

ENTERTAINMENT

ON THE MARQUEE



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Forget the heat with cool weekend events

It's hot outside, but there are lots of really "cool" events this weekend to help you forget the heat.

Don't let the heat wave keep you from going to the one-ring Big Apple Circus. Carnevale in Venice, through June 28 under the big top at Meadow Brook on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. The tent is air conditioned and kids of all ages will enjoy the show. Call (810) 645-6666 to charge tickets or (313) 923-8259 for information. The circus performs in an intimate 1972 seat circus tent where no one sits more than 50 feet from the action in the ring.

Celebrate the start of summer and the first harvested fruits of the season — strawberries, by attending festivals in Franklin and Garden City on Sunday, June 26.

Franklin's Community Association is hosting a Strawberry Jazz Festival from 5 p.m. Sunday, June 26, on the historic Village Green, west of Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads. Admission is free to hear the Paint Creek Jazz Society playing traditional Dixieland music and Hey-There, with a rhythm and blues sound. There will be lots of strawberry desserts and other picnic foods for sale.

The Garden City's Hospital Volunteer Guild is sponsoring its annual Strawberry Festival 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 26, on the front lawn of the hospital, 6245 Inlander Road, four blocks north of Woodward between Maple and Brown Streets, and at 1 p.m. in Livonia at the Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon.

Presented by the Birmingham Principal Shopping District, the Birmingham event will feature country music and line dancing by Southern Exposure. Admission is \$2 for adults, no charge for children 12 and younger — includes chili samples, line dancing lessons and door prizes. Admission to the cookoff in Livonia, which is part of the Spruce 44 celebration, is \$1.50 for children and senior citizens, and \$2 for adults.

Westborn Fruit and Flower Markets at 2254

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Entertainment next week:

- What's new at the movies.
- Upcoming plays and concerts in your community.

World Cup gives summer a kick



Join in the fun of World Cup at events planned this weekend in downtown Rochester and Pontiac. There's something for everyone including music, theater and delicious food prepared by some of the area's finest restaurants.

Whether you get a kick out of soccer or not, the World Cup is certainly something to celebrate. You can get into the spirit this weekend at events in Rochester and Pontiac.

The Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce World Cup Soccer Committee is presenting three events in downtown Rochester this weekend.

Rochester's Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of James Hohmyer, will perform 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23, in Rochester Municipal Park on Ludlow between University Drive and Woodward Street. The free concert series continues 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 30, when Ron Coden and Charlie Lattimer present a family show of music and hilarious antics.

An American Country Fair, sponsored by Heart-On-Homespun will be offered 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Walnut Street between University and Fourth.

The event will feature square dancing and country line dancing demonstrations, and a barbershop chorus.

Storyteller, historian Laughing Bear, a member of the Cherokee Nation, will share his knowledge of Indian tradition.

He will erect an 18-foot tepee on the fairgrounds in which he plans to welcome visitors. By teaching, storytelling and answering questions, Laughing Bear hopes to generate an understanding of Indian culture before it undergoes a change.

Laughing Bear's hazel eyes sparkle and a bright smile shines when he is asked to tell a story. Entertaining as both historian and storyteller, he moves through the stories, delighting listeners.

Nagy's, a Rochester based Lebanese American restaurant will bring an international flavor to the city's Water Street Jazz Festival from 11 p.m. Saturday, June 25 to the two-level parking structure between Third and Water Streets in downtown Rochester. Nagy's, at 134 W. University, is one of about a dozen Rochester restaurants participating in the event. They will be serving some of their most popular dishes.

On Sunday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. there will be an Artful Afternoon Gallery Crawl, hosted by the 12 art galleries of downtown Rochester and the Pontiac Society of Artists. To participate, visitors may start the stroll at any of the participating galleries. For more information, call (810) 651-4110.

The Strand Theatre at 12 North Saginaw in downtown Pontiac is hosting a World Cup Festival through July 12. The shows "Hair," "Beehive," and "Psycho Beach Party" will be presented.

Tickets are available at the Strand Theatre box office, 335-8100; the Attic Theatre's New Center box office, 875-8284; and all Ticket Master outlets, 645-6666. For information, call 335-8100.

Performances of "Hair" the rock musical that gave voice to a generation, is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The pop musical features such hits as "Aquarius," "Hair," and "Good Morning Starshine." It will run 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays through July 2.

Gordon Reinhardt of Westland is directing "Beehive," a musical tribute to the "girl groups" of the 1960s.



World Cup event: The rock musical "Hair" will be presented through July 2 during the World Cup Festival at the Strand Theatre.

"Beehive's" cast of six women portrays such classic acts as Leslie Gore singing "It's My Party," Aretha Franklin singing "Respect," and Tina Turner singing "Proud Mary."

"Beehive" will be presented 4:30 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays to July 2.

"Psycho Beach Party," spreads its wacky brand of humor at midnight, Thursday, June 23, Friday, June 24, and Saturday, June 25. Charles Busch's "Psycho Beach Party," is a parody of 1960s beach party movies.

At the 11-acre tree-lined Phoenix Plaza complex on South Saginaw there will be a wide range of musical entertainment, arts and ethnic cul-

sine featured until June 28. For more information, call (810) 335-4850.

The Taste of Michigan features 20 participating area restaurants including Duggan's Irish Pub, Bangkok House, Chimayo, and Nifty Normans. Visitors can dine on delicacies from Italy, Lebanon, China, Great Britain and Mexico along with American staples like hot dogs and hamburgers. The average meal costs about \$4.

Families will enjoy the many free activities which include daily soccer clinics, the largest indoor/outdoor video tent to watch World Cup games from around the world; jugglers, pony rides, miniature golf, magicians, Leaps and Bounds (outdoor playhouse) and more.

Cook's Garden is ideal for summer

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When temperatures soar, the last thing most of us want to do is cook. Sometimes we don't even feel like eating out.

On these days, the answer to what's for dinner? is deliciously answered by the Cook's Garden Cafe in Birmingham.

What started out as a gourmet take-out, has evolved into one of downtown Birmingham's most popular lunch and dinner spots. They opened in October, and also have a Troy location that serves lunches, 100 West Big Beaver, Suite 182, in the Entech Building — West.

COOK'S GARDEN CAFE
225 E. Maple, Birmingham
(810) 645-9595
Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday.

Diners stroll by the glass-enclosed showcase, and pick something to eat in or carry-out. Choices on the day I stopped by included herb chicken breast, chicken in vodka sauce, an assortment of pasta and sauces, including a fat-free garden sauce, char-grilled shrimp, Yukon Gold potatoes, and vegetarian lasagna.

There are also lots of sandwich choices, all served on bread from Zingerman's Deli in Ann Arbor. One of the most popular is a Smoked Turkey Reuben served on rye bread with



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Dinner delights: Mike Thibault offers lots of delicious answers to the question "what's for dinner," at the Cook's Garden Cafe in downtown Birmingham.

shredded green cabbage, havarti cheese and fresh dill. Sandwiches range in price from \$4.95 for grilled eggplant sandwich to \$7.25 for beef tenderloin sandwich. Dinners range from \$5 for pasta and a

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