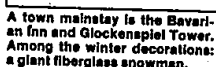


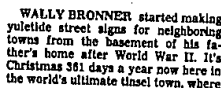
By Iris Jones
contributing travel writer

It was founded in 1845 by Franciscan missionaries who came to teach Christianity to the Indians, and is run now by their fourth- and fifth-generation descendants, who know how to combine their German heritage with

Between them, they have restored much of the town's historical setting, founded stores that give the town its gemütlichkeit feeling and built new attractions that lure tourists to town, including the restored grist mill, the covered bridge and the Glockenspiel Tower.



Most tourists come to town in summer, especially during the annual Bavarian Festival, when T-shirts and summer hats are the main costumes worn under a hot Michigan sun. When the red and gold autumn leaves have been swept from the streets and the first snow has fallen, only the 'hard-core' diners can still be found on Main Street, but crowds of tourists still throng Bronner's Christmas Decorations at the edge of town.




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
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