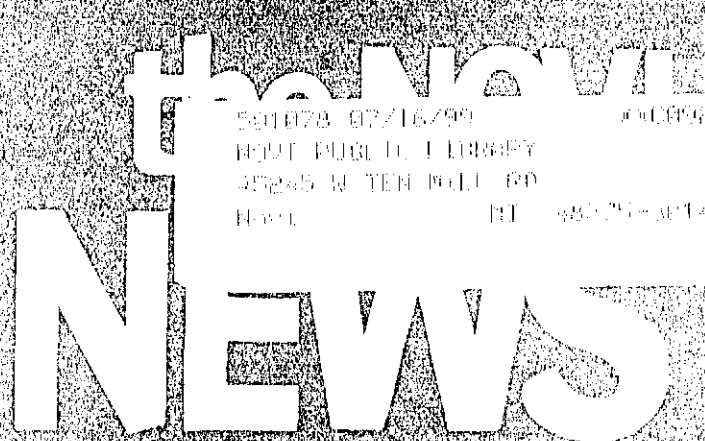


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Dive shop owner dies in shipwreck

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Several years ago, and once again in June, Novi scuba center owner Richard Roost, Jr., attempted to dive some 200 feet below the surface of the Atlantic Ocean to the wreck of the Andrea Doria.

Both times, bad weather canceled the trip. On July 8, Roost, a world traveler, teacher and diver with 25 years of experience, finally made it into the Andrea Doria on his third attempt. But he didn't make it back out again alive.

His body was recovered by the U.S. Coast Guard on July 9.

Roost, 46, was the second fatality claimed by the Italian luxury liner just weeks away from the 42nd anniversary of the ship's sinking on July 25.

"If there is any consolation in the whole thing, it was a dream of his to dive the Andrea Doria," said Cyndee Roost, his ex-wife and close friend.

"He always said that he was probably one of the very few people who gets to combine his hobby, his passion, with his work."

A memorial service for Roost was scheduled for Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Saline.

He was owner of Divers Incorporated, a technical and recreational scuba diving training center with locations in both the Novi Town Center and his hometown, Ann Arbor.

An honorary Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputy for his work in training the department's Rescue Dive Team, he had extensive experience with underwater shipwrecks.

Roost, and a New Jersey diver who died on June 24, were clients at different times of the Seeker, a charter boat for East Coast diving expeditions to the shipwreck. The U.S. Coast Guard is investigating

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Blue again

Ain't it a shame that we get to hear musical acts like this only once a year. Sing it! ... The International Bluesfest returns to the Novi Expo Center today through Sunday featuring

the likes of Eric Burdon, Spencer Davis, Savoy Brown, Sherlie King and Eddie Clearwater. A special pullout section on the Bluesfest appears on pages 11 and 12.

Planners reject Andris mall proposal

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

After nearly an hour of public protest against a rezoning along the east shore of Walled Lake, Novi Planning Commissioners took only five minutes Wednesday, July 8, to recommend a denial to the Novi City Council.

"It showed a sign they really are against this," said John Easter, a resident on the public lake.

The vote was 7-0 with no discussion between commissioners. Members Kim Thomas Capello and Michael Watza were absent.

The rezoning request petitioned

by partners Ted Andris and Myrna Romain called for a change to two small residential properties on the lakefront and across the street to commercial zoning. They would be added to the developer's third parcel on East Lake Drive to create two small shopping centers.

The only commission comment came from new member Andrew Mutch who pointed out the rezoning could place a number of businesses on the site, such as motels or auto washes.

"I don't see justifying encroach-

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Eight Mile/Beck corner targeted for grocery store

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

For over 50 years, the J.J. Zayti Inc. Sand and Gravel Company has occupied the northwest corner of Eight Mile and Beck roads.

Now, as development in Novi speeds westward, on Aug. 19, the Novi Planning Commission will consider a rezoning request from a developer who hopes to bring a shopping center anchored by a grocery store to the site.

Currently the land is categorized as residential-agricultural, which would permit about 15 homes on one-acre lots. To set

the stage for a 141,000-square-foot strip mall, the application submitted by the Stuart Frankel Development Company seeks a switch to B-2 commercial.

While the paperwork on file at the Novi Civic Center's Planning Department doesn't offer a name for the grocery store, Inge Zayti, who lives next-door to the 24 acres, said Frankel has shown her blueprints for a Kroger.

"He thinks the Kroger store is going to make a lot of money. The people on Eight Mile Road, we all moved out there for privacy. We

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Residents accused of dealing drugs

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

An Oakland County narcotics unit arrested two Novi residents last week for possession of more than two ounces of cocaine.

John Andrew Reid Jr., 31, and Tammy Renee Turner, 24, face a July 20 court date that could land them in jail for 10 to 20 years.

According to Novi police, an

anonymous tip and the use of confidential informants led officers of the South Oakland Narcotics and Investigative Concept (S.O.N.I.C.) on a week-long investigation into the pair's alleged drug dealing.

The unit executed a search warrant on the couple's Pierre Street home about 8 p.m. discovering the drugs, police said. A Chevy Blazer was also confiscat-

ed. "Two ounces is really quite a bit. That's a dealing level, not a home use level," said Novi Chief Douglas Shaeffer.

A member of S.O.N.I.C. explained drug users purchase cocaine in grams, not ounces. Additional items found within the home indicated alleged dealing of drugs, he said.

According to police, Reid was

recently released from prison on parole and has a lengthy criminal record. He is currently lodged in the Oakland County Jail, unable to post \$100,000 bond. Turner was given a personal bond and was released.

S.O.N.I.C. is a multi-jurisdictional task force comprised of officers from the Novi, West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills police departments.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Judy Levy, owner of the Barn Antiques shop.

Barn sale

Historic complex up for grabs

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

A bit of Novi history is now on the market.

Russell and Judy Elvy have put their Eight Mile Road business, the Antiques Barn, and their 1820s-era home next-door up for sale.

Russell Elvy is facing retirement within the next few years and holding down a full-time job and running the antiques business was getting to be a little much, Judy Elvy explained.

"When you're just a dealer, you live a regular life. When you own a shop and you're working to maintain a shop, the only opportunity to go out and look for antiques is on your days off," she said.

Novi's only antiques store, The Antiques Barn is home to a variety of dealers who rent space there.

This is a multiple-choice package: on offer are either the barn and house separately or together.

For \$179,000, a buyer can claim ownership of the 4,200 square foot Antiques Barn, unrenovated guest house and milk barn on one acre. A check for \$239,000 gets the 1,800 square foot house and garage on one acre. While a lot split will need to be approved by the City of Novi before the property can be

divided, Elvy doesn't foresee any difficulties, because the land is zoned for one-acre lots.

Eight years ago, they purchased the farmhouse and barn from the Meyer family, who had owned it since 1941.

Originally, the couple successfully lobbied the city for a Bed And Breakfast Ordinance that would have enabled them to operate that type of business at the old farmhouse. They also joined the city's Historic District Study Committee. But developing the Antiques Barn, which opened in July 1994, kept them busy and they never opened the Bed And Breakfast end of the business.

The land abstract on the property goes back to 1827. Elvy said the house, now painted sunny yellow, was likely built between 1827 and 1835. It apparently started out as a log cabin and rooms were added on as needed.

"The basement beam logs still have bark," Elvy said.

Through their married lives, the Elvys have restored several homes. They did major work on this one, too, including adding a hall closet and new plumbing. The house has two fireplaces and tongue-and-groove pine plank walls in the master bedroom, creating an upnorth cottage feeling. Original tin ceilings are in several

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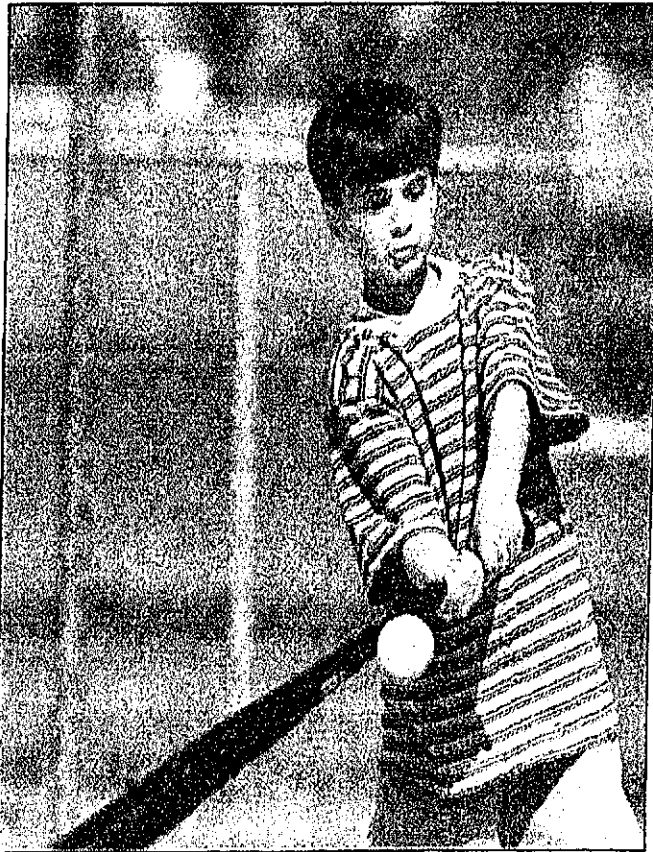


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Taking a swing

Tony Tindall draws a bead on a pitch during the recent co-ed baseball camp held at Novi Meadows Elementary School. The four-day camp had about a dozen attendees from grades 1-8.

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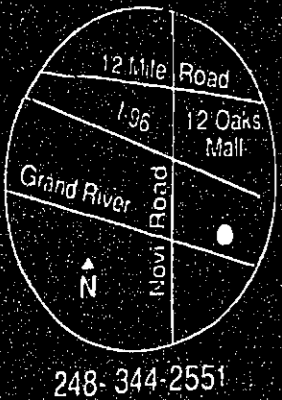
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State delays school funding debate

By WENDY WHITE Staff Writer

The price on each Northville student's head may go up, but when and how is under debate in the state legislature.

The State House has proposed to increase the Foundation Grant, or per pupil funding, by \$50 for the 1998-99 school year. Based on February, 1998 enrollment, that would bring an estimated \$240,000 to Northville schools next year.

The State Senate version would raise the Foundation Grant by \$187 in the year 1999-00. Under this proposal, districts would have the option of borrowing \$53 of that increase in 1998-99. That would bring upwards of \$690,000 to the district in 1999-00. Under the borrowing option, it would mean an estimated \$253,000 this year and around \$639,000 next year.

Both proposals were on the agenda during the last two days

before the legislature adjourned for summer vacation. It was tabled until the legislature reconvenes in the fall.

"Before they broke we had hoped they would act on that but they didn't," Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard Reznierski said. "We were hopeful. The meeting didn't end until 1:30 a.m. so I know they tried. Which version will be final? Well, your guess is as good as mine."

Indecision at the state level leaves Northville school officials in limbo as they plan for the next year. They already approved their 1998-99 fiscal year budget July 1 but could amend it to reflect a Foundation Grant increase.

"What we built our budget on was a zero increase on the Foundation Grant," Reznierski said. "As the board has had to deal with for many years, we constantly have to amend the budget at least once, twice, three times in the fall

because we don't know the number until the Senate and the House agree on the Foundation Grant in the fall."

Currently, Northville receives \$7,012 per pupil.

Legislators proposed the increase after the state found itself with a budget surplus.

"Dollars were placed basically in the School Aid Formula based on the number of kids that would be enrolled. That enrollment was estimated high," said Rep. Gerry Law (R-Plymouth).

Despite the surplus, Law said it's unlikely all of the money will remain in the school budget. "I think the school should get the lion's share," Law said. "I talked to Dr. Reznierski and said we'll settle in the fall, but don't budget for it because we don't know what will happen yet."

The School Aid Act, which determines the amount of the Foundation Grant, is amended every year

but according to Sen. Bob Geake (R-Northville), any increase would probably be permanent.

"Once we raise it we never retreat," he said.

Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), supported the version of the bill that would have added \$187 per child in '99-00 with the option to draw from that year.

"It was fiscally responsible and accommodating to the school districts," Cassis said. "Schools could start planning right now for the year 99-00 because they would have that money guaranteed. I can't read the mind of the Senate. I hope they act on that immediately because schools are waiting to make fiscal decisions. We were proposing more money, and guaranteed money. See what happens in an election year, the last day of session at 12:30 in the morning?"

IRS schedule problem solving for Detroit area

Following the success of its Problem Solving Days in cities throughout Michigan, the Internal Revenue Service is opening its office in downtown Detroit (McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Ave.) on Saturday, July 18, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to help individuals and businesses with long standing federal tax problems.

"We want to reach out to taxpayers in the metropolitan area who have been unable to resolve their problems," said district director Arlene Kay. "We want taxpayers to be aware that within the IRS there is a taxpayer advocate to assist taxpayers with problems that cannot be resolved through ordinary channels."

"This is an opportunity to meet with us face-to-face," she said. "Taxpayers have told us they want this kind of personal service when it comes to resolving problems."

Taxpayers interested in this special Problem Solving Day must contact the Michigan District Taxpayer Advocate's Office at (313) 628-3670 to make an appointment. This number is staffed weekdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Appointments can also be made through the IRS toll-free number, 1-800-829-1040, from 7 a.m.-11 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

"Calling for an appointment lets us do research in advance and will ensure that the IRS representative is the right person to provide the specific assistance needed," Kay said. "We can also advise taxpayers what documentation or correspondence is needed to help resolve their problem."

Over 600 cases have already been handled through Problem Solving Days in Michigan. These special sessions will continue throughout the year with locations around the state alternating with sessions in Detroit.

"Taxpayers don't need to wait for a special day," Kay said. "They can call right now and request their problem be referred to the taxpayer advocate."

Few firms getting sales from Internet

Michigan small business owners have leaped into cyberspace with enthusiasm, according to the latest quarterly Small Business Barometer survey. But with a limited field of small business Web sites, few are harvesting significant sales from their forays into electronic commerce.

Sixty percent say they are connected to the Internet. That compares to only 15 percent online in 1995. Eighty-one percent of small businesses that have an Internet connection (and 46 percent who don't) believe the Internet will be at least somewhat useful in the next two years.

Twenty percent of small business owners surveyed have their own Web sites. When asked why they had set up a Web site, respondents cited marketing and "creating a way for customers to purchase goods and services."

However, very few sites have the "electronic commerce" capability of selling goods or services over the Internet and nearly all the owners report their sites have generated little or no new business.

The respondents who do not have a Web site were asked to explain why they have not created a Web site for the business. Twenty-six percent stated that they have no need or see no benefit from a Web site. Just under 19 percent asserted that a Web site is not applicable to their product or

service. Fourteen percent said they have no time.

"I think these survey results show that the electronic commerce industry faces a real challenge in convincing most small business owners that a Web site will make them money," said Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM) Director of Communications Mike Rogers, who serves as webmaster of the SBAM website (www.sbam.org).

"Entrepreneurs responded to the bottom line. Show them how a Web site will sell their product or service, or at least increase customer awareness, and they'll put time and resources into getting a site up and running."

Two hundred small business

owners are interviewed every three months for the Small Business Barometer. For this Barometer — the 18th — interviews were conducted in the first three weeks of May. The Barometer is jointly sponsored by the Small Business Association of Michigan and the Michigan Small Business Development Center Network. Research is conducted by Public Policy Associates of Lansing.

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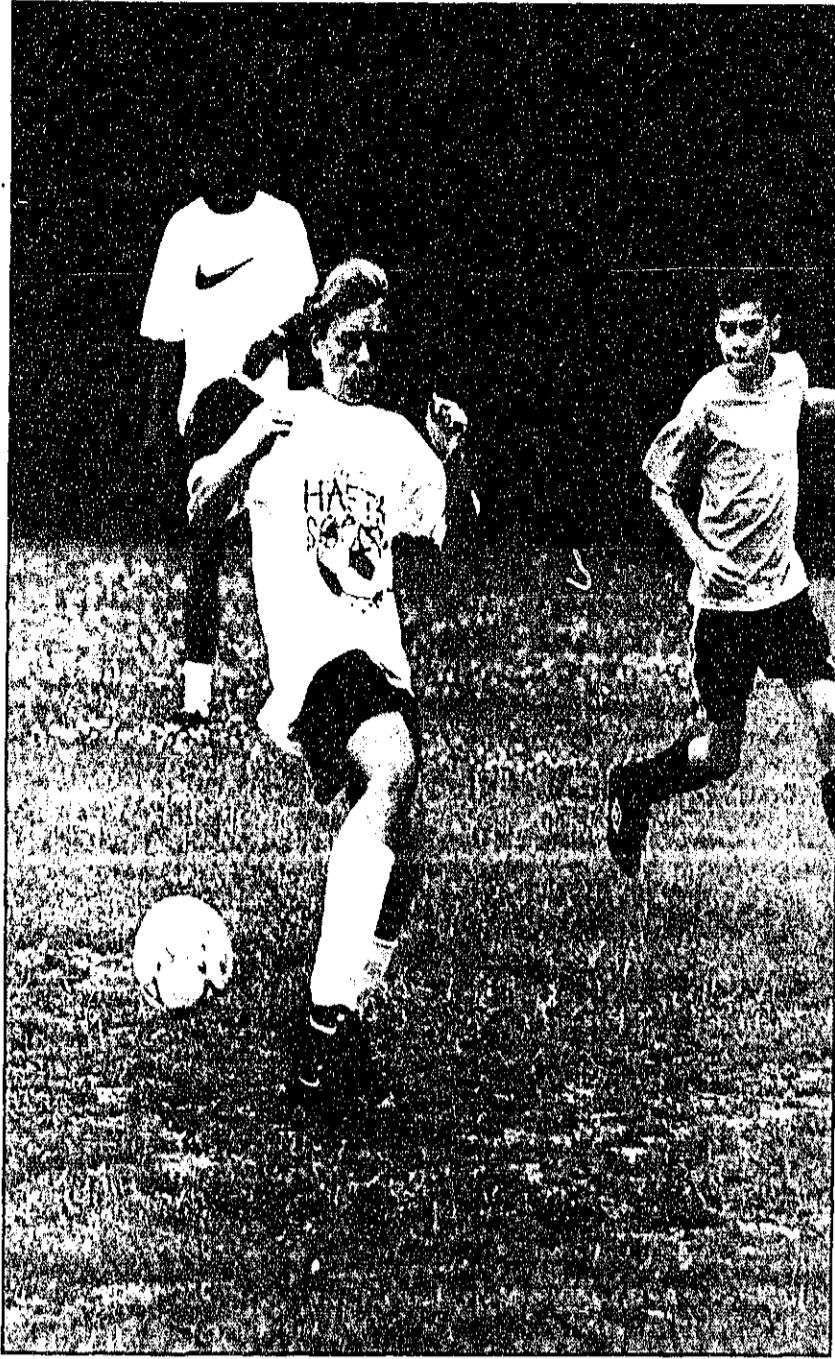
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On the ball



Watched by a coach, a couple of members of the Novi Jaguars, at top left, work on a passing drill in front of the goal during afternoon practice last Wednesday for the Novi Jaguars, a travel soccer team for youngsters organized by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. Above, Anna Rickael, 9, works on her header shots. The team practices from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the weekdays at a Novi Middle School field. At far left, a group of Novi Jaguars goalies work on their diving saves. Near right, head coach Nate Hunter yells encouragement to his team during the practice session.

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State eases cocaine 'lifer law'

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

No longer does Michigan's '650 drug lifer' law mean 'death in prison,' but it still will be tough for inmates convicted of carrying 650 grams of heroin or cocaine to get out.

For 20 years, Michiganians have either boasted about or deplored the harshest drug penalty in the nation: mandatory life in prison with no hope of parole for those caught with 650 grams (2.2 pounds) of a controlled substance.

The Legislature modified the law in the closing hours of its July 2 session and sent it to Gov. John Engler for signing.

"There is nothing 'soft' about a penalty that is still more severe than that for second-degree murder," said Laura Sager, director of Families Against Mandatory Minimums. FAMM argued that instead of putting drug kingpins out of circulation forever, the law was harshly penalizing young, naive 'mules' of the trade. More than 200 are currently serving life terms.

The new law will say:

The penalty is 20 years to life, at the judge's discretion.

Current convicts are eligible for parole after 15 years if they have cooperated with the prosecutor.

Current lifers with no other convictions for serious crimes are eligible for parole after 17 years, six months; 20 years if they have been repeat offenders.

The parole board must consider whether the convict played a key role in the trade, whether the offense involved children 17 or younger, or committed the offense in a drug-free school zone.

Urging modification of the 650-lifer law were ex-Rep. Paul Rosenbaum, D-Battle Creek, who sponsored it, and ex-Gov. William G. Milliken, who signed it.

The final version was tougher than a House amendment offered by Rep. Barbara DeBib, R-Union Lake, but milder than the police-oriented bill preferred by Sen. William Van Regenmortel, R-Jenison.

The Senate passed the main measure 26-9 with two not voting. Senators Bill Bullard, R-Milford, and Bob Geake, R-Northville, voted yes.

Senator Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, joined by the other dissenters, placed a formal protest in the Senate Journal, saying the reductions "are not called for. I don't believe first-time offenders, which is the misnomer that has been applied to some of these individuals, are given that amount of drugs any first time. I think the correct label would be 'first-time convicted.'"

"Petitions to repeal this law were recovered in a raid on a drug dealer's home. Finally, for those who say drugs are a non-violent crime, the Department of Justice concludes that about 70 to 75 percent of all crimes are related, either directly or indirectly, to drugs," said the former police officer.

Generally, the new law increases penalties for the more serious crimes. The intent is to keep violent offenders behind bars. There has been a reduction in crime with swift, certain, predictable punishment. The longer you keep them behind bars, the less time they have to commit crime."

It wasn't the first time the state had tried to stiffen the meaning of judges' sentences. In 1978, Oakland's then-prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson led a petition drive to prohibit parole for violent crimes until the court-imposed minimum sentence was served.

Voters said yes, 2.1 million to 711,000, a 3-1 margin.

Senators at the news conference were unable to say why that law wasn't working.

Obituaries

DANIEL OLSON
Daniel (Danny) Olson, 31, of Waterford died July 11 in Milford Township. He was born Nov. 9, 1966.

A graduate of Schoolcraft Cuijary Arts program, Mr. Olson was employed at Gary's Catering of Wilcox. He was active in scuba diving, loved exotic fish, animals, cooking and sports cars.

Mr. Olson is survived by his wife, Stephanie; parents, Gary and Ann Olson; brother, Mike (Donna); sister, Sheri (Dave); mothers- and fathers-in-law, Donald and Sue Wheeler and Sharon and Jack Craig; grandmothers, Ursula Zeman and Muriel Olson; eight uncles, one aunt and 35 cousins. Instate at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C.

Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi on Thursday, July 16, from noon to 2 p.m. with funeral service immediately following at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery of Novi.

Memorials to the Daniel T. Olson Memorial Fund, 41555 Grand River, Novi, MI would be appreciated.

He is survived by his son, Don (Sharon) of Traverse City; daughter, Sheila (L. Michael) Gavner of Northville; and two granddaughters, JJB Shipley, Swan Lake, Kelly and Eric Kobbler.

Mrs. Kolden was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold, in 1976.

Services were held on Thursday, July 9 at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi. The Rev. E. Neil Hunt officiated. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Saxon Funeral Home of Northville.

MYRTLE I. KOLDEN

Myrtle Irene Kolden, 92, died June 25 in the Star Manor of Northville. She was born Oct. 1, 1905, in Carpio, N.D., to Christian and Gertrude (Dunem) Johnson.

Mrs. Kolden was a teacher at West Bloomfield High School for 20 years prior to her retirement.

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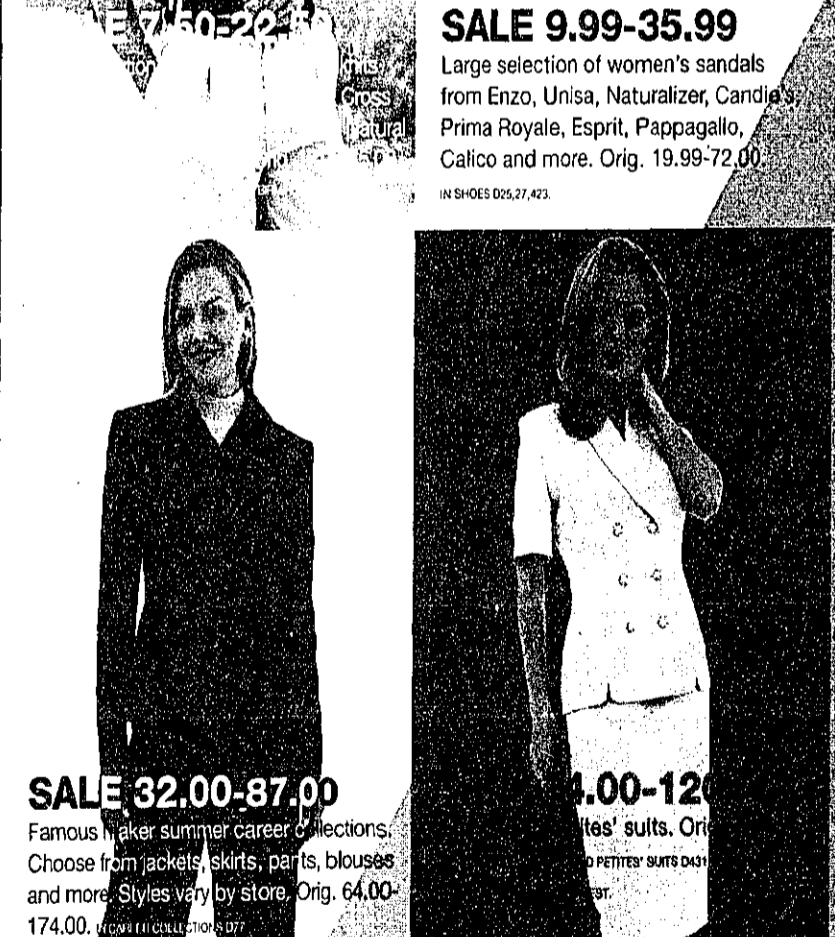
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A tug-of-war rope, similar to the one being used by these children, is among a bin full of sports equipment available to rent from the Novi Parks and Recreation Department's 'Recreation to Go!' program.

File photo by JOHN HEIDER

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Although the Novi Parks and Recreation Department doesn't offer a ton of scheduled activities for families during the summer because they know most people are pretty busy with vacations and such, they offer a unique opportunity to help you make your activity special.

"We take a new twist on it and let residents decide what they want to do," said Marilyn Troshak, deputy director of the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. "If they need it, we can bag it up for them."

The Recreation to Go! program is a sports equipment rental system available for family reunions, picnics, etc.

"They can call and rent one piece of equipment or 15 pieces of equipment for one low, low price," said Troshak.

Sports equipment and games include frisbees, softball equipment complete with bases, horseshoes, badminton set, volleyball set (extra fee), chess and checker sets, croquet, tug-of-war rope, hula hoops, basketballs, parachute, jump ropes, wiffle ball and bat, beach balls, and board games.

The cost is \$7 for the whole weekend or \$5 for a two-day rental during the week. There is a \$3 extra charge for the volleyball set.

"We have a huge bin of things," Troshak said.

Individuals fill out a form and check off the equipment or games they want. If it's in stock and not rented out, the order is filled.

"When you come on Friday to pick up your equipment we will have it bagged up and ready to go," she said.

Recreation to go!

Take advantage of the sports equipment rental program offered by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department

There is usually no waiting list for the Recreation to Go! program, which is two or three years old.

"We are pretty much able to fill anybody's order," she said. "We usually fill two or three on any given weekend."

There is a waiver for individuals to sign promising that if anything is missing or broken the individual will replace it.

"We really haven't had a problem," Troshak said.

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Open House

An activity to keep in mind is the Lakeshore Park Open House which will be on Friday, July 17, to celebrate National Parks and Recreation month.

There will be free admission, for Novi

residents free hot dogs, popcorn and beverage.

Residents need a driver's license to show proof of residency or utility bill and another piece of pictured ID.

The beach will be open weather permitting. The park also has a softball field, two picnic shelters, two play structures, picnic tables and grills, tennis courts, basketball court, pedal boat rental, multipurpose building, two tent rentals, sand volleyball courts, and picnic shelter rental.

Residents can get a free season pass to put on the windshield. There is a \$4 daily charge for non-residents.

Parks

A variety of sports courts and play fields are available at the parks around town, as well as a bike trail.

• **The Novi Mountain Bike Trail** at North Novi Park has a variety of trails and is about five miles long. The head of the one-way, single-track trail is at the south end of Lakeshore Park located on South Lake Drive west of Old Novi Road. A variety of trails will challenge the experienced riders. For walkers and family bikers, there are wider trails.

Entrance for Novi residents is free.

• **The Community Sports Park** which is located at Eight Mile and Napier roads, has eight ball fields, six soccer fields, two tennis courts, two sand volleyball courts, basketball courts and the Pope Playstructure.

• **The Ella Mae Power Park** is located on the Novi Civic Center Complex at Ten Mile and Taft roads. The 70-acre park has six ball fields, 12 tennis courts, two sand volleyball courts, play equipment, picnic shelter, and restrooms.

• **At Rotary Park**, there are two tennis courts, play equipment, picnic shelter, and nature trails. The 55-acre park is located near Nine Mile and Roethel Drive. Brookfarm Park is adjacent to Village Oaks Elementary School on Willowbrook off Ten Mile between Meadowbrook and Haggerty. This seven acre park has two tennis courts, a soccer and softball field and an open play area.

• **The three-acre Spirit of 76 Park** is located on the corner of Eleven Mile and Taft Road. It has a playground area, an open play area and picnic tables and grill. Parking is available along Eleven Mile Road.

Entertainment

• **Tickets for the Big Surf Drive-In Movie "Angels in the Outfield"** to be shown at Ella Mae Power Park on Thursday, Aug. 6, are on sale now or can be purchased at the gate. Tickets are \$3 per person and children three and under are free. The Novi Concert Band will perform from 7 until 8:30 p.m. The gate and concession open for the movie at 8:30 p.m. "Angels in the Outfield" begins at about 9:30 p.m.

In celebration of the National Girls Fastpitch Tournament Aug. 3 through Aug. 9, lemonade and popcorn will be available at the movie for the old-fashioned price of 50 cents. Candy and pop will also be available.

In case of rain the movie will be shown inside the Civic Center.

• **The Novi Youth Theatre** wraps up its seventh season with performances of "Cinderella" on July 31, Aug. 1 and 2 at the Civic Center Stage. Advance tickets are \$7.

• **The 1998 Summer Concert Series** continues with the rock and roll music of Counter Play on Thursday, July 16; Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band on July 30; and the Novi Concert Band with marches, classics, and show tunes on Aug. 6. Concerts are held on the north lawn of the Novi Civic Center and begin at 7 p.m. There is no charge and there are free refreshments and giveaways at every concert.

Brochures are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation office located in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

For details, call (248) 347-0400.



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Novi Police Department representatives - Mike Rogers, center in uniform and Al Rasmussen (on Rogers' left) the Deputy Chief of Police, accept a boxload of "Casey Bears" from Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Bill Theile, left, and Sal Benisatto, its community director.

Teddy bears help soothe young children in stressful situations

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Along with emergency equipment and flares, tucked into the trunk of a Novi police patrol car might be a soft, cuddly "Casey Bear."

The Knights of Columbus recently donated two dozen of the teddy bears to the police to hand out to children in violent or traumatic situations.

Although the "Casey Bear" project is available to all Knights of Columbus councils from their state office not all choose to participate.

"We wanted to do something that would benefit our community," Benisatto said. "We gave them a case of two dozen to see how they go over."

"It's a situation where the police go in a crisis situation if there's a child there they have something to give to the child," said Sal Benisatto to Knights of Columbus community director. "It is one of many community projects that we are involved in."

The Knights of Columbus also work with the Novi Parks and Recreation department planting

flowers and helping them with their beautification program.

They have volunteered with the St. Leo Soup Kitchen and the Habitat for Humanity Raising the Roof program.

"Basically wherever we're needed," Benisatto said.

For a relatively new council, they are one of the fastest growing in the state, according to Benisatto. They now have over 100 members.

"It makes it easy for us because the pastor, Father John Budde, has been very supportive in all that we do," said Benisatto who has been a member of a year.

"I have found it an absolutely wonderful experience," he said.

Bill Theile is the Grand Knight of Holy Family's Knights of Columbus which is celebrating their second anniversary.

"He has been responsible for getting us off and running on the right foot," Benisatto said. "He is quite a dynamic individual as are all the members involved. They all work hard and volunteer their time."

The Knights also have helped other parish groups with the rotat-

ing homeless shelter which operates from October through May and stays at Holy Family for one week each year. The volunteers provide barbers, food, lunches, and transportation.

"A lot of what we do has nothing to do with religious affiliation," he said.

But it is always for volunteer help. They have delivered a donation of furniture and provided the manpower to paint a mobile home.

Various other groups have also donated stuffed animals for the police department to use.

"Each of our cars generally has two in there," said Novi Police Officer Mike Rogers who is also a Knights of Columbus member.

"I've handed them out at accidents," said Rogers, who has been a member of Novi's police for five years. "I think they are pretty effective."

Any man interested in being a member of the Knights of Columbus who is looking for fellowship and enjoys volunteer work and who is in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church can call Carol Ann Donnelly at Holy Family Church at (248) 349-8553.

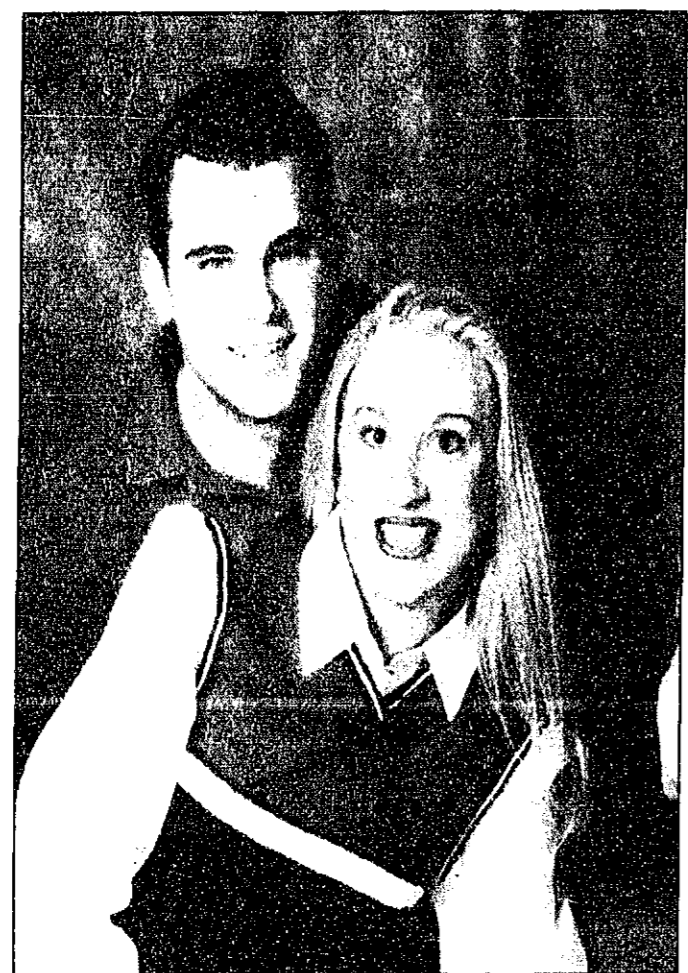
Engagements



Sandra Schaefer/John Blough

Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Schaefer of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Jessie, to John Alan Blough, the son of Phyllis Blough of Auburn, Ind., and the late Joe Blough.

The bride-elect graduated in 1990 from Novi High School and two years later, received her bachelor's degree in education from Central Michigan University. She is presently pursuing a master's degree in counseling at Western Michigan University, while teaching at Lakeshore High School, Stevensville, Mich.

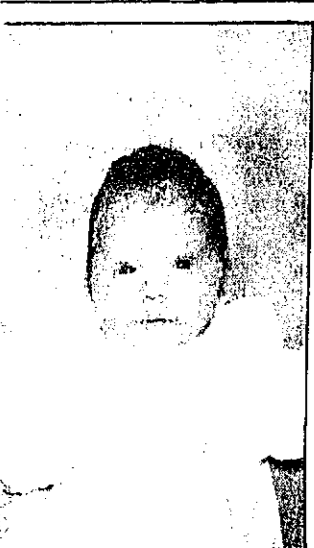


Steven James/Gwynne Veeck

Ed and Sherry Veeck of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Gwynne Evelyn, to Steven Barron James, the son of Doug and Mary James of Fenton.

The bride-elect graduated in 1992 from Novi High School. In 1996, she received her bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from Michigan State University and is currently employed by a Lansing real estate broker.

Birth



Leah Margaret Tappan

Keith and Carol Tappan Jr. of Novi announce the birth of their daughter, LEAH MARGARET on June 1 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Awaiting her arrival at home was brother, Ross Joseph, age 23 months.

Her grandparents are Dick and Peggy Celski of New Baltimore (formerly of Livonia), Joanne Tappan of Livonia and Keith Tappan Sr. of Farmington Hills.

There is no charge.

Church Notes

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville, will present the King's Brass on Saturday, July 19, at 7 p.m. For over 20 years, Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass have provided innovative worship for young and old alike through the best in sacred brass music. By teaming together, these Christian professionals from around the United States perform through original arrangements as heard on their eight albums.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will present Space Mission, Vacation Bible School, on Sunday, July 26, through Thursday, July 30, beginning with dinner at 5:30 p.m. until 8:45 p.m.

CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST which has a service at 10 a.m. on Sundays, meets at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Walled Lake.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile in Novi, Sunday worship services are at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments and conversation follows. Contemporary worship services are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Kudos
Dennis W. Cleary of Novi was recently appointed to a three-year term as director of the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Leaders. He was sworn in on May 15 at the Detroit Athletic Club. The society promotes the interests of its members and also awards scholarships to needy students in the tri-county area. It also hosts the annual St. Patrick's Day brunch in Corktown in conjunction with the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. The brunch features local Irish celebrities, politicians, judges and lawyers.

Pet of the Week



Quigley is very playful and needs a permanent home.

Quigley, an 11-month-old Lab mix, is looking for a home as are a variety of other adult dogs and puppies are shown by Critter Connection every Saturday at the Pet Supplies Plus store at 42600 West Ten Mile Road in Novi from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Donation means lots of books for sale
This year's Friends of the Northville District Library Used Book Sale may be the biggest event to date.

The annual used book sale, which is scheduled for Saturday, July 25, in the plaza of the Northville District Library at 212 W. Cady Street from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., includes selections from a collection of 1,500 volumes donated to the library from the private collection of Tom Woodbury, who died in March. Woodbury lived in Northville as a teenager and enjoyed coming back as an adult with his wife to dine in the city's restaurants.

Reunions

LAKE ORION HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, July 31, Northfield Hill in Troy. Call (810) 465-2277.

DETROIT CHADSEY HIGH SCHOOL: 40th Class Reunion, July 31, Novi Hill. Call Mike at (248) 548-1829 or Joan at (248) 349-5463.

STERLING HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, July 25, Gino's Surf Restaurant in Harrison Township. Call (248) 300-7004.

ANN ARBOR PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, July 18, Crowe Plaza. Call (810) 465-2277.

CHIPPEWA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, July 24, Zucaro's in Chesterton. Call (810) 465-2277.

ST. AGATHA HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Nov. 7, Bonnie Brook Banquet Center in Detroit. Call (734) 397-8766.

CODY HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Nov. 28, Holiday Inn-Fairlane in Dearborn. Call (734) 397-8766.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 21 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: All past members are invited to celebrate the chorus' 25th anniversary on Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor in Livonia. For details, call (734) 459-6829.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Aug. 1, Holiday Inn in Livonia. For details, call (248) 348-4282.

EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Aug. 29, The University Club in East Lansing. Call (248) 360-7004.

Rescue group hosts adoptions

Jasmine ended up at Crazy 'Bout Critters after being put in a plastic bag and dumped in a pet store donation barrel at a pet store.

When Nowicki's three and a half year old daughter's plea for a kitten called pet stores to find out about adoptable kittens.

Nowicki named the four-month old kitten Jasmine because she was so calm.

Single Place, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

On Thursday, July 16 and 23, the group will meet at the Starting Gate for dinner at 6 p.m.

On Sunday evenings, Single Place meets for coffee and cards at 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in Northville.

SIM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation, including Single Parents, Uniquely Single for never been marrieds, and New Start for

widows and widowers. Talk Talk Talk It Over hosts speakers on a variety of topics on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

Outdoor volleyball meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Rotary Park in Livonia. A \$1 donation is suggested. Outdoor tennis is held on Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at Rotary Park in Livonia.

Christian Singles Today, a ministry of for Christian singles of all ages, holds weekly meetings each Saturday from 7 until 11 p.m. at the Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile Road near Newburgh.

The featured special guest speaker, Rev. Ernie Laing, will be speaking on "Wounded Warriors Restoration" on July 18 at 7 p.m. Come and hear how this man has received a vision for Christians who have been injured in the battle for the Lord and the complete restoration of your soul.

Farmington Single Professionals is a non-profit group for singles ages 25-45 who share common interests and want to form new friendships.

Every Monday night the group meets at the Maples of Novi on Fourteen Mile for euchre, pinocle and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members. Cash bar and munchies are available.

The group meets for volleyball every Tuesday. Call (248) 851-9909.

While Banrick's daughter Whitney was attending Our Lady of Victory School in Northville last year, she had to write a report on someone who makes a difference in the world. She chose Banrick and her animal rescue efforts.

Adoption fees for kittens during the Felina Adoption Fair will be \$35.

For details about Crazy 'Bout Critters, call Banrick at (734) 459-7829.

Christian Singles Today, a ministry of for Christian singles of all ages, holds weekly meetings each Saturday from 7 until 11 p.m. at the Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile Road near Newburgh.

Upcoming activities include a Single Mingle Dance on July 24; Biking/Walking/Rollerblading on July 19; a Volleyball and Picnic on July 19; and Ann Arbor Art Fair on July 15.

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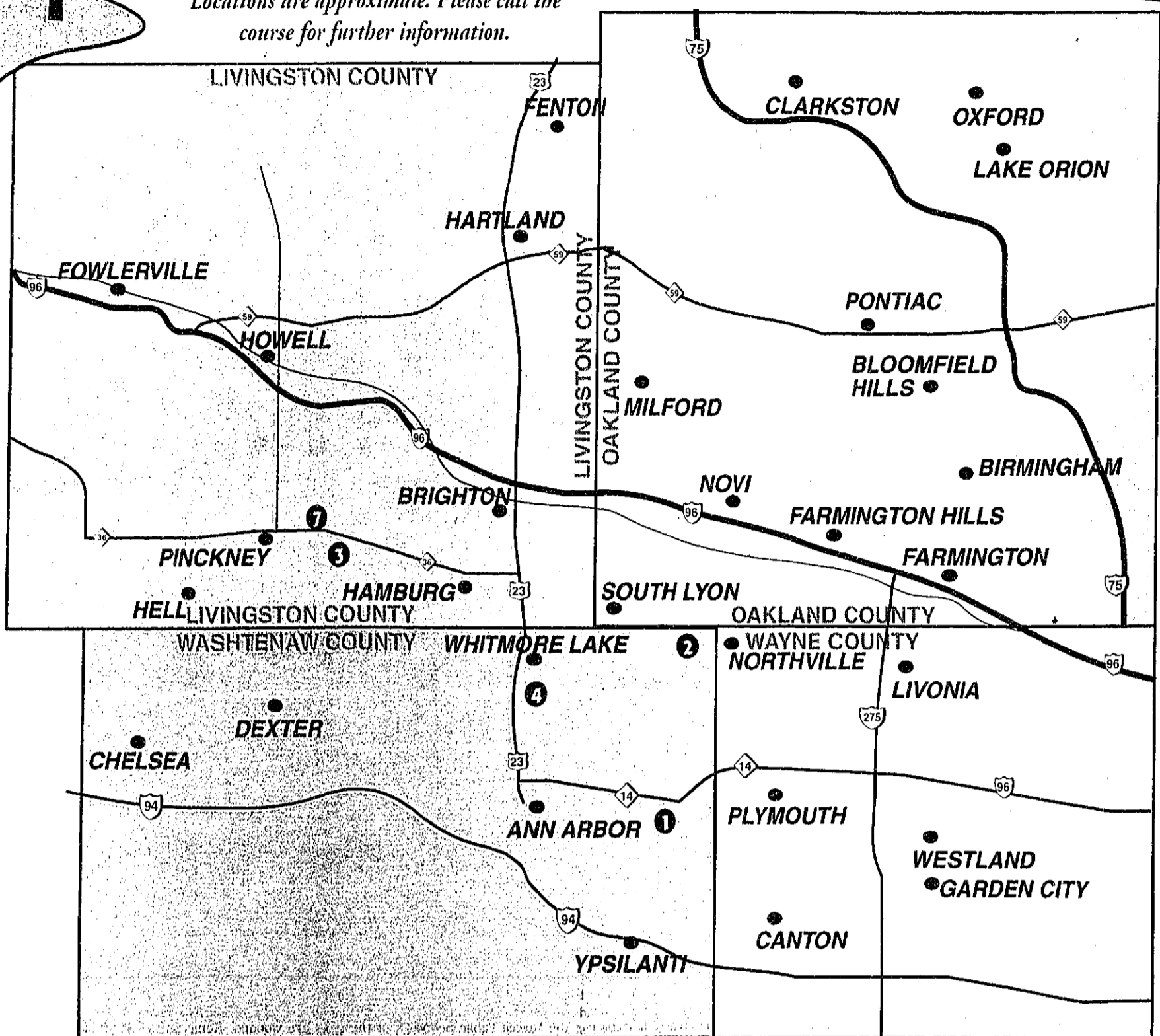
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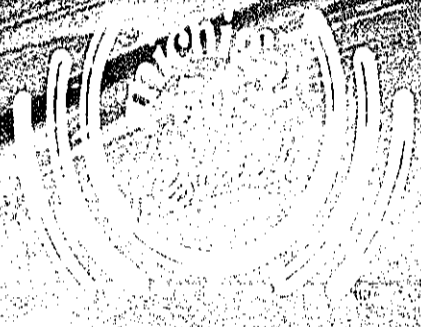
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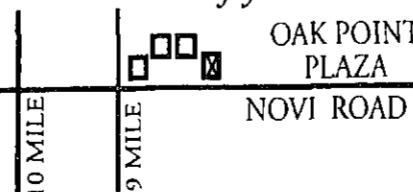
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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Things can get pretty wild in the Entertainment Tent during the Michigan 50s Festival, but of course it's all in good fun.

Festival enters its second decade

Beach music, local beer, carnival all are on tap for this year

By JAN JEFFRES

The 1950s only lasted ten years. The Michigan 50s Festival has that record beat by one year - and counting. Expect this event to be forever locked in time. Sure, every now and then a 1960s performer slips through. But don't think this five-day bash born in 1988 will ever grow up, get mature and well, stodge. Forever young. That's the ticket. As the festival enters its second decade, President Bob McCann said the plan will be to do more of the same and not tamper with the formula that draws some 200,000 - at least by last year's count - to the Novi Expo Center. This year, as many as 300,000 may make the scene.

"Our goal for the festival is just to keep it going, keep it going," McCann explained. That and continue throwing the net

profit the community's way. As it's matured, the festival's more costly to produce, now hitting the \$250,000 range.

But sometime after the last Styrofoam cups are swept away from this year's revelry, plans will proceed for the installation of a \$120,000 band shell at the corner of Main and Market streets in downtown Novi. For an 11-year-old festival - with year one left out of the count as a total flop due to a major rainstorm - that's some \$12,000 per year salted away for the public good.

What the Michigan 50s Festival will donate to the city following the band shell and after more of the big bucks are saved up is still up in the air. Expect it to be interesting.

But that's all in the future. Here's what's ahead this month.

From 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22 when Mayor Kathleen McLallen cuts the ribbon at the Novi Expo Center to mid-

night on Sunday, July 26, when they start taking the tents down, a rollicking time will be had by all.

This year a new note is being introduced into the entertainment line-up. We've had Motown, we've had classic 50s rock. In 1996, the mood was pure sixties with The Grass Roots. Last year, it was the British Invasion.

Now, get ready for a Beach Party. Picture Malibu, circa 1963. "Dead Man's Curve." "Little Old Lady From Pasadena." Jan and Dean, you got it. They'll be on stage in the Entertainment Tent on Saturday, July 25.

Friday night, July 24, the lead performer will be Lou Christie. Don't remember him. Try sucking helium and crooning "Lightening Strikes Again." Any questions?

Also playing will be Phil Dirt & The Dozers. The ever-popular Rocky & The Rollers and the Tracey Lynne Country Show will be back, too.

What's new this year? Designer beer. Local Color Brewing Company is whipping up a special lager and lite for the event. As of press-time, the ale doesn't have a name, because a contest is underway to find one.

Also added on is a full-fledged carnival with a ferris wheel and other rides.

Gone are the Downtown Merchant's Association's Ice Cream Social and the Twelve Oaks Mall fireworks that lit up the sky over the mall last year. Instead, Twelve Oaks is in charge of the Family Entertainment Tent.

But the engines will still be revved up for the car show and the Grand River Cruise.

All this for what's billed as Michigan's third biggest festival, sizewise only the Michigan State Fair and the Traverse City Cherry Festival beat out for the Novi shindig.

The Big Bopper would have been proud.

Las Vegas tent returns to delight of gamblers

By CHRIS C. DAVIS

Feeling lucky? Did you guess the correct Lotto numbers but forgot to buy a ticket? If you're 21 or older, the Michigan 50s Festival gambling tent might just be the place for you.

The tent makes its return to the festival after a warm response from visitors.

"The turnout we've had for the tent has been very, very large," said event coordinator Bob McCann. "There are a lot of people who come down and really enjoy the atmosphere. I'm not sure we had an empty table by the end of the night when we had the gambling tent last year."

The tent will be set up inside the entertainment tent area and will offer roulette, blackjack and wheel of fortune. All revenues generated through gambling dollars will be donated to charity.

And in case you're wondering, this is gambling for real money - not door prizes.

"It'll be just like Vegas," McCann said.



FILE PHOTO

The Las Vegas located just outside the Entertainment Tent, so you'll still be able to enjoy the music.

"Trade in your money for chips when you walk inside the area, then cash out your chips when you want to leave."

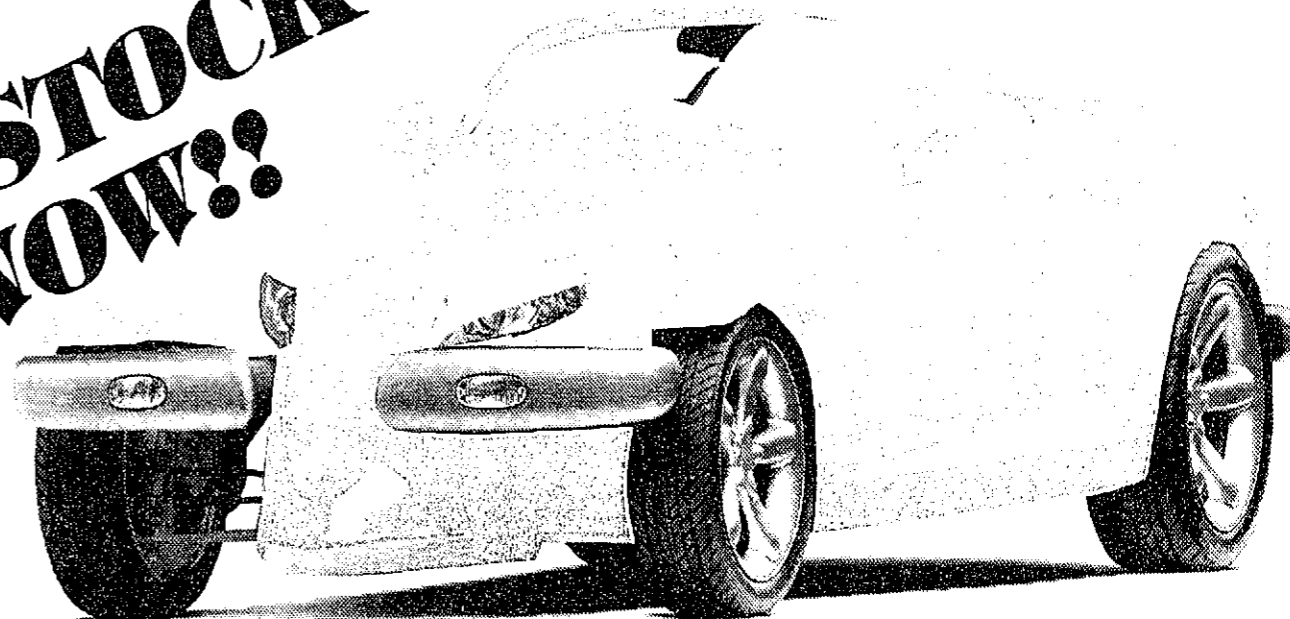
Because of legal restrictions, patrons will be required to sign in with their name and address and show proof of age before heading to the tables.

"We were told through the years that people were really interested in being

able to participate in games of chance, and we thought this would be the sort of thing which could help bring people down to the Expo Center," McCann said. "The gambling tent has been a fun and lively place for the time we've had it."

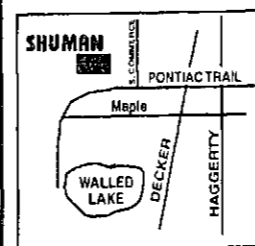
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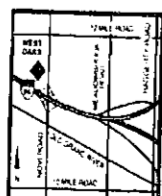
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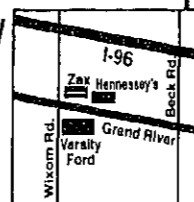
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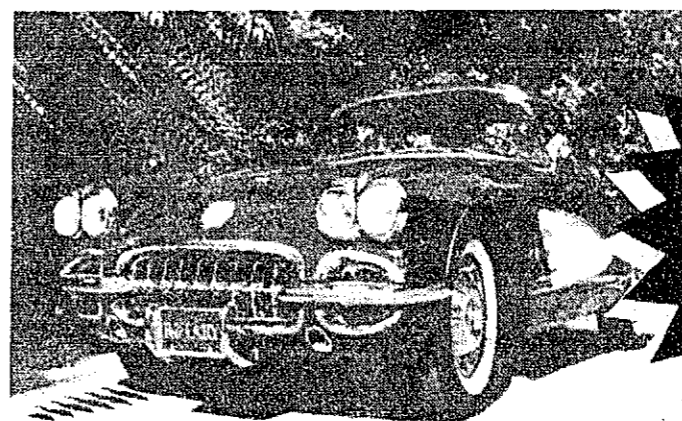
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

5:00 p.m. Mayors Reception for Sponsors, Media and Special Guests
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7:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting by Mayor
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12:00 a.m. Entertainment Tent Closes

THURSDAY, JULY 23

11:00 a.m. Information Booth Opens
Food Vendors Open
12:00 p.m. Rotary Car Raffle Sales Begin
Carnival Rides Open
Commercial Exhibits and Arts and Crafts Open in the Expo Center (until 10:00 p.m.)

1:00 p.m. Dog Olympics in the Twelve Oaks Family Area (until 2:00 p.m.)

2:00 p.m. Oldies 104.3 - WOMC Live Broadcast with Tom Ryan and "Matinee Mindy" (until 6:00 p.m.)

2:00 p.m. Scotty Says on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (1 hour show)

3:00 p.m. Dog Olympics in the Twelve Oaks family Area (1 hour show)

Fine Arts Academy Dance Group on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (45 min. show)

4:00 p.m. Scotty Says on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (1 hour show)

6:00 p.m. Dog Olympics in Twelve Oaks Family Area (1 hour show)

Entertainment Tent Admission Tickets Sales Open
Vegas Tent Opens in Entertainment Tent

6:30 p.m. TIMEWARNER 5K Run/Walk at Novi Town Center

8:00 p.m. Phil Dirt & The Dozers in Entertainment Tent, All Ages Welcome. Admission \$5.00, 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult. Brought to you by PEPSI and FARMER JACK

10:00 p.m. Commercial Exhibits and Arts and Crafts Close

Information Booth Closes

12:00 a.m. Vegas Tent Closes

1:00 a.m. Entertainment Tent Closes

FRIDAY, JULY 24

11:00 a.m. Information Booth Opens
Commercial Exhibits and Arts and Crafts Open (until 11:00 p.m.)

Rotary Car Raffle Tickets on Sale
Food Vendors Open

12:00 p.m. Dog Olympics in Twelve Oaks Family Area (1 hour show)

Carnival Rides Open

1:00 p.m. Maureen Schiffman & Coco on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (45 minute show)

Detroit Pistons "Hoop Fest" in Twelve Oaks Family Area (until 3:00 p.m.)

2:00 p.m. Oldies 104.3 WOMC Live Broadcast with Tom Ryan and "Matinee Mindy" (until 6:00 p.m.)

Dog Olympics in Twelve Oaks Family Area (1 hour show)

Dance Force on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (45 min. show)

3:00 p.m. Maureen Schiffman & Coco on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (45 minute show)

5:00 p.m. Dog Olympics in Twelve Oaks Family Area (1 hour show)

6:00 p.m. Entertainment Tent Admission Tickets Begin
Entertainment Tent Opens for Evening Performance. Admission \$10.00 - Must be 21 or Older.

Vegas Tent Opens (until 1:00 a.m.)
Detroit Pistons "Hoop Fest" in Twelve Oaks Family Area

(until 8:00 p.m.)
6:15 p.m. Novi Parks and Recreation Softball Tournament (until 10:15 at Power Park)

7:00 p.m. Dog Olympics (1 hour show)

6:30 p.m. Rich Eddy's Rock & Roll Show on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (until 10:30 p.m.) Free Admission

8:00 p.m. Rocky & The Rollers - with Special Guest - Lou Christie in Entertainment Tent. Brought to you by PEPSI and FARMER JACK

11:00 p.m. Commercial Exhibits Close

1:30 a.m. Entertainment Tent Closes

SATURDAY, JULY 25

9:00 a.m. Softball Tourney Resumes at Power Park

10:00 a.m. Information Booth Opens
Food Vendors Open

Ribcrackers Model Airplane Show (Lang Aerodrome until 5:00 p.m.)

Carnival Opens
Rotary Car Raffle Tickets on Sale

Oldies 104.3 WOMC Live Broadcast with Jeff Jennings (until 2:00 p.m.)

11:00 a.m. Commercial Exhibits and Arts and Crafts Open

Rodeo Rockers on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (45 min. show)

12:00 p.m. Tracey Lynne Country Show in Entertainment Tent (until 4:30 p.m.)

Warner Brothers Characters on Site
Scotty Says on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (1 hour show)

1:00 p.m. Dog Olympics in Twelve Oaks Family Area (1 hour show)

Whistle Stop Cloggers on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (45 minute show)

Detroit Pistons "Hoop Fest" in Twelve Oaks Family Area (until 3:00 p.m.)

2:00 p.m. WOMC Live Broadcast with Ron T. (Until 7:00 p.m.)

Scotty Says on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (1 hour Show)

3:00 p.m. Dog Olympics in Twelve Oaks Family Area (1 hour show)

Spirit of Country Dance Team on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (1hour show)

4:30 p.m. Just For Kicks Dance Group on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (1 hour show)

6:00 p.m. Dog Olympics in in Twelve Oaks Family Area (1 hour show)

Detroit Pistons "Hoop Fest" in Twelve Oaks Family Area (until 8:00 p.m.)

Admission Sales Opens - Entertainment Tent Closes
Vegas Tent Opens (until 1:00 a.m.)

6:30 p.m. Rich Eddy's Rock & Roll Show on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (until 10:30pm) Free Admission
Entertainment Tent Re-opens for Evening Performance *Admission \$10.00 - Must be 21 or Older

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Rocky & the Rollers - with Special Guest - Jan and Dean in Entertainment Tent, Brought to you by PEPSI and FARMER JACK

2:00 a.m. Entertainment Tent Closes

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10:00 a.m. Car Show Begins (until 4:00 p.m.)

Carnival Opens
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Commercial Vendors and Arts and Crafts Open (until 9:00 p.m.)

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WOMC Live Broadcast with Tom Force (until 2:00 p.m.)

10:30 a.m. Softball Tournament Continues at Power Park

11:00 a.m. Dog Olympics in Twelve Oaks Family Area (1 hour show)

Detroit Pistons "Hoop Fest" in Twelve Oaks Family Area (until 3:00 p.m.)

Sheryl's School of Dance on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (45 min. show)

12:00 p.m. Ribcrackers Model Airplane Show (Lang Aerodrome until 5:00 p.m.)

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Tracey Lynne Country Show in Entertainment Tent (until 4:30pm)

1:00 p.m. Tollgate Cloggers on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (45 minute show)

Dog Olympics in Twelve Oaks Family Area (1 hour show)

2:00 p.m. WOMC Live Broadcast with Ron T. (until 7:00 p.m.)

Maureen Schiffman and Coco on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (45 minute show)

3:00 p.m. Lone Star Dance Team on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (45 minute show)

Dog Olympics in Twelve Oaks Family Area (1 hour show)

4:00 p.m. Maureen Schiffman & Coco on Twelve Oaks Family Stage (45 minute show)

4:30 p.m. Wild West Dancers on Entertainment Tent Stage (45 minute show)

5:30 p.m. Grand River Car Cruise Begins (until 7:00 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. Dog Olympics in Twelve Oaks Family Area (1 hour show)

Vegas Tent Opens in Entertainment Tent

7:00 p.m. Entertainment Tent Open with performance by Rocky & The Rollers - Free Admission - All Ages Welcome. Brought to you by PEPSI and FARMER JACK

8:00 p.m. Commercial Exhibits Close

10:00 p.m. Carnival Closes

12:00 a.m. Festival Closes

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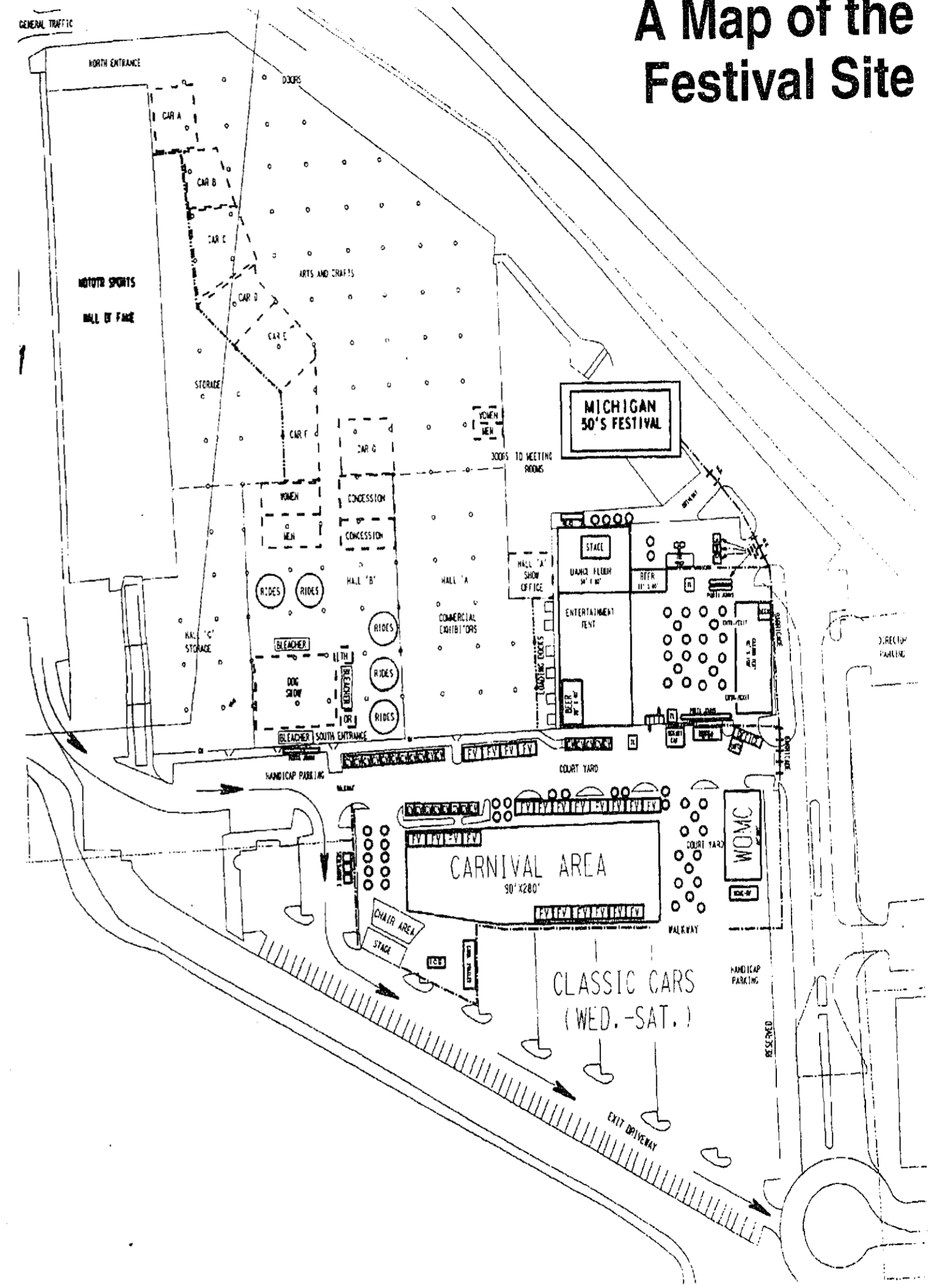
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Who makes the scene at the 50s fest?

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According to a survey the festival commissioned in 1997 the average person who attends the event actually experienced the 1950s - or at least the very early 1960s - for his or herself.

The survey of guests found that the typical festival-goer is a married, repeat customer between the ages of 35 and 54 and is an empty nester who just happens to live in Novi. He or she has either a college degree or some college education.

If you're looking to make new friends you may have to make an effort; only 35 percent of the people who took the survey were single.

While at the Novi Expo Center event, this archtypal 50s fan plans to spend a slice of his or her income of \$75,000 to \$99,000 per year on food and gifts. For him or her, the biggest draw is the live music, followed by the car show.

But more than Novi residents turn out for the five-day fling. The biggest crowd of foreigners muscle in from Farmington Hills, followed by Livonia, Wixom and

Brighton. But the event also attracts folks from Ann Arbor, Allen Park, Wolverine Lake, Tecumseh, Taylor, New Boston, Inkster.

Not to forget Harrison, New Jersey, Ocala, Florida and McHenry, Illinois.

Canadians have also been known to sneak across the border for the Michigan 50s Festival.

And this year, festival Manager Jane Thomas said a carload of Lou Christie groupies are expected in from Grand Rapids.

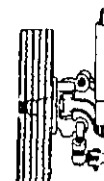
Local businesses do make money from

the Michigan 50s Festival. Those who took the survey indicated they planned to dip into their wallets for restaurant meals and other food, gifts, gas and clothing.

But only 1 percent were staying at a hotel during the festival, because 94 percent classified themselves as day trippers.

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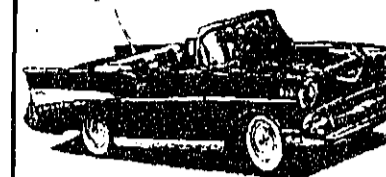


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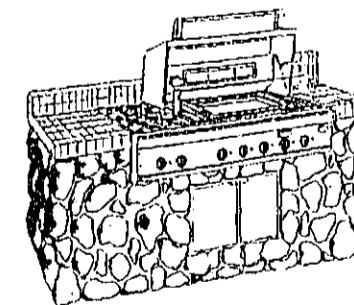
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Will lightning strike his now grown-up fans again at the Michigan 50s Festival when former teen idol Lou Christie performs his 1960s vintage hit?

Surf City, here the 50s festival comes

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

It wouldn't be the 1950s without Rock 'n' Roll, would it?

This year, the Michigan 50s Festival is hitting the surf and sand with the California beach sounds of Jan & Dean and the 1960s sound of falsetto Lou Christie.

Both are special guests of perennial favorite Rocky & the Rollers in the entertainment tent during the weekend. Admission to both is \$10 each. Guests must be 21-years or older.

Bob McCann, president of the 50s Festival, said the two acts were chosen because they've never been featured here before and because Gerry Seader, of the Rollers, recommended them.

"He helps us find acts because he plays with just about every band out there," McCann said. "He knows our crowd and we rely on him a lot for our information."

While the two acts are the featured celebrity performers for the festival, that doesn't mean they're the only groups cooing out songs from the much-loved decade. Following is a schedule of who will be where, when.

Wednesday, July 22

Steve King & the Dittiles are set to inaugurate the opening night of the festival with their music of past and present. The Detroit-based group will take to the stage at 7 p.m. in the Entertainment Tent. It's free admission and all ages welcome.

Thursday, July 23

Phil Dirt and the Dozers will make their first appearance at the 50s Festival this night in Entertainment Tent at 8 p.m. The Dozers, based in Columbus, play oldies and current hits.

Tent flaps open at 6 p.m. All ages welcome admission is \$5 with kids 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult.

Friday, July 24



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50s Fest regulars will recall Rocky and the Rollers, who keep coming back year after year to play those oldies.

Saturday July 25

Rocky and the Rollers are back with special guest **Lou Christie** in the Entertainment Tent beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 and must be 21 or older. The tent opens at 6 p.m.

The Rollers are staples of the 50s Fest with their '50s, '60s and '70s tunes. Christie is a teen idol heartthrob who still gets the ladies' hearts beating quickly.

"We've gotten a lot of phone calls about him," McCann said.

"Lightning Strikes" was one of his big hits.

The festival gets a different flavor with the **Tracey Lynne Country Show** beginning at noon in the Entertainment Tent. It lasts until 4:30 p.m.

Lynne is a New Hudson native and brings her guitar, mandolin and banjo playing talents to her country western and nostalgia show.

And **Rocky and the Rollers** will be back with special guest **Jan and Dean** in the Entertainment tent at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 you must be 21 or older to get in.

Jan and Dean formed in 1958 while in high school in West Los Angeles and formed their own California sound. They even worked with the Beach Boys. Their hits include "Surf City" and "Little Old Lady from Pasadena."

Sunday July 26

The **Tracey Lynne Country show** begins at noon in the entertainment tent until 4:30 p.m.

And **Rocky and the Rollers** will have the stage to themselves to round out the festival in the Entertainment Tent at 7 p.m.

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Jan Berry and Dean Torrence, since their high school days in California, have been together both as friends and a hit musical act.

Jan & Dean have the California sound down

Jan Berry and Dean Torrence have persevered following a tragic car accident that nearly cost Jan his life in 1966 to come back to play for fans around the country.

The duo started out singing together in 1958 with a band called the Barons in a California high school. The group broke up as the teens went their separate ways but Jan and Dean stuck together.

That is, until Dean went into the Army. During that time "Jenny Lee," sung by Jan, Dean and a friend named Arnie was released to become the num-

ber three record in the country. When Dean returned six months later, the duo, sans Arnie, got together again to write "Baby Talk." Their friend, Herb Alpert, performed the arrangements for it. It hit number seven in the nation.

The pair went on to perform more top ten hits and when Dean began to sing in a high falsetto it created a whole new sound and paired them in the same category as the Beach Boys. "Surf City," "Deadman's Curve," "Little Old Lady from Pasadena" and "The New Girl in School" were some of their best-loved hits.

They almost made it in the movies. The pair had roles in "Ride the Wild Surf" with Fabian, but close friend Dean was involved in the kidnapping of Frank Sinatra Jr. right around the same time. As a result, Dean lost the movie role.

Their second film "Easy Come, Easy Go" featuring newcomer Mel Brooks, was suspended after a train wreck on the set injured cast and crew, including Jan.

This whole time the pair attended college, Dean earning a fine arts degree. Jan was accepted to medical school. So when Jan received his draft notice in 1966 he didn't think he would be affected. When the military told him otherwise

he got in his car in frustration and wound up slamming into a parked truck.

He wasn't expected to live but after many months in a coma he woke to discover he had severe brain damage and paralysis.

With intensive therapy and help from Dean and his family, Jan fought to return to his former life. The CBS movie "Deadman's Curve" in 1978 chronicled his life.

Meanwhile, Dean went on to design album covers, his first creation being "Chicago." But in 1978 and 79 the two reunited to tour with the Beach Boys and then on their own.



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Phil Dirt And The Dozers play the sounds of the 1950s through 1970s.

Lou Christie

Born Luceo Alfredo Giovanni Sacco, a local choirboy from a rural town near Pittsburgh transformed himself into Lou Christie in the early 1960s.

The teenage Christie's falsetto voice and songwriting abilities made him a teen idol with his number one song "Lightening Strikes." He became known for his wild eyes, wicked moves and "suggestive lyrics."

He co-wrote nearly all of his songs with Twyla Herbert who was 30 years his senior and a classically trained musician.

Christie has performed with Diana Ross and the Supremes, the Rolling Stones, The Who, Neil Diamond and Roy Orbison.

Christie went on to influence many other successful artists and in the past decade became known for writing film songs appearing in "Rainman," "Before Sunrise" and "Dutch."

His appearance back on the concert circuit is driving women into a frenzy, apparently. Festival organizers say female fans have called the office expressing their adoration of the man.

Phil Dirt & The Dozers

Phil Dirt and the Dozers was formed in 1981 "in a dark and smoke filled barroom." There is no actual "Phil" but the figment of the Dozers' imaginations serves as the gleeful kid in all of them.

The Dozers have performed across the country with their "Rock 'N R'oldies" review. The group includes:

- Steve Cabot, who sings and plays the congas;
- Mark Frye, who plays keyboard, sax-

ophone and flute;

- Rick Frye, on percussions;
- Tony Alfano, who also sings and plays guitar;
- Chaz Mechenbler, bass, also sings, plays harmonica and the sax;
- Bill Lehr is the wise-cracking front man with a full vocal range.

The band has played with The Beach Boys, Little Richard, Ray Charles and Gloria Estefan.



Festival adds family events

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

The Michigan 50s Festival doesn't forget about kids, and this year has more family-styled events planned than ever.

"(Novi) used to put on the ice cream social and without that this year we were trying to come up with more around here for the family," said Linda McCarthy, one of the board of directors for the festival.

Beside the new carnival rides featured around the area, Warner Brothers characters will wander around the festival about noontime on Sunday. In addition, dance troupes, a puppeteer, a rock and roll band, dog Olympics and a children's comedian will be on hand to entertain adults and kids alike.

• McCarthy is excited to present the newest family attraction this year - Hoop Fest. Jointly sponsored by the Detroit Pistons and the Michigan Festivals and Events Association the event takes place in the Twelve Oaks Family Area on Friday and Saturday at 1 and 6 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.

For 50 cents, youngsters can try out their jump shot for a chance to win Pistons memorabilia and a chance at a grand prize of a weekend with the Pistons including among other things family lodging in Auburn Hills, basketball tickets, dinner at the Palace Grill and a scholarship to Pistons camp.

• There's no Max the Moose this year but The Oinkers Rock & Roll Canines are back.

The group of local dogs and their owners travel the area performing doggie tricks and competitions like musical doggie mats and fly ball. Some of the dogs play basketball, others jump rope. The dogs will also run relay races, jump through flaming hoops, and high jump up to four times their heights.

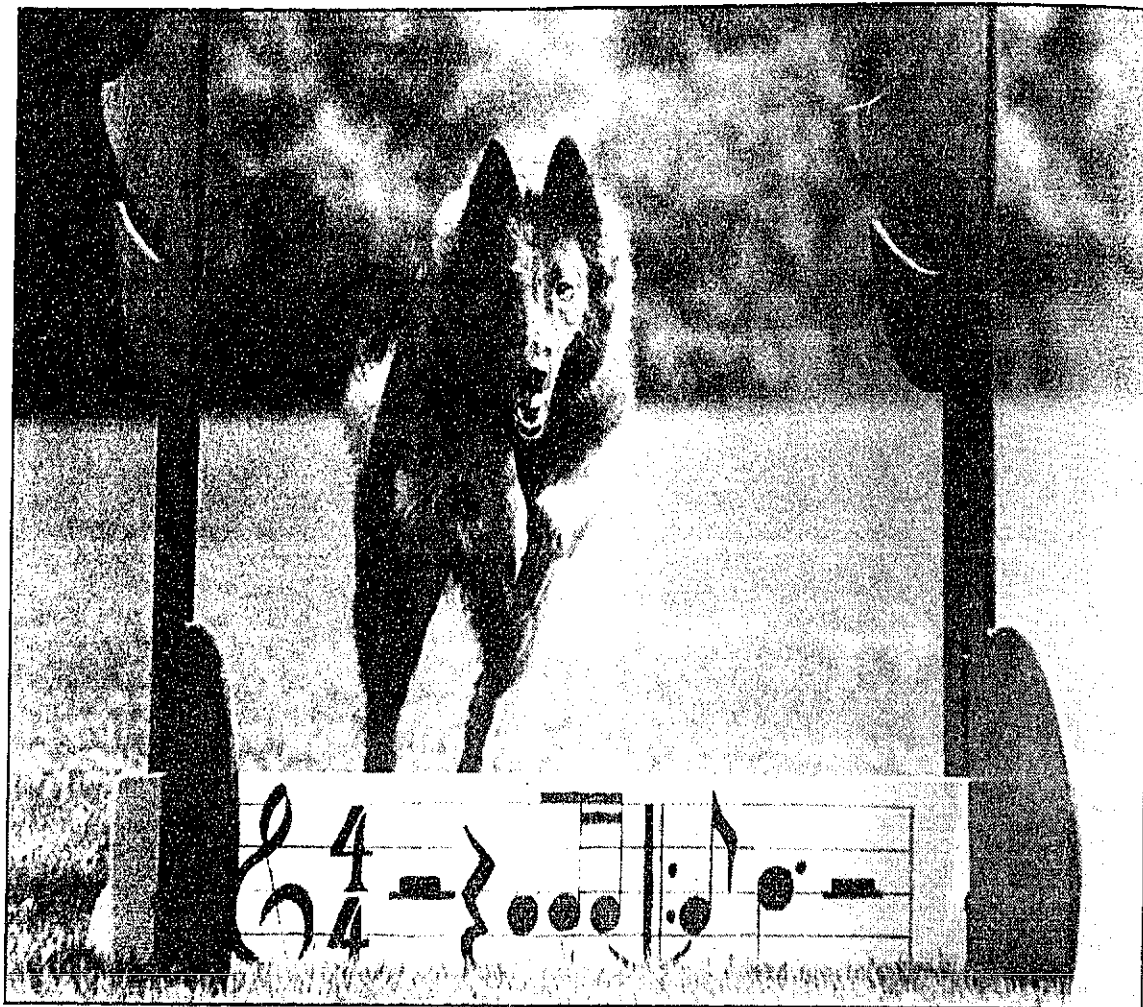
The performers are family pets trained by their owners to perform at fairs and charity fund raising events.

"That's what's nice about this, they can be anybody's dogs," explained Julie Girard, of Oink-Oink Inc., a Detroit-based doggie treat company which sponsors the canine troupe.

Girard said anyone who wants to have their dog try their paw at the games can stop by to talk with a trainer there and maybe get a little audition.

• Besides the furry friends, several dance companies within Novi are set to appear on the Family Stage including Fine Arts Academy Dance Group, Dance Force, Rodeo Rockers, Whistle Stop Cloggers, Spirit of Country Dance Team, Just for Klees Dance Group, Sheryl's School of Dance, Tollgate Cloggers, Lone Star Dance Team, Wild West Dancers.

• Scotty Says, a high energy interactive family and children's comedian, will hit the Twelve Oaks Family Stage for one-hour shows each Thursday at 2 and 4 p.m. and Saturday afternoon at 12 and 2 p.m.



The Oinkers Rock & Roll Canines return to the 50s Festival to perform doggie tricks and competitions.



Maureen Schiffman and Cocoa is new to the festival.

• Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band is ready for a Saturday concert at the Twelve Oaks Family Stage beginning at 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. the free admission show. Band members James and Donni reproduce all their own music using the latest advances in technology. The pair have performed with Steppenwolf, Herman's Hermits, the Contours and Mitch Ryder among others.

• Also new this year is local puppeteer Maureen Schiffman and Cocoa. Shows are at 1 and 3 p.m. on Friday and 2 and 4 on Sunday at the Twelve Oaks Family Stage. Schiffman and Cocoa are well known to Novi school children. Schiffman uses original music, movement, puppetry and storytelling to involve her audiences in positive and motivating programs.

Schiffman is a former school teacher and member of the Detroit Puppeteers Guild and Children's Music Network. She's been performing for children all over the nation since 1980.



Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band will perform concerts on Saturday.

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Car show will sport new look

By JASON SCHMITT

As the years pass by it becomes more and more amazing to see vintage cars rolling around like they were just driven off a dealers' parking lot.

Especially those hot rods from the 1950s.

The 50s Festival Car Show and Cruise will take place Sunday, July 26. The Car Show will be held at the Novi Expo Center from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. while the cruise will take place on Grand River and Meadowbrook roads from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

As the 11th annual 50s Festival gets, the much anticipated Car Show and Cruise will be sporting a new look to car enthusiasts this year.

The show will be opened up to all cars, not just those older than 1974. The change will hopefully encourage more people to enter the contest, organizers say.

"We'll probably expect the same number of cars, 700-800," Car Show board member Tim Herrington said. "But by opening it up to all years, we may see an increase from those numbers. We just have to get the word out."

Getting the word out shouldn't be too much of a problem. The car show is the second largest in the state, next to the show in St. Ignace in late June.

"Since we've moved from the Town Center to the Expo Center, we've had some room for more cars," former Car Show committee member and current

Festival treasurer Gary Wyatt said. "We're looking for some people with what you could call classic or custom cars newer than 1974. We don't necessarily want someone with a 1992 Chevy pickup truck, but we would like to have custom trucks or cars that are special."

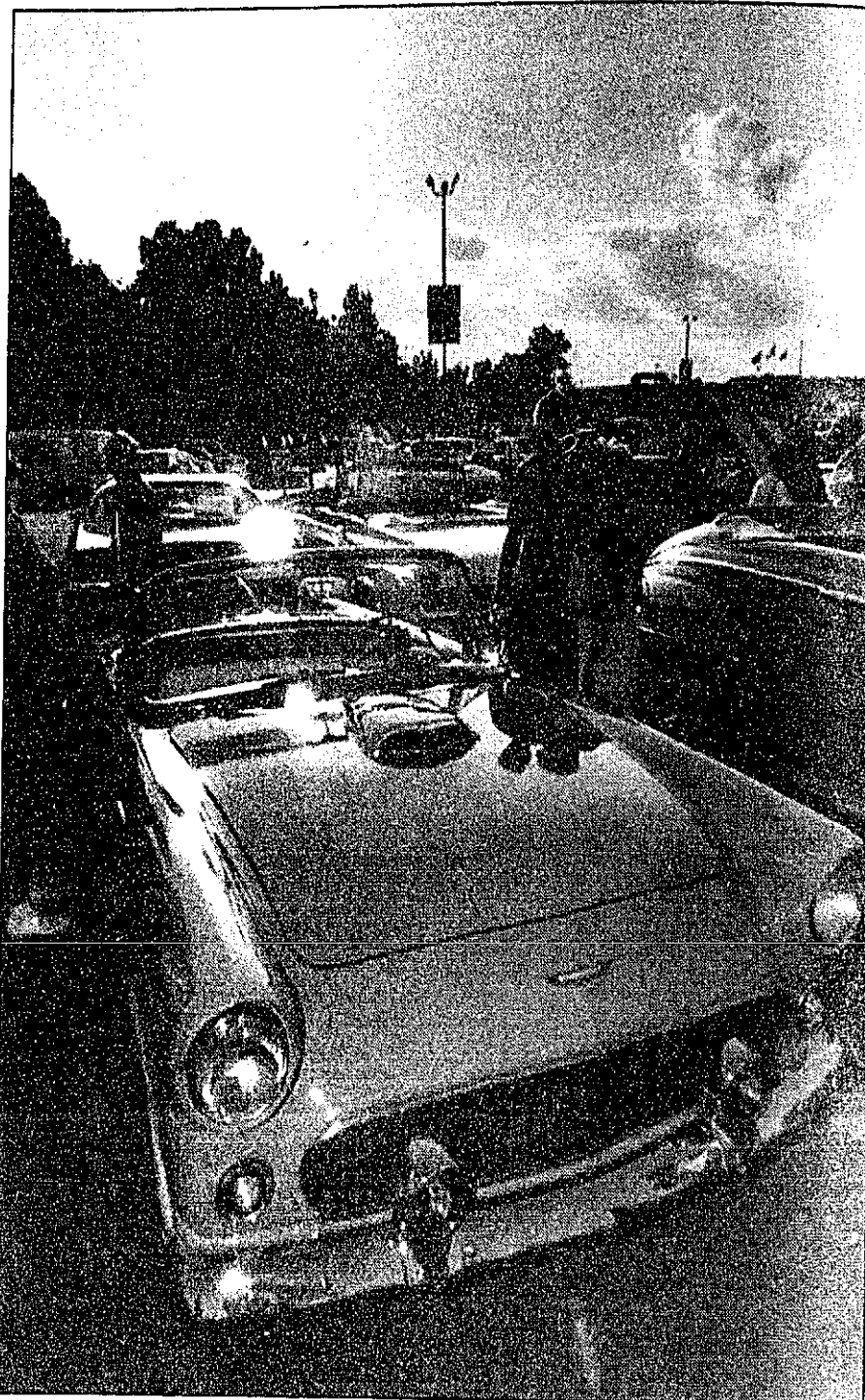
Due to the rule change on the age of the cars, there will be 25 different categories in which cars will be placed. Some of the events are street rod, street machine, pro street, stock, restored, slammed and custom. There will be a \$3 admission to the event.

Along with the classic cars, several local car dealerships including Varsity-Lincoln Mercury, Bob Sellers Pontiac and Marty Feldman Chevrolet will have displays. T-shirt and food vendors along with a couple of hospitality tents will be available to the car show-goers.

Last year organizers gave out prize money to the winners, but this year the show will award the winners with trophies.

Wyatt, who has been involved with the Car Show and Cruise since the beginning, says he expects another 3,000-5,000 spectators to line up along the cruise route.

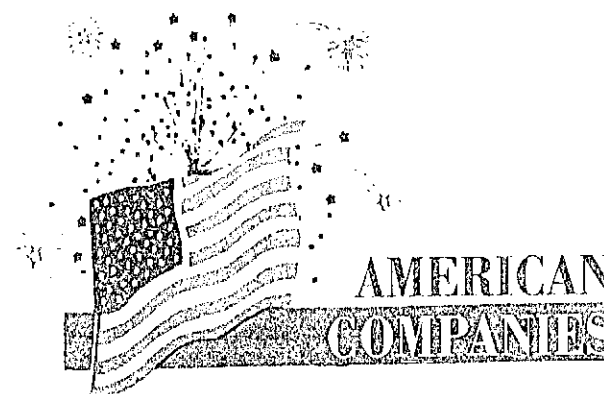
"It's a fun event, even if you're not an old car buff," he said. "There will be tents along the route with food and beverages and bands playing. It's just one of those things that gets in your blood."



The Michigan 50s Festival Car Show is the second largest in the state.



Almost a thousand cars are expected to line up for this year's Michigan 50s Festival Car Cruise.



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Festival adds carnival rides

By CHRIS C. DAVIS

There's a string of 11 words you're probably going to hear quite often this year at the Michigan 50s Festival:

"Keep your arms and legs inside the car at all times."

That's because carnival midway rides will be added to the excitement of the festival, giving a new element to one of the premiere summer attractions in Michigan.

Event coordinator Bob McCann said the downtown development authority's ice cream social — one of the major draws at the festival through the years — had become too much of a burden for DDA members to organize and manage.

Solution? Carnival rides. "This really is a mini-carnival," McCann said. "We wanted to make sure we did something for our younger visitors and families with children, so this seemed like a natural addition to the festival."

The rides will be set up in the Novi Expo Center parking lot.

Rides with a lot of repetitive motion and super-high rates of speed won't be part of the plan, but a ferris wheel, tilt-a-whirl and "umbrella rides" for the youngest 50s Festival patrons will be

available, McCann said.

A seat on carnival rides will require an additional admission fee.

"It's important to us that everyone who comes out to the 50s Festival enjoys themselves," McCann said.

The 50s Festival runs July 22 through July 26 at the Novi Expo Center.



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In previous years, children had the opportunity to participate in a lip sync contest. This year, carnival midway rides have been added.

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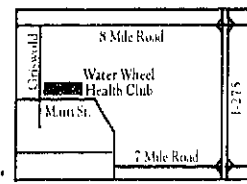
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From Elvis to Saigon — what happened?

By WENSDY WHITE

Looking back, the 50s is considered a decade of prosperity and tranquility, while the 60s is known as a time of revolt and upheaval.

But a Wayne State University historian cautions against stereotyping either era.

While many people agreed with a popular Republican slogan of the 50s that claimed "everything is booming except the guns," others didn't, and their unrest brewed until circumstances brought them to the surface in the next decade.

"The 50s was a time of great prosperity and consumer spending. Inflation rates were low, and despite a couple recessions, the economy did very nicely," said Alan Raucher, a history professor at Wayne State.

"More than half the population owned their own homes by 1960. Before World War II that was only a dream," Raucher said.

As government subsidies allowed many of America's 11 million World War II veterans to buy homes and attend universities, the year 1950 marked the first decline of population in America's cities.

More and more people bought houses in the suburbs, which they proceeded to equip with appliances never before available to the average person.

"For many people, the 50s were a time of prosperity, but you also have to keep in mind not everyone was affluent, not everyone was living in the suburbs. Not everyone was white."

The discontent of the minority population became apparent through the civil rights movement that began in the 50s. Schools were desegregated during the era, which also set the stage for racial clashes.

Also, in the wake of the unpopular Korean War, which kicked off the decade from 1950-53, came the Red Scare and the feeling that the Soviet Union was threatening to exceed the success of the United States.

To counteract that, the U.S. government poured money into science research, construction and the highway system.

As concern about the public school system deepened, the government also helped to fund new buildings and the hiring of more teachers.

"By 1957 the country was at peace, the Korean War had ended, the Red Scare was over, the Soviets had launched Sputnik. There was a lot of soul searching by various leaders that somehow we were falling behind," Raucher said.

One major turning point in American culture came with the proliferation of TV.

Although it had been invented before WWII, TV became a common appliance in 1949-50.

In one sense, television led to the homogenization of America that crops up in the nostalgia people have for the decade. At the same time suburbia bridged the gap between city and rural life, television bridged the differences between regions in the country.

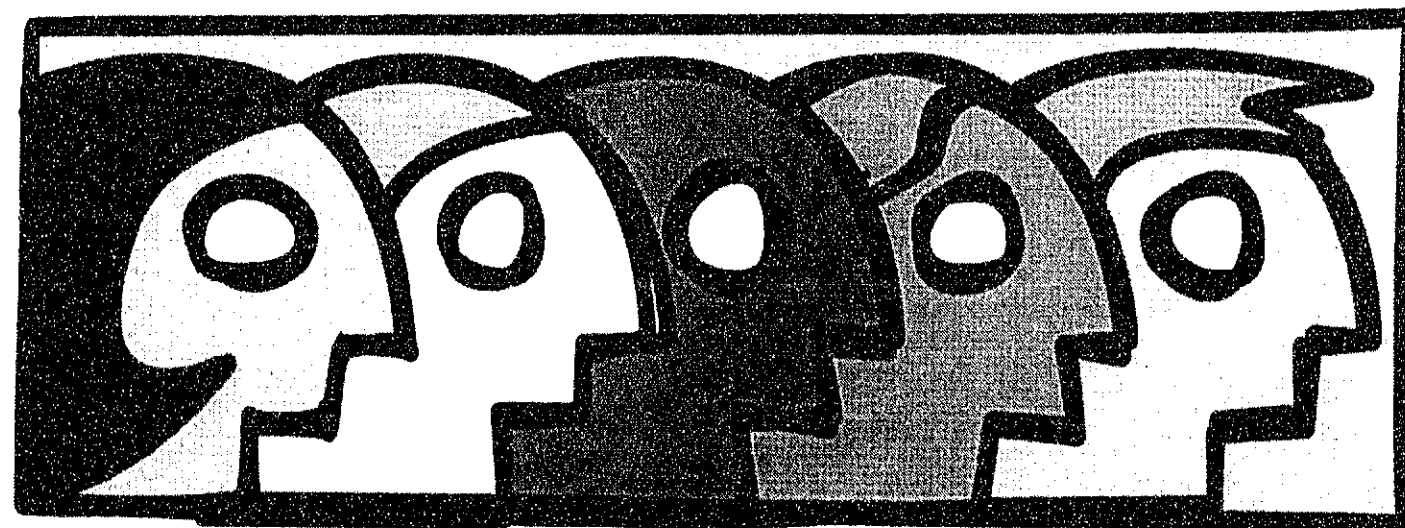
But it also brought the world into everyone's living room for the first time.

"One of the things that changed as a result was not only did it carry entertainment but news," Raucher said.



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He may have been "The King" — and in the minds of many, still is — but Elvis Presley's "Love Me Tender" soon needed to make way for the likes of Creedence Clearwater Revival, Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin while America's musical interests shifted from one of fun to appeals to the social conscience.



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A chance to win a piece of history

One \$5 ticket could bring someone a restored 1959 Corvette

By CAROL DIPPLE

There's not one, but three ways to win in the Novi Rotary Car Raffle.

First, there's the big prize of a red 1959 Corvette with a removable hard top.

"Back then, you could actually remove the hard top and it became a roadster," said Keith Wilson, vice president of the Novi Rotary and chairman of the car committee.

"It is a beautiful restoration," said Wilson.

The '59 Corvette has a 283 cubic inch engine and a four-speed transmission.

"When somebody goes through and restores a car it is virtually like a new car," Wilson said. "It drives good, it runs good, it does everything well."

This year's car was found by a Rotarian in a collection owned by a Belleville pilot.

He sold the car because he wanted to buy a small personal aircraft for himself, according to Wilson.

"The Rotary Club looks for quality vehicles," said Wilson.

Tickets are \$5 apiece or three for \$10.

Funds raised through the car raffle benefit a lot of charities like high education and vocational scholarships, Special Olympics, Preserve the Plant Earth, Polio Plus, senior citizens programs, S.A.D.D., D.A.R.E., Novi Food Program, Novi Youth Assistance, Rotary youth programs, and more.

"A lot of the money from the previous 10 cars went into Rotary Park," Wilson said. "We are always looking for ways to help people and this car makes it possible."

The Novi Rotary does something somewhat unique - they work with the Novi Lions Club.

"A lot of times service clubs don't work together," Wilson said, "but the Lions have been very helpful. We help them and it has been a very good arrangement. They have given us a lot of help over the years with this project."

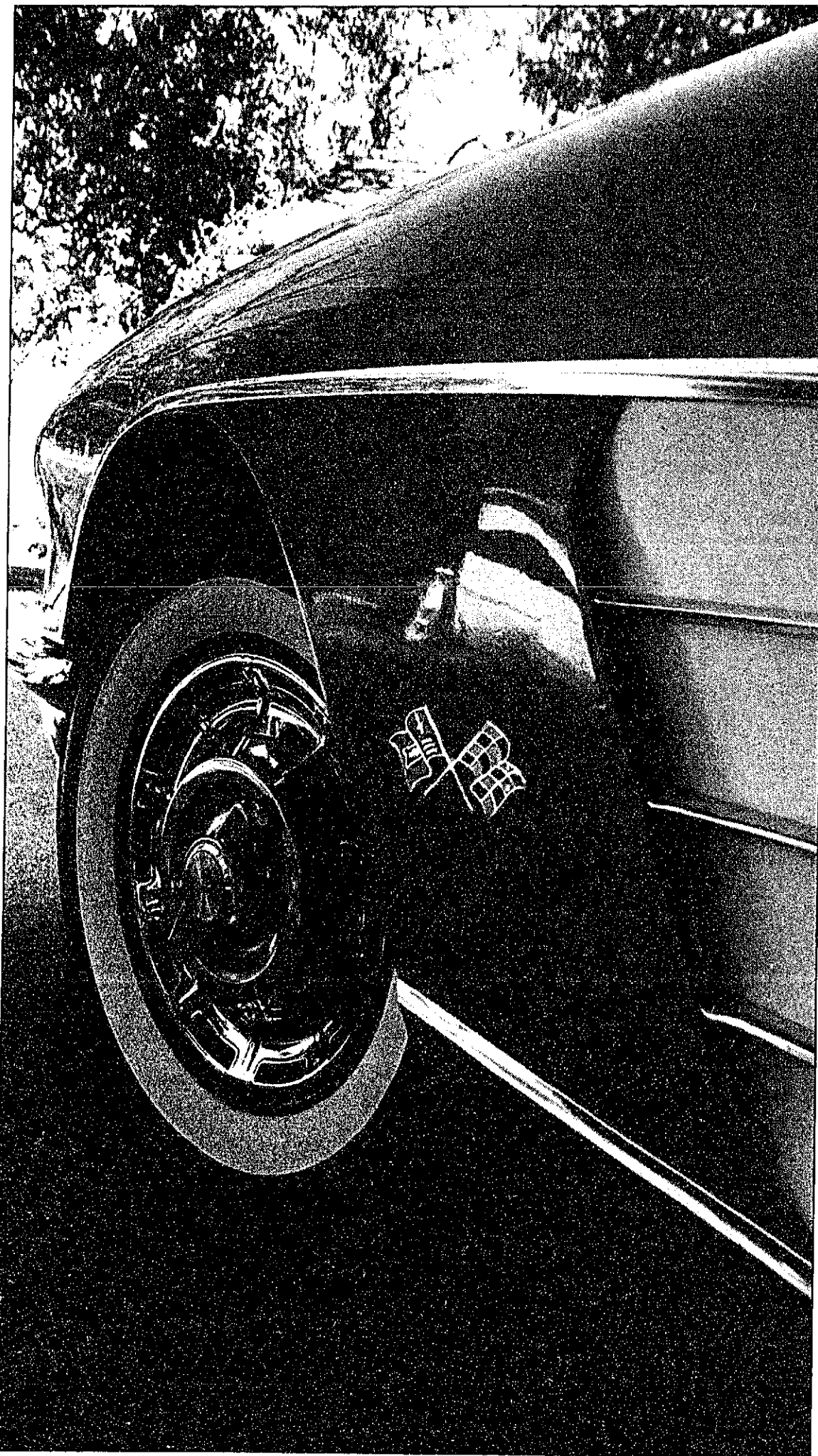
The '59 Corvette has been at several indoor shows at the Novi Expo Center, at outdoor shows, at the Farmington Founder's Festival, at the International Bluesfest, and it will be at the Woodward Cruise on Aug. 15.

"It has been good for us to go that extra to make a little extra for charity," Wilson said.

The drawing will be held Aug. 27.

The second prize is \$2,000 and third prize is \$500.

"There are three lucky winners," Wilson said. "Naturally the community is the big winner, that's what makes it nice."



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Hungry? Festival food will tempt you

By WENDY WHITE

Meal and potatoes are nowhere on the table, but a host of food vendors will make sure no one leaves the Michigan 50s Festival on an empty stomach.

Vendors will set up their trailers and tents along the courtyard, north and south of the carnival area. They'll also be on hand at the car show, serving up a wide variety of American, ethnic and snack food to satisfy the appetites of a decade.

Keep an eye out for Oakridge Kitchen, which will grill up ribs (\$3-\$14) and catfish (\$6-\$8) with a choice of hush puppies, cole slaw, beans and cheesecake on the side.

Down the path at Mr. G's Concession, pepperoni rolls (\$3), stuffed pizza (\$3.50) and fresh brewed lemonade (\$2-\$4) are on the menu.

No festival would be complete without a hot dog loaded with all the trimmings and at Classic Concession the standard dog will be available along with Polish sausage and sauerkraut, barbecue beef and "Hot Rod'r Chicken."

At Swift Concessions, steak hoagies (\$4), corn dogs (\$2), fries and lemonade will be prepared to order.

For a cold drink and some hot barbecue, stop by the Hotz-Citrus stand, which will offer BBQ Pork Ribs (\$1.25), BBQ drumsticks (\$1.75) and oven-roasted corn (\$1.50) with juice or lemonade to wash it down.

The Kowalski Kowally Kitchen trailer will be set up near the car show, with hot dogs (\$1.50), Polish Sausage (\$3.50), bratwurst (\$3.50), burgers (\$2) and chili on the menu along with pop, bottled water and Gatorade.

Ethnic foods were almost unheard of in the 50s, but they'll be standards at the festival.

From Sweet and Sour Chicken (\$5) and fried rice (\$3) at Thai Cuisine to gyros and chicken shish kebabs on pita bread (\$5) at Mylos, there will be no shortage of exotic fare.

In addition, Cottage Inn Pizza will offer entire pies (\$8) or slices (\$2) and Onasis Coney Island will be serving up Coney Dogs with cheese and onions (\$3).

So take a stroll and sample the tastes but be sure to leave room for dessert.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Trailers like these will be serving up great festival food for visitors to the Novi 50s Festival this year. Whether it's elephant ears, barbecued ribs, hot dogs or slices of pepperoni pizza, vendors will have something for virtually every appetite, with a wide range of prices for almost any budget.

Popcorn, caramel corn, cotton candy, snow cones and apple chips are just a few of the snacks that will settle any sweet tooth.

On hand at Uncle Dave's will be waffle ice cream sandwiches, dipped cones, frozen bananas, floats and malts reminiscent of soda fountain fare.

Tom Davis & Son's Dairy will simply serve Lemon Chills in the car show area of the pavilion, while Ice Cream Delights will hawk Apple Dumplings with ice cream, root beer floats and flurries.

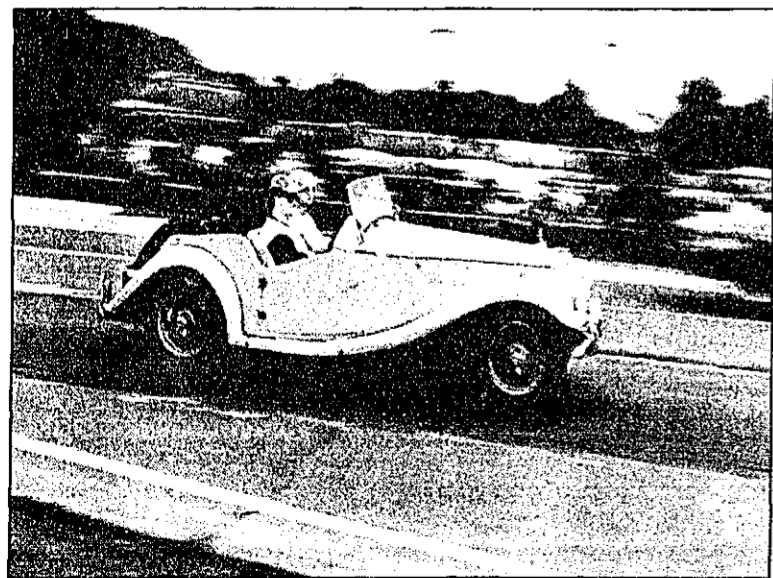
Whether you're there to see live music, classic cars or just to people-watch, make sure you stop to sample the food during your visit to the Michigan 50s Festival.



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Volunteers make 50s Fest rock and roll

By CAROL DIPPLE

As the Michigan 50s Festival Board of Directors watch the taillights of the last vendor pulling away from the Novi Expo Center, they let out a big sigh of relief, but not for long.

A year's worth of planning goes into each 50s Festival and brainstorming for the next event begins just weeks after the gates close.

The 12-member Board of Directors, along with the festival manager Jane Thomas, and usually its honorary member Tom Marcus, meet throughout the year and weekly in June and July.

"We all brainstorm together, throw things out," said Tim Herrington, vice president. "A few members each year go to a festival convention and try to get ideas there."

Each board member has an area of responsibility from the car show to organizing the food vendors to the entertainment tent.

Two new board members are Pat Webb and Linda McCarthy.

Webb worked the beer tent at the festival for the Novi Chamber of Commerce for the last five or six years and the Las Vegas tent last year.

After serving the Novi Chamber of Commerce as a board member and chairman, Webb wanted to stay active in the community.

"I've always enjoyed the 50s festival," said Webb of why she joined the board. "I think it's a great event for the community."

Her area of responsibility is helping festival manager Jane Thomas with sponsors.

"This has been solid for the last four months straight working with sponsors," Webb said.

This year's new sponsors include, among others, Novi Sports Club, Red Hot and Blue, Mongolian Barbecue and Local Color.

"I'm still working on sponsors," Webb said. "We are always looking for participation from business people up to a few days before the festival."

"It is a lot of work, but I love it," Webb said. "I'm hoping to have enough stamina left to be there for five days. I've been told you average about 25 hours of sleep in the five days and lose an average of 5 to 6 pounds. Five pounds would be perfect."

McCarthy moved to Novi on St. Patrick's Day in 1994. Looking for a way

to get involved in her new community, she volunteered with the 50s Festival as a Cruiser that summer.

"I volunteered, went down and never left," McCarthy said. "It has certainly been an opportunity to get to know my community and the people in it."

Now she has donned a new hat as a board member and is seeing the festival from another perspective.

McCarthy's area of expertise is the Family Area and Commercial Vendors.

"It has been fun picking out the entertainment," she said. "The board starts in September booking groups early."

Among the new entertainment this year is the Hoop Fest, carnival, comedian Scotty Says, and puppeteer Maureen Schiffman with Cocoa.

Then there's the logistics of planning and placement.

"I've received input from performers and vendors from last year and we're trying to work in as many suggestions as possible," McCarthy said.

Board member Cindy Kopczynski, who is in charge of the Cruisers, said there are a few new things happening with that group of volunteers this year.

"I'm really looking forward to this year," said Kopczynski. "I just have a good feeling about it."

First, the familiar red and white shirts that festival-goers have seen on the volunteers over the last ten years are gone. Cruisers will be sporting royal blue shirts.

Cruisers may also be assigned to help out at the new Hoop Fest event for children. And there has been some talk that people riding the shuttle may have a Cruiser on board to give them a rundown of the day's events.

"We may not have enough bodies for that," Kopczynski said. "A lot of things happen at the last minute."

Although each board member has an area of expertise, the 12 work together to present a festival that is fresh and exciting to see.

"It is always a group decision," Kopczynski said. "If we come to a bump in the road, we look to the person assigned to that area to see what they think."

Herrington, who is also chair of the car show, said that to make the car show larger, they have opened it up to all years not just pre-1975 cars as in the past.

"We try to expand and make sure there are more things to do for the families so that it stays a family-oriented-festival," Herrington said.

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Festival goers last year searched for the best tastes and treats (right), while others found them, buffet style (below).



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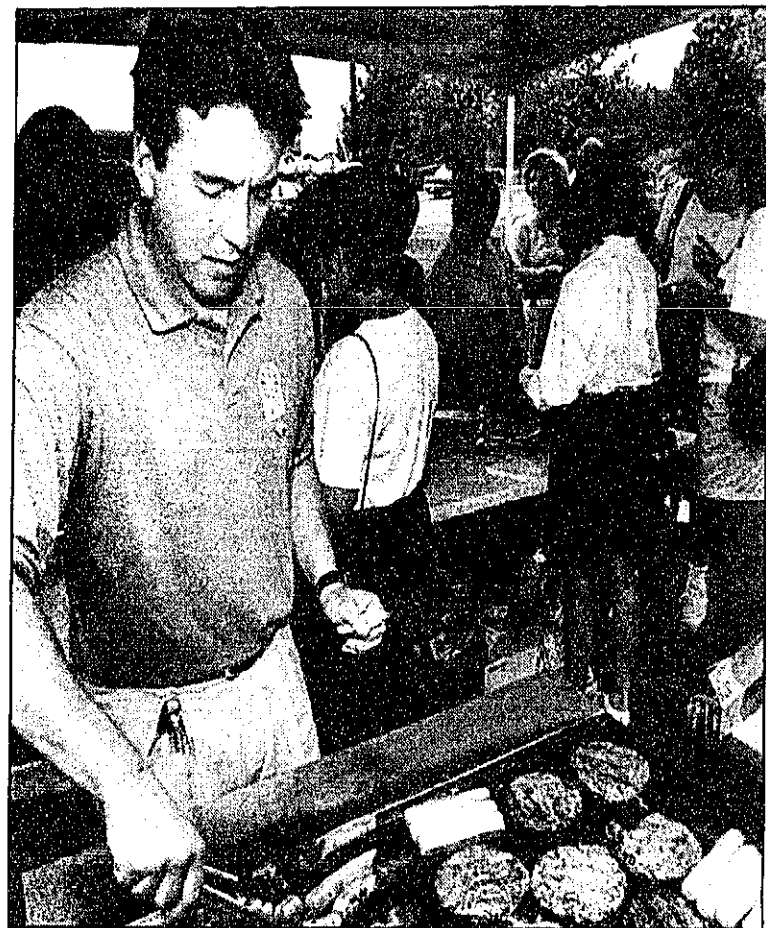
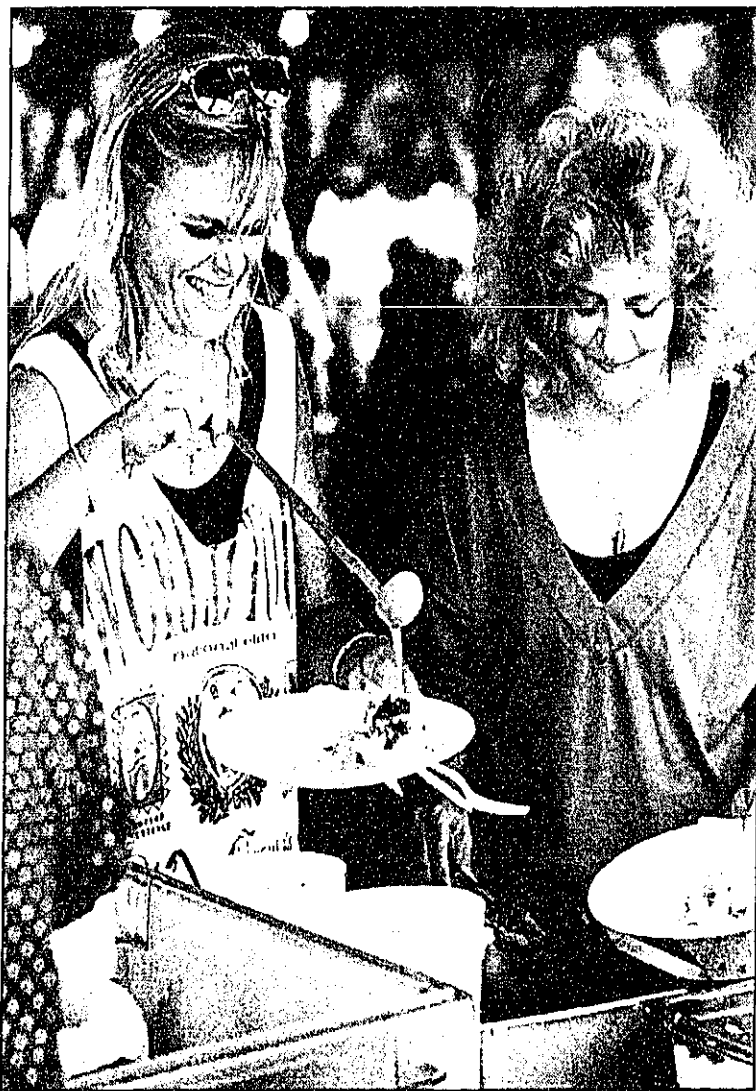


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Lou Martin, public information director for Novi, cooks up burgers and hot dogs in the food tent, in an effort to raise money for charity at last year's 50s festival.

Festival goers support local charities

By CAROL DIPPLE

It all goes back to the community in one way or another.

The service organizations who will be serving beverages or picking up recyclables or selling raffle tickets at this year's Michigan 50s Festival as a means to raise funds for their groups include the Tollgate Cloggers, Novi Newcomers and Neighbors, Novi Chamber of Commerce, Sixth Gate Cloggers, Novi Lioness Club, Motorsports Museum and the Boy Scouts.

Volunteers with the Motorsports Museum will be working on Sunday, July 26.

"We are really pleased to be able to participate," said Ron Watson president of the non-profit, volunteer-run organization.

In all, about 20 to 30 volunteers, some doing multiple shifts, will work for the Motorsports Museum.

"We'll be all over the place on Sunday," said Watson.

There will be extra workers in the gift shop and giving tours in the museum which will be open for free to those peo-

ple attending the car show on Sunday.

Motorsports volunteers will also be in the entertainment tent serving beverages.

"We really need 40 bodies to do that tent," Watson said. "Some people will be working the whole day. We have four-hour shifts, but I see a lot of people carrying over."

Funds raised over the last three or four years by working in the entertainment tent go back into programs for the museum improving the facility itself.

"We always have to improve here."

Watson said. "We have this facility that needs to be kept up - signs, better lighting, painting - a lot of these things are ongoing."

Watson said the volunteers come from everywhere and work the museum year round.

"We get volunteers from the whole metropolitan area as far away as the Lansing and Jackson area," he said. "Volunteers are either motor sports fans, or like to be part of a museum, and some just like to socialize."

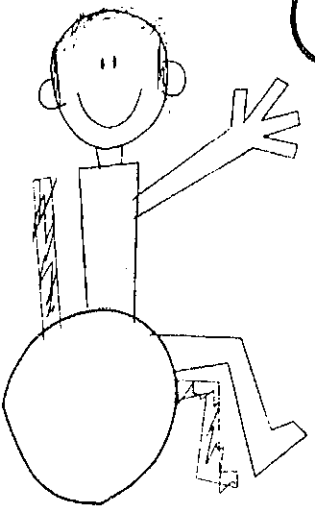
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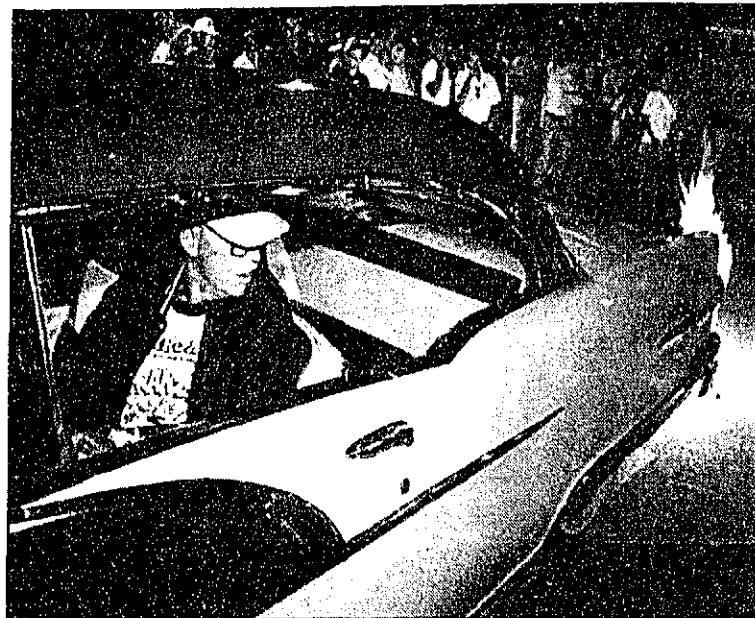
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Left, the festival's a good place to dance the night away. Above, with that wild burning of rubber, Daddy might take the 1956 Pontiac away. Below, making friends is fun.

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Fun, fun, fun: the 1960s beach binge

By JAN JEFFRES

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For a generation born in the 1940s, the surfer lifestyle was the attainable dream, even for those stuck in northern climes, far from Malibu Beach and Santa Monica.

The movies came first, beginning in 1959 with "Gidget," starring Sandra Dee and James Darren.

In the lockerroom showers after high school football practices at Emerson High in West Los Angeles, Jan Berry and Dean Torrance discovered they could sing.

In 1958, they had their first hit, "Jennie Lee," written in honor of a local stripper.

By 1962, the Beach Boys were on the charts with "Surfin'" and "Surfin' Safari."

The Beach Boys as a group was launched when the Wilson brothers' parents went on vacation to Mexico and the boys, with a friend and cousin, rented instruments and started jamming in the living room.

At first they called themselves The Pendletons, after the heavy plaid shirts favored by surfers.

As the Beach Boys, their first public appearance was in 1961 at the Ritchie Valens Memorial Concert in Long Beach. And out with the 1950s music and in with the 1960s.

Both the Beach Boys and Jan and Dean worked together, until the executives at their record companies squashed that. Dean sang lead on Beach Boys "Barbara Ann," a hit sin-

gle in 1966.

As far as hitting the beaches at the cinema, Yvette Mimieux, Connie Francis and George Hamilton beat Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon there.

But the band of movie coeds in the 1960s "Where The Boys Are" was headed for Fort Lauderdale, not California. Next time the movie comes around on cable TV, pay attention to the pre-spring break campus scenes. They were filmed at Michigan State University.

Movie executives realized the seaside was a hot and sandy commodity and in 1963, "Beach Party" kicked off a series of drive-in movie hits for Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon.

Annette, of course, had already been a hit on the late 1950s children's TV program, "The Micky Mouse Club," but it wasn't her ears teen-aged boys admired her for in the beach movies.

Frankie had a string of hits in the 1950s, including "De De Dinah" and "Venus."

A key component of the Frankie and Annette beach movies was that the females be short and blonde, to show off tiny brunette Annette.

In "Beach Party," Annette of course needs to make Frankie jealous, so she hooks up with a college professor who is making a study of teen sex habits. There's the bad guy on a motorcycle, Eric Von Zipper as portrayed by Harvey Lembeck. And a cameo appearance by Vincent Price as "Big Daddy."

For Funicello, 1965 was a big year. Not only did her movie "The Monkey's Uncle," come out, with the title song sung by the Beach Boys and Annette, but she married and retired at age 23.

She remained a homemaker until she heard the siren song of Skippy peanut butter and became the spokesperson for the product in the 1970s.

BEACH MOVIES

1959
Gidget starring Sandra Lee, Cliff Robertson and James Darren, The Four Preps.

1960
Where The Boys Are Yvette Mimieux, George Hamilton, Dolores Hart, Connie Francis and Paula Prentiss.

1963
Beach Party starring Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon.

1964
Bikini Beach starring Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon.
Muscle Beach Party starring Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon, also Stevie Wonder and Dick Dale and the Del Tonés.
Ride The Wild Surf starring Fabian, Shelly Fabares, Tab Hunter and Barbara Eden.

1965
How To Stuff A Wild Bikini starring Annette Funicello.
Beach Blanket Bingo starring Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon.

BEACH MUSIC

Here's a list of top beach hits from the 50s and 60s:

- Surf City - Jan & Dean
- Fun, Fun, Fun - Beach Boys
- Hand Jive - Johnny Otis
- Summertime Blues - Eddie Cochran
- Good Vibrations - Beach Boys
- Louie, Louie - The Kingsmen
- Deadman's Curve - Jan & Dean
- Wipe Out - The Safaris
- Under The Boardwalk - The Drifters
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- Surfin' USA - Beach

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Motown music lives on in legend and song

By WENSDY WHITE

Staff Writer
As the fifties ended, Detroit rolled into the sixties on the forefront of a major transformation that would sweep across the country.

The change was in music and Motown Records was its vehicle.

"Prior to Motown Record Company there were no black record companies on anyone's label. Black music wasn't marketed and developed like it is now," said Derek Thornton, manager of the Motown Museum, located on West Grand Boulevard in Detroit.

During the 50s, many songs that were written and originally recorded by black artists were remade by white artists before they were released, Thornton said.

"Other companies didn't think there was a market for it, but Motown presented music by black people for everyone. They saw that black music was marketable and entertaining."

It was all spearheaded in 1959, when a young Detroit songwriter named Barry Gordy started the Tamla Record Company in a house at 2648 West Grand Boulevard.

After Tamla's single "Money, That's What I Want," by Barrett Strong became a national success, Gordy decided he wanted the name of his record label to reflect its location.

He renamed it Motown in 1960, after the Motor City.

"He created that word," said Thornton,

who said he has been fascinated by Motown history since he was a child.

That same year, "Shop Around" by the Miracles became the company's first record to sell a million copies and the Supremes marked the first all-female group signed to the label.

After that, there was no stopping Motown as it spun out hits by the Four Tops, Martha and the Vandellas and the Temptations.

In 1961, "Please Mr. Postman" by the Marvelettes became the company's first single to hit number one on national pop charts.

Two years later, Motown distributed its first number one selling album, "12-year-old Genius" by Stevie Wonder.

Most of the artists that were signed by the company were from the Detroit area.

Their talent, along with Gordy's songwriting ability and marketing skills, made Motown a true competitor with other leading record companies of the day, which included Stax/Volt out of Memphis, Atlantic Records out of New York and Chess Records in Chicago.

Part of Detroit until 1972, Motown then relocated to California.

In 1996 it moved again to New York, where the label is still churning out music by Stevie Wonder and Diana Ross, plus CDs by newer artists like Queen Latifah and Boys II Men.

However, Hitsville U. S. A. still stands at its original location and now houses the Motown Museum. Inside is the authentic recording studio, a recreation



Loni Clark of Motown's Marvelettes performed at last year's 50s Fest.

of Gordy's living quarters and costumes and memorabilia from the label's famous stars.

With kids, the most popular display is Michael Jackson's glove, Thornton said.

Anywhere from 200-500 music lovers from around the world explore Motown's history at the site each week, according

to Thornton.

"If we only have two visitors in a day, one of them is from England. They love Motown music there," Thornton said.

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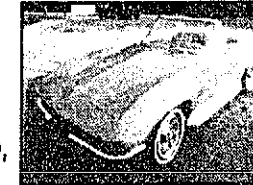
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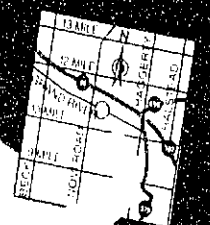
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- When it was introduced in 1955, the Ford Thunderbird was the car to be seen in. But three years later, the jewel of the highway was forever ruined in the minds of many when what new design element was brought to the T-Bird?
 - A body entirely coated in chrome plating
 - The conversion of the car from a 2-seater to a 4-seater.
 - Moving the steering wheel to the right side of the car.
 - Placement of the engine in the rear, rather than the front of the car.

- With the advent of the Interstate highway system, McDonald's restaurants began popping up along every entrance ramp you could find. Who is largely recognized as the founder of the fast-food giant?
 - Old McDonald
 - Ray Kroc
 - Ronald McDonald
 - Bill McClinton

- "That'll Be The Day" was the breakthrough hit for rockabilly star Buddy Holly. What was the last song Holly recorded prior to the plane crash which killed him, Richie Valens and The Big Bopper?
 - "Peggy Sue Got Married"
 - "I'd Rather Take The Bus"
 - "Rave On"
 - "It Doesn't Matter Anymore"

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 - Ambassador (Detroit)
 - Brooklyn (New York City)

- What do Marion Morrison, Norma Jean Mortenson and Frankie Castellucio all have in common?
 - They were all auto engineers who worked on the 1957 Thunderbird.
 - They all hailed from Novi in their youth.
 - They're all assumed names of 50s celebrities.

- Each one has been to the moon.
 - Old McDonald
 - Ray Kroc
 - Ronald McDonald
 - Bill McClinton
- Which Big Ten school brought home the most Rose Bowl championships during the 1950s?
 - Michigan State University
 - Penn State University
 - Ohio State University
 - University of Michigan

- Early in the space race, what important first was accomplished by the Soviet Union in 1959?
 - They far side of the moon was photographed.
 - Construction of the space station Mir commenced.
 - A pair of Soviet cosmonauts landed and walked on the moon.
 - The first man-made satellite, Sputnik, began orbiting Earth.

- Track and field time — in 1954, he was the first person to run the mile in under four minutes. Who was he?
 - Roger Daltry
 - Roger Over
 - John Landy
 - Roger Bannister
- He was the only U.S. president to die in the 1950s.
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - Harry S. Truman
 - Lyndon Johnson
 - None of the above.

- All of these movies were voted Best Picture by the Academy of Motion Picture Sciences. Which one didn't win the award in the 1950s?
 - All The King's Men
 - The Bridge On The River Kwai
 - From Here To Eternity
 - Ben-Hur

- It was the host city for the 1956 Summer Olympic Games.
 - Beijing
 - Melbourne
 - Toronto
 - Helsinki

- In his quest to expose Communist infiltration in the United States, how many Communists did Wisconsin Sen.
 - Joe McCarthy prove existed during the 1950s and early 1960s?
 - None.
 - Eight.
 - 98
 - More than 300.

- Even though California girls were the creme de la creme for The Beach Boys, what credit was given for girls from the Michigan area?
 - They really made you feel alright
 - They were hip — the guys dug the styles they wore
 - The way they talked, they knocked guys out
 - They kept their boyfriends warm at night

- Desi Arnez and Lucille Ball of "Ricky and Lucy" fame were honeymooners seeing American in an RV in this movie:
 - "California, Here We Come"
 - "Honeymoon in Vegas"
 - "Love, American Style"
 - "The Long, Long Trailer"

- He was the dim-witted Mountie on "The Rocky & Bullwinkle Show."
 - Dudley Do-Right
 - Forrest Gump
 - Snidley Whiplash
 - Mr. Wizard

- Complete the verse of this Pat Boone song: "On a day like today, we'll pass the time away. ___"
 - "Dancing cheek to cheek."
 - "Hugging close in the balcony."
 - "Making out under the boardwalk."
 - "Writing love letters in the sand."

- He was the two-faced friend of Wally and Beaver Cleaver.
 - Bulthead
 - Dennis
 - Eddie Haskell
 - Lumpy

- He was the host of "You Bet Your Life."
 - Dick Clark
 - Groucho Marx
 - Gary Moore
 - Flip Wilson

- This car became well-known for the "portholes" on its fenders.
 - Buick

- Dodge
- Ford
- Studebaker

- Ralph Cramden worked New York City as a bus driver in "The Honeymooners." His close friend, Ed Norton, had chosen an equally enviable career path. What was it?
 - Research assistant for hazardous waste disposal group
 - Public relations director for tobacco company
 - Sanitation engineer for New York's department of public works
 - Football recruiter for Prairie View A & M

- He was the actor who played the famed masked man who fought for law and order in "The Lone Ranger."
 - Jay Silverheels
 - James Garner
 - Clayton Moore
 - Roy Rogers

- Lone Ranger question number two — most everyone knows of "Hi-ho, Silver... away!" but do you know the name of Tonto's horse?
 - Scout
 - Diamond
 - Luckycharm
 - Sunrise

- It was the dance where George and Lorraine fell in love in the 1985 film "Back To The Future," set in 1955.
 - Homecoming
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- Answers appear on page 42.

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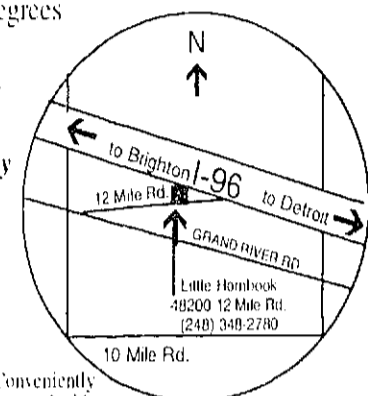
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Okay, guys and dolls — think you know what happened in America's favorite decade? Here are the answers from the 1950s pop quiz, along with a few quips and sideline pieces of trivia you may not have known.

1. (B). Next to the Edsel, auto buffs consider this among the elite of the auto world's flop ideas.
2. (B). Did somebody say McBillionaire?
3. (D). Talk about your premonitions...
4. (A). Strange but true — though the trains were billed as big Christmas gifts that could bring families closer together, Lionel was owned by Joshua Lionel Cohen, a devout Jew, who had a strained relationship with his own father.
5. (A). Only twice in the bridge's history has a car fallen from the span.
6. (C). You probably know them better as John Wayne, Marilyn Monroe and Franki Valli.
7. (C). Sorry, Wolverines. Better luck next time, Spartans. Those weenies from Columbus brought home the roses in 1950, 1955 and 1958.
8. (A). From Earth, only one side of the moon is ever visible. The Russians named several geological formations they located on the far side in honor of Soviet historical figures. Sputnik was launched in 1957, two years earlier.



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9. (D). It was a feat scientists believed was physiologically impossible for humans to achieve. Less than a year later, John Landy broke Bannister's record.
10. (D). No president died in the 1950s — one of the few decades in U.S. history that no presidents passed on.
11. (A). Broderick Crawford was voted Best Actor in the 1949 film, *Ben-Hur* was released in 1959.
12. (B). The Aussies will again take center stage at the next summer games in 2000. G'day!
13. (A). Despite having Ross Perot-like charts and a killer instinct, the Cheesehead was unable to prove a single Communist had invaded American soil.
14. (B). The American sports car still eats up the road, though.
15. (D). If you've ever seen those silver

beasts from years gone by, you know it's an accurate title.

16. (A). What better name for a law enforcement officer?
17. (D). Mr. Niceguy himself decided to ditch his clean-cut image for a moment and released a cover album of hard rock and heavy metal songs in 1997.
18. (C). Strangely enough, Eddie's main ambition was a Saturday night date — not politics.
19. (B). Groucho was joined by his siblings Zeppo, Harpo, Chico and Gummo for "The Marx Brothers" comedy television show.
20. (D). Portholes... on a car? Could the designer have been a former naval officer?
21. (A). This, of course, assumes all Midwest girls are farmer's daughters. Apparently, Brian Wilson never traveled to Chicago or Detroit.
22. (C). For what it's worth, the Panthers haven't won a game in more than six years.
23. (C). Jay Silverheels played the Lone Ranger's "faithful Indian companion."
24. (A). Ever wonder why Scout got stuck carrying all the gear, while Silver only had to carry the Lone Ranger?
25. (B). Marty McFly (played by Michael J. Fox) had to make sure George and Lorraine fell in love, or he'd never exist in 1985.

— Compiled by Chris Davis



Elvis, Chuck Berry and Buddy Holly dominated the air waves. • The Red Wings win the Stanley Cup in 1950, 1952, 1954 and 1955. • Hula Hoops are the rage in 1958.



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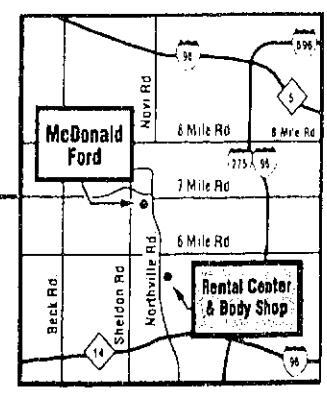
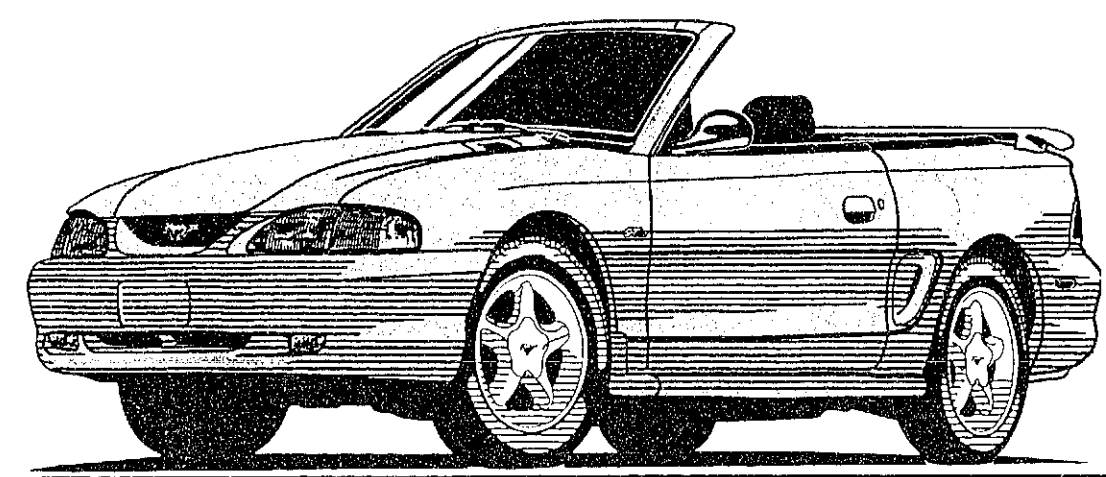
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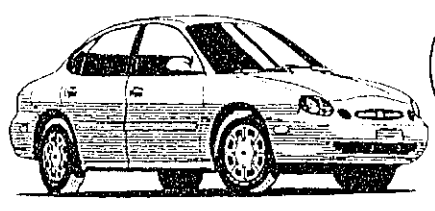
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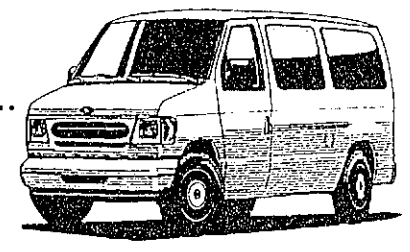
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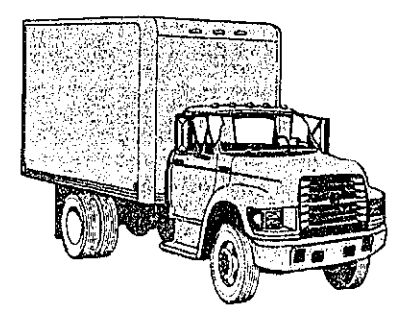
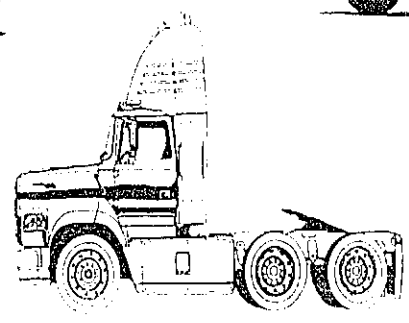
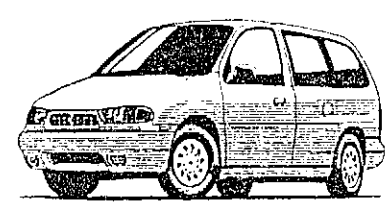
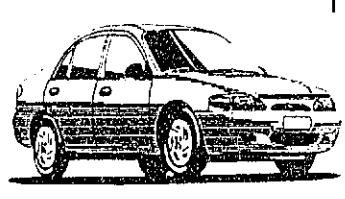
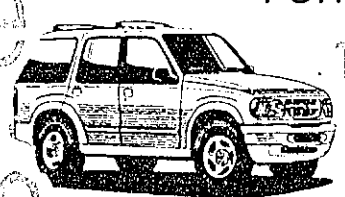
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