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Black tie events draw area leaders

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It's June, it's time for the Bloomfield Open Hunt Motor City and Detroit Horse Shows. The Motor City Show began June 16 and runs through June 20, with the Detroit Horse Show opening June 22. The world class show continues with the \$40,000 North American Grand Prix of Detroit on Saturday, June 26. Shirley Irwin and Jackie Bono co-chair the black tie evening dinner on that night.

Harry Niederlander is again the honorary chairman of both events with show co-chairmen Bob and Chris Thiel and Art and Carol Zasko coordinating the many equestrian events.

The experienced executive committee consists of Joyce Adderley, Pat and Rich Becherer, Maury Brassart, Claudia Graham, Shirley Irwin, and Linda Jacob. More on the executive committee include Annette Kolon, Jackie Mealey, Cindy Miner, Susanne Mittelstadt, Kathy Muresan, Janet Read, Jo and Larry Richard and Rich Weyand.

Libby Edwards heads up special events which starts today Thursday, June 17, with the "Beauty & The Beast" fashion show benefiting Cranbrook Hospital. Other special events are the Saturday, June 18, BOH Tailgate Party and Friday, June 25 is Family Night.

Competitors in the two horse shows from BOH are Laura Adderley, Molly Fuller, Barbara Goldberg, Irv Goldman, Don Graves, Rachael Harkowitz, Chris Holden, Linda Jacob, Bethany Pekar, Janet Read, Rita Rossi-Miller and Christine Thiel.

Features in the handsome show program book were the responsibility of Jackie Mealey.

The Motor City Horse Show highlight is the \$30,000 Town & Country Motor City Grand Prix. Lincoln-Mercury sponsors the \$40,000 North American Grand Prix with Olympic caliber horses and riders.

Chris Thiel said, "If you love horses or just like good competition, you are sure to enjoy the horse shows at BOH."

Evening competition begins at 6:30 p.m. with parking at \$4. Admission is \$5 per person for evening performances.

Start Your Engines

The Detroit Grand Prix started off on Thursday, June 10, with the Grand Prix Ball at the Westin Hotel on behalf of Music Hall Center for Performing Arts. Bob Eaton, chairman and CEO of Chrysler and his wife Connie co-chaired the benefit in the Renaissance Ballroom attended by 1,200 stepping up race excitement in Motown.

Cocktails began at 6:30 p.m. in the foyer of the Renaissance Ballroom with a throng of over 1,200 race enthusiasts and people from automotive involved companies.

Excitement was high as world class drivers like Rahal, Fittipaldi and Andretti were to be presented in a live dinner, all in pursuit of the Detroit winner title and \$1 million dollar purse on Belle Isle park. Driver Danny Sullivan, who was to win on Sunday, was there along with some of the Grand Prix drivers, but hard to find during cocktails even by auto executives who know them.

Jim Chapman of Birmingham, PPG director of racing, was called the "Father of Indy car racing in Detroit" and given an award by Bob McCabe, retired president of Detroit Renaissance, Inc. The award was the first Robert McCabe Distinguished Award for outstanding support of racing. Chapman has been with Pittsburgh Plate Glass (PPG) for decades. When the Formula One cars

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Thunderous Roar/Grand Prix: Bev and Bill Hoglund of Birmingham attend the Grand Prix Ball in the Renaissance Ballroom of the Westin Hotel.

A MODEL CHILD

She started modeling at age 3 and now, at age 6, Taylor Hosner of Birmingham is a real pro in the business. Aside from her glamorous career she is a typical child who enjoys family, friends, school and special interests.

BY ETHEL SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

Being a child model is a career that is kept relatively low key for Taylor Hosner, 6, of Birmingham.

Only a few of her schoolmates know that Taylor does modeling, including print, film and voice-over in the Detroit area and Chicago. Taylor takes it all in her small stride. "We're not allowed to wear hats to school," she said, recalling that one day she showed up with a hat on her head. "The teacher told me to take it off but I explained I was wearing it for a reason."



Good catch: Taylor looks spontaneous as a barefoot girl with chic, catching a fish, in photo taken by Kendra Dew.



STEPHEN CASTRELLI/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Little-girl Huck Finn: Putting together a new composite for model Taylor Hosner, children's photographer Kendra Dew snaps a picture of the youngster fishing in Birmingham's Quanton Lake. The fish on the line is fake. Taylor held the uncomfortable pose for a long time, yet didn't complain.

son."

The "reason" is that Taylor's hair, which she frequently wears in a curly-top style for modeling jobs, was up in sponge rollers because of an assignment later in the day. Her mother Lisa had sent her off with the hat over curls because, "I didn't want her to miss school."

The youngster attends kindergarten three mornings a week at Pierce School, and spends two full days in Kinder-Plus at the school. She comes home for lunch.

Gymnastics and art

Mom takes her to gymnastics at the Bloomfield Gymnastic Center on Wednesday afternoons, and Taylor goes to art classes Saturdays at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. "I make things like pottery," Taylor said. "Mixed media," her mother said, describing the class. The

art classes began when Taylor finished acting classes at the Actors Alliance in Southfield.

In the winter, ice skating at the Birmingham Ice Arena is one of Taylor's activities. The entire family — including Taylor's father Carl and her 8-year-old sister Lauren — likes to go skating. "Taylor is a very good downhill skier," Lisa said.

Recently, the sweet, well-mannered child acquired a new look, with a shorter hairstyle. "I wanted to eliminate bangs and get her more of a little-girl look," her mom said. "We can still do the curly top," when clients request it.

"Not a lot of little girls have the shorter hair, like her, and she wears it real well. More of a European look is what I wanted for her," she stressed. Although Lisa works as a hairdresser at Harlow's in Rochester, on weekends, she had a stylist from Emile's

cut Taylor's special new hairstyle.

When Taylor has an assignment that requires the curly top, mom spends 35 minutes rolling her daughter's hair in 45-50 sponge rollers. "She sleeps on them at night," and is used to the routine. "It's a ritual, just like brushing her teeth."

Tellin how Taylor's modeling career got started, Lisa said, "She was very photogenic as an infant. A good personal friend and neighbor, who was a professional model and actress and mother, she suggested to try it. We had a composite card done."

Pictured on toy boxes

The child's first job was at age 3, for American Plastic Toys in Walled Lake. "The art director was so fond of her he used her as their logo girl on eight different product packages. It's quite neat to look in Meijer and

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Collecting trolls brings a smile to her face

BY ETHEL SIMMONS
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Lots of kids like trolls, but 9-year-old Jennifer Elliott of Troy really likes trolls. She has 135 of them — so far.

Asked what appeals to her about the weird-looking creatures that usually come with plastic bodies and brilliant-colored hair, Jennifer said, "I probably just like them because they're all funny and they have happy faces. When I look at them they never look sad. They always have a smile."

In her collection, there are a few exceptions to smiling trolls. "Some, when you squeeze them, their tongue sticks out," Jennifer said. Then she squeezed one to make her point.

Jennifer sat on the canopied bed in her room, along with her mother, Rebecca, a former schoolteacher, while they talked about trolls. The child, who is as happy faced as her trolls, usually keeps the collection on her window sill, dresser and chest of drawers.

She got her first troll in February 1992. "I got it with my own money in Frankenmuth," she said. "I decided I would get 100 by Christmas. I kept on telling everybody what I wanted for my birthday and Christmas. By Christmas I had 100."

Jennifer bought her 74th troll at a Crackerbarrel restaurant. When the waitress learned she was a troll collector, "The waitress bought the 75th for her," Jennifer's mother recalled.

Last year, when Jennifer turned 8, "She had a party with 16 girlfriends. They got her 16 trolls," her mother said.

The smallest troll is one on a necklace Jennifer was wearing. She also has troll rings, earrings and pins, and a bracelet with a troll charm. Some of the larger trolls are like stuffed animals, rather than plastic.

For her 9th birthday, which she celebrated May 4, Jennifer got some more trolls including one from her grandmother. Last Halloween, both grandmothers unknowingly gave her identical trolls — witches with orange hair and black hats.

Cherishing each troll in her collection, Jennifer

said, "I've named them all. I know them all by heart but I haven't put tags on them." Only one row of trolls currently has names.

"Her uncle sent her one from Saudi Arabia," her mother said, showing a troll wearing the traditional, male Saudi garb. Jennifer said, "I named him Tommy 'cause Uncle Tommy got him."

Jennifer has a Christmas troll dressed as Santa, Halloween trolls (including the ones in witch's hats, and one with a skeleton body), and an Easter troll with rabbit ears.

An angel troll wears a gown and halo. A belly-dancer troll has a veiled face and a jewel in the navel. "Treasure Trolls" have diamond or heart-shaped jewels in their navels.

Another troll is dressed in exercise wear. Hula is the name of one of her favorite trolls, a hula dancer. A troll wearing a Spanish mantilla she named Pa-

peeta. "That means Jennifer, in English," she said.

She has a large, battery-operated baby troll that crawls on the floor. "It will fall down and laugh eventually," Jennifer said. She calls that one Baby Giggles. A troll on a skateboard can be slid back, and he will skate forward.

Some trolls are pairs — a bride and groom, a doctor and nurse. If she has identical trolls, or ones that are nearly identical, she calls them twins or triplets.

"I want to get 200 by this Christmas," Jennifer said confidently. "They won't stop. My dad doesn't even want to hear the word '200 trolls.'"

Jennifer's father, Jim, an attorney, who arrived just when his daughter was talking about him, said, grinning, "She's quite dedicated to collecting them, no question about it."

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JIM RIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Happy hobby: Wearing a "Troll Talk" T-shirt, Jennifer Elliott of Troy lies on her bedroom floor, surrounded by some of the 135 trolls she has collected since last year.