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ON THE RECORD

Corriveau's new office hours

State Representative Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) invites residents to talk with him about any issues or concerns during his new office hours.



Marc Corriveau

Corriveau's new office hour schedule is set to begin on July 6. He will hold office hours on the first Monday of each month at

the following times and locations:

- 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., in Northville

Corriveau also holds coffee hours and other events throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible about any issues or concerns. If your business or organization would like to schedule an event with Corriveau, please contact his office toll-free at (877) 20TH-REP, or send an e-mail to MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

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The *Northville Record* will offer E-newsletters on Thursdays, and local business and entertainment newsletters will come out once a week.

E-newsletter subscribers will be entered into weekly drawings for Emagine Theatre movie passes, concert tickets at the Palace and DTE and gift certificates for dinner at restaurants throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Assault victim Lisa Mindick gestures to the part of her skull that was temporarily removed after she was beaten with a crowbar. A portion of her skull was removed so that her brain would have room to swell during the healing process. The Northville Township resident is having problems with Worker Compensation to pay for certain treatments, and has not been able to return to work full time.

Northville resident still recovering from injuries

Severely beaten while at work

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Lisa Mindick simply went to work one Saturday morning.

Since then, her life will never be the same.

Mindick, 46, of Northville, was severely beaten by an intruder while she worked alone at a local start-up company. She was hit more than a dozen times with a crowbar.

"He told me he was going to kill me, tied me up and left me for dead," Mindick said. Somehow, she was able to untie herself and call 911.

She was air-lifted to University of Michigan Hospital's Emergency Department. Doctors removed a portion of her skull temporarily to alleviate swelling on the brain.

Miraculously, she survived the attack, but is still recovering nearly a year later. She still has no feeling in certain parts of her head.

A suspect has been arrested, but the case has yet to go to trial.

A single mother of two daughters, Mindick has not been able to return to work due to severe headaches and fatigue that plague her daily.

"I have good days and bad days," Mindick said.

She has been receiving consultations from a neurologist, David Perlmutter, M.D., author of "The Better Brain Book," and is asking the community to help fund hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatments, which she believes will help improve her health and allow her to return to work.

Mindick said soldiers who have had traumatic brain injuries have used this form of treatment with much success. Insurance does not cover the treatments, however.

She's also seeing a traumatic brain injury counselor in Plymouth and a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician.

She needs about \$5,000 to pay for the hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatments and has nowhere else to turn for help except the local community.

"If everyone just donated what it would cost to eat out once a week I would surely appreciate it," she said. "Time is of the essence, and I need this help."

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Assault victim Lisa Mindick.

HOW TO DONATE

Lisa Mindick is asking area residents to make a donation to help pay for hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatments following a severe beating she suffered at work. Donors can send a check made payable to Oxford Hyperbaric with her name on the check's memo line and mail it to Lisa Mindick, P.O. Box 731, Northville, MI 48167. The business will send donors a receipt for tax purposes.

Northville schools face loss of money

State school aid fund falls short

BY NATHAN MENOLAN
SPECIAL WRITER

The State of Michigan experienced a heavy shortfall of \$600 million in their school aid fund, as of the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2009.

John Street, director of business and finance for Northville schools, said the loss equates to \$370 per pupil, totaling \$2.6 million for the district. Northville's fiscal year closes June 30.

"The state pays the district 11 times per year, October-August, so the effect is that the last two payments are received in July and August, following the end of our fiscal year on June 30th. The latest state revenue projections make a reduction for the coming year (July '09-June '10) much more likely," Street said.

PARTIAL COVERAGE

A portion of the shortfall will be made up out of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), part of the federal government's stimulus stabilization — with \$1.3 billion allocated to Michigan for education, according to Street.

"In 2009-10, the balance of the \$1.3 billion will be used to help make up the school aid fund deficit, but still falls \$173-\$238 million short," said Street. "This equates to between \$108 and \$149 for each pupil — a sizable reduction to the currently expected state revenue ranging between \$750,000 to \$1 million."

Since money for 2008-09 has already been used, the reality of less money coming to the district has district officials wondering about next year's school budget, and how to deal with the loss of revenue.

Street said the district has identified \$1.1 million of reductions for next year and will now need to revisit the budget for further reductions due to the newly quantified state shortfall.

"We believe that we will be able to use \$370,000 of local ARRA funds to begin to address this," he said. "The real problem will be for 2010-11 (fall 2010) when all of the federal ARRA money will have been spent — and there seems little likelihood that the economy in Michigan will have recovered enough to avoid deep cuts in state funding of schools. Following the passage of Proposal A in 1994, 90 percent of Northville's school revenue is established at the state level."

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These five Northville High School seniors — (l to r) Maria Rocco, Dan Courtney, Tripp (John) Dunn, Clay Malloure and Erin Hughes — rode 100 miles in honor of their classmate, David Flesher, and to raise awareness of teen depression.

Northville students raise awareness for youth depression

Bike ride raises \$1,500 for cause

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

When one of their classmates tried to commit suicide, it really hit home for five recent Northville High School graduates.

Rather than just say, "Oh, that's too bad," and go about their lives, they decided they wanted to do something to increase the awareness of youth depression in the

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Former hospital property tour reveals nature's wealth

■ Much wildlife lives on land

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

One of the goals Northville Township officials have in promoting taxpayers' purchase of 322 acres of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property for \$23.5 million is to have residents tour the property.

Last Thursday afternoon, a small group that included staff members from the Northville Record and Journal Newspapers, toured the property.

Finally getting an up-close-and-personal look at the property was quite revealing, with all of those on the tour amazed at the huge beech trees on the site.

Not only is the property vast, but there are many opportunities for trails, walkways, overlooks onto wetlands and picnic areas. A portion of the property overlooks the Middle Rouge River, with the possibility of fishing being allowed if a bridge could be constructed some day over the river.

During the tour, participants saw cardinals, a Baltimore oriole, woodpeckers, chipmunks, deer and even a turtle and some turtle eggs. Coyotes have also been spotted on the site.

Wild raspberries, Jack in the Pulpit, trillium and tiger lilies are also abundant on the property.

Currently, the hospital property houses 19 buildings and a million square feet.

These include a maintenance building, a laundry facilities, various buildings once used to house psychiatric patients and a recreation building with a swimming pool, bowling alley, gymnasium and auditorium.

A former railway once stretched from the middle of the property all the way to Northville Road, and remnants of the rail line are still visible next to the former power house.

Grant funding is available through the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy in Washington, D.C., a nonprofit organization that works with U.S. communities to preserve unused rail corridors by transforming them into trails, enhancing the health of the environment, economy, neighborhoods and people.

The mission is to create a nationwide network of trails from former rail lines and connecting corridors, building healthier places for healthier people.

Residents are encouraged when tours are made available to visit the former hospital property to see just what their tax dollars would be going to if a bond proposal passes in the August primary election to purchase the property.

Look for announcements on the Northville Township Web site, www.northvillemich.com, for times and dates of the upcoming tours.

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From left: Jim and Debbie Luterek of Northville, Rosemarie Denton of Northville, Gary Haf of Novi, Diane Jerome of Northville, Cindy and Russ DeRosa of Commerce Township, Scott Leverly of Plymouth and Peg Campbell of Northville pulled their fair share of the garlic mustard plant recently at Maybury Park. These are members of a local running club who pulled these bags of garlic mustard after a morning run and breakfast.

Northville residents help weed out the garlic mustard plant

■ Environmentalists say species too invasive

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Environmentalists say it's all-out war against the garlic mustard plant - an invasive weed that is threatening other plant species in Michigan.

This coming weekend is the final weekend in The Stewardship Network's Garlic Mustard Challenge.

So far, volunteers across Michigan have collectively pulled 122,837 pounds of the garlic mustard plant.

Since the last update, volunteers from the Southwest Corner and Huron Arbor Clusters are fighting for second place.

Members of the West Michigan Cluster is still in the lead with 29,784 pounds. Just in the last few days, members of the Lakeplain Cluster has shown they

mean business -- jumping into fourth place behind the Headwaters volunteers and slimly edging past the Out of Cluster group.

Will the second place challengers be able to oust the reigning champions?

Or will the pulling power of West Michigan prove to be just too much to handle?

Locally, the Friends of Maybury State Park have been involved in ridding the Northville Township park of the invasive weed.

In fact, this group has been tackling the garlic mustard in the state park for years.

Those who would like more information about how to get involved at Maybury State Park next spring, can contact George McCarthy, president, Friends of Maybury Park, at (248) 347-0899. The group

collected about 50 bags of the weed this spring, with efforts coming to an end this weekend as the weed is about to go to seed and further pulling can actually spread the garlic mustard.

The next Friends of Maybury Park meeting is at 7 p.m. June 24 at the park office at 20145 Beck Road.

The Friends' goals as far as the garlic mustard eradication efforts are to introduce people to the need for pulling each spring and properly disposing of any new infestations of garlic mustard that they see right away before it gets out of hand and to dispel the myth that fighting invasive plant species is hopeless.

"The garlic mustard may not even be able to be completely eradicated, but volunteers can protect the most



The garlic mustard plant is an invasive weed that is threatening other plant species in Michigan.

important areas, such as the regenerating forest and wildflowers of Maybury State Park," said Barbara Lucas of Friends of Maybury Park.

"We managed to protect some critical areas in the central part of Maybury Park that have incredible wildflower displays in the spring," she said. "This affects the entire ecosystem."

For more information about statewide efforts, go to www.stewardshipnetwork.org.

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CORRECTION

It should have been indicated that last week's front page photo of Andre Pekalski was courtesy of Steve Fecht Photography in Northville, a photographer who has been an invaluable resource to both the Northville Record and Novi News over the years.

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Tea Party 4th

The organizers of the Tea Parties in Livonia and Plymouth are planning an event from 12:30-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, the 4th of July at Northville Community Park (off of Beck Road and Five Mile)

There will be guest speakers, live music, and plenty

of room to spread out picnic blankets and lawn chairs.

Capturing The Craft

Experience the behind-the-scenes craftsmanship of live theatre as captured by the artists of the Northville Art House, and inspired by the professional actors and designers of Northville's Tipping

Point Theatre. Featured artists: Linda Logan, Daria Fileta, Peggy Kerwan, Barbara Eko Murphy, Candace Brancik, Jeff Cancelosi and Mary Step.

Exhibit will be on display at the Northville Art House, through June 20 during the Art House Gallery hours (Summer Hours: Thursdays-Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.) For

additional information, call 248-344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.

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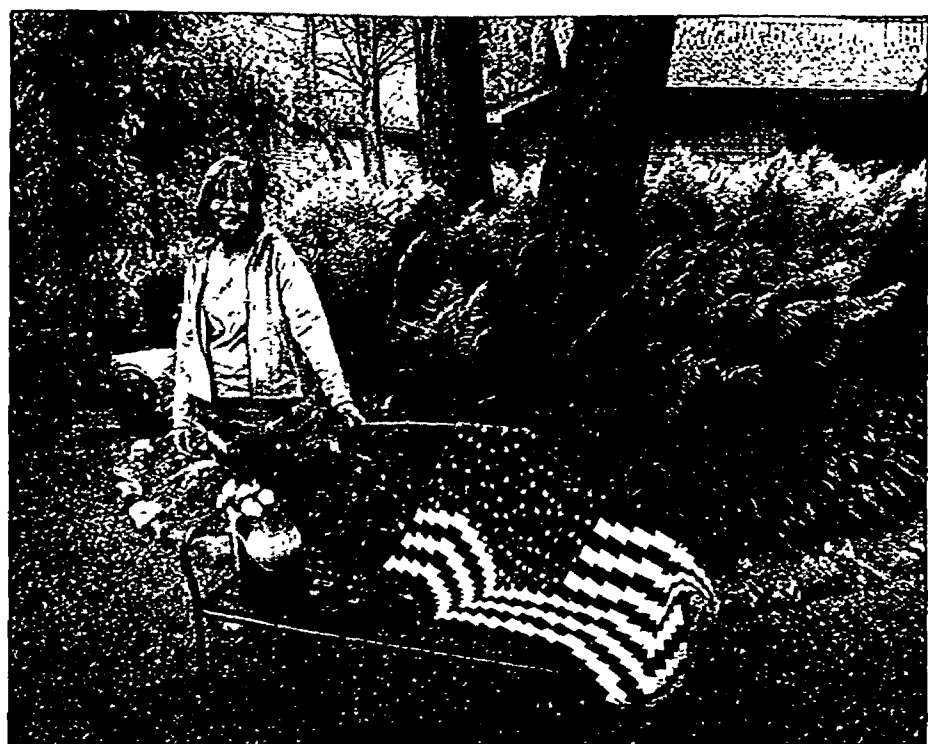
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Garden Walk coming July 8

The Country Garden Club of Northville kicks off its 16th Annual Garden Walk with \$10 tickets available June 8 at Gardenviews in downtown Northville on West Main Street. Featuring seven local gardens, the walk also includes attractions at Mill Race Village -- a garden market, the Picks and Sticks String Band and homemade refreshments at the Cady Inn. Club member Juliana Cerra shows the elegant bench in Mary Poole's garden, this year's raffle item generously donated by Gardenviews.

Northville author to release thriller

■ Publishing set for next week

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Local author Kevin Downs, who just returned to Northville after living in Atlanta, is looking forward to the release of his new book next week.

The 42-year-old's book, a thriller titled "Spydentity," is scheduled for publication on Monday.

The book is about bio-industrial espionage and cloning.

In the fictional piece, Downs said the fusion of information and life sciences in an era of uncertainty sets the stage for greed, betrayal, revenge, conspiracy and murder.

With Operation SPYCLONE as its backbone, the story includes international intrigue.

The story begins with the fact that after the mapping of the human genome, the United States still had an edge in the biotechnological race due to CanCel, a cure for all cancers accidentally discovered by the U.S. through a cloning technique.



Downs

But bioindustrial espionage gives rise to a Bulgarian scientist and former KGB agent with a secret agenda that falls under one umbrella -- the espionage entity

Spydentity. Beneath this covert canopy lies the current mission at hand, Spydentity's backbone, Operation S.P.Y.C.L.O.N.E. -- Secret Project Yielding Cloned Life for One Nation's Empowerment.

After the disappearance of U.S. agents and scientists in Sofia, the Department of Defense and the CIA decide to launch a counter operation code named S.H.A.D.O.W.S. - Special Hit and Assault Drive Operation for the pursuit of World Security.

Then enters Nathan Bishop, Downs' modern day "James Bond" character, whose military leave comes to an abrupt

end after news of the disappearance of some CIA agents and his best friend.

Bishop is appointed head of the SHADOWS OP, but a once-routine mission becomes personal and catapults him into an arena where the only currency is blood -- a tempestuous trail to a handful of Bulgarian bio-information-age pirates.

NORTHVILLE ROOTS

Downs credits his interest in writing to his seventh grade English teacher at Cooke Middle School in Northville. He said he was previously featured in the Northville Record in 1980 as the middle school's spelling bee champion.

The new book kept him up nights for about six months until he was able to finish his first draft. The lead character, Bishop, a highly disciplined, modern-day action hero, will also be part of Downs' future novels in the Spydentity series.

For more information about the book, go to www.kevin-downs.com.

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Northville Township resident authors children's book

■ Plans appearance at St. Clair Fair

Children's author John LaCroix of Northville Township will present an exciting new adventure series in juvenile fiction at the 37th Annual St. Clair Art Fair on June 27-28.

LaCroix will have a booth at the fair featuring artwork from his children's book "Thistledom, A Kingdom Is Born." The book reveals a tiny kingdom hidden somewhere in the Land of the Mitten -- home to intelligent, resourceful little people called Nobbies. In this first volume, LaCroix creates a mix of characters, creatures and critical life values.

Struggles with nature and strange outside forces threatening to destroy the Nobbies reveals much about character, courage, pride, and the price of personal commitment. Powerful personalities and partnerships forge and shape a kingdom, but tragedy linked to an eerie presence in the bog at the base of the mountain alters forever the course of Nobby history.

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LaCroix

The St. Clair Art Fair will take place from in Riverview Plaza and along the boardwalk in Palmer Park from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. June 27 and from 10 a.m.-5

p.m. on June 28. The fair will feature more than 120 visual and performing artists plus a Children's Creation Station.

St. Clair is located 20 minutes south of Port Huron off Exit 257 on I-94 East. For more information, call (810) 329-9576.

About the author

LaCroix, retired from a career in public and governmental affairs in the automotive industry and taught business courses at Wayne University in Detroit. He earned an undergraduate degree in philosophy, English, and theology, along with two master's degrees in psychology and business administration. He lives in Northville Township with his wife, Natalie, a retired elementary teacher.

LaCroix is also a motivational speaker, mentor, teacher and painter.

For more information, go to www.thistledom.com.

NORTHVILLE AREA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

Send calendar submissions via e-mail to estone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Local Events

BLOOD DRIVE AT OLY

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, June 19
LOCATION: Our Lady of Victory Church Social Hall, 770 Thayer, Northville
DETAILS: All are welcome; call or email to schedule an appointment (made for every 15 minutes)
CONTACT: Christine Abbey (248) 701-5221 or chrisabbey1@comcast.net

FRESH FOOD FOR CIVIC CONCERN

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday to Sept. 24
LOCATION: Northville Farmers Market, Booth #57, Center Street and Seven Mile Road
DETAILS: Growing your own vegetables this summer? How about planting a row for Civic Concern, the food pantry serving families in Northville, Northville Township, and Northville School District? Share that fresh lettuce and those juicy tomatoes with Wayne County neighbors in need. Master Gardeners of Wayne County will accept your produce at their Information Table in booth #57 at the Northville Farmers Market every Thursday until 3 p.m. Or, if the rabbits get to the romaine before you do, you can buy some produce from Market vendors and walk it over to the booth. Civic Concern will also accept contributions at their office in Highland Lakes Shopping Center (42951 Seven Mile Road) every Monday/Wednesday, or Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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Diet Tips for Healthy Aging

Dear Savvy Senior, I've read that a person's diet should follow their age. At age 63, what should I be doing now, compared to 20 years ago?

A Good Eater

Dear Good Eater, Just as our body changes as we age, so too should our diet. Research tells us that as the years pile up, we need to

consume fewer calories but more nutrients – and that's not always easy to do.

GETTING STARTED

It's important to note that there's no "one-size-fits-all" or "age-specific" diet out there. Your weight, gender, activity level, health status and age should all be factored into what you eat. At www.mypyr-

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amid.gov you can develop your own healthy eating plan by plugging in your personal information into their online tools. But in the mean time, here are some dietary tips that all seniors should know.

EAT FEWER CALORIES

As we age, we tend to be less active, our bodies lose muscle and our metabolism slows. As a result, we need fewer and fewer calories in order to maintain our weight. It's estimated that our calorie requirements drop by as much as 20 percent between the ages of 20 and 60.

FOCUS ON FIBER

A fiber-rich diet can help lower cholesterol, reduce the risk of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and gastrointestinal problems like

constipation, hemorrhoids, diverticulitis and irritable bowel syndrome – all problems that are usually linked to aging. To get the recommended daily fiber (21 grams for women, 30 grams for men – over age 50), eat lots of whole grains, fruits and vegetables and lots of beans and legumes.

HOPE YOU LIKE FISH!

Boost your omega-3 fatty acids by eating fatty fish (mackerel, lake trout, herring, sardines, salmon and albacore tuna) a few times a week. Omega-3s help reduce inflammation and hypertension, decrease triglycerides, raise HDL (good) cholesterol and can even help with dementia. If you aren't a fish eater, other food sources that provide omega-3s are walnuts, soybeans, flaxseed and canola oil, or fish oil supplements.

BOOST YOUR CALCIUM

Women, in particular, need more calcium as they age (at least 1,200 milligrams

a day). After menopause, women lose bone density as a result of hormonal changes, which puts them at risk of osteoporosis. Work on your calcium intake by consuming more fat-free or low-fat dairy products, such as yogurt and cheese. White beans, broccoli and almonds will also help. And talk to your doctor about taking a supplement.

DON'T FORGET VITAMIN D

You also need to watch your vitamin D intake which is critical to the absorption of calcium. To increase your intake try consuming more fortified milk, cereals and egg yolks and try soaking in a little sunlight each day. And everyone over 50 should take a daily vitamin that contains at least 400 IU (international units) of vitamin D. After age 70, you need to bump it up to at least 600 IU per day.

B12 TOO

Another side effect of getting older is a tendency to absorb less vitamin B12, which can lead to anemia

and make you feel weak and tired. Because aging can lead to low stomach acid, which interferes with absorption of the nutrient through food, a supplement might be necessary.

DRINK UP

As we get older, we may have a harder time recognizing that we're in need of fluids. So drink up even when you're not thirsty, particularly during the summer months. Food that's high in water content, such as lettuce, vegetable juice and soup, is also a smart choice.

Savvy Tip: The National Institutes of Health also offers some healthy eating and shopping tips in their Senior Health section at www.nihseniorhealth.gov – click on "E" then on "Eating Well as You Get Older."

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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Ravines residents recognized

Members of the Northville Historic District Commission presented an Historic Recognition Award to residents of the Ravines of Northville subdivision at last Thursday's board of trustees meeting. From left: Bill Wehrle, president, Ravines of Northville; Steve Gaiski, resident; Fred Burger, Ravines of Northville board member; Margie Banner, township trustee and chair of the HDC; Dick Allen, HDC; and John Colling, HDC. The award was for the resident's work in preserving the historic Thayer's Corner Barn and donating \$10,000 to move the barn to Thayer's Corner Nature Area on Napier Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads. The barn was located on common property in the subdivision and was scheduled to be torn down before Gaiski and other Ravines of Northville board members and residents volunteered to move the barn. This was the first award the commission has presented since it was formed several years ago.

BRIEFS

FROM PAGE A2

Looking for great homes

American Association of University Women Northville - Novi is looking for a few great Northville homes to feature in its 14th Annual AAUW Home Tour. A highlight of the Northville Victorian Festival, the tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 19.

Typically homes featured are widely different in architecture and interior design, span three centuries of construction and reflect how families have adapted to 21st century living in a community with a Victorian village at its heart. Some feature attractions, to be announced later, are being added to the tour this year.

The home tour is the signature fund raising event of AAUW which directs its support to advance education in the local, national and international community. One of the ongoing local commitments is annual scholarship contributions to Schoolcraft and Oakland County Community College in addition to established endowments.

If you would like to discuss having your home on the AAUW Home Tour 2009 or would like to be a Home Tour volunteer, contact event chair Dianne McCulloch at northvillenovi@aaauw.org.

Gaidica speaks

Detroit television personality Chuck Gaidica will be the special guest speaker at Oak Pointe Church this Father's Day.

Gaidica is well known around Michigan for his contagious smile, his weather reports and his hosting of special events.

He will be speaking about the importance that faith plays in his life and, particularly, how the Bible

makes a difference in his daily life.

Oak Pointe Church will have Father's Day services on Saturday, June 20 (5:15 p.m.) and Sunday, June 21 (9:15 and 11:15 a.m.).

The church is located on the northwest corner of Wixom and Ten Mile roads.

Win Mac Bridge walk trip

Northville Parks & Recreation presents a series of walks, and with every one, you have a chance to win a trip for two to participate in Michigan's famous Labor Day Bridge Walk and visit Mackinac Island. There will be three to four walks through July. Walks will be held rain or shine. You must be 18 or older to win; Northville Township & City employees are not eligible to win.

Contact Joanna Harris, Special Events coordinator for more information at (248) 349-0203 Ext. 1411 or JHarris@ci.northville.mi.us.

Fighting cancer

Sisters Jan and Judi Connelly of Northville; Joan Connelly of West Bloomfield; and Joyce Fennell of White Lake will walk in this year's 60-mile Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk in Southeast Michigan Aug. 14-16.

They're affectionately known as the Board of Directors in their family. And that's the name they have selected for their team in the walk.

They have planned three local fund-raisers that will help provide breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment through the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund.

Local businesses or individuals who would like to make a contribution to the sisters' walk to fight breast cancer can go to the Web site www.the3day.org/site/PageServer, click on "Donate," and

search for the Board of Directors page, or send a check made out to Breast Cancer 3 Day to Jan Connelly at 42654 Waterford, Northville, MI 48167. If one sister has already achieved the \$2,300 goal set by each, donate to another as money can't be transferred from one person to another.

Household hazardous waste collection

The Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a household hazardous waste collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 27 at Northville Public Works, 650 Doherty Drive (north of Seven Mile Road and east of South Main Street).

Examples of acceptable items include household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents, pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only), nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs (all types) fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, mercury thermometers, thermostats and elemental mercury. Electronics recycling items include computer CPUs, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cell phones, fax machines, copiers, and televisions. Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted.

Items that will not be accepted include commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive material, explosives, ammunition, 55 gallon drums, shock sensitive materials, household trash, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete.

Contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

SCHOOLS

FROM PAGE A1

This is not the first time such a shortfall has occurred in the state's school aid fund. According to Street, school districts experienced the same situation for both the 2002, and 2003 school years as part of a general executive order for all districts.

RECESSION'S EFFECT

Joan Wadsworth, school board treasurer, says the economic recession is the main reason for state shortages.

"Revenues from sales, use, income, property, and real estate transfer taxes have been reduced significantly. The Senate Fiscal Agency oversees

a revenue consensus meeting in January and May each year as the state prepares its budget. As of the May revenue consensus meeting, the state school aid fund is short for this year, next year and the following year," she said.

"However, three caveats are worth noting. One, if the state uses the stimulus money to plug the holes in the '08-09 and '09-10 budgets, there will be no stimulus money for the following year, and the stimulus money was intended to help through 2010-11. Two, if the Northville Public School foundation allowance remains the same we still need to cut the budget as salaries and benefits will increase by about \$2 million. Three, we have been told

to expect a cut of \$95 per student in the fall of 2009, which would cost the school district a little over \$650,000. The district is considering reducing some staff positions and leaving some positions vacant, reducing transportation, reducing custodial and maintenance services, and reducing copier, printing, and curriculum expenses."

Over the summer, Wadsworth said the board would watch enrollments carefully, looking for other ways to increase revenue, and doing their best to make budget decisions supporting student learning and safety.

Nathan Menolan is a freelance writer living in Milford.

DEPRESSION

FROM PAGE A1

Metro Detroit area and possibly help others who suffer from the problem.

On May 16, the five Northville High School seniors, who just graduated, rode their bikes from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan to help raise awareness for the condition.

The students are John Dunn, Clay Malloure, Erin Hughes, Maria Rocco and Dan Courtney.

The ride was in honor of David Flesher, who in March 2008 as a Northville High School junior, who tried to commit suicide. Although he was unsuccessful in taking his own life, he has yet to regain consciousness.

And, due to the nature of his injuries, many of his medical costs are not covered by health insurance, and his family has been forced to pay the expenses.

The students say that more than 14 million Americans suffer from depression. To help combat this debilitating disease, the David Flesher Youth Hope Foundation has been established by Flesher's mother, Eva, with the help of others.

His birth father, John Flesher, died of a heart attack when David was only 4 years old.

The foundation provides community-based services to depressed young people and their immediate family members.

The goal of the foundation is to break the stigma associated with depression and expand the availability of resources for youth depression.

The students were recognized during their recent graduation ceremonies for their efforts.

LOCAL BUSINESSES HELP

The approximately 100-mile bike ride last month drew about \$1,500 in donations from local businesses and individuals. All of the money went directly to Flesher's medical expenses or the foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.

"Originally, Clay was going to bike across Michigan just for the fun of it, and I asked if I could tag along," Dunn said. "But, once we got to thinking about it, we realized if we were going to undertake such an endeavor, we might as well do something positive with it instead of just doing it for ourselves. That's how we got the

idea to help out David."

Sponsors included Eastek International, PCS Global, Starbucks, All Med Medical Supply, D & D Bicycles, Northville Physical Rehabilitation, as well as smaller donations from other businesses and individuals. All Med purchased the five riders' bike jerseys so the team could make 100 percent profit from other donations.

The bikers started near Petoskey and snaked up the coast of Lake Michigan up to Mackinaw. The trip took seven hours and 20 minutes. "It wasn't the greatest weather, but we still had fun with it," Dunn said. "We were definitely sore the next day."

T-shirts for the cause are still being sold for \$10 each for the foundation. They also sold bracelets at Northville High School over about a two-week period.

He is currently being assessed and receive help from both U.S. and international doctors. He just turned 18 a few weeks ago.

"We hope through this foundation that other young people can be spared the tragedy that has affected David," Eva said.

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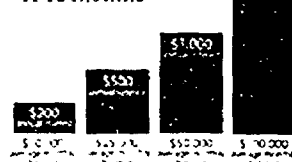
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Gone fishin'

Chris Paige, 13, was one of the many people who took advantage of some fishing opportunities at Northville's Fish Hatchery Park recently. The pond there was stocked with trout for the Rouge River Celebration. The festival also included volunteer clean up opportunities for fans of the river and the Johnson Drain, free T-shirts and hot dogs, wild birds from the Howell Nature Center and tours of its new pathway that winds along the river starting at Fish Hatchery Park.



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CHRIS CHRISTENSEN

Age 52, died on May 18, 2009. Memorial Service at the Highland Congregational Church, 1605 N. Hickory Ridge Rd., Highland, on Sat., June 20th at 11AM. For full obituary & service info please call Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

RUBY R. EBERHART

Age 85, of South Lyon, previously of Northville, passed June 14, 2009. Funeral service was held Wednesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon 248-446-1171. Contributions to the Full Salvation Union Campground appreciated.

FRANCES WEEDEN GIBSON

Born May 3, 1924. Mrs. Gibson (Fran) grew up in Providence, Rhode Island, and attended Brown University. During World War II, she was one of the first group of women engineering students in a program sponsored by the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Engine Company in Hartford, Connecticut. Upon graduating Magnam Cum Laude (Phi Beta Kappa) in 1945, she went to work at Pratt and Whitney and later moved to the Society of Automotive Engineers ("SAE") in New York City as editor of their "Proceedings". In 1999, the SAE recognized Fran as the first woman to have been a member for 50 years (60 years at death). In New York, she met Harold J. Gibson and they were married in 1961. They started a new life together at his home in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Fran and Harold traveled widely both for business and pleasure in the U.S. and abroad. Most memorably they traveled to China and Tibet. Fran was noted for the lovely photographic record she kept. In Farmington Hills, Fran was very active in community affairs including the AAUW and the Heritage Room of the local library. She attended a number of Elderhostel courses and pursued a life-long interest in genealogical research. As a dedicated volunteer in the Detroit International Visitors' Council, Fran offered hospitality, transportation and career appointments for countless promising young visitors from overseas. During her years in Farmington Hills, she also did public relations work on a consulting basis for the SAE and she also served as an engineering editor for the American Concrete Institute. Fran was always a true friend of Brown University and attended reunions and conferences. From 1967 to 1972 she served as Trustee. During this time she was instrumental in the founding of the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. She was also an Emeriti Member of the Corporation of Brown University. Various relatives, including her father (1904) and her grandfather (1870), also attended Brown University. Fran was a devoted member of the Wixom Michigan Historical Preservation Committee. After the deaths of Harold and his sister, Mildred, Fran was instrumental in transferring to the City of Wixom as a permanent historical museum the Gibson homestead which was built in 1871 and occupied by family for 123 years. Fran was extremely proud that she could trace her maternal and paternal family back to several generations before Rhode Island became a state and the country gained its independence. One line could be traced to Roger Williams. Fran had an extensive collection of family memorabilia, photos, documents and letters going back to the early 1700s. Harold preceded Fran in death. Fran maintained an active life until her retirement in 2003 to the Fox Run Community in Novi, Michigan. Her life ended quietly on March 28, 2009.

KATHLEEN "KATHY" P. GOUDREAU

Age 69, of Northville, MI, passed away suddenly in the early morning hours of Saturday, June 13, 2009 at Providence Hospital as the result of a heart attack. Her loving family was with her when she went to be with the Lord. Kathy was raised in St. Ignace, MI by her parents, Bernard and Gertrude Crouch. She graduated in 1957 from La Salle High School. She started college at Northern Michigan University but left to marry her high school sweetheart Wilbur "Pudd" Goudreau and to raise her children. They moved to the Detroit area and she began her career in her 20's selling Rubbermaid and Tupperware. In 1981 Kathy and her husband opened Kamar Office Products in Pontiac, MI. She devoted endless hours to building a successful business and worked so hard until the very end. When Kathy wasn't working she enjoyed traveling with her family, especially taking trips to Disney World with her grandchildren. She enjoyed her collection of Beanie Babies, Santa Bears, and dolls. Shopping at TJ Maxx was a favorite pastime. Kathy gave a lifetime of generosity to her family, friends, employees, and even strangers. She was a very strong and proud woman who was loved deeply by her family and friends. They will miss her more than words can express. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 51 years Wilbur; daughters Carol Goudreau, Roxanne (Jeffrey) Fesko, and Angela (Ryan Terry) Goudreau; grandchildren Amanda, Christian, and Cassie; father Bernard Crouch; sister Bonita Meade; brothers Terry (J.A.) Crouch, Daniel (Stephanie) Crouch, and Brian (Lisa) Crouch. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, her beloved dog Coco and cat Rumor. Kathy was preceded in death by her son Robert Paul, her mother, her brother Bill and sister Penny. Friends and family may visit Wednesday, June 17, 2009 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held Thursday, June 18, 2009, 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. She will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, or Michigan Humane Society.

DOROTHY M. JERORE

Age 83, passed away June 11, 2009. Survived by daughter Kathy Jerore. A funeral service was held on June 15 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

THOMAS L. JONES

Age 68, longtime resident of New Hudson passed away May 28, 2009 from cancer. He was born Nov. 13, 1940. Thomas is survived with love by his mother, Ruth Pittman Jones of Morganton, GA; daughters, Loleen Roper of South Lyon and Amy Bloom of Alpena; sons, Thomas W. Jones of Alpena and Kirk Jones of Morganton, GA; sister, Peggy Dilbeck of Morganton, GA; brother, Terry Jones of Morganton, GA; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by father, Luther Jones. Thomas loved to make music and will leave his family and friends with that fond memory.

LAWRENCE S. KILLEWALD

Age 88, passed June 8, 2009. Visitation at home on June 7, 2009. Funeral Home, South Lyon. Funeral Mass June 12, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Brighton, MI. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

JEAN I. SANDERS

Age 85, of Westland, formerly of Northville and Livonia, passed away peacefully at home on June 7, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Elisha Sanders. Dear mother of the late Russel McQueen. Cherished grandmother of Russ and Yvette McQueen, Paula McQueen, and Jennifer McQueen. Adored great grandmother of Heather, Russel, Julie, and Marilyn. Loving sister of Vera Caldwell, Celesta Van Hellemont, Bernice Baggett, Don Lute, and Bill Lute. A Funeral Service was held Thursday, June 11, 2009 Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. She was laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

SHIRLEY JEAN (MCCOY) TURKO

Age 66, passed away March 24, 2009 surrounded by her family in Glendale, AZ. She was born October 21, 1942 to Jim and Martha (Lindauer) McCoy. On January 20, 1962 she married Michael Eugene Turko of Detroit, Michigan, and celebrated 35 years of marriage before his passing on November 29, 1997. For 30 years she made her home with her family in Highland, MI, with the last seven years in Arizona. Shirley worked for the Huron Valley Schools for 25 years after which she retired, and also taught C.C.E. at Church of the Holy Spirit in Highland for 22 years. She is survived by her son Michael C. Turko of Canton, MI and daughter Beth-Lind (Sandy) Scott of Central Lake, MI; grandchildren Trevor Turko, Tyler Turko, Makenna Scott and Morgan Scott; and many extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Michael and parents. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, June 20, 10 AM at Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 N. Harvey Lake Road, Highland. Interment of ashes at Highland Cemetery will follow a luncheon in the Church Fellowship Hall. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors at 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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Sunday Schedule
TIME: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.
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)
DETAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards.
CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016
Single Place Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.
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LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
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Worship Services
TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
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TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.
CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.
Charmed Influence
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage".
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Chuck Gaidica speak
TIME/DATE: 5:15 p.m., Saturday, June 20; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m., Sunday, June 21
DETAILS: Detroit T.V. personality Chuck Gaidica will be the special guest speaker this Father's Day. Chuck is well known around Michigan for his contagious smile, his weather reports and his hosting of special events. Chuck will be speaking about the importance that faith plays in his life and, particularly, how the Bible makes a difference in his daily life.

CONTACT: Sign up at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville (248) 374-5920.
Softball League Sign-up
TIME/DATE: 6:15-7:30 p.m., Thursday evenings, through August 6
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TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month.
DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation.
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TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24
DETAILS: The annual Community Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church Northville. This is a great opportunity to showcase talent or business to hundreds of local customers. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling up fast.
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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.
Advent Service
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday of every month
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TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.
Single Purpose Connections - 20-30 years
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.
DETAILS: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.

CONTACT: (248) 374-5920
Bible Studies and Prayer Nights
Learner's Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101
Men's Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday
Single Adult Ministries office
Single's Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309
Lighthouse Café.
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., June 26
DETAILS: Also known as game night. This is a great way to end your work week. Guest musicians provide background music, snacks provided, free child care. Tickets \$5 at the door.
CONTACT: For more information contact Ward Church (248) 374-5920.

Softball League Sign-up
TIME/DATE: 6:15-7:30 p.m., Thursday evenings, through August 6
DETAILS: For single guys and gals; all skill levels welcome. \$30 due at sign up.
CONTACT: Sign up at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville (248) 374-5920.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holymfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfo-nazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC

LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing
CONTACT: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 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

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN

LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Rutter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
YogaFit Classes
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday
DETAILS: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session.
Merry Widows Luncheon
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Spiritual Journey's
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. every Sunday
Summer Vespers
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., June 21
DETAILS: Casual dress is accepted.

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, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

GRACEPOINT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION: The Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers
CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepoint@mac.com, and gracepoint@mac.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: Nursery staffed by Nanny Poppinz.

OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tullio'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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH

LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

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

OAKLAND HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road
CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
Preschool/Kids Choir
TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

CROSSPOINT MEADOWS CHURCH

LOCATION: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursdays or visit www.crosspointmeadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
DETAILS: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care
TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com
Saturday Worship
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School
TIME: 10:15 a.m.

NOVI-NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

LOCATION: Novi
CONTACT: www.novijewishcenter.com email: rabbini@novijewishcenter.com or call (248) 790-6075.

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Business sculptors need to use new skills, tools, points of view

If you've ever tried to sculpt a clay figure in the middle of a fog, then you have the unique insights necessary for understanding the role of business during an economic recovery. Something out of the ordinary is to be expected.

Whether it leads to newly discovered industries that emerge from an industrial cocoon, the touching up of an established work of art or a complete departure from the tried and true, the sculpture being formed still has business as the base upon which success can be shaped by so many contributors. The infusion of stimulus dollars, bailout loans and restructuring mandates are only tools in the hands of sculptors familiar with only one style of creating. While the cookie-cutter style of sculpting served the business community in an efficient and profitable manner, much of its contemporary success can be attributed to operating



Lee Meadows

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

without an obstructed view of the goal. When the fog settles in, it requires a different approach to sculpting. What does any artist do when a certain approach to success no longer has a waiting audience?

What does any business do when a certain approach to success no longer has a waiting market?

The business, the artist and everything needed to create a different approach will have to change. It might be a slight change (i.e. outsource the payroll system) or a major change (i.e. discontinue a long-standing, but no longer profitable brand), but the approach has to change perception and make a profit.

It is at this point that new tools must be aligned with new skills, and a different way of thinking about the end result. The individual artist is now faced with a transitional dilemma. There is comfort and security in holding on to the skills that have allowed for the steady creation of products and services that were the foundation of individual success. Like any pair of

bell-bottom jeans that should have been discarded, you hang on believing that a time will come when they will be needed again. It is an immobilizing belief that a certain style grounded in a certain time will preserve if you will it so.

Style and skills are unified around a set of life experiences and rarely abandon one another during times of critical change. For example, the business community sculpted a world in which personal style, when writing in shorthand, endured a long and profitable existence. At what point does the master shorthand sculptor recognize that there must be a transition to computer skills? The recognition that a change is needed poses the dilemma in which a new artistry takes shape or the seduction of the previous art form takes over.

There is a familiar Chinese proverb that states, "May you live in interesting times." Toward that end, the proverb has been accurate and insightful in its present day observation.

However, there is a less familiar, rarely quoted

proverb from the North End in the city of Detroit that asserts, "May you live through interesting time."

Toward that end, the lesser known proverb has implications for both business and individuals for how we sculpt a form in a fog of economic recovery. New skill sets, redesigned tools and broadened points of view are the essential factors that, when used in combination, signal the beginning of individual transition and business transformation.

The energy generated by the collective application of new skills and broadened focus will generate the breeze that will blow away the fog and allow us to see the work of art being sculpted.

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Your Invitation to

Worship

Brighton

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
5051 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114
810-227-3113
9:30 a.m. Communion Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
Rev. Dale Hedblad, Pastor
www.lordoflifechurch.com

HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.
810-231-9199
Fr. John Rocus, Pastor
Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Please visit our Shrine of L'Arche and Book & Gift Shop

Farmington Hills

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA
Farmington Hills • 2225 Gil Rd. • 248-474-0564
Between Grand River & Freedom
Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship & Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Traditional/Choral
11:15 a.m. Contemporary
Sunday School - all ages 10:15 a.m.

Highland

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH
2350 Harvey Lake Rd. (248) 887-4558
Contemporary Service
9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays
Saturday Night Service 6:00 p.m.
Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:15 a.m.
3rd-5th Grade Youth Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.
Pastor Nick Ruffler

HIGHLAND CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1211 W. Livingston Rd., Highland 248-887-1402
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m.: Worship Service & Children's Church
6:00 p.m.: Sunday Evening Fellowship
Wednesday - 8:45-11:15 a.m.: Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday - 7 p.m.: Adult Bible Study
with children's program

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
120 Bishop St., Highland
off Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-59
• Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
• Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
• Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Danny Mikuta
889-7253 or 887-4566

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357
248-887-1311 • www.mymhc.com
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.
Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.
Plus Young Adults, Recovery, Divorce & Kids, Grief & more

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland (248) 887-5364
Rev. Leo T. Lukko, Pastor
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; M-F 7-9 a.m.
Holy Day, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; First Saturday 9 a.m.
Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.
or by appointment

Livonia

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Services held at:
Madonna University's Kresge Hall
36600 Schoolcraft Road - Livonia
Parking lot is NW Corner of Levan & Schoolcraft
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.
Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided

Milford

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESCHOOL & KDG. - Mo. Synod
620 General Motors Rd., Milford
Church office: (248) 684-0695
Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.
Jun-Aug - Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.
Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.
The Rev. Richard E. Pope, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD
VISITORS WELCOME!
133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5695
Pastor Steve Swazy
Sunday School (all ages) 8:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m. • Prayer Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Awards for age 3 to 5th grades
Middle & Senior High programs

SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C.
1250 South Hill Rd. Just south of downtown Milford
(248) 685-3560 www.AboutSouthHill.com
Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
KIDS' Worship 10:15 a.m.
Tuesday 7 p.m. Children - 8th Grade (5 groups)
Wednesday 7 p.m. - High School Youth
Call about our current small group studies.

WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48390
248-887-1216
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday All Ages 7:00 p.m.

MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805
Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10:00 a.m.
Nursery care available @ 10:00 a.m.
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NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
56730 Grand River
Rev. Gary Hunter
Worship 10:30 a.m.
248-437-6212
newhudsonumc@comcast.net • newhudsonumc.org

NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165
Phone 248-474-9108
Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister
Website: http://www.newhopeuul.org

Northville

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN
Experience Life Each Week
Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School and Children's Programs
www.ncchc.org
41355 Six Mile Road
248-348-9030

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
349-1144
8 Mile & Tait Roads
Sunday Worship Services:
8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Steve Buck • Rev. Lisa Cook
www.fumc-northville.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
300 E. Main St. at Hudson • (248) 349-0911
Worship & Church School - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Children Available at All Services
Youth League Prog. Wed. 4:15 to 5:30 M.L.S. MI
Singles Place Ministry - Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
Rev. W. Kent Olson, Senior Pastor
Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville
248-374-7400
Sunday Worship:
Traditional: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Contemporary: 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Nursery & Junior School for the 2-5th grades
www.wardchurch.org
Services provided Sunday 10 a.m.
WRESTLING 580, The WALL, Word Station.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
133 Orchard Dr., Northville
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610
Religious Education 349-2559
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

Novi

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
9 Mile & Meadowbrook
Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
will resume September 15
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m., Monday 7:00 p.m.
Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor • 349-0565

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
NOVI
46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Reverend George Chamley, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-7778

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.
www.faithcommunity-nov.org
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 a.m.
"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile
248-348-7757 • www.mbcoc.org
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Rev. Arthur Rutter, Senior Minister

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375
Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.
Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor
248-349-2652
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375
Weekend Hours
Saturday: 5 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor
Rev. Henry Sands, Associate Pastor
Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
10 Mile between Meadowbrook & Haggerty, Novi • Phone 427-1175
Sundays 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Holy Eucharist • Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Ray Babin, Interim Rector
www.churchoftheholycross.com

OAK POINTE CHURCH
50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.,
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Casual, contemporary service
Phone (248) 912-0043
www.oakpointe.org

South Lyon

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN
(Missouri Synod) Pastor Terry Nelson
437-8810 • 486-4335 • Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile
Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church
22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon just off 1 Mile Road
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Sr. High Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Mid High Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

The Church of Christ
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncc.org
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Rob Callicott, Pastor

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
10774 Nine Mile Road
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) - SOUTH LYON
"WHERE THE SON ALWAYS SHINES"
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Nursery Care Provided
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248-437-2875 • 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) •
Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder, Pastor

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pkwy.
at Liberty St.
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
All Classes 9:00
Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-2289

Westland

STs. CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
36375 Joy Rd., Westland
Martyrs 8:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Rev. Fr. Theodor Petrutiu
Parish Office: 734-525-6789
www.sticons.org
Hellenic Cultural Center Banquet Hall
734-525-3550

WHITE LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4005 Highland Rd. (between Bogie Ln. & Orchard Rd.)
(248) 887-4854 • Deborah L. Kent, Pastor
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School 8:00 a.m.
Children Church School 10:00 a.m.
Child Care Provided
"The Friendly Church" Established 1835

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60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
Phone: 248-437-2983
Sunday School 8:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Rob Freshour/Assoc. Pastor Randy Weats
Website: www.fbcsothlyon.com
Email: Rob@fbcsothlyon.com

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
28900 Pontiac Trail (Across from Enn's Orchard)
Saturday Service 5 p.m.
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Contemporary Worship - Relevant,
Bible Based Messages
(248) 486-0400 • www.ecrossroads.net

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760
Sunday Worship: 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Nursery Provided
Reverend Sandra Wilboe
southlyonfumc.org

FAMILY LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH A/G
62345 W. 8 Mile Road 437-1472 • www.familylcc.net
Sr. Pastor Joseph R. Tabbi
Sunday Christian Education 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Christian Education and Family Nite 7:00 p.m.

SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH
22183 Pontiac Trail (Behind Jazzeries and Oxy)
10 a.m. Sunday Celebration
Pontiac Trail and 9 Mile (across the Shopping Center)
(Nursery & Children's programs)
Office 248-486-4400
www.solidrocksouthlyon.org

CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Services held at: Kent Lake Elementary
30181 Kent Lake Rd., S. Lyon
Sunday Service Times
9:30 a.m. • Meet & Greet
10:30 a.m. • Morning Service
Rev. Kenneth Warren-586-531-2021

Whitmore Lake

Living Water
North Campus of St. Luke Lutheran Church Ann Arbor
Worship Celebration Sunday 10:15 a.m.
Whitmore Lake High School
7430 Whitmore Lake Rd. • Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
Dan Flynn, Minister
734-426-4006 • www.livingwatermi.org

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LOCAL OPINION

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Proposal A: How much longer?

With the respective blanks filled in, this sentence could easily be applied anywhere in Michigan: "The _____ school district is anticipating a budget shortfall of \$ _____

_____ for the upcoming 2010-11 school year, and the school board and administrators are facing the nearly-impossible task of maintaining the current level of education quality."

Even though Northville is one of the state's wealthier districts, it is far from immune.

The State of Michigan's \$600 million shortfall in its current fiscal year school aid fund translates locally to \$370 per pupil, or \$2.6 million.

Some of the federal government's stimulus stabilization funds will help, and the district has come up with another \$1.1 million of reductions.

But it's not enough, and the district has to figure out more ways to cut its budget — which means that the quality of education for Northville students will diminish.

It's happened before; more so since Proposal A passed in 1994 and left Northville dependent on the state for 90 percent of its revenue.

And it'll happen again and again as districts go broke — until the state faces the fact that Proposal A isn't working and some drastic changes need to occur (and quickly as the state's school aid fund is going to be short this year, next year and the following).

Yes, there are other factors in play, too, like the current recession that has made matters even worse. But districts statewide were facing budget challenges long before. The Proposal A train is running out of track and our students are on board.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

■ Letters to the Editor: Government growing wild

It so puzzling and unreasonable that people who are so concerned about life would advocate so strongly for abstinence-based sex education, a program that has shown to be ineffective as opposed to teaching our young people how to prevent pregnancy. It is puzzling that these people do not promote efforts to cut down on the number of unwanted pregnancies, a logical approach embraced by our president, a man I admire but do not "worship." It is puzzling that these people do not want our underrepresented populations to have access to quality health care so they can deliver healthy babies and not have to choose abortion. How contradictory, and the reason the far right finds itself in such disfavor with the majority of Americans. By the way, pro-choice is not the same thing as pro-abortion. I know of no one who is pro-abortion but it is also puzzling that people who want government out of our lives want to come into your bedroom and tell you what you must do with your body. Hypocrites.

Parks

Amen! Parks

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■ Letters to the Editor: Township focuses on ex-hospital property

This is nothing more than the residents being asked to bail out the developer. The piece of property in question was supposed to be for residential development. Now REIS has realized, with our bad economy, residential development isn't lucrative. Now the "morally challenged" government of Northville wants to raise taxes for the residents to purchase the property for them. I don't think so! I urge you all to vote a big "no" on this one. Let the developer get themselves out of this mess.

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Would you consider buying or leasing a GM or Chrysler product?



Yes. I just bought a Chrysler Town and Country two weeks ago. I'm not worried about it. It was such a good deal, I couldn't pass it up. Of course, a week after, the dealer went out of business.

Darr Babcock



Of course! We just bought a Cadillac. We're concerned, but we have high hopes they'll pull through.

Lisa Wilseck



Absolutely. I just wouldn't buy something that wasn't American.

Diana Bernabei



I would, but I already own a Ford — and I just bought it.

E'lon Parker

LETTERS

Reasons to support hospital property purchase

As I read your lead article in the June 4 *Northville Record* ("Highland Lakes residents protest purchase of hospital property"), I couldn't help but wonder why residents of a subdivision so close to the hospital property, or for that matter anyone in the township, would oppose the purchase. The obvious reason is to keep property taxes from going up, so I will deal with that issue first. Yes, the millage being proposed will cause taxes to rise, but there are two additional considerations.

The first consideration is that residential property values are going down, so many homeowners will see little or no actual increase. The second, and more important, consideration is that if the property is not purchased it reverts back to the final agreement reached last summer, which means hundreds of new homes being built there eventually. The Northville school district does not presently have the capacity to educate the children who would reside in these homes, so a school millage will probably be required to pay for a new elementary school and possibly an addition to one of the middle schools. That millage will probably exceed anything being proposed for the purchase. So it's pay me now, or pay me more later. I would rather pay a smaller amount now.

There was a lot of controversy last summer with the negotiations with REIS, the lawsuits, consent judgment, proposed annexation to Livonia, legislative actions, etc. The proposed purchase of most of the property by the township serves to put all of that behind us, with what I perceive as a winning solution for everyone. To explain:

1) The township purchases the property at \$6.5 million below the value of its recent appraisal and controls its development — a win for the township.

2) REIS gets to develop the commercial end of the property (in a smaller way than before), but walks away from a controversy and from the residential end of the property that they may not be able to develop for many years — a win for REIS.

3) The township residents avoid having to pay for new school facilities while potentially getting new recreational areas and controlling urban sprawl in one of the few remaining open parcels of land — a win for the residents.

The stated Highland Lakes rationale for opposing the purchase includes a statement that the purchase agreement is one-sided towards REIS, with too high a price being proposed. That implies that the township has some sort of additional leverage to improve upon what has been negotiated. The trustees and attorneys have been negotiating with REIS for several months now and there is no appearance of duress, so, like it or not, the deal is what it is. If the purchase does not happen, we revert back to the consent judgment and lose the opportunity to control our own destiny. There is not likely to be a second chance if the millage fails.

But, speaking of second chances, the Michigan Legislature has never fixed the annexation law. So, if the township does not purchase the property, REIS can try again to annex the property to Livonia after

the required waiting period has passed. By that time, the Livonia residents will have lost the GM powertrain plant from their tax base, so they probably will not again reject annexation of the hospital property. Northville Township residents will be forced to pay taxes to build schools to educate the children of Livonia, while putting up with the increased traffic congestion and eyesores that development under the Livonia ordinances will bring.

There were two other points made by Highland Lakes. These were the timing of the cleanup and correcting consent judgment inequities. Whether the township purchases the property or REIS continues to own it, the cleanup will not happen until funds are available, which means after the commercial portion is developed. The consent judgment was approved by the judge last summer and becomes moot upon the purchase being executed, so there will be no inequities to correct. These points are irrelevant to the purchase decision.

On Aug. 4, please support the millage for the hospital property purchase. We will all benefit in the long run.

George Linker
Northville Township

In honor of Father's Day — the effects of an absent dad

A very special language arts teacher at Millennium Middle School had her students write a poem that could be used in a poetry slam performed at Biggby Coffee Shop in South Lyon. The requirement was to write about something dear to their heart; something that brought out a lot of emotion. My 13-year-old daughter chose to write about the lack of her dad in her life.

I share this with the public for many reasons: 1) I am very proud of my daughter and how well-written this poem is. 2) I am proud that she was finally able to get these feelings out in the open. She has kept them locked up for so long and I was beginning to worry. 3) To remind all those parents out there just how very important your role is in your child's life. 4) To let other children of an absent parent know that they are not alone. 5) If any parent reading this is a self-chosen absent parent, I hope it makes you realize the effects your selfishness has on your child(ren).

Reaching the zoo
With my mom, dad and me
Seeing the animals
With their parents

In the living room
All warm and cozy
Watching a movie
With a happy ending

Why can't that be real
WHY?

Now
Will you be there?
When I need you the most
For a shoulder to cry on
A hand to grasp
But No
I am left alone

In this cold world with the fear of never
seeing you Taking over my body

And I tell myself
"It is alright"
When really I know this is not true

I love you
That is what I am suppose to say
But I really don't know if I mean it.

Days go by
My phone does not ring
What does this mean?

Well I should know
It has happened many times before
I just need to learn
And get over it

Then I get a call
That of my dreams
It is you

As I put the phone down
You say you will be here next week

I am full of excitement and I think
That maybe
Just maybe
It will be different this time
But no

When the time comes
Where are you?

This makes me wonder ...
Do you picture me fading away in your
life?
Do you think of me as much as I do you?

As I see all the other dads with their
daughters Having a good time It makes me
wonder About our relationship About how
I never see you About when the next time I
will see you

And when I think about this
I start to cry
Then it slowly turns into a sob
And I think it is my fault

But I get the reassurance from my mom
As she cradles me in her arms
She can hear my cries
Why can't you?

When I see you
I try to be strong .
But really the place in my heart for you Is
crumbling away

My memories mean nothing now
They might as well drift
It hurts more to think about them
I should throw them away

Dads are supposed to be there
So then what are you?

A parent?
A friend?
No
More like
A stranger!

Deanna Velasco
Northville

Using Job Posting Sites Effectively

Are you spending most of your job search time cruising job posting sites? Are you frustrated with your efforts? If you answer yes to either of these questions, you are probably not using the sites as well as you could AND you are relying too heavily on them for your search.

First the good news - online job posting sites have made it a lot easier to find jobs locally, regionally or even internationally. The sites

are easy to use and convenient. To get the most out of the job posting sites, choose a few sites to focus on. If you are on unemployment in Michigan, you are required to post your resume on the Michigan Talent Bank site - https://www.michworks.org/mtb/user/MTB_EMPL_EntryMainPage. You might as well include it as one of your job search tools. There are hundreds of other sites to choose from. The Riley Guide, an excellent online resource for jobseekers, has links to many of them that you can explore from this link - <http://www.rileyguide.com/jobs.html#gen>. From this site, you can search through the list of major job posting sites, specialty sites of various kinds and state and federal sites. Craig's List for a specific urban area is popular for smaller employers.

You should select a few job posting sites that consistently have the types of jobs you are interested in. Take a day or two to try them out. Go to the job posting site and search the jobs using the key words that are associated with your job target. Key words are nouns that

YOUR NEXT JOB

describe knowledge, skills, duties, responsibilities and abilities that are required by the job. Sometimes these key words are pretty straightforward - for example, a Human Resource Manager job would be expected to include the words 'recruiting, training, employee relations, policies and procedures' in their resume to describe areas of experience and expertise. Sometimes the key words are specialized for a field, in other words, jargon. In Human Resources this could include EEOC, ADA, AA, and HRIS.

If after a few days you are clearly finding job opportunities that match your target, that is a good site for you to use. You will probably find that popular sites like Monster, Career Builder, and Hotjobs will work for you. An efficient way to search multiple sites at once is to use a consolidator site such as Indeed, which searches major job posting sites and delivers all the results together - <http://www.indeed.com/>.

Another strategy is to set up a job search agent on the major sites. To set up an agent, you determine the key words that you want to use to find jobs, tell the agent how frequently to search the site, and how often you want the results emailed to you. For example, you can set up Careerbuilder to search weekly and deliver results to you on Monday. Then you can set up Monster to search weekly and deliver results to you on Tuesday. You can even set up slightly different searches using different key words to fit a different job target. By quickly scanning the results that day, you can streamline the time you spend searching for jobs online.

If you want employers to

be able to find you, then post a resume on the job posting sites that select for your job target. Make sure that the resume you post on job sites contains the 'key words' appropriate to the type of job you are seeking. When recruiters search for candidates for positions they hope to fill, they will search the databank of resumes to find ones that include those key words. If you have not put them in your resume, your resume will not be selected. You often can post up more than one version of your resume on the site, which can either target different jobs, or be a way for you to evaluate which version of your resume works best for you.

The resume that you post on an online job posting site should be formatted as a text file, with no italics, underlining, bold face or other specialized font features. This ensures that the information included in the resume can be translated correctly into the job posting site's database. Font features that make your resume look attractive to the human eye may not be interpreted correctly by the computer.

You should also save a basic cover letter to your job posting site. When you find a job online, you will usually be given an option to include a cover letter. Don't ignore this. Some employers use cover letters to check your writing skills or evaluate your interest level in the job. Pull up your saved cover letter, but then customize it to fit the job you are applying for.

Keep track of your User Name and Password on various sites. Keep a log on your computer or by hand which lists the name of the site, the URL, the User Name, and Password and any special notes about the site you want to remember.

You may also have identified specific employers that

you want to search on a regular basis. The employment or careers link on their website may allow you to set up an account, post a resume and cover letter and even set up an agent. If not, schedule a time each week in your planner to do a search of those employers to keep on top of changes in their recruiting.

Now, the bad news. None of the sites tell you what their success rate is for matching jobseekers with jobs. Employer surveys suggest that big job boards like Careerbuilder or Monster are used to fill up to 12% of the jobs. Some informal jobseeker surveys report a 1 - 2% success rate for landing jobs. Another problem is the competition you face on the online sites. Right now on Michigan Talent Bank, there are about 40 jobseekers to each job posted.

Job posting sites should be part of your job search strategy, but not all of your strategy. If you are spending 30 to 40 hours a week on your search, your time spent with job boards should be 3 to 5 hours a week. The majority of your time will be most productive if you are networking and contacting employers directly.

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First place

Northville's Jeff Cancelosi earned first place at the Grosse Pointe Art Center juried show "Art Beat: rhythms of the creative mind." The juror, Rebecca Mazzel, is an assistant Dean at College for Creative Studies. The winning piece is "Portrait of No One" can be viewed at the show, which runs through June 27. Visit www.grossepointeartcenter.org.



PHOTO BY FRED SHACKO

Green posters

Chip Snider, township manager, by one of several posters in the Northville Township Beautification Commission's "Go Green Now!" Poster Contest designed to encourage residents to be environmentally conscious. Winners from township elementary schools, middle schools and the high school were recognized at the May 28 board meeting at township hall.

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Robofest

The Robofest 2009 world championship competition was held at Lawrence Technical University earlier this month (May). Team Suber Kleiner Schmetterling from The Roeper School took first place in the Junior (5th through 8th grade) Division of the Unknown Problem Challenge competition. This challenge gives each team 20 minutes to program its robot to draw a specific shape of a specific size. They were the only team to receive a perfect score. Pictured receiving their first-place trophy from Lawrence Technical University President Lewis N. Walker are from left to right, Spencer Solys (Northville), Luke Brennan (Orchard Lake), and Ian Meintjes (Waterford).

NORTHVILLE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

Hope College

Thirty-seven juniors, including Lauren E. Moak of Northville, have been inducted into Mortar Board, a national honor society that recognizes students for scholarship, leadership and service.

American Association of Teachers of French

Amanda Stacer, a Northville High School student, received a 2008-09 AATF Outstanding Senior in French Award. This award is made annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in the study of French as well as exceptional commitment to the French language and the many cultures where it is spoken.

University of Dayton

Jessica Elizabeth Agoston, daughter of Gregg and Sandra Agoston of Northville, graduated from the University of Dayton, Ohio with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering with honors (magna cum laude). She has accepted an engineering position with General Electric Corporation in Milwaukee, Wis. within its Operations Management Leadership Program.

Michigan State University

Brett Yuhasz, Northville High School Class of 2007, has four consecutive semesters on Dean's List at Michigan State University. He has been invited to participate in a study abroad



Student broadcasters

Matthew Yang and Mackenna Semeyn were among the Deerfield students who put together a live, weekly, broadcast titled Deerfield Morning Announcements. This broadcast was run entirely by students with guidance from Mrs. Rance and Mrs. Henry. For six weeks at a time, each 3rd and 4th grade classroom took a turn broadcasting the news. Each team of 3rd and 4th grade teachers chose two responsible 4th grade students, per classroom, to participate as anchors and producers. These students met on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8 a.m. to prepare for the live broadcast. The students were responsible for brainstorming, researching, and writing the news script for the week. The broadcast highlighted students' accomplishments, special school events, and community/world news. Just after the school day began on Friday mornings, a student made an all school announcement for everyone to turn their television set on to watch the morning announcements. Each classroom viewed the announcements on a closed circuit television channel.

program this spring in Italy as part of his construction management curriculum. He will be visiting Rome, Florence, Venice and Trento. Brett is the son of Bob and Rosanne Yuhasz of Northville.

Michigan State University's Senior Class Council recently recognized 20 students as outstanding seniors for Spring 2009. Outstanding Senior awards are presented to graduating seniors who have demonstrated exemplary academic and extracurricular success, and a strong sense

of leadership, commitment and dedication to MSU. Steve Mnich, of Northville, was selected as an outstanding senior. He was a communication and political science major with a specialization in public relations in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences (CAS) and College of Social Science. He was a member of the 2007 national champion MSU varsity hockey team, was on the Dean's List for six consecutive semesters and was named Academic All Big Ten. Mnich received a CAS Research scholar-

ship and was a CAS Outstanding Awards honoree. He participated in many community volunteer activities such as Athletes in Action, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Sparrow Hospital's patient volunteer program, "We Succeed Because We Read" campaign, Children's Miracle Network telethon, MSU student athlete penpal program and Junior Spartan Tailgate. He was a PRWeek finalist and was Student Athlete of the Month in 2006. Mnich, son of Mike and Jan, is a 2004 graduate of Northville High School.

City of Northville Department of Public Works

2008

Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality

Northville Public Works Department wants you to know that your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all 2008 Federal and State monitoring and reporting standards for quality and safety.

The City of Northville's source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River in the U.S., and parts of Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and S.J. Denham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute, performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from very low to high based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

For more about this report, please visit the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's website at www.dwsd.org or contact Mary Lynn Semegen at semegen@dwsd.org or Laura Thome at (313) 926-8136.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of specific contaminants in water provided by public water systems. In turn, the City annually tests the water to ensure the regulations are being met. Additionally, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which provide the same protection for public health.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate them. Beginning in July 2008, DWSd began monitoring for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR2). All the UCMR2 contaminants monitored on list 1 and 2 in 2008 were undetected.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which are naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

"Northville's tap water meets or surpasses all 2008 Federal and State standards for quality and safety."

NORTHEAST AND SPRINGWELLS WATER TREATMENT PLANTS

2008 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation Yes/No	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	9/9/2008	ppm	4	4	0.90	n/a	NO	Erosion of natural deposits, water additive which promotes strong teeth, discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	9/9/2008	ppm	10	10	0.28	n/a	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use, leaching from septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural deposits
Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2008	ppb	n/a	90	17.9	8.2 - 28.5	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Halooacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2008	ppb	n/a	60	10.2	5.2 - 16.5	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chloroacetic Chlorine	Jan-Dec 2008	ppm	MROGL 4	MROGL 4	0.67	0.58 - 0.77	NO	Water additive used to control microbes

2008 Turbidity - Monitored Every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot Exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation Yes/No	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.24 NTU	100%	NO	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.			

2008 SPECIAL MONITORING				
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	779	0.1 - 0.8	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition / Explanation
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLGL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGLs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MCL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
ppb	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. 1 milligram = 1/1000 gram.
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. 1 milligram = 1/1000 gram.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAZ	Hazardous Agent	HAZ is the sum of brominated, chlorinated, nitrobenzene, nitrobenzene, and trichloroethylene. Compliance is based on the total.
THM5	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromochloroform, dibromochloroform, and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
n/a	Not applicable	
>	Greater than	

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant woman and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing.

With the cooperation of several Northville residents, the Northville Public Works Department has been collecting samples from homes with plumbing systems that may contribute lead to the household water supply. The results of this testing show that lead levels are below action level. However, it is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested. Other steps to take include:

- Anytime your water has not been used for more than six hours, run your water for 30 seconds to two minutes.
- Always use cold water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula.
- Use faucets and plumbing material that are either lead free or will not leach unsafe levels of lead into your water.

For more information call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791 or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead

City of Northville Lead and Copper Testing

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation Yes/No	Major Source in Drinking Water
Lead	2008	ppb	0	15	0 ppb	1	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2008	ppm	1.3	1.3	270 ppb	0	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL, additional requirements must be met.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. However, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

The Northville Department of Public Works will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies of this report are available at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. This report is not mass mailed to the residents.

The City of Northville invites public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Please refer to the City's website, www.ci.northville.mi.us for meeting dates and agendas of the City Council. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact the Public Works Department at (248) 449-9930. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/safewater.

EDUCATION

Multiple cases of swine flu in school district

■ Eight confirmed as school year ends

BY NATHAN MENOLAN
SPECIAL WRITER

School is now in summer recess for Northville students, but not soon enough for eight students who had confirmed cases of H1N1, widely known as swine flu.

Buildings reporting confirmed cases of the flu were Amerman and Thornton Creek Elementary, Meads Mill Middle School, and Northville High School.

Dave Bolitho, assistant school superintendent for Northville, said those confirmed cases occurred the last few weeks of the just-ended school year.

"There was no need to close the schools since current guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) stated schools do not have to shut down, unless influenza outbreaks reach pandemic numbers within the district," he said.

Thornton Creek had the highest number of students out with four confirmed cases of the flu.

In addition to the four students home sick, 12 parents of healthy students made a decision to keep their children home the final three days of the school year. Bolitho noted that parents are within their rights to exercise the option of keeping students home when a medical issue of this significance is taking place.

Meads Mill Principal Dr. Sue Meyer said their confirmed case was a seventh-grader, and that the student had been home at least five days, pending recovery, and had been out of the build-

ing four days prior to the school being notified.

"Our students share common areas, like the gym, elective classrooms and cafeteria. Additionally, some of our elective classes are held in core classrooms — for example, the eighth-grade leadership class may be in an eighth-grade math classroom."

"The one constant throughout this flu season is the emphasis on proper hygiene, including covering the mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing as well as frequently washing hands correctly. These are always good practices and are strongly encouraged," she said.

Last week, the World Health Organization called the current swine flu pandemic and very recently elevated the virus to a Phase Six category because of its rapid spread globally to 70 countries, but not because of the severity of the virus.

The CDC expects the H1N1 virus will continue affecting people through the summer and into the coming fall flu season, but they have no way of knowing how many to cases to expect of the latest swine virus.

Approximately 419 cases of confirmed and probable cases have been reported in Michigan since the outbreak three months ago. Symptoms include fever, coughing, body aches, vomiting and diarrhea.

Suggested steps to protect your health and lessen the spread of the virus include: cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and immediately discard the tissue; try to avoid contact with sick people; and if you develop flu-like symptoms stay home for seven days after your symptoms begin or you have been symptom-free 24 hours.

Nathan Menolan is a freelance writer living in Milford.



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Getting growing

Anita Bartschat helps prep the flower garden at Northville's Ridge Wood Elementary School on a recent Tuesday afternoon. Bartschat and Nicole Cotter, who both have kids at the school, were helping to weed out the garden to get ready for the growing season.

Thank school staff and help out Northville Educational Foundation

The Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) is offering a unique way to thank NPS staff members for a great school year by making a contribution to the NEF in their honor to let teachers and staff members know that you recognize and appreciate their dedication to enhancing educational excellence in Northville Public Schools.

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Please be sure to visit us on the Web at hometownlife.com for more school briefs.

Students feeding children

You've heard about it, now come experience it: Northville Public School children, in partnership with Detroit Public School children, packaged over 300,000 meals to help feed starving children. Over 800 Northville kids packed Kids Against Hunger food this year. Come show your family and friends how to feed the hungry. Find their booth at the finish line of the Solstice Run Saturday, June 27 at Ford Field in Northville. Register for the Solstice Run at www.solsticerun.org.

Lincoln's Leadership Bicentennial writing contest winners

The Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) announced student winners of "Essays About Lincoln," a statewide writing contest celebrating Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. Jointly administered by the Michigan Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Committee (housed in HAL) and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the contest invited students to write an essay describing how Abraham Lincoln's life and leadership have inspired them.

More than 450 students, representing 60-plus cities, villages and townships throughout the state, participated in the contest. The essay contest was designed to support Michigan English Language Arts and Social Studies curriculum standards, including those for language, literature, voice, depth of understanding, ideas in action, inquiry and research, critical standards, and historical perspective.

All winners will receive a certificate of achievement that includes Governor Jennifer Granholm's signature, a "portrait" of Abraham Lincoln in

the form of a new \$5 bill, a copy of commemorative publication released by the national Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, and a figurine or framed print of Abraham Lincoln. Winning essays also may be published or displayed in various locations, publications and Web sites.

Local winner was: Level 1 - fifth and sixth grades; second place - Frances Master of Northville.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Vandalism reported

1 & 2 City of Northville police have reported a rash of vandalism cases at Ford Field, 125 Griswold St., and at Northville Square, 133 W. Main St.

A detective has spent numerous hours following up on the individual incidents.

A Northville Parks and Recreation employee discovered a number of new instances of graffiti at Ford Field Park at 7:30 a.m. on June 4. The graffiti was found on two trash barrels, two sides of the transformer box by the Hutton Street entrance, a picnic table west of the ball diamond, on the stairs at ground level and on the large landing and on a "Keep off the hillside" sign behind the backstop.

Robert Buckhave, owner of Northville Square reported at 5 p.m. on June 6 that juveniles had damaged the ladies public rest room on the first level of the common area.

The girls, ages 10 and 11, who were with Buckhave and being cooperative, had smeared four small squares of chocolate on the floor and smeared ice cream on the mirror. He said the girls admitted to making the mess and said they were having an ice cream fight.

Buckhave wanted the incident reported because of several other incidents of damage and graffiti that have recently occurred in the public rest rooms in the building.

At 8:12 p.m. on May 30, Buckhave reported damage inside two of the public rest rooms. Graffiti was found in the first floor and second floor bathrooms. Maintenance was unable to remove the permanent marker from the painted stall partitions. Buckhave was able to review surveillance tape which showed two male juveniles in the rest rooms during the time the crime was committed.

Another report mentioned damage to a paper towel holder in one of the rest rooms.

Car hit with eggs

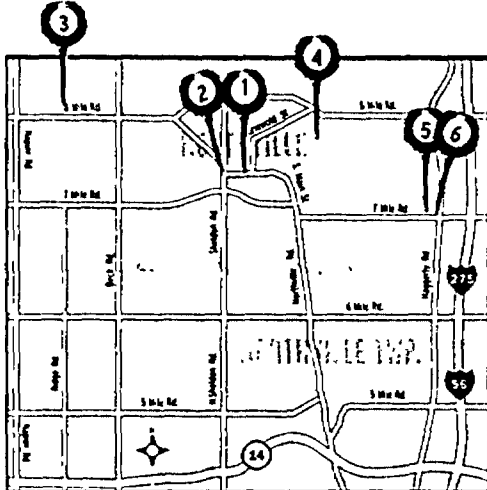
3 A 19-year-old resident on Taft Road reported that someone threw eggs at his car at 2 a.m. on June 7 as he was driving on Taft Road.

Police informed the man that Northville police had apprehended three teenagers who had been throwing eggs on cars on Taft Road at the same time the man had been driving on the roadway.

Damage to the man's vehicle was estimated at \$300.

Theft from vehicle

4 A 38-year-old resident on Northville Place Drive reported that someone stole the right rear tire and wheel from his vehicle between 10:03 p.m. May 25 and 8 a.m. May 26.



The vehicle was on a 6-inch-long piece of 4 by 4 wood which dented the underside of the quarter panel. The tire and wheel were valued at \$150.

Theft from Home Depot

5 Dispatch was informed at 2:46 p.m. on May 27 that a Home Depot employee had just attempted to arrest a woman trying to leave the store at 39500 Seven Mile Road without paying for a garbage disposal.

The disposal was pulled away from the female suspect along with a blue bag.

After the female broke free from the employee and left in a vehicle, an officer located the suspect vehicle on southbound Haggerty Road at Seven Mile Road.

Police were able to identify the woman, a 47-year-old Detroit woman, as the one who shoplifted the garbage disposal at Home Depot and arrested her for larceny from a building. The appliance was valued at \$119.09.

Operating while intoxicated

6 Police arrested a 24-year-old Wixom woman for operating while intoxicated at 1:30 a.m. May 28 at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

A patrol officer noticed a vehicle cross the fog line and yellow line several times while traveling eastbound on Seven Mile Road west of Haggerty Road.

Then the vehicle traveled past the stop line at a solid red light at the intersection of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, coming to a stop in the middle of the designated crosswalk.

The woman said she was dropping a friend off and had come from the Wagon Wheel Bar in Northville and that she had consumed two beers. Police could smell the odor of intoxicants coming from inside the vehicle.

The woman also had a suspended driver's license and a warrant for her arrest out of Garden City.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

Northville police say simple steps reduce theft

Keep valuables out of sight

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

All it takes is a few seconds to put your valuables inside your home or place them in the trunk of your car.



Burrough

But just simply having them out of sight is a huge deterrent when it comes to larceny from vehicles, say Northville Township police.

Mike Burrough, community liaison officer, talks to members of homeowners associations all the time, reminding them what to do to prevent crime in their neighborhoods.

To reduce thefts from autos, lock your doors, park in well-lit areas, and use store security or management to walk you to your car. This puts additional eyes and ears in the parking lot to prevent criminal behavior.

The most common items stolen from vehicles include GPS units, CDs, purses, cell phones, iPods and laptops. Never leave anything in plain view inside the passenger compartment, as this is just an invitation to criminals.

CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY

"One of our biggest problems is property crimes," Burrough said. "And nine times out of 10, these are crimes of opportunity, such as car doors left unlocked, and the GPS unit is on the dashboard."

Residents are reminded to keep their garage door closed and locked and the door from the garage to the home locked.

WANT TO LEARN MORE

Those who would like to learn more about crime prevention in their neighborhoods can contact Ofc. Mike Burrough, Northville Township community liaison officer, at (248) 349-9400 or via e-mail at mburrough@northvillewpd.com.

Bring the golf clubs inside instead of leaving them in plain sight in the garage.

"We caught a guy last summer who was walking into garages stealing things," Burrough said.

VACATION HOUSE CHECKS

Burrough said many local residents don't know that Northville Township police will check on your house while you're on vacation. Forms are available online, and police will stop by your home twice a week at different times while you're on vacation.

They even check to see if doors and windows are secured, in case a pet sitter or relative accidentally forgets to lock one of these entryways.

Let your neighbors on either side of you and across the street know when you're on vacation as well, so they can report any suspicious behavior.

If you're going to be gone for an extended period of time, consider having one of your neighbors park their car in your driveway.

Burroughs said to use common sense while on vacation as well. Use hotel or motel safes and secure valuables.

"If you're not going to be writing checks, don't take your

checkbook," he said. "If you're only using cash, don't take \$1,000 in traveler's checks."

Many resorts are all-inclusive, so vacationers don't have to have cash or credit cards on them but simply use an assigned card in which the charges go on an account.

ALARM SYSTEMS

Burrough said alarm systems are good, and if you decide to invest in one, make sure it has an audible alarm to scare away would-be thieves.

"Some of these are quite loud," he said.

CRIME REPORTING

Burrough said citizens are a vital link between what happens in their neighborhoods and the police. When crime goes unreported, criminals are free to commit crimes again.

Police say to be aware of a person you have never seen before in your neighborhood. Also beware of a person selling candy, newspapers or soliciting contributions.

Another possible criminal is someone posing as a repair or delivery person at your door or a neighbor's door.

Be on the lookout for a person entering or standing around a vacant house or building or at stores after hours.

A person sitting in a parked vehicle in a parking lot or on a neighborhood street could also be someone about to commit a crime.

Finally, question a person or vehicle following children.

Burrough is available to visit homeowners' associations meetings or other community groups to discuss crime prevention.

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JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Getting ready

Northville City Beautification Committee volunteers Nachiko Hirato, left, and Janet Young work with others recently at the city's DPW yard to get downtown's 69 planters ready for the summer season with flowers and ornamental grasses. The group will next turn its attention to the gardens at Allen Terrace, and spruce them up for the year.

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All-State Mustangs

Northville trio earns individual lacrosse recognitions

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Although Northville's boy's lacrosse season was a wave of ups and downs, three Mustangs earned all-state honors with their stellar play on the field.

Junior Ian Meador and seniors Nick Diegel and Alec Stirton each earned a spot on the all-state squad with their performances in different areas of the game. Meador earned first team honors for his special teams work on faceoffs, while Diegel earned third team attack honors and Stirton second team defense honors.

"(Meador) was probably one of the top faceoff players in the state throughout the season that I saw," Coach Greg Durham said. "Every team that we played knew that it was important to focus on beating Ian. In lacrosse, possession is a huge part of the game. For every possession you win, that is one more chance at a good offensive possession and shot."

"(Meador) has worked extremely hard in that past year at being a great faceoff specialist. After our game against Forest Hills Central, (Meador) talked to the coaches and a couple of their players explaining to them what he does and how he dominated them at the X. Ironically, their head coach is also the commissioner of the all-state committee, and he told me he has never met a player that knew his position better than Ian since he had been coaching. I feel the same way about (Meador). He basically is another coach on our team. Right now, he is one of the highest recruited players that I have coached in my coaching tenure."

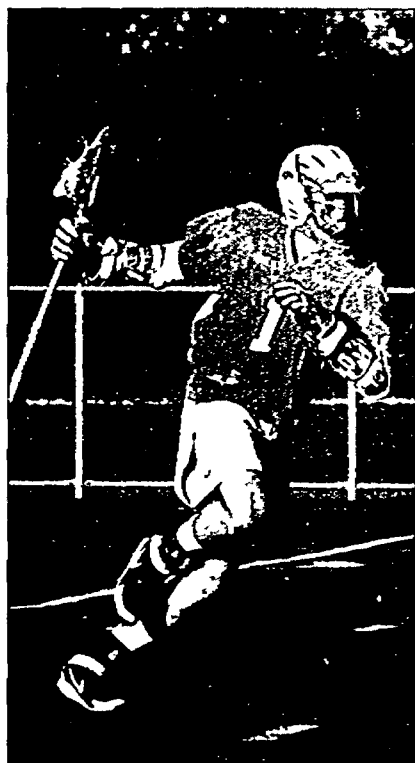
Meador won 186 faceoffs, a 60 percent faceoff-win rate, in his junior campaign. He also had 16 goals and 20 assists this season, which will pinpoint Meador as next spring's foundation to improve on Northville's 8-10 record and third place finish in the KLA.

DIEGEL & STIRTON

This year's senior leadership featured Diegel's defensive efforts, which included 108 ground balls and one goal scored, and Stirton's offense, which tallied 29 goals and 16 assists in 12 games, including a five-goal, two-assist performance against Canton.

"(Stirton) had a great and very consistent season," Durham said. "The reason that he was noticed by some of the coaches is because of his great stick skills as a defensive player. Justin Ronayne, Cranbrook's head coach, said that when we played them, he thought that (Stirton) was the best player on the field, even though we lost. (Stirton) is a great ground ball player and had 108 ground balls on the season. He was a great leader on the field and our team will certainly miss (Stirton) and his leadership."

"(Diegel) has had the roughest career of any player I coached. After breaking his ankle last season, and breaking his hip at the beginning of this season, (Diegel) finally got on track for the last 12 games. He averaged 3.9 points a game



Sr. Nicolas Diegel (3rd team Attack)



Jr. Ian Meador (1st team Special Team - Face Off)



Sr. Alec Stirton (2nd team Defense)

and became the second leading scorer on the team with only 12 games under his belt. He always drew the best defenseman on the other team and, with that, helped other attackman Dylan Gelven become a better player and a bigger impact. He has a great shot, and has unbelievable work ethic. I wish we had another year with (Diegel), for he hasn't even peaked yet."

Both Diegel and Stirton plan to play collegiate lacrosse, Diegel with

Central Michigan University's club team and Stirton will try to walk onto the University of Michigan's club team, the current Division I champions.

FUTURE

Durham said Northville's lacrosse program has been growing and the trio of all-state recognitions should help continue the growing interest.

"I really believe the recognition is starting to flow over into the middle school program. Many of the boys in the middle school program are brothers or friends of boys in the high school program. Some of them attended our banquet when I announced the all-state recognitions. I really think that they realize that playing for Northville can help you get noticed and recruited," Durham said. "It is pretty exciting because it is only going to help make our program better. Our program has continued to improve year after year. We have a great coaching staff now that really has the boys buying into what we need to accomplish as a team. After having exit interviews with all of the returning varsity players, I have never seen this much motivation to improve as individuals for the team. It is a great thing to see as a coach. I love the fact that the boys coming up love to play the game, and are having a great time putting in the time for their team. It is a lot of fun, that is why I probably will continue coaching here until I can't physically do it anymore."

The Mustangs hope to improve on this season, which saw them fall short to Novi and South Lyon in the regular season before a playoff run that included an opening 18-1 dismantling of West Bloomfield and a 21-5 serving of humble pie in a loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer living in Redford.



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Northville Mustang Jeanette Dolmetsch tries to get control of the ball in front of Wildcat Molli Krick during the March 30th game.

There's zero in Zerio

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Take the 1 out of Zerio and you get zero, something Novi's opposition saw a lot of against the Wildcats the last four years.

Erin Zerio capped off a four-year run as a Novi goaltender by cracking the top 10 all-time in Michigan for shutouts with 49 to claim the eighth spot.

She finished her Novi career with records in shutouts, wins (69-7-5 overall) and 18 shutouts in a season during a championship run her sophomore year. The 18 shutouts in a season is the third most ever in Michigan for a season.

Along the way, she earned back-to-back State titles and allowed less than a half a goal a game (0.48).

"In her four years we won our league all four times (the KVC for three and the Central division in the KLA once), won our district four times, won two regional titles and two state championships," said Novi head coach Brian O'Leary. "She was All-Conference three times, All-District three times, was All-State Third Team last year and All-State Second Team this year."

The rock-solid goalie also was a star in the classroom. She carried a 3.64 grade point average and will continue her career thanks to a scholarship to Lipscomb, a Division I school in Tennessee.

"Erin had the most impressive career of any goalie in Novi history," said O'Leary. "What I will remember most about her is what a competitor she is every day in practice. Her work ethic and preparation for the games are what set her apart."

"Also, the 17 saves she

made in the Brighton game this year to lead us to a district championship was remarkable."

Zerio is the 2009 All-Area soccer Player of the Year.

FIRST TEAM

With the talent level of soccer in the area, making the All-Area First Team is no small feat. But all six teams from the area land at least one player on the elite team.

Morgan Haffey, Novi
The junior forward led the Wildcats with 17 goals and was third with eight assists to lead Novi with 25 points. She was voted All-Conference, All-District, All-Region and an All-State Third Team honoree.

"The most amazing thing about Morgan is her versatility," said O'Leary. "Last year she started every game at center midfield. This year she started almost every game at forward, and in club she plays defense. She has great skills, especially her ability to win balls and keep possession for our team."

Haffey also carried a 3.5 grade point average.

Megan Burns, Novi
The senior defender played four years of varsity ball for Novi. She started as a forward, but moved to defense as a sophomore and turned into the top shut-down defender the rest of her Wildcat career.

"She has marked the best of the best in her three years and shut down all of them, including Lauren Hill, Danielle Toney and Laura Heyboer, all of whom are now All-Big Ten performers," said O'Leary.

Through her career, Burns has been All-Conference twice, All-District twice, All-Region and made All-State Third Team this year.

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Downtown runaround

Northville Solstice Run gearing up for race day June 27

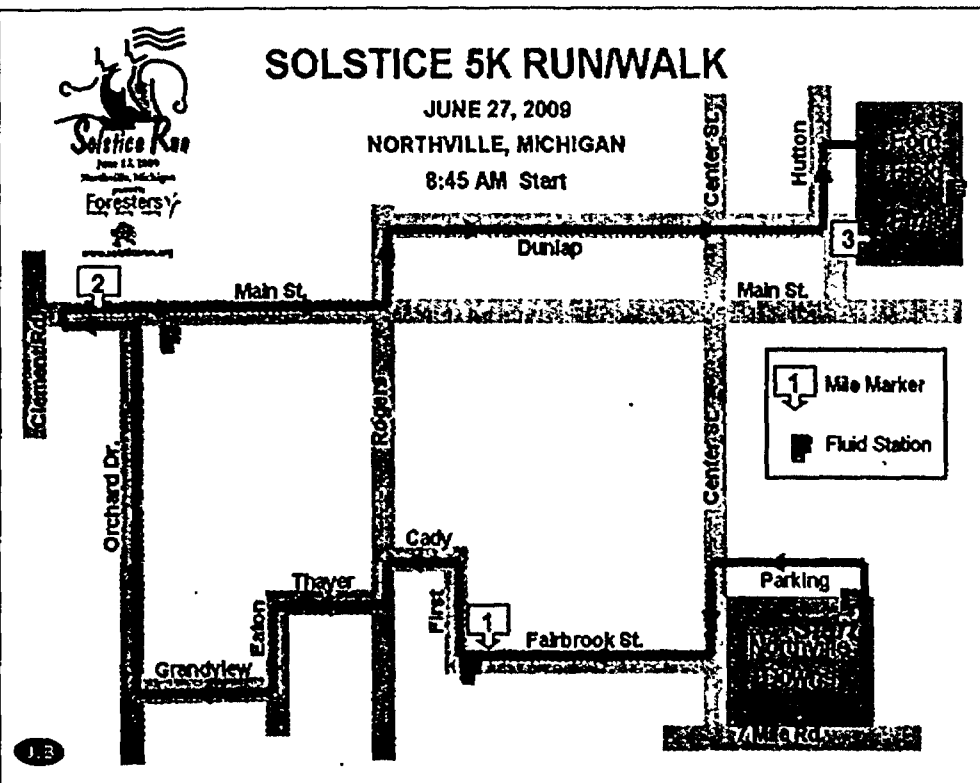
BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Thousands of runners will descend upon Northville Saturday, June 27, filling the streets for the Seventh Annual Solstice Run.

The event will raise funds for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute through a 10K run, 5K run/walk and a quarter-mile Kids Fun Run. The 10K and 5K events will both feature up to 1,000 participants each and will, for the first time, have runners sweat out their first half mile around the horse track at Northville Downs.

"We're up 20 percent from last year," Race Director Alan Whitehead said of what he expects to be a 1,600-person event. "We started in 2003 and it

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JOHN HEIDER | NOVI AT ITS

Novi's Erin Zerio finishes her Novi career eighth all-time in Michigan history with 49 shutouts. She is the 2009 All-Area Soccer Player of the Year.

TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

The U.S. Open 2009 is June 15-21
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Is a golf course slope rating of 130 always really tough?

By Doug Hendershot

With nearly 900 golf courses in Michigan, there is certainly a wide range of golf course and slope ratings to select from. With this many courses you can find any degree of difficulty one chooses. And with some knowledge of the USGA Course Rating System, it is possible to find that special "hidden gem" that suits your game and makes the golfing experience even more fun.

The USGA Course Rating of a golf course (not slope rating) is designed to ensure that the rating of a golf course is in proper relation to the ratings of the other courses. This applies to your local courses, as well as courses throughout the entire United States.

The USGA Course Rating, generally found on a scorecard, is based on the performance of the scratch player and his or her scoring ability related to playing length and 10 obstacle factors

This USGA Rating System also provides procedures for determining a Bogey Rating based on the performance of the Bogey golfer and his or her scoring ability. This rating is used in connection with the USGA Course Rating to provide a slope rating. For a comprehensive list of all current USGA Course and Slope ratings in Michigan, go to www.gam.org and click the course finder tab under the Handicap section of the Golf Association of Michigan Web site.

OK, so now you have your list of courses that may be suited to your playing ability. It's time to take a closer look at both the course ratings and slope numbers to get a better feel for the type of poison you are about to be encounter. Through the collection of data on thousands of golfers and thousands of golf holes, the factors that affect the difficulty of a golf hole have been evaluated and assigned numerical

values that yield an accurate course rating and slope rating when applied to an entire course. The slope rating is an indicator of the relative difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch players. Since the vast majority of golfers are not scratch players, we will now take a closer look at what really makes a tough golf course.

With permission from the author, the following are excerpts from an article, "Setting the Record Straight," by David Parsigian:

"What do the ratings Mean? Many golfers and golf magazine editors believe "slope" is the best indicator of difficulty. This is incorrect. Slope allows the golfer to accurately determine the number of handicap strokes they are entitled to on a given golf course. That's it! The true key to fulfilling your need for self-punishment is course rating.

The USGA has weighted all of the factors for effective playing length and obstacles, and adjusted those weightings for how they affect the scratch and bogey player differently. Plugged into a formula with this weighting, the factors result in a different course rating for the scratch and bogey golfer.

Now we are ready to put it all together, the course rating represents the average of the better half of the scores of the scratch or bogey golfer under normal course and weather conditions. On a course rated 69.0 with a par 72, a scratch player will shoot that score one out of four times. So where does slope come in?

Slope simply measures how much more difficult a course is for the bogey golfer than the scratch golfer. The higher the slope, the greater the relative difference in difficulty between these two golfers.

So, if you perfectly fit the criteria

for a bogey golfer, slope is a reasonably good measure of difficulty. But a better one is to use the course and slope rating to determine the bogey rating. Below is the formula for men. Once you've figured out the bogey rating, you'll know that a bogey golfer will, on average, shoot that score only one out of four times.

Course Rating (Bogey) = Course Rating (Scratch) + (Slope Rating divided by 5.381), for women, just replace 5.381 with 4.24."

Now that I have empowered you with course rating knowledge, you can look at both the USGA slope and course rating to decide if a "130 Slope" is really that tough. Hint, "Remember to look at the course rating."

Doug Hendershot is the Golf Association of Michigan's Director of Course Rating.

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SOLSTICE

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was just a 5K. The whole idea was a fitness-type event in your community. We're hoping to, next year, hit 2,000."

As the event grows, so have the features. This year's Solstice Run will include timing mats at the start and finish line so race times are accurate and tag timing (10K and 5K only), which requires runners to wear a disposable-chip tag on their shoe to be scored.

"Electric carpeting at the start line (starts your time) based on your chip number," Whitehead explained.

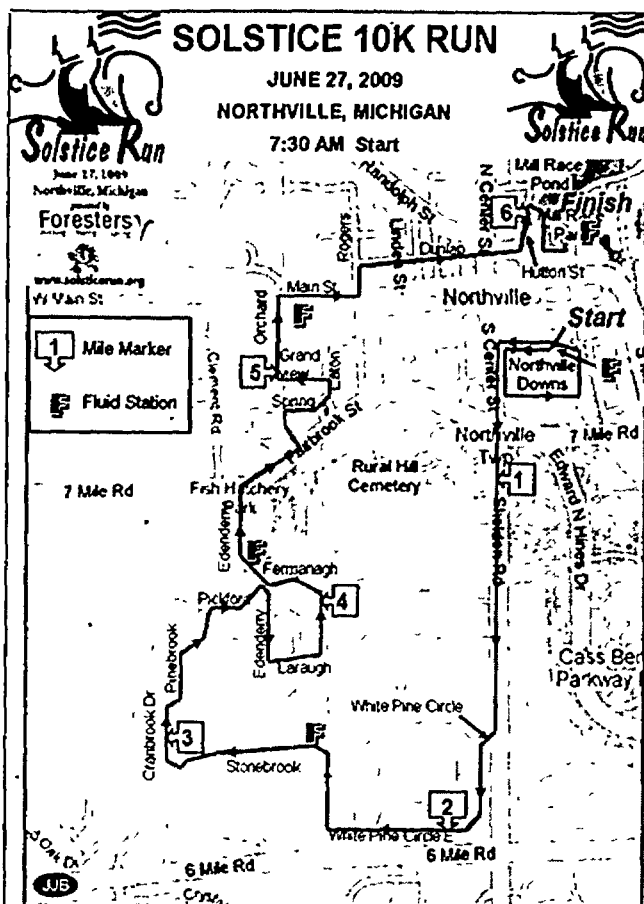
The event is more than sweat and pavement pounding for a cause though. There's plenty of fun and entertainment to be had as well.

The Kids Fun Run will be accompanied at Ford Field and throughout the course by clowns, face painting, a food and beverage buffet; two live bands, Band on the Run and Ultra Violet; the "Art in the Sun" event downtown; an awards ceremony for all three races and more.

"I wanted to start a race in Northville, a beautiful Victorian area. There's always residents that come out on their lawns and cheer on the runners," Whitehead said, noting some local celebrities have also participated. "(Red Wings coach Mike) Babcock was in the 5K. We've invited (Gov. Jennifer) Granholm, her husband and kids to come out and it appears they're going to come. Her husband is an avid runner."

Although there may be some notable names in the race, the majority of participants are local residents looking for a good time and a good run.

Last year, Twenty-seven-year-old Nick Stanko of Haslett won the men's 5K with a time of 15 minutes and 24 seconds, a 4:58 pace per mile. Denisa Costescu, 32, of Novi won the women's 5K in 17:20, a 5:35 pace.



Nick Krus, 22, of Wixom won the men's 10K in 32:29 last year, a 5:14 pace. Kalli Williams, 23, of Ann Arbor won the women's 10K in 37:58, a 6:07 pace.

The top 500 overall finishers in the 10K Run will receive medals and all participants in the Kids Run will receive classic Foresters medals. Age group awards will be available at the finish-line tent for the 10K and 5K events, as well as \$700 in cash awards for overall winners.

Everyone who registers by June 22 is guaranteed a race shirt. Online registration at active.com ends at 9 a.m. June 25.

"Our registration is ahead of last year's, so I think we'll do fine despite the economy. It's growing and it's a good cause," Whitehead said.

On race day, Northville Downs will be the starting line for the 7:30 a.m. 10K and 8:45

a.m. 5K. The Kids Fun Run will start 8:35 a.m. at Ford Field. Although streets will be closed, most of the races will be complete by 9:15 a.m.

"It's all ages and fitness levels. It's for everybody. People need to see Northville. That's the key attraction for me. They don't realize how beautiful it is," Whitehead said.

He said the event needs more volunteers to run smoothly. Those interested in volunteering can contact Jill Whitehead at jwhitehead@mi.rr.com.

Foresters, a life insurance organization, are presenting the event and several local businesses, including the Northville Record and Novi News, are contributing. For more information, visit www.solsticerun.org/home.htm.

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NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

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The Northville Mustang Boosters Club, Inc. will hold its Golf Scramble and Dinner Auction at Fox Hills Golf Club

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Soccer

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Burns maintained a 3.89 grade point average and will continue her career at Kalamazoo College.

Nikki Greenhalgh, Novi
The sophomore forward looks to have a very bright future on the attack for years to come after piling up 14 goals, 10 assists and 24 points.

"Nikki followed up a good freshman season, in which she was a sub or occasional starter in the midfield and at forward, with an outstanding sophomore year," said O'Leary. "This year she started at forward. What she brings to the team is great speed to go with incredible strength and work ethic."

Greenhalgh was All-Conference and All-District while working a perfect 4.0 grade point in the classroom.

Kelsey Baskins, Northville
The senior placed center defense and was the first wave in helping a stellar Northville defense hold its opponents down throughout the year. She made All-State Second Team after making the third team last year.

The Mustang captain will continue her career at Western Michigan after producing a stellar 3.95 grade point average.

Jeanette Dolmetsch, Northville
The senior defender was another force in a team led by its defense. She also found time to score three goals and chip in three assists.

Dolmetsch received All-Conference honors and will continue her career at Long Island University after carrying a 3.42 GPA.

Camille Junca, Northville
The senior scored four goals and recorded four assists out of the center-mid position. She also co-captained the team with Baskins. She carried a 3.64 GPA and was voted to the KLAA All-Conference team.

Megan Morad, South Lyon
It was no secret who was going to receive extra defensive attention for South Lyon. But the senior still found time to notch 14 goals and six assists for a team-high 20 points. She was in on 20 of the Lions' 31 goals.

Morad holds school records for goals in a season (14), points in a season (20) and goals in a career (44). She is second all-time in points with 55, only two points back of the record. Morad was a four-year varsity player and led the team in scoring all four years.

She was All-Conference and All-District all four years, All-Region since her sophomore year, All-State Honorable Mention her sophomore and junior years and All-State xxx Team as a senior.

"Megan is the not only the fastest player I have had the privilege of coaching, but the most resilient," said South

Lyon head coach Tracee Senter. "She always strived to be better and fought through pain, double and even sometimes triple teams to help her team succeed. I wish her the best at the next level."

Morad will continue her career at Saginaw Valley State on a scholarship.

Katie Walker, South Lyon East
Walker led the young Cougar team with 10 goals and two assists for 12 points.

Michelle Dant, Milford
If a Maverick goal was scored, it was a safe bet Dant as involved. She had 12 tallies to lead the team.

"She pretty much scored all our goals," said Milford head coach Mike Gilmour. "She had an outstanding season."

Tess Zasuwa, Milford
The junior defender was the steady force for the Mavericks. Both Zasuwa and Dan received All-Conference honors.

"She's an outstanding defender," said Gilmour.

Katie McNulty, Lakeland
The junior forward scored 10 goals and provided three assists. She was a direct part of 13 of the 27 goals scored by Lakeland. McNulty received All-Conference and All-Region honors.

"Katie is the best player I've coached at Lakeland and will be strongly considered for our Hall of Fame," said Lakeland head coach Curt Whitefield. "She has a variety of technical tools that demands a defensive double team. Her ability and field leadership has been a main contributor to Lakeland's strongest season in many years."

Sam Miller, Lakeland
The senior goalie delivered five shutouts and only allowed 32 goals all year, which is 40 less than what was allowed in 2008. Miller earned All-Conference and All-KLAA Academic honors.

"Sam has been Lakeland's varsity goalie for four years," said Whitefield. "Her amazing play in goal gave Lakeland a chance to win in more than 10 games when we were out shot by a ratio of 2 to 1. She has great positioning awareness and toughness with better technical skills than seen by 99 percent of the teams we've played."

SECOND TEAM

The All-Area Second Team is littered with players that were not only good enough to pick up conference and other honors, but would be First-Team honorees in just about any other part of the state.

Chelsea Budlong, Novi
The senior placed center defense for the Wildcats. She helped the Novi defense stymie opponents to only 14 goals in 22 games. In the four games she missed, the Cats allowed three goals. She will play at Madonna University next year.

Katie Caruso, Novi
The senior defender started

every game on the right side. She will continue her playing days at Adrian next year.

Taylor Pyden, Novi
The junior sweeper was one of the fastest players for Novi and also one of the most durable. She led the Cats by averaging 73 minutes a game. She earned All-Conference and All-District honors.

Nicki Caruso, Novi
The sophomore midfielder tallied seven goals and led the Wildcats with 10 assists for 17 points (third highest on the team).

Caroline Castelli, Northville
The junior center-midfielder dished out five assists, while earning All-Conference and KLAA All-Academic honors.

Nicole Miller, Northville
The senior helped anchor the strong Mustang defense while also producing a 3.6 GPA. She was voted KLAA All-Conference and All-Academic.

Kelsey Fiscus, Northville
The junior forward notched two goals and five assists while being voted to the KLAA All-Conference team.

Amanda Thomas, South Lyon
The two-time All-Conference player wrapped up a four-year varsity run for the Lions. She was voted team Defensive MVP and was also the South Lyon Female Athlete of the Year with letters in volleyball, basketball and soccer. She will play basketball at Hope College next year.

Kristine Graham, Lakeland
The sophomore chipped in three goals and two assists from the outside midfielder position. She was voted All-Conference and All-District Honorable Mention.

Lauren Dahl, Lakeland
The senior defender scored a goal and passed out a pair of assists while helping the defense to five shutouts. She earned KLAA All-Academic and was voted All-Conference Honorable Mention.

Jillian Parsons, Lakeland
The sophomore played center defender earned All-Conference honors and was voted All-District Honorable Mention.

Sam Sturgeon, Milford
The sophomore center-midfielder scored a pair of goals and voted All-Conference.

HONORABLE MENTION

Receiving All-Area Honorable Mention are Northville's Amy Sweetapple (Sr), Stacey Clough (Jr), Mallory Weber (Fr) and Tori Wright (Jr); South Lyon East's Katie DeVergilio, Chelsea Evasic and Ainsley Crum; Milford's Hayley Bensek (Jr), Alyssa Adams (Jr) and Adrienne Allard (Jr); and Lakeland's Amy Carlton (Jr), Jillian Draheim (Jr), Lauren Klapek (Sr), and Kelsey Peyton (Sr).

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University of Detroit-Mercy assistant men's basketball coach Jay Smith (far left) is as knowledgeable and passionate about the game as they come. Smith, a Northville resident, will team up with Mustangs varsity boys head coach Todd Sander in an upcoming basketball school at Hillside.

First-ever Titans hoop camp coming to Hillside

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When autumn comes, and kids all across Northville are asked what they did during summer vacation, Todd Sander and Jay Smith would like nothing better than to hear: "Learning about basketball at Hillside."

Both men are basketball coaches teaming up for the first annual Detroit Titans Basketball School, slated for Hillside Recreation Center from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, June 29, through Thursday, July 2.

The fee is \$100 for boys and girls ages 4-9 who have interest in a fun but "intense teaching camp" where University of Detroit Mercy assistant coach Smith and many of his players will do hands-on instruction rather than a "meet-and-greet" type camp.

"I'm there teaching the whole time, it will be a skills improvement camp," Smith said. "Our players also will be there the whole time. We're not doing this for a fund-raiser."

If they succeed in the debut Northville-Titans program, what will be raised is basketball acumen and enthusiasm that could be plied as soon as this fall and winter. They can begin applying themselves whether with the Mustangs or various AAU, CYO or youth recreation leagues in Northville, Novi, Plymouth and nearby communities.

"We want to build enthusiasm for our program, long term," said Sander, Northville varsity boys basketball coach. "We want to start with the young guys and get them excited, one about basketball, but two about Northville basketball. It's as much a community event as it is a basketball event."

PARTNERSHIP

Sander enlisted Smith, someone he met during a 2002 summer camp and who last year moved his family to Northville. Also co-hosting the program is the Northville Recreation Department.

"I knew him since his Central Michigan days," Sander said. "Jay was head coach there and I was bringing my Northville junior varsity teams to his

ABOUT THE CAMP

What: Detroit Titans Basketball School, in conjunction with Northville Basketball.

When: 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, June 29 through Thursday, July 2.

Where: Hillside Recreation Center, located at Hillside Middle School.

Who: Boys and girls entering grades 4-9 are invited to sign up. The fee is \$100.

Scoop: Titans' assistant coach Jay Smith and Northville head coach Todd Sander, along with players from University of Detroit-Mercy, will teach fundamentals and motivate along the way in what is promised to be a "spectacular experience."

Register: Call (248) 348-6677 or go to www.northvillebasketball.com for more information.

team camp and we got to know each other...."

"We reconnected when he moved to town. Coach had a passionate interest to conduct a camp in the community where he lives. He has young kids and ... he wants to help build our program. It's been a partnership since he's been here."

Jay and wife Tymi have young children who wear Mustangs uniforms. They are 8-year-old son, Cooper, and 3-year-old daughter, Cazzi — named in honor of Cazzie Russell, the University of Michigan basketball legend (Smith also coached at U-M).

"I snuck it in there on my wife," said Smith, joking about his tribute to Russell. "You have to dress up (the name) Smith a little bit."

But there'll be no surprise to those who sign up for the session. They will be at Hillside to get schooled about a game both Smith and Sander eat, drink and sleep.

"This is a teaching camp, and as I told Todd, we're going to keep that format," Smith said. "Now, are we going to play some games and have some 1-on-1 or 2-on-2 to demonstrate the skills that they've learned? Yes."

"For example, if we're going to hand out an award, it's not going to be who's the high scorer. It's going to be who's the best screener

or who's the best cutter. Those are the things that we're emphasizing."

FUN WHILE LEARNING

Of course, the coaches and Titans players won't forget about making sure the participants have some fun, too.

Then Smith stands up and extends his arms to his sides, talking about a 1-on-1 "ball fake" drill that focuses on how every basketball player has "four windows."

"You fake a pass to the top window (above one arm) and pass it to the bottom window (below it)," he explained. "You can really have some fun with that one."

Smith also will build in fun moments that won't minimize the educational mission.

"That way that I will teach it is keep them on their toes," Smith said. "For example, this is why I never pick up balls. Anytime you hear a long whistle you just stop what you're doing and go to 'triple threat,' which is pass, shoot or dribble."

"Then, on the count of three I want all the balls picked up and put in the bin. Then, I'll say 'All right, go' and the kids just disperse. I say 'Whoa, it's on three.' It's getting them to listen. If you can get them to listen, you got a chance to teach them."

Perhaps no future Cazzie Russells will be groomed between June 29 and July 2. But that's not how Smith or Sander will judge their initial venture.

"My whole thing is I live in this community," Smith noted. "I'd like to see basketball, like Todd, improve and get enhanced. If I have a skill that can improve the kids, then I'm all for it. I do think it starts at a young age."

"This is just part of being part of your community."

Those who sign up for the Detroit Titans Basketball School receive a discount if they sign up for the Mustang Camp (June 15-19 for girls; July 6-9 for boys). The two-week package is \$150, Sander said. For information, call (248) 348-6677 or go to www.northvillebasketball.com and scroll down to the camp link.

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NOTICE OF MEETING TO HEAR OBJECTIONS TO APPORTIONMENTS OF COST QUAIL RIDGE INTERCOUNTY DRAIN

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Quail Ridge Intercounty Drain Drainage Board will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 16, 2009, at the Northville Charter Township Hall, Lower Level Training Room, 44405 6 Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing any objections to the apportionments.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the costs for the establishment, inspection and maintenance of the Quail Ridge Intercounty Drain, located in the City of Novi, Oakland County and the Charter Township of Northville in the County of Wayne, Michigan, have been tentatively apportioned as follows:

PUBLIC CORPORATION	TENTATIVE PERCENTAGE OF COST
City of Novi	77.31%
Charter Township of Northville	17.15%
County of Wayne	5.54%
TOTAL	100.00%

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that after consideration of all objections to the apportionments, the Drainage Board shall determine whether the apportionments fairly reflect the benefits to accrue to each public corporation and the extent to which the public corporation contributes to the conditions which makes the establishment, inspection and maintenance of the Drain necessary. If the Drainage Board determines that the apportionments are equitable it will enter a Final Order of Apportionment confirming the apportionments.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Section 536 of Act No. 40 of the Public Acts of 1956 as amended, provides that the Final Order of Apportionment shall not be subject to attack in any court, except by proceedings in certiorari brought within 20 days after the Order is filed in the Office of the Wayne County Drain Commissioner, the Secretary of the Quail Ridge Intercounty Drain Drainage Board, and that if no such proceedings shall be brought within the said 20 day period, the legality of the assessments shall not thereafter be questioned in any suit at law or equity, either on jurisdictional or nonjurisdictional grounds.

Dated: June 12, 2009

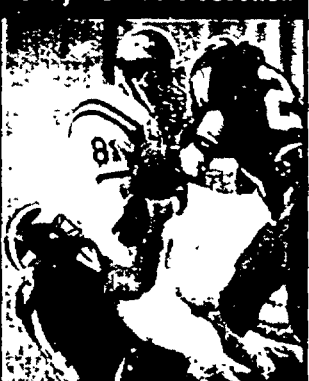
Butler Benton Jr., Wayne County Drain Commissioner and Secretary, Quail Ridge Intercounty Drain Drainage Board

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

2009 CITY OF NORTHVILLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, DUE JULY 1, 2009, WILL BE PAYABLE WITHOUT PENALTY AT THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN FROM JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2009.

Taxes must be paid by mail, addressed to City of Northville, Attn: Tax Department, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, or in person at the City Clerk's Office Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The office will be closed Friday, July 3rd, 2009. Tax information, including payment status, will be available online as of July 1, 2009 at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

On September 1st, 2009, a two percent (2%) penalty will be added, plus an additional 1/2 of 1% interest per month beginning October 1st, 2009. All payments received after 4:30 p.m. August 1st, 2009, regardless of postmark, will be subject to penalty and interest.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Notice is given that a "2008 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality" for City of Northville's Water System is available to City of Northville Residents and any user of City of Northville water. The Northville Public Works Department wants you to know that your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all Federal and State standards for quality and safety.

Copies of the City's Consumer Confidence Report can be obtained at the Northville City Hall, 215 Main Street. Should you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please contact the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

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Strictly Business



Members of the Keller Williams Realty new downtown Northville office, from left: Mary Nelson, Michael Warren, Deborah Ronayne and Jerry Neff. The office just opened about a month ago.

Northville realtors say foreclosure can be stopped

■ Better options do exist today

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Foreclosure can be avoided with people who can't pay their mortgage, according to two Northville real estate agents with special training in this area.

Deborah Ronayne and Michael Warren of Keller Williams Realty, 200 N. Center St. in downtown Northville, recently earned the Certified Distressed Property Expert designation, completing extensive training in foreclosure avoidance and short sales locally. The two-day class took place in Farmington Hills reviewed foreclosure avoidance and short sales.

More than 6,000 real estate agents now have this designation across the country.

"This is invaluable expertise to offer at a time when the area is ravaged by distressed homes in the foreclosure process," said Mary Nelson of the Keller Williams Northville office.

Jerry Neff is another member of the Northville office, that just opened about a month ago. He handles the office's commercial real estate transactions.

SHORT SALES ARE BETTER

Short sales allow the cash-strapped seller to repay the mortgage at the price that the home sells for, even though it is lower than what is owed on the property.

With property values plummeting, this can save many people from foreclosure and even bankruptcy. More lenders are willing to consider short sales because they are much less costly than foreclosures.

"You don't have to go down the path of foreclosure," Ronayne said. "That's totally destructive. There's different things you can do along the way."

Locally, more than one in eight homes are in danger of foreclosure. And, this is happening in all price ranges of homes. Local experts say that even high-priced homes are not immune.

"This new Certified Distressed Property Expert designation has been invaluable as we work with sellers and lenders on complicated short sales," Ronayne said. "It is so rewarding to be able to help sellers save their homes from foreclosure."

Alex Charfen, founder of the Distressed Property Institute in Boca Raton, Fla., said real estate agents such as Ronayne and Warren with the new designation have valuable training in short sales that can offer the homeowner much better alternatives to foreclosure, which virtually destroys one's credit rating. These experts also may better understand market conditions and can help sellers through the emotional experience, Charfen said.

"If you need security clearance for certain jobs or work in a bank, you could be discharged and no longer have a job," Warren said. "Some employers also do credit checks. Foreclosure stays on your record, whereas a short sale is seen as debt settled."

Real estate agents all say the worst thing a homeowner can do is facing with a distressed housing situation is to ignore the problem and stop answering the phone.

"There are options," Ronayne said.

The Distressed Property Institute opened in January 2008 and provides training on-site and online. The CDPE is the premier designation for Realtors helping homeowners in distress and handling short sales.

The Keller Williams group is available to speak to local groups about this issue. "We all know people who are facing home foreclosure. It's currently affecting about one in eight homeowners," Ronayne said. "It's tragic."

Take action before getting behind in your mortgage. The foreclosure starts after about three months of missed payments. Contact your mortgage loan officer or bank immediately.

For more information about how to avoid home foreclosure, call the Keller Williams office in Northville at (248) 735-5477.

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BUSINESS UPDATE

Northville residents aim to help state economy grow

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville residents Greg Bernabei and Robert McTavish are part of a four-person team that are part of a new nonprofit organization designed to stimulate the Michigan economy.

The organization, called Revitalizing Michigan, was just created March 13. Others members are Karen Montgomery of Trenton, who is related to Bernabei and serves as executive vice president for finance, and Mike Pizzo of Woodhaven, who has known Bernabei for many years through the auto industry and is the organization's executive vice president for technology.

The founding members believe the nation's current economic crisis is rooted in the downward spiraling trend of the state's design and manufacturing businesses.

They want to stimulate economic activity throughout Michigan.

"We want to contribute to the rebirth of the region and the state," Bernabei said.

"We will use federal, regional and private grants to impact activities that will lead to economic growth in Michigan."

A resident of Northville since 2004, Bernabei formerly worked for Ford Motor Co., and received a buyout in January 2009.

"I founded the organization because I think the economy in Michigan needs help," Bernabei said. "We have some ideas about why the state is in the economic doldrums. By working with some Michigan companies, we think we can help." Bernabei serves as CEO of the nonprofit.

MCTAVISH SIGNS ON

McTavish has lived in Northville since 1994 and is executive vice president of business development.

"I've known Greg for several years through the neighborhood. We're very close, and when he shared that he was a displaced automaker and his plan to help Michigan I was on board," McTavish said.

"We're doing everything we can to not participate in the recession and hopefully help others do the same," McTavish said.

One grant has been applied for through the Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Federal Transit Administration," Bernabei said.

The grant is for public input on public transportation.

Bernabei said that other major metropolitan areas, such as Denver and Washington, D.C., Chicago, Seattle, and even Ann Arbor, provide much more public transportation than the Metro Detroit area.

Revitalizing Michigan would like to see greater access to public buses, possibly rail lines so people could travel throughout the Detroit area more easily.

"This grant is not designed to actually build public transportation," Bernabei said. "The federal government wants public opinion on these types of systems before federal dollars are used to actually create them."

MORE GRANT APPLICATIONS

The organization will apply for two more grants through the Department of Education and the Economic Development Administration, respectively, that could help the state of Michigan.

"The other thing we should mention is our desire to work with local businesses to make their business better through revenue, profit and operational improvements," Bernabei said.

The team uses an approach to help businesses explained in Bernabei's new book, "Changing Times: Transform Your Life in Four Easy Steps Using the Triangle of Change."

Bernabei's book was published by EMMA Publications of Northville, the publishing arm of Revitalizing Michigan.

The team provides a free initial consultation to business owners to review key segments of people, process, product and technology.

If an agreed-upon, mutual opportunity exists the team will engage in a low-cost follow-up session. The team consists of experienced business executives who have benefited from this methodology.

The organization feels strongly that the nation's road to recovery is paved with commercializing product that is either stuck on some drawing board or stagnated inside of some entrepreneur's mind.

For more information about the Revitalizing Michigan team, visit www.revitalizingmichigan.com or contact info@revitalizingmichigan.com.

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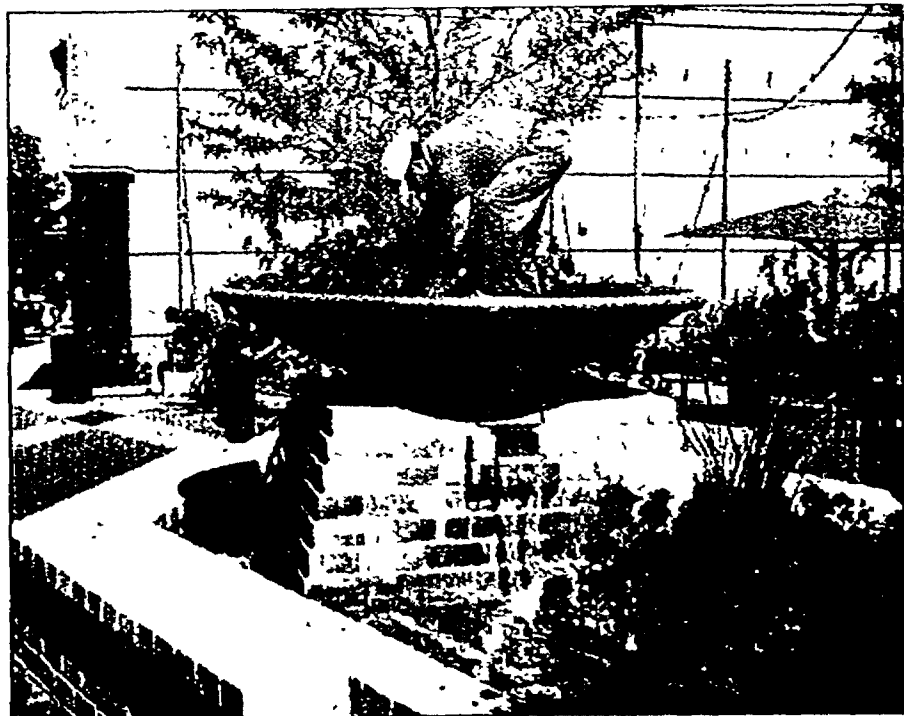
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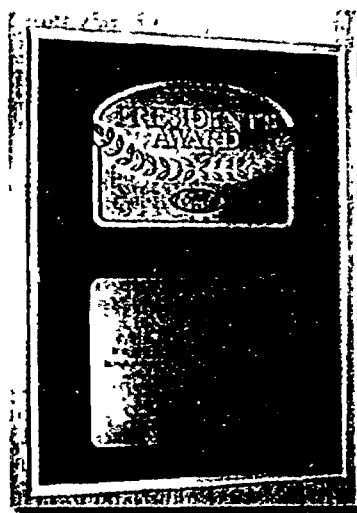
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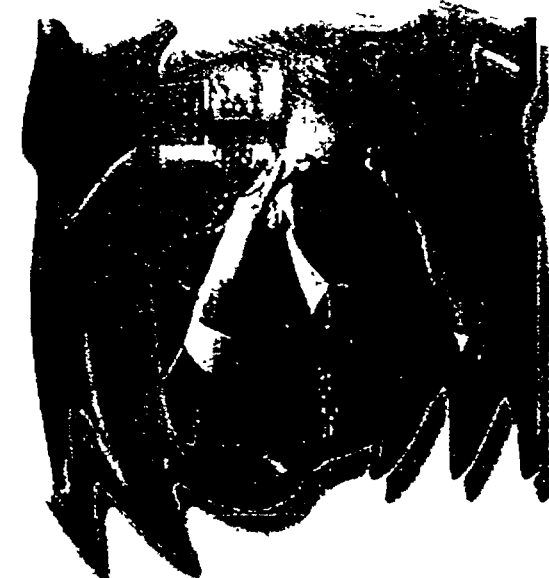
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8 Type of orange
13 Big name in travel
18 Son of Rebeckah
21 Puppy bites
22 "Gay"
23 Guy Mitchell tune
26 Claire of "Brokedown Palace"
27 Jolt
28 Coarse four
29 White tie
31 Dad's cousin
32 Seafood selection
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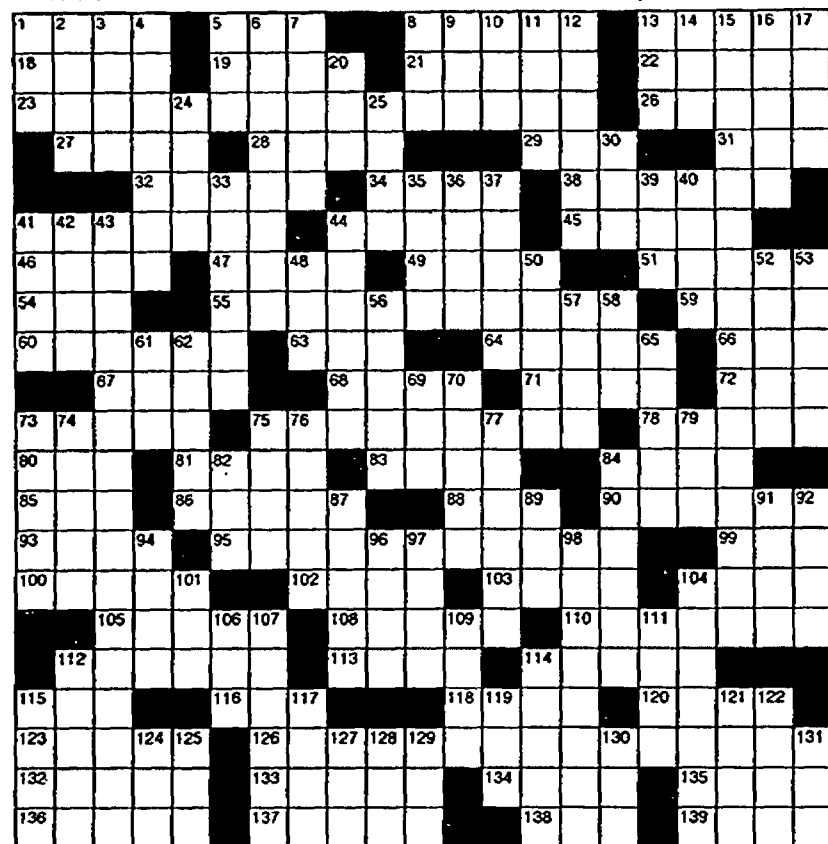
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12 Commission
13 Nourished
14 "Carouser" (67 hit)
15 Guy Williams role
16 New York city
17 Hasty
20 — Na Na
24 Foot part
25 Exile site
30 Herd word
33 They sport dreadlocks
35 Waugh or Baldwin
36 Michael of "Cabaret"
37 Taints
39 Assumed mane?
40 Revlon rival
41 A sweeping success?

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55 Guy de Maupassant story
59 42 Down's mistress
60 Vasco the voyager
63 70 Jackson 5 hit
64 Baby bird?
66 Zeus, 104
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68 Auto pioneer
71 McGregor of "Moulin Rouge"
72 When the French fry
73 Faded away
75 Guy Lafleur's team
78 Made eyes at
80 Urchin
81 Inland sea
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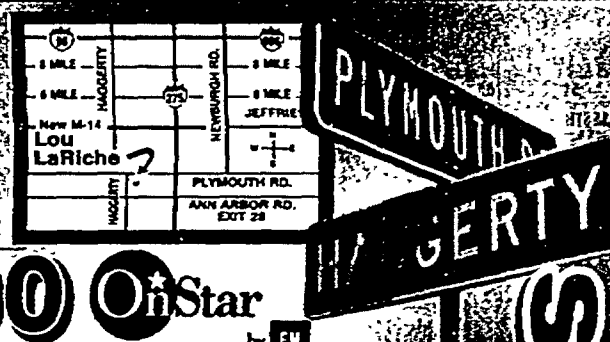
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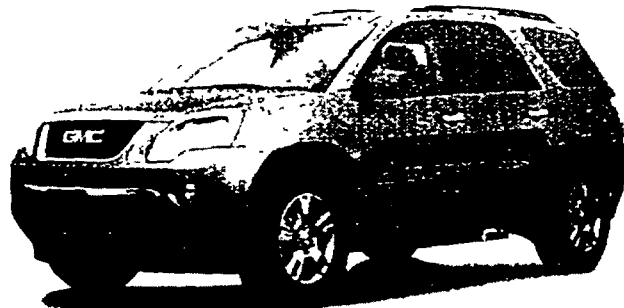
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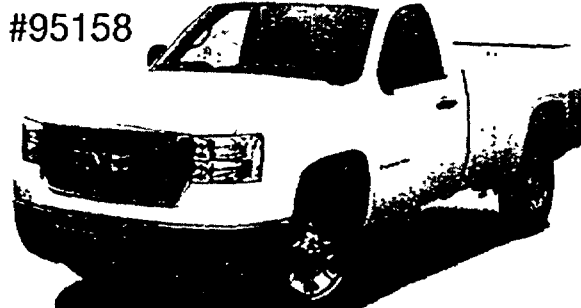
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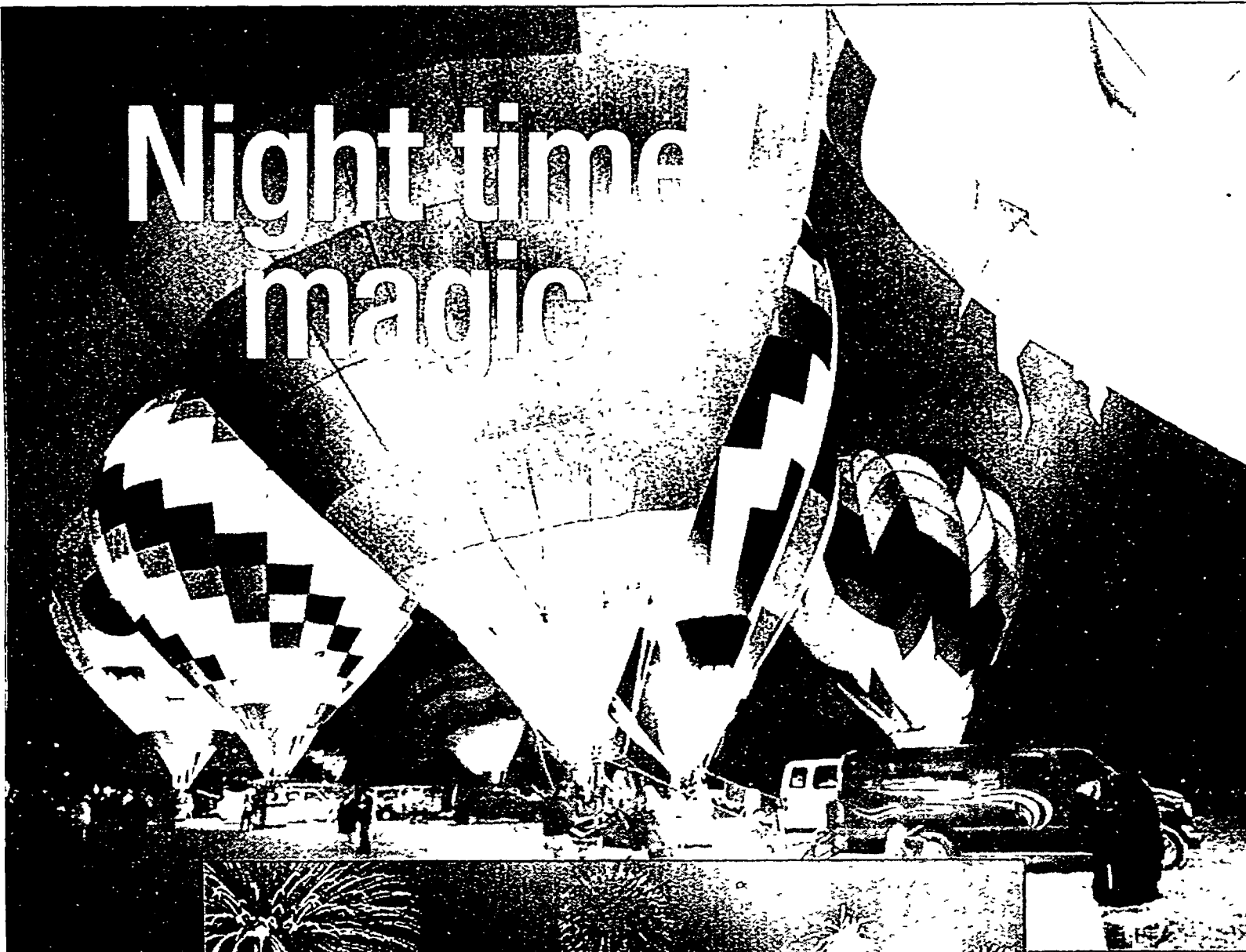


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This year's commemorative Michigan Challenge Balloonfest pin recognizes the 25th anniversary of the event and was designed by Pam Rietsch, a member of the pilot liaison team and volunteer since the first balloonfest in 1985.

Pins are available for \$6 each at the Michigan Challenge and the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce. For those who have a pin collection, pins from previous years are also available.

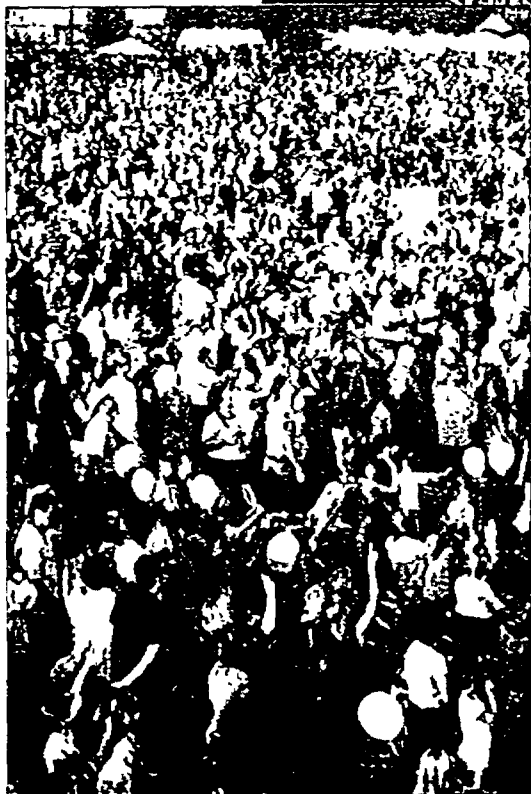


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The BackBeats play on the main stage Saturday night before the balloon glow.

Summer days at the balloonfest are beautiful, but oh those summer nights. The fun's not over after the Friday and Saturday night balloon launches. Enjoy music from the main stage, and then stay for the Michigan Challenge night show.

To help celebrate the 25th anniversary, the MediLodge Fireworks will sparkle on Friday night adding excitement and beauty.

Then the always popular balloon glow and night skydiving show will thrill guests on Saturday night.

Balloons inflate on the launch field, pilots hit the burners and the glow begins with announcer Tom Maynard leading the crowd in a countdown to an overwhelming display of color and light.

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.

The night shows at balloonfest are the perfect ending to a day of fun. Make sure to see everything — morning, noon and night.

Thousands visit the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest each year to watch the evening balloon launch. This year, guests are invited to stay for music and fireworks on Friday night and music and the balloon glow on Saturday.



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Welcome to Howell

Every year, hundreds of Howell community members and businesses partner together to create one of the most spectacular events in the region and showcase Howell as an outstanding place to live in, work in and visit. It's my pleasure to welcome you to the historic City of Howell and the 25th year of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest.



Geraldine K. Moen
Mayor, City of Howell

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 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
Mayor, City of Howell

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Twenty-five consecutive Michigan Challenge Balloonfests

Who knew that when the chamber began this event in 1985 it would become the eagerly anticipated annual event we enjoy now?

The Howell Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to host this event for the 25th consecutive year. 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.

Balloonfest is a real partnership among all those involved — businesses, volunteers, the chamber and the community.

Committee Chairman Trevor Brooks of The UPS Store is leading this event to new heights (pun intended).

Our sponsors help make this event possible. Many thanks to our long-time Michigan Challenge Major Sponsor, National City; to our Supporting Sponsors, Citizens Insurance, Waste Management and Tanger Outlet Center; to Pepsi, our Beverage Sponsor; to Howell Public Schools, our site sponsor; to Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Blue Care Network of MI for its sponsorship of the Windjammers Stunt Kite Team; to Renewal by Andersen for its sponsorship of our skydiving team, to Krug Ford, Wal-Mart Supercenter, American Laser Centers and Atlas Home Improvement for entertainment sponsorships; to Meijer for its sponsorship of America's Best Frisbee Dogs; to Champion Chevrolet for its sponsorship of the Arts Festival, to the LaFontaine Automotive Group for its sponsorship of the Medieval Village, to Dr. Sam Daniels for his sponsorship of the VIP room, MediLodge of Howell for its sponsorship of the Friday night fireworks and the VIP/sponsor recep-



Pat Convery
Howell Area
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Howell resident Michael Cross looks at a balloon drift above as his son watches other balloons inflate and begin their liftoff at the nearby launch field.

tion; Art Van and Michigan Remodeling Group for their parking sponsorships, and to Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep for its sponsorship of the Custom Car Show, presented by the Kiwanis Club of Howell.

Sponsors contribute to balloonfest activities in downtown Howell as well. Thanks to Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital for sponsoring Kids Day on Saturday, and Basic Communications for its sponsorship of Music Day on Sunday.

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.

Pat Convery, President
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Fireworks, Frisbee dogs, food and fun for

Michigan Challenge XXV is a fabulous festival for sure, but it's also a 25th anniversary celebration of community, cooperation and camaraderie.

Although one may not remember where he or she was in 1985, the inaugural year of balloonfest, the Michigan Challenge Committee wants all to remember where they were in the summer of 2009.

The celebration is June 26-28 at the Howell High School complex, 1200 W. Grand River, and in downtown Howell as 50 beautiful balloons decorate the sky during the event that has attracted more than 120,000 guests annually.

"We have some exciting new additions for the 25th anniversary, and I believe we are in for the best Michigan Challenge yet," said Chairman Trevor Brooks. The UPS Store. "There is a history of excellence that we strive to uphold, and I know the committee is especially proud to be part of this significant year."

The celebration starts on Friday night with an early evening balloon launch followed by the MediLodge Fireworks.

"MediLodge of Howell prides itself on being part of our local community," said Brandon Snider, MediLodge marketing director. "We are pleased to sponsor the first fireworks show at balloonfest."

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 Citizens Insurance, Tanger Outlet Center and Waste Management. Beverage sponsor is Pepsi. Site host is Howell Public Schools.

Twenty-five years of community development

As the event celebrates its 25th year, excerpts taken from the 1985 archives of the Livingston County Press provide a historical overview.

The date of the first Michigan Challenge was June 21-23, 1985. The event was planned in five months. The first chairman of the event was Lou Anderson. He owned Anderson's



Each balloon launch is a thrill at the Michigan Challenge.

Gift Shop in downtown Howell. Vice chair was Jimi Kitch of Jimi's Sewing Basket.

One of the first major sponsors was the Father and Son Construction Company. The company also flew a corporate balloon in the event. One of the "sons" of this company, Shaun Raya, still flies in the Michigan

Challenge.

The first balloonfest was described by chamber board members as a weekend of fun, festivity, beauty and high community spirit.

Speaking about the first balloonfest in the newspaper,

The Father and Son balloon was one of the first corporate entries at the event.

former Howell Area Chamber of Commerce President Lee Reeves said, "We want to create a special atmosphere for the event. We have enough activities planned for the whole family to have fun during the entire weekend.

"We want the Michigan Challenge to become popular and a tradition for Howell. A balloon festival is the kind of event that can put your town on the map. The town will be at its best. And it's the kind of event that gets the community working together, helping each other and feeling more positive about each other. We're hoping the Michigan Challenge will become one of the best summer events in the state."

Hot-air balloon pilot and Competition Director Dick Rudlaff had the idea to bring the Michigan Challenge to Howell.

"Twenty-five years ago, the Michigan Challenge started with a whimper and a little burner noise," said Rudlaff. "There were only a couple handfuls of balloons that first year, all good friends who flew together often. But we managed to elbow our way into the Howell community with the help of the chamber of commerce and all their volunteers who make this a true community event to be proud of."

"Thankfully, after all these years, we are still coming back some 50 strong to take our annual place in the skies of Howell. We balloonists consider ourselves lucky to be the adopted sons and daughters of such a great

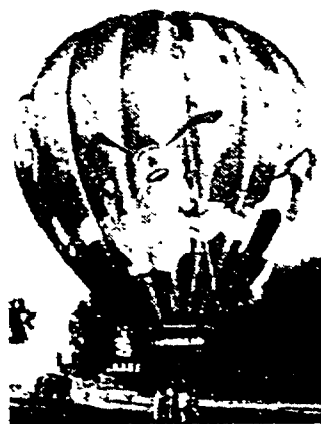
community. What a ride it has been! Proud to be on board, proud of the chamber, proud of Howell and all the important volunteers — everyone that make the Michigan Challenge happen," Rudlaff added.

This vision for the Michigan Challenge has been passed from the event founders and continues to be a community development line of business for the chamber.

Pat Convery, current president of the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce and former balloonfest manager reflects on her impressions when she took the balloonfest job.

"I was immediately impressed with the passion and dedication of the balloonfest committee," Convery said. "These were people who wanted to create a unique and creative family event, to shine a spotlight on the community they love...and to have fun doing it."

"That hasn't changed. As the event has grown to include more sponsors, more attractions and many more guests, that spirit of camaraderie and pride is still strong. Each year, we love welcoming back treasured 'family members' as we greet our guests and our participants for another weekend that will create long lasting memories."



families at Michigan Challenge Balloonfest

Balloonfest has grown and prospered beyond our dreams. The Howell Area Chamber of Commerce is so proud to host an event that has become so important to this great community."

Still growing with family attractions

The weekend event features the state championship of hot-air ballooning, as well as family entertainment and activities. New for 2009 is America's Best Frisbee Dogs, sponsored by Meijer; and the chance to "twist and shout" with The BackBeats, a Beatles tribute band on Saturday night. Entertainment is sponsored by Krug Ford, Wal-Mart Supercenter, Atlas Home Improvement and American Laser Centers. The Kiwanis Club of Howell presents the Michigan Challenge Classic Car Show sponsored by Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep.

In the Highlander Food Court, look for performances from Howell Public Schools students including choirs, band and drum line and cheer and pom teams.

Other new attractions were still being confirmed at press time. Please

visit the what's new section at michiganchallenge.com for any updates.

A favorite of the Michigan Challenge 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, music, Citizens Insurance-Family Fun Tent, games, carnival rides, 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 Michigan Challenge Director Michelle Tokan. "We invite everyone to celebrate with us during the 25th anniversary and 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 25. 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 website 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 26-28.

Kids, music and more will be the theme for downtown activities. Saturday is Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kids Day and Sunday is Basic Communications Music Day.

Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kid's Day features craft stations and attractions including fencing, karate demonstrations, dog shows, music, a bubble factory and games. To celebrate the 25th anniversary

of balloonfest, visit State Street for the YMCA's 25 ways to keep your family active and keep moving with fitness activities like putt putt golf, soccer, basketball, field hockey, jump rope and sports for kids.

Be part of the shopping celebration as well during the downtown Howell SELL-A-BRATION. Shop downtown Howell for special promotions, sidewalk sales and activities.

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Bring the entire family to listen to the sounds of music on Sunday during Basic Communications Music Day, and stroll through Howell's Sunday Farmers' Market for fresh produce and flowers.

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. For complete information, visit michiganchallenge.com



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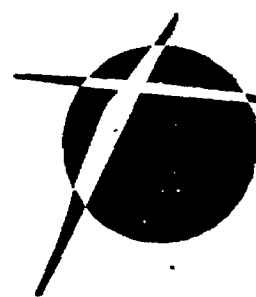
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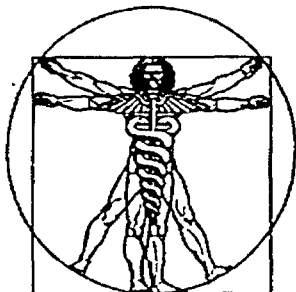
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Wristband pricing continues on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a special \$20 ride all day fee. Individual tickets are also available for purchase.

Thrill rides, family rides, kiddie rides, games of skill and concessions will all be available at the balloonfest carnival.

Don't miss out on the fun, and ride the weekend away at the Michigan Challenge

There's a ride for everyone — just visit the Wade Shows located west of the launch field.

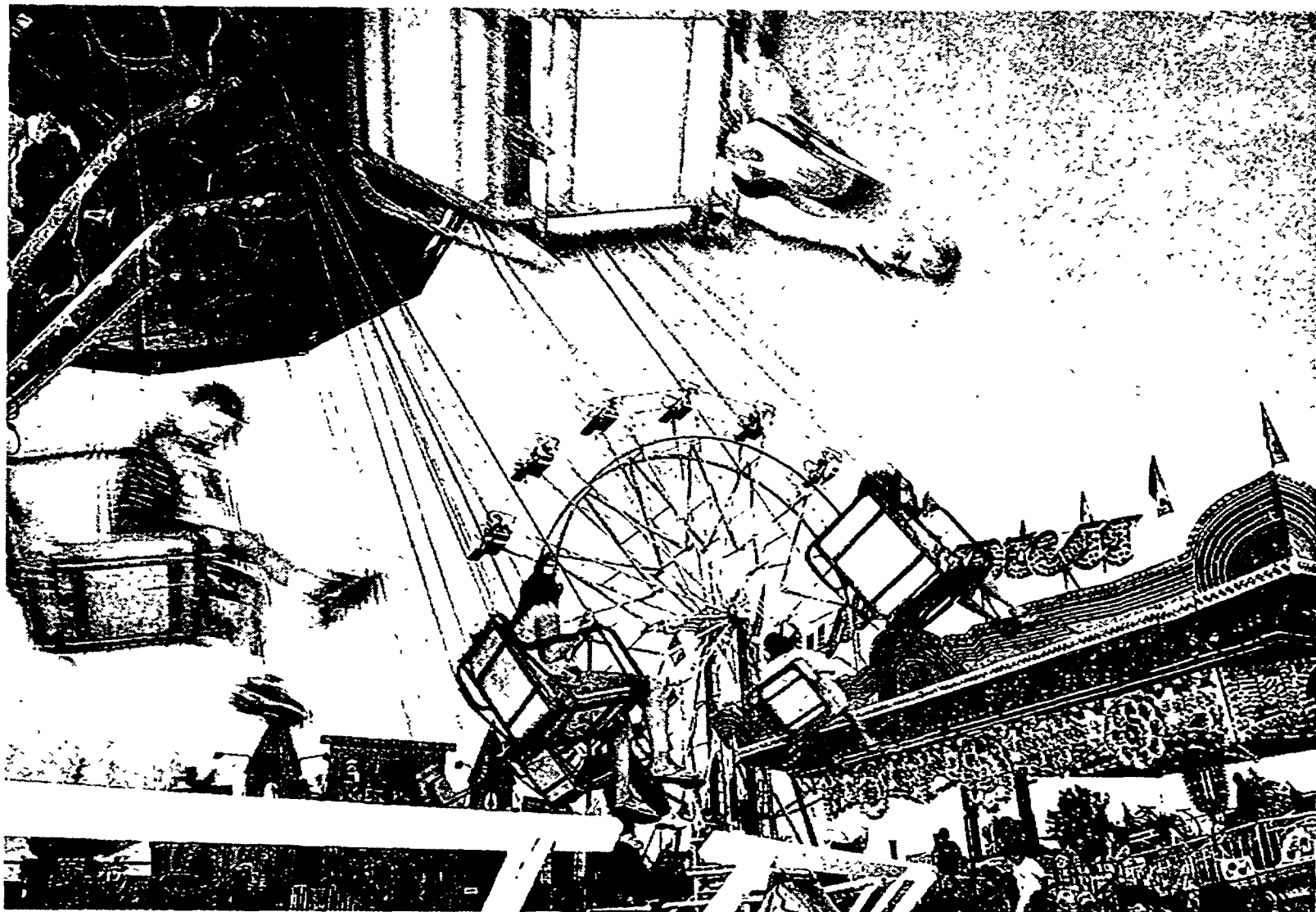


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Riders on the twister swing through the gathering dark at the Wade Shows Carnival on the opening day of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest.

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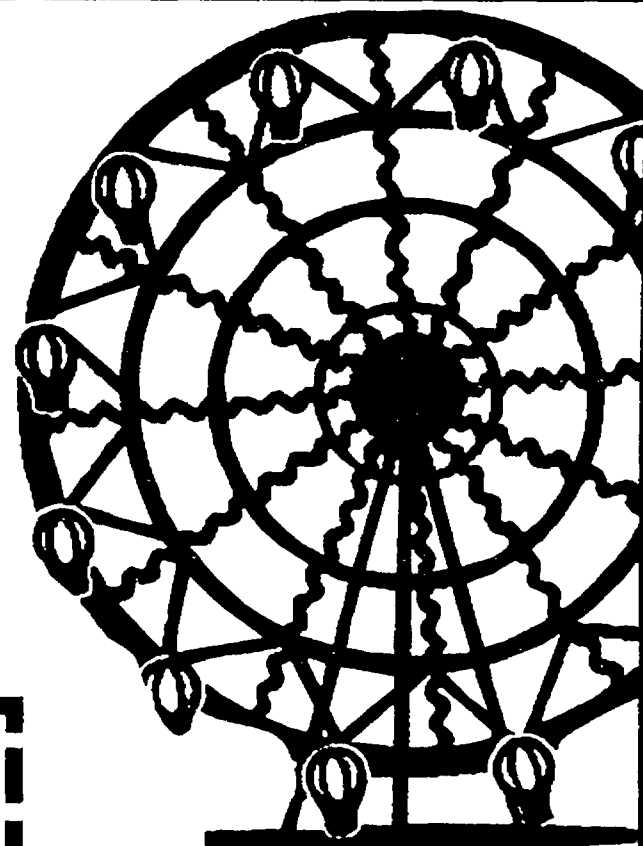
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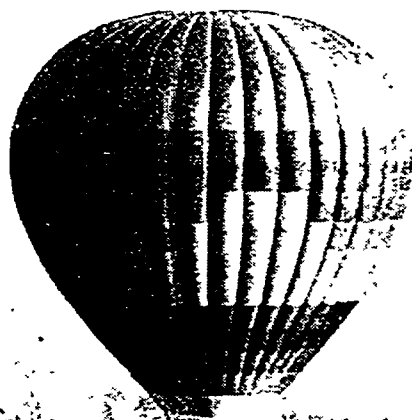
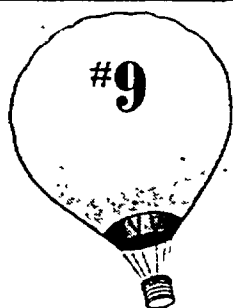
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The 25th anniversary of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest is a downtown SELL-A-BRATION featuring sales, shopping and staying fit. It's all part of the summertime, balloonfest fun in the city of Howell.

"The downtown committee is excited to bring back favorite activities and performers as well as add more family fun to the weekend. Children of all ages will find something to enjoy this year," said Dawn Palmer-Van Camp, downtown chair.

Have fun with the family all day Saturday during Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kid's Day and keep moving with 25 ways to get your family active from the Livingston County Family YMCA. See karate demonstrations, dog shows, enjoy games and sports, bubble blowing, dancing, make and take recycled crafts and more.

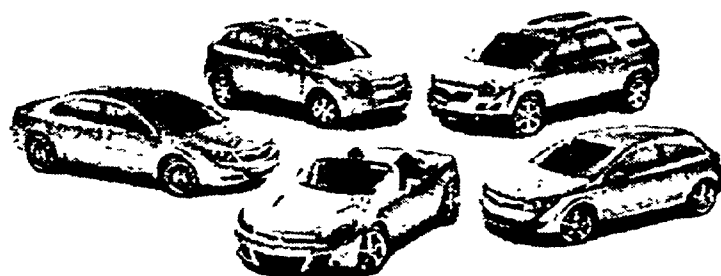
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the sounds of music on Sunday during Basic Communications Music Day and stroll through Howell's Sunday Farmers' Market for fresh produce and flowers. Children can play sports, games, blow bubbles, try playing music and make recycled crafts.

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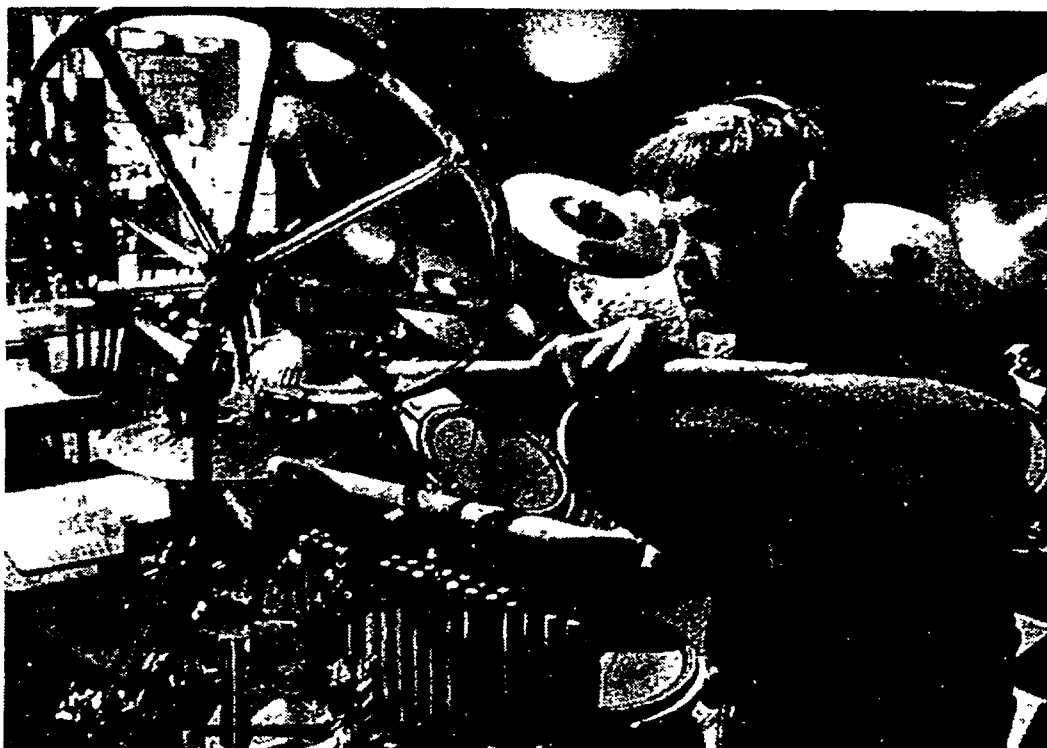
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Drum Station North will perform downtown Sunday from 1-3 p.m.

School complex where the balloons launch.

Friday

Shop and dine in the city's quaint shops and restaurants. Look for balloons in the early evening, then head to the launch site for the MediLodge Fireworks.

Saturday

Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kid's Day features craft stations and attractions.

YMCA 25 ways to keep your family active 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Celebrate the summer and keep moving with fitness activities on State Street. Compete in putt putt golf, soccer, basketball, field hockey, jump rope and more sports for kids.

Downtown Howell SELL-A-BRATION 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shop downtown Howell for special promotions, sidewalk sales and activities. For details, visit ShopDowntownHowell.com

Dog Show 11 a.m.

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, and the most original costume, funniest costume and best owner/pet duo costume. Each participant will receive a doggie goodie bag. The dog show is presented by Pet X.

Ohana Karate 1 p.m.

Karate demonstrations show off skills of the masters.

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Saturday Night AfterGlow!

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

Sunday

Basic Communications Music Day

Great live music and a musical sensory garden will be the highlight of Sunday's downtown activities. Children can enjoy a hands-on art experience, paint at the art easels, make hot-air balloon crafts, get fit with sports activities, dance, play, sing and more.

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

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.

Livingston County Concert Band 11 a.m.

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

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The outlet center has been a proud supporting sponsor of this event for the past 15 years.

Nestled in the rolling landscape of Livingston County, and located just outside of downtown Howell off of I-96 at exit 133, Tanger Outlet Center has 75 brand-name, designer fashion outlets where shoppers enjoy a pleasing, family-oriented atmosphere. Brand name stores include: Polo Ralph Lauren, Coach, Liz Claiborne Outlet, Nike Factory Store, Old Navy, Banana Republic, Gap Outlet, Gap Kids, J. Crew, Maurices, Van Heusen, Carter's Childrenswear, Gymboree Outlet, Skechers, Nine West, Harry & David, Bose Outlet and many more.

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. On Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day the center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Shopping for a friend, family member, client or co-worker? Purchase a Tanger Outlet Center Gift Card and give the gift of choice. It's a great way to reward an employee for a job well done, say thank you, or acknowledge a special day. Whether it's a personal or corporate gift, the Tanger Gift Card is sure to be appreciated. Gift Cards are redeemable in 75 brand-name stores and available to be purchased in the Customer Service Center located in the Tanger Food Court, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. by cash, check or credit card.

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The Tanger Outlet Center employs more than 750 people, many of whom are community members raising their families right here in Livingston County.

Tanger Ownership, management and employees of the center believe in supporting events such as the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest and applaud the positive impact these events have on area businesses, non-profit organizations and the community as a whole.

During your visit to the balloonfest, stop by the Tanger tent and pick up a brochure brimming with need to know information for the bargain hunter. Guests 18 years and older can register to win fabulous prizes from the Tanger Outlet Center. On Saturday, children 12 years and under will want to try their luck at the duck pond.

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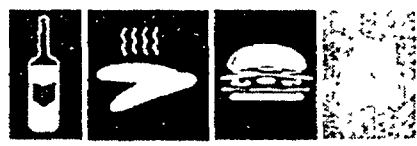
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"The Michigan Challenge has become part of the fabric of our community. It is truly something that you have to experience in order to fully appreciate," said Vicki Hartman, vice president for National City. "This will be our 19th year as Major Sponsor 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, it is 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.

The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest, scheduled for June 26-28, is a three-day event that features the state championship of hot-air ballooning, sky diving, fireworks, a carnival, stunt kite demonstrations, arts and crafts, a medieval village, down-



town activities and much more. This year is the 25th anniversary of this spectacular event.

National City invites everyone to stop by their tent at the balloonfest next to the stage by their cold-air balloon. Spin the Wheel of Prizes. While learning more about banking services, receive a balloonfest temporary tattoo and a helium balloon.

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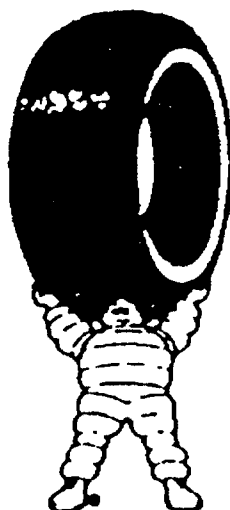
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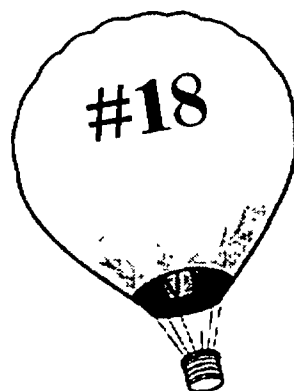
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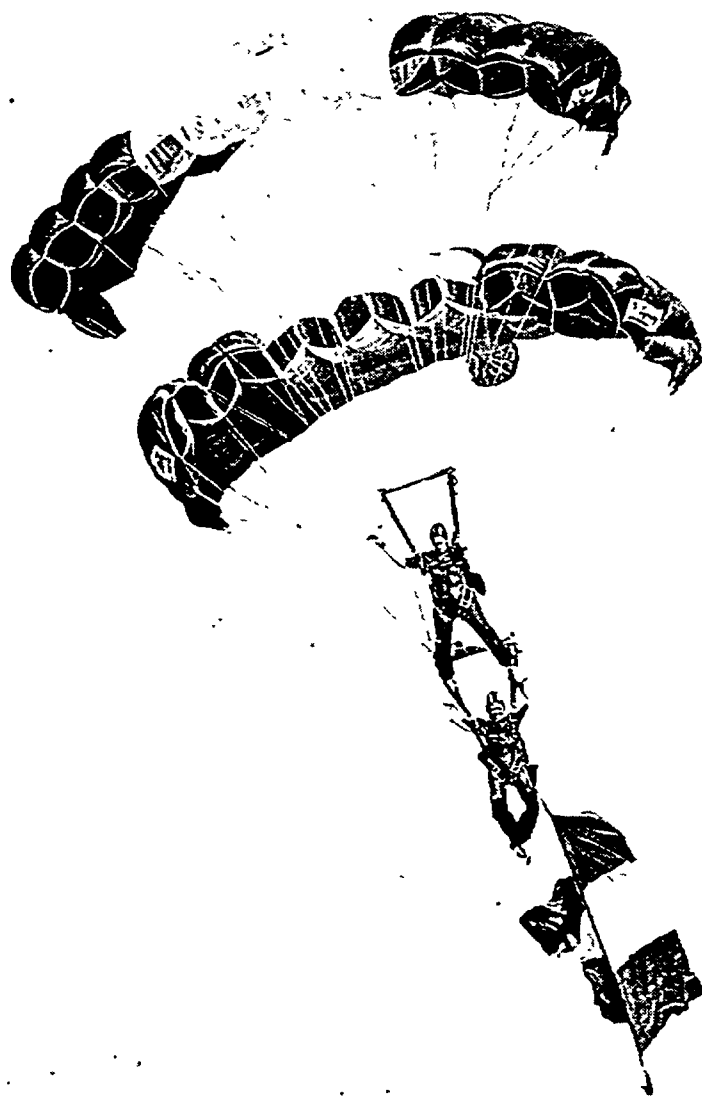


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Skydivers make several scheduled jumps during balloonfest.

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Renewal by Andersen Skydivers parachute into balloonfest

The plane circles overhead above the balloon launch field. All eyes look up as skydivers emerge, performing maneuvers with smoke trails, the American flag and even a spectacular nighttime jump on Saturday.

It's all part of the festival fun and entertainment provided by the Misty Blues, an all woman skydiving team. The team has performed around the world for more than 20 years. Between its team members, Misty Blues has 35 world records and 40,000 jumps. In addition to their skydiving routines, the ladies lead interesting lives including personal and professional experiences such as scuba diving, jewelry design, snow skiing, financial analysis, medicine and engineering.

The skydivers join the Michigan Challenge for many spectacular jumps throughout the weekend performing precision skydiving maneu-

vers including skydiving with the American flag. Since jumps are scheduled at 5 p.m. each day, the skydivers have become the opening act for the evening mass balloon launches and the singing of the National Anthem.

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 from about a mile above the earth. The team will jump into the darkness with their parachutes and bodies glowing in the moonlight. During their day shows, the skydiving team performs thrilling aerial maneuvers. Colorful trails of smoke enhance the freefall of the team.

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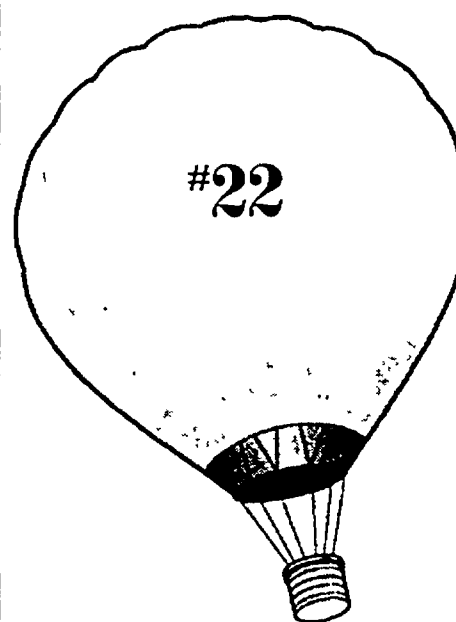
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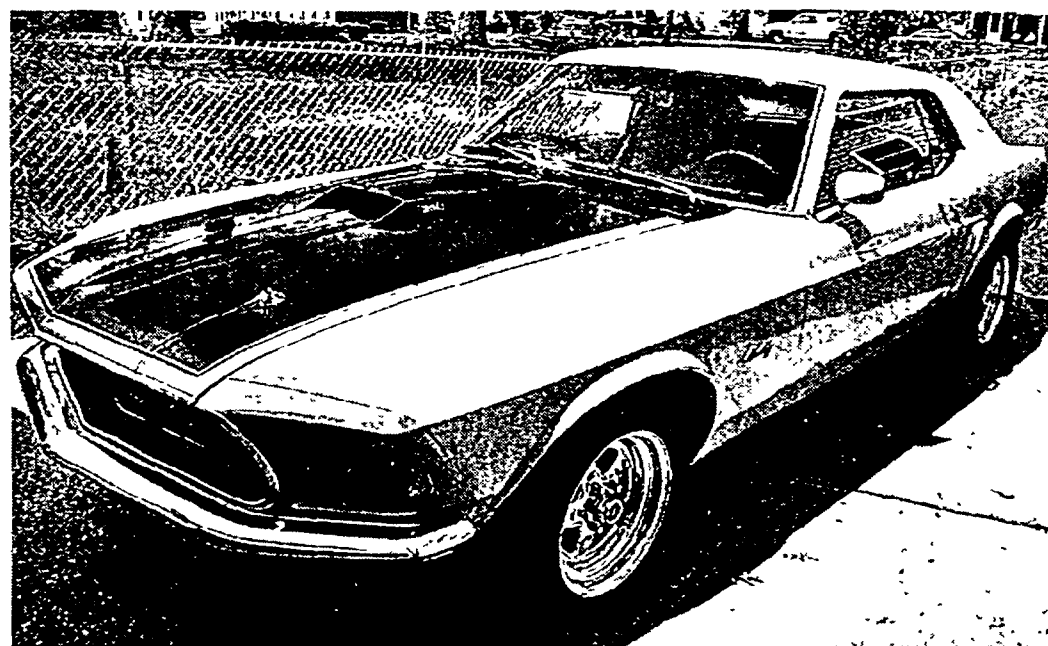


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Muscle cars drive into the classic car show.

Car show for a cause

Balloons won't be the only thing sky high at this year's 25th annual Michigan Challenge Balloonfest, so too will be the spirits of participants in this year's charity classic car show.

Located east of the arts festival and sponsored by Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep, the show features classics and coupes from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The show is being presented by the Kiwanis Club of Howell, a non-profit organization committed to youth service projects in the Howell area.

"Car show participants can feel good knowing that their vehicles will be seen by up to 120,000 pairs of eyes, and that their entry fees will be going right back into community service projects," said Kristofer Karol, chairman of the classic car show committee.

Indeed, balloonfest is all about helping, developing and showcasing the community.

"We have found great success in supporting our local community and in turn our community supports us," said Dan Hall, president of Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep. "Our goal is to consistently exceed our customers' expectations with great service and pricing on superior products people need. This money is then reinvested



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Judging and a trophy presentation for the classiest cars is set for Sunday.

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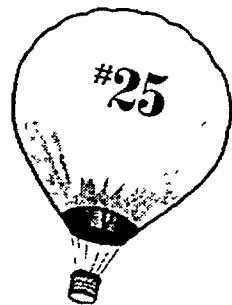
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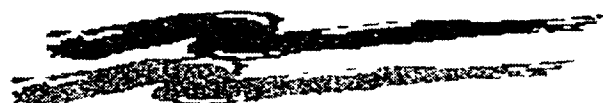
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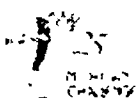
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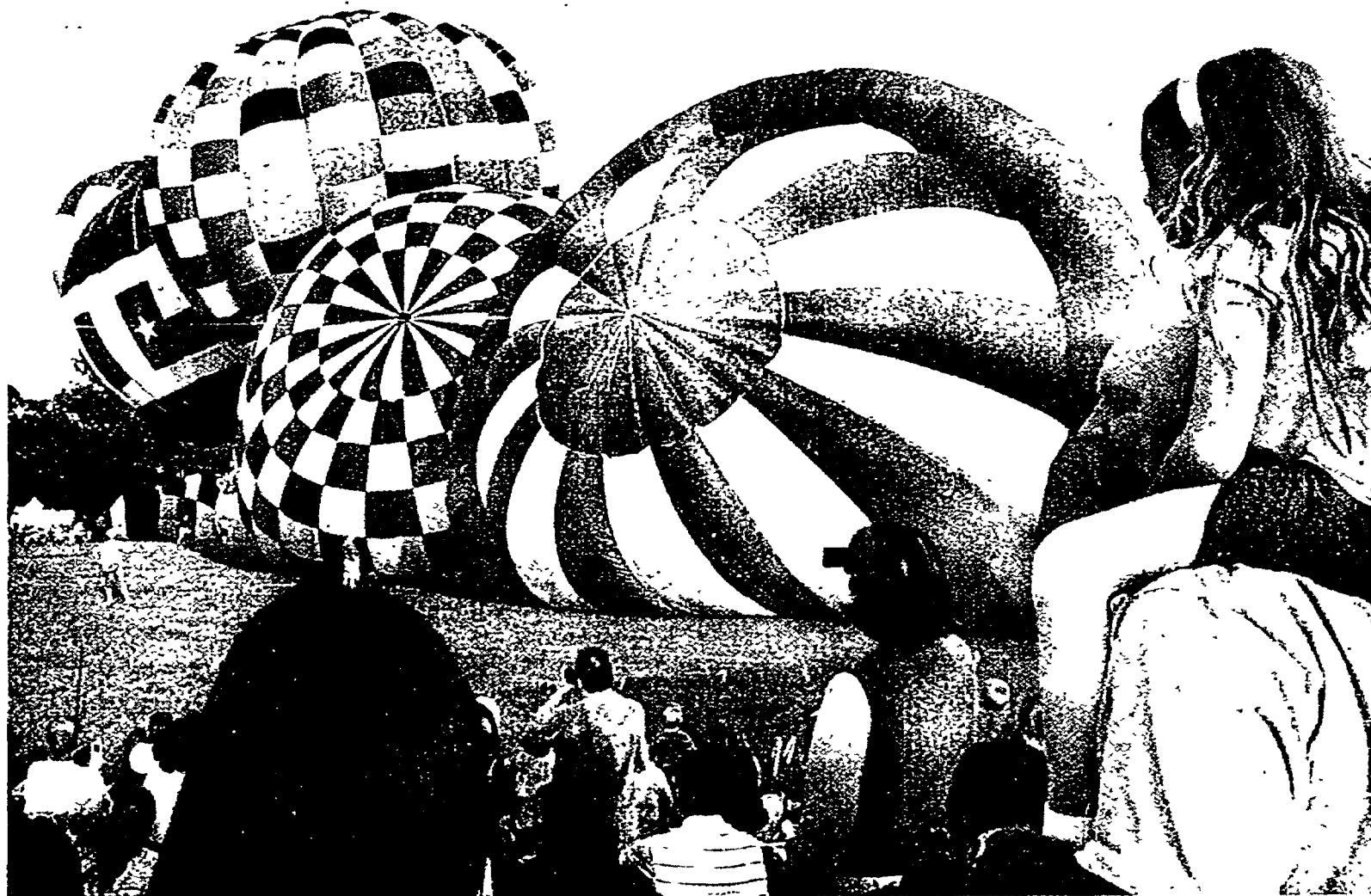
Visitors come from near and far to observe the magnificent hot-air balloon launches, and watch as the pilots compete in the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest each year. And, when they arrive, they want to know where the balloons are.

Hot-air balloons are only authorized to fly in the early morning and late evening. And, since they cannot steer and are at the mercy of the wind, hot-air balloons cannot fly unless there are no storms in the area and the winds are less than 12 mph.

Pilots keep their balloons safely packed away until the weather is right.

There are six scheduled events during the weekend that feature hot-air balloons. 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 announced from the main stage, near the launch field.



Hot-air balloon launches are scheduled in the early evening. They fly into the site in the early morning.

Hot-air balloon facts

Hot-air balloons do not have a steering wheel. They travel 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.

■ 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 hold between 30,000 and 800,000 cubic feet of air, depending on the size. Most hold about 70,000 cubic feet.

■ Balloons cost tens of thousands of

dollars to make, including the envelope, basket and burner. Special shape balloons can cost more than \$100,000.

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ The rope hanging from the top of the balloon is called the crown line and is used to hold the balloon down

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

during inflation. Sometimes the ground crew uses it to stabilize the balloon during landings.

■ 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.

■ Since the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest is a competition, hot-air balloon rides are not offered during the festival. However, many of the pilots offer rides when they are not competing. Many pilots have their phone number listed on their chase vehicle. The information booth may also have brochures.

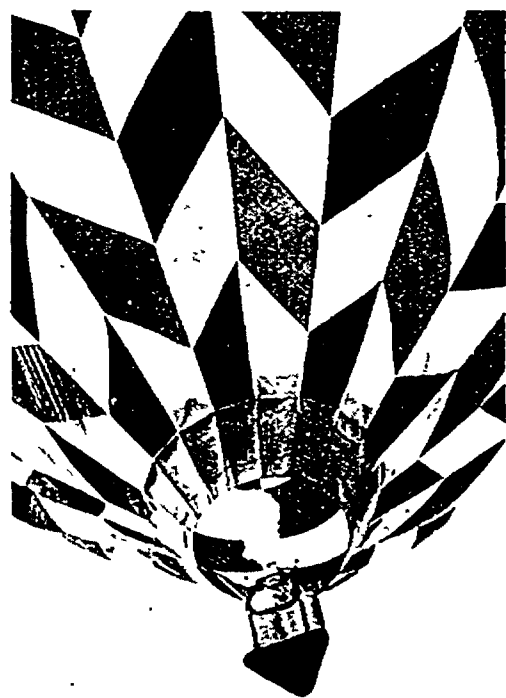
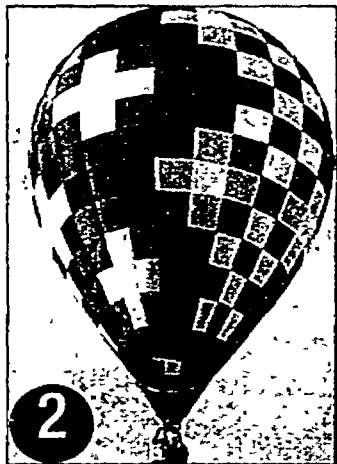


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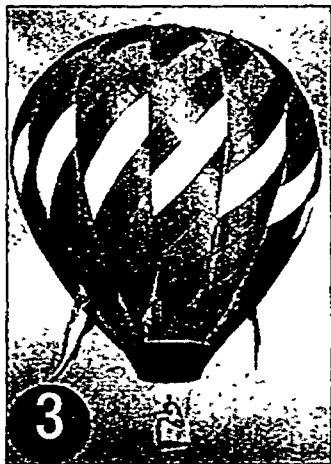
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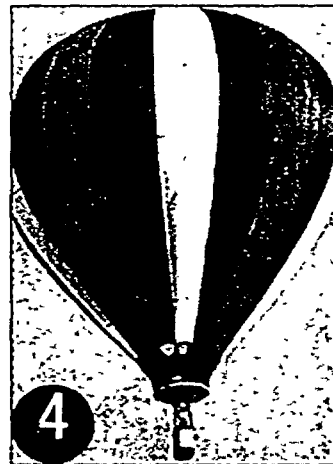
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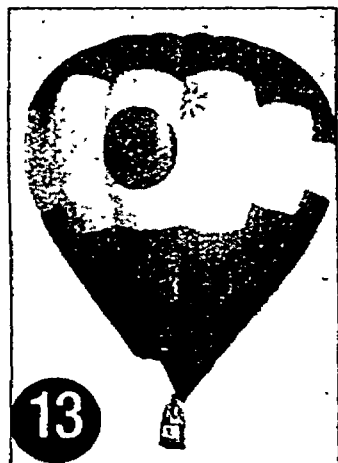
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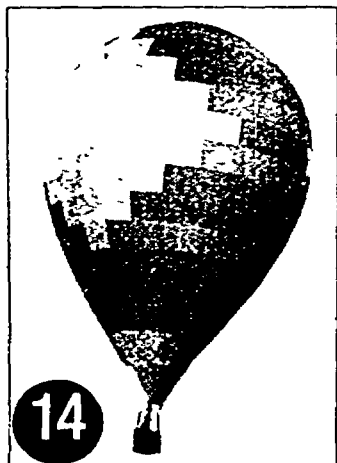
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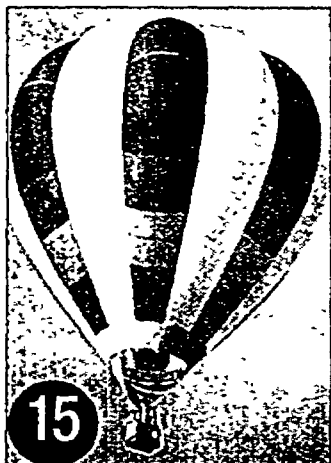
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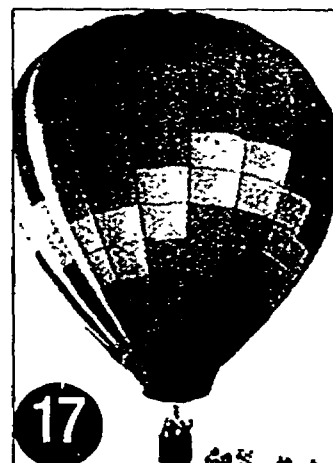
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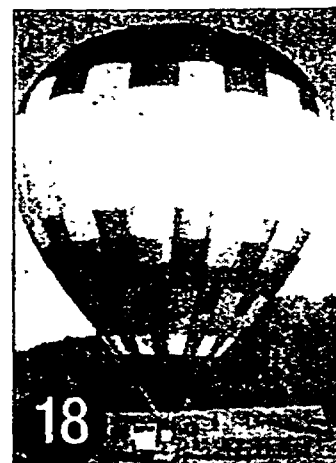
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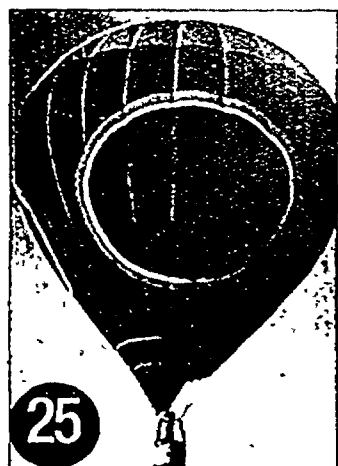
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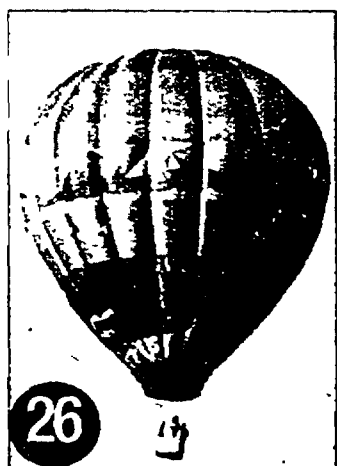
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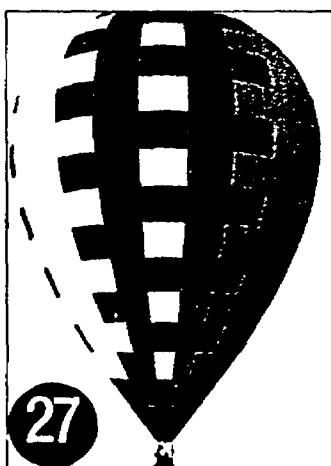
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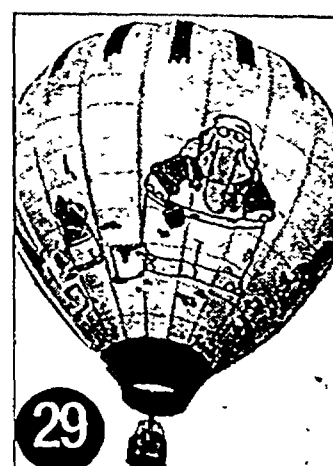
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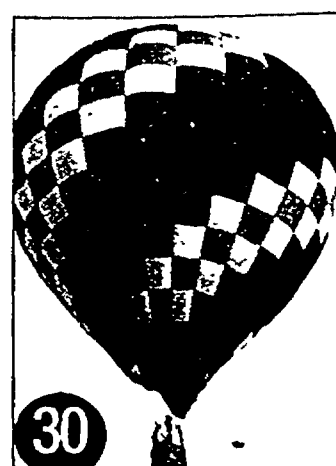
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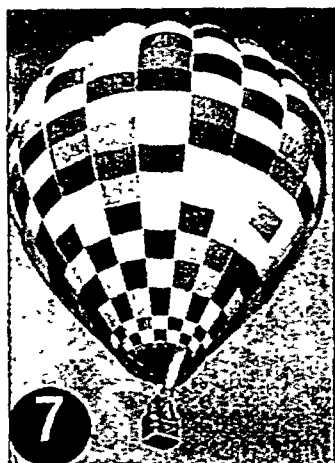


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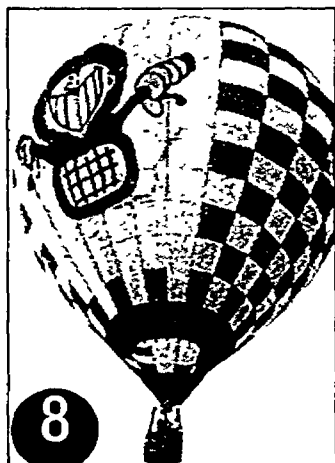


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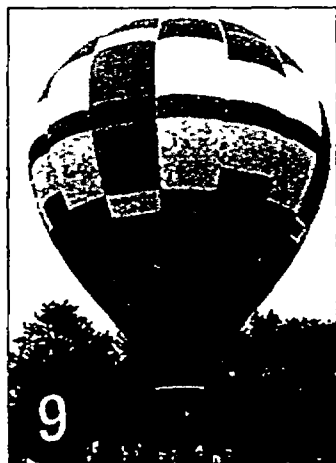
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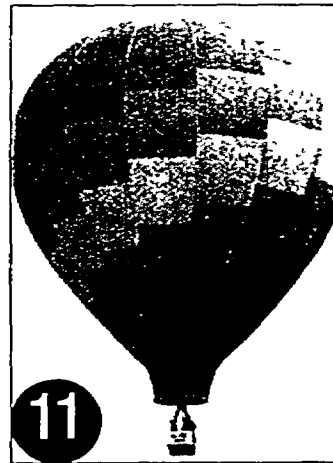
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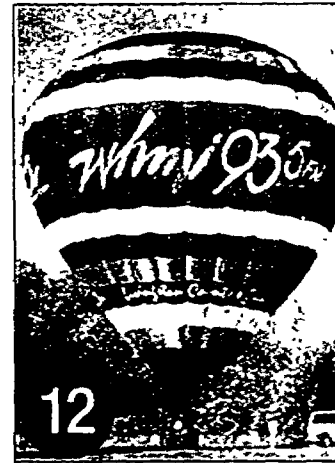
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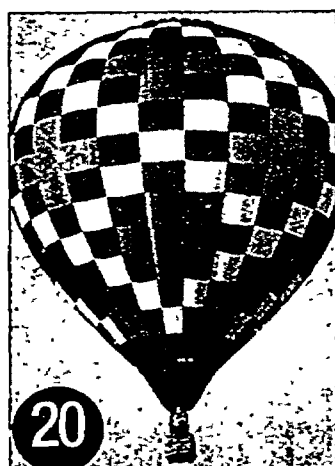
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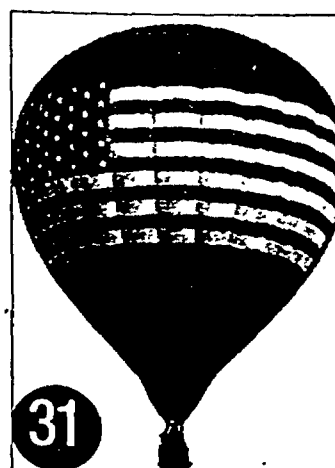
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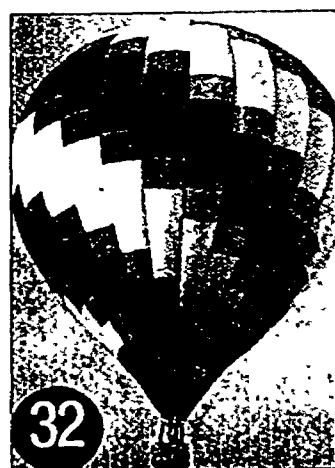
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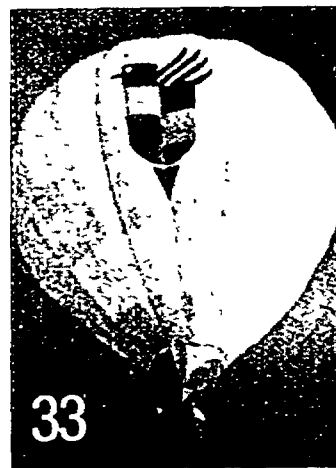
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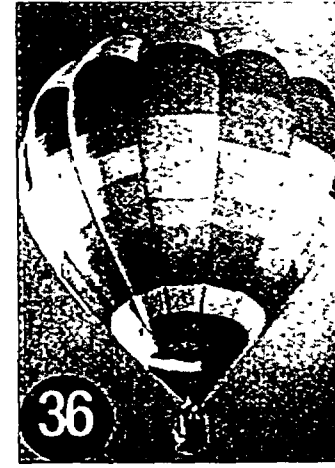
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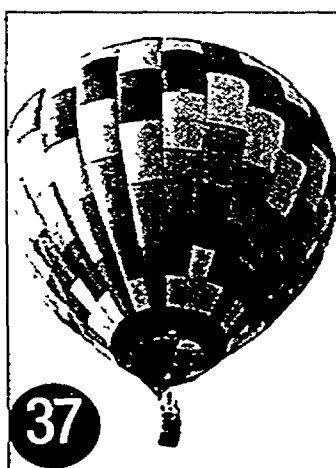
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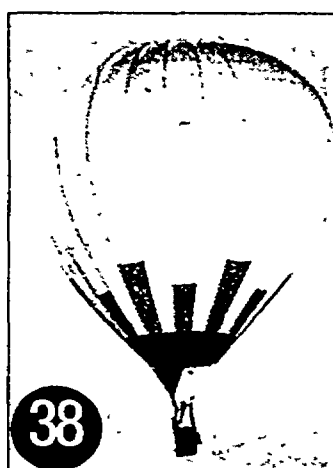
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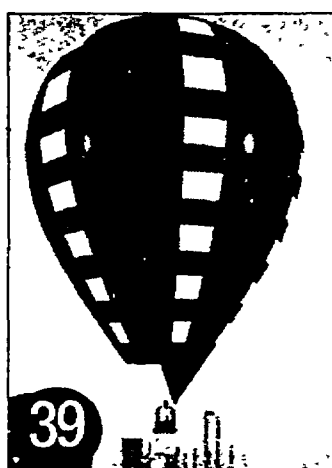
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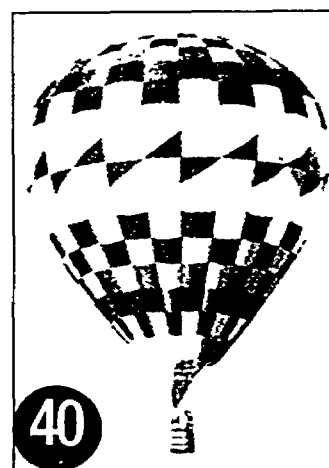
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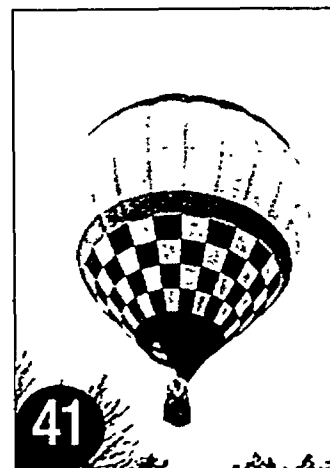
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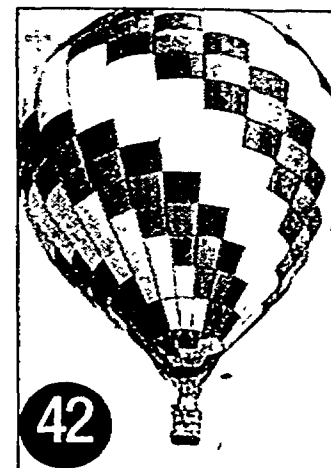
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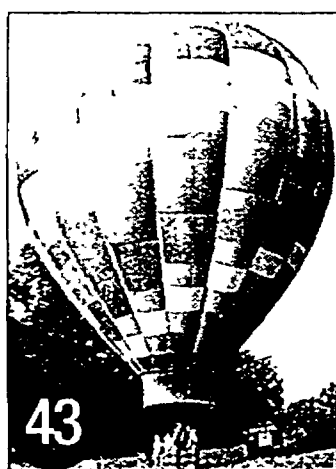
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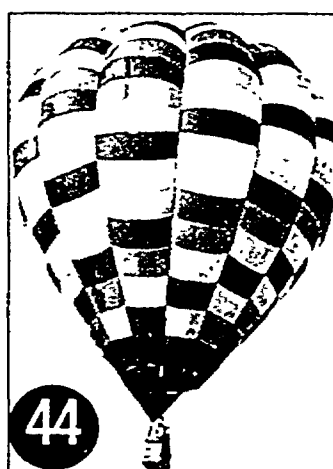
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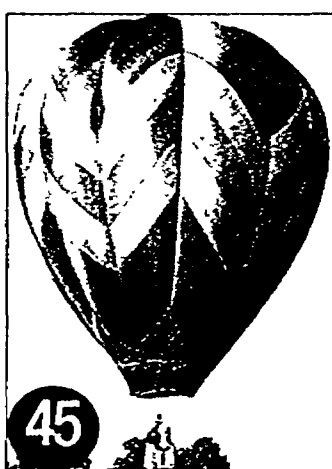
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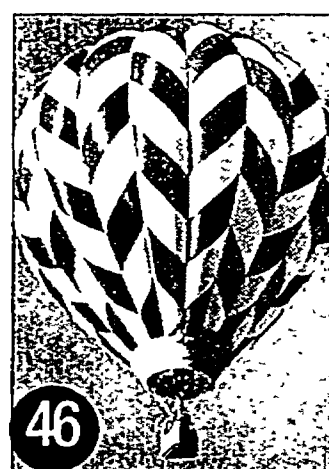
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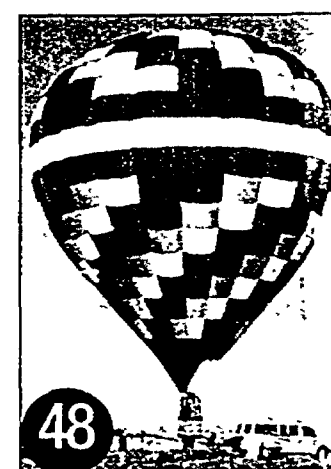
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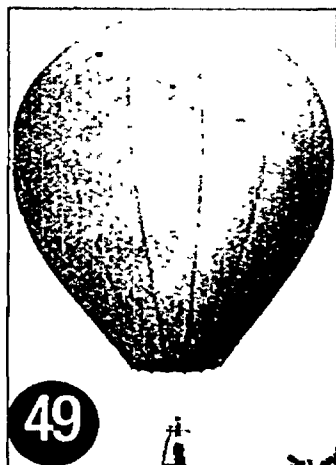
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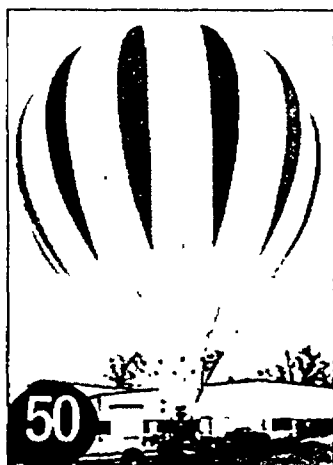
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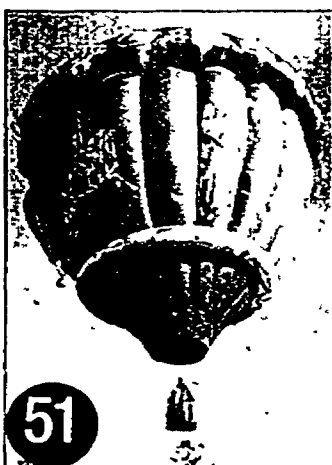
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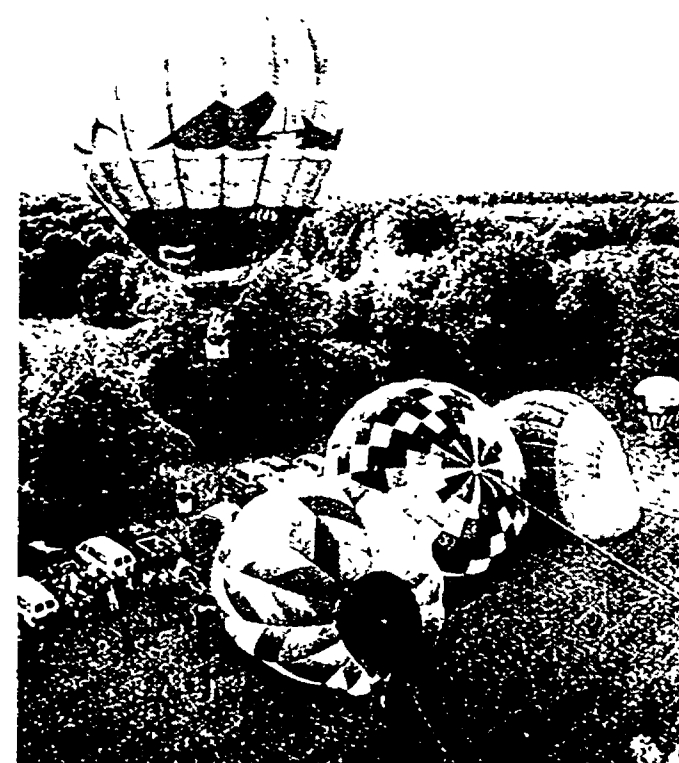


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Inside the gates of the Medieval Village, village life will focus on the 25th anniversary of balloonfest with puppet shows, belly dancers, singing, fighting and dancing.

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 involved.

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Belly dancers perform in the Medieval Village



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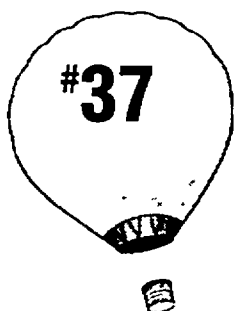
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Dogs fetch for Frisbees

Attention all dog fans, America's Best Frisbee Dogs take to the field at the Michigan Challenge Balloon.

"Dressed in capes, it appears these dogs have super powers that help them to leap for Frisbees in a single bound," said Michigan Challenge Director Michelle Tokan.

The dog team is directed by owner and trainer Bill Camp.

The dogs have performed at hundreds of sporting events, festivals and halftime shows; and have been featured in commercials and news shows. According to its website, "our

talented canine performers wear shoes (Re-Barks) to protect the court at basketball games."

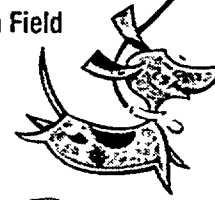
These super dogs jump, run, play and perform on the launch field Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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- ◆ Saturday 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Launch Field



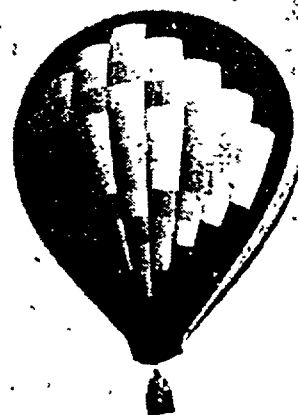
Dogs jump for Frisbees and joy at balloonfest.

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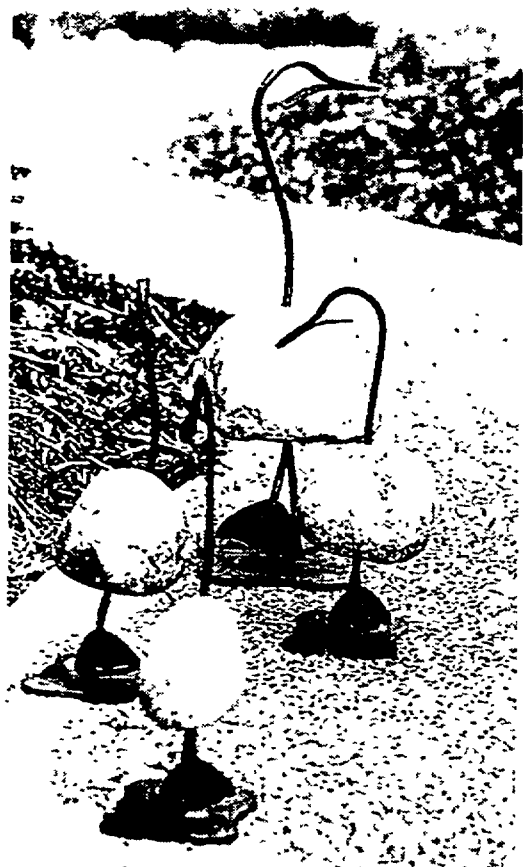
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These decorative birds are made from Minnesota field stone.

The arts festival at the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest is a palate of original art where guests can frame their fun. There is something for everyone's tastes in all media including pottery, glass, metalworking, fabric, jewelry, photography, painting and sculpture. The arts festival is sponsored by Champion Chevrolet.

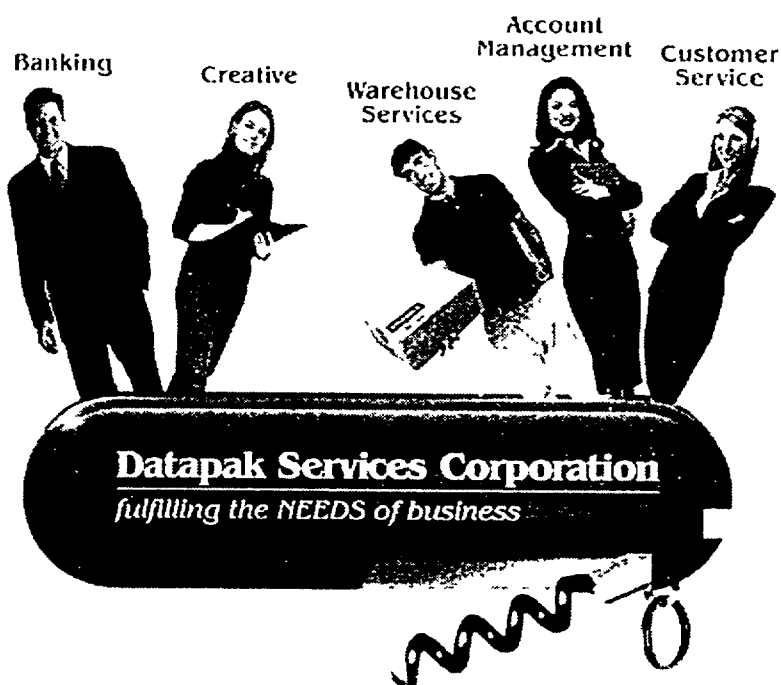
"Our jury committee has selected the most creative artwork from artists throughout the region," said Tim McCotter, arts festival chair. "It is a quality show featuring original pieces of art."

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 vendors are also located in the arts festival area to serve delicious food and Pepsi products. Just east of the art show, is art of another kind - the classic car show.

The arts festival will open at 4 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and is open until the day's events conclude. It is located at the east end of balloonfest grounds, just south of the Howell High School.

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Highlander Food Court offers Howell hospitality

Whatever your food mood, you'll find something that satisfies in the Highlander Food Court at the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest.

One might even find the secret ingredient to scholarly success with menu items served by students from Howell Public Schools, site host at the balloonfest, as well as professional chefs and concessionaires.

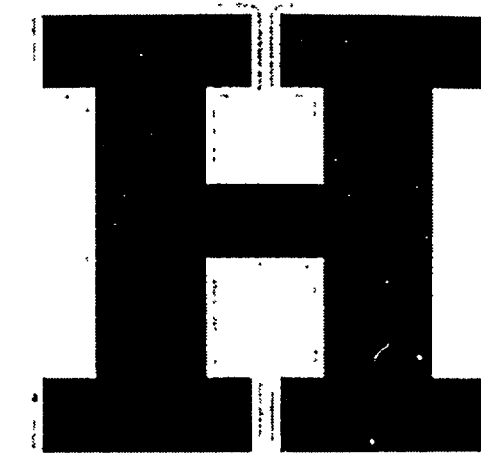
"Come hungry as a highlander and enjoy a menu of food items from snacks to sweets and ethnic entrees," said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge Director.

Food vendors at the Michigan Challenge cook up favorites such as hot dogs and hamburgers as well as specialty foods from other countries including Polish, French, German, Irish and Mexican dishes.

Concession stands are conveniently located at two areas, on the west and east sides of the launch field, and offer a taste fest of sandwiches, grilled favorites, meals, BBQ, treats and beverages. Food is available all day and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner items as well as snacks and drinks.

At the Arts Festival on the east side of the field, area nonprofit groups grill and dish up favorites such as burgers, sausage, hot dogs, pierogies and ice cream 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, fajitas, 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,



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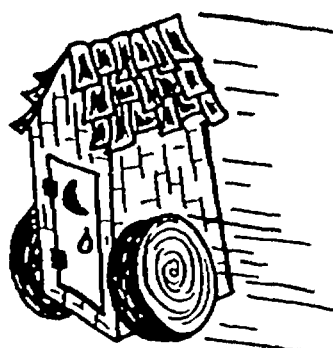
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Pilots show off their skill during competition

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.

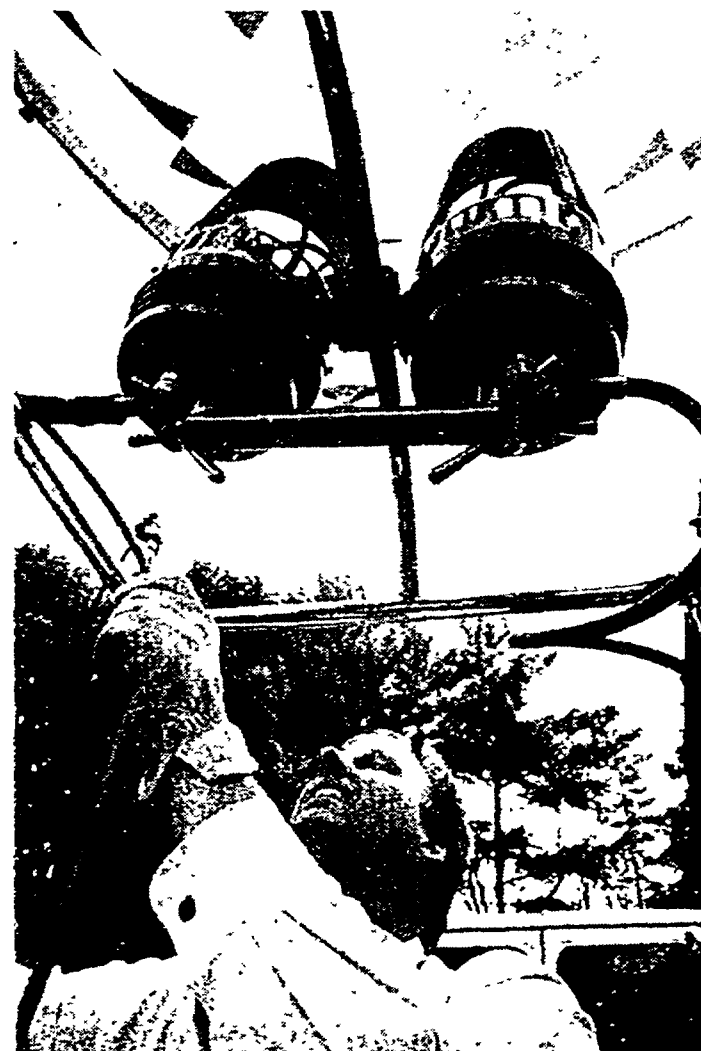
- Convergent Navigational Task (CNT) — a fly in task, usually at the main launch field.

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 XXV, balloon pilots will compete for a beautiful trophy, cash and prizes and bragging rights as the official Michigan Champion of hot-air ballooning.

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Andy Baird heats the envelope of his hot-air balloon in preparation for take-off.



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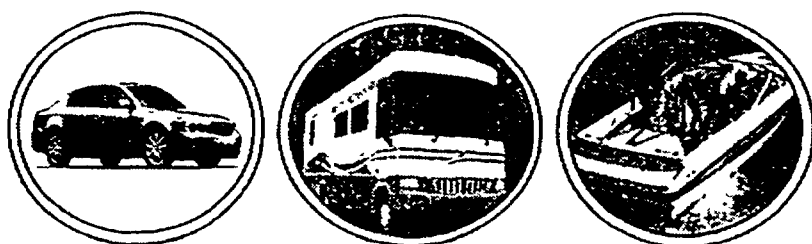
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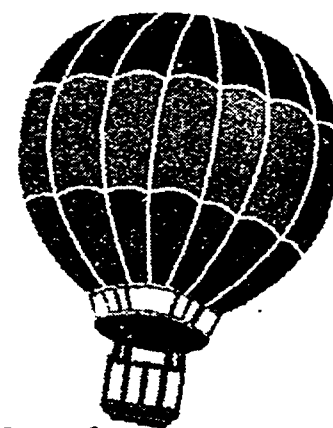


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In what could be described as "dancing" kites, the team performs with a routine set to the music of patriotic favorites to Motown and show tunes.

"When the Windjammers perform, they paint the sky with their kites and create art in the air," said Michigan Challenge Director Michelle Tokan.

The highlight of their performance is a stirring rendition of "America The Beautiful" with spectacular red, white



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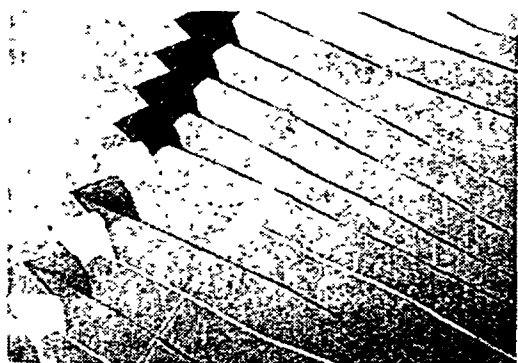
Launch Field

and blue kites. And if the winds are right, the Windjammers will fly 78 kites at once, in six spectacular kite "trains."

Ever fly a kite? At the Michigan Challenge, spectators have a chance to learn basic maneuvers, join the Windjammers on the field and send a stunt kite flying.

The Windjammers' kites are controlled with two or four lines, allowing them to be steered and "choreographed." Even in light winds, the graphite kites fly. Visitors will see kite formations and controlled power dives.

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"From the start of activities on Friday afternoon to the event wrap up on Sunday night, the Michigan Challenge is almost a 24/7 event," said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge Director.

"It's easy to get to Howell, and with all the attractions, it's well worth the drive."

Howell is located midway between Lansing and Detroit on I-96 and at the western end of M-59. The Michigan Challenge takes place at the Howell High School complex, 1200 W. Grand River Avenue, with entrances on West Grand River Avenue, M-59 and Highlander Way.

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.

During your visit to Howell, don't miss live entertainment, special events, great shopping and restaurants in the downtown central business district. 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 25.

Balloonfest gives back

The Howell Area Chamber of Commerce, host of the Michigan Challenge, pays nonprofit organizations for each shift worked by a volunteer in the group's name. The pay for most shifts is \$7/hour.

Hundreds of parking volunteers are needed throughout the weekend. Overall, the event fits the chamber's mission and focuses on business development and community improvement.

"Volunteers who help direct traffic are an invaluable help during the event," said Susan Lundin, parking program manager. "Helping with balloonfest parking is a fundraising opportunity that's fun to do. Plus, it provides a chance to partner with an established community event."

Lots of parking at balloonfest

Parking can be accessed from West Grand River Avenue, M-59 or Highlander Way.

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. Parking is sponsored by Michigan Remodeling Group and Art Van.

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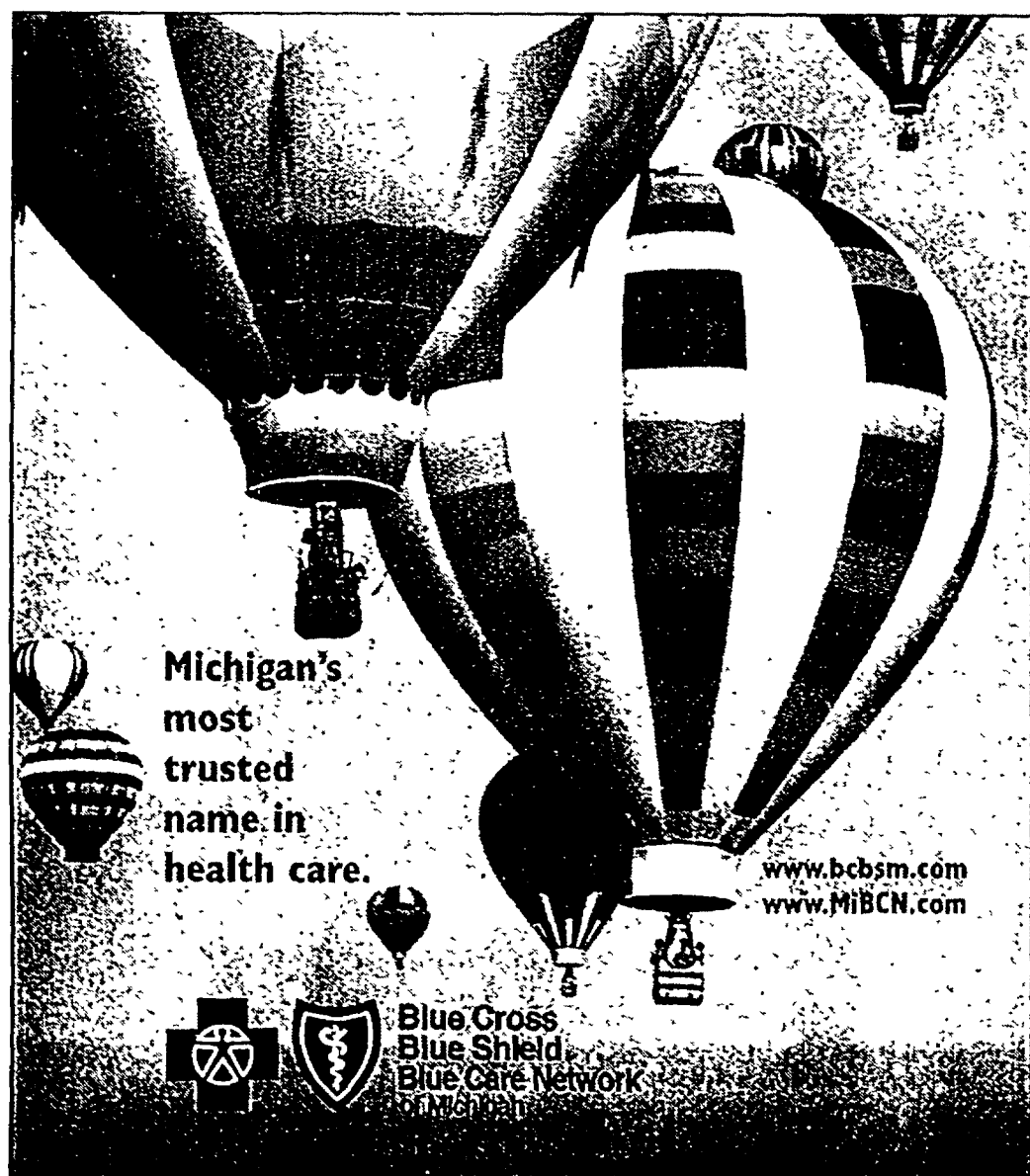
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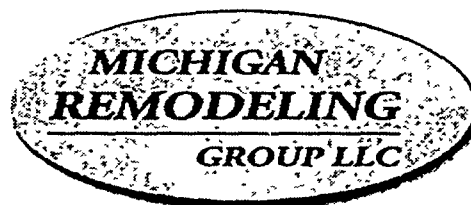
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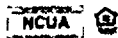
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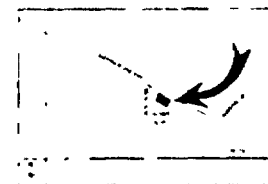
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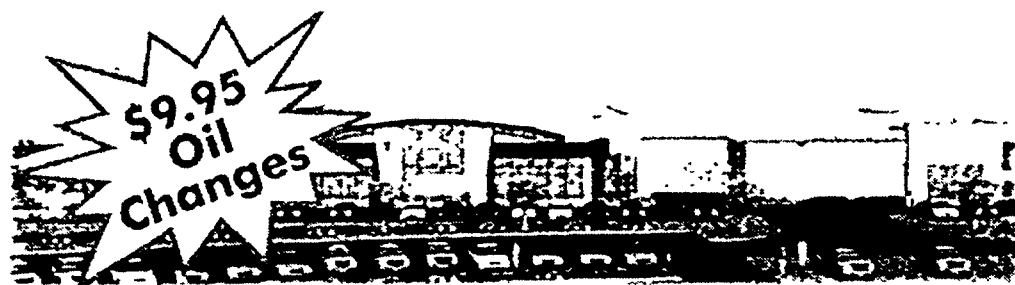
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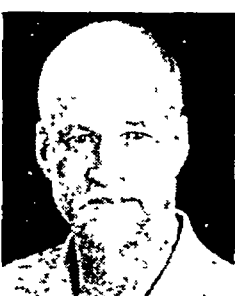
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Many thanks to the Michigan Challenge volunteers

For a quarter-of-a-century, the success of the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest can be attributed to volunteers who work all year to make the last weekend in June one of the best the area has to offer.

In addition to the committee chairs and leaders listed below, hundreds of volunteers work to make the event a success. We thank them all for 25 years of passion, hard work and creative thinking that have made the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest a family tradition.

The Michigan Challenge committee is chaired by **Trevor Brooks**, owner of The UPS Store in Howell.

"Assembling an event of this magnitude would not be possible without an incredible team of individuals working together," said Brooks. "There is a history of excellence that we strive to uphold, and I know the committee is especially proud to be part of this significant year."

Tim McCotter, J K Janiga Architects, Inc., is vice chair and chair of the Arts Festival. The Arts Festival features vendors from many states who display and sell handmade works of art and crafts.

Paul Butler, Impressive Imprints, coordinates crew training and landowner relations. He is assisted by pilot Jerry Stephan, Zephyr Balloon Company, who helps map out safe landing and take off spots for the pilots. Butler is also in charge of all signage for the event.

Carey Weihmiller of Waste Management supervises sanitation

and clean-up of the site before, during and after the big balloonfest weekend.

Greg Clum, Bredernitz, Wagner & Co., P.C., keeps the books for the balloonfest, as head of the finance committee.

Don Cortez, owner of First Impression Printing & Graphics and **Steve Barlow**, Jarvis Construction, are co-chairs of the parking committee. They are responsible for directing parking for the thousands of cars that visit the challenge.

Dawn Palmer-VanCamp, YMCA, chairs the balloonfest downtown committee.

Ron Ernst and **Sue Dolato**, Rep. Cindy Denby's office, co-chair the vendor area.

Chief George Basar 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, Elite Insurance Agency and **Jeff Lakatos**, Hartland Electric co-chair site operations.

Reed Kittredge, WHMI 93-5, is chair of the entertainment committee that coordinates activities on the main stage, launch field, arts festival, vendor and dining areas.

Pam Rietsch runs MemorialLibrary.com and is the pilot liaison for the event. Her co-chair is **Renae Behr** Manpower/Manpower Professional Search.

Founding member says good-bye

Pam Rietsch has been a part of the Michigan Challenge Committee for 25 years and helped start the event in 1985. This is her last year on the committee, and we thank her for her years of service and dedication to the event and its pilots. As we celebrate Michigan Challenge XXV, Rietsch reflects on her 25 years with the event.

"The culmination of probably tens of thousands of volunteers over this last quarter century has created what I have heard called one of the best family events in the Midwest. In the beginning, never did we imagine that so many young pilots would go on to become very well known all over the country and even in Europe.

I have made so very many friends and have so enjoyed all that has gone on over these years, but it is time for me to hang up my hat. I will miss everyone so very much, but there is a younger generation that I hope will continue with the love and passion that I and those few started so many years ago. Who knows, maybe I will actually have time to really just relax and fly through the skies of the Michigan Challenge and see the sights."

— Pam Rietsch, Pilot Liaison



Pam Rietsch
Pilots

Dick Rudlaff is the event's competition director and first had the idea of holding the state championship of hot-air ballooning in Howell.

Tammy Yeagle, Metropolitan Title, coordinates site activities, souvenirs and the information booths at the Michigan Challenge.

Rozalina Mekhael, LOC Federal Credit Union, chairs the hospitality area and coordinates refreshments for VIPs and committee members

during the weekend.

The balloonfest would not be possible without the cooperation of the Howell Public Schools.

Mike Peterson of Howell Public Schools provides outstanding support to the balloonfest and the committee as school liaison.

For additional information about Michigan Challenge XXV, visit michiganchallenge.com.

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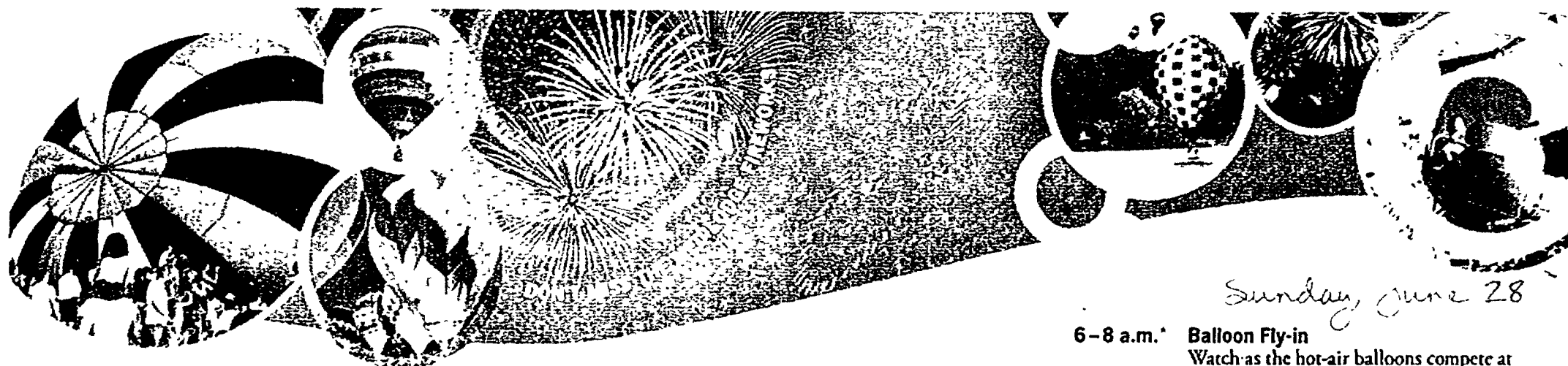
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Friday, June 26

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4 p.m. - close **Arts Festival**
Artists will display and sell their hand-crafted work. Sponsored by Champion Chevrolet

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 Andersen Skydivers**
Presented by Paul McCowan Airshows

6-9:30 p.m. **Entertainment at the Dining Area**
Juggling, ventriloquist, magic, music and more. Sponsored by Krug Ford, Atlas Home Improvement, Wal-Mart Supercenter and American Laser Centers.

6-8 p.m.* **Mass Balloon Launch and Fireworks Display**
Hot-air balloons launch in a spectacular display. 8 p.m. Nightdaze performs, then as darkness falls, enjoy the MediLodge Fireworks.

Saturday, June 27

6-8 a.m.* **Balloon Fly-in**
Watch as the hot-air balloons compete at the balloonfest site.

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

9 a.m. - 8 p.m. **Classic Car Show**
Take a stroll down memory lane and enjoy pre-1980 classic cars. Presented by the Kiwanis Club of Howell and sponsored by Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep.

10 a.m. - 11 p.m. **Wade Show Carnival**
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10 a.m. - close **Arts Festival**
Artists will display and sell their hand-crafted work. Sponsored by Champion Chevrolet

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Downtown Howell Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital Kid's Day
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Noon*

Renewal by Andersen Skydivers
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Noon - 5 p.m.

Citizens Insurance Family Fun Tent
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1 p.m.*

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2:30 - 7 p.m.

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Mass Balloon Launch
Hot-air balloons launch in a spectacular display.

8 p.m.

Main Stage The BackBeats Perform
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Twilight*

Balloon Glow & Skydiving Night Show
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After dark

Downtown AfterGlow
Downtown is the place to be! A special night of live entertainment, great food and fun in downtown Howell.

Sunday, June 28

6-8 a.m.* **Balloon Fly-in**
Watch as the hot-air balloons compete at the balloonfest site.

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

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Sunday Farmers' Market**
Downtown Howell adjacent to the courthouse

9 a.m. - 8 p.m. **Classic Car Show**
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11 a.m. - close **Wade Show Carnival**
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11 a.m. **America's Best Frisbee Dogs**
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11 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Downtown Howell Entertainment**
Music Day- Bands, singing, arts and more on the courthouse lawn.

Noon* **Renewal by Andersen Skydivers**
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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.

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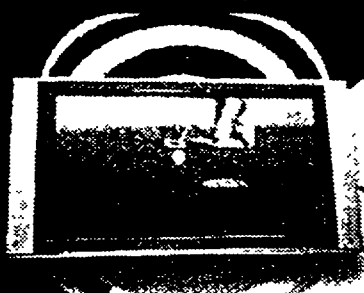
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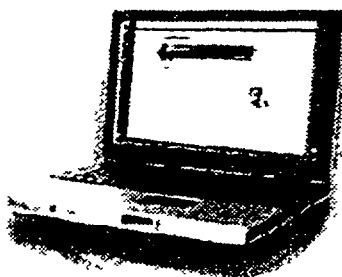
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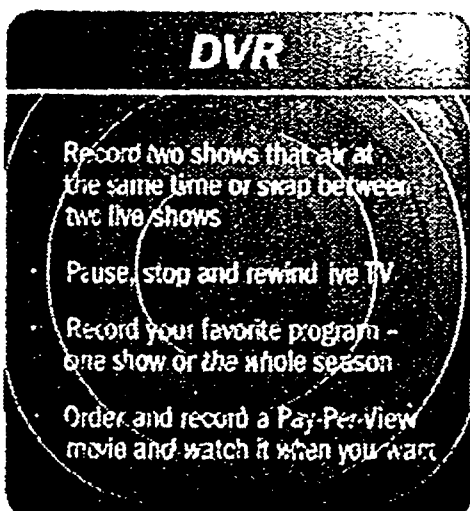


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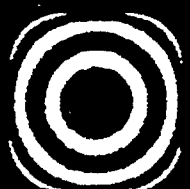
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Come out and enjoy Livonia's birthday party

Welcome back to Spree, Livonia's yearly birthday celebration. In this my 10th year as mayor, I hope you will join us in marking Livonia's 59th anniversary as a city.

As always, Spree 59 is packed with a variety of fun activities and entertainment alternatives on each of the six days of festivities at Ford Field. For many people, Spree is a time to take the kids on carnival rides without paying the fuel costs for a far-away, out-of-state amusement park. For others, Spree serves as a community homecoming – a chance for people of all ages to catch up with their friends and neighbors in a safe, friendly and fun setting.

This year, more than ever, we hope residents will take advantage of the vast array of free events. These include concerts; martial arts demonstrations; performances by comedians, magicians and local dance troupes;

Just as Spree has grown over the years, Livonia has developed since it was incorporated as a city in 1950. With that growth, our community has maintained a warm hometown atmosphere and an enviable quality of life.

and even the chance to watch racing pigs. There will also be no charge to watch performances by a professional circus and the chance to enjoy a no-cost Family Fun Day on Saturday, featuring a variety of old-fashioned races, contests and games.

Of course, the biggest free event of the festival is the magnificent grand finale Spree Fireworks Show at 10:15 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at Ford Field. All of this is provided by the nonprofit Livonia Anniversary Committee Inc.

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Spree expected to draw 175,000

BY DIANE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

If you're not planning to go far from home this summer, take a mini vacation visiting the Livonia Spree Tuesday through Sunday, June 23-28, at Ford Field on the corner of Farmington and Lyndon.

At least 175,000 people of all ages are expected to visit the many events that include a family carnival; a parade; food on the runway; music for all tastes from country to jazz; a classic car show; clowns; free slot-car racing; a pig race; a family circus; a pie-eating contest; a pancake breakfast; magic acts; a Texas Hold 'em and Black Jack Casino room and the grand finale fireworks on Sunday evening. For the first time the Spree will also host a vault competition.

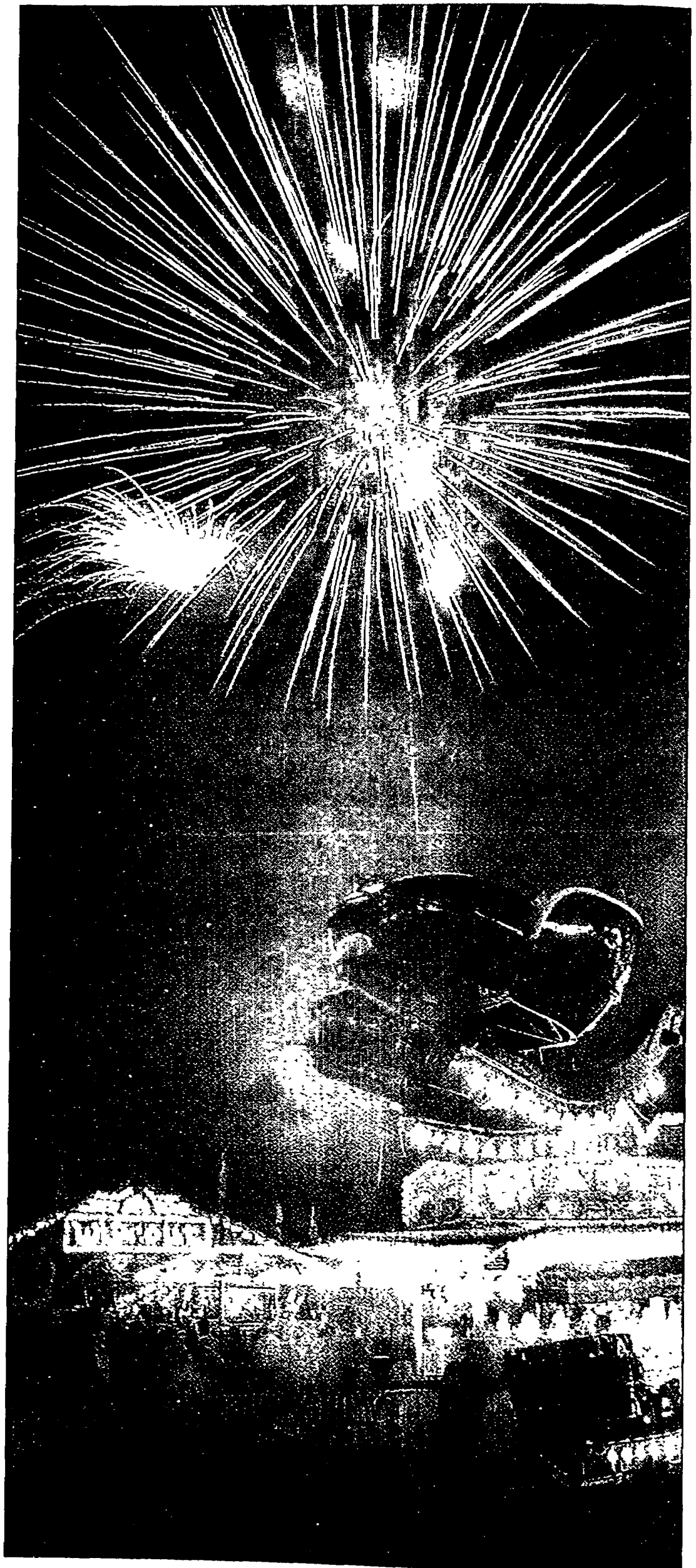
This is the 59th Spree celebration and it's gotten so popular among residents that organizers no longer need to advertise outside the city to draw patrons, according to Richard Skaggs, Spree president.

"We're maxed out," he said.

There are an estimated 40,000 to 50,000 spectators for the 30-minute fireworks display alone. The display begins at dusk, Sunday, June 28, but people usually start staking out their spots all over the city hours before.

Since 1970 Spree has been sponsored by The Livonia Anniversary Committee Inc., a non-profit volunteer group of residents that comprise the Spree board of directors and its committees.

After expenses, 50 percent of Livonia Spree's proceeds are donated to Livonia Parks and Recreation. The remaining are given to local high school all-night graduation parties, St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Angela Hospice, First Step, Livonia Community Foundation, American Cancer Society, Livonia Orchestra and the Spree Scholarship program.



FILE PHOTO
The Sunday night fireworks display alone attracts an estimated 40,000 to 50,000 spectators.



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Madison McLaud eats a giant watermelon slice at the Spree's Family Fun Day, which includes a variety of picnic-style races, contests and games.

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New at Spree: pole vaulting, giant slide and Radio Disney

BY DIANE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

After 59 years, Livonia Spree offers families events they look forward to and this year there's new entertainment and competitions that are expected to draw even more interest.

For the first time, the Spree is offering a pole vault event, a giant slide advertised as the biggest in the world and Radio Disney, which will provide music from classic movies, games and prizes.

Pole vault warm-ups begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 27, on the Spree grounds at Ford Field, Baseball Diamond No. 2. The number of competitions will depend on how many people sign up.

The cost is \$27, and the event is sanctioned by USA Track & Field. Go to www.livoniaspreevault.com for more information and for registration forms.

This year the Spree will also feature a giant slide, 74-feet high, 200-feet long and 50-wide with eight lanes. It has been dubbed the biggest mobile slide in the world, according to Richard Skaggs, Spree president.

Another event to delight the youngest in the family is Radio Disney at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 27. The interactive live deejay show will include games and prizes.

Meanwhile, free music and entertainment will be available throughout the Spree in two big tents, one on the food aisle and the other in the parking lot in front of Eddie Edgar Ice Arena. The tents are new this year and will be especially appreciated if there's rain.

"You can go to the Spree and not spend a penny," explains Skaggs. "In these times, that means a lot."

A longtime Spree favorite is Livonia's Taste of Spree 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at Eddie Edgar Arena. Ticket holders browse tables set up by area restaurants and sample the best meals around.

Tickets are \$10 and are for sale at the Livonia treasurer's office, Community Choice Credit Union and the Livonia Parks and Recreation until they're sold out.

"My all-time favorite is the fireworks — you can't beat them," Skaggs said. "Another good one is the pancake breakfast and for \$4 you get all you can eat."

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These tips make for a care-free Spree visit

BY DIANE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Your time at the Spree might be a little more enjoyable if you consider key tips ahead of time.

- Free rides are available 2-5 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, only for special-needs children and adults. Anyone taking advantage of this offer must provide their own assistance on and off rides.

- Annual scholarships are awarded to high school seniors usually in the amount of \$2,000 increments. Call Livonia City Hall at (734) 466-2200 before April 2010 for more information about applying for next year's scholarships. The deadline for this year's scholarships was in April.

- Remember no animals, except service animals, are allowed on the grounds. If you bring Fido, you're just going to



FILE PHOTO

Three-year-old Jenna McWilliams of Livonia gives her dad Ralph a high-five while she and her sister Laura, 6, take a ride.

have to take him back home and find a new parking place.

- Ample parking is available at Livonia City Hall with free shuttle service operating during Spree hours.

- The fireworks are the grand finale that some families refuse to miss. Save your-

self the hassle of dealing with traffic and take advantage of the Spree shuttle service in full operation on Sunday from noon until after the fireworks to transport visitors between the Spree grounds and the

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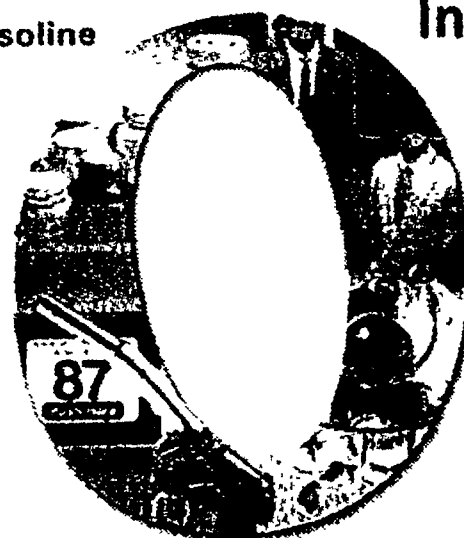
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Sweet! Kids compete in pie-eating contest

The annual Spree pie-eating contest for ages 7-12 will take place Wednesday, June 24, in the Bright House Networks Tent.

The event is sponsored by the *Livonia Observer*, Livonia Family YMCA and Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe.

Prizes will be awarded to winners in three age divisions.

Pre-registration is 5-6 p.m. The contest starts at 6:30 p.m.

The pies are being donated by Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe of Westland, owned by Mary Denning and her husband, Charles, also known as "Baker Charlie."

The couple, Michigan natives raised in the area, have been in business for 17 years. They specialize in making desserts that cater to special dietary needs but also taste good, Mary Denning said. For example, they make desserts for diabetics and



FILE PHOTO

Jacob Jenkins and the vanquished cream pie from the 2007 contest.

confections that are free of eggs, dairy products, sodium and soy.

The six-inch pies for the contest are creamy vanilla with a touch of lemon.

Contestants can't use their

hands so they should wear clothing they don't mind getting a little messy. In addition, they should bring the entry form that accompanies this story.

Best of luck to all who enter!

Pie Eating Contest

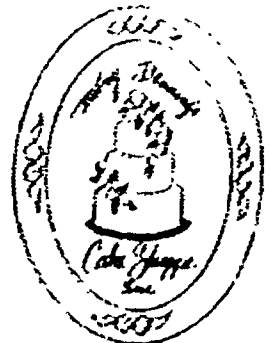
REGISTRATION FORM

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The Pie Eating Contest, sponsored by the Livonia Observer, Livonia Family YMCA and Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24.

The Pie Eating Contest begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday June 24, 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



Pies sponsored by Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe.

Name

Age

Full date of birth

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City

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Phone (evening)

Chamber to hold third annual Spree barbecue

Joining in the spirit of the Livonia Spree, the Livonia Chamber of Commerce will hold its third annual Spree Barbecue just ahead of the community's grand fireworks show on Sunday, June 28.

The event, sponsored by Parkside Credit Union and Schoolcraft College, gives chamber members a unique chance to bring their families to a good old-fashioned barbecue held at the Chamber office and nearby Dolphin Park, located on the southeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads. Food will be provided by Rose Catering.

From 6-9 p.m., some 200 people are expected to gather for food, networking and children's activities. Many barbecue attendees will camp out after the event to watch the fireworks show, scheduled to begin at 10:15 p.m.

"Networking is a vital service we provide to our members," Livonia Chamber President Dan West said. "Our families are a huge part of our lives, and this event enables our members to get know each other better by incorporating their families into a fun event."

Tickets are \$10 each, or \$5 per chamber member and their families. This event is limited to 200 people so spots will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, call the Livonia Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 427-2122 or e-mail Dawnne Toppa at toppa@livonia.org.



FILE PHOTO

At Spree 2007, Livonia residents (front to back) Megan Damico, Kendi Smith and Allison Gilreath take a ride on the White Water rafting ride. This year's event features a 'giant slide, 74-feet high, 200-feet long and 50-wide with eight lanes. It has been dubbed the biggest mobile slide in the world.

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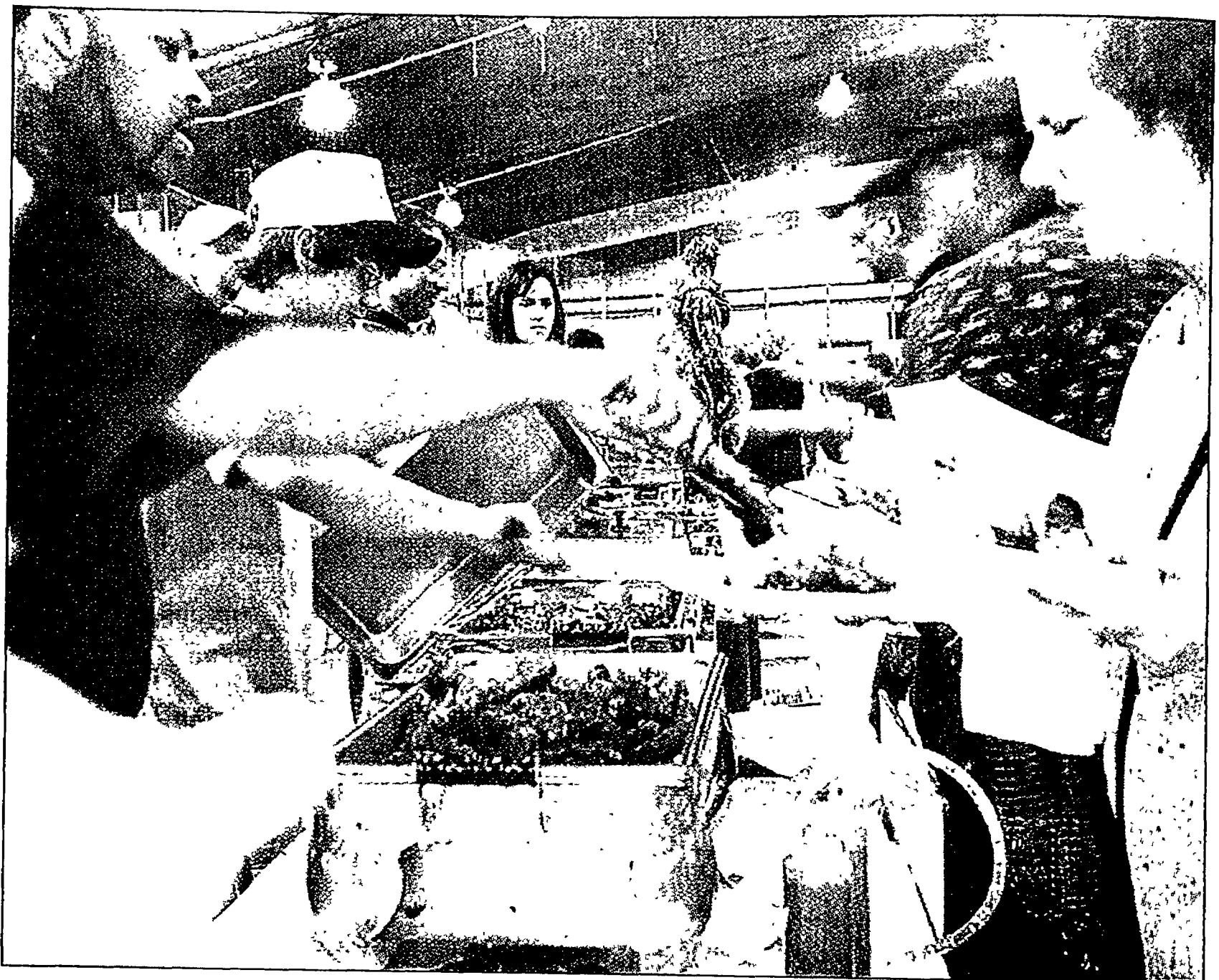
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Those who attend the annual Taste of the Spree don't go away hungry, says event chair Bob Biga.

Sample restaurants at Taste of Spree

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With tight budgets and tough economic times, Livonia residents probably experience some difficulty in getting out and hitting some of the area's top restaurants.

On Thursday, June 25, the Eddie Edgar Ice Arena, 33841 Lyndon, hosts Taste of the Spree from 6 until 8 p.m. where 20 restaurants and eating establishments will showcase their foods.

"Our objective is to have the restaurants display their wares and get people interested in coming to their restaurant," said Bob Biga, who chairs the Taste of Spree event.

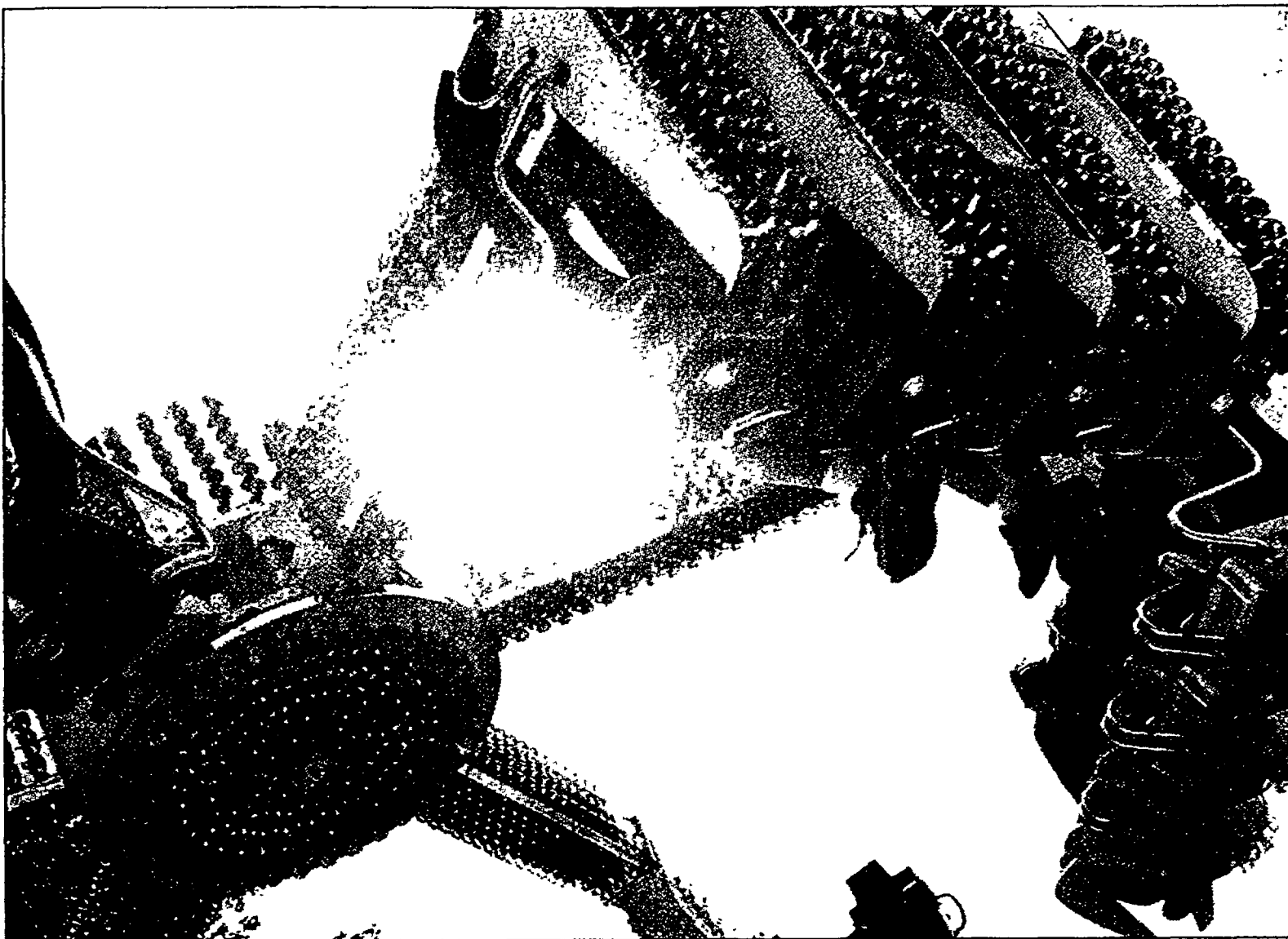
The event draws an estimated 650 to 750 people, Biga said. "There's enough variety that people can find something they want." "To have a good time, they have to get filled up.

And people don't generally leave hungry."

Some of the restaurants that had already committed as of May 27 are Buffalo Wild Wings, Luigi's, Finnish Armitage Catering, Mama Vera's, Claddaugh's, Potbelly Sandwiches, Kadoba Grill, Trader Joe's, Ponchero's and Cafe Olé. Visitors also can vote for their favorite restaurant for the People's Choice awards, given to the top three restaurants.

Taste of Spree advance tickets are \$10 for adults, and free for children 5 and under. The tickets are available in the city's treasurer's office at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive; the Livonia Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard Drive, and the Community Choice Credit Union, 15420 Farmington.

For more information on Taste of Spree and other events, visit www.livoniaspree.com.



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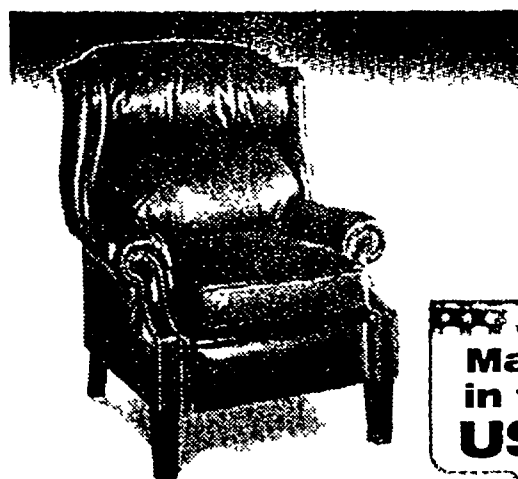
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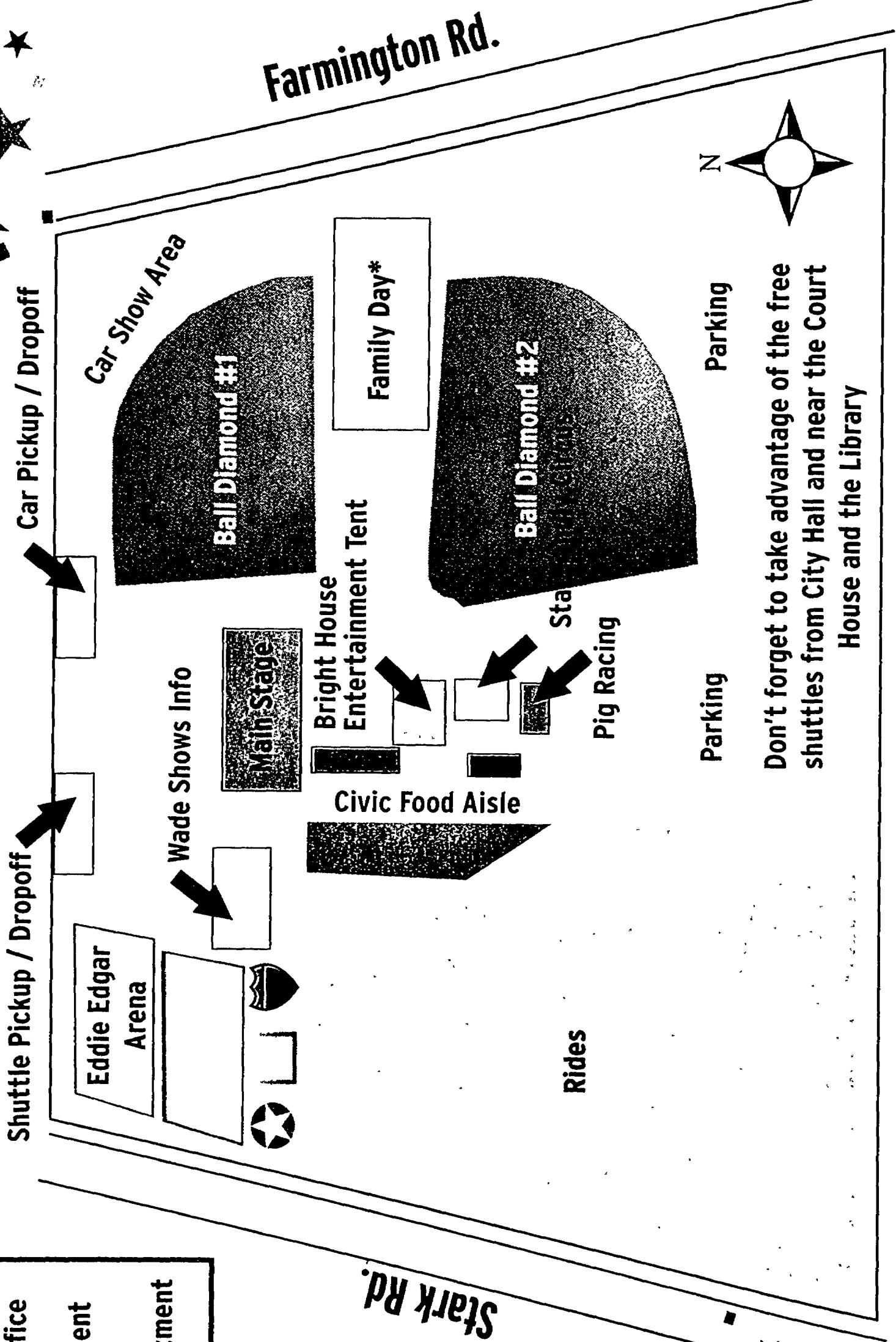
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Car Show is on Sunday

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Abbey Moul of Livonia (left) and her mother, Denise, share a ride on the Alpine Bobs at Livonia Spree '58.

Schedule of events

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Spree & Carnival open at 4 p.m.
Main Stage
 Battle of the Bands, 5-10:30 p.m.
Bright House Networks Tent
 Dragon Academy of Martial Arts & Krav Maga,
 6:30 p.m.,
Spree Grounds Events
 Star Family Circus, 7 p.m.
 Racing Pigs, 5, 6 and 8 p.m.
 Child I.D. Program, 4-8 p.m. (Police Trailer)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Spree & Carnival open at 2 p.m.
Eddie Edgar Arena
 Family Pizza Night, 6-8 p.m., \$3 per person admission at the door
 Free Slot Car Racing, slot cars provided, 6 p.m. until finished
Bright House Networks Tent
 Pie Eating Contest for ages 7-12, pre-registration is 5-6 p.m., contest starts at 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the *Livonia Observer*, Livonia Family YMCA and Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe
Main Stage
 Mass Transit, 7-11 p.m.
Bright House Networks Tent
 Comedy Magic of Ken Dumm, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Spree Grounds Events
 Clowns, 3:30-7:30 p.m.
 Star Family Circus, 5 and 8 p.m.
 Racing Pigs, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 p.m.
 Child I.D. Program, 4-8 p.m. (Police Trailer)

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Spree & Carnival open at 2 p.m.
Eddie Edgar Arena
 Livonia's Taste of Spree, 6-8 p.m., advance tickets required, \$10 each, limited number available at Livonia City Treasurer's Office, Livonia Parks & Recreation and Community Choice Credit Union
Main Stage

Dragon Academy of Martial Arts and Krav Maga, 4 p.m.
 Square Pegz, 7-11 p.m.
Bright House Networks Tent
 Comedy Magic of Ken Dumm, 5 p.m.
 Trilogy, 7-11 p.m.
Spree Grounds Events
 Brad Bodary Stilt Walker, Mime and Mechanical Man, 2-9 p.m.
 Clowns, 3-7 p.m.
 Star Family Circus, 4 and 8 p.m.
 Racing Pigs, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 p.m.
 Child I.D. Program, 4-8 p.m. (Police Trailer)

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Spree & Carnival open at 2 p.m.
Main Stage
 Tommy Steele Band (Country band), 7-11 p.m.
Bright House Networks Tent
 Comedy Magic of Ken Dumm, 5 p.m.
 Audio Crush, 7-11 p.m.
Spree Grounds Events
 Brad Bodary Stilt Walker, Mime and Mechanical Man 2-9 p.m.
 Clowns, 3-7 p.m.
 Star Family Circus, 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
 Racing Pigs 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 p.m.
 Child I.D. Program, 4-8 p.m. (Police Trailer)

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Spree & Carnival open at noon
Family Fun Day
 Races, Contests and Games, 1 p.m., Spree Grounds between Ball Diamonds No. 1 and 2,
 Kids Parade, line-up starts at 12:15 p.m. in the front of Eddie Edgar Arena
Ball Diamond No. 2
 Livonia Spree Vault, 9 a.m., Youth, Masters and Open Divisions, entry form available at www.livoni-spreevault.com, co-sponsored by Skyshark Athletics

Please see **SCHEDULE, PAGE 21**

WELCOME

FROM PAGE 3

Livonia has developed since it was incorporated as a city in 1950. With that growth, our community has maintained a warm hometown atmosphere and an enviable quality of life. We take pride in the fact that Livonia is Michigan's finest place to live, learn, work and play.

Livonia consistently ranks as one of the safest, most stable, child-friendliest cities of our size in the nation. Livonia has often been recognized as one of the best cities to raise a family, one of the most attractive locations in the nation for manufacturing businesses, and even a great place to retire. We are proud of our low-tax rate, great quality services, abundant parks, exceptional educational options for K-12 and higher education, and unmatched central location. Even in these difficult economic times, our city is still well-positioned for success!

Since the mid 1970s, Ford Field has been home to our birthday gala with a carnival, fireworks, good food and lots of fun in a family setting. This year's Spree runs from Tuesday, June 23, through Sunday, June 28. Once again, Livonia families can enjoy 50 fun-filled amusement rides, with all-day wristbands available. As always, admission is free for the grounds and all entertainment.

Spree 59 promises new attractions along with old favorites. The entertainment features stilt walker and mime mechanical man Brad Bodary, comedy magic by Ken Dumm, the Star Family Circus, clowns and much more. Taking the stage will be musical acts including Square Pegz, Men in Black, Audio Crush, New Odyssey, Wheelhouse, Steve King & The Dittilies, Scoot Magoo and the Tommy Steele Band.

Each day has something special in store. A Battle of the Bands is held on Tuesday. Wednesday features Family Pizza Night, Free Slot Car Racing and a Pie Eating



FILE PHOTO

Livonia Spree is a family-fun event that makes lasting memories. Here, Clarice Caruana tries her luck at fishing with a little help from Dad, Don Caruana, in 2005.

Contest, sponsored by the *Livonia Observer* and Livonia YMCA. Visitors can enjoy Livonia's Taste of Spree on Thursday at Eddie Edgar Arena, with advance tickets for sale at Livonia City Hall Treasurer's Office and at Community Choice Credit Union.

Saturday is Family Fun Day with a parade and a variety of picnic-style races, contests and games. A new event this year will be a pole vaulting competition. Visit www.livoniaspreevault.com for an entry form and details. The Livonia Jaycees will bring back its Texas Hold 'Em Room and Blackjack Casino Room from 1-8 p.m. in Eddie Edgar Arena. Contact Dawnne Toppa at (734) 427-2122 for more information.

The Livonia Spree Freedom Run, Ed McNamara Pancake Breakfast, and Classic Car Show all help to start the day on Sunday. That evening, the

week's worth of Spree excitement culminates with a spectacular fireworks display at 10:15 p.m.

Your support of Spree will help the volunteer Livonia Anniversary Committee Inc. raise money for the city of Livonia and for many non-profit organizations in the community. Spree contributes to numerous projects and programs, including its annual Spree scholarships. Spree also pays for the Sunday night fireworks display. In addition, the Livonia Spree provides the opportunity for numerous civic and community organizations (such as local PTA groups, the Rotary Club and area churches) to sell food and beverages and raise tens of thousands of dollars for their respective groups and projects.

To learn more about Spree or become a volunteer, visit www.livoniaspree.com or call the 24-hour hotline at (734) 427-8190.

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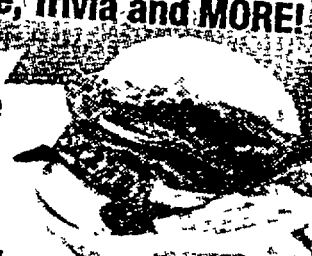
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A colorfully costumed clown walks a different kind of dog, surprising young Spree attendees.

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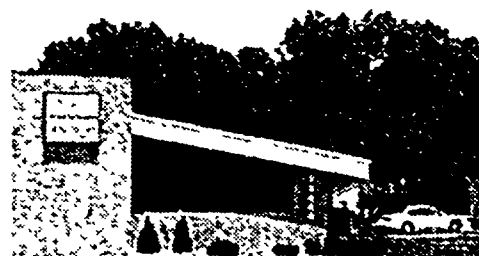
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Spree entertainment promises variety

Entertainment at this year's Spree marks the traditional appearances of popular acts, yet enough new ones to keep Spree fresh.

The Star Family Circus was a big hit last year, according to Sue Skaggs, chair of the Spree entertainment committee.

"Every show last year drew a huge crowd, and they really held the audience's attention," Skaggs said.

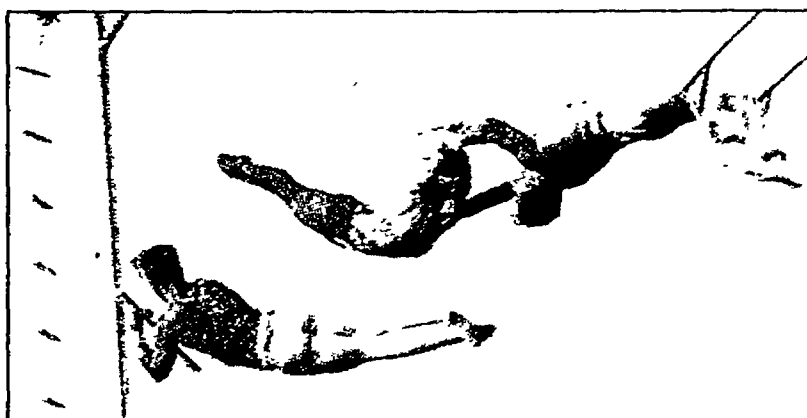
For the last few years the Battle of the Bands also has proved to be popular with the crowds.

Local bands compete for five hours of recording time at Diversion Studios and a \$200 cash prize. Also returning this year, after a three- or four-year hiatus, are the Racing Pigs. "Everyone loves to watch these little guys race around the track," Skaggs said.

Spree visitors "missed the racing pigs terribly," Skaggs said of their recent absence. The music promises its usual variety with music from all eras and different genres.

Bands perform Wednesday night and are scheduled through Sunday night.

"Each year we try to bring in a couple of new bands and this year we have two: Wheelhouse, playing rock from the '70s through current material, and Square Pegz, an '80s band," Skaggs said. "The Tommy Steele Band (country)



FILE PHOTO

The Flying Pages acrobats are flying high in this photo from Spree 2005.

is also returning this year on Friday night."

"While all this is going on, we have a mechanical/mime walking the Spree grounds along with clowns who do face painting and balloon animals."

Ken Dumm, a magician/comedian, returns again this year with shows daily.

"There's a lot going on," Skaggs said. "We try to get something for all ages. People have worked hard (planning the Spree), so it's nice to be able to see those efforts come together. We're excited about it."

For a schedule of Spree events, look inside today's special Spree section.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND RESERVE BALANCE For Year Ended September 30, 2008

Net Reserve Balance at September 30, 2007	\$179,091
INCOME	
Carnival Income	\$198,514
Food & Beverage Sale	77,655
Supportership & Acknowledgement Income	21,250
Food Vendor Site Rental	7,921
Pizza Night & Pancake Breakfast	3,827
Taste of Livonia Income	3,860
Interest Income	2,665
Other Income	<u>400</u>
Gross Income	<u>316,092</u>
Total Net Reserve & Gross Income Available	\$495,183
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Midway Operations & DPW/Police Billings	\$102,711
Insurance, License & Taxes	25,716
Board Operations & Meetings	14,638
Rentals & Maintenance	28,010
Advertising, Promotion & Supplies	<u>11,817</u>
Less: Total Operating Expenses	<u>182,892</u>
Net Reserve After Operating Expenses	\$312,291
PROGRAM EXPENSES:	
Free Fireworks	\$35,000
Free Entertainment	<u>45,050</u>
Less: Total Program Expenses	<u>80,050</u>
Net Reserve After Program Expenses	\$232,241
Community Donations (See Schedule)	<u>52,914</u>
Net Reserve Balance for Spree 59 Sept. 30, 2008	<u>\$179,327</u>

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY DONATIONS For Year Ended September 30, 2008 COMMUNITY DONATIONS

City and City Organizations	
Parks & Recreation	\$7,157
Livonia Reserves & Explorers	1,500
Livonia Needy Families	3,000
Livonia Youth Commission	500
Livonia Senior Center	500
Silver Village	300
Friends of Greenmead	<u>200</u>
Total Donations to City and City Organizations	\$13,157
Livonia Community Organizations	
Livonia Community Foundation	\$3,200
Livonia Goodfellows	2,500
First Step	3,000
Livonia Symphony	1,500
American Cancer Society	1,000
Angela Hospice	750
Churches	<u>400</u>
Total Donations to Livonia Community Organizations	12,350
Livonia Schools/Organizations	
PTA Groups	\$9,807
Scholarships (8)	16,000
School Graduation Parties	<u>1,600</u>
Total Donations to Livonia School Organizations	<u>27,407</u>
TOTAL COMMUNITY DONATIONS	<u>\$52,914</u>

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10/01/07-9/30/08	\$ 13,157	\$ 39,757	\$ 52,914
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
10/01/79-9/30/98	<u>280,378</u>	<u>251,292</u>	<u>531,670</u>
	<u>\$406,939</u>	<u>\$516,494</u>	<u>\$923,433</u>

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SCHEDULE

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Eddie Edgar Arena

Jaycees "Texas Hold'em Room," cash games 1-8 p.m., Texas Hold'em and Black Jack Casino Room

Main Stage

Polish Centennial Dancers, 2-3 p.m.

JKA Detroit (Shotokan Karate), 4-4:30 p.m.

New Odyssey, 7-11 p.m.

Bright House Networks Tent

Dragon Academy of Martial Arts and Krav Maga, 1-1:30 p.m.

Comedy Magic of Ken Dumm, 2, 4 and 6 p.m.

Wheelhouse, 7-11 p.m.

Spree Grounds Events

Brad Bodary Stilt Walker, Mime and Mechanical Man, 2-9 p.m.

Clowns, 3-7 p.m.

Star Family Circus, 3, 5 and 8 p.m.

Racing Pigs, 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 p.m.

Child I.D. Program, 1-5 p.m. (Police Trailer)

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Spree & Carnival open at noon

Livonia Spree Freedom Run

Help Run Drugs Out Of Town, registration starts at 7 a.m., races at 8 and 8:15 a.m., sponsored by www.justsayrun.com, for information e-mail: chrisogden@justsayrun.com

TIPS

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parking facilities at Livonia City Hall.

- Throughout the Spree there is a limited amount of parking on the Spree grounds. Take Stark Road north off the I-96 service drive. Handicapped parking is available by taking Stark Road north off the I-96 service drive.

- Livonia police will close Farmington between Five Mile and Schoolcraft, as well as Lyndon, Summers and Civic Center Drive, all at Farmington Road, at approximately 7 p.m. Sunday, June 28, for the fireworks.

- Pre-sale vouchers/wristband are NOT VALID for use on Sunday.

- Sheet tickets will be available during the Spree and sold at the Community Choice Credit Union, as well as on the Spree grounds during the week. A sheet of 25 tickets is \$12 (\$15) value. Tickets are good anytime.

- Keep in mind that Rollerblades, skateboards and bicycles are not allowed on Spree grounds.

- No alcohol, pop bottles and coolers can be brought onto Spree grounds, either.

- Literature distribution is allowed on the Spree grounds in the designated area only. Please check in with the Spree office.

Ed McNamara Pancake Breakfast

All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast with sausage, juice, fruit and coffee, 8:30-11 a.m., Eddie Edgar Arena, \$4 per person, clowns 9-11 a.m.

Classic Car Show

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Spree Grounds, registration required. Call Denny Bourroughs at (734) 591-7692 or Pat Morski at (248) 304-1966

Main Stage

Worship Services: Catholic, 8:30 a.m., Protestant, 11 a.m.

World Class Institute of Martial Arts 12:30-2 p.m.

Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

O'Hare School of Irish Dance-Plymouth, 4:30-5 p.m.

Scoot Magoo, 7-11 p.m.

Bright House Networks Tent

Comedy Magic of Ken Dumm, 2, 4 and 5:30 p.m.

Men In Black, 7-11 p.m.

Ball Diamond No. 1

Steve King & The Dittilies, 7:15-11:15 p.m.

Spree Grounds Events

Derby the Clown, 1-7 p.m.

Brad Bodary Stilt Walker, Mime and Mechanical Man, noon to 9 p.m.

Star Family Circus, 1:30, 4:30 and 8 p.m.

Racing Pigs, 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 p.m.

Child I.D. Program, 1-5 p.m. (Police Trailer)

Grand Finale

Livonia Spree Fireworks, 10:15 p.m., 30-minute display presented by Livonia Anniversary Committee Inc.

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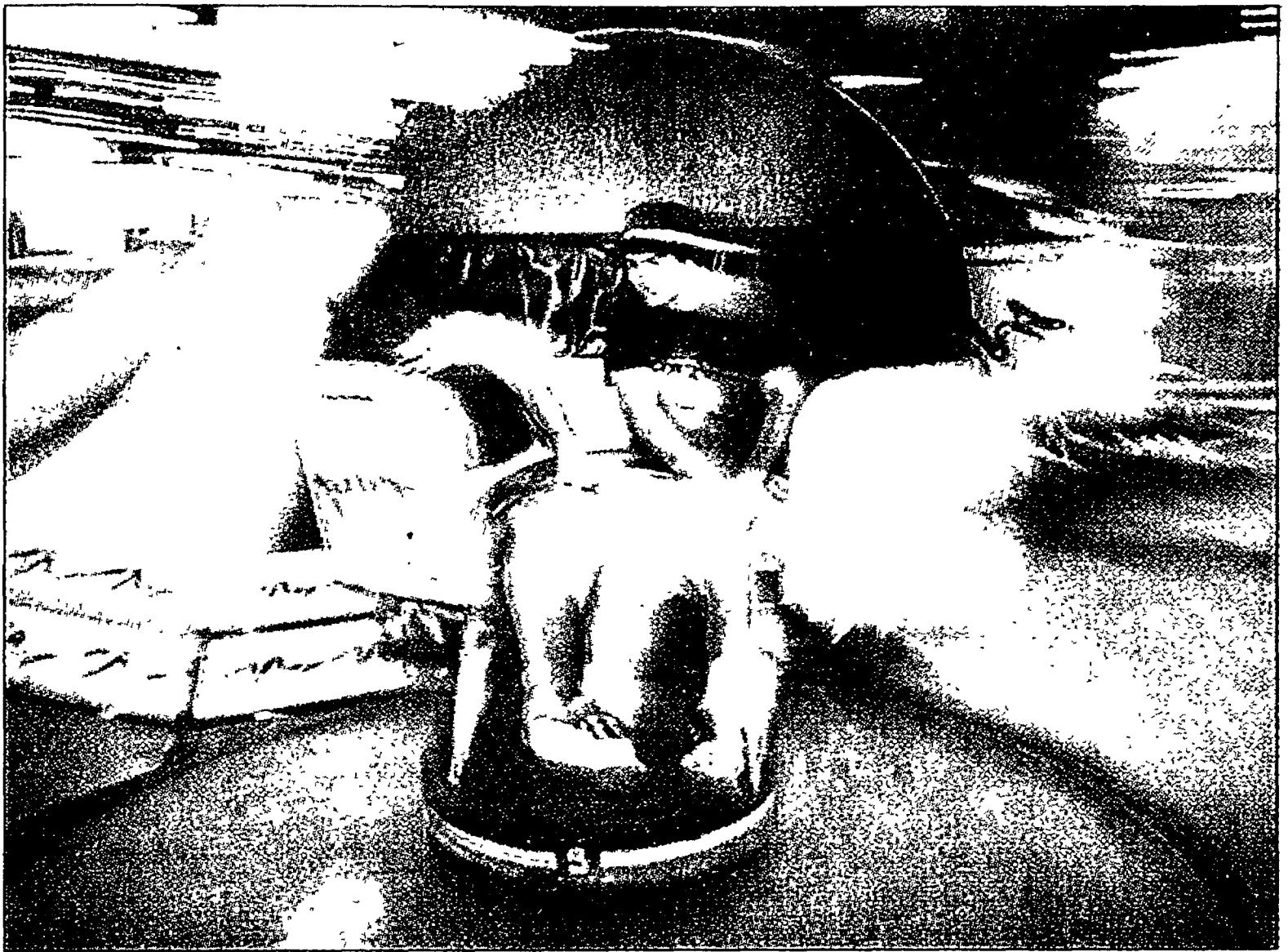
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