills developed at Center Stage - not only as professional dancers, but also as teachers, scientists and scholars. Additionally, her recent position as dance director and choreographer for "CATS," Northville high school's spring musical, demonstrates a keen ability to inspire her students to give their very best - sometimes beyond what they know they have to give!

Twenty years ago, Shapiro made the decision not to follow the then-fledgling business of dance competitions. She recognized the value of performance at the competitive level but decided to provide performance opportunities in a way that more (in fact, all) of her students could participate. Thus was born the Christmas and spring tours, and performances at movie theater openings, airport debuts,

marketing events, and, of course, every community event (Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, Christmas Walk, Relay for Life, and many, many more) they could fit in! Benefits of this different approach have been numerous and intensely rewarding.

Opportunities this summer include workshops for trained students in the form of Summer Dance Intensives and Ballet and Pointe classes. Open classes are available through the Summer Dance Bucks program and include ballet, tap, and hip hop for ages 5 through adult and combination classes of ballet and tap for our youngest dancers ages 3 to 6. Fantasy Camps for ages 4-8 start in July and are part of the inspiration for our NEW Creative Movement syllabus that will be offered in the fall.

Registration begins in June for the 08-09 season. Continuing with the tradition of innovation, Center Stage Dance Company students will also have the opportunity to add choreography and modern classes in a series of workshops that will be offered throughout the season.

Rebecca Hicks
West Bloomfield

What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification.

We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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GUEST COLUMN

Bringing down your gas consumption

Gulp! Four dollars per gallon and going up weekly.

What's a person to do? Are you one who is driving long distances to and from work? Think of the stop-and-go traffic, not to mention the ever-increasing gas prices? Consider making Northville your place of work.

Let's calculate the math behind this idea. Your current daily car and travel expense could be as high as \$42 per day. Let's take the example of a person who drives from Northville to downtown Detroit (Hart Plaza, for instance). You drive about 25 miles in each direction, 50 per day. This total of 50 miles takes, on average, two gallons of gasoline (if you are lucky enough to get 25 miles to the gallon), and costs you around \$8 daily. At \$4 per gallon of regular

gasoline, your total for gas is \$2,016, (based on 252 work days)

The 2007 IRS calculation for wear and tear on your car (driving expense per mile) is 52.2 cents, and for the 12,600 miles to Detroit each year, your cost is \$6,577. Parking fees average \$170 per month or \$2040 per year. Your grand total is \$10,633. This does not take into account the City of Detroit income tax, which is 1.25 percent for non-residents and 1 percent for corporations, but let us not confuse the point with taxes. Suffice it to say that in a year, you spend around \$10,600 on travel expenses to work. That's \$42 a day.

Think outside the box for a moment. What if you (and your business) were to move your office to downtown Northville? The small town ambience is enhanced

by free parking and oodles of restaurants which cater to every palate.

Speaking to someone who is lucky enough to live less than a mile from the downtown and works downtown, she said that she often walks to the grocery or drug-store during lunch and then picks up a specialty item at one of the local stores. "It couldn't be more fun not using my car for days on end," she commented.

If you are cogitating on ways to cut back on some of your expenses, consider Northville as your home and workplace. Northville office space averages \$18.50 per square foot. One person renting a 600-square-foot office in Northville can expect to pay \$11,100 per year.

A 1,410-square-foot space for

four employees equals \$26,085 per year or \$2,173 base rent per month (plus the usual CAM/triple net of \$6 per square foot).

Saving \$10,600 in travel costs significantly decreases your yearly expenses, which leaves money for other things... like plunking all of it into your savings account, or better yet, maybe a (no-euro-needed) trip to Hawaii.

In the next article, read the buzz about new restaurants coming to Northville.

"Why Come to Northville?" is written by Jacque Martin-Downs, an individual and child therapist with a private practice in Northville and a former writer for the Observer Eccentric newspapers. She can be reached at (800) 940-3808.

In Your Voice

The following are excerpts from readers participating in In Your Voice, our online forum for discussing issues at hometownlife.com.

■ Northville Schools' sex-ed debate persists

The Health Advisory Board has taken the charge of developing an abstinence-based curriculum very seriously and done a good job. It is critical that we provide our young people with the coping strategies and points of view about how and why to abstain from sexual behavior as it is genuinely detrimental emotionally, physically and economically. If our schools teach kids how to value themselves, disregard messages encouraging sexual behavior from the media (and sometimes their friends) and solve their problems in ways that really solve them and not just anesthetize them, we have done them a great life-long service. We need to help our children understand and value that which is really valuable and focus on taking the steps necessary to build a productive, healthy future, and sexual behavior has no place in adolescent life building. This is the focus of the proposed curriculum. It will benefit the children of Northville.

cjlifecycle

How many of the parents that are against the sex-ed curriculum had pre-marital sex? How many of you have explained contraception and other much needed info to your children? Many of today's teens already know the mechanics of sex; what they need is an understanding of how to prevent not only diseases, but pregnancy also. As much as we want to think our kids are not engaging in risky behavior, the truth of the matter is that they are. My daughter is well informed on all aspects of sex, especially prevention of disease and

pregnancy. I have also discussed my values and morals and can only hope and pray that she does the right thing; but if she has sex, I know that she has the necessary knowledge that she needs to make and informed decision.

sarahsparents

Congratulations to the parents who care enough to get involved in this. Some of the methods of teaching as well as the material being taught seem highly questionable, and I would be shocked if this program was instituted into the Northville Public School system without parent support and/or approval. Yes, our young teens need to be informed, but the sexual information needs to be basic facts, not advice or promotion.

momfaith

Allow me to clear up your confusion. We have talked with all three of our children from the time they were little up through high school and beyond about sex and HIV/AIDS and STDs. We are not against sex education in schools. What we are against is this particular curriculum. This curriculum is the only one the Health Advisory Board has looked at. Even though it is supposed to be abstinence based in reality it is abstinence deficient.

Don't be confused. Go and see for yourself what the proposed curriculum is teaching and view the videos that are a part of the curriculum. We as parents are asking that we are included in the decision making process and that the people of this community are fairly represented. Our view point is strongly supported as witnessed by the large number of concerned parents who attended and vocalized their own opposition at this past Tuesday night's School Board meeting. My challenge to you: view the curriculum, then let's talk.

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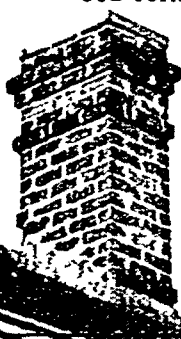


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Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Update



by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

THE HYDRATED WORKOUT

It makes sense to most exercisers that a well-hydrated body performs better. In addition, exercise psychologists have recently found that drinking water makes exercise more pleasurable. They arrived at this finding by comparing the mood of exercisers who drank water before and during exercise with the mood of exercisers who received no water. When water was part of the workout, exercisers reported that their mood rose throughout the workout and remained better than it was before working out. Their perceived exertion remained unaffected. Those who exercised without water said

that they were less happy after the exercise than before it. Researchers point to reduced body temperature and/or simple thirst relief as possible reasons for the water benefit.

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HOT TICKET: Come downtown Saturday and Sunday for the annual "Art in the Sun" - story on page 4

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CALENDAR

Thursday, June 19, 2008
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Local Events

Library Arcade for Teens

TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m.
Today
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: Drop in for free play on the Nintendo Wii Sports, X-Box 360 Rock Band and X-Box DDR Ultramix 4 as the Library Meeting Room turns into an arcade. Hone your skills and get ready for a competition later in the summer.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3026

Marines Steak Grill Out

TIME/DATE: 5-7:30 p.m.
Saturday (or until steaks run out)
LOCATION: VFW Post 4012, 438 S. Main St.
DETAILS: Come enjoy the best steaks in town. Two sizes to choose from: \$10 for a 10 oz. steak and \$14 for a 16 oz. steak. Proceeds benefit local charities, veterans and veteran organizations. Hosted by the Marine Corps League Northwest Detachment 162.
CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 477-6377 or visit semperrh162.org.

Art in the Sun

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: Juried fine arts festival, featuring over 100 artists in all mediums of art, lively music, kids activities and concessions.
CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or northville.org.

Solstice Run

DATE: Saturday
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: 5K and 10K race. For more information, visit solsticerun.org.

All American Girls Professional Baseball League

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: Meet two women who actually played in the majors during World War II. Mary Moores and Helen Steffes will describe their experiences and bring memorabilia.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3026

Two of a Kind: What's the Buzz about Reading?

TIME/DATE: 2-2:45 p.m.
Tuesday
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: This delightful duo's lively musical adventure about a bookworm who helps a bee discover the joys of reading is for all ages. One hundred free tickets available ten minutes in advance.

Northville Democratic Club General Membership Meeting

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday
LOCATION: Cady Inn, Mill Race Village, Griswold St

Library Arcade for Teens

TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m. Wednesday
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: Compete for prizes with your best DDR moves with the library's new Ultramix 4 game. Registration encouraged. Call (248) 349-3020.

Crohn's & Colitis

Foundation Half Marathon
TIME/DATE/LOCATION: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 25 - REI, 766 E. Big Beaver Road, Troy; 9 p.m. Thursday, June 26 - REI, 970 West Eisenhower Pkwy, Ann Arbor, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 28 - West Bloomfield Recreation Activities Center, 4640 Walnut Lake Road, Rm. 102, West Bloomfield, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 10 - REI, 17559 Haggerty Road (at Six Mile), Northville.
DETAILS: Local team being recruited to participate in the

Rock'n'Roll San Antonio Half Marathon on Nov. 16. Four informational meetings held locally. This program trains you to run or walk a half marathon, while helping the Foundation's Michigan Chapter raise funds to find a cure for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. A kickoff party will be held on July 17 at Neilsen's Fitness Center in Southfield. Training begins July 19-20.

CONTACT: Ellen Sherwood, CCFA Team Challenge Endurance Manager, (248) 737-0900

The Farm Lady "Bugs for Lunch"

TIME/DATE: 11-11:45 a.m. Thursday, June 25
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: Meet Gertie the Guinea Hen and learn why Grouchy Ladybug and Charlotte the Spider are the farmer's good friends. All ages welcome. One hundred free tickets available ten minutes in advance.

Summer Basketball Academy

TIME/DATES: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. June 16-20 for boys, grades 5-9; June 23-27 for girls, grades 5-9
LOCATION: Our Lady of Victory
DETAILS: Players receive individualized instruction to improve basketball skills. Cost is \$150 per student. Bring a lunch and bottle of water or sports drink.
CONTACT: Coach Paul Tripp, (248) 563-0858, or coach-paul@A-GameBasketball.com

Best of Both World's Party

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, June 27
LOCATION: Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: This Girl's Night Out, appropriate for ages 7-12, features a Hannah Montana Look-Alike contest, a "rockin'" makeover from Sweet and Sassy, glitter tattoos, a ride in a limousine followed by ice cream and treats with Maggie Moos and a karaoke contest and dancing from Center Stage. Register early as space is limited. Parents are not required to attend, but those wishing to attend must purchase a ticket. Tickets are \$14 and are available from the Parks and Rec. department.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Rec. at (248) 349-0203

Northville and Novi Garden Walk Adventure III

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 28
DETAILS: Visit six homeowner gardens in Novi and Northville and learn ideas for container gardening, ponds, garden art and even a condominium garden. Tickets are available at Dinsers Greenhouse in Novi, Gardenviews in Northville and Backyard Birds in Plymouth. Northville's Town Square is hosting a Gardeners Market Place featuring vendors, raffles, refreshments and restrooms. For more information, go to gardenersofnorthville-novi.org

Barnes & Noble

LOCATION: Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road, near Six Mile Road
CONTACT: For all events contact Betsy Storrs at (248) 348-1274 or e-mail crm2648@bn.com

Summer Storytimes

TIME/DATE: Through Sept. 2
DETAILS: Children entering grades one through six can read any eight books, list them, and record their favorite parts of the book in their "Summer Reading with Andrew Clements" journal. They then bring their completed journal to any Barnes & Noble to receive a coupon for a free book and enter to win an autographed copy of an Andrew Clements book.

Weekly Storytimes

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays
DETAILS: Storytimes are various themes and involve story reading followed by crafts, games and activities.

Book Signing

TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Saturday, July 19
DETAILS: Book signing by author Beverly Armstrong

Compuware Arena Drive-In Theatre

DATE: Through Sunday, Sept. 7
TIME: Gates open at 7:30 p.m., movies start at dusk or around 9 p.m.
DETAILS: Features first-run double-feature family-oriented movies on three screens. Tickets are \$9 for ages 13 and older, \$7 for ages 4-12, ages 3 and under are free. Students with ID are \$7 on Sunday-Thursday.
CONTACT: (734) 927-3284 or compuwarearena.com

Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art

LOCATION: 133 W. Main Street, Suite 210, Northville
Artaisance with Danna Harvey Exhibit
DATE: Exhibit runs through Monday, June 30
TIME: Gallery is open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and Noon-4 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Artaisance-sherrus.ArtMyStyle.com is a new concept in fine art shopping. The works of Danna Harvey will be in the gallery and online at sherrus.ArtMyStyle.com. This online gallery features more than 100 artists, 18 genres and over 2,000 works of art. When ordering online, the art is shipped directly to the purchaser.
CONTACT: (248) 380-0470

The Muses Art Show

TIME/DATE: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, through June 30
LOCATION: Picasso Cafe, 39915 Grand River, Novi
DETAILS: Showing of drawings and painting in different media of models who have posed for this group of artists. The artists include Barbara Eko, Murphy of Northville, Mary Step from Northville/Novi, Daria Fileta from Novi, Peggy Kerwin of Northville and Jeff Cancelosi of Northville among others. The public will enjoy seeing the variety of approaches to the same subject. This group will also be drawing models outside, next to the Northville Art House, during the July Garden Walk.
CONTACT: Picasso Cafe at (248) 427-0600

Ford Field Family Flick

TIME/DATE: 8-11 p.m. Thursday, July 3 (movie starts at dusk)
LOCATION: Ford Field, 150 Hutton
DETAILS: Games, crafts and the family-friendly movie "Surf's Up." Suitable for all ages. No cost, but refreshments for sale. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, flashlights and bug spray. In case of rain, event moved to the Senior Community Center gym, 303 W. Main St. No registration required.
CONTACT: Park and Rec. at (248) 349-0203

Fourth of July Farm Breakfast

TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. until parade time, about 10 a.m., Friday, July 4
LOCATION: Northville Masonic Center
DETAILS: All-you-can-eat breakfast sponsored by Union Chapter #55 RAM and Northville Commandery #39 KT. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes, ham, juice, tea and coffee. Adults are \$6, children \$3.

Fourth of July Parade

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Friday, July 4
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: If you have a parade entry and would like to participate, you must pre-register by June 22.
CONTACT: (248) 374-0200

15th Annual Northville Garden Walk

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 9
DETAILS: Visit six exceptional gardens rain or shine. Special



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More than reading

With a bunch of balloons in hand, Joel Tacey entertains a crowd of kids at the Northville Public Library and volunteer Nora Bhandari, right, during his Monday afternoon show to kick off the library's summer reading program.

events at Mill Race Village: garden vendors, music, historical buildings open, and homemade refreshments. Tickets \$10 each, available June 1st at Gardenviews, 202 West Main, Northville. Mail order tickets available until June 30 at cgcnv.org.
CONTACT: cgcnv.org or (248) 348-3263

Democrats of West Oakland County Summer Picnic

DATE: Sunday, July 13
LOCATION: Home of Jim and Gail Gualdoni

Northville Grub Crawl

TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. Thursday, July 29
DETAILS: Tickets are now on sale for the 4th annual Grub Crawl where participating restaurants offer free samples of appetizers and signature menu items. Cash bar specials also available. Free shuttle available or guests can "crawl" on their own. Also, A grand prize drawing for an outdoor grill. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Gardenviews and Good Time Party Store. Crawlers must be 21 years old or older.
CONTACT: For more information, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit northville.org.

Farmer's Market

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday, through Oct.
LOCATION: Northville Downs Parking Lot at the corner of Seven Mile and Center Street (Sheldon).
DETAILS: On the first Thursday of each month, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., Providence Park Hospital presents "Good For You", promoting healthy recipes and lifestyles. The "Chefs at the Market" program, third Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m., features local chefs and free recipes and cooking demonstrations - June 19 is John Colombani from the Empire Deli. New for 2008: Recycle your planting pots and flats at the Pot-Recycling Station.
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or northville.org

Friday Night Summer Concert Series

TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Town Square on Main St. across from the Marquis Theatre
DATE: June 20 - Lady Sunshine and the X Band (soul/Motown)
DATE: June 27 - Doug Deming and the Jeweltones (rockabilly blues)
DATE: July 4 - Paul King's Rhythm Society (big band/swing/patriotic)
DETAILS: Early arrival is suggested for these free concerts; bring their own lawn chairs.
CONTACT: Northville Chamber (248) 349-7640, or visit northville.org; or Parks and Rec. (248) 349-0203 or northvilleparksandrec.org.

Tunes on Tuesday

TIME: 11 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Town Square, downtown Northville. Rain location is Genitti's Hole-in-The-Wall, 108 W. Main St.
DATE: June 24 - Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady will entertain the whole family with her guitar and singing voice.
DATE: July 1 - Rick Kelley, original music to get you on your feet and moving.
DETAILS: Tune in for fun under the sun at this family concert series. Bring your water bottle, hat and sunscreen. Sponsored by the Northville ODA and Parks and Recreation. Visit northvilleparksandrec.org for a complete concert schedule.

Northville Eclipse Base Ball Club

DETAILS: The Eclipse Base Ball Club plays other vintage ball clubs by the rules of the 1860s. Home games are played at Ford Field in Northville. For a complete schedule, visit eclipsebbc.com.
TIME/DATE/LOCATION: 2 p.m. Sunday, June 22 vs. Port Huron Welkins
TIME/DATE/LOCATION: Post-parade Friday, July 4, Gatling Gun Base Ball Shootout and World Premier Four-team Event
TIME/DATE/LOCATION: 1 p.m. Saturday, July 5, at Crossroads Village, Mighty River Hogs

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or genitti.com

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TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19; Friday, Aug. 8; Saturday, June 28, July 12, and Aug. 2, 9, 23 and 30; and Sunday July 7. Also, 7 p.m. Friday, June 20 and July 11. Also 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28; Friday, July 18 and Aug. 1; Saturday, June 21; Monday, June 30; and Tuesday Aug. 5 and 12

DETAILS: Interactive Comedy Dinner Theater spoofing the popular Wholesale Warehouses. See a day in the life of underpaid sales associates and their high maintenance customers. Buying in bulk never felt so good. The show will run through the summer.

Toy Chest, Children's Lunch Theater

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 8; Monday, July 21 and August 18.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$14.95 for children and \$16.95 for adult, not including tax or gratuity.

Tribute to Elvis Starring Sherman Arnold

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday
DETAILS: Dinner and show tickets are \$45 per person. Neil and Frank; A Tribute to Neil Diamond and Frank Sinatra
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 18 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19
DETAILS: Lunch and show is \$35 per person. Dinner and show tickets are \$45 per person.

Genitti's Acting Workshops

DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.
DETAILS: Enjoy our famous family-style lunch or dinner, then practice voice and body movement with one of our actors on stage. Play theater games; take backstage tour; \$16.95 per person.

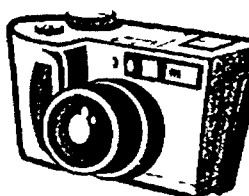
Marquis Theatre

135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or northvillemarquistheatre.com
Auditions for The Shoemaker and the Elves
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday, June 14
DETAILS: For 8-15 years old; sing "Do-Re-Mi", read a poem for no longer than 90 seconds.

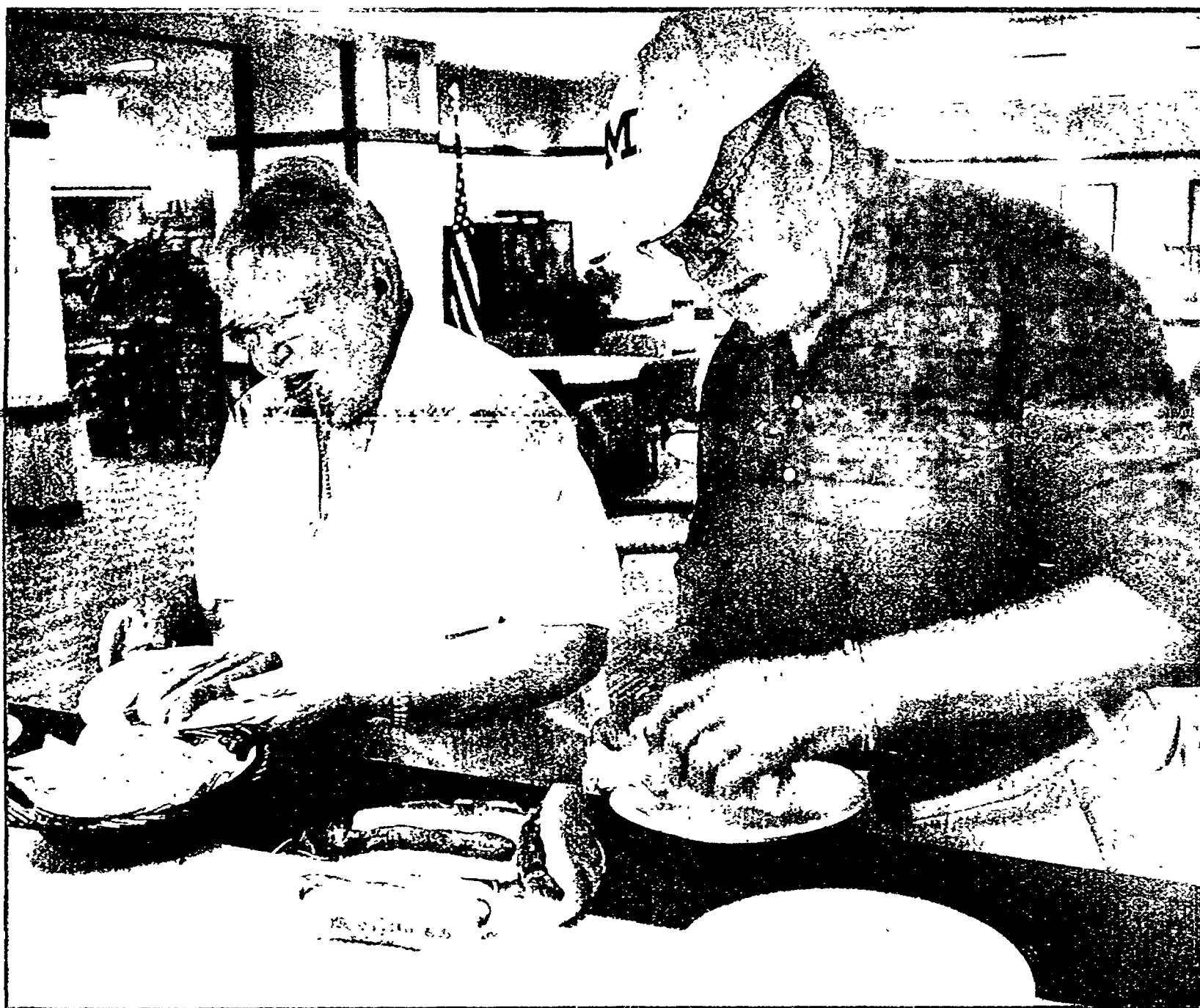
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TOP LEFT: Betty Tzareh, left and Udene Septak, both residents of Addington Place, applaud a polka tune during last week's Senior Fest at Northville's Waterford Bend Park. Seniors got to enjoy a picnic, raffle, music and perused services offered by local businesses.

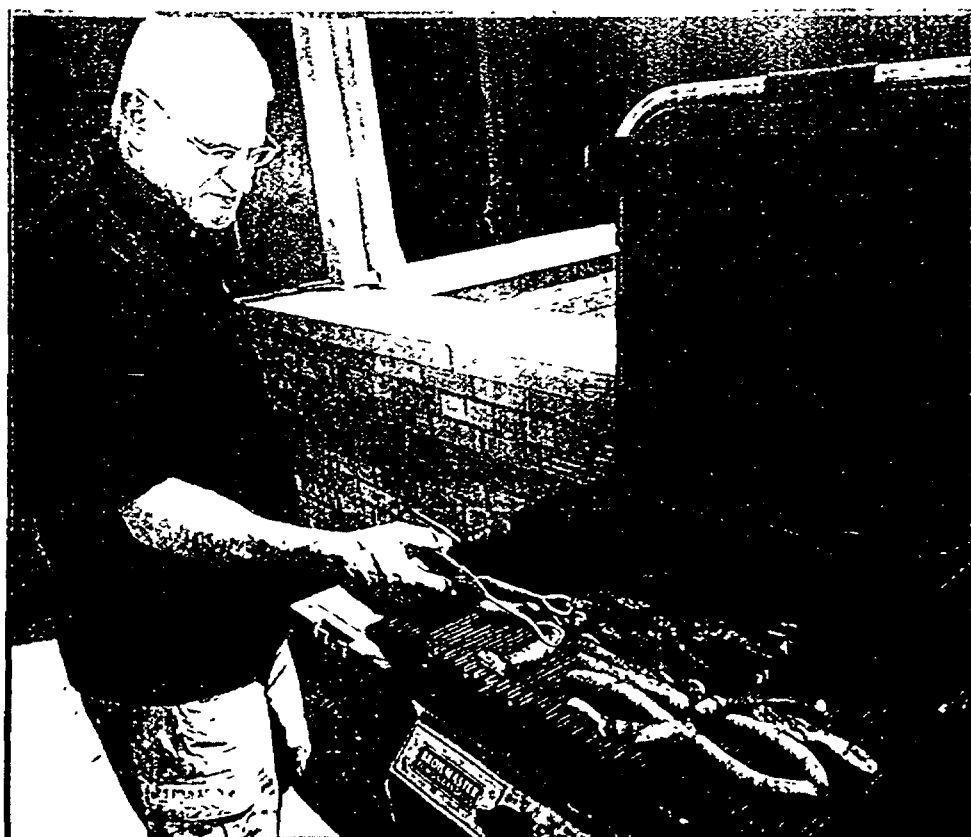
ABOVE: Northville Parks and Recreation's Joe Barberio serves up grilled hotdogs during last week's Senior Fest at Northville's Waterford Bend Park.

BELOW: People line up for a picnic lunch of hotdogs, fried chicken and other treats at last week's Senior Fest.

BELOW LEFT: Northville Senior Community Center employee Dennis Smith fires up the grill and works on some hotdogs for last Friday's Father's Day picnic.

LEFT: Sarah Ellison and Joe Calloway take part in last Friday's Father's Day picnic at the Northville Senior Community Center. Grilled hot dogs, potato salad and pop were followed by a viewing of the movie "Pirates of the Caribbean."

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FINISHING IN STYLE

Northville's Grigg claimed three big medalist honors down the stretch

By Jeff Thelsen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville golfer Trevor Grigg saved his best golf for last, and it paid off with a league title, district title, regional title and an eighth-place finish at state.

The most amazing part of the story, Grigg played as Northville's No. 4 golfer all year.

Grigg averaged 37.5 for nine-hole matches and 75.5 for 18. He medaled in four of nine matches of nine holes.

The Mustangs finished third at state, posting the lowest second-day score for Division 1.

"He had always been playing well in nine-hole matches," Northville head coach Matt Stetson said. "In terms of the 18 holes, it really didn't come on until about mid-May. There was always a hole or two that kept him from a good score."

Grigg is another of the long-bombers on the Mustang squad, but his mental side of the game went through the roof in the latter part of the year, starting with the league medalist.

"He was playing with a lot of confidence," Stetson said. "He was playing well right from the start. He knew if he had a bad hole, he could fight back."

Playing with a loaded squad that finished third in the state helped bring up Grigg's game throughout the year.

"I think the biggest difference for us from this year to last year ... from top to bottom we were a lot stronger depth wise," Stetson said. "I think it really showed at the state tournament."

With Grigg just a sophomore, the sky is the limit for his potential.

"The end of the year showed him he can compete on the top level," Stetson said. "I think he'll use that as motivation to keep working hard during the offseason."



Submitted photo

First Team

Northville's Wes Gates played No. 1 all season and lands on the All-Area First Team. He finished in the top 10 seven times in 10 matches for 18 holes. In those, he was in the top three five times and medalist at the East Lansing Invite and at the U-D. result invite.

"Wes was strong from the very beginning," Stetson said. "At the conference tournament he was second behind Trevor and at the regionals he was third."

"The consistency out of Wes was fantastic."

The rest of the First Team includes Novi's Alex Lyall and Nick Prokop; CC's Steve LaRoure and Joe Fransted; and Milford's Chris Cunningham.

Second Team

Northville places three more golfers on the All-Area Second Team in Alex Bernstein, Chris Kozerski and Tim

continued on 19 Trevor Grigg tees off at the state meet where he finished eighth overall.

2007-08 A TROPHY YEAR

'Stangs sweep spring division championships

By Jeff Thelsen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville's 2007-08 athletic year has come to an end, but it was one to be celebrated.

The spring teams made a perfect sweep of the final WLAA Western Division, winning all seven sports — baseball, softball, girls soccer, girls tennis, boys golf, boys track and girls track. But things were far from finished there. Baseball, soccer, girls track, tennis and golf all went on to claim conference titles as well.

More hardware came in during the postseason run. Softball, soccer and golf claimed district titles, and golf went on to win a regional title before finishing third at states. The tennis team also cracked the top 10 at states with an eighth-place finish after finishing runner-up at regionals.

Two teams earned academic honors. Softball collected Academic All-State with a 3.64 team grade point average. The soccer team earned All-State and All-American Academic Team status.

Sarah Stern (soccer) and Trevor Grigg earned All-State honors. Kelsey Baskins made the Honorable Mention All-State team. More student-athletes could still make the list as not all teams have been announced.



Northville's goalie Elana Ryznar makes a save against Novi.

Fall

The fall teams had the first crack at setting the tone for the rest of the year and didn't disappoint.

Division titles came from girls and boys cross country, girls

golf, boys tennis, boys soccer and girls swimming.

Boys cross country, golf and tennis went on to win conference titles.

At the state level, golf finished third, swimming placed fifth.

boys cross country finished ninth and tennis was 13th. Boys soccer made it to the state semifinals before its run came to an end.

All-Academic teams included

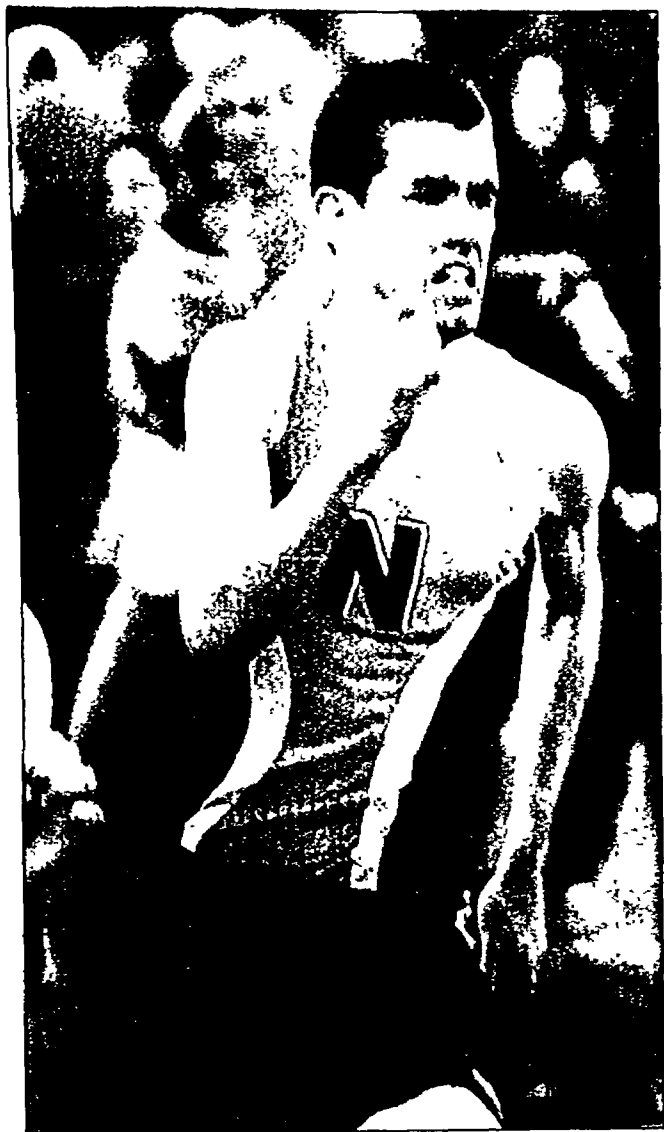
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Above: Mustang Ross Riehl attempts a bunt.

Below: A Northville runner takes part in a relay for the Western Division champs.





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Evan Gerish runs the third leg of the 4x400 meter relay.

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girls golf (four highest GPA in the state), volleyball (MIVCA Academic All-State), tennis (Div. 1 All-State Team) and swimming (MISCA Academic All-State Team).

All-State athletes included Alica Weber (9th at state) and Kirsten Friesen (Hon. Ment.) in golf; Jeff Cheslik (1st Team Soccer Dream Team), Latif Alashe (2nd Team) and Nick Scabassi (Hon. Ment.) in soccer; Meghan Kanya, Rachel Englert, Emily Hopcia and Jessica Weber in swimming; Melvin Joseph (Hon. Ment.) in tennis; Krysta Cicala (Hon. Ment.) in volleyball; and Greg Hasse (Hon. Ment.) in football.

Winter

Four more division titles poured in during the winter with

competitive cheer, hockey, boys swimming and gymnastics winning titles.

The lone winter conference title came from Mustang hockey. They also set a new team record for wins, going 22-4-1.

State placers came from gymnastics (fourth) and swimming (sixth).

The Northville wrestlers also compiled a 22-6 record.

Academic teams came from swimming (MISCA top 50 GPA Team), boys basketball (BCAM All-Academic Hon. Ment.) and cheer (All-Academic Hon. Ment.). All-State athletes included swimmers Brody Blickle, Joe Kargula, Kyle Adams and John Bardsley (all 200 free relay state champs); Allison Kemp in gymnastics (fourth on vault), Jordan Duff and T.J. Hohl in hockey; and Jonny D'Anna in wrestling (sixth at state).

Jeff Theisen can be reached at jtheisen@gannett.com or at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.



Mustang Ursula Cauffiel keeps her eye on the ball.



Jenna Dumbleton locks in on a pop fly.



Mustang Jeff Wagner competes in the pole vault during a Northville home meet.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS A SPECIAL LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a Special Land Use request for a 19,500 square foot market and an outdoor patio area. The proposed market is located on the east side of Haggerty Road, north of 5 Mile Road. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

The public is invited to attend this hearing and provide their comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the development proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

(6-5/19-08 NR 416721)

RICHARD ALLEN, CHAIR
PLANNING COMMISSION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS A CONDITIONAL REZONING PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan. The Planning Commission will consider a conditional rezoning request for approximately 6.5 acres of land at the northeast corner of Beck and Five Mile Roads. The request is to rezone the property from ORT (Office, Research and Technology) to B-3 (General Business), with conditions proposed by the applicant. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and provide comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the proposal will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

(6-5/19-08 NR 416725)

RICHARD ALLEN, CHAIR
PLANNING COMMISSION



Photo submitted

Trevor Grigg shows off his medal he collected at the state finals.

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Kelly.

Bernstein was a consistent force for the Mustangs all year. He picked up a pair of medals along the way and earned All-District.

"He's part of my super-sophomore class with Trevor," Stetson said. "He played very consistent for us throughout the year. When we needed him on the second day of the state tournament, he fired a 79 after coming back from probably his worst day of golf at the first day of states."

Kozerski played some of his best golf at the end of the year, placing in the top three at the conference meet and at regionals to make All-Conference and All-Regional.

"He is a senior who worked his way up throughout the season," Stetson said. "He came on real strong and was a big help

for us down the stretch."

Kelly placed in the top 10 twice and finished 35th at the state meet.

"He was the most improved player on our team from last year," Stetson said. "He was consistently in our top five and scored in all of our tournaments for us."

Filling out the Second Team are CC's JJ Szmazdzinski and Alex Kolpacke; Novi's Graham Smith; Lakeland's Jayson Cronk; Milford's Brendan Pigott; and South Lyon's Kyle Gordon.

Honorable Mention

The Honorable Mention team includes Northville's Dan Kozerski and Novi's Tyler Manning.

The All-Area teams are submitted by coaches from Northville, Novi, Catholic Central, South Lyon, Milford and Lakeland and compiled by Jeff Theisen and Patrick Pinter.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Mustang Wes Gates shot his way onto the Team All-Area.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 170

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on June 24, 2008 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan. The Planning Commission will consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Chapter 170, Article 24 Landscape Standards, to require street trees be planted within all road rights-of-way or private road easements.

The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. A complete copy of the proposed change is available at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

(6-5/19-08 NR 416970)

RICHARD ALLEN, CHAIR
PLANNING COMMISSION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ADVERTISEMENT FOR FOR THE HOMER ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION

Sealed Bids will be received by the Clerk, Department, Second Floor, Northville Township Hall, on or before 10:00 a.m., July 1, 2008 for construction of the Homer Road Sanitary Sewer Extension. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time.

Work to be done includes the construction of 179 ft of D.I.P. CL 52, Sanitary Sewer and all related work. Bid documents may be obtained on or after 10:00 a.m., June 9, 2008, from the office of the Department of Public Services, First Floor, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

A fee of \$30.00 per set of documents will be charged. No refunds will be given for returned documents.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, or Bid Bond by a recognized surety, in the amount of 5% of the total of the bid price. A proposal, once submitted, becomes the property of the Charter Township of Northville. In the sole discretion of the Charter Township of Northville, the Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to allow a bidder to reclaim submitted documents provided the documents are requested and retrieved no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled bid opening.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance, labor and material bonds in the amount of 100% of the bid price and satisfactory insurance coverage.

After the time of opening, no Bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days. The Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid, and to make the award in any manner the Charter Township of Northville believes to be in its best interest.

Any further information may be obtained from the Township Engineer, Ms. Jill Rickard, P.E., (248) 662-0497. Questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the engineer, Northville Township Department of Public Services, in writing or by fax at 248-348-5823. Questions will not be accepted if received less than 7 calendar days before the bids are due.

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Sports Shorts

Northville Cheer Camp

The Northville Mustang Cheer Camp is 9 a.m.-noon June 23-25 at the high school for kids entering first through eighth grades. Coaches Melinda Gentz and Michelle Parker and the Division Champion varsity team will host the camp. Campers will get the opportunity to join the Mustang cheerleaders in the Fourth of July Parade. Cost of the camp is \$75 and

includes a T-shirt, daily craft and daily snack and drink. For more information, contact Brenni Polanski at (248) 374-0897 or at brennp@ameritech.net. **Saunderson signs** Northville's Damari Saunderson recently signed a professional baseball contract with the Philadelphia Phillies. In more good news for Northville baseball, graduated

Mustang Mark Sorenson (2006) signed a contract with the Detroit Tigers after also being drafted this year. Neither players' terms were available. **Michigan 3-on-3 soccer tourney** U-M will host the 17th annual 3-on-3 Micro-Soccer Shootout Camp on July 19 at U-M's Mitchell Fields. Cost is \$100 with a four-game guarantee. Ages span from seven to adult for boys and girls with recreational and competitive brackets for each. For more information, call (734) 647-1201 or e-mail ldur-

kee@umich.edu. Registration must be postmarked by July 10. **Northville summer camps** Northville High School Athletic coaches will be sponsoring a number of youth sport camps this summer. The following camps will be offered: Indoor Volleyball - June 23-26, grades 7-12; Sand Volleyball - July 14-18, grades 7-12; Girls Basketball - June 16-20, grades 3-8; Boys Basketball - July 7-11, grades 4-9.

Visit www.northville.k12.mi.us/nhs Link: Athletics for more information. **Boys Basketball Camp** The Northville boys basketball camp will run July 7-11 at the high school gym. Kids entering grades 4-6 next school year are from 9-11:30 a.m. Kids entering grades 7-9 are

from noon-2:30 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$100. Checks should be made to Northville High School Basketball, Attn: Boys Basketball, Northville High School, 45700 W. Six Mile Rd., Northville, 48168. E-mail questions to basketball@baldwin-capital.com. Send sports shorts to Jeff Thiesen at jhtiesen@gannett.com



High kickin'

Northville girls — Kaitlin Zolna, Brianna Diegel, Nicolette Metruslas, Kelsey Wiska, Marisa Woloszyn and Lauren Wysocki — helped cheer on the crowds during the Red Wings Championship Parade in Detroit June 6.

Photo submitted



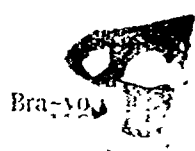
Golden Girls

The Michigan Elite U15 Titanium Volleyball Team placed first in the Level 1 Division for the AAU States Volleyball on May 31 and June 1. The girls played seven matches to win the title. Team (from left), top row: Coach Tricia Hankerson, Maddi Philmister (Novi), Katie Binger (Canton), Erica Robb (Novi), Julie Sirgedas (Novi); second row: Paige Jefferson (Northville), Nicole Sacccone (Canton), Laura Subject (Novi); third row: Devin Meadors (Novi) and Andrea Phillips (Farm. Hills).

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1:30 p.m.: Sleep Apnea

Seminar
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
Friday
10 a.m.: Volleyball at Hillside;
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11 a.m.: Poker
1 p.m.: Movie "27 Dresses"

Monday
9:30 a.m.: Beginning Line
Dance
10 a.m.: Volleyball at Hillside;
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11 a.m.: Strength Training
Noon: Blood Pressure Check
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre
Tuesday
10:30 a.m.: Yoga
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

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7 p.m.: Bridge

Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Volleyball

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
Adult 50+ Fun Co-ed Volleyball

TIME/DAYS: 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Basketball

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday
LOCATION: Senior Community Center

DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

Health Walking

DATE: Monday-Friday
TIME: 8-10 a.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Pilates Class

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. each Tuesday
Bunco

TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month
DETAILS: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.

Meetings

Northville Public Schools

Board of Education
DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month (June 24)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Old Village School

City of Northville

City Council
DATE: First and third Monday of the month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

Downtown Development Authority Meeting

DATE: Third Tuesday of each month (July 15)
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.

CONTACT: downtown-northville.com
Planning Commission

DATE: First and third Tuesday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall
Housing Commission
DATE: Second Wednesday of

every month
TIME: 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

Historic District Commission
DATE: Third Wednesday of month

TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall
Arts Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

Beautification Commission
DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

Northville Township

Planning Commission
DATE: Last Tuesday of month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

Board of Trustees
DATE: Third Thursday of month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall
Zoning Board of Appeals

DATE: Third Wednesday of month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Township Hall
Youth Assistance

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

Library Lines

Northville District Library

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall
TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Closed on Sunday for the summer.

CONTACT: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.

Book Donations

DETAILS: Book donations can be dropped off any time during operating hours. Be sure to get a receipt for your taxes.

Arrangements can be made by calling the library, for Friends to pick up a large donation from your home.

Book Celler Open

TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m.
Sundays; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays

DETAILS: There are thousands of books to choose from; hard covers for \$1, paperbacks for 50 cents.

Free Museum Admission

DETAILS: Get free admission to 25 area museums and cultural institutions such as the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Henry Ford, Pewabic Pottery and others, using your library card to check out a pass. Each pass is good for either two or four admissions.

One pass per library card is available per week.

Between the Lines for Adults

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Monday of month

Kids Club

TIME/DATE: 4:30-5:15 p.m. one Thursday each month

DETAILS: After school program for grades 1-3 featuring stories, games and crafts. This month the theme is Mexico.

Register for individual sessions the first of each month.

Junior Books, Chat and Chow

TIME/DATE: 4:15-5 p.m. last Wednesday of each month

DETAILS: For 4th and 5th graders; sign up at the Information Desk on the first of each month and pick up a copy of the book.

Catch the Reading Bug: Youth Summer Reading Program
DATE: Through July 31

DETAILS: Catch the reading bug during the Youth summer Reading Program. Enjoy exciting activities, storytimes, reading games, weekly prize drawings and more. Register in person at the library to receive your summer reading program activity guide.



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Todd Gall volunteers last Saturday at Northville's 2008 Rouge River Day at Northville's Fish Hatchery Park to hunt the waters of the park for small critters. Using his net, Gall found a lot of crayfish, damselfish and scuds. The pond's waters were stocked with Rainbow Trout and visitors could get a bite to eat and learn a bit about the watershed and efforts to preserve it throughout southeastern Michigan.

Summer Storytimes

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Friday, June 20, 27, July 11, 18 and 25.

DETAILS: These drop-in storytimes are part of the Youth Summer Reading Program and are best for children ages 3 and older, but everyone is welcome.

Metamorphosis: Teen Summer Reading

DETAILS: Through Aug. 22. Teens in middle and high school are invited to join in the fun at the library. Special prizes for reading and tickets to enter the Grand Prize Giveaway. Register in person to get your reading and activity log.

Adult Summer Reading Program

DETAILS: Win prizes for reading and try some new genres along the way. Stop in to register and get your summer reading packet. Through Aug. 30.

All American Girls Professional Baseball League

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday

DETAILS: Meet two women who actually played in the majors during World War II. Mary Moores and Helen Steffes will describe their experiences and bring memorabilia.

Computer Tutoring One-on-One Sessions

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 12, 26 and Aug. 9, 23

DETAILS: Free one hour sessions. Provides help with internet searching, email basics and word processing. Call (248) 349-3020 to register.

Class Reunions

Northville High School Class of 1968

DETAILS: Anyone interested in a 40th reunion for the Class of 1968, please contact Ron Barnum at (248) 347-8808.

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

DATE: Saturday, July 19
LOCATION: Livonia

DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion. For more

information, contact Janet (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to pbs40threunion@charter.net.

Northville High School Class of 1988

DATE: Weekend of July 26

DETAILS: For further information, please contact Jennifer Clarkson at jclarkson2004@yahoo.com.

Northville High School Class of 1978

Pre-Party
DATE: Friday, Aug. 1

LOCATION: Chase Bar and Grill, Northville

Reunion
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 2

LOCATION: Radisson Livonia

DETAILS: The cost for the 30 year reunion is \$75 per person. "Crasher" tickets are available for the classes of 1976, 1977, and 1979 for \$25. Contact Janet Eisele Junca by e-mail at juncaj@sbcbglobal.net

Dearborn and Edsel Ford High School Class of 1958

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 2

LOCATION: Dearborn Country Club

DETAILS: The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion. Judy Richards Goerke 313-562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters 248-348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford.net may be contacted for further information.

South Lyon High School Class of 1963

DATE: Sunday, Aug. 10

LOCATION: Baker's of Milford

DETAILS: The Class of 1963 is hosting a 45 year reunion. For more information, call Barb Cook at (248) 349-5982.

Detroit Chadsey Classes of 1958

DATE: Friday, September 19

LOCATION: Burton Manor, Livonia

DETAILS: Cost is \$55 per person.

CONTACT: Michael Poterala at (248) 548-4829 or mspoterala@comcast.net.

Cass Tech Class of 1958

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 11

DETAILS: For more information about this 50 year class reunion, contact Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 or go to casstech58.com.

Parks & Rec

Northville Parks & Recreation

LOCATION: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School)

CONTACT: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities call (248) 349-0203 or visit

http://northvilleparksandrec.org

Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE/TIME: 7 p.m. second Wednesday, every other month beginning in January

LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road

Group Fitness Classes

DETAILS: Classes include Yoga, Pilates Ball, Aerobics, Step, Kickboxing, Cycle and overall strength training. Class schedules are flexible and vary; monthly calendar available at website or call. Fees are \$8 for drop-ins or \$50 for an unlimited monthly resident pass. Classes held at Hillside Recreation Center or Senior Community Center. All fitness levels welcome to participate; certified instructors provide safe and fun workouts.

Open Adult Basketball

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every Sunday

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: \$3 per person.

Open Family Basketball

TIME/DATE: 4-6 p.m. every Sunday

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: \$2 per person.

Open 40+ Basketball

TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: \$3 per person.

Open Volleyball

TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. every Thursday

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: \$4 per person.

Open Badminton

TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: Competitive style badminton available; all skill levels welcome; \$7 per player.

Open Pickleball

TIME/DATE: Noon-3 p.m. every Wednesday; 6-8 p.m. every Saturday

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside

DETAILS: \$4 per player. Call (248) 449-9947 for more information.

Open Table Tennis

TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m. every Saturday

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

DETAILS: Eight tables available; all skill levels welcome; \$5 per player.

Coed Adult 50+ Volleyball

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday

DETAILS: \$1 per player. Bring your friends. All levels of play welcome. Call (248) 449-9947 for information.

Community Garden Plots

LOCATION: Thayer's Corner Nature Area, 8250 Napier Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

DETAILS: Community Garden Plots will be available for rent at Thayer's Corner Nature Area on a first come first reserved basis beginning April 17. The plots are 10x20' and will be plowed, staked and ready for planting after May 1, weather permitting.

A storage shed is available for gardening tools, but there is limited water available at this time. Seasonal rental of each plot is \$25. One plot per household please.

Church Events

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a.m. Contemporary, 11:30 a.m. Traditional

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org

Sunday Worship

TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Single Place Ministries

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday

DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check website for details

singleplace.org.

• DATE: Tonight - Why Men Choose Younger Women with Northville Psychologist Arnold Keller, MA

• DATE: June 26 - Simple Cooking for Singles with Bruce Bell. Submit recipes by June 19 to share.

Walking in the Park

TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday

LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills)

DETAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards.

CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016

Divorce Recovery Workshop

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m. every Thursday through July 24

LOCATION: Emeritus Room

DETAILS: Cost is \$35 per person and includes the book "Growing Through Divorce." Scholarships available. Childcare available for toddlers through grade six by registering two weeks before program begins.

Tonight - Putting Your Ex in Focus with Dell Deaton. June 26 - Pot Luck Dinner and Legal

Aspect of Divorce with David Jerome. July 3 - Church and Divorce, Spiritual Help and Forgiveness with Pastor Jim Russell. July 10 - Helping Children Through Divorce with Sharon Bergman. July 17 - Passage of Divorce is a panel discussion. July 24 - Relationships Old and New with Sadie Bolos.

First Baptist Church of Northville
LOCATION: 217 N. Wing
CONTACT: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.
Single Point Ministries
For single adults 40 years and older
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920
Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments for singles, Knox Hall. Join a group of friendly people for lunch following the single's class
Every Monday: 7 p.m. Learner's Bible Study, Room A101

Second and Fourth Monday: 7 p.m. Singles Bible Study: Study of Ephesians, Room C309
Every Tuesday: 7 p.m. Praying Together, Sanctuary
Every Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Single Adult Ministries office; 7 p.m. Single Men's Bible Study; 7 p.m. Single Parents, Single Adult Ministries Office, free child care provided, 8:30-10 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball, Knox Hall.

First and Third Thursday: 6 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball, Knox Hall
Second and Fourth Thursday: Starting Again, an ongoing support group for those 50's and 60's who have lost a spouse through death. Meets in room C309.

Every Saturday: 10 a.m. Bicycling Group starts from various locations; geared towards tourist level rider; all levels welcome; helmets required; lunch half-way through ride at your own expense.

Every Sunday: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Tennis for beginners, Stevenson High School, Six Mile Road west of Farmington Road.

Healing Hearts Ministry
DETAILS: We offer an 11-week bible study for women who have experienced abortion and want to know how to get through the pain. If you are suffering and would like to talk to someone, please call us. There is hope and healing in Jesus Christ. Also offered are bible studies for women who have been abused
CONTACT: Terena Lawson at (248) 374-5926 or e-mail terena.lawson@wardchurch.org

Go-Karts/Putt Putt Golf
DATE: Friday
LOCATION: Sport-Way, Westland

Lighthouse Cafe
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, June 27
DETAILS: Games, music and refreshments. Childcare for ages 12 and under. \$5 at door.

Arts and Culture
TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. Thursday, July 3
DETAILS: Concert at Greenfield Village. Carpool from church.

Picnic
TIME/DATE: Noon-5 p.m. Friday, July 4
LOCATION: Cass Benton Park Shelter, Northville Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads
DETAILS: Fellowship, games and food. Bring a dish to pass and games to share. Grill closes at 2 p.m. Volleyball provided. \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

A Grand Weekend for Grandparents/Kids
DATE: July 25-27
LOCATION: FaHolo Camp and Conference Center, Grass Lake
DETAILS: Retreat for grandparents and grandchildren. Includes two nights lodging, five meals, a special memento to take home, inspirational teaching by Barbara George-Howard, a wagon ride and bonfire, the water blob and trampoline, go carts, initiatives, and lots of fun in the sun. Cost is \$283 per couple or \$154 per person for

grandparents and \$90 per grandchild ages 6-17, under age 5 are free. Sponsored by ReMarried Ministries of Ward Church.
CONTACT: For more information contact the church.

Northville First United Methodist Church
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or fumnorthville.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.
Healing Service
DATE: First Monday of every month

TIME: 4 p.m.
Men's Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday

LOCATION: Room 10
Sharing Hearts Women's Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday

LOCATION: Chapel upstairs
DETAILS: Child care available; cost is \$11 for materials.
Disciple One Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Sunday or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday

DETAILS: Course lasts 34 weeks; covers 70 percent of the Bible.
Disciple Bible Study: Jesus and the Gospels
TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every Sunday

The Faith Club
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday
DETAILS: This interfaith group will be reading "The Faith Club"; register at (248) 344-4248.

Radical Joy
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of each month
LOCATION: Chapel Lounge
DETAILS: For women looking to connect more closely with their faith, community and other women. Registration required.

LOGOS Youth Club
TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS: Program includes recreation, dinner, bible study and music; grades 4-12.

Men's Club: People, Pancakes and Praise
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Fellowship Hall
Men's Club Golf Outing
TIME/DATE: Tee Times 7:15-8 a.m. Saturday

LOCATION: Links-Of-Nowi, 10 mile Road, Novi
DETAILS: A Green Fee of \$79 includes golf, cart, lunch, prizes and support for Kid programs at FUMC. Play will consist of a 4-player best ball, golfers of all levels invited including families and friends. To reserve your tee time, contact Turner Osborne at (248) 344-4395 or turner.osborne@yahoo.com

Summer Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. every Sunday, June 22-Aug. 17
DETAILS: Led by Rev. Lisa Cook. Cost is \$15.

Vacation Bible School
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m.-Noon Monday-Friday, June 23-27
LOCATION: Mill Race Village
DETAILS: For ages pre-K through grade 5. Fee is \$20 per child or \$50 per family of three or more children. Registration deadline is June 1. Contact Heather at (248) 349-1144.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
LOCATION: 770 Thayer, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship
TIME: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship
TIME: 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church
LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tutto's in Old Church Square, Northville
CONTACT: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

Sunday Worship
11:30 a.m., with fellowship and food after service

Northville Christian Assembly
LOCATION: 41355 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 348-9030

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Services:

10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Emergent/Organic Service: 7 p.m. every Tuesday
Women of the Word Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Every Tuesday
Ladies Evening Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday
Quilting: 7 p.m. every Wednesday

Men's Evening Bible Study: 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday
Men of Purpose Prayer Group: 6 p.m. every Thursday
Family Meal: 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday; \$4 per person or \$12 per family
Mid-week Adult Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. every Wednesday

Mid-week Classes and Courses: 7 p.m. every Wednesday
Caravan, Club 56 and Youth Meetings: 7 p.m. every Wednesday
Men's Basketball: 7 p.m. every Thursday
Tae Kwon Do: 7 p.m. every Thursday

Performing Arts Summer Day Camp
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, June 23-25
DETAILS: For grades 1-6; includes backpack, daily surprise, T-shirt, seminar supplies and lunch; cost is \$50 per child. Topics include drama, balloon-ting, yo-yos sticks, puppets, stomp, storytelling, character make-up and more.
Dean-O Concert
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: This is a Beach Boy-style concert for the whole family to enjoy. No cost.

Oak Pointe Church
LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
ReNew Life Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are: GriefShare; DivorceCare; Anger Management; Dealing with Struggling Teens; YourSpace; Every Man's Battle; Betrayed Hearts; Changes that Heal; and CrossCurrent.

CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.
Spring Hill Day Camp
DATE: July 21-25 and July 28-Aug. 1

DETAILS: This is a day camp program for children that have completed grades first through fourth by summer.
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 to register or volunteer.

Meadowbrook Congregational
LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org

Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church
LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road, Novi
CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665, orchardhillsnovi.com or email to info@orchardhillsnovi.com

Preschool/Kids Choir
TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS: For ages 3-6; all are welcome.

Novi United Methodist
LOCATION: 41671 W. Ten Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or umcnovi.com

Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month

LOCATION: In front of the church
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Artists and Craft Show-Vendor Space Available
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Memorial Hall, east side of church.
DETAILS: Vendor space will be available indoors and out; contact Pam Davis, edleecr@yahoo.com

GracePointe Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: The Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers
DETAILS: Nursery staffed by Nanny Poppinz.

CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac.com, and gracepointepca.org

Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington

LOCATION: 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills
CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or http://uufarmington.org

St. John's Episcopal Church

LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
CONTACT: (734) 453-0190

New Hope Church

LOCATION: New building, 57885 Grand River, Lyon Twp.
CONTACT: Deb Tyler (810) 229-3228 or deborah-tyler@sbc-global.net

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 54899 Eight Mile Road, South Lyon

Church of the Holy Family

LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Interested in the Catholic Church?

CONTACT: Call Maria at (248) 349-8847 or spiritwalk-er001@aol.com

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting

TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

CONTACT: Lisa Mollay (248) 334-3595

St. John Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, between Grand River and Freedom Roads
CONTACT: 248-474-0584

Our Lady of Good Counsel

LOCATION: 47650 N. Territorial Road, corner of Beck Road, Plymouth
CONTACT: (734) 453-0326, (734) 459-9893 or visit olgc-parish.net

Crosspoint Meadows Church

LOCATION: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, south of Thirteen Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 669-9400 or visit crosspointmeadows.org.

Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. Bible study classes for all ages; 10:30 a.m. worship service.

DETAILS: During these times there are nursery and older children programs available including Noah's Ark and Promiseland (children's worship ages five through fifth grade). Our worship offers a blend of traditional elements along with contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship service.

St. Thomas Orthodox Church
LOCATION: 29150 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

Volunteering

Art House Store
LOCATION: 215 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: Looking for volunteers to work four hours per month, receive 10 percent off store purchases.
CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

Friends of the Northville District Library

DETAILS: There are openings for our Board of Directors. The Friends are volunteers who promote reading, support programs in the library and financially support projects not covered by the library's budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and serve on a committee. If interested, send a letter to James Morche, President of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

Heartland Hospice

Volunteers Needed

TIME: Day and evening training classes
LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield

DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is needed.

CONTACT: Mary, (800) 770-9859

Meals-On-Wheels

DATE: Ongoing
TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers needed.

CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna (248) 348-1761

Northville Arts Commission seeks Commissioners

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month
LOCATION: 215 West Cady Street

DETAILS: The Northville Arts Commission is seeking volunteer Commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House, a community art center located in downtown Northville. The mission of the Art House is to enhance the community by providing culture and arts in a central and appropriate location. Candidates need only to have a passion for expanding the arts in Northville!

Committees are formed to assist in the development and facilitation of Art House educational programs, events and exhibitions.

CONTACT: (248) 344-0497, e-mail info@northvillearts.org or visit northvillearts.org.

Susan B. Galli Angel Fund

DETAILS: Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic has created a fund to assist families in need with medical expenses for their pets. The fund is in memory of a longtime client, Sue Galli. All donations are welcome so we can help as many pets as possible. Please make checks payable to Hidden Spring Vet Clinic SGA Fund. Mail to: 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

CONTACT: (248) 349-2598

Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Program

DETAILS: In as little as two to four hours a week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide

office support. A free, 18-hour/three-day training program is provided.

CONTACT: (800) 882-5720 ext. 8361 or (248) 967-8361 or visit http://vna.org.

YWCA of Western Wayne County

DETAILS: The YWCA is looking for volunteers to assist with office help, after-school programs, building projects, communications and marketing in various locations throughout western Wayne County.

CONTACT: Tabatha Manuel (313) 561-4110 ext. 20 or tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org

Support Groups

Angela Hospice Groups
LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia
CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

General Grief Support Groups
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

DETAILS: Open to all losses.
Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month

Suicide Loss Support Services
DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call Sherri Katz at (734) 464-7810 for more information.

Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month (second Thursday during July and Sept.)

DETAILS: Call Ann-Patrice Foley to register, (734) 464-7810.

Grief Support Quilter's Group
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month

DETAILS: Make a quilt in memory of a loved one. No experience necessary. Register by calling (734) 953-6012.

Women's Grief Support Group
DETAILS: Sessions held in spring and fall. Call Joan Lee at (734) 953-6012 for dates and times.

Anxiety Disorder Support Group

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday
LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia

DETAILS: Aim for Recovery is an organization holding meetings

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN Experience Life Each Week Sunday 10:15 AM Wednesday Family Night 7:00 PM www.northvillechristian.org 41355 Six Mile Road 248 • 348 • 9030	WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 40000 Six Mile Road - Northville MI • 248 374 7400 Traditional Worship 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m. Nursery & Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services. www.wardchurch.org Radio Broadcast 11 a.m. Sunday WORSHIP 5:00 AM
MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile 248-348-7757 • www.mbccc.org Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Main St. at Huron - (248) 349-0611 Worship & Church School - 9:30 am & 11 am Childcare Available at All Services Youth League Wed. 4:15-5:15 5:20-6:15 M-S H Singles Place Ministry - Thurs. 7:30pm Rev. W. Kent Cise, Senior Pastor Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor
HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 10 Mile between Meadowbrook & Haggerty Phone 248-427-1175 Sat. 5 pm. Sun. 7:45 & 10 am Holy Eucharist Sunday School & Nursery 10 am Rev. Karen Henry, Pastor www.churchoftheholycross.com	GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 8:45am Worship 10:00am Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565
<p>Your church could be here. Call 248-349-1700</p>	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 8 Mile & Fort Road Sunday Worship Services 8:00 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Rev. John Hice • Rev. Lisa Cook www.fumcnorthville.org
ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 48325 10 Mile Rd Novi, MI 48374 Sunday 8:30 & 11:30 a.m. Reverend George Charnley, Pastor Parish Office 347 7778	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE on Haggerty Rd. North of 8 Mile Rd Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. (248) 348-7600 Dr. Ron Blake, Pastor
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Masses Sat. 5 pm. Sun. 7:30 a.m. 8:45 am. 10:30 am. 12:15 pm Holy Days, 9 am. 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor Rev. Mr. William Waldmann, Deacon Rev. Mr. Timothy J. Plon, Deacon Parish Office 349-8847	<p>Your church could be here. Call 248-349-1700</p>
NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 39851 Five Mile Rd (S & Haggerty) Plymouth, MI 48170 Phone 734-420-0131 Sunday Services Morris (Orthos) 9:00 a.m., Unurgy 10:00 a.m. Rev. Fr. George M. Vapontis, Pastor www.nativitygocchurch.org	OAK POINTE CHURCH 50200 W Ten Mile Novi Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Casual contemporary live band (248) 912-0043 www.oakpointe.org
OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 770 Thayer, Northville WEEKEND LITURGIES: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:30, 9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM Church 349-2621 School 349-3610 Religious Education 349-2559 Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor	FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Services held at Madonna University's Kresge Hall 36000 Schoolcraft Road - Livonia Parking lot & NW Corner of Levan & Schoolcraft Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m. Dr. James N. McGuire Nursery Provided
<p>Your church could be here. Call 248-349-1700</p>	ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth Traditional Services: 7:45 & 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service: 9:00 a.m. Education for All: 10:00 a.m. 734-453-0190 www.stjohnsplymouth.org

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates call The Northville Record or Novi News (248) 349-1700

offering support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders and their families. Meetings consist of planned behavioral lessons and discussions. Educational material will be available. Donations for the program and materials are accepted.

CONTACT: Robert Diedrich at robddrich@msn.com

Crohn's & Colitis Support Group

DATE: First and third Wednesday of each month
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center
DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left.
CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

Food Addicts Anonymous Information Session

DETAILS: Twelve step program for individuals suffering from food obsession, over eating, under eating, and bulimia; weekly meetings held in Canton, Ann Arbor and other metro Detroit areas; no dues, fees or weigh-ins; everyone welcome including those who think they have food problems or are concerned about someone who may.
CONTACT: (734) 913-9614 or foodaddicts.org

New Hope Center for Grief Support

DETAILS: The groups meet on a regular basis in various locations. All services for offered at no cost.
CONTACT: (248) 348-0115 or go to <http://newhopecenter.net>
Circles of Hope
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month
LOCATION: St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth
DETAILS: Ongoing support group for widows and widowers; group divides into three sections depending on stage of grief; meets same time as childrens' support group
New Hope for KIDZ and Teens Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month
DETAILS: Meets at the same time and location as adult group; for children ages 3-18 who have lost a loved one; kids divided into different age groups.

Starting Again
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month
LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville
DETAILS: Ongoing support group for widows and widowers who are facing the empty nest, either still working or recently retired.

Wayfarers
TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. second Wednesday of each month
LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church, Room A107
DETAILS: For semi-retired or retired widows and widowers.

The Lunch Bunch
TIME/DATE: Noon third Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: This is a monthly lunch group for widows and widowers; locations vary, call Ed Drost at (734) 261-8045 for more information.

Parents of Hope
DETAILS: Small groups for parents who have lost a child are offered at some of our From Grief to New Hope workshops. Monthly support groups are also offered at the following times and locations:

Livingston County Parents of Hope
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 9455 Hilton Road, Brighton

Oakland County Parents of Hope
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Orchard Lake Community Church, 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake

Sibling Loss Group
DETAILS: Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Orchard Lake Community Church.
From Grief to New Hope
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 19
LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: No registration is required for this workshop.

Psychotherapy & Counseling Services, Northville Counseling Center

Anxiety/Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group
TIME/DATE: Second Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: Call (734) 420-8175 for more information.

Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center

LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads
CONTACT: For more information, and to register, call (734) 462-4443.
Divorce Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month
LOCATION: Women's Resource Center, Room 225 McDowell Center
DETAILS: Open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce; first meeting group discussion with facilitator Cynthia Kippin, MA, LPD, LLP; second meeting features a speaker; no fee or registration required.

Ask An Attorney
DATE: 5-7 p.m. second and third Monday of each month, Sept.-May
DETAILS: Ask an attorney about divorce and family law; first come, first served, sign-in begins at 4:30 p.m.; no fee.
CONTACT: (734) 462-4443
Money Matters in Divorce
DATE: 5-7 p.m. first Monday of each month through May
DETAILS: Opportunity to ask a certified financial planner about the financial concerns related to divorce; walk-in, no fee; sign-in begins at 4:30 p.m.

Widowed Friends Support Group

DETAILS: Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit is a peer support group.
CONTACT: For more information, call Marilyn at (586) 739-9406
Mass
TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 29
LOCATION: Guardian Angels Parish, 581 East 14 Mile Road, between Rochester and Livernois roads, Clawson
DETAILS: Refreshments and fellowship after mass.
CONTACT: Justice (734) 455-6939

Clubs & Groups

AAUW, Northville/Novi Branch

CONTACT: For information e-mail Harriet Sawyer, membership Vice President at sawyerh@wowway.com or call (734) 420-3270.

Beautiful Singles Hiking

TIME/DAY: 9:30 a.m. first and third Sunday of the month
LOCATION: Maybury State Park
DETAILS: Join singles of all ages for hiking and other activities.
CONTACT: <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/BSHiking/>

Business Networking International

TIME/DAY: 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday
LOCATION: Ginopolis on Ice, Compware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth
DETAILS: This is a diverse group of business professionals that meet with the goal of exchanging referrals. Currently seeking different representatives from occupations including florist, mechanic, DJ, landscaper, dentist and caterer.
CONTACT: Carol Clarke, (734) 968-8254 or visit bni-mi.com

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northville-camera@sbcglobal.net or Northville Arts Commission (248) 449-9950

Country Garden Club of Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-8674 or cgcnv.org.
Gardens of Northville 15th Annual Garden Walk
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 9
LOCATION: Six gardens in Northville
DETAILS: Advance tickets are \$10, available June 9 at



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For Old Village

The patio seating of Northville's Empire Deli is bustling last Saturday afternoon during its fundraiser event for the city's Old Village School. The deli and its owner John Colombani teamed up with a bunch of Detroit Lions and local businesses to offer autographed shirts and other goods and services all to raise money for the school and its special physical education equipment needs.

Gardenviews.

CONTACT: Kate Daniel (734) 591-0360

Gardeners of Northville and Novi

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of each month, Sept.-May
LOCATION: Rotate between Northville Library and Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: Visitors welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or gardenersnorthville-novi.org
Garden Walk Adventure III
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 28
DETAILS: Visit six gardens in the Novi/Northville area. Tickets available at Gardenviews in Northville, Dinsers Greenhouse in Novi, and Backyard Birds in Plymouth.

Great Books Discussion Group

TIME/DAY: First and third Thursday of every month.
LOCATION: Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile and Farmington Road
DETAILS: Discuss novels, plays, poetry and nonfiction
CONTACT: (248) 349-3121

Northville Book Club

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, July 11
LOCATION: Solid Grounds Coffee House, 133 W. Main St., Suite 222, Northville
DETAILS: Reading "White Noise" by Don DeLillo
CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

Northville Garden Club

CONTACT: Kate Uberti at (248) 347-9947

Northville Genealogical Society

Research Help
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. every Monday and by appointment
LOCATION: Northville District Library, Local History Room
DETAILS: Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members.
CONTACT: Tille Van Sickle (734) 595-7806 or <http://rootsweb.com/~mings>
Monthly Meeting
TIME/DATE: 1:15 p.m. computer genealogy class, 2:30 p.m. general meeting, second Sunday of month.
LOCATION: Northville District Library, Carlos Meeting Room, 212 W. Cady St.

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

Meet and Greet Monthly Coffee
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Member's home
DETAILS: All welcome to socialize, meet, greet friends and neighbors and learn about the activities and interest groups this club has to offer.
CONTACT: Colleen Nametz at (248) 596-1940

Northville Woman's Club

TIME: 1:30 p.m. first and third Friday, October through March
CONTACT: Karen Poulos, (248) 349-4684 or wpkpc@comcast.net

Health Events

American Legion Hall

100 Dunlap, corner of Center Street, Northville
Strength Training Classes
DATE: Mondays and Fridays
DETAILS: Diane DiVita is offering Strength Training classes (light weights with a little yoga stretching) for adults. For more information, call Diane at (248)

344-0928 or visit trianglesix@sbcglobal.net.

Yoga Class

DETAILS: Diane DiVita teaches a yoga class that's well-suited for you. Start any time, no charge for first class. Monday sessions are \$80, Thursday sessions \$72.
CONTACT: (248) 344-0928.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

LOCATION: 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia
CONTACT: (734) 655-4800 or <http://stmarymercy.org>
Breast Cancer Support Group
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Classroom 10
DETAILS: The group offers a place for patients and survivors to gather and share experiences, learn coping techniques and find support and strength. For more information, contact (734) 655-1162
Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
TIME/DATE: 3-4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month
LOCATION: Classroom 1
DETAILS: No fee or registration are required. For more information contact Audra Frye, Alzheimer's Association (248) 426-7055.

Free Seminars-Michigan Bariatric Institute
DETAILS: MBI offers three laparoscopic surgical weight loss options. Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding and Sleeve Gastrectomy at a free monthly seminar in the St. Mary Mercy hospital Auditorium. To register call (734) 655-2693, (877) Why-Weight or visit hospital website.

Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center

DETAILS: The center offers a spa-like atmosphere with image-enhancement services to help cancer patients heal from the inside out and regain their self-confidence in a supportive and caring environment. Services include: Free consultation and assessment, skin care, hand and nail care, massage therapy, reflexology, hair replacements, haircuts and styling of hair and wigs, prosthetics and bras, lymphedema compression products and educational resources. Services are offered to patients from any hospital and the general public.

CONTACT: (734) 655-8810
Diabetes Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month
Reiki I and II
TIME/DATE: 2-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29
DETAILS: Learn to administer this ancient Japanese art of healing. There is a fee for class. Call (734) 655-1162 to register.

CPR/AED and First Aid Classes

CPR and AED - Tuesday First Aid - Wednesday
TIME: 6-9 p.m.
LOCATION: City of Northville Fire Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville
DETAILS: These American Heart Association and Life Support Training Center (LSTI) classes offer two year certification. Cost is \$40 per course. For more information and to register, call the fire department at (248) 349-4730 or LSTI at (248) 304-6055.

Baby and Me Infant CPR

TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, every other month (next class is Aug. 15)
DETAILS: This family friendly session is for new parents and their babies. It will provide parents and grandparents knowledgeable support and simple hands-on instruction with their baby in case of life-threatening emergencies. Cost is \$20 for parents and baby and includes a manual and emergency wallet

cards. Group rates also available.
CONTACT: Life support Training Institute at (248) 304-6055 for registration, questions and directions.

First Aid/CPR Classes

TIME: 6-10 p.m., monthly
LOCATION: Northville Township Fire Department, 45745 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: American Red Cross First Aid/CPR classes taught by trained firefighters. Call for further information and dates; \$20 fee for Township residents.
CONTACT: Northville Township Fire Department (248) 348-5807

Providence Center for the Healing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455
Wanted: One-time Art Workshop Instructors
DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops.
Colored Pencil Workshop
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.; second Tuesday of every month
DETAILS: Beginners welcome.
Ceramics Class
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday.
DETAILS: Explore the Art of playing with clay. Express yourself in this three-dimensional art form. \$10 lab fee. Call to verify class times.

Knittin' Yarns
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.

Meditation
TIME/DATE: Meditation for individuals or groups by appointment.

DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space; Cancer Center.

Therapeutic Yoga

TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. Monday - Yoga for Kids with Parents; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday - Yoga for Backs; 6-7 p.m. Tuesday - Mixed Level; 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday - Meditative Yoga; 12:15-1:15 p.m. Wednesday - Mixed Level; 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday - Prenatal Yoga; 6:45-7:45 p.m. Thursday - Yoga for Backs; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday - Beginner/Intermediate; 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday - Mixed Level; 10:45-11:45 a.m. Saturday - Yoga for Backs.

DETAILS: \$10/walk-in, \$80/10-class card, \$45/5-class card. Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$60. Registration required. Classes also held at Providence Hospital, Southfield. Call for details.

Massage Therapy

TIME/DATE: By appointment
DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and tension; chronic fatigue; pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring physician's referral; \$50/50-minutes.

Create with Kathy
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - noon each Monday

DETAILS: An opportunity to express yourself artistically in our peaceful and inspirational creative arts studio. Kathy provides guidance in a variety of techniques and projects. \$5 suggested per session.

Know Before You Go

CONTACT: Call (248) 465-4488 for a recording of the latest in class changes.

Dinner with a Doctor

DATE: Last Thursday of month (June 26)
TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: St. John Providence Park Hospital, Grand

River and Beck roads (use Beck Road entrance), Conference Rooms A, B and C.

DETAILS: This month's topic is "Hearing Loss", presented by Dr. Seilesh Babu, Michigan Ear Institute

CONTACT: Free registration for lecture and dinner by calling (888) 440-7325

Tai Chi Classes

DATE: Currently in session.
DETAILS: Non-profit Michigan Tai Chi Association is offering classes in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 332-1281 for more information.

Golf Outings

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors Wine Tasters Annual Golf Outing

TIME/DATE: Noon Saturday
LOCATION: Downing Farms Golf Course, West Seven Mile Road, Northville
DETAILS: For all members of the Northville Newcomers and Neighbors and guests. This outing is a scramble. All levels are welcome to play. Cost of \$85 per golfer includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, steak and wine dinner, gifts and prizes. Cost for non-golfer (dinner only) is \$40. RSVP and payment due by June 2.
CONTACT: Joe and Sue Boelter at (248) 349-1844

St. Mary Mercy Hospital 13th Annual Golf Classic

DATE: Monday
TIME: This 18-hole scramble features two shotgun starts, 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville
DETAILS: Individual Par Golf Package is \$300 per person for 18 holes of golf and a cart. Also included are beverages, refreshments at the turn and a complimentary gift. A continental breakfast and luncheon are available for morning golfers. The afternoon round will be followed by cocktails and dinner. Silent and Live Auctions with great items are also featured. Outing fills up quickly so call early. Corporate sponsorships available and in-kind auction items accepted. For more information or to register, call the St. Mary Hospital Foundation at (734) 655-2980 or visit stmarymercy.org.

10th Annual Good Grief Golf Outing

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Saturday, September 6
LOCATION: St. Johns Golf & Conference Center, Plymouth
DETAILS: This event benefits the New Hope Center for Grief Support. Cost for this four person scramble, including 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$125 per golfer. Dinner only is \$35 per person. Channel 4's newest weatherman, Eric Braate, is the special guest and emcee.
CONTACT: Pattie Bingham (248) 348-0115 or visit our website at newhopecenter.net

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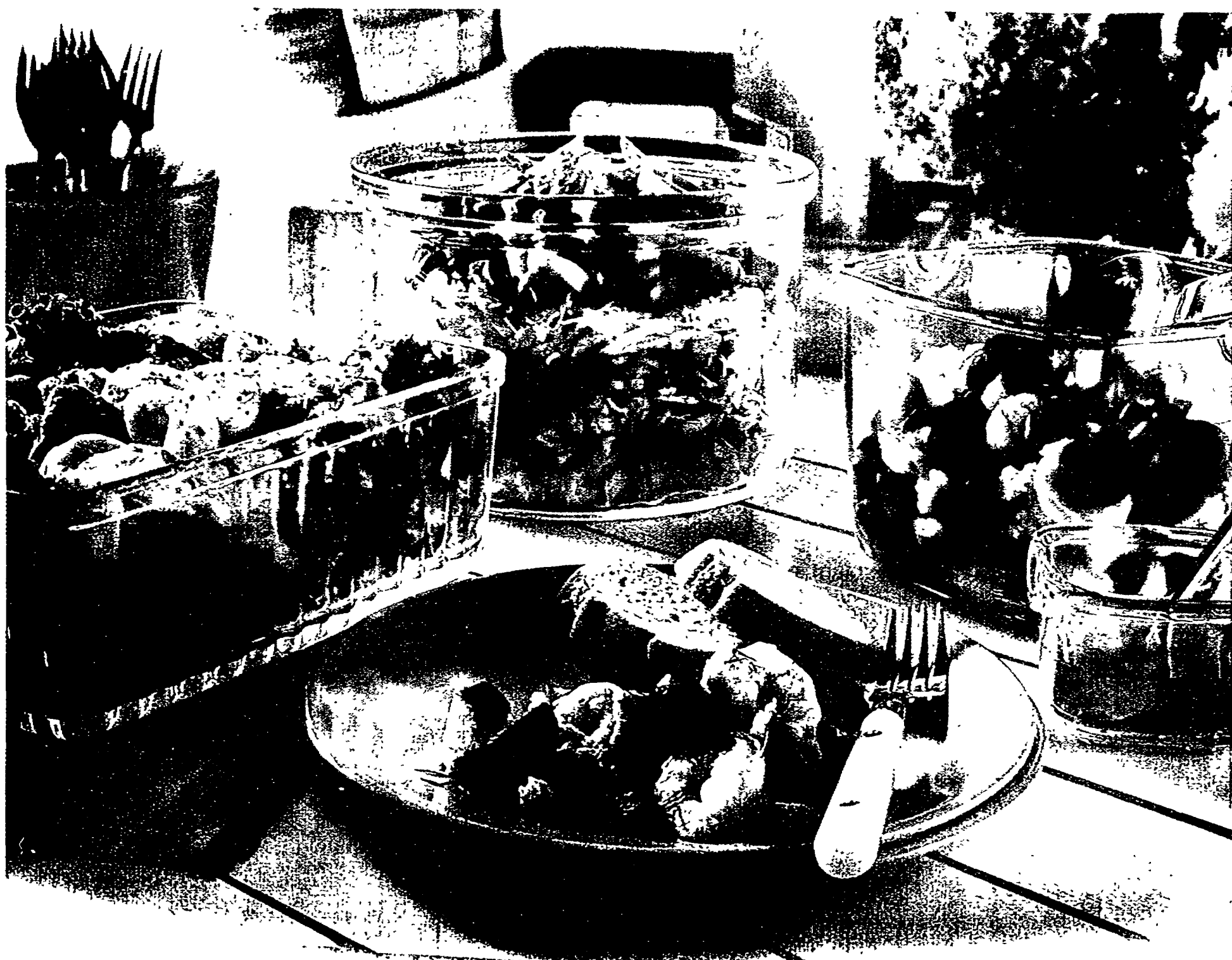
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From left: Steak & German Potato Salad, Tex-Mex Layered Bean Salad and Greek-Style Beet Salad

Picnic Time!

FAMILY FEATURES

Whether it's a picnic at the beach or lake, in the backyard or the park, food just tastes better outdoors. So, pack up and enjoy!

This trio of chilled salads is welcome warm-weather fare and offers something for everyone ... a German potato salad and steak duo; Greek-inspired beets and shrimp; and a layered bean salad with a Tex-Mex twist. Just add crusty bread and favorite beverages, and off you go!

For dessert, it's home-baked brownies and fresh fruit from the farmers market. Moist and chocolaty brownies are made with a mix and two surprise ingredients: chipotle chile powder imparts subtle heat, and pickled beets make them extra moist and flavorful.

Picnic Primer

Make It Easy & Safe

- High quality prepared foods streamline prep time. Canned salads like German potato salad and three bean salad, plus pickled beets packed in jars, provide a delicious head start to the salad trio. For a spur of the moment picnic (or a quick meal accompaniment), don't forget they are ready to eat — just open the can or jar.
- Pack foods in containers with tight-fitting lids or in sealable storage bags. For transporting the Steak & German Potato Salad, pack the steak strips and potato salad separately, then combine when it's time to top the packaged greens.
- Separate containers of avocado and tortilla chips can be added to the Tex-Mex Layered Bean Salad just before tossing. Pack the dressing for Greek-Style Beet Salad in a separate container for easy drizzling at serving time.
- Use plenty of frozen gel packs or ice in coolers or picnic baskets, and keep them in the shade whenever possible, open only when necessary.
- Return food to the cooler quickly after eating, within one hour, or less time, if you are in the sun.
- Visit www.senecafoods.com for additional recipes and serving suggestions.

Steak & German Potato Salad

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 15 minutes

- 1 can (15 ounces) Read German Potato Salad
 - 2 tablespoons coarse ground Dijon-style mustard
 - 1/2 pound boneless top sirloin steak, cut 1 inch thick
 - 1 bag (10 ounces) hearts of romaine lettuce
1. Stir together potato salad and mustard in medium bowl; set aside.
 2. Heat medium nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place steak in skillet and cook about 15 minutes until medium rare doneness (145°F), turn occasionally.
 3. Cool steak. Carve diagonally across grain into 1/4-inch-thick slices, reserve. Just before serving, gently toss steak with potato salad. Serve over greens.

Makes 4 servings

Note: Recipe can be doubled.

Tex-Mex Layered Bean Salad

Preparation Time: 20 minutes
Chilling Time: up to 8 hours

- 1 large red or yellow bell pepper, seeded and chopped
 - 1/3 cup chopped red onion
 - 1 bag (16 ounces) Iceberg lettuce, carrot and cabbage salad mix
 - 1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend
 - 2 cans (15 ounces each) Read Three Bean Salad, drained
 - 1/2 cup low-fat mayonnaise
 - 1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
 - 2 tablespoons finely chopped chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
 - 1/2 cup crumbled tortilla chips (optional)
 - 1 small avocado, sliced (optional)
1. In 3-1/2-quart salad bowl or soufflé dish (preferably straight-sided) layer salad as follows: bell pepper, onion, lettuce, cheese and three bean salad.
 2. Mix together the mayonnaise, sour cream and chipotle peppers. Spread over top of salad. Cover and refrigerate up to 8 hours.
 3. Just before serving, sprinkle top with chips and sliced avocado, if desired. Toss to serve.
- Makes 8 to 10 servings (about 12 cups)
Note: Read Four Bean Salad can be substituted for Three Bean Salad.



Chipotle Beet Brownies

Greek-Style Beet Salad

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Chilling Time: 2 hours

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Whole Pickled Beets, drained
 - 1/4 cup pitted Kalamata olives, halved
 - 1/2 pound medium cooked shrimp, peeled, tails removed
 - 1/2 cup seeded, chopped cucumber
 - 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
 - 1 tablespoon snipped fresh dill
 - Prepared vinaigrette dressing
1. Drain beets well; cut into quarters. Combine beets and olives in medium bowl. Top with combined shrimp and cucumber. Sprinkle with feta; refrigerate, covered, until chilled.
 2. To serve, sprinkle with dill, and drizzle with vinaigrette, as desired.
- Makes 4 servings
Note: Recipe can be doubled.

Chipotle Beet Brownies

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 28 to 30 minutes

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced Pickled Beets
 - 1 box (19.5 ounces) milk chocolate brownie mix
 - 1/4 cup vegetable oil
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground chipotle chile powder
 - 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips or chunks
 - Confectioners' sugar (optional)
1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray bottom of 9 x 13-inch pan with nonstick cooking spray. Drain beets, reserving 1/4 cup liquid. Combine beets and reserved liquid in blender or food processor. Puree until smooth; set aside.
 2. Combine brownie mix, oil, eggs, pureed beets and chile powder in large mixing bowl; stir 50 strokes with spoon. Stir in chocolate chips. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 28 to 30 minutes as directed on package. Remove from oven; cool. Lightly dust with confectioners' sugar, if desired.
- Makes 24 brownies

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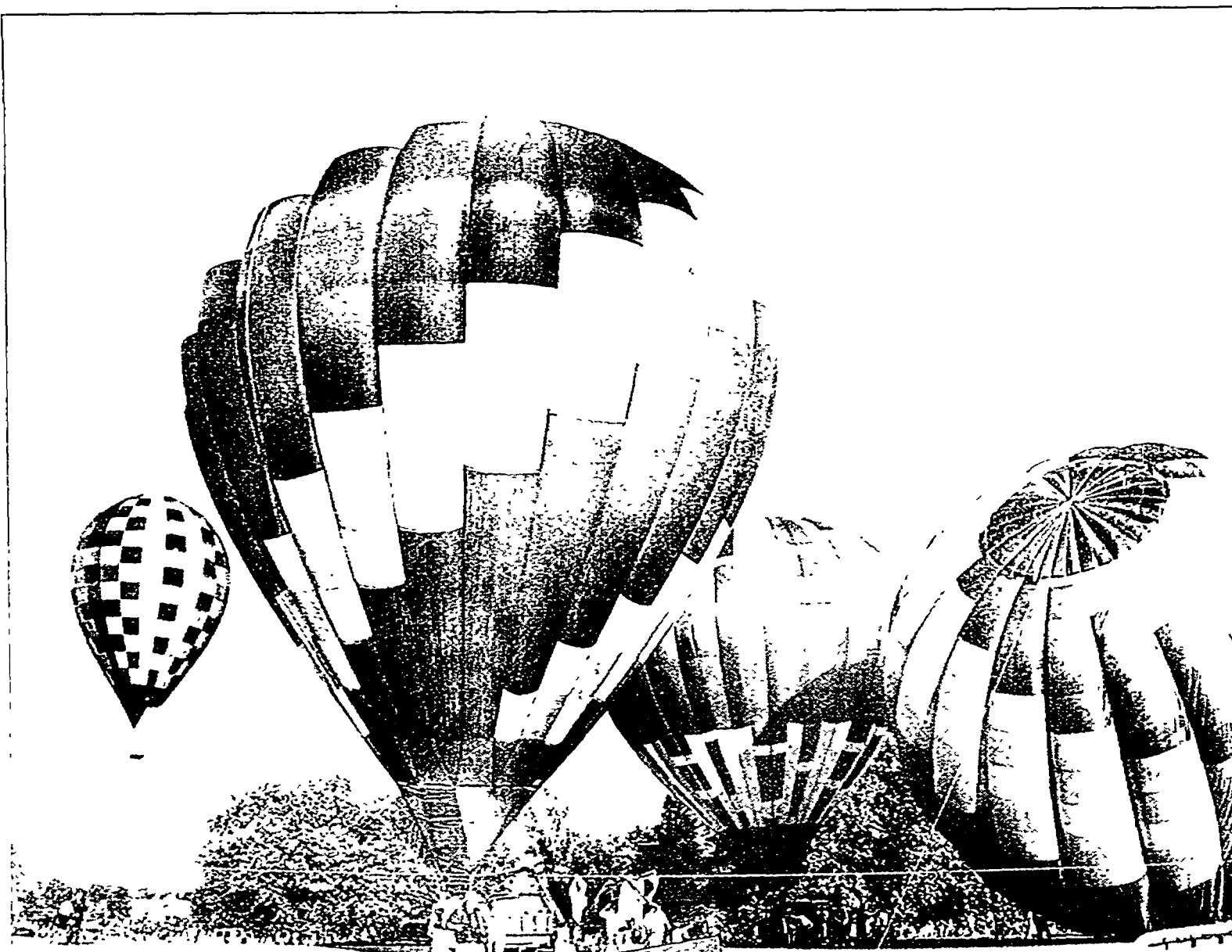


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Pin one on

This year's commemorative Michigan Challenge Balloonfest pin features last year's champion, "Special Purpose," flown by Jeff Pestun of Zeeland, Mich.

The pin also features "Airwaves One," flown by Phil Glebe of Howell, Mich.

Pins are available for \$5 each at the Michigan Challenge and at the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Pins from previous years may also be available for those starting a collection of Michigan Challenge Balloonfest commemorative pins.



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Radio Disney comes to balloonfest

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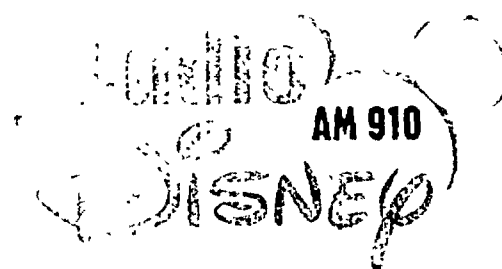
Kids 14 and under will be able to get "Safety Smart" by participating in games designed by Underwriter's Laboratories and win COOL prizes!

Radio Disney will be on-site as follows during the Balloonfest —

Friday 4-9 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.



The Radio Disney UL Safety Smart Activity Zone will be located across from National City and the information booth.

For more information on AM 910 Radio Disney, contact Promotions Manager, Elise Bennett at 248-304-4397.

Visit online and win a balloon ride

Visit michiganchallenge.com for a chance to win a balloon ride for two, courtesy of Renaissance Balloons. Simply complete the online survey and submit. Good luck!

Bring the family for affordable fun

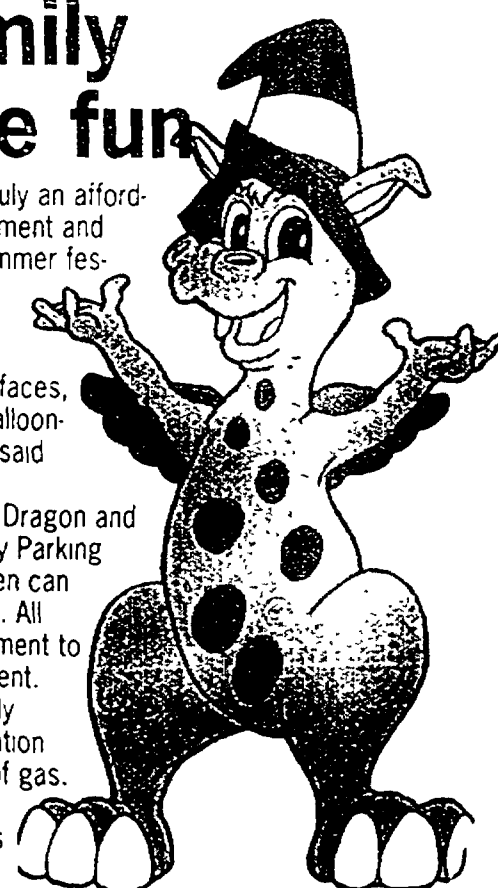
The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest is truly an affordable, family-friendly event. Entertainment and activities appeal to all audiences, but the summer festival is a favorite with kids.

"There is nothing more precious than watching young children see the balloons launch for the first time. The smiles on their faces, and the delight and joy they experience at balloonfest create family traditions and memories," said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge Director.

One new attraction for 2008 is Flicker the Dragon and coloring in the arts festival area presented by Parking Sponsor Art Van. In downtown Howell, children can participate in the Kid's Olympics on Saturday. All activities are listed in this newspaper supplement to make it easy to plan your weekend at the event.

In addition, since the balloonfest is centrally located in Howell, it is a summertime destination that many can travel to on less than a tank of gas.

So join us at the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest, June 27-29, for family fun that is close to home.





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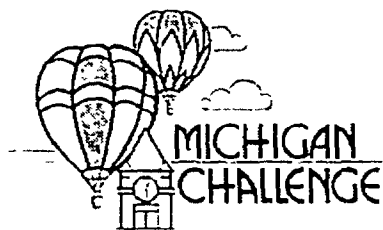
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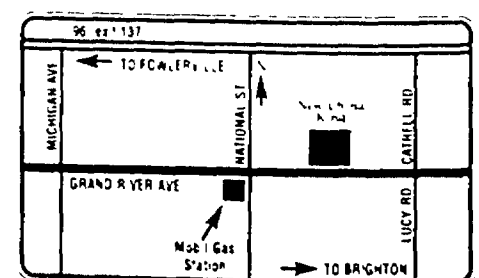
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Sunday 11:00am-9:30pm



'Race' to fun

Michigan Challenge Balloonfest XXIV in Howell offers family fun

Those who refer to the Michigan Challenge as a balloon race may be more on target this year. In addition to the balloon competition, the 24th annual event features a racing theme.

"Entertainment and activities include a NASCAR simulator, Renewal by Andersen Skydivers, carnival, a 5K run, antique cars, arts and music, but the highlight of the weekend is the hot-air balloons that decorate the sky throughout Howell," said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge director.

A full field of 60 balloons will fly in the event this year. Balloonfest launches June 27-29 at the Howell High School complex, 1200 W. Grand River in Howell. In addition, activities in downtown Howell showcase the city to the tens of thousands who attend the event.

Mass balloon launches take place, weather permitting, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, between 6 and 8 p.m. Early birds can arrive just after dawn on Saturday and Sunday to watch the pilots compete for the title of Michigan Challenge champion as they fly in to the site after launching their craft from locations in the countryside.

The Michigan Challenge is hosted by the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce. National City bank is major sponsor of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest. Supporting sponsors are Pepsi, Citizens Insurance, Tanger Outlet Center and Waste Management. Site host is Howell Public Schools.

New this year and keeping with the interactive displays that have been so popular with our guests, Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep is sponsoring a NASCAR simulator.

"Aspiring race-car drivers, or simply those looking for a high-speed adventure, will be able to pick a race track, buckle up and go racing," said Tokan.

The weekend event features the state championship of hot-air ballooning, as well as family entertainment and activities. Other highlights include balloon launches and fly ins, and a special 25th anniversary performance by the Windjammers Stunt Kite Team. In addition, the Felix the Cat balloon returns for its second year at balloonfest, and Radio Disney will present Safety Smart!, an interactive display empowering kids to make "safety smart" decisions.

A highlight of the event is the Saturday night balloon glow and night skydiving show. As darkness falls, more than 20 pilots will return from their competitive flights to inflate their balloons on the launch field. It is a never-to-be-forgotten sight as the many colors of the balloons are illuminated against the night sky. Then, the Renewal by Andersen Skydivers make a nighttime jump complete with pyrotechnics.

Daytime attractions include Windjammers stunt kite shows, a medieval village, a juried arts festival, Rock-N-Roll K-9s, music, Citizens Insurance Family Fun Tent, classic cars, games, carnival rides, concerts, music, comedy and juggling.

"Throughout its history, the Michigan Challenge has maintained its reputation as one of the most affordable, entertaining and exciting family events in the state," said Tokan. "We invite everyone to make balloonfest a summertime family tradition."

Parking passes are \$12/day or \$20 for a weekend pass. Discounted weekend passes are available for \$15 at any National City bank office in Livingston County until June 26. Passes include admission for everyone in the car.

For more information, call the Howell Area Chamber

of Commerce at 517-546-3920 or visit the event Web site at michiganchallenge.com.

Enjoy balloonfest all day long

With so much to see and do, guests are encouraged to spend the day at the Michigan Challenge.

Come to the Citizens Insurance Family Fun Tent on Saturday and Sunday afternoon in the dining area for free, hands-on activities, games and crafts for all ages.

Watch the Renewal by Andersen Skydivers jump from the sky during five scheduled daytime performances, and a Saturday night jump.

Fly a kite with The Windjammers Stunt Kite Team, who dazzle the crowd with their spectacular kite performances, choreographed to music. This year is the 25th anniversary of The Windjammers and their performance is sure to be spectacular.

Travel back in time with a visit to the Medieval Village, sponsored by LaFontaine Automotive Group, and learn about crime and punishment medieval style and see demonstrations throughout the village.

Pick up a gift or something to take home at the Arts Festival, sponsored by Champion Chevrolet. Enjoy live performances and entertainment at the arts festival, dining area and main stage area. Entertainment is sponsored by Krug Ford, Atlas Home Improvement, American Laser Centers and Wal-Mart Supercenter. Shake a leg and tap your paws to performances by the Rock-N-Roll K-9s, dogs that run through specially designed courses. Sponsored by Meijer, these performing canines certainly earn the title of man's best friend at balloonfest.

Take a trip down memory lane at the Antique and Custom Car Show and pretend you are a race car driver in the NASCAR simulator sponsored by Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep.

There's just too much to mention it all! Check out the entire event schedule at michiganchallenge.com

Race to the 5K run Sunday

The 3rd annual 5K Chase, a race around balloonfest grounds, will be run on Sunday morning at 8:30. A quarter mile Kid's Run around the launch field will take place at 9:15 a.m.

After the race, runners can hear a special presentation by Doug Kurtis on Motivation & Courage. Kurtis is the world record holder for the most marathon victories. McDonald's sponsors the 5K Chase. Registration information can be found at michiganchallenge.com

Destination downtown Howell

Visitors to downtown Howell will enjoy great entertainment and activities, centered around the historic Livingston County Courthouse and on the sidewalks of the city during Michigan Challenge Balloonfest weekend, June 27-29.

Shop and dine in the city's quaint shops and restaur-

ants during the Twilight Sale from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday. For more information, visit Shop Downtown Howell at shopdowntownhowell.com.

Kids, music and more will be the theme for downtown activities. Saturday is Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kids Day and Sunday is Schafer's House of Music — Music Day.

On Saturday, compete in the Kid's Olympics balloon-



Michigan Challenge Balloonfest XXIV

June 27-29

- ◆ Most events are held on the campus of Howell High School and at the Historic Livingston County Courthouse in downtown Howell
- ◆ Parking is \$12 per day or \$20 for the weekend and includes admission for everyone in the vehicle. Visitors may come and go as often as they like on the single parking pass.
- ◆ Pets, smoking and alcohol are prohibited on school grounds.

fest style at the "Olympic village" on State Street. Compete in putt putt golf, soccer, basketball, field hockey, jump rope and more sports for kids.

Other activities include karate demonstrations, dog shows, make and take crafts from the Livingston County Family YMCA, music, a bubble factory, games, contests, basketball, Farmers' Market, entertainment and more.

Bring the entire family to listen to the sounds of music on Sunday during Schafer's House of Music — Music Day and stroll through Howell's Sunday Farmers' Market for fresh produce and flowers. Children can play sports, games, blow bubbles and make crafts.

The downtown venue — with shops, restaurants and entertainment — is a mile east of the Howell High School complex where the balloons launch.

The Michigan Challenge is an event to remember and a visit to downtown Howell provides even more memories!

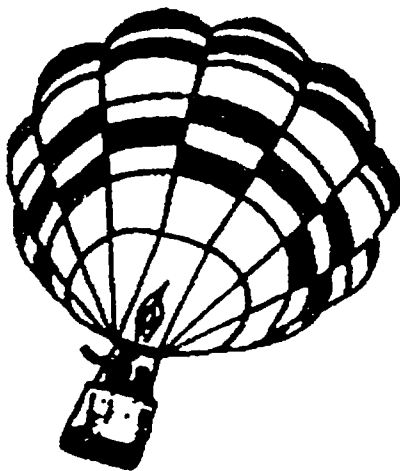
Visitors are encouraged to come early and stay late all three days to enjoy everything the weekend has to offer.

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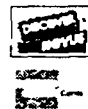
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Balloonfest is an exciting time in the city. Not only do we all enjoy this great event, but we are also pleased to show off our beautiful, historic town to so many first-time and returning guests.

It is always a thrill to see dozens of beautiful balloons launching and floating



Geraldine K. Moen
Mayor

in the sky over Howell. But balloons are just one part of this great weekend. There's an array of exciting activities both at the balloonfest site and in our beautiful historic downtown where you can enjoy great family entertainment centered around the historic county courthouse.

Take a stroll through our beautiful neighborhoods. Visit our stores and dine in our restaurants. You'll see why we're so proud of our city.

I'd like to thank the hundreds of community volunteers and the Michigan Challenge Committee who work so hard to make the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest such an outstanding special event. I'd also like to congratulate the many city employees who help the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce stage this huge event. It would not be possible without their cooperation and help.

Enjoy your stay in Howell! We look forward to seeing you again.

Geraldine K. Moen
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The Howell Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to host this event for the 24th consecutive year. Who knew that when we began this event in 1985 it would grow to the size and scope we enjoy now?

The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest Committee has been planning this event since before the final balloon landed last year. It's truly a 12-month project.

Committee Chairman Trevor Brooks of National City bank is leading this event to new heights (pun intended). Balloonfest is a real partnership among all those involved—businesses, volunteers, the chamber and the community.

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Saturday (make sure you check out the new Kids Olympics); and to Schafer's House of Music for sponsoring Music Day on Sunday.

Our third annual Michigan Challenge 5K Chase, a 5K run through balloonfest grounds, on Sunday morning is sponsored by McDonald's. In addition to the 5K, there will also be a 1-mile Kid's Run around the launch field afterwards, as well

as a presentation on running by award-winning marathon runner Doug Kurtis.

The help and cooperation of the Howell Public Schools and the city of Howell are key in the success of the balloonfest. We could not do it without them. The staffs of both the city and the schools are enthusiastic partners in staging this event.

We'd also like to thank the many other area companies that have contributed to the success of the Michigan Challenge in countless ways, such as sponsoring individual balloons, advertising in this publication, providing product, allowing employees time off to volunteer or helping promote the weekend.

The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest is just one part of the chamber's mission to be a catalyst for a vital business environment and an exceptional community. We hope you'll enjoy all that Howell has to offer during this weekend of high-flying fun and excitement.

Sincerely,

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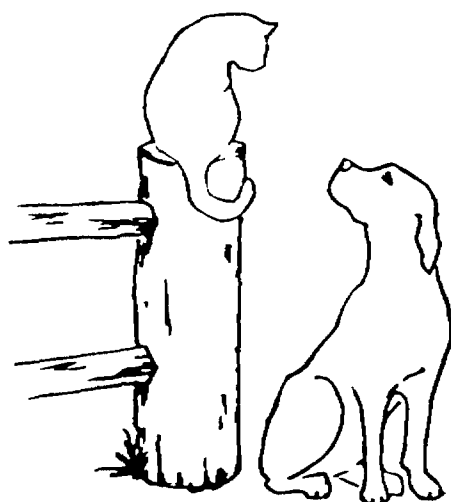
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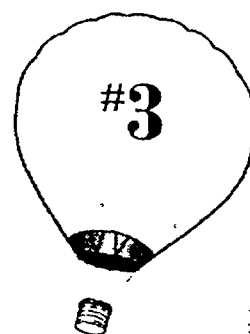
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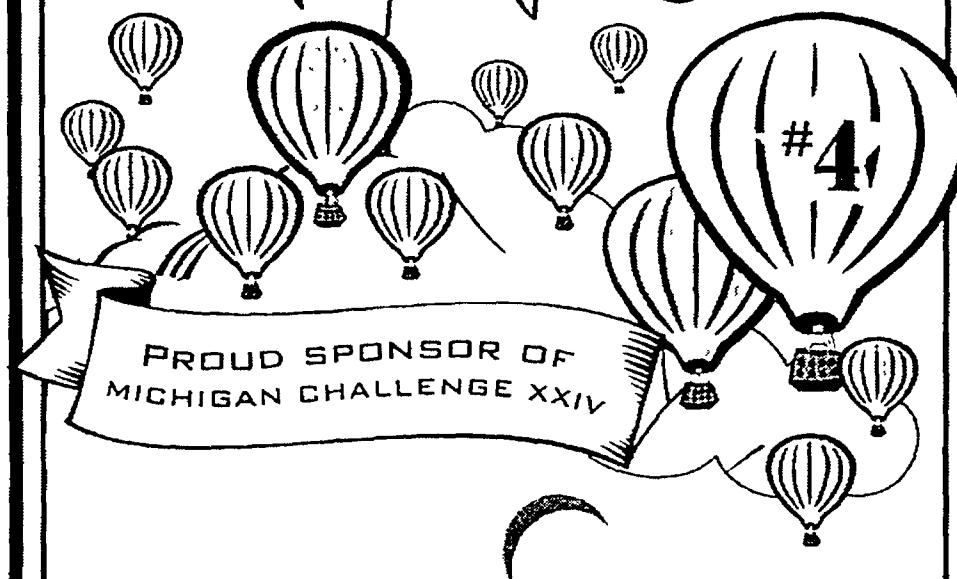
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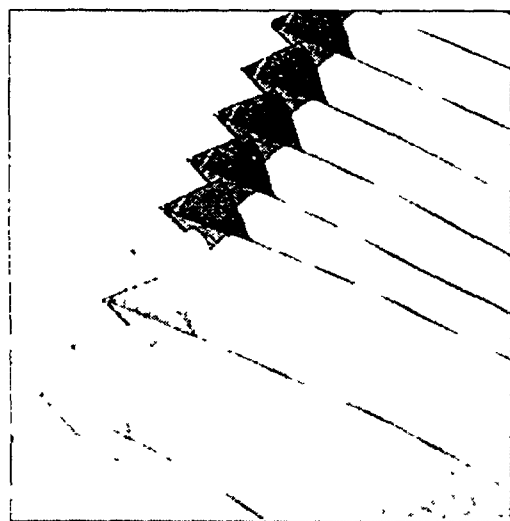
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Launch field

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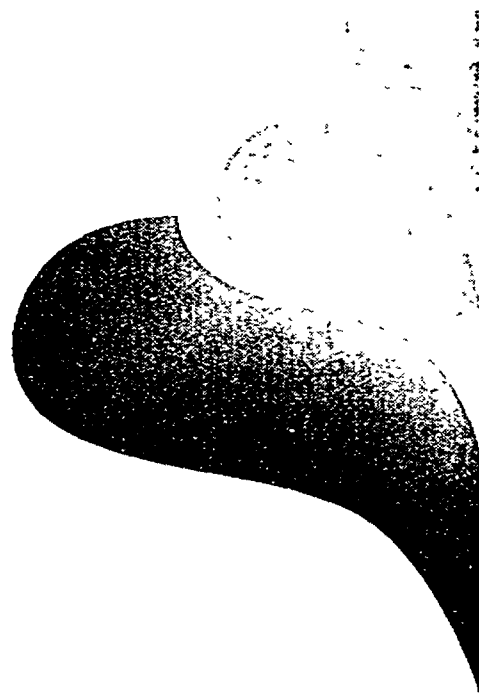


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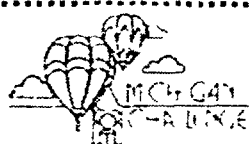
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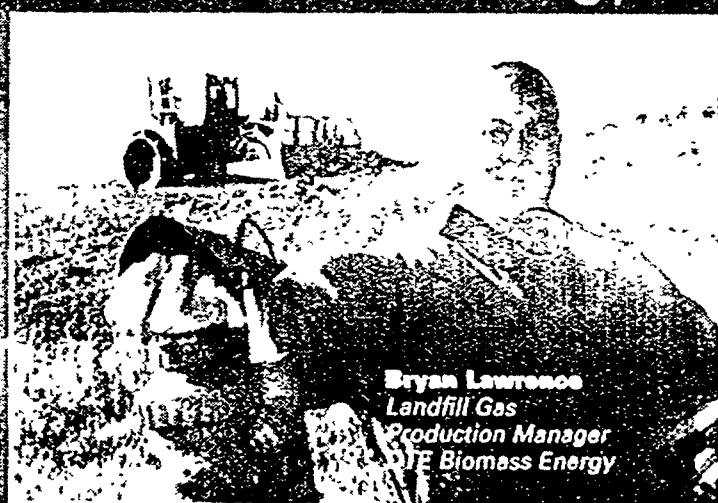
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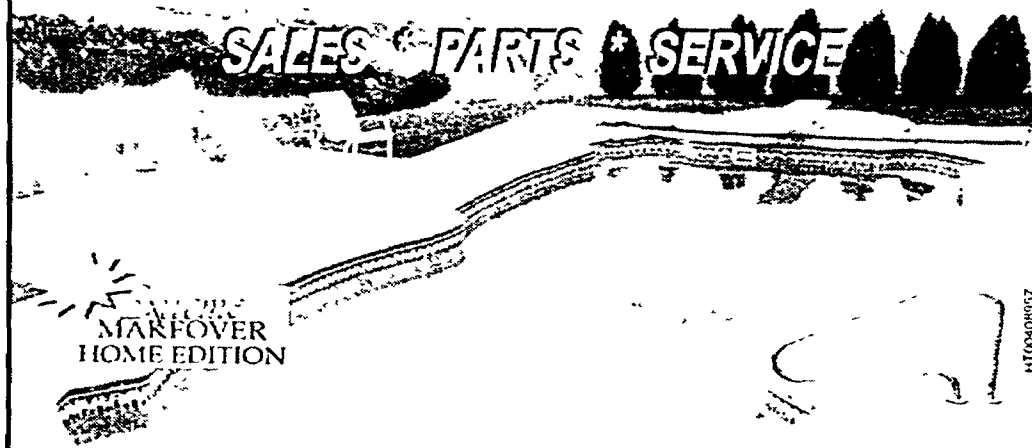
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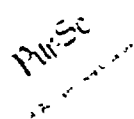
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Sales, sports, shopping and shows are all sprouting up in downtown Howell during balloonfest weekend.

Have fun with the kids all day Saturday during Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kid's Day. Visit with Sparky the Fire Dog, see karate demonstrations, dog shows, compete in the Kid's Olympics, enjoy games, bubble blowing, dancing, make and take crafts from the Livingston County Family YMCA and more.

Bring the entire family to listen to the sounds of music on Sunday during Schafer's House of Music — Music Day and stroll through Howell's Sunday Farmers' Market for fresh produce and flowers. Children can play sports, games, blow bubbles and make crafts.

The downtown venue — with shops, restaurants and entertainment — is a mile east of the Howell High School complex where the balloons launch.

Friday, June 27

Shop and dine in the city's quaint shops and restaurants

7-10 p.m. Twilight Sale

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Saturday, June 28

Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kid's Day

9 a.m. Kid's Olympics to 4 p.m.

Celebrate the summer Olympics balloonfest style at the "Olympic village" on State Street. Compete in putt putt golf, soccer, basketball, field hockey, jump rope and more sports for kids.

10 a.m. Ohana Karate

Karate demonstrations show off skills of the masters.

Noon Dog Show

The always-popular Dog Show is more bow-wow than high-brow and even offers a pet refreshment stand. Prizes will be awarded for "musical hoops," "most unique," and "costume contest." Each participant will receive a doggie goodie bag



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The historic courthouse lawn in downtown Howell is filled with fun activities for children, music, dog contests and more during the Michigan Challenge

and there will be trophies. Registration begins at 11 a.m. The dog show is presented by Town Center Veterinary Clinic.

1 p.m. AKC Canine High-Jump Contest

Watch dogs of all sizes participate in a high jump competition, and stop by the Canine Good Citizen information booth with your dog. Presented by Kern Road Veterinary.

2 p.m. Michelle's Academy of Dance and Performing Art Center

Kid's 4 to 18 can dance with the team to a mixture of jazz, hip hop, lyrical and ballet with local vocalists.

Saturday Night AfterGlow!

Downtown Howell is the place to be on Saturday night. Relax and enjoy the party after a great day at balloonfest.

9 a.m. Howell Sunday to 2 p.m. Farmers' Market

Stop by to purchase home grown, home baked and home made goodies. Many of the area's finest farmers and growers will have their produce for sale. The Farmers' Market is located on State Street, next to the courthouse

11 a.m. Livingston County Concert Band

This outstanding group of talented area musicians will present concert favorites at the steps of the Livingston County Courthouse.

Noon The Premier Big Band

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1-3 p.m. Nightdaze

Enjoy the rock and roll music of Nightdaze.

Sunday, June 29

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National City has sponsored the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest for 18 years

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National City and the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest have established a special partnership and an unprecedented tradition

This is National City's 18th year as major sponsor of one of the premier community events in southeast Michigan.

"The Michigan Balloonfest Challenge has become part of the fabric of our community. It is truly something that you have to experience in order to fully appreciate," said Vicki Hartman, vice president for National City bank.

"This will be our 18th year as major sponsor and we could not be more pleased with our role. We firmly believe that caring for our communities is not only the right thing to do, it is one of the best things we do," Hartman added.

As a community bank, National City is not only committed to providing the highest quality products and services, they are also committed to improving the quality of life in the communities they serve. This includes sponsorships, community development projects, charitable giving and thousands of volunteer hours by their employees.

Working side-by-side with communities has been a continuous effort since they opened their doors in 1845.

The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest, scheduled for June 25-27, 2008, is a three-day event that features the state championship of hot-air ballooning, sky diving, a 5K race, carnival, stunt kite demonstra-



tions, arts and crafts, a medieval village, downtown activities, a car show and much more.

National City invites everyone to stop by their tent at the balloonfest next to the stage by their cold-air balloon.

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These clever canines jump, bark, run, play and perform on the launch field Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

"While the audience is tapping its toes, the dogs are shakin' their paws and wagging their tails to popular music while doing tricks and maneuvers," said Tokan.

Sponsored by Meijer, the Rock-N-Roll K-9s are a pack of very talented dogs and owners who put on amazing shows of canine agility and athleticism. Dogs, from miniscule to massive, compete in contests of speed and agility.

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Rock-N-Roll K-9s

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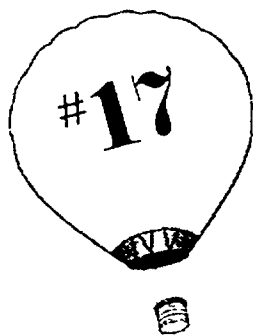
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The country-Victorian architectural design of the center is in keeping with the rural spirit of Howell Township, while attractive covered walkways shield shoppers from inclement weather.

Nationally recognized manufacturers offer customers discounts of up to 70 percent off regular retail prices. Save on apparel, footwear, accessories, housewares, specialty items, food and so much more.

The center is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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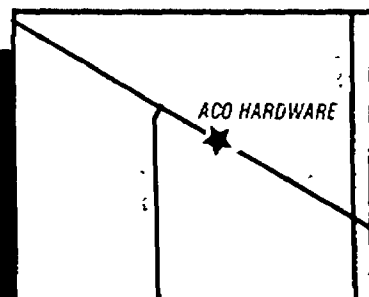
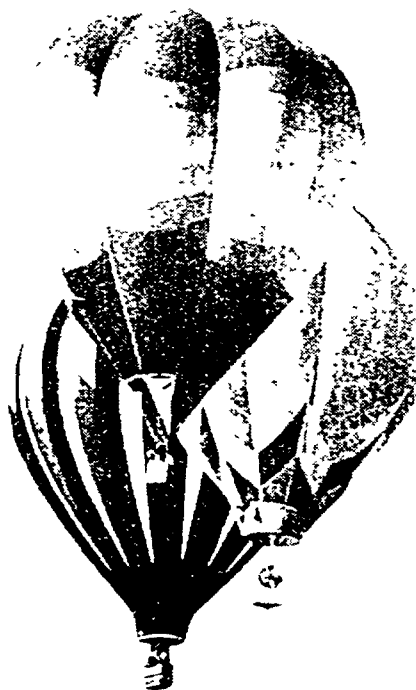
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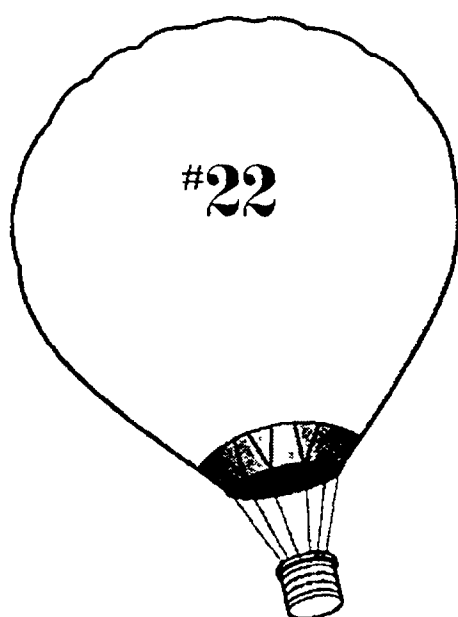
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Pilots show off skill during competition

Flying a hot-air balloon is an adventure in itself, but competing in the Michigan Challenge involves skill, accuracy and good judgment as well.

Although popularly called "races," competitions such as the challenge have nothing to do with how fast or how far a balloon travels. It's all a matter of skill.

The competition is based on how well pilots can use wind currents and altitude to steer their balloons to a specific target. Pilots toss a numbered "baggie" onto an "X"-shaped target. A baggie is made of rip-stop nylon, weighted at one end, with

a long nylon tail that streams behind it as it descends.

During the scheduled balloon launches, targets are set up in pre-arranged areas. Competing pilots fly their balloons near the target and toss a baggie from their balloon basket aiming for the center of the target on the ground below. The throws are then measured by official scorers who record the distance from the target.

"Pilots who fly in the event are some of the best in the sport. They take the competition seriously and make the event very exciting to watch," said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge director.

The competition takes place in the early evening and just after dawn because that is when the winds are the calmest. During the Michigan Challenge, balloon launches and fly ins are scheduled between 6-8 p.m. and 6-8 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Winds over 12 mph, rain or lightning will keep the balloons grounded.

Guests can easily watch the competition during morning flights at the Michigan Challenge when the "X" is located right at the launch field and the pilots take off from various spots out in the countryside.

Balloonists will compete in various events during the competition.

• **Judge Declared Goal** — a goal, perhaps a target or road intersection,

declared by the balloonmeister.

• **Hare and Hound** — the hare or lead balloon leaves the field first and the hounds, the remaining balloons, try to follow and throw a marker.

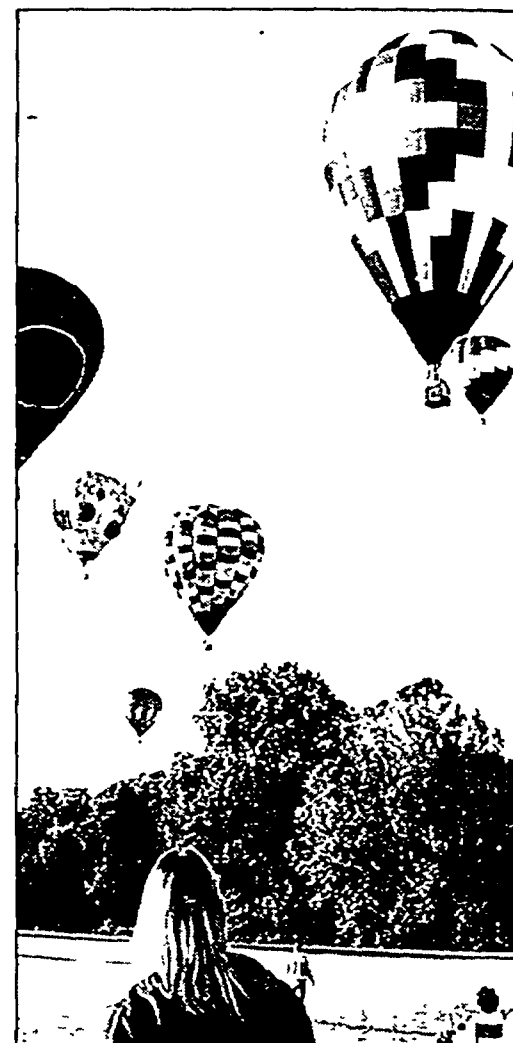
• **Watership Down** — balloons fly into the main launch field and follow a hare out that takes off at a predetermined time.

• **Convergent Navigational Task (CNT)** — a fly in task, usually at the main launch field.

Each event will have at least one target (or task), sometimes two or three. The type of competition will depend on the weather conditions and will be determined by Balloonmeister Jim Birk. Events will be announced at the pilot briefing prior to each launch. Spectators should listen for competition announcer Tom Maynard, who will supply the details of each flight.

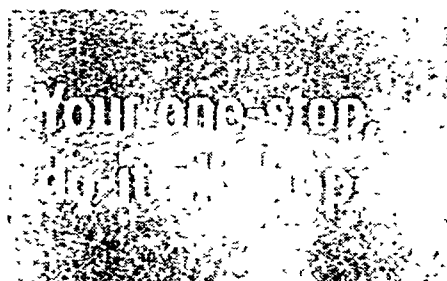
During Michigan Challenge XXIV, balloon pilots will compete for a beautiful trophy, cash and prizes and bragging rights as the official Michigan Champion of hot-air ballooning.

Hot-air balloons fly toward the launch field on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The pilots throw a baggie on the "X" on the launch field. The one who lands closest, wins.



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Competition announcer Tom Maynard offers the details of each flight and the competition.



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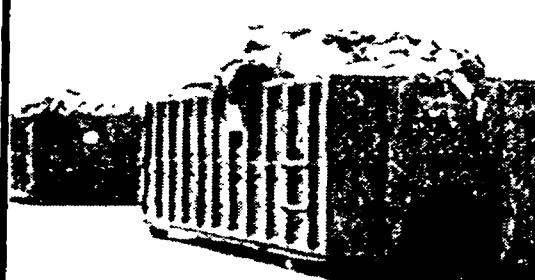


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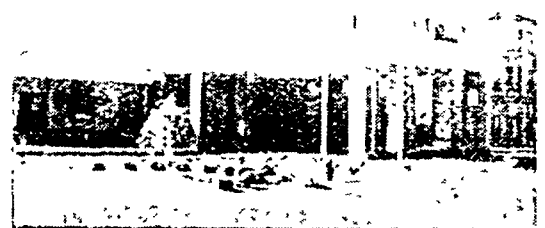
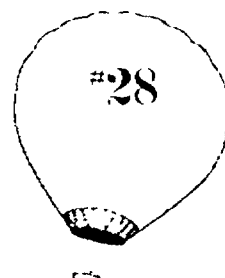


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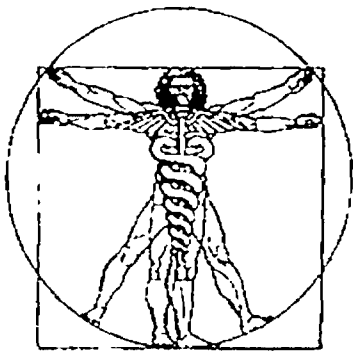
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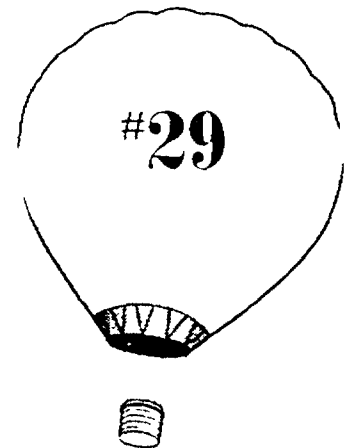


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Following the 5K Chase, kids get the opportunity to run around the launch field

Run in the Michigan Challenge 5K Chase

The third annual 5K Chase will be part of the activities at balloonfest and will be run on Sunday morning, June 29, at 8:30 a.m.

After the 5K, children can get in on the fun and run in the 1/2 mile Kid's Run around the launch field at 9:15. A \$2 registration fee includes race number, race award and refreshments for the kids.

Runners, both young and old, can hear a special presentation by Doug Kurtis on Motivation & Courage after the 5K Chase. Kurtis is the world record holder for the "Most Marathon Victories."

The 5K Chase is sponsored by McDonald's.

"Runners will have a chance to see the balloon fly-in on Sunday morning as well as run through balloonfest grounds at the Howell High School complex," said Linda O'Neill, race co-director. "The venue will be unique for runners, and is an added



Submitted Photo

Doug Kurtis, the world record holder for the "Most Marathon Victories" will speak on Motivation & Courage after the 5K Chase

attraction for guests who come to see the balloons compete."

"The 5K race course covers the entire balloonfest grounds. Runners will experience many different terrains and be treated with some surprises along the way," said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge director.

Entry fee is \$16 before June 27; \$18 on June 28; or \$20 on race day. Race fee includes parking, 5K race, ChampionChip timing, bandanna and refreshments.

Runners can register online at gaultracemanagement.com.

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- Linda O'Neill
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More than 300 runners competed in last year's Michigan Challenge 5K Chase



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This year's theme is crime and punishment, and guests to the Medieval Village will see wanted posters and listings of what punishment fits what crime.

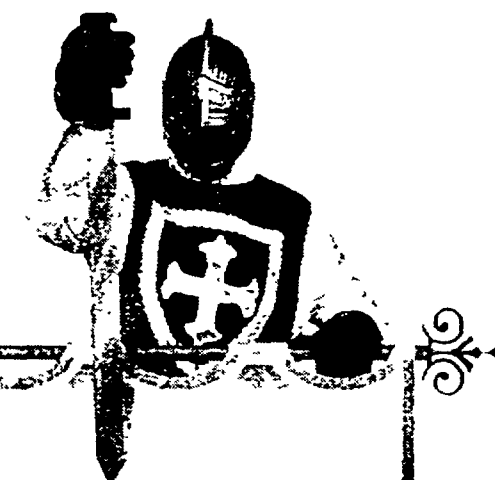
In addition, lords and ladies from every century can travel back in time and see what life was like in earlier days — knights in full armor jousting, chainmail making, blacksmiths working at their trade, a wood shop, ballista and trebuchet demos, weaving, calligraphy and juggling.

The Medieval Village features stage performances and gives visitors a chance to learn to fence and take part in demonstrations and activities.

Located east of the launch field, guests to the village are greeted by medieval knights in shining armor, ladies and knaves.

Watch the knights compete in sword fighting and see the artisans at their crafts.

Members of the Society for Creative Anachronism and Ring of Steel, two historical re-creation groups, will be on hand to answer questions and get visitors



Medieval Village

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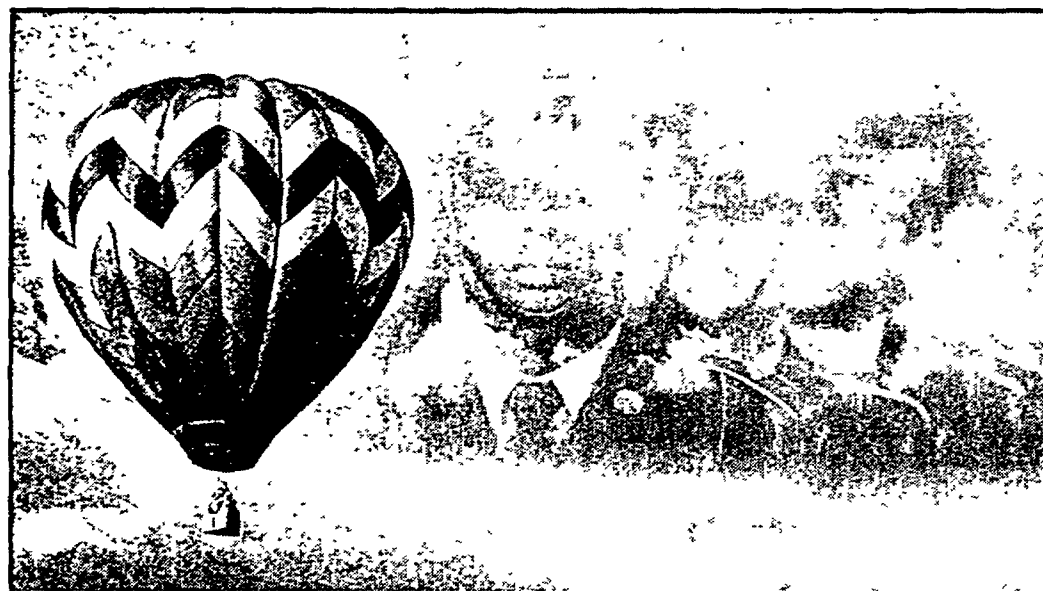
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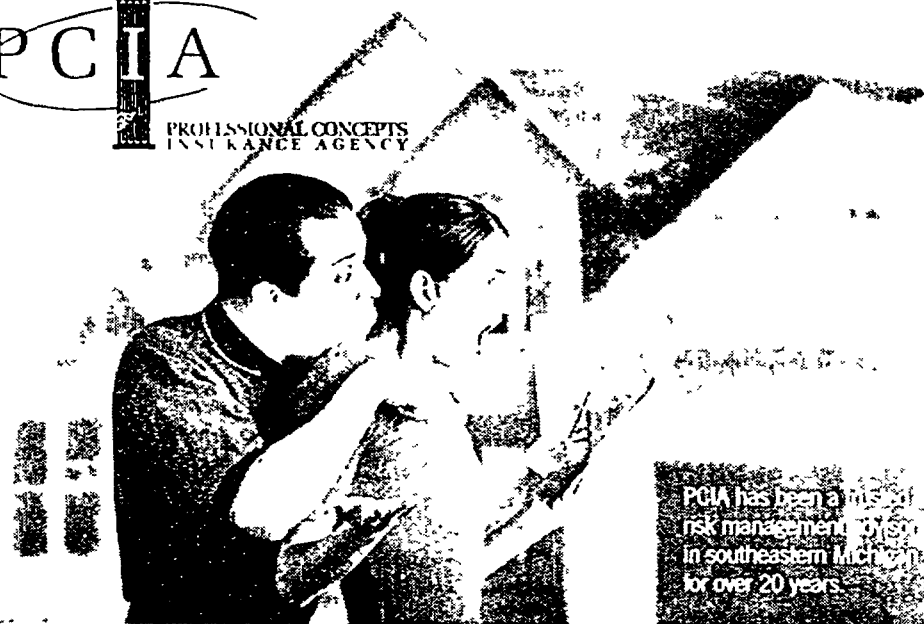
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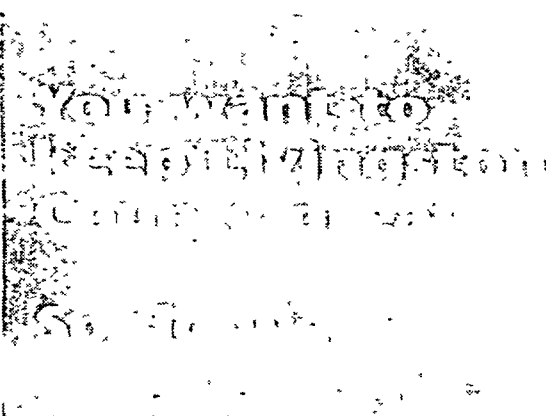
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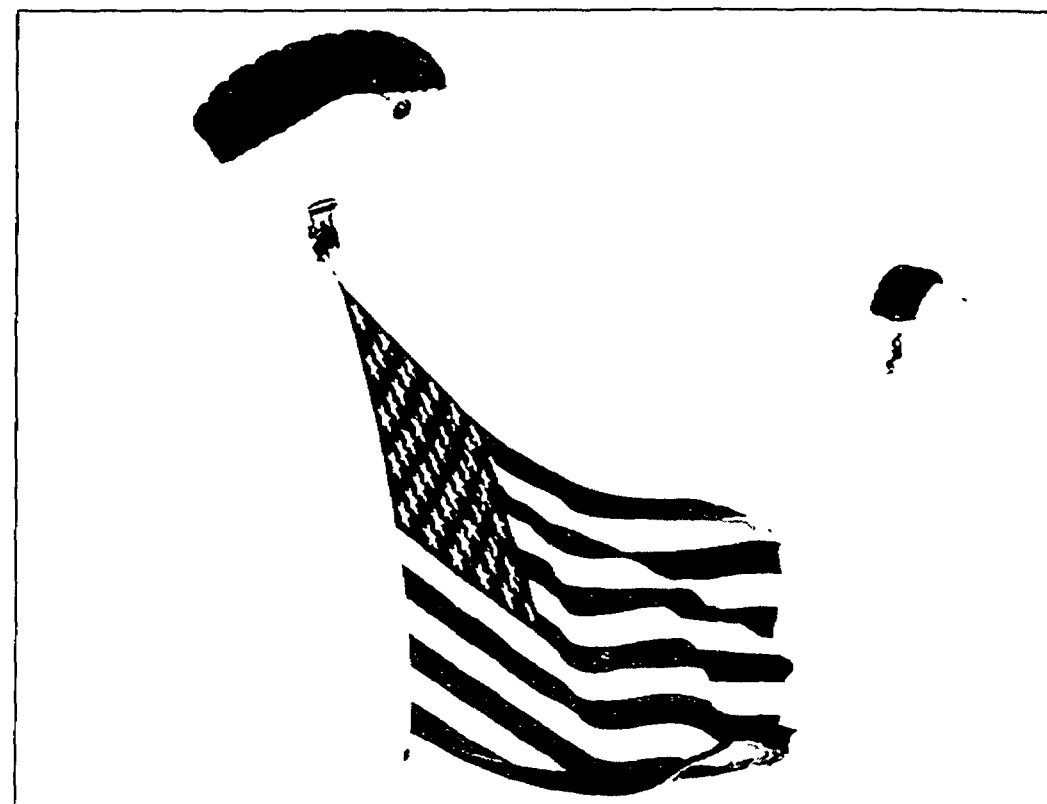


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While most people wouldn't dream of jumping out of a perfectly good airplane, the Renewal by Andersen Skydivers do so with a giant American flag and pyrotechnics.

The Renewal by Andersen Skydivers give balloonfest guests a window to the sky

"All eyes look up, waiting to catch a glimpse of the skydivers as they descend from the sky and gracefully land on the launch field," said Michelle Iokan, Michigan Challenge director.

The skydiving team is part of the Paul McCowan Airshow, and is described as "skydiving that's exciting, entertaining and explosive."

"This is our first year as a sponsor at balloonfest," said Gerald Laming, Renewal by Andersen retail marketing planner. "We are very excited to help present the Renewal by Andersen Skydivers. Michigan Challenge Balloonfest has a great history, and we are looking forward to taking part in the years to come."

The skydivers join the Michigan Challenge for many spectacular jumps throughout the weekend performing precision skydiving maneuvers including skydiving with what the team calls, the Flag.

This special flag was introduced into the show by McCowan and is 5,000 square feet, larger than an NBA basketball court and weighs more than 140 pounds.

Since jumps are scheduled at 5 p.m. each day, the skydivers have become the opening act for the evening mass balloon launches.

Other memorable jumps are scheduled throughout the weekend including the spectacular Skydiving Night Show on Saturday evening during the Balloon Glow.

During the night show, the team exits their aircraft a mile above the earth, each with custom-designed special effects pyrotechnics strapped to their bodies. A brilliant white light and a trail of sparks

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During their day shows, the skydiving team performs thrilling aerial maneuvers. Colorful trails of smoke enhance the freefall of the team.

And when they're not jumping, the team members love to meet spectators, especially children. "We always encourage people to come up and say 'hi,'" said McCowan, team leader.



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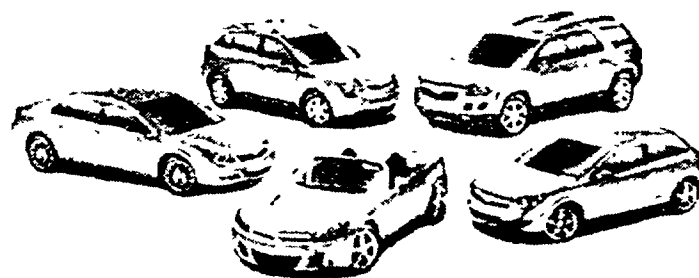
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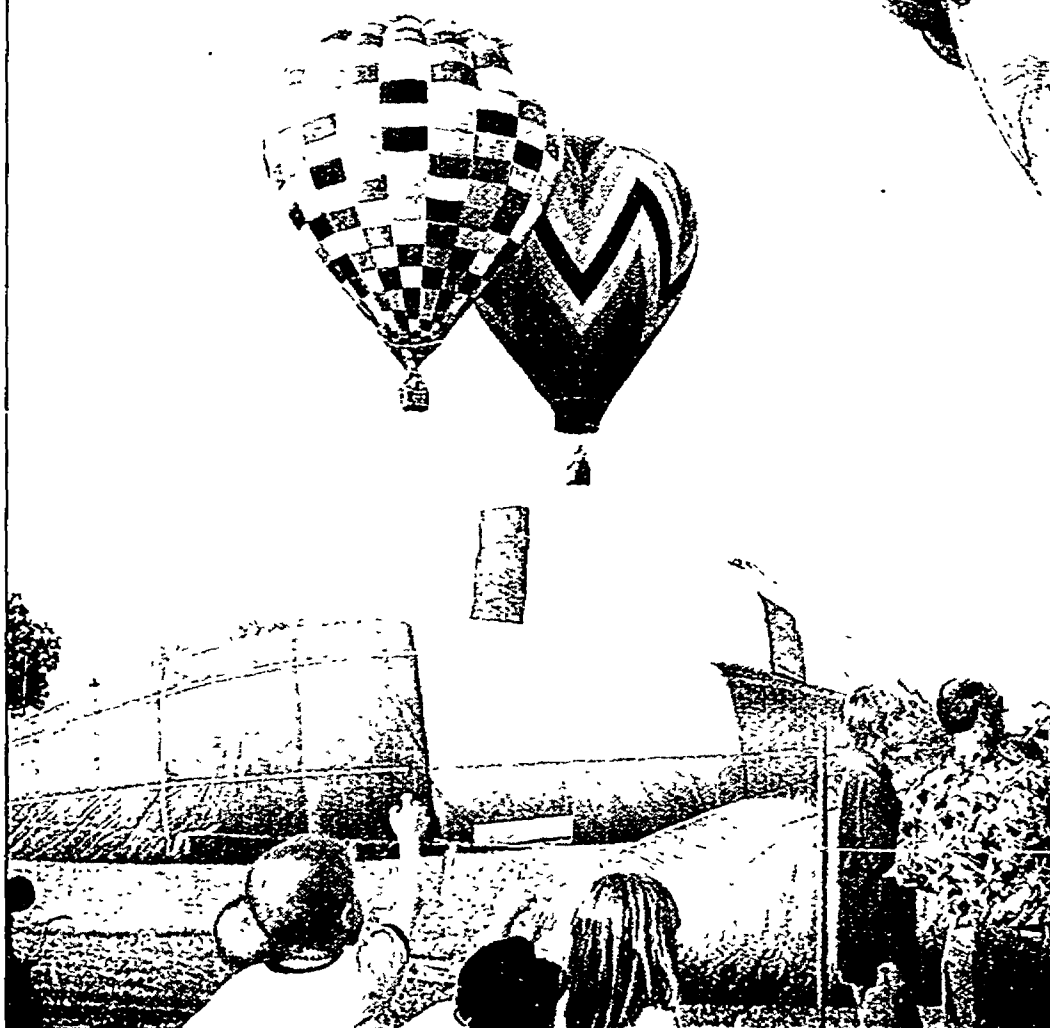


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Hot-air balloons have always held a magical appeal. Each year, thousands flock to the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest to watch the spectacular display as 60 hot-air balloons launch in a magnificent show.

Where are the hot-air balloons?

Pilots come from all across the country to compete in the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest each year. In addition to competing, they put on six different spectacular displays for the guests.

However, because of the nature of hot-air balloons — they can't steer and are at the mercy of the wind — the weather plays a huge role in the festival. Hot-air balloons cannot fly unless there are no storms in the area and the winds are less than 12 mph. Since the sun typically creates wind currents during the day, balloons are only authorized to fly in the early morning and late evening.

Launch Schedule

- ◆ Friday between 6-8 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday between 6-8 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday between 6-8 p.m.

Fly-In Schedule

- ◆ Saturday between 6-8 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday between 6-8 a.m.

Balloon Glow

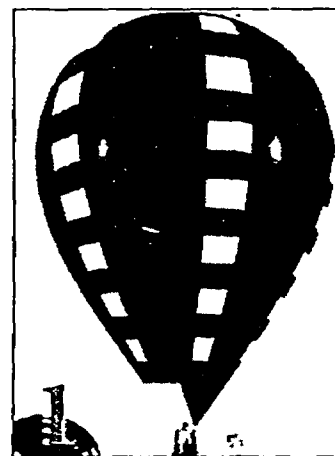
- ◆ Saturday as darkness falls

Pilots meet just before the scheduled launch times to evaluate the weather conditions and determine if it is safe to fly. Sometimes, they must wait for the winds to die down before launching, which is why launch times are given as a two-hour window.

The latest information is always announced from the main stage, near the launch field. And, there is always plenty to do at the festival while waiting for the launch.

Why do pilots traditionally toast with champagne at the end of a flight?

When the first balloon took flight in France in the late 18th century, it terrified the country folk, who thought the strange craft was some kind of monster. After the first few unhappy incidents with landowners, the pilot began carrying champagne as a sign of friendship and appeasement for the farmers.



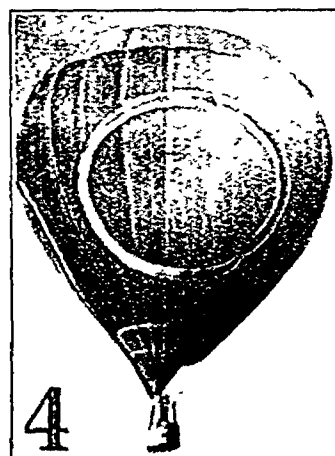
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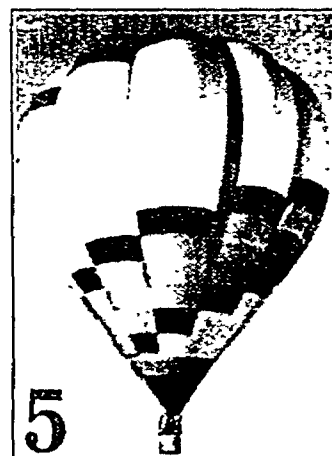
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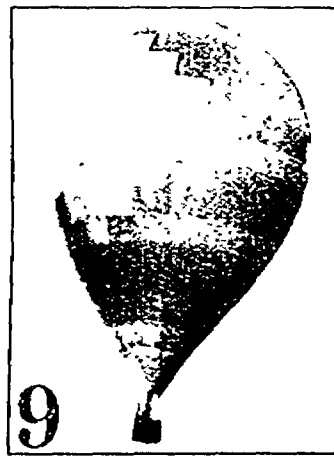
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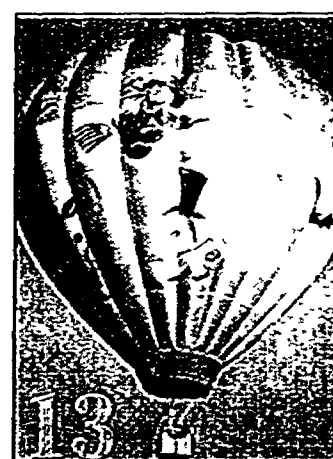
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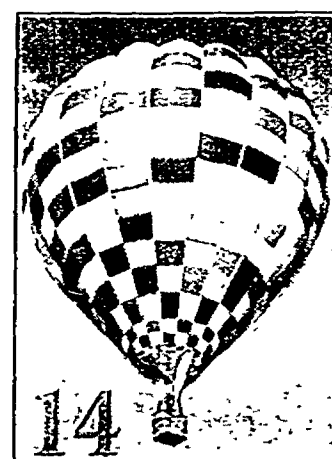
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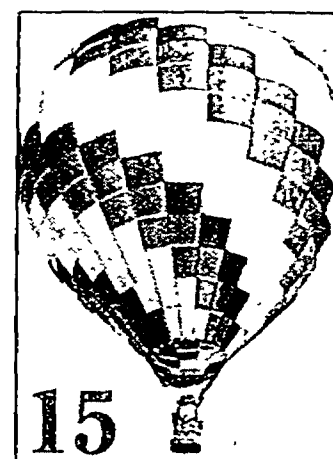
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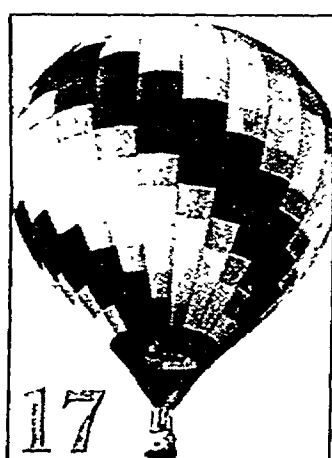
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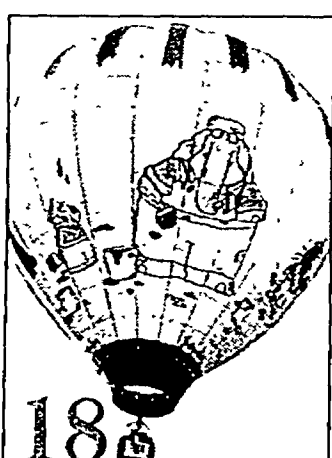
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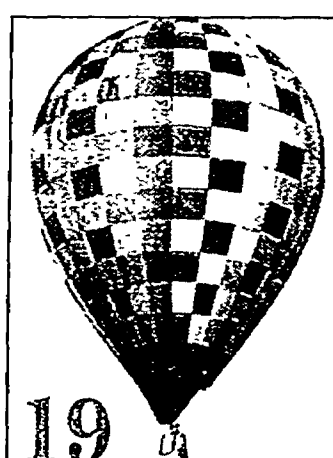
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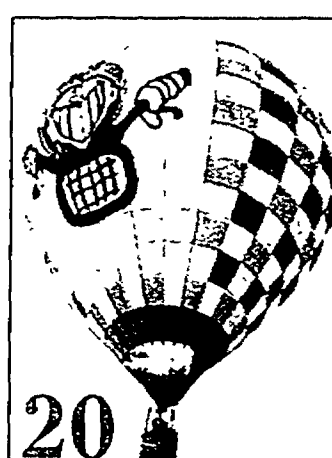
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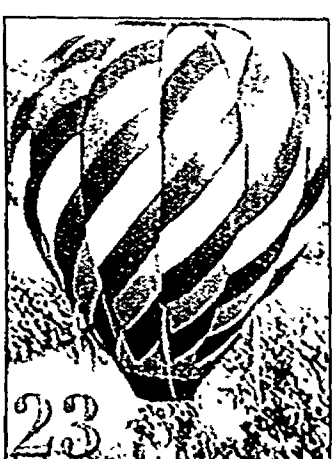
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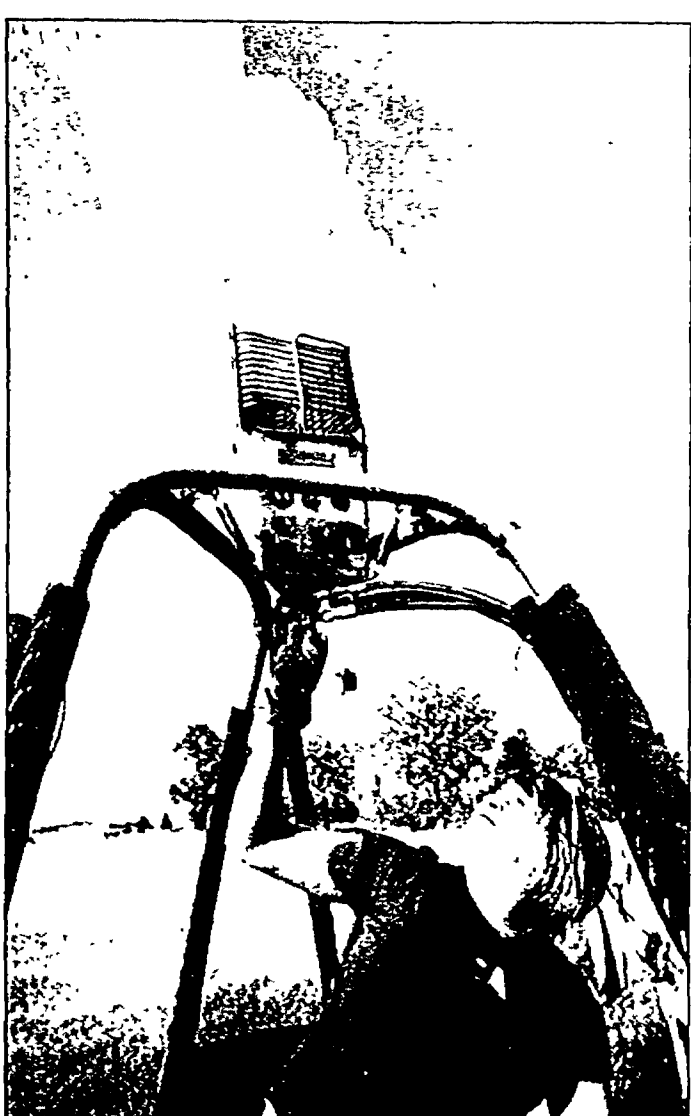
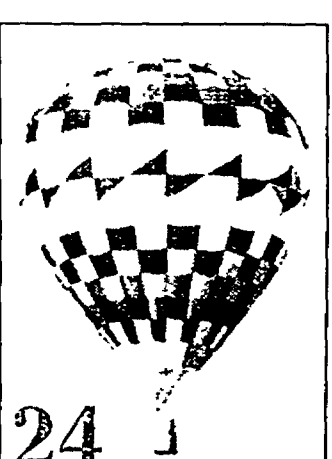
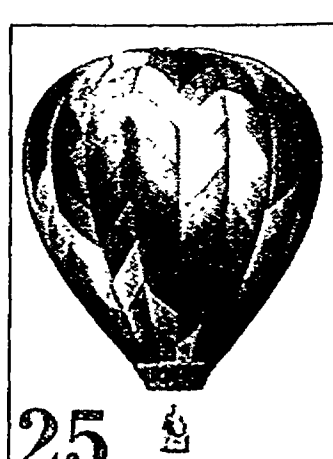


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Did you know ...

- ◆ Hot-air balloons use a propane burner to heat the air inside the balloon. The burner generates about 10 million BTUs.
- ◆ Most balloons carry four 10-gallon propane cylinders, which allows for a two-hour flight.
- ◆ Balloons hold between 30,000 and 800,000 cubic feet of air, depending on the size. Most hold about 70,000 cubic feet.
- ◆ Who's got the right of way — airplanes or hot-air balloons? With both craft converging on the same area, the balloon has the right of way, similar to power boats that give the right of way to sail boats.

Steering the balloon

Hot-air balloons do not have a steering wheel. They are at the complete mercy of the wind — traveling at the speed and direction the wind is blowing.

Pilots do, however, have control over how high the balloon soars. Since hot air rises faster than cool air, pilots can direct the balloon up and down by heating the air inside the balloon with a propane burner. By rising or dropping altitude, pilots may find wind blowing in a different direction, which allows them to follow that direction to reach their target.

Pictured at left, pilot Sarah Johnson tests the burners on "Quietude" prior to launch.

Making a hot-air balloon ...

◆ Balloon baskets are made of wicker, not just to be picturesque, but because wicker is light in weight, strong, and is a good shock absorber in the event of a rocky landing.

◆ A balloon crew is typically four people — one pilot and three ground crew. Crews are essential for a safe launch and the recovery of the balloon after landing.

◆ The most popular hot-air balloons are about seven stories tall and 55 feet wide,

with an average of almost 1,800-square-yards of nylon fabric, three miles of thread and ½ mile of reinforced nylon webbing. It weighs about 500 pounds, not inflated. When fully inflated, a balloon will weigh about 2½ tons. Of course, increase these numbers substantially for the huge special shape balloons.

◆ The multi-colored balloon part of a hot-air balloon is technically called the envelope and is made of rip-stop nylon.

◆ Balloons cost tens of thousands of dollars to make, including the envelope, basket and burner. Special shape balloons can cost more than \$100,000.

◆ Balloons are registered aircraft. Pilots must be licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration, very much like airplane pilots. You must be 16 years old to be a pilot.

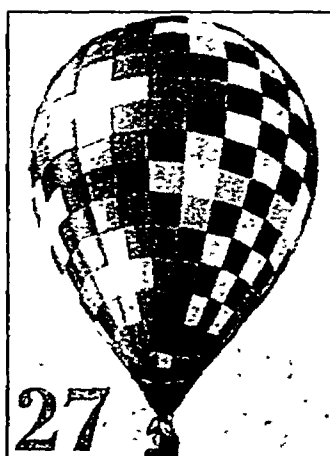
◆ What's that rope hanging from the top of the balloon? It's called the crown line and is

used to hold the balloon down during inflation. Sometimes the ground crew uses it to stabilize the balloon during landings.

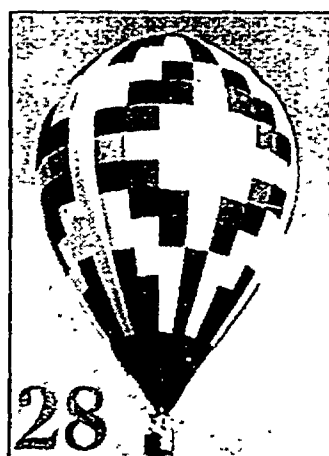
◆ Each pilot has several gauges on board. There is an altimeter to register how high the balloon is and a variometer to indicate whether the craft is going up or down. The pilot has a temperature gauge to tell how hot the air is at the top of the balloon. Of course, the propane tanks have fuel gauges.



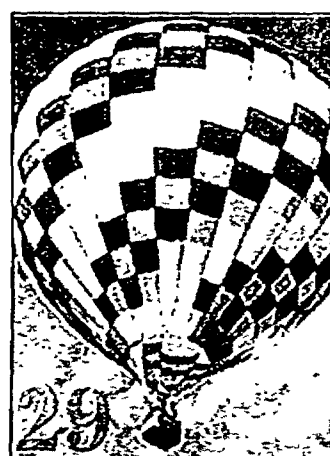
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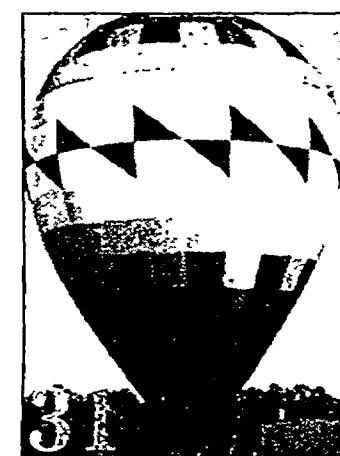
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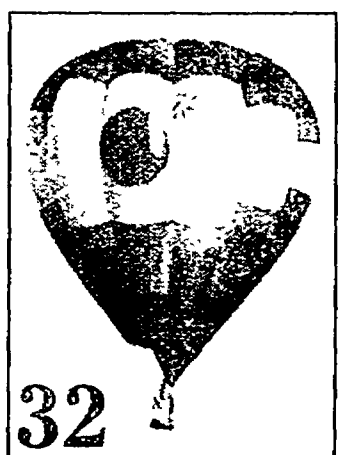
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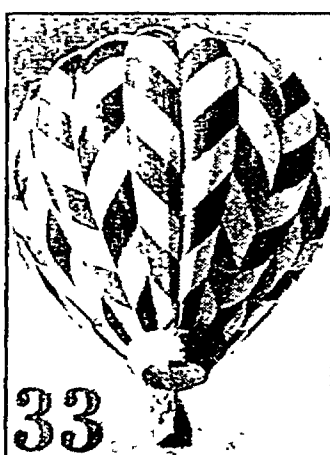
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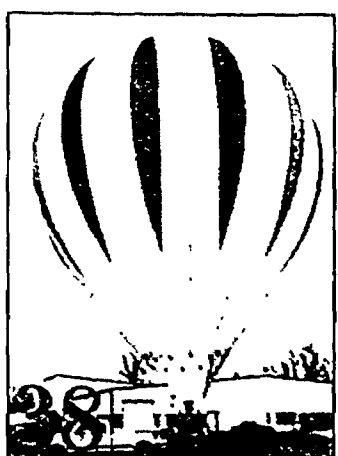
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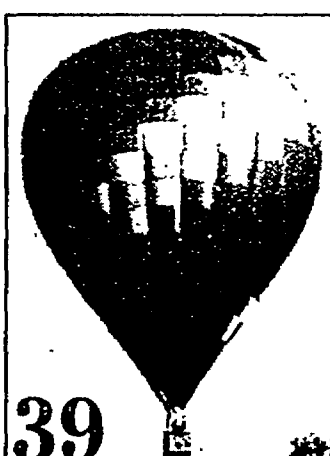
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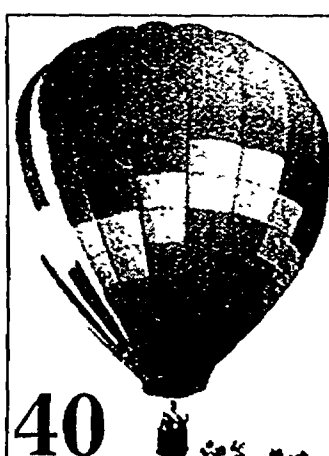
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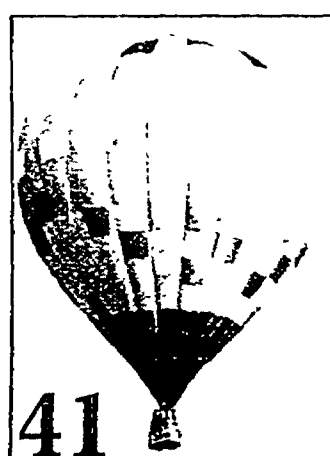
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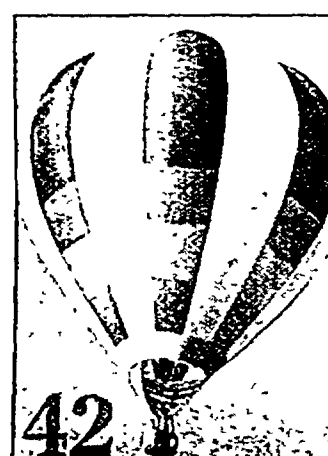
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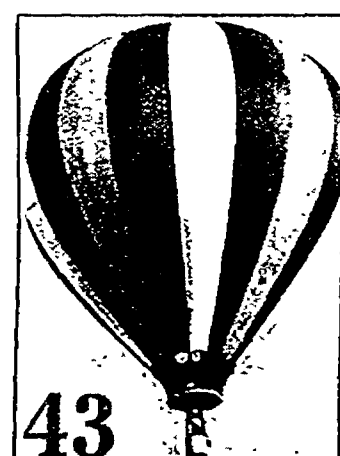
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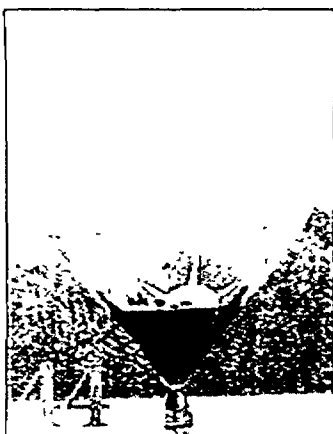
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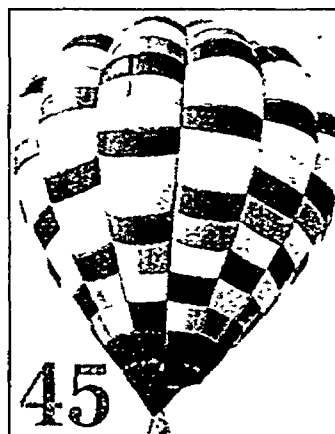
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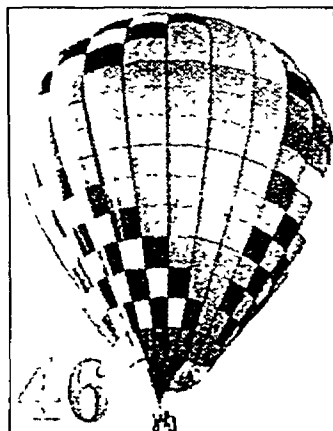
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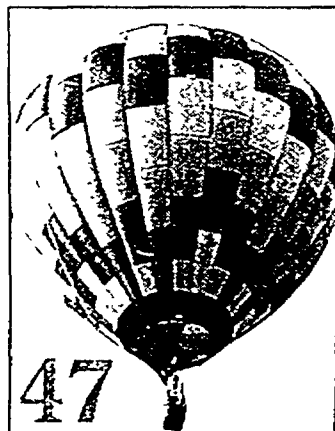
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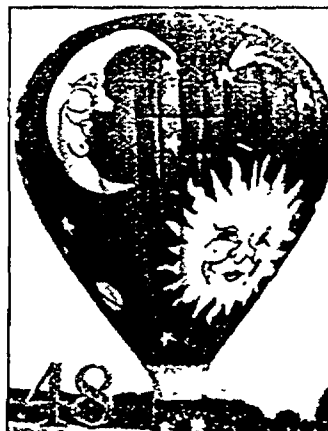
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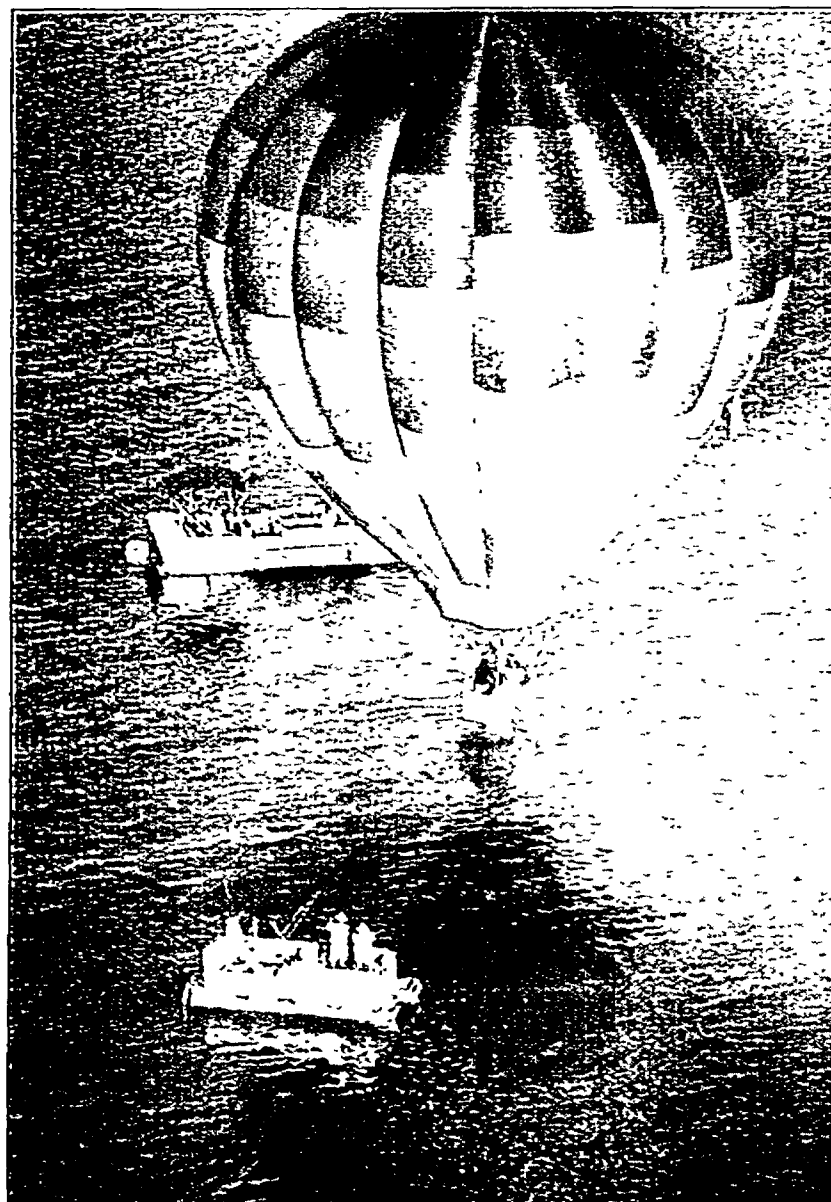
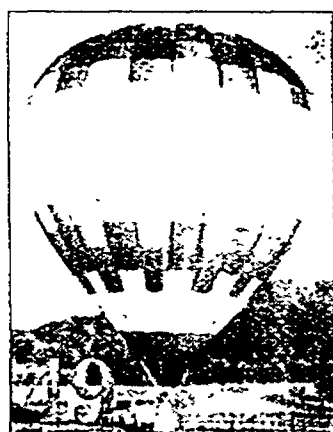
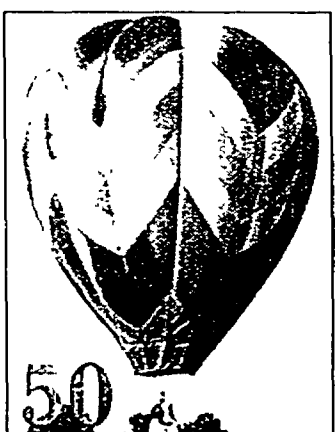


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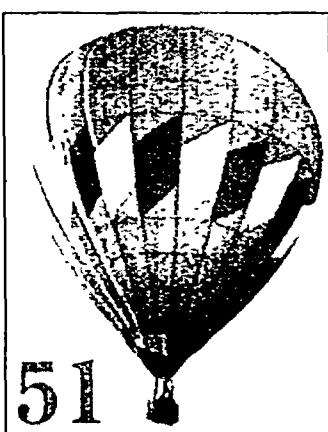
Balloons often fly over water. Sometimes, a pilot will do what's called a "splash and dash" when the balloon descends to touch down in the water and then take off again. Here, the balloonists descend low enough to just skim the waters of Thompson Lake in Howell.



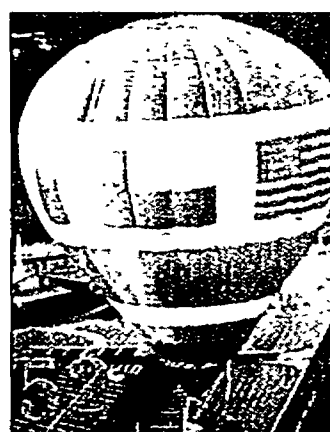
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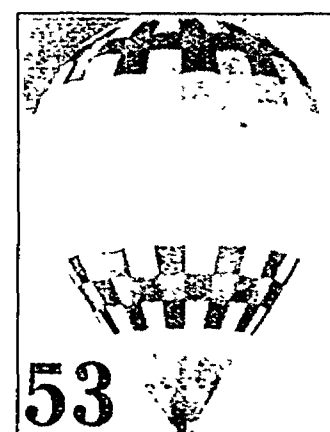
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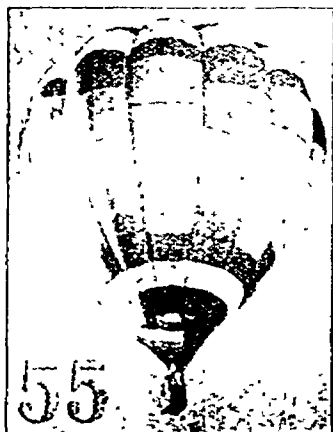
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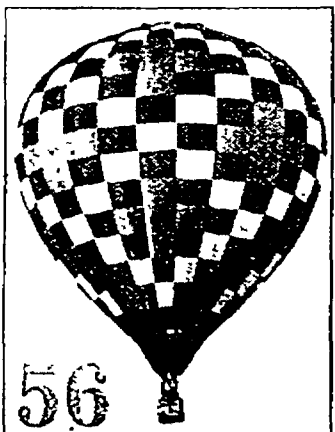
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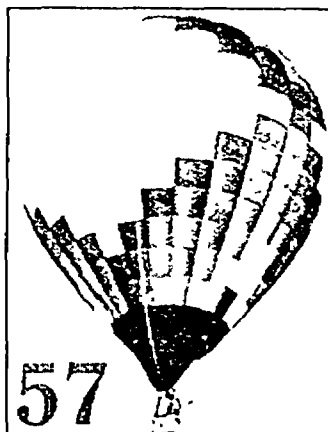
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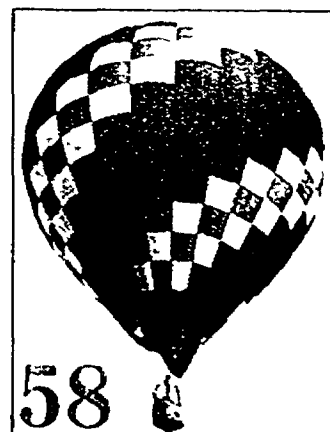
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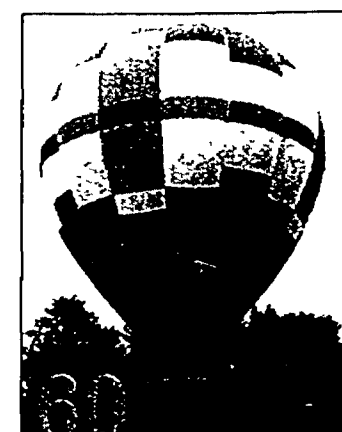
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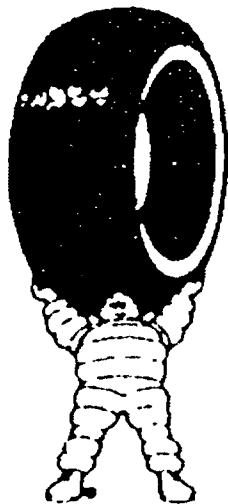
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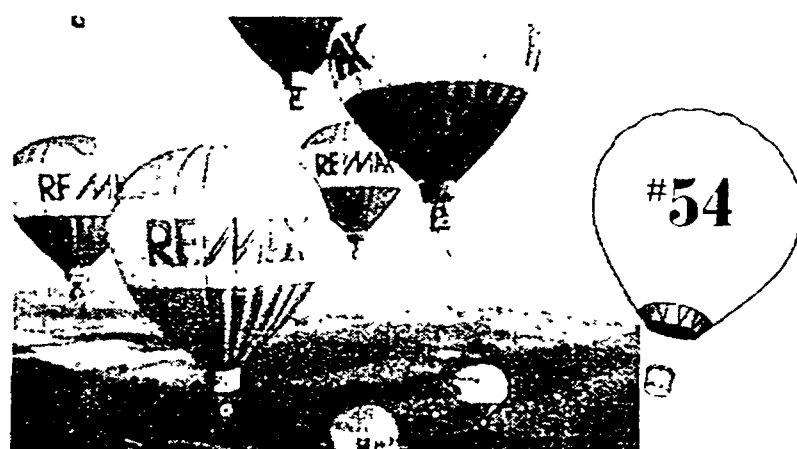
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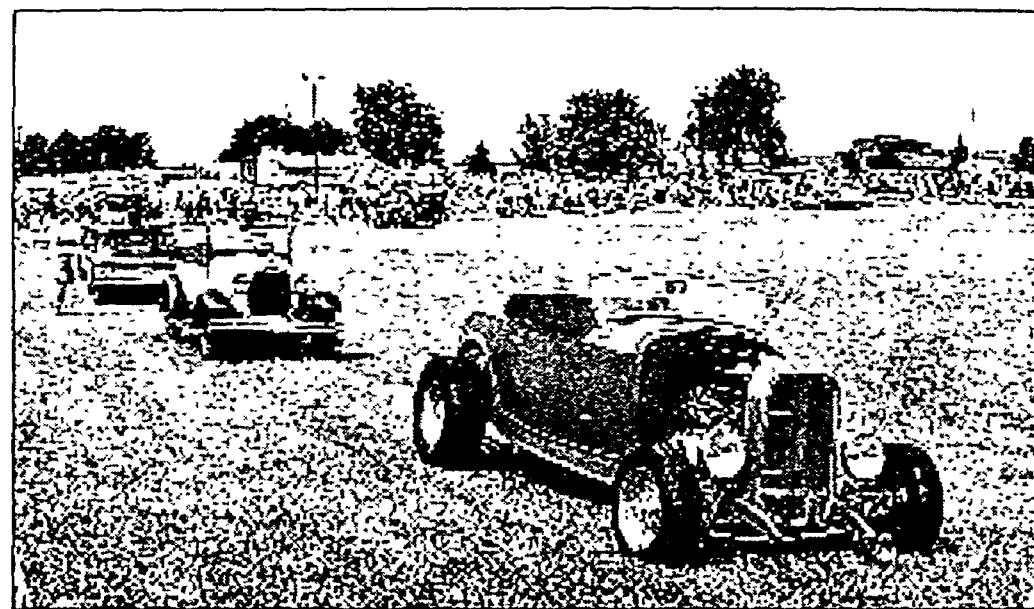


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Classic and muscle cars drive around the launch field prior to the evening balloon launches so visitors can get a close up look of the vehicles in motion

Excitement speeds up the Antique and Custom Car Show

From classics to customs, the car show is a model of driving excitement at balloonfest. New for 2008, is a NASCAR simulator that offers a high-speed adventure.

Located north of the balloon launch field and sponsored by Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep, the show features classics and coupes from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. To help get the launch field warmed up for evening balloon flights, cars in the show parade around the field at 4:30 each day.

"The car parade is one of the most fun events of the weekend because car enthusiasts who bring their vehicles to display get to start their engines and cruise around the launch field," said Gary Morris, car show chair. "It's the Michigan Challenge's version of afternoon drive time"

Keeping with the interactive displays that have been so popular with balloonfest guests, new this year is a NASCAR simulator

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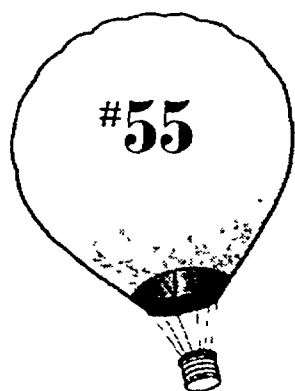
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Entrance fee is \$12 per car per day or \$20 for both days.



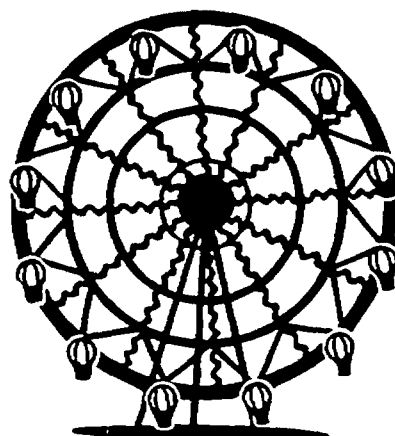
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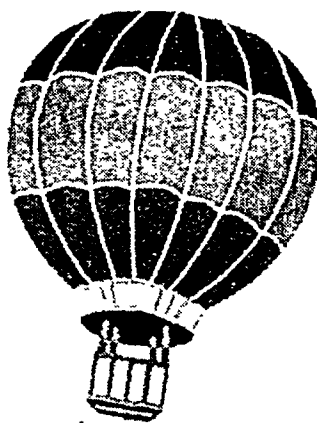
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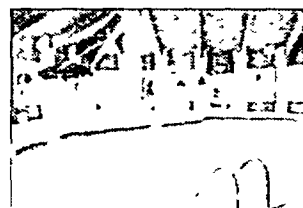
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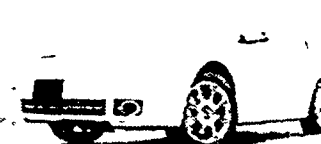


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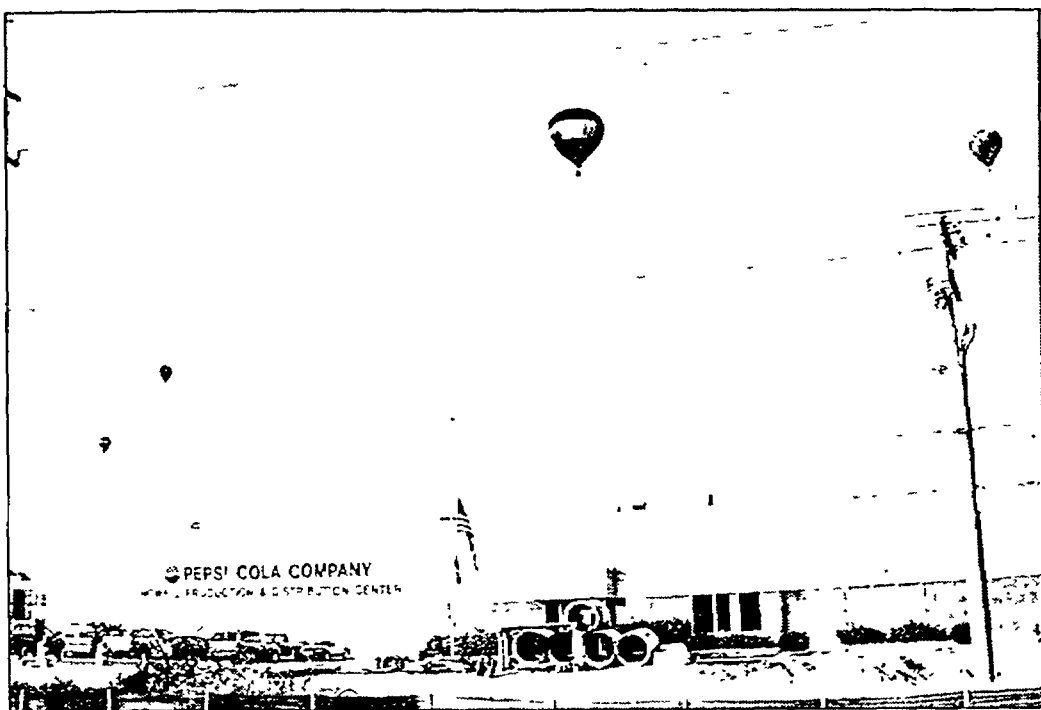


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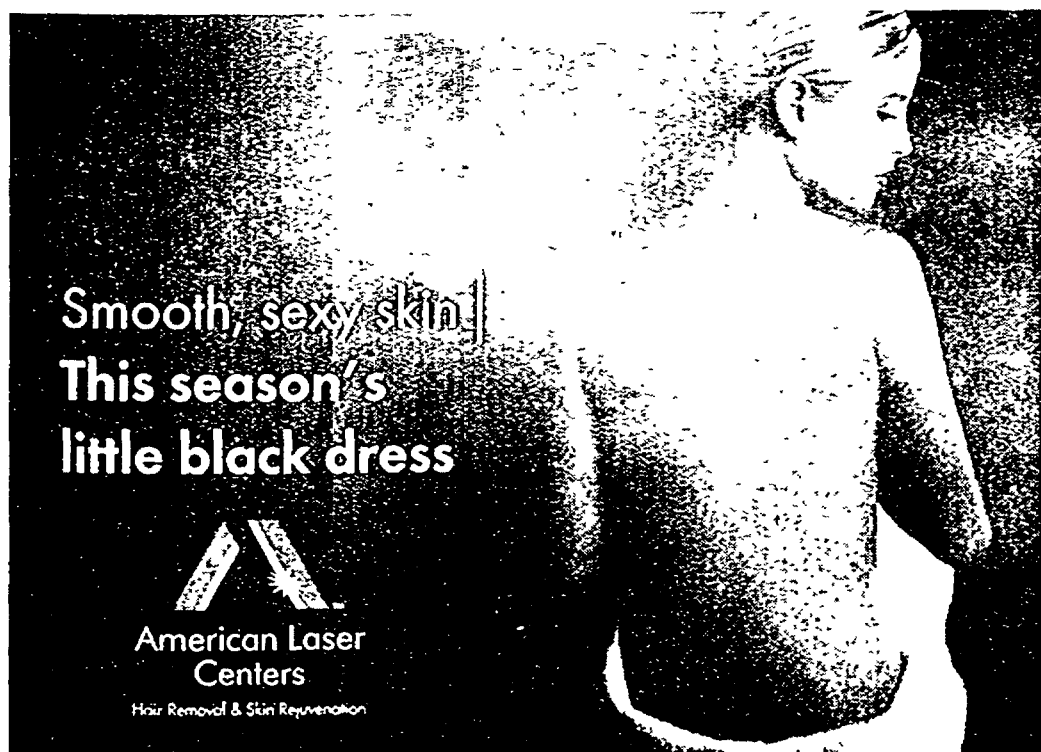
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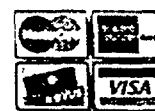
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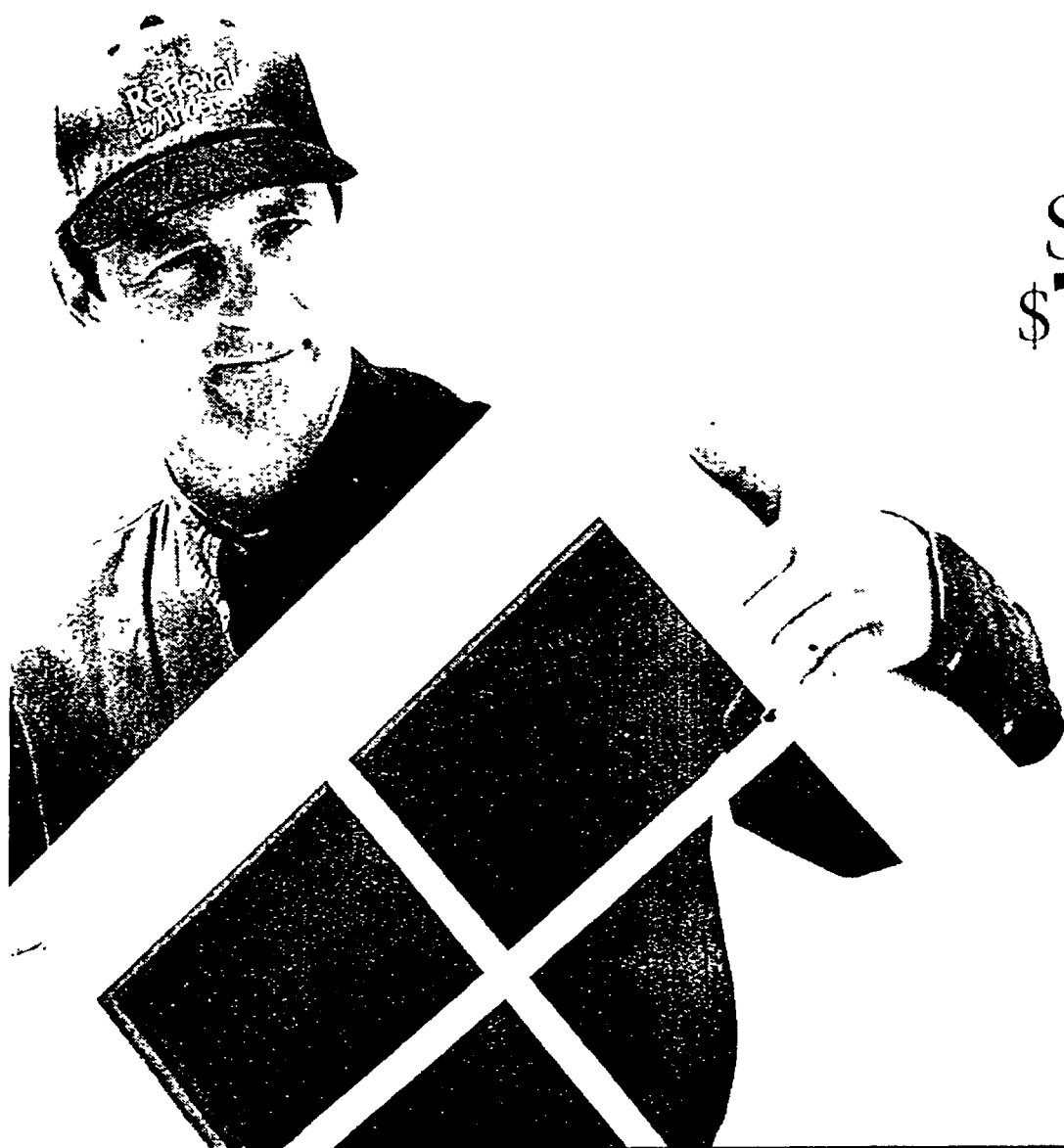
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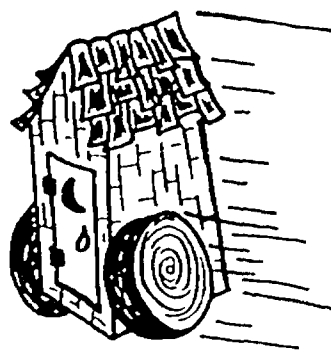
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New in the arts festival area is kids coloring and Flicker the Dragon from balloonfest parking sponsor Art Van.

Together with the artists, entertainment and a creative coloring station for kids, the arts festival area is a place to relax and create during balloonfest," said



A variety of original artwork is available at the art festival, including handpainted vases and beaded picture sculptures.

Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge director.

In keeping with the outdoor venue of the Michigan Challenge and other summer arts festivals, all artists will be located in outside spaces allowing for an open and friendly setting. Non-profit food ven-



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dors are also located in the arts festival area to serve delicious food and Pepsi products.

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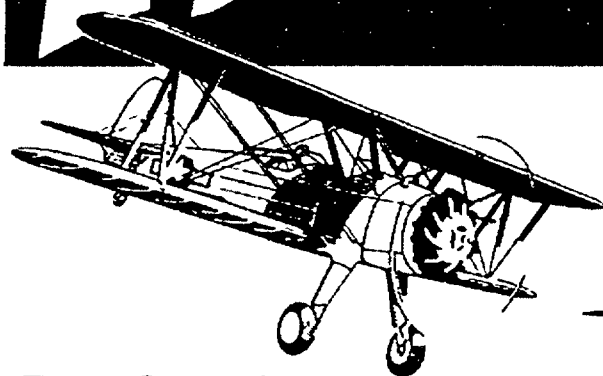
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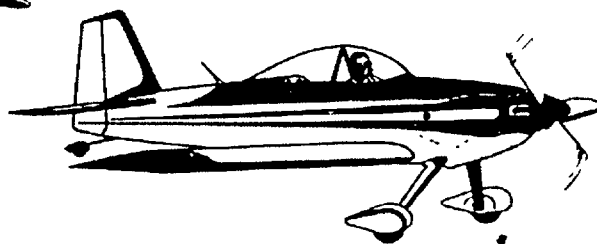
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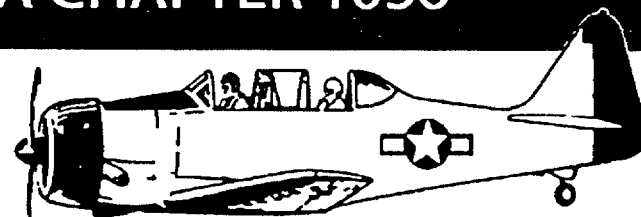
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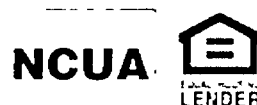
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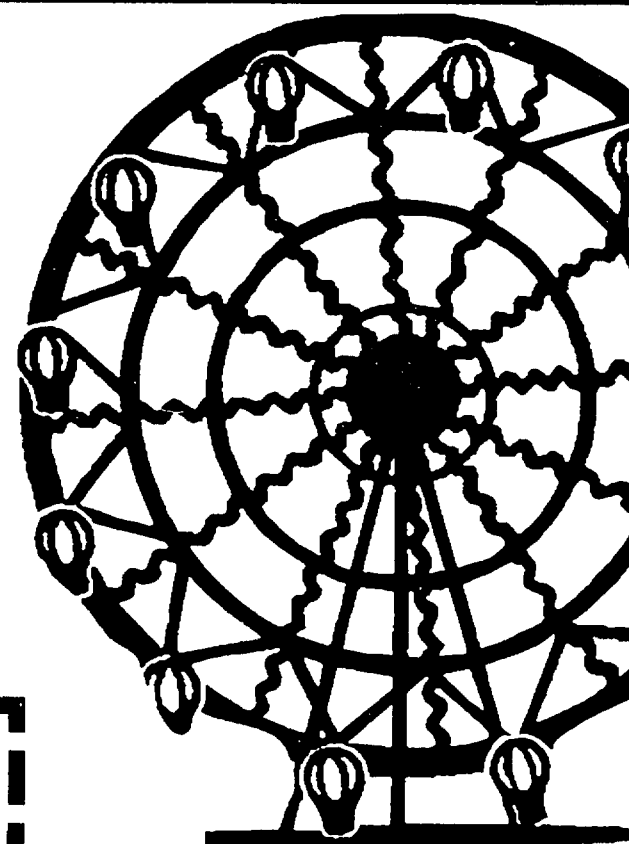
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"The kitchen is a favorite gathering place in many homes, and so is the dining area at balloonfest," said Michelle Iokan, Michigan Challenge director. "We offer the ultimate in outdoor festival dining."

Concession stands are conveniently located at two areas, on the west and east sides of the launch field, and offer a taste test of sandwiches, grilled favorites, meals, treats and beverages. Food is available all day and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner items as well as snacks and drinks. Entertainment is also featured.

At the Arts Festival on the east side of the field, area nonprofit groups grill and dish up favorites such as burgers, sausage and hot dogs and serve up plenty of Pepsi products. Literally hundreds of volunteers from these groups will work the grills all weekend to keep the crowds satisfied.

At the west side of the launch field are the commercial food vendors. Guests will enjoy a mouth watering assortment of culinary delights including traditional "fair food" such as French fries, pretzels, capris, stir fry, roast beef, cotton candy, popcorn, corn dogs, pizza, ethnic food, strudel, fruit shakes, pitas and baked potatoes. And don't forget hot dogs, brats, sausage, snow cones, funnel cakes, steak subs and deep fried Twinkies.

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The best route to the balloonfest from I-96 is Exit #133 — the M-59 exit. Take M-59 east for a few miles — there are several balloonfest entrances on your right. Follow the balloonfest signs.

M-59 travelers going west can take the highway into Howell to the entrances on the left.

Coming from the north? Take I-75 to U.S. 23 south to M-59. Follow M-59 west about 12 miles to the balloonfest entrance.

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Downtown Howell is about one mile east of the balloonfest grounds on Grand River Avenue.

Balloonfest parking passes allow you to re-enter the grounds as often as you wish on the day indicated on the pass.

The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest is a great value and an affordable weekend activity. Parking passes are only \$12 per day and provide admission for all your passengers. Weekend passes are available for \$20 or \$15 in advance at any National City bank office in Livingston County until June 26.

Lots of Parking

Parking can be accessed from West Grand River Avenue, M-

59 or Highlander Way. Parking is sponsored by Art Van.

Handicapped parking is available at all entrances of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest. Guests in vehicles with a handicapped license plate or sticker should bring it to the attention of the parking attendant and will be shown to a special parking area where access to the launch site and festival grounds is completely paved.

For the comfort and safety of both our guests and our animal friends, the Michigan Challenge committee requests that spectators leave their pets at home.

Traffic Reports

Once you're in Livingston County, get the latest traffic information and updates by dialing the 2-1-1 information line, or listening to WHMI 93.5 FM.

Balloonfest Gives Back

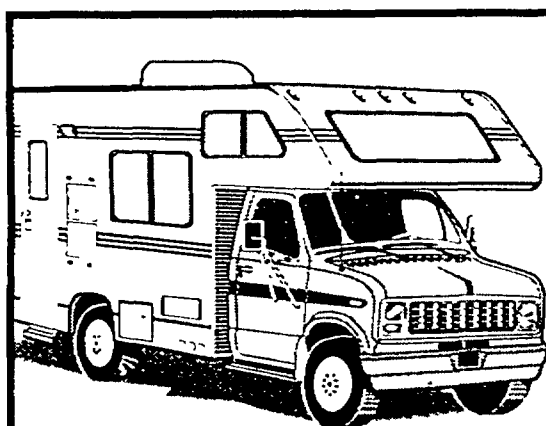
The Howell Area Chamber of Commerce, host of the Michigan Challenge, pays nonprofit organizations for each four-hour shift worked by a volunteer in the group's name. The pay for most shifts is \$20. However, a fee of \$24 per shift is paid for volunteers working premium shifts. Hundreds of parking volunteers are needed throughout the week-



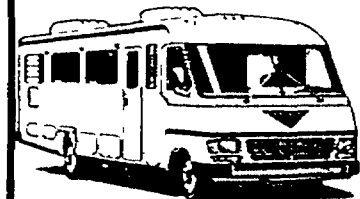
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Overall, the event fits the chamber's mission and focuses on business development and community improvement.

"Working with nonprofit organizations to help park vehicles is just another way balloonfest gives back to this community," said Michigan Challenge Director Michelle Tokan. "It's a unique fundraiser, and some organizations earn thousands of dollars."



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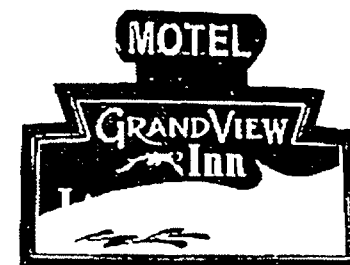
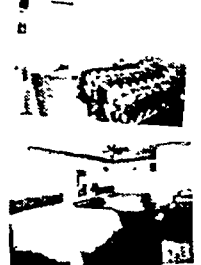
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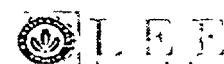
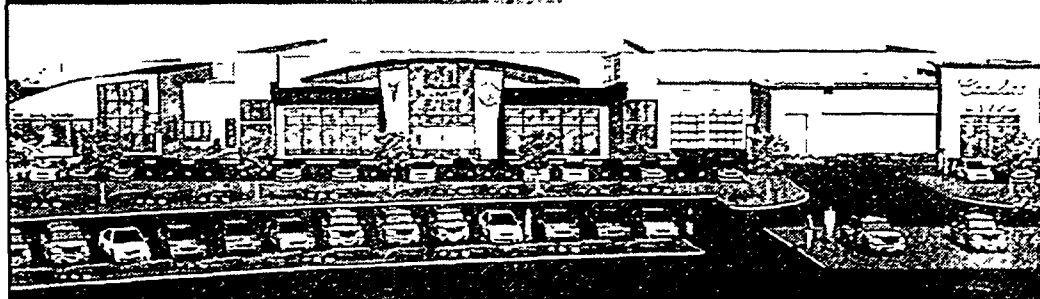
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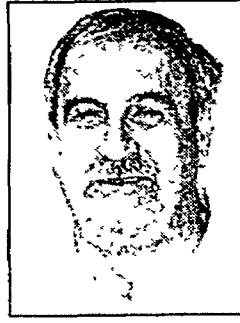
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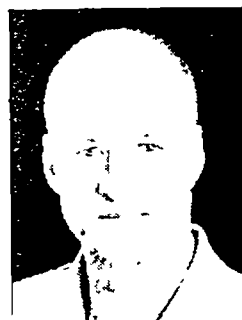
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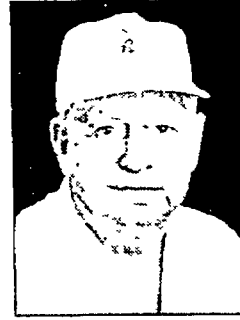
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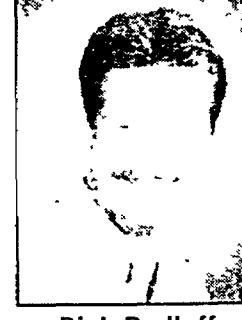
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Volunteers enhance Michigan Challenge

For those who make the event happen, the Michigan Challenge is more than a three-day weekend. It's a team effort among the chamber, volunteers, sponsors and business community who work together to make balloonfest one of the premier outdoor festivals in the state. In addition to the committee chairs and leaders listed below, hundreds of volunteers work to make the event a success.

"As chair of the 24th annual Michigan Challenge, I am proud to be a part of the team that puts on this incredible event. Through the absolute dedication and passion of dozens of volunteers, the Michigan Challenge continues to set the standards for ballooning events while delivering so much more. The list of activities and entertainment is more extensive than ever, and we will once again provide a great weekend for families to come out and enjoy the sights and sounds while getting a chance to see what our great community has to offer," Chairman Trevor Brooks said.

The Michigan Challenge committee is chaired by **Trevor Brooks**, of National City Bank. **Tim McCotter**, of K Janiga Architects, Inc., is the vice chair.

Paul Butler, Impressive Imprints, coordinates landowner relations for the event. He is assisted by pilot Jerry Stephan, Zephyr Balloon Company.

Carey Weihmiller of Waste Management supervises sanitation and clean-up.

Greg Clum, Bredemitz, Wagner & Co., PC, keeps the books for the balloonfest.

Don Cortez, owner of First Impression Print & Marketing and **Steve Barlow**, Jarvis Construction, are co-chairs of the parking committee.

Paul Butler, Impressive Imprints, is in charge of all signage for the event.

Dawn Palmer-VanCamp chairs the balloonfest downtown committee. She is assisted

ed by city of Howell Mayor Gerri Moen; Mindy Arnold, Howell Main Street and DDA; Colleen Sova, RE/MAX Platinum, April Dertian and Sarah Houston, Events Etc., and Jackie Mullaney, Livingston Business Forms & Promotional Products.

Ron Ernst chairs the vendor area. He is assisted by Sue Dolato, Rep. Chris Ward's office.

Sgt. Scott Mannor of the city of Howell Police Department acts as liaison between the city and the chamber, coordinates safety and security at the balloonfest site and is in charge of carnival activities.

Matt Ikle is in charge of the balloonfest site.

Joe Heslip coordinates sound at the balloonfest site and in downtown Howell.

Gary Morris chairs the Antique and Custom Car Show.

Pam Rietsch is pilot liaison for the event. She runs MemorialLibrary.com. She is assisted by Roy Coons, Cleary University, and Paul Butler, Impressive Imprints.

Dick Rudlaff is the event's competition director.

Tammy Yeagle, Metropolitan Title, coordinates site activities, souvenirs and the information booths at the Michigan Challenge.

Sue Tucker, a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, chairs the Medieval Village.

Eric Trimble and **Linda O'Neill**, Advertising Excellence, co-chair the Michigan Challenge 5K Chase.

Rozalina Mekhael, LOC Federal Credit Union, coordinates refreshments for VIPs and committee members.

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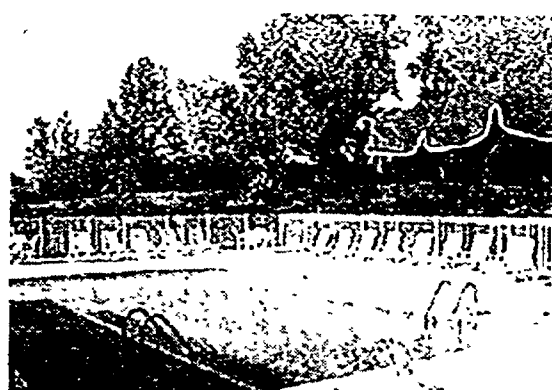
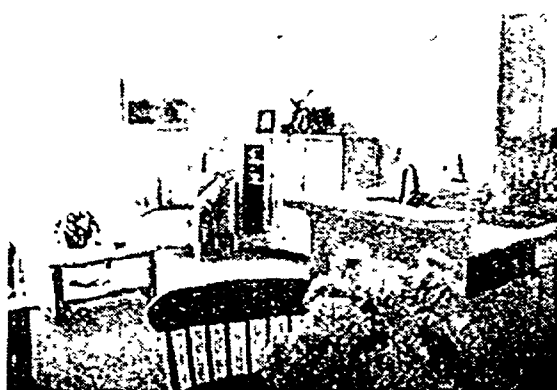
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4 p.m.-close **Arts Festival**
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4 p.m.-close **Medieval Village**
Enjoy the competition of knights in armor, authentic craft demonstrations, dance, entertainment, music and more. Sponsored by LaFontaine Automotive Group.

5 p.m.* **Renewal by Anderson Skydivers**
Presented by Paul McCowan Airshows.

5-9:30 p.m. **Entertainment at the Dining Area**
Juggling, ventriloquist, magic, music and more. Sponsored by Krug Ford, Atlas Home Improvement, American Laser Centers and Wal-Mart SuperCenter.

6-8 p.m.* **Mass Balloon Launch**
Hot-air balloons launch in a spectacular display.

7-10 p.m. **Twilight Sale**
Visit downtown Howell for great sales

Saturday, June 28

6-8 a.m.* **Balloon Fly-in**
Watch as the hot-air balloons compete at the balloonfest site



Tom Crowl and his ventriloquist act will perform Saturday and Sunday.

9 a.m.-close **Medieval Village**
Enjoy the competition of knights in armor, authentic craft demonstrations, dance, entertainment, music and more. Sponsored by LaFontaine Automotive Group.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Downtown Howell Entertainment**
Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kid's Day. Pack up the family and travel downtown for family games, activities, entertainment, kid's olympics and more on the courthouse lawn.

10 a.m.-close **Arts Festival**
Artists will display and sell their hand-made works. Sponsored by Champion Chevrolet.

10 a.m.-11 p.m. **Wade Show Carnival**

11 a.m. **Rock-N-Roll K-9s**
Watch as dogs of all sizes race through courses, compete in the high jump and run relay races on the launch field. Sponsored by Meijer.

11 a.m.-close **Antique and Custom Car Show**
Test your driving skills in the NASCAR simulator. Sponsored by Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep.

Noon* **Renewal by Anderson Skydivers**
Presented by Paul McCowan Airshows.

Noon-5 p.m. **Citizens Insurance Family Fun Tent**
Fun for the entire family! Games, arts and crafts activities, face painting and more in the dining area.

1 p.m.* **Windjammers Stunt Kite Team**
Located on the launch field. Sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Blue Care Network of MI.

1:30-6 p.m. **Entertainment at the Arts Festival**
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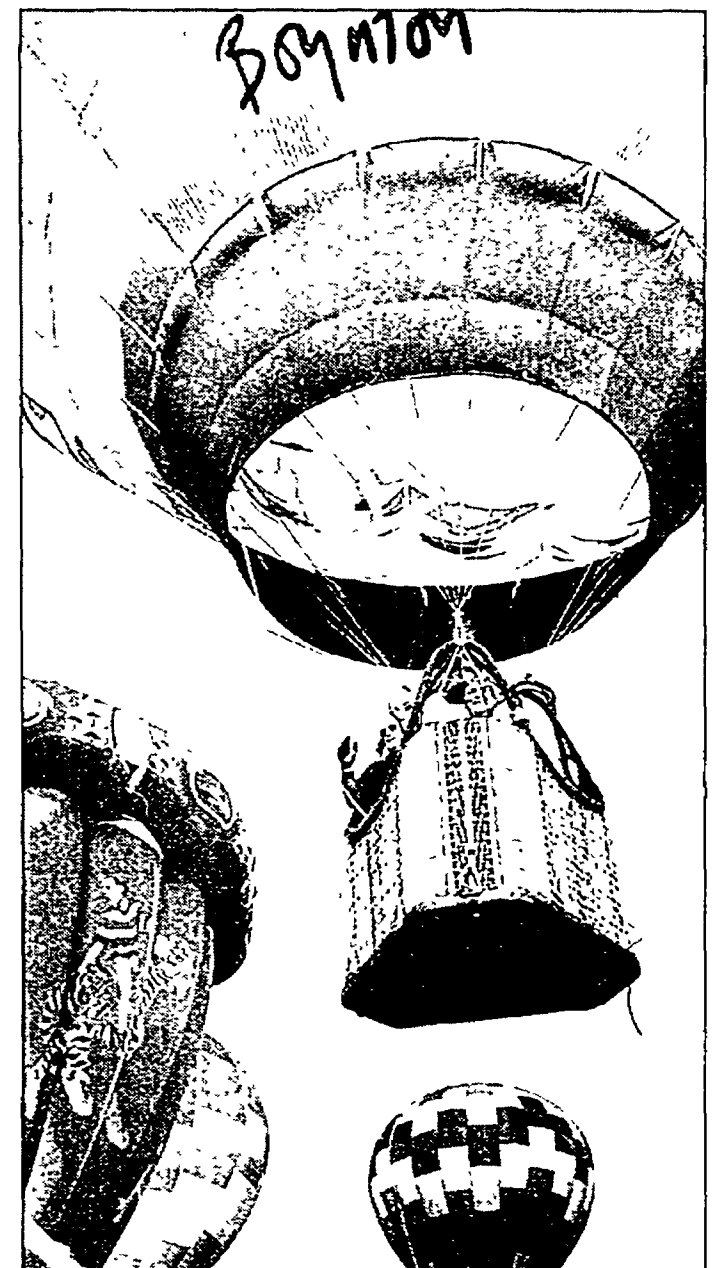


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Gordon Boring waves to the crowd during the mass balloon launch

8 p.m. **Madcat and Kane Perform**
Located on the launch field. Sponsored by Krug Ford, Atlas Home Improvement, American Laser Centers and Wal-Mart SuperCenter.

As darkness **Balloon Glow Skydiving Night Show falls***

More than 20 balloons will return to the launch field for a dazzling nighttime display as skydivers make a spectacular nighttime jump, complete with pyrotechnics. Don't miss this!

After dark **Downtown AfterGlow**
Downtown is the place to be! A special night of live entertainment, great food and fun in downtown Howell restaurants and pubs

Sunday, June 29

6-8 a.m.* **Balloon Fly-in**
Watch as the hot-air balloons compete at the balloonfest site.

Schedule

8:30 a.m. Michigan Challenge 5K Chase
Third annual 5K race on balloonfest grounds is followed by a Kid's Run around the launch field. Special presentation by Doug Kurtis on Motivation & Courage after the 5K Chase. Kurtis is the world record holder for the "Most Marathon Victories." 5K Chase sponsored by McDonald's.

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday Farmers' Market
Downtown Howell adjacent to the courthouse.

9 a.m.-close Medieval Village
Enjoy the competition of knights in armor, authentic craft demonstrations, dance, entertainment, music and more. Sponsored by LaFontaine Automotive Group.

10 a.m.-close Arts Festival
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11 a.m. Rock-N-Roll K-9s
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11 a.m.-3 p.m. Downtown Howell Entertainment
Schafer's House of Music — Music Day. Bands, singing, arts and more on the courthouse lawn.

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wade Show Carnival
Special "Pay One Price" ride all you want.

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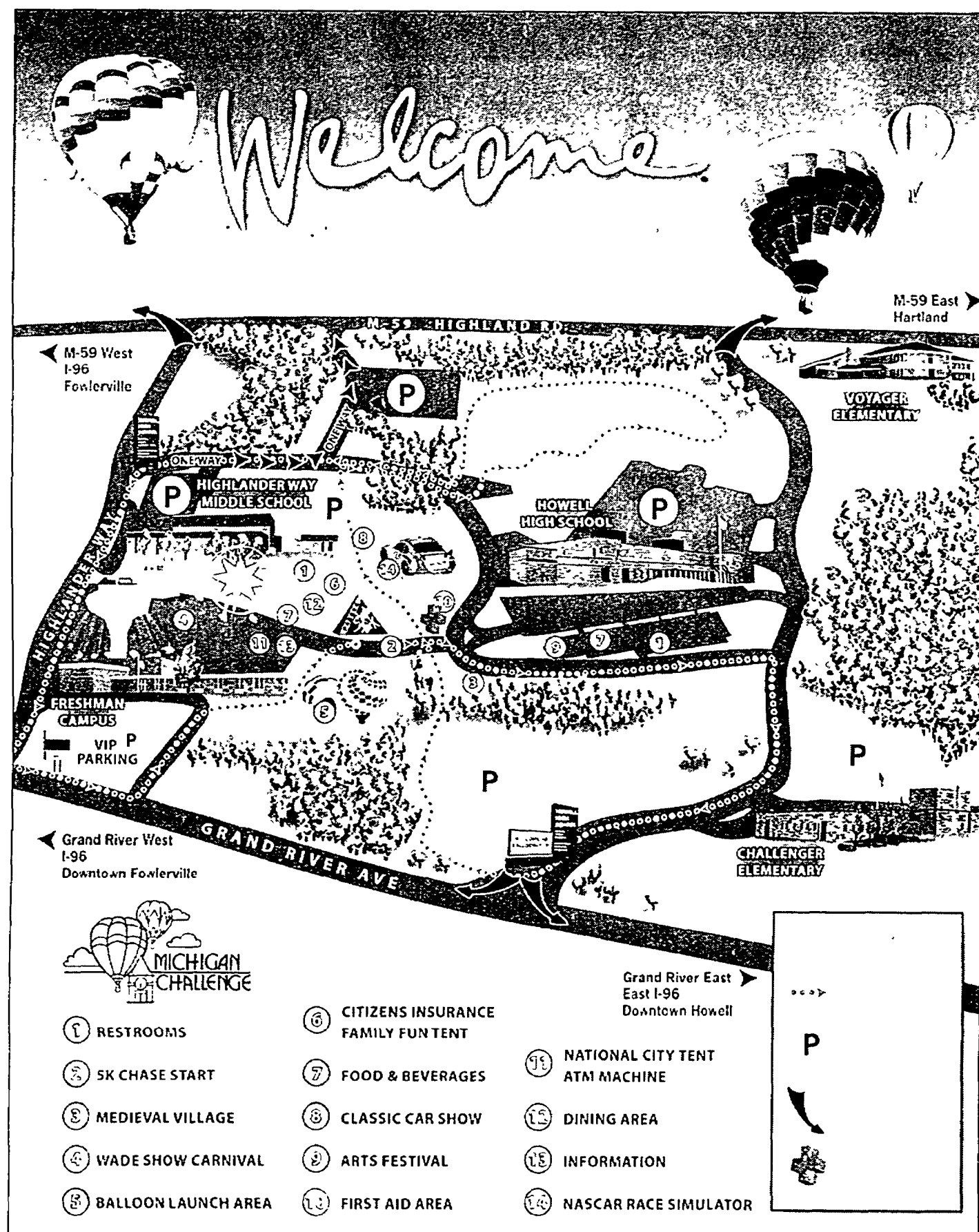
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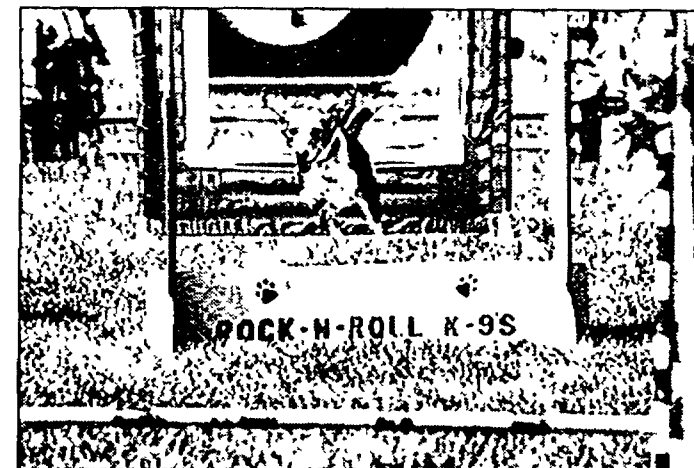


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The Rock-N-Roll K-9's are always a huge hit during the festival.



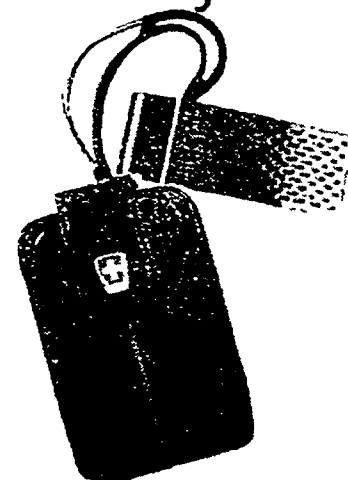
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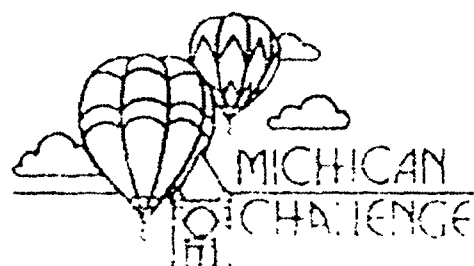
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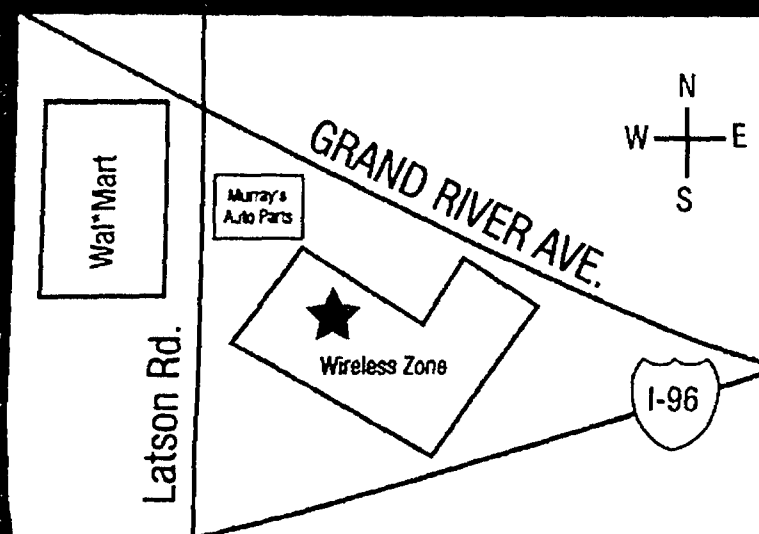
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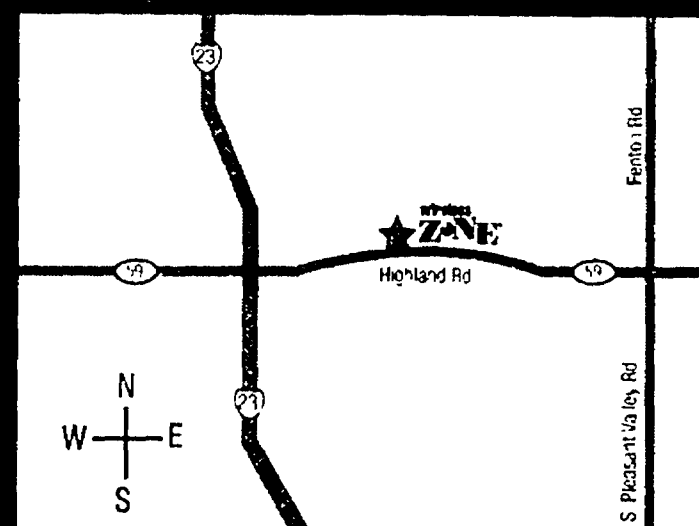
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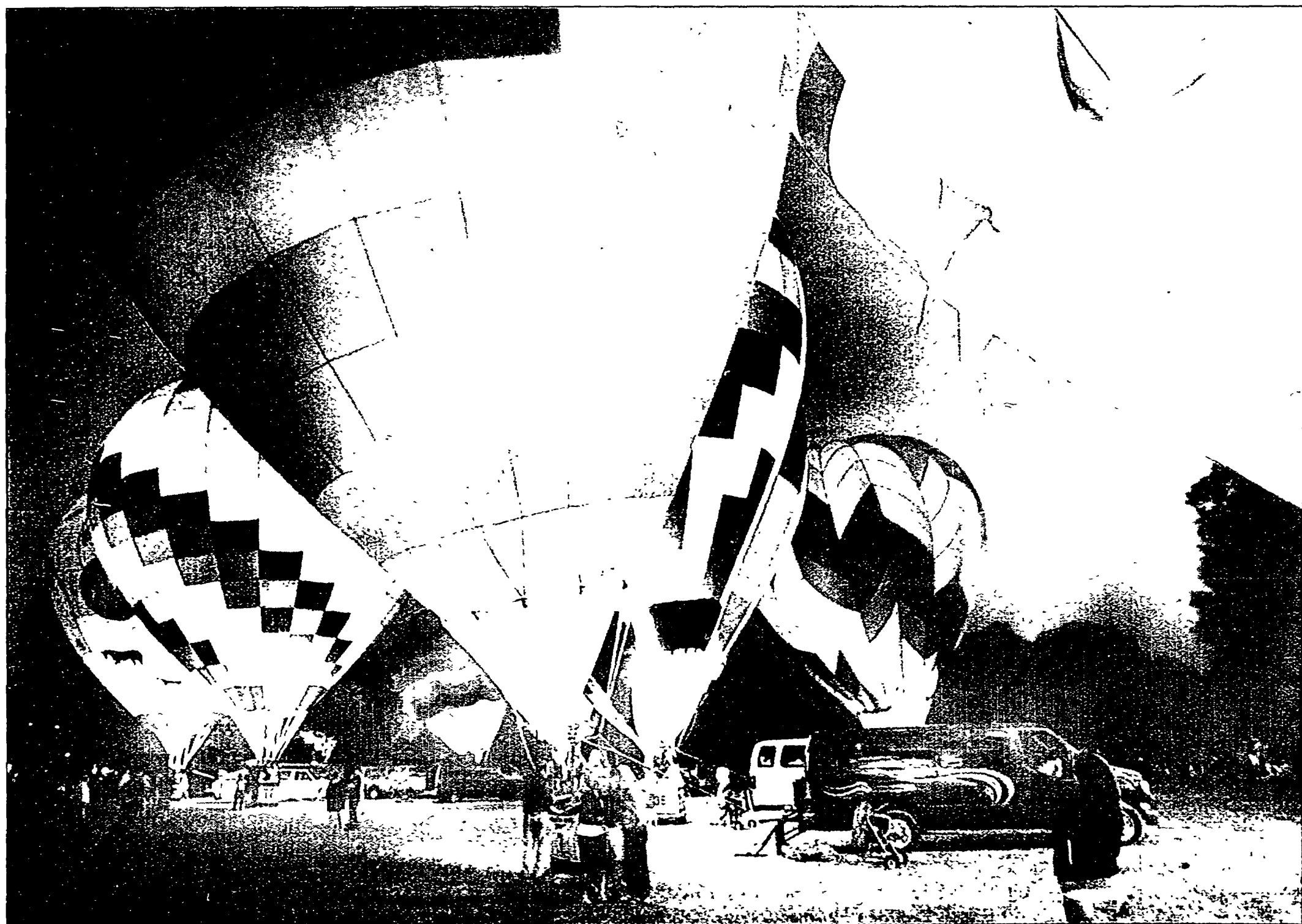


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Hot-air balloons light up the launch field during the popular balloon glow event at the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest last year.

Saturday night 'glow': A balloonfest favorite

It's the perfect ending to a summer Saturday night — the Michigan Challenge balloon glow and night skydiving show.

After the Saturday night launch, pilots return to the field, tether their balloons and light up the night sky with their beautiful, illuminated balloon envelopes.

More than 20 balloons will inflate on the launch field, their colors glowing against the night sky. Announcer Tom Maynard leads the crowd in a countdown to the first "all glow" — and all the balloons simultaneously ignite their burners presenting an almost overwhelming display of color and light.

In anticipation of each glow, the crowd shouts out the count and cheers the pilots on: five ... four ... three ... two ... one ... GLOW!

"Twinkle" glows will also be announced as spectators marvel to one balloon glow after another. It's a sight that outshines any stars in the night sky.

"Saturday night is one of the most exciting times to be at balloonfest. Seeing the balloon envelopes light up against the night sky is breathtaking."

— Michelle Tokan
Michigan Challenge Director

Near the end of the glow, all eyes look up for the Renewal by Andersen Skydivers as they make an exciting nighttime jump, complete with pyrotechnics.

"Saturday night is one of the most exciting times to be at balloonfest. Seeing the balloon envelopes light up against the night sky is breathtaking," said Michigan Challenge Director Michelle Tokan.

"And then, from nearly one mile above the earth, the skydivers grace the sky and jump into the darkness."

The fun never ends at balloonfest. Make sure to see everything — morning, noon and night.

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Saturday night crowds love the balloon glow.





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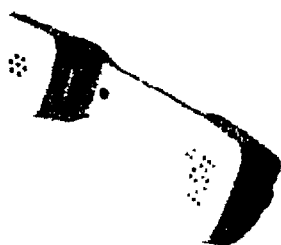


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I invite you to join us as Livonia marks its 58th anniversary as a city. The Spree is packed with activities offering something for everyone. This year's Spree 58 is once again appropriately dedicated to all our Armed Forces.

The city has grown remarkably since it was incorporated in 1950. At the same time, we strive to maintain a warm hometown atmosphere and a desirable quality of life. We take pride in the fact that Livonia is Michigan's finest place to live, learn, work and play.

With a population of over 100,000, Livonia is consistently ranked as one of the safest, most

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Spree 58 promises some new attractions along

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As always, there's plenty of free entertainment at this year's Livonia Spree, a five-day extravaganza at Ford Field, Lyndon and Farmington roads. The event begins Tuesday, June 24, and continues daily until Sunday, June 29.

Headlining this year's lineup of entertainers is the Star Family Circus and Thrill Show. The act includes daredevil motorcycle riders, performing dogs and aerialists. It performs every day, three times a day on the weekends.

"Spree is the city's birthday party," said Spree president Rich Skaggs. "It's a family experience. To see the kids' faces — it melts your heart."

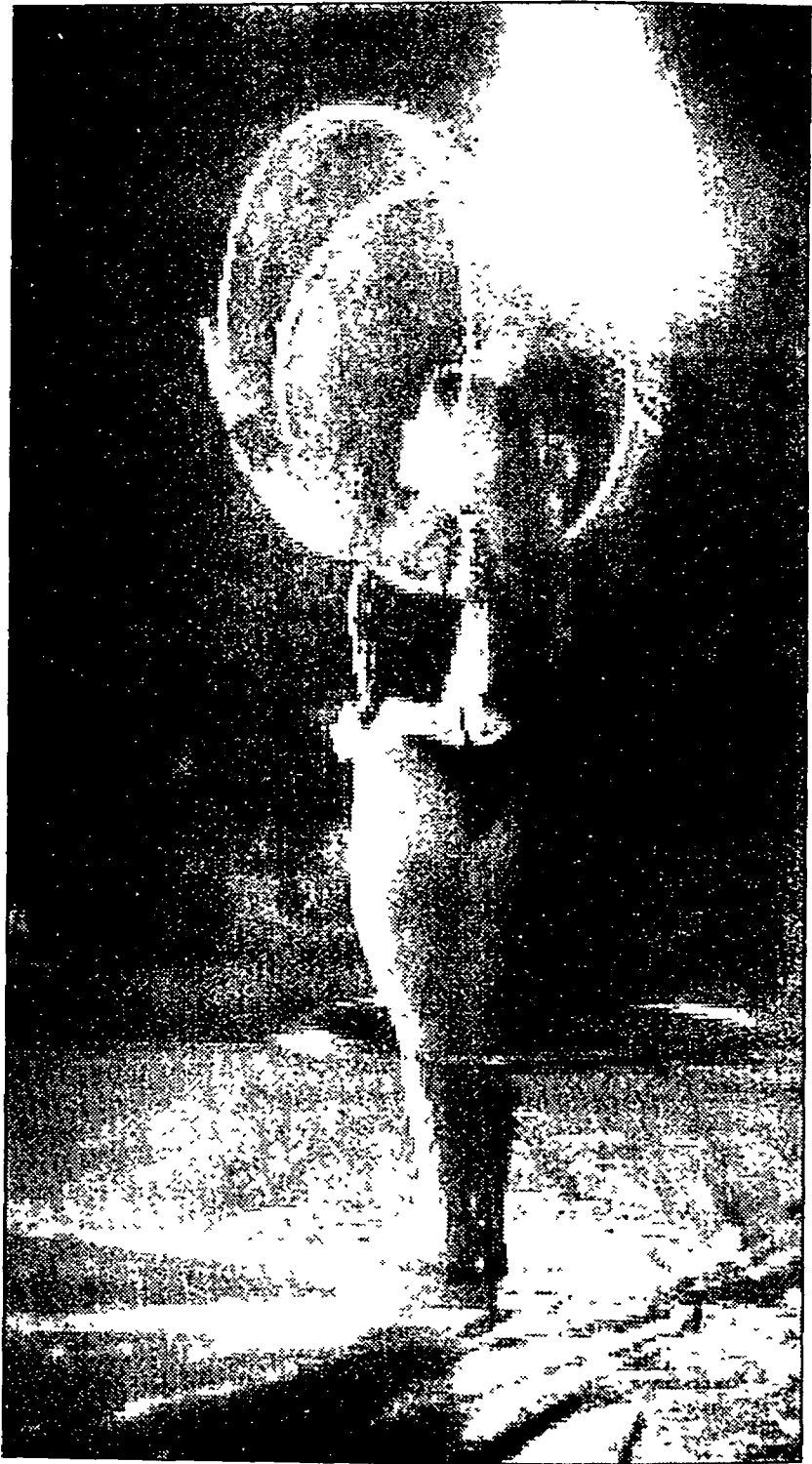
There's plenty to keep eyes, ears and senses happy. Spree entertainment coordinator Karen Voran, a production specialist at Bright House Networks, said organizers are always looking for fresh attractions to entice people and thrill audiences.

In previous years, showcase acts featured trapeze performances, performing bears and pig races. This year, the Star Family Circus will bring a fresh lineup of stunts and acts.

The circus has several components, including Motor City Daredevils in the Globe of Death, which puts motorcycle riders into the confined space of a cage. The act also includes the Space Wheel of Destiny, performing dogs, aerialists, acrobats and jugglers.

Music, clown acts and other forms of free entertainment are also scheduled at different times each day. These include shows by Derby the Clown and Lovely the Clown, and the Saline Fiddlers, a group of high school musicians.

The Yo Yo Man will spin some tricks and the Dragon Academy of Martial Arts and Krav Maga will demonstrate their self-defense skills. Visitors can also take in the music of Rhythm Man. Demonstrating his ability at a couple of the lost arts, Brad Bodary will perform as both stilt walker and mime. And Redford native Ken Dumm will perform several times with his comedy/magic show.



The Star Family Circus will bring plenty of twirling, spinning and jumping fun to the Spree.

STAR FAMILY CIRCUS

Here are the performance times and dates for the Star Family Circus:

- 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 24.
- 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 25.
- 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 26.
- 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, June 27.
- 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, June 28.
- 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, June 29.

The complete schedule, including show times, is listed on the Spree Web site, www.livoniaspree.com. The site is updated regularly. There's also a Spree hotline, which can be reached at (734) 427-8190.



During last year's Spree, firefighter volunteers John Pappas, Scott Rich, Paul DeNapoli, Bob Dancer (the pizza guy), Bob Jennison, Dave Bostater and Mike Bailey pose at their booth.

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From elephant ears to nuts

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The annual Livonia Spree is like any other community fair in that there's someone there to sell you a corn dog and an elephant ear.

But between the pizza by the slice and roasted nuts, there's a small army of community groups raising funds for their operations and raising awareness about their organizations.

Civic Food Aisle Chairman Fernon Feenstra said there will be a few new vendors filling plates this year at Spree.

"Mr. Pita will be selling food for Franklin High School," he said. "Gazella's, a restaurant from Carson City, Mich., will be selling wings for the Livonia Symphony."

This year, the vendor from far-

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Chamber grills up a pre-fireworks barbecue

The second annual Spree Barbecue, sponsored by Parkside Credit Union and Schoolcraft College, returns to the Livonia Chamber of Commerce office and adjacent Dolphin Park from 6-9 p.m. on Sunday, June 29.

This chamber event gives its members and their families the chance to mix networking and family fun while taking in the Spree atmosphere before the Spree's grand fireworks show.

Chamber members are charged \$5 per person to attend the barbecue which includes a meal prepared by Paul's Coney Island, drinks and desert.


Children's games will be organized in the park. The location, just east of Farmington Road and south of Five Mile, provides excellent parking and a good location from which to watch the fireworks after the barbecue.

Admission is limited to 200 people and tickets are available on a first-come, first serve basis. To reserve tickets, call the chamber office at (734) 427-2122 or e-mail Dawnne Toppa at toppa@livonia.org.




Crowds estimated in the tens of thousands – or more – turn out for the annual Spree fireworks show.

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Madonna ready to host 'Fireworks Tailgate'

Love the annual Spree fireworks show? Hate the traffic and the congestion around Ford Field? Madonna University will start a new family tradition this summer by offering its Livonia campus to the community.

Madonna University's Athletics Department will be hosting a "Fireworks Tailgate" event to coincide with the annual Spree show on June 29.

The Livonia campus, just a bit west of the firing site for the explosive show, offers a safe, prime viewing location for the show. Student-athletes, coaches and staff from Madonna hope to start a new tradition in conjunction with the Spree Fireworks, one of Livonia's oldest and most storied traditions.

"Astounding! Dazzling! Spectacular!" said Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz, Madonna University Vice President for Student Services.

"Watching the Spree Fireworks from the Madonna University Campus has to be the best. Easy access, great view and in the company of



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The annual Spree fireworks show not only illuminates the night sky but also the rides on the midway.

many other Livonia-loving, patriotic-spirited and firework-philic folk!"

The grill gets fired up and the tunes flowing at 5 p.m. with limited lawn seating available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For best access to the prime seating and ample parking locations, enter the campus parking lot off Levan Road, just north of Schoolcraft, on the eastern edge of campus.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase and donations will be accepted with proceeds going to the Madonna Athletic Department.

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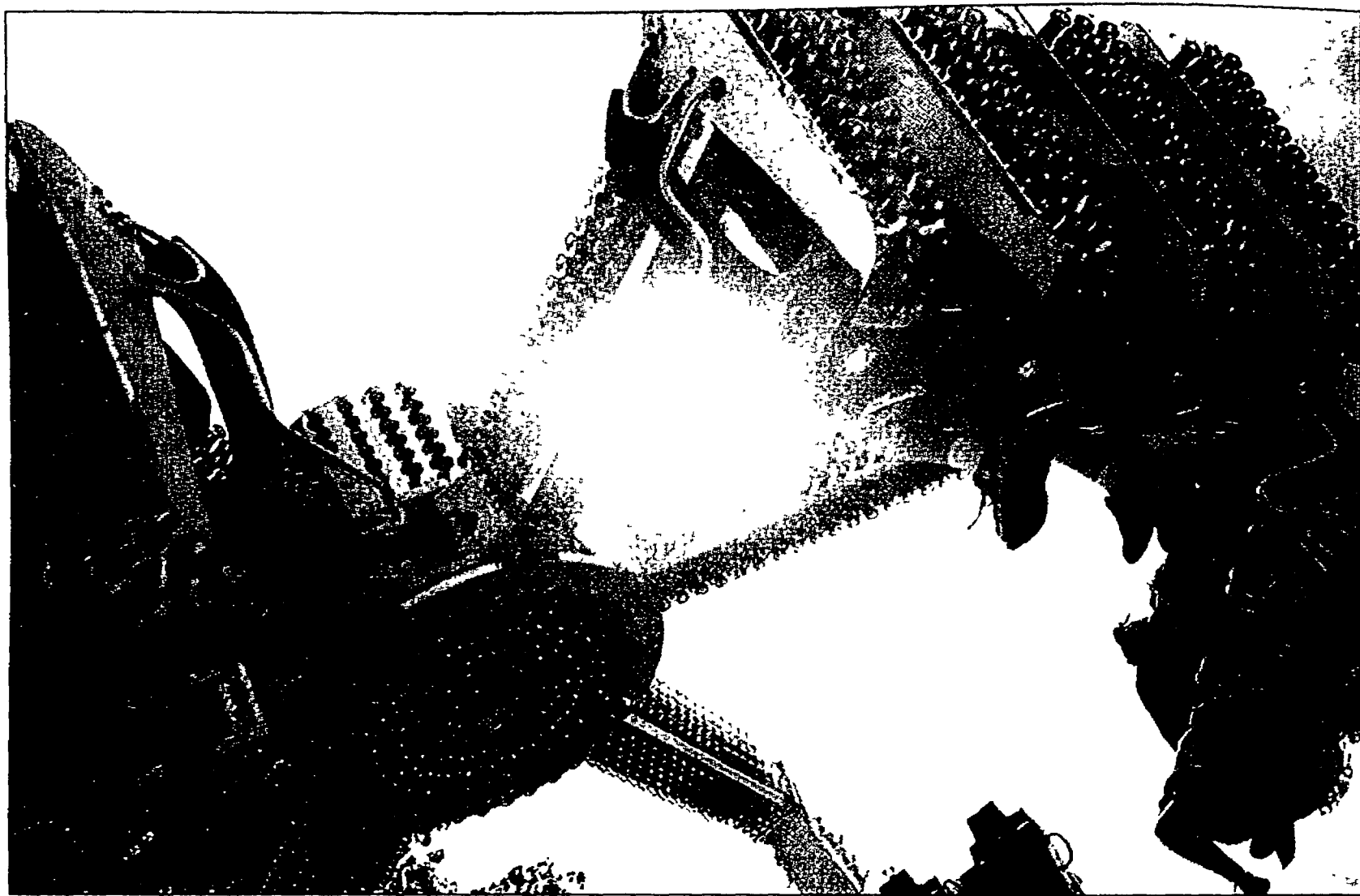


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Riders go for a spin on the Spin Out at last year's Livonia Spree.

MAYOR

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with your old favorites. The entertainment includes: Brad Bodary — stilt walker & mime mechanical man, Derby The Clown, the comedy magic of Ken Dumm, Lovely The Clown, Star Family Circus, The Rhythm Man and The Yo Yo Man.

Musical performers this year include: Audio Crush, Battle of the Bands, Cruzin' Jupiter, Fifty Amp Fuse, 4 Men Fish & Tackle Choir, Freebeer, Mass Transit, Saline Fiddlers, Steve King & The Dittilies, Scoot Magoo, Tommy Steele Band and X-Factor.

The following is just a small offering of the special events planned for this anniversary celebration. Wednesday promises fun for the entire family starting with a Senior Citizens Picnic, Family Pizza Night, Free Slot Car Racing and a Pie Eating Contest, sponsored by the *Livonia Observer* and Livonia YMCA.

Come out and enjoy Livonia Taste of Spree on Thursday at Eddie Edgar Arena. Advance tickets are required and can be purchased at Livonia City Hall Treasurer's Office and at Community Choice Credit Union.

Saturday is Family Fun Day with races, contests, games and clowns. The Livonia Jaycees are sponsoring a "Texas Hold Em Tournament"

from 12:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. This new event promises fun and prizes. Contact Dan Irvin (734) 427-2122 for more information.

The Livonia Spree Freedom Run, the Ed McNamara Pancake Breakfast, and the Classic Car Show all help to start the day on Sunday morning. The week's worth of Spree fun and excitement will come to an end with the grand finale — a spectacular fireworks display on Sunday evening at 10:15 p.m.

Remember that by supporting Spree you will be helping the volunteer Livonia Anniversary Committee, Inc. organization raise funds for the City of Livonia and for many non-profit organizations in the community.

Spree contributes to numerous projects and programs, including sponsorship of the annual Spree scholarships.

Spree also pays for the Sunday night fireworks display. In addition, the Livonia Spree provides the opportunity for numerous participating civic and community organizations (such as local PTA groups, the Rotary Club and area churches) to raise tens of thousands of dollars over the years for their respective groups and projects.

For detailed information about the food, attractions, and scheduled entertainment — or to find out how you can get involved in Spree — go online at www.livoniaspree.com or call the 24-hour hotline at (734) 427-8190.

FOOD

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the distance, Hodson's Fudge of Kokomo, Ind., will be selling nuts for the Lighthouse Livonia Worship Center. Feenstra said there's an informal fraternity of people who attend municipal fairs and events all over the state. They share information, so when he had a question, they were ready with an answer.

"I tapped one of them to ask if they knew a good nut vendor," Feenstra said. "They mentioned Hodson's and we got in touch with them."

There are two criteria for vendors wanting to take part in the Spree. The first is that they're selling some unique food. That doesn't mean the restaurants have to invent a new sandwich or serve something strange like squirrel pie; they just need to be unique within the Spree itself. There's only one hot dog vendor, only one corn dog vendor and only one operation selling lemonade.

"They also have to have a sponsor," Feenstra said. "The biggest restaurants in the country can't get in by themselves, but if the Lions sponsor McDonald's, then they could be our hamburger vendor."

He said the Lions are not sponsoring McDonald's; they will be offering pierogies and deep-fried Twinkies again this year.

Spree President Rich Skaggs said the Civic Food Aisle is all about local groups.

"We're trying to get more groups involved," he said. "Veterans groups, church groups, students ... as many as we can get."

This year the aisle is populated by the American Legion Post 32, the Livonia Lions High-Nooners, the Livonia Firefighters #1164, the Clarenceville High School Choirs, the Livonia VFW Post 3941, the Stevenson High School Student Activities, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Botsford Elementary, Grandview Elementary, the Disabled American Veterans and the Livonia Kiwanis Club.

He said the food aisle is a tough area to break into because many of the groups involved have been there for years and keep coming back. It's a fund-raiser for them, he said, and that keeps berths in the aisle zealously guarded. Still, openings do crop up.

"As groups get older, it's harder to get volunteers," Skaggs said. "It's not easy work to go all day and sometimes all night in the summer heat."

The group that seems to never tire, of course, are the organizers who have been working on the Spree for months. Skaggs said the 20-member board of directors, the 10-member executive committee and the hundreds of ticket sellers, bus drivers and other volunteers do the work that keeps the event running smoothly.

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The race is on for the 9- and 10-year-old competitors at last year's pie eating contest. This year's event is Wednesday, June 25.

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Let's get ready to ... get messy

Youngsters are invited to take a messy dive into a sweet treat during the *Livonia Observer's* annual Spree pie-eating contest starting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, in the Brighthouse Networks Tent.

The contest is for those ages 7-12 and is co-sponsored by Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland, the Livonia Family YMCA and the *Observer*.

Participants should bring a registration form (at the top of this page) and wear clothes that can, well, survive a messy cream pie eaten with no hands.

Preregistration is from 5-6 p.m. at the tent and the contest begins at 6:30 p.m.

As with most contests of this sort, the object is to finish the pie — a tasty, creamy creation, with crust and all, put together especially for this contest by Mary Denning's. No hands or elbows or similar help is allowed. Looking for advice? Don't be dainty. Dive right in and make sure to do some biting, chewing and licking as quickly as possible.

Judges from the *Observer* will choose the winners, based on age categories. Prizes will be awarded to some winners, though the biggest prize is just the thrill of the competition!

PIE EATING CONTEST

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The Pie Eating Contest, sponsored by the Livonia Observer, Livonia Family YMCA and Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe Inc., will begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 25.

The Pie Eating Contest begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday June 25, in the Bright House Networks Tent. Bring this form to the tent between 5 and 6 p.m. on the event day.

Ages: 7 - 12

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Sprint to the breakfast line

First work up an appetite, then enjoy pancakes.

For runners taking part in the annual Livonia Spree Freedom Run, that's the agenda for Sunday morning, June 29.

One-mile 3- and 5-mile paths are set up for walkers and runners.

Races start in front of the Livonia Family YMCA, 14225 Stark Road and end on the Spree grounds.

The registration fee of \$20 for adults, \$18 for students and seniors and \$10 for children under 10 includes a T-shirt and admission to the Ed McNamara Pancake Breakfast. Money raised goes to the Save Our Youth Task Force.

After the race, the top

place finishers can pick up their trophies while everyone with a paid registration enjoys all-you-can eat pancakes, juice sausage fruit and coffee at the Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. The 3- and 5-mile runs start at 8 a.m. and the 1-mile run/walk kicks off at 8:15 a.m.

It is organized by the same person who puts together the Run Drugs Out of Town event, where runners form teams and wear colorful T-shirts. Because this race is the Freedom Run, Chris Ogden suggests people wear red, white and blue.

For information, e-mail her at chrisogden@justsayrun.com or visit justsayrun.com.

Take a shuttle to Spree

Going for the day?

If you don't want to struggle with finding parking at Ford Field, Spree's organizers have just the answer.

Free shuttles will take visitors right to the edge of the carnival from several sites in the Civic Center Complex during each of the six days of Spree.

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Spree 58 – Here's a daily guide to 6 days of fun

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

- Battle Of The Bands, from 5-10:30 p.m. at the Main Stage.
- Dragon Academy of Martial Arts & Krav Maga, 6:30 p.m., Bright House Tent.
- Star Family Circus, 7 p.m., Spree grounds.
- Child ID program, 4-8 p.m., police trailer.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

- Senior Citizen Picnic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eddie Edgar Arena, \$3 per person. Advanced tickets required, call 734-466-2555
- Family Pizza Night, 6-9 p.m. Eddie Edgar Arena, \$3 per person (tickets required).
- Pie Eating Contest for youngsters ages 7-12, 6:30 p.m., Bright House Networks Tent. Sponsored by the Livonia Observer and the Livonia Family YMCA. Register from 5-6 p.m.
- Mass Transit performs 7-11 p.m., Main Stage.
- Comedy Magic of Ken Dumm 7-8:30 p.m., Bright House Tent.
- Star Family Circus, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Spree grounds.
- Lovely The Clown, 3:30-7:30 p.m., Derby The Clown, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Spree grounds.
- Child ID program, 4-8 p.m., police trailer.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

- Taste of Spree, 6-8 p.m., Eddie Edgar Arena. Advance ticket (\$10 each) required; limited number sold at Livonia City Hall Treasurer's Office and Community Choice Credit Union.
- Dragon Academy of Martial Arts & Krav Maga, 4 p.m. Main Stage.



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A children's parade is a favorite during Family Fun Day. Shown is Alissa Fields, riding her specially decorated bicycle during last year's parade at Spree.

- Scoot Magoo performs 7-11 p.m., Main Stage.
- Comedy Magic of Ken Dumm 5 p.m., Bright House Tent.
- Audio Crush 7-11 p.m., Bright House Tent.
- Star Family Circus, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., Spree grounds.

■ The Rhythm Man, 2:30, 4:30 and 6:30 p.m., Spree grounds.

■ Checkers and Dinky The Clown 3-7 p.m., Spree grounds.

■ Child ID program, 4-8 p.m., police trailer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

■ JKA Detroit (Shotokan Karate) 4-4:30 p.m., Main Stage.

■ The Yo Yo Man, 5:30 p.m., Main Stage.

■ Tommy Steele Band (country) 7-11 p.m., Main Stage

■ Comedy Magic of Ken Dumm 5 p.m., Bright House Tent.

■ Cruzin' Jupiter performs 7-11 p.m., Bright House Tent.

■ Star Family Circus, 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Spree grounds.

■ Brad Bodary (stilt walking/mechanical man) 2-9 p.m., Spree grounds.

■ Lovely and Derby The Clown 3-7 p.m., Spree grounds.

■ Child ID program, 4-8 p.m., police trailer.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

■ Family Fun Day, with races, contests and games, starts at 1 p.m., between ball field Diamond No. 1 and No. 2. Kids parade lineup begins at 12:15 p.m. in front of Eddie Edgar Arena.

■ Livonia Jaycees "Texas Hold Em Tournament," no limit. Registration at noon. Game from 12:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. \$1,500 first prize and more. Dan Irvin (734) 427-2122.

■ Dragon Academy of Martial Arts & Krav Maga, 1-1:30 p.m. Main Stage.

■ The Saline Fiddlers perform 3-4:45 p.m., Main Stage.

■ The Yo Yo Man performs 5:30 p.m., Main Stage.

■ 50 Amp Fuse performs 7-11 p.m., Main Stage.

■ Comedy Magic of Ken Dumm, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Bright House Tent.



FILE PHOTO

Fans sometimes get ready for the Spree fireworks show by throwing a few sparks of their own. Shown from a previous Spree are Jon Garvey and Mary Brady lighting sparklers.

■ X-Factor performs 7-11 p.m., Bright House Tent.

■ Star Family Circus, 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Spree grounds.

■ The Rhythm Man, 2:30, 4:30 and 6:30 p.m., Spree grounds.

■ Brad Bodary (stilt walking/mechanical man) 12-9 p.m., Spree grounds.

■ Lovely The Clown 3-8 p.m. and Derby The Clown 3-7 p.m., Spree grounds.

■ Child ID program, 4-8 p.m., police trailer.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

■ Worship Services: Catholic 8:30 a.m., Protestant 11 a.m. at Main Stage.

■ Livonia Spree Freedom Run — Run Drugs Out Of Town, sponsored by Livonia Save Our Youth Taskforce. Register at 7 a.m., races 8 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. For information e-mail chrisogden@justsay-run.com

■ Ed McNamara Pancake Breakfast, 8:30-11 a.m. at Eddie Edgar Arena. Tickets \$4 per person, includes all the pancakes you can eat, plus sausage, juice, fruit and coffee.

■ Classic Car Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Spree grounds. Register with Denny Burrough, (734) 591-7692, or

Pat Morski, (248) 304-1966.

■ Grand finale — Livonia Spree Fireworks show, starts about 10:15 p.m. Thirty-minute show sponsored by Livonia Anniversary Committee, Inc.

■ World Class Institute of Martial Arts 12:30-2 p.m., Main Stage.

■ 4 Men Fish & Tackle Choir perform 3-4:30 p.m., Main Stage.

■ The Yo Yo Man performs at 5 p.m., Main Stage.

■ Men In Black performs 6:30-10:30 p.m., Main Stage.

■ Comedy Magic of Ken Dumm, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Bright House Tent.

■ Freebeer (band) performs 7-11 p.m., Bright House Tent.

■ Steve King & The Dittilies performs 7-11 p.m. on ball field Diamond No. 1.

■ Star Family Circus, 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., Spree grounds.

■ The Rhythm Man, 2:30, 4:30 and 6:30 p.m., Spree grounds.

■ Brad Bodary (stilt walking/mechanical man) 12-9 p.m., Spree grounds.

■ Derby The Clown 1-7 p.m., Spree grounds.

■ Child ID program, 4-8 p.m., police trailer.

Spree volunteers get a kick out of kids' smiles

Before working their way up to the board of directors planning Livonia's Spree, volunteers started in smaller capacities, like the dunk tank or drink tent.

The festival is run entirely by volunteers, about 250 or so. And they're thanked at a dinner some time after the event wraps up. But some say the children's smiling faces are all the only reward they need.

Ron Reinke is in charge of the fireworks show.

"The greatest part for me is at the end of the fireworks hearing the reaction of the crowd and seeing smiles on the faces of the people who are there," he said.

Reinke, former Livonia Parks superintendent, has volunteered at 32 of the past 34 years. The first year, he sat in a dunk tank and drove a shuttle bus.

More than 25 years ago, Rich Skaggs, now president of the Spree board, started his Spree volunteer service working in the beer tent. He kept that role for the next 10 to 12 years.

"It was a good city function," he said. "Everybody likes Spree."

Putting together the festival "an unbelievable effort," Skaggs said.

"You probably couldn't pay me to do the work we do for free," he added.

Anyone who wants information about volunteering for next year's Spree can call (734) 427-8190. There's no need to wait — planning will begin the week after this year's festival ends.



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The 2008 Livonia Spree committee executive board, from left, Dan Spurling, Linda Grimsby, Bill Fried, Rich Skaggs and Ken Rogman.

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Wade Shows promises spiffed up rides at Spree 58

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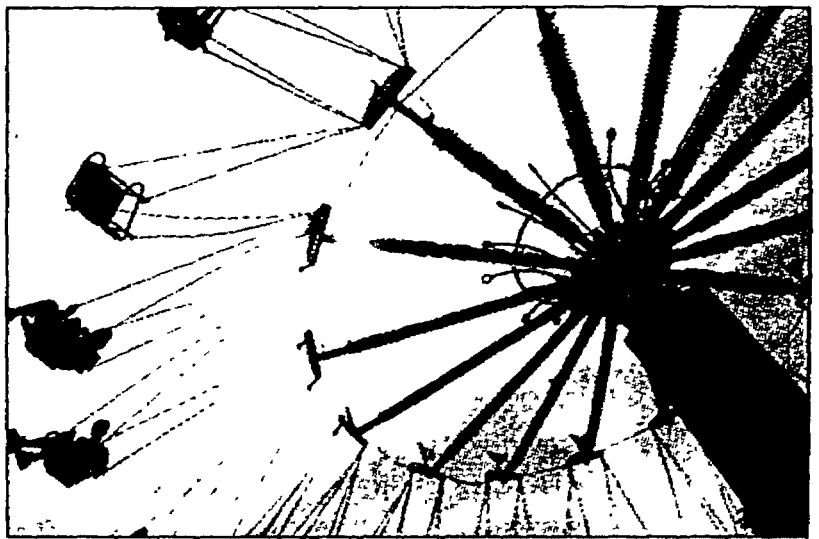
OK, kids. Get your tickets and get in line — you're in for a great ride.

All of the popular carnival rides at the 2008 Livonia Spree are back, albeit with a new few twists and turns. The White Water Flume, the Fireball, and the Super Himalaya will all be back to thrill riders.

Rather than spend the money on new rides, Frank Zaitshik, owner of Livonia-based Wade Shows, Inc., decided to refurbish existing ones to make them safer and, for some, even more attractive.

"We've spent a lot of time and effort in refurbishing our equipment," said Zaitshik.

Actually, Zaitshik spent \$2 million giving the rides



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Riders take a spin on the swings during last year's Livonia Spree event.

a complete facelift.

For instance, some of the Spree's favorite rides like the Giant Wheel were completely sandblasted with a fresh coat of paint and adorned with new lighting. The Super Himalaya will shine with 7,000 new

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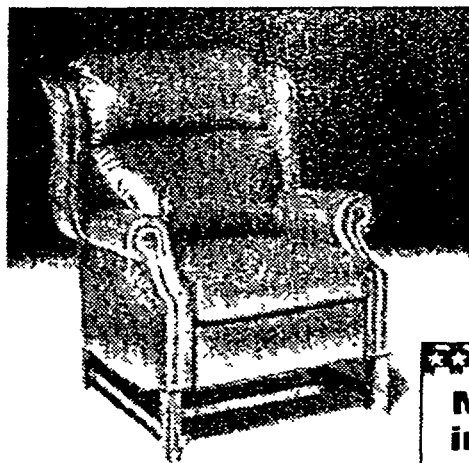
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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND RESERVE BALANCE For Year Ended September 30, 2007

Net Reserve Balance at September 30, 2006	\$174,627
INCOME	
Carnival Income	\$212,715
Food & Beverage Sale	83,836
Supportership & Acknowledgement Income	25,055
Food Vendor Site Rental	7,085
Pizza Night & Pancake Breakfast	3,868
Taste of Livonia Income	4,270
Interest Income	3,240
Other Income	<u>400</u>
Gross Income	<u>340,469</u>
Total Net Reserve & Gross Income Available	\$515,096
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Midway Operations & DPW/Police Billings	\$110,941
Insurance, License & Taxes	34,688
Board Operations & Meetings	13,980
Rentals & Maintenance	23,187
Advertising, Promotion & Supplies	<u>13,906</u>
Less: Total Operating Expenses	<u>196,702</u>
Net Reserve After Operating Expenses	\$318,394
PROGRAM EXPENSES:	
Free Fireworks	\$35,000
Free Entertainment	<u>48,487</u>
Less: Total Program Expenses	<u>83,487</u>
Net Reserve After Program Expenses	\$234,907
Community Donations (See Schedule)	<u>55,816</u>
Net Reserve Balance for Spree 55, Sept. 30, 2005	<u>\$179,091</u>

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY DONATIONS For Year Ended September 30, 2007 COMMUNITY DONATIONS

City and City Organizations	
Parks & Recreation	\$15,170
Livonia Reserves & Explorers	1,500
Livonia Needy Families	2,500
Friends of Greenmead	<u>200</u>
Total Donations to City and City Organizations	\$19,370
Livonia Community Organizations	
Livonia Community Foundation	\$3,200
Livonia Goodfellows	2,500
Livonia YMCA	2,000
First Step	1,250
Livonia Symphony	1,000
American Cancer Society	1,000
Angela Hospice	500
Churches	<u>550</u>
Total Donations to Livonia Community Organizations	12,000
Livonia Schools/Organizations	
PTA Groups	\$8,846
Scholarships (7)	14,000
School Graduation Parties	<u>1,600</u>
Total Donations to Livonia School Organizations	<u>24,446</u>
TOTAL COMMUNITY DONATIONS	<u>\$55,816</u>

CUMULATIVE COMMUNITY DONATIONS TO MICHIGAN'S FINEST CITY TO LIVE, LEARN, WORK AND PLAY

	DONATIONS MADE TO CITY OF LIVONIA	DONATIONS MADE TO LIVONIA COMMUNITY GROUPS	TOTAL DONATIONS
10/01/06-9/30/07	\$ 19,370	\$ 36,446	\$ 55,816
10/01/05-9/30/06	\$ 15,201	\$ 29,601	\$ 44,802
10/01/04-9/30/05	7,559	30,246	37,805
10/01/03-9/30/04	9,650	25,578	35,228
10/01/02-9/30/03	5,535	23,153	28,688
10/01/01-9/30/02	18,396	26,582	44,978
10/01/00-9/30/01	5,439	17,193	22,632
10/01/99-9/30/00	22,918	20,054	42,972
10/01/98-9/30/99	9,336	16,592	25,928
10/01/97-9/30/98	35,521	26,174	61,695
10/01/79-9/30/97	<u>244,857</u>	<u>225,118</u>	<u>469,975</u>
	<u>\$393,782</u>	<u>\$476,737</u>	<u>\$870,519</u>

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lights and a special effects package worth \$50,000.

Not only is Spree 58 the home to all these great rides, but it's one of only two venues in Michigan that carries these types of attractions – the other is the Michigan State Fair.

"You don't have to go to the amusement park to have a fun-filled day. You can see many of the same types of attractions at a clean safe, environment," said Zaitshik.

The cost of ride tickets varies. However, people can purchase a wristband good for any day of the Spree for \$22. Wristbands were also sold in advance through the Livonia Spree or various PTAs or sports clubs at a discount. And, for the first time ever, the all-day wristbands for rides can be purchased on Sunday as well. With travelers worried about the price of gas, Zaitshik wonders: "Why go away? We bring the fun to you."

Fun is definitely the main attraction at the Spree. In addition to the rides, the entertainment line up this year is designed to appeal to the young and the young at heart. According to Karen Voran, who is in charge of the entertainment for the Spree, this year's lineup will feature 11 different bands as well as the Star Family Circus complete with clowns, animals and much more. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.livoniaspree.com.



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At last year's Spree, Livonia residents, front to back, Megan Damico, Kendi Smith and Allison Gilreath take a ride on the White Water rafting ride.

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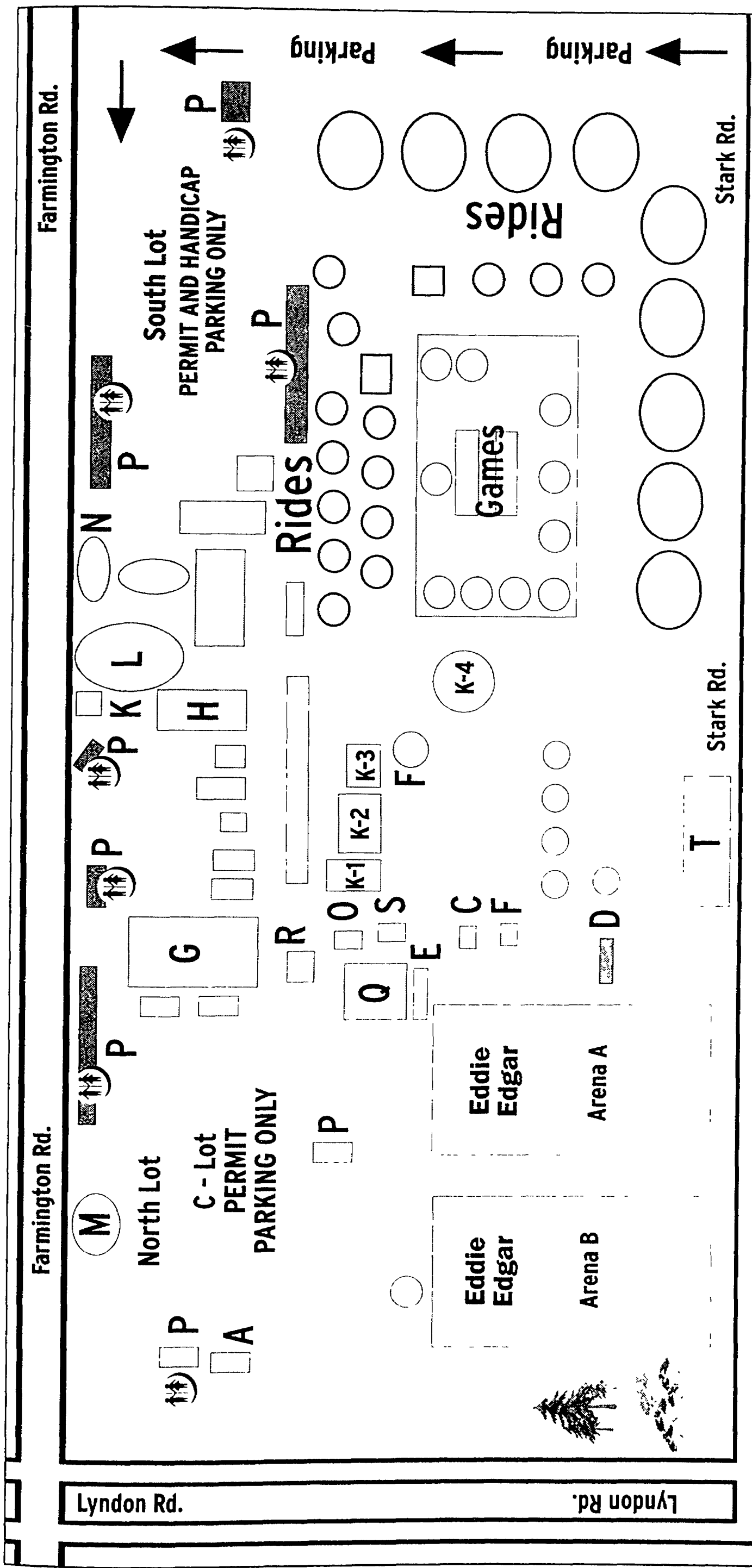
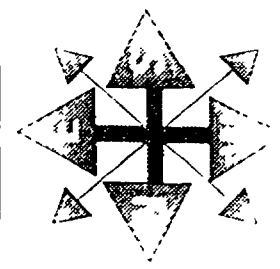
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- E. Wade Shows Office
- F. Fire Dept.

- G. Main Stage
- H. Bright House Networks Tent
- I. Civic Food Court
- J. Not Available
- K. Family Fun Day
- L. Star Family Circus

- M. Car Show
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