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Third-graders will visit Mill Race Village to learn about Northville's Victorian era. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Welcome to the 26th annual *Victorian Festival!*

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome you to the 26th annual Victorian Festival; a fun-filled weekend, packed with family-friendly activities, great art show and local school and nonprofit group booths.

The Victorian Festival integrates the Northville business community into many of the activities, along with the celebration of community history. For more than 25 years, the Victorian Festival has been the Northville community's signature event; one that provides our schools, churches, civic groups and businesses with a venue to showcase community history and to celebrate with family and friends.

The weekend kicks off Friday night with the Victorian Festival Parade, filled with local school children and their parents dressed in period clothing. The parade is one activity not to be missed.

In addition to the festival staples of music, entertainment, presenta-



The Northville Chamber of Commerce organizes the Victorian Festival. Their office is located at 195 S. Main Street.

tions and food, this year's festival will include an Art Fair presented by Handcrafters Unlimited with more than 70 booths and a full carnival



provided by Elliott's Amusement at the Northville Downs parking lot.

We are grateful for our festival sponsors, including Dick Scott Automotive Group as the presenting sponsor, and the numerous volunteers, business and community partners that work hard each year to provide a memorable, fun festival weekend.

We look forward to seeing you at the Northville Victorian Festival!

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Northville Chamber of Commerce



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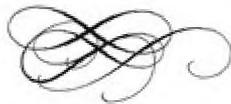
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Check out the *pre-festival* events



There will be a Victorian-era clothing and accessories sale Sept. 4-6 at Mill Race Village. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Victorian Festival Clothing Sale at Mill Race Village

When: Noon to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Sept. 4-5, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6

Where: Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold (north of Main Street)

Victorian-era clothing and accessories for adults and children will be for purchase from various vendors. Some clothing is new, some gently used, some vintage. There is an admission charge of \$2 for adults. Cash sales are preferred; some vendors may not accept checks or credit cards. Sponsored by the Northville Historical Society. For more information, call 248-348-1845 or visit www.millracenorthville.org.

'Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History' lecture

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9

Where: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street

Author Susan Nenadic of Ann Arbor will present *Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History*. Her program will highlight a potpourri of 19th century women whose actions significantly altered American society, yet the general public is unaware of their contributions. Please call the Library to register at 248-349-3020.



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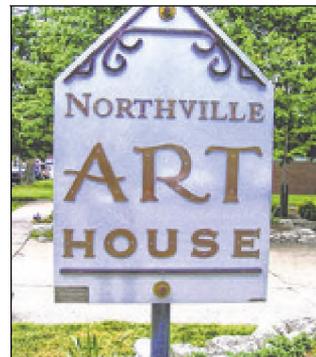
Northville Art House exhibit 'Lines'

What: "Lines" an all-media, juried exhibition

When: Sept. 5-27

Where: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street

With no specific definition in mind, the Northville Art House is excited to present the personal interpretations of the word "Lines" in its September 2014 exhibit. Artists in all mediums submitted entries for this eclectic show. An opening reception will take place during First Friday event, 6-9 p.m. Sept. 5. The exhibit is open during regular hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday through Sept. 27. For more information, visit www.northvillearthouse.org.



The Northville Art House will feature the all-media juried art exhibition "Lines" Sept. 5-27. LONNIE HUHMANN

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Third-graders from Northville Public Schools will participate in activities Friday morning. STEVE FECHT

2014 Victorian Festival Schedule

Friday, Sept. 12

- » Northville Public Schools third-graders program, 9 a.m. to noon
- » Art Fair at the Victorian Festival, 4-7:30 p.m.
- » Ryde Park Carnival at Northville Downs, 4-10 p.m.
- » Nonprofit Groups Food and Games, 4-8 p.m.
- » Festival Saloon (featuring Shawn Riley Band 7-10 p.m.), 5:30-10:30 p.m.
- » Victorian Festival Parade, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 13

- » Art Fair at the Victorian Festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Street Activities and Entertainment

- » Nonprofit Groups Food and Games, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- » Ryde Park Carnival at Northville Downs, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Mill Race Village will host many historically-themed activities during the weekend.

- » Comedy Juggling – John Park
- » Victorian 500 Pedal Cars, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- » Balloon Twister, noon to 4 p.m.
- » Chainsaw Carver, noon to 4 p.m.
- » Street Magician, noon to 4 p.m.
- » Caricature artist, noon to 4 p.m.
- » Stiltwalker, 12:30-4 p.m.
- » Barnyard Express Animal Shows/Petting Farm, noon to 5 p.m.
- » Wells Fargo Stagecoach, noon-5 p.m. Friday 7-10 p.m.), 5:30-10:30 p.m.

Varsity Lincoln Stage at Town Square

- » Joel Tacey Show, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- » Beer Garden, noon to 10 p.m.
- » Jill Jack, 1:30-4 p.m.
- » Driving Friday, 7-9 p.m.

Ford Field/Mill Race Village

- » Village buildings open for tours, 1-4 p.m.



The Northville Eclipse vintage base ball team will play Saturday at Ford Field.

» Eclipse vintage base ball game at Ford Field, 1-3 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 14

» Art Fair at the Victorian Festival, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Street Activities and Entertainment

- » Victorian Church Service at the Saloon – First Baptist Church, 10 a.m.
- » Chainsaw Carver, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- » Nonprofit Groups Food and Games, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- » Victorian 500 Pedal Cars, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- » Barnyard Express Animal Shows/ Petting Farm, noon to 3 p.m.
- » Balloon Twister, noon to 3 p.m.
- » Caricature Artist, noon to 3 p.m.
- » Ryde Park Carnival at Northville Downs, noon to 7 p.m.
- » Street Magician, 1-3:30 p.m.

Varsity Lincoln Stage at Town Square

- » Eugene Clark Escape Artist, noon to 12:30 p.m.
- » Beer Garden, noon to 3 p.m.

» Robin Horlock, 1-3 p.m.

Mill Race Historic Village

- » Village buildings open for tours, noon to 3:30 p.m.
- » Used Book Sale, noon to 3:30 p.m.
- » Cake Walk, noon to 3 p.m.
- » Music in the Gazebo, noon to 3 p.m.
- » Old-Fashioned Children’s Games, 1-3 p.m.
- » Tall Tales with Paul Bunyan, 1-3 p.m.
- » NHS Chorale Groups – Backbeat and Treble Makers, 2-3:30 p.m.
- » Duck Race, 3:30 p.m.



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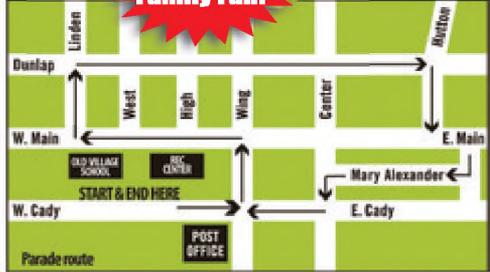


**VICTORIAN FESTIVAL
Parade**



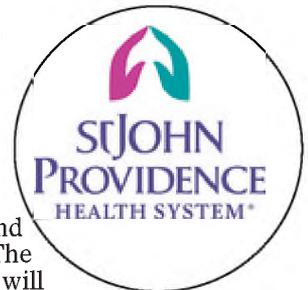
**Friday, Sept. 12
at 6:30 p.m.**

Great Family Fun!



The Victorian Festival Parade is a great event for people watching, as Lorelai Schafer found out a couple of years ago.

Northville's 'most anticipated' parade kicks off weekend



It is probably the most anticipated parade of the year for Northville – and that's saying a lot, because it goes without saying that this is a parade community.

Every year the Victorian Festival Parade is well-attended, as it makes its way through the downtown streets and the surrounding neighborhoods. Most of the participants dress the part, donning Victorian-era clothing that harkens back to Northville's beginnings.

"Because of the number of school kids and their parents that participate each year, the Victorian Festival Parade is the most anticipated and attended," said Traci Sincock of the Chamber of Commerce.

The big parade kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. The route, which is the same as last year, begins near the post office at West



Many local residents walk in the parade, including youngsters like Connor Stein.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cady and Wing. The parade will then follow Wing to Main, Main to Linden, Linden to Dunlap, Dunlap to Hutton, Hutton to Mary Alexander and then back to Cady before ending where it began.

So there will be plenty of places to pull up a chair and cheer on all the civic groups, local folks and entertainers that will make their way through downtown for this signature event.

There is still a little time if you want to participate in the parade, which is being sponsored by St. John Providence Health System. The entry deadline is Sept. 5. Either stop by the chamber office at 195 S. Main Street or email Sincock at tracisincock@northville.org.



LOOK

FOR THE STREET ENTERTAINERS



There will be plenty of entertainers strolling the streets of downtown Northville during the Victorian Festival. There will be jugglers, caricature artists and balloon artists. Here, Tim Thurmond creates a blow-up mining cave at last year's festival. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carnival new to this year's festival

Victorian Festival organizers have partnered with Elliott's Amusements of Mason to offer a carnival midway and rides this year.

Sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union, the Ryde Park Carnival will be located at Northville Downs and runs Thursday (4-10 p.m.), Friday (4-11 p.m.), Saturday (noon to 11 p.m.) and Sunday (noon to 5 p.m.).

Organizers wanted something new this year to appeal to teenagers.

"This is a new element to the festival this year. We really wanted to add something for the teen group. In the past, we didn't feel like we had a good draw for the teens in the community. We think this will appeal to them," said Traci Sincock of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "There will be rides for the little kids as well."



Elliott's Amusements will bring many rides to the festival, including the Tilt-A-Whirl.

Wristbands will be for sale during all four days, which allow an unlimited number of rides for that day. The cost varies by day: \$15 Thursday, \$18 Friday and Saturday and \$10 Sunday. Single ride tickets will also be for sale.

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Victorian Festival
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Tom Fink will demonstrate chainsaw carving techniques and creations.



Joel Tacey will perform his show Saturday.



Jill Jack will play Saturday afternoon.

Victorian 500 Pedal Cars

Little lumberjacks will enjoy pedaling these miniature vehicles around the enclosed track (5-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14).

Great Lakes Timber Show

The Lumberjack team from Escanaba features chainsaw carving, ax throwing, wood chopping, one- and two-man crosscut sawing, modified chain sawing, log rolling and loads of clean family humor. (Saturday, Sept. 13, and Sunday, Sept. 14, shows throughout the day). Main and Hutton streets.

John Park Comedy Juggling

This worldwide entertainer performs as a juggling lumberjack throughout the festival area. His shows are sure to delight audiences with spinning plates, juggling lumberjack tools and comedy routines set to music. (Saturday, Sept. 13, and Sunday, Sept. 14). Throughout the festival area.

Barnyard Express Animal Shows/Petting Farm

Join Farmer John and his best friend, Smudge the Border Collie, as they host a petting farm and educational show with live barnyard animals. (noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14). Main and Center streets.

Chainsaw Carving

Local wood carver Tom Fink will demonstrate chainsaw carving techniques and demonstrations of how to turn wood into fabulous sculptures. Carvings for sale will be on site. (noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14). On East Main Street.



Amazing Clark Escape Artist

You can't escape from watching these "escape artist" tricks — Houdini chain escape, straight jacket escape, sword through the neck illusion, along with fun magic tricks to perform on innocent audience members. (noon to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14). At the Varsity Lincoln Stage at Town Square.

The Joel Tacey Show

Michigan's funnyman will thrill audiences with his high-energy, family-friendly juggling and comedy show (11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13). At the Varsity Lincoln Town Square Stage.

Jill Jack

This metro Detroit performer has a magical connection to her audience. Winner of more than 35 Detroit Music Awards, her music is a unique



Entertainer John Park will be spinning plates, juggling lumberjack tools and performing comedy routines.

blend of folk and rock that will delight audiences of all ages. (1:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13). At the Varsity Lincoln Town Square Stage.

Robin Horlock

Singer-songwriter Robin Horlock is a true story teller, composing lyrics that are honest and relatable and weaving together melodies and hooks that create a genre of music which transcends generations. At his live shows, Horlock crosses genres performing a mix of original songs and eclectic covers. He performs songs by artists as diverse as Michael Jackson, The Who, Otis Redding, Ed Sheeran, Jeff Buckley, Bruno Mars and many more. (1- 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14). At the Varsity Lincoln Town Square Stage.



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The Shawn Riley Band will play Friday night.

Victorian Festival Saloon and more

The Victorian Festival Saloon will come alive Friday night with some musical entertainment. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. The saloon will be located at the corner of Wing and Cady streets, behind Northville City Hall. Saloon hours are 5:30-10:30 p.m. Admission is \$2. The music moves to the Beer Garden and the Town Square stage all day Saturday and on Sunday.

Friday night – Shawn Riley Band

Shawn Riley has played throughout Michigan and the Midwest as a solo artist from 1979 through the late '90s. Playing top songs from the '50s through today, the band also mixes in a substantial blend of Irish and Celtic music, as well as a taste of blues, country and alternative. The band is a favorite at community concerts, Northville's Fourth of July Parade and the Victorian Festival Saloon.

Saturday night – Driving Friday

Driving Friday specializes in recre-



Driving Friday performs Saturday night at the Town Square stage.

ating the danceable classic rock, pop and disco songs you know and love, with an occasional fun twist thrown in for good measure. Dancing, toe-tapping, seat-wiggling and singing along are all in order when Driving Friday hits the Town Square stage

Sunday morning – Victorian church service held by First Baptist Church of Northville

In the 1800s, missionaries and preachers traveled to the west tending to a large number of people. For the most part, these preachers traveled on

horseback or in one-horse drawn buggies and became known as circuit riders. With great commitment and personal sacrifice, these circuit riders rode the wild terrain (prairies, mountains, seashore), spending months away from their homes and families. They held worship services wherever they could: in bars, saloons and under the shade of trees.

The First Baptist Church of Northville will replicate one of these with its Victorian Church service at the Festival Saloon at 10 a.m. Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend.



NORTHVILLE ECLIPSE 'BASE BALL' TEAM READY TO PLAY



Bring your family and friends to Ford Field and watch "base ball" as it was played (without gloves) during the Civil War era. The Eclipse Base Ball Club of Northville will host the Black Swamp Frogs at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ford Field. Club members will be available and glad to explain the game to 21st century spectators. Here are members of the Eclipse after their exhibition match last year at Ford Field. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tour de Ville Bicycle Ride to debut Sunday morning

The Northville Rotary Club, in conjunction with the University of Michigan-Northville Health Center, will present the inaugural Tour de Ville bicycle ride on Sunday, Sept. 14. Rider registration opens at 7 a.m., with the course opening at 7:45 a.m.

Riders may choose from a 10-mile, 35-mile or 70-mile course.

All three routes start and end at Northville Downs Race Track and travel along the well-paved, bicycle-friendly and historic Hines Drive, throughout the Wayne County Parks system. Each route offers tree-lined park scenery, well-placed rest stops, rolling hills and bicycle lanes. The routes are designed to cover a broad range of cycling skills.

Rider entry fee is \$35. Registered riders will receive a T-shirt, light breakfast and free lunch. All routes will be clearly marked with



direction indicators at essential corners. Route maps will also be provided in the rider's registration packet.

The Northville Downs east foyer will house the registration area, food court and the Expo Area for sponsors. Parking will also be provided by Northville Downs.

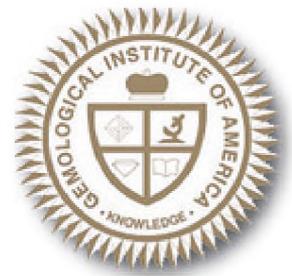
D&D Bicycles of Northville is donating a 2014 Trek 1.2 C road bike to be raffled off in its store at the end of the ride. The bicycle is on display at its Northville store. Raffle tickets (\$10) can be purchased at any of the five D&D Bicycles stores throughout southeast Michigan.

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Mill Race Village will host many Victorian-era children's games, including pin the tail on the donkey, croquet, stilt walking, and hoops. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mill Race Historic Village Events

Mill Race Historic Village will host many activities throughout the Victorian Festival weekend, beginning Friday morning when third-graders from Northville Public Schools will make a visit and tour all the historic buildings on the grounds. All of the events are coordinated by the Northville Historical Society, which maintains and manages Mill Race. Here is the schedule:

Friday, Sept. 12

» Northville's third-grade classes will tour historic buildings, 9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Sept. 13

» **Museum buildings** open from 9 a.m. to noon. The Mill Race Museum building will be open for self-guided tours. Docents will be

on site to answer questions and offer special insights. As always, free of charge.

- » **General Store** will be open for shopping and browsing.
- » **Interurban Waiting Station** has a new interpretive display.
- » **Blacksmith Shop** comes alive with a smithy demonstration.
- » **Hirsch Exhibit Hall** features: "A Window on our Past." A retrospective of the past 50 years of the Northville Historical Society.
- » **Wash-Oaks School** will be in session.
- » **New School Church**, which served as the town's library for 72 years.
- » **Hunter House** will be open.
- » **Yerkes House** and award-winning garden will be open. The parlors and dining room have been redecorated.

» **Cottage House** will have a weaving demonstration.

Sunday, Sept. 14

- » **Museum buildings** open from noon to 3:30 p.m. Mill Race Museum buildings will be open for self-guided tours. Docents will be on site to answer questions and offer special insights. Memberships and donations gratefully accepted at the Village Store.
- » **J.M. Mead General Store** open from noon to 3:30 p.m. The General Store, with its unique selection of items, will be open for business. Credit cards accepted.
- » **The Cady Inn** will be open from noon to 3:30 p.m. The late 19th century boarding house will be selling Fred's Ice Cream and a menu of beverages, ice cream,



snacks, and more. Complimentary tea will be served. You are invited to eat inside or enjoy a picnic along the Village Green.

- » **Duck Race tickets** will be sold from noon to 3 p.m. Purchase a chance (\$5) to win a prize with each fast swimming plastic duck. The race will begin, following the traditional parade of participants at 3:30 p.m., in the Rouge River, upstream from the Ford Field bridge. A special bicentennial rendition of *The Star-Spangled Banner* will begin the race.
- » **Children's Games**, 1-3 p.m. Banner Children's games of the Banner Victorian Era, like croquet, stilt walking, hoops and more, can be played outside the Wash-Oaks School.
- » **Tall Tales**, 1-3 p.m. Gifted storytellers will retell the legendary tales of Paul Bunyan and others inside the Wash-Oaks School.
- » **Cake Walk**, noon to 3:30 p.m. Strut your stuff to ragtime tunes and patriotic airs while you attempt to claim a delicious pastry in the New School Church.



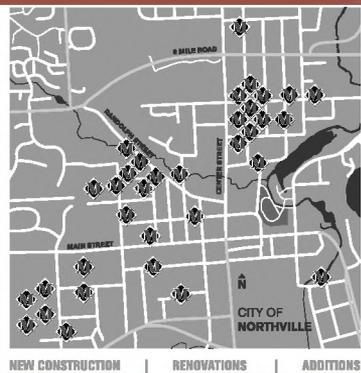
Mill Race Village's J.M. Mead General Store will be open for business during the Victorian Festival (and will even accept credit cards).

- » **Arts and Crafts**, noon to 3:30 p.m. Demonstrations of home arts and crafts will be on display in the Hunter House and Weaver's Cottage.
- » **Used Book Sale**, noon to 3:30 p.m. Friends of the Northville District Library will sell used books in the New School Church, which serve as Northville's library for 72 years.
- » **Sweet Melodies**, noon to 3:30 p.m. Sweet melodies from a bygone era will be heard from at the gazebo.

A talented ensemble of musicians will play hammered and Appalachian dulcimers.

- » **Backbeat and Treble-Makers**, 2-3:30 p.m. Northville High School's award winning men's and women's choral ensembles will perform Victorian-era favorites at various venues throughout the Village.
- » **Annual Duck Race**, 3:30-4 p.m. Northville Historical Society event ticket sales at the J.M. Mead General Store. Tickets will be on sale in the General Store for the following upcoming fundraisers that benefit the operation of Mill Race Village. For tickets to the following events, contact the Northville Historical Society at 248-348-1845, stop by the office at 215 Griswold or visit its website www.millracenorthville.org.
- » **Duck Race**. Rouge River by the Ford Field Bridge. Sunday, Sept. 14.
- » **Doll House Raffle**. Purchase a chance to win a beautiful, Victorian house. Sunday, Sept. 14.
- » **"An Evening with Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt"** at Genitti's Dinner Theater. Nov. 14.

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The lumber industry created Michigan's first economic boom. Until the end of the 1800s, Michigan led the nation in lumber production.

Festival theme celebrates *'The American Lumberman'*

By Ed Gabrys
Guest Columnist

Like many young men after the Civil War, Fabian Fournier came to Michigan seeking high wages to cut the virgin white pine demanded by American builders. Just out of his teens and large for his age, he was known for his prodigious strength. Fournier quickly rose to the rank of foreman before his untimely death in a fight. Just another grim statistic, except that his deeds were repeated and embellished around camp

stoves during the lumberman's long winters. Michigan lumberjacks claimed Fournier as the source of the Paul Bunyan legend.

The tall tale, a staple of the American frontier, was used to test the gullibility of newcomers and to add some bravado to an otherwise tedious and laborious winter work season. With the ground frozen, the cut timbers could be maneuvered more easily with a cant hook, chained and hauled by horse to the riverbank. There, with the spring thaw, even higher wages were paid to those river hogs who would

wrestle the logs, while balancing atop floating timbers that jammed the swift spring currents.

Native ingenuity gave rise to the "Big Wheel," which kept the wagon axle out of the mud and extended the cutting season. Like most American industries in the late 19th century, steam power replaced waterpower. Narrow-gauge railroads moved the stock to market more efficiently than either river or horse. Improvements in the circular saw blade, as well as the invention of the band saw, produced more lumber with less waste.



Thousands of men came to the forests across Michigan in the 19th century to seek work in the state's lumber camps.

The lumber industry created our state's first economic boom. Production doubled by the end of the Civil War, with an annual income that was six times greater than what was earned just two decades earlier. Fortunes were made. Lumber barons in lake port cities like Saginaw and Muskegon dominated the economic landscape. Until the end of the 1800s, Michigan would lead the nation in lumber production.

Lumber was also an important local industry in a thriving mill town like Northville. Just before the Civil War, township records indicate two lumber mills on Johnson Creek. One was near Blue Heron Estates; the other, located at Ambler Pond, burned in an 1881 fire. James A. Dubuar took this opportunity to relocate his manufacturing and lumber company to the northeast corner of Griswold and Main. There, hardwood timbers could be delivered by the Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad or felled by local farmers, hauled to the mill and cut with its five-foot circular saw.

With a seemingly endless frontier of virgin forest, there was no thought of managing and restoring the resource. As forests were clear-cut,

production moved west through the pine zone into Wisconsin and Minnesota and eventually the Pacific Northwest. Attempts to sell the land to farmers left many mortgaged buyers bankrupt as the fertility was quickly exhausted. Boom led to bust in many northern Michigan communities at the dawn of the 20th century.

But Michigan would receive an economic reprieve. A Dearborn farm boy mass-produced his economical Model T and made Detroit a global automotive leader. In 1920, Henry Ford purchased DuBar's Manufacturing and Lumber Co., retooling its factory to produce engine valves. This supplied local farmers with added income. And in this way, throughout the century, generations of workers migrated from the South or sailed from European shores seeking high wages on America's assembly lines. Ford would take his place alongside Rockefeller and Carnegie. But the anonymous nature of the assembly line would fail to produce a noteworthy counterpart to the legendary lumberman Paul Bunyan.

Ed Gabrys is president of the Northville Historical Society, which maintains the Mill Race Historic Village.

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Handcrafters Art Fair to fill streets

Another new feature of this year's Victorian Festival will be the Art Fair presented by Handcrafters Unlimited.

Those in the community may be familiar with the name, as Handcrafters puts on three arts and crafts shows each year at the Northville Community Center.

According to Traci Sincock from the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Handcrafters will bring around 50 vendors, who will be set up on West Main Street between Center and Wing and on North Center between Main and Dunlap.

They will be selling everything from pottery and jewelry to artwork and clothing. There will also be several food vendors selling products like bread and locally-produced honey.

Art Fair hours will be 4-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14.

Sincock believes the Art Fair will give people one more reason to come out for the Victorian Festival.

"Handcrafters has been doing these kinds of shows for 30 years," Sincock said. "It is their business to promote the shows. We couldn't ask for a better partner to have. They will definitely attract more people to visit beautiful downtown Northville during one of the most exciting weekends of the year."

For more information about Handcrafters, visit www.hcshows.com.



LIST OF ART FAIR VENDORS

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| A Birds Eye View | Gypsy Rose Studios |
| A Monkey & A Panda Quilts | Jerry's Nature Design |
| Air Delights | Jewels By Jules |
| As They Sew In France | JM Finds & Designs |
| Banana Bell Bows | K & S Crafts |
| Beckley's Best Blends | Kimber-Bee's |
| Bijounique By Maureen | Linda O ... Linda |
| Birds Nest | Mini-Moc Inc. |
| Borelli Bags | Monroe Art Studio |
| Carolyn Harrington | Paintings By Anthony Matejewski |
| Cheryl Stevens Studio | Pottspourri Creations |
| Country Home Creations | RW2 Imagination |
| Cousins Clothing | Shooting Star Scarves |
| Donald Pavlica Fine Arts LLC | Sowing Sisters Knotty Garden |
| Earth Jewelry | Summit Metal Designs |
| Feathers & Fins | The Art Gallery |
| Fetchin' Stixx | Tia Rain Designs |
| Fireside Coffee | Touch of Tropics |
| Glimpses of Heaven | Under the Mushroom Cap |
| Great Bread Company | Vintage Glass Reimagined |



MEET THE EDITOR – AND SCOOP!

Look for Northville Record Editor Kurt Kuban (right) and his family again in this year's Victorian Festival Parade. Scoop the Newshound, the official mascot of O&E Media (the Record's parent company), will also be walking in the parade. Please say hello.



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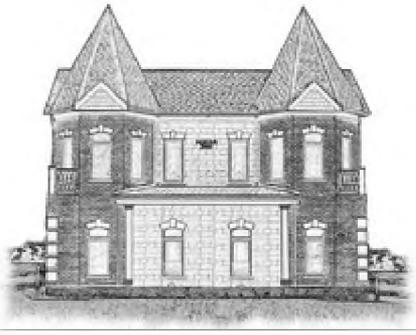


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