

A question of balance



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Mom in the middle: Diane Droste of Southfield decides to balance things out for Christiana Staples, Tyler Turner, Donte Graham and Joey Nowels, all of Southfield, on a sunny day last week in Englenook Park.

Fair's topflight musical lineup spans the years

The 1995 version of the the Michigan State Fair boasts an outstanding array of talent, spanning the generations of musical history.

From country to soul to rock 'n roll, there will be something for everyone at this year's Fair. The following entertainers will be performing in the Fairgrounds band shell, located near the southwest entrance of the Fairgrounds.

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Boyz II Men — Philadelphia born and bred, Boyz II Men catapulted into pop music superstardom after the release of their first album. They were faced with a difficult dilemma: how to follow up that album which sold 7 million copies, and won the group two Grammys, three American Music Awards, two Soul Train Awards, two NAACP Image Awards, two MTV Awards and one World Music award. Well, the "Boyz" have outdone themselves with the release of their second album, simply titled "II". They'll be setting the summer night on fire at this year's Fair with all of their most popular hits including "I'll Make Love to You," "End of the Road," and "Motownphilly."

Brandy — She is one of the fastest rising stars on the soul scene today. Her remarkable voice and talent have landed her guest spots on "Soul Train" and MTV's "Top 20 Video Countdown." She has stormed the pop and soul charts with a string of consecutive hits from her debut album. Now, this 16 year old singing sensation will visit the 1995 Michigan State Fair. Beautiful Effervescent. Sassy. Come and see what all the excitement is about.

That old time rock 'n roll Chuck Berry and Little Richard — If any one individual can be credited as the premier figure of rock and roll, it's Chuck Berry. And according to People magazine, "there could not have been a Michael Jackson if there had not been a Little Richard." Well, good golly, Miss Molly! Believe it or not, these two trailblazers of modern rock will take the stage together for a night of electrically charged, rock and roll boogie that will have you up and moving in the aisles.

The Guess Who — Smooth vocal harmony on a warm summer night... what could be more perfect. Flashback to the days of tie-dye shirts, peace and love with hits like "American Woman," and "No Sugar Tonight in My Coffee," the Guess Who will be a "must-see" for fans of classic rock 'n roll.

Southern Nights Joe Dille — Why Wil. The two best ways to describe the contemporary country sounds of Joe Dille. A highly successful country music writer in his own right, Joe success has taken the country music scene by no great surprise. Ballads that soothe and uptempo numbers that soar, Joe Dille is a must see for all country music lovers at the 1995 Michigan State Fair.

Faith Hill — "How does a country music star get started?" you ask. When her mom pays her 25 cents to sing for relatives at family reunions. And so, Faith's career was born. Her tale is a true success story, being discovered working as a receptionist, starting as a back-up singer and blossoming into a bona fide, country music powerhouse.

Little Texas — Little? This group is as big as the state itself in promotion of their latest release, "Kick a Little," the band is hitting the road, and touring sights across the country, spreading their infectious fun! The band's uniqueness is rooted in its combination of five voices and its position in the vanguard of a new generation of country bands.

Wade Hayes — Breaking up may be hard to do, but it certainly opened the doors of opportunity for Wade Hayes. Leaving his girlfriend caused Hayes to start writing a ballad so striking it quickly earned him Nashville song-pub-

lished and recording contracts. Now, his debut album, titled "Old Enough to Know Better" is poised at the country music charts Top 20. Visit this year's State Fair, and witness the beginning of what promises to be an incredible career.

Neal McCoy — Neal McCoy is a long-legged Texas jackrabbit who is very happy and very much at home in today's country music brier patch. Why? Two reasons — his 1994 album "No Doubt About It" and his January 1995 follow-up "You Gotta Have That!" Fans can expect to see a spontaneous show with the addition of both new songs and hits. In front of a crowd, Neal connects instantly, no holding back — so join his audience in song and laughter this year at the Fair!

Shenandoah — The Academy of Country Music's 1991 Vocal Group of the year, the four man, Muscle Shoals-based band has been a radio and fan favorite since arriving on the country music scene in 1987. Shenandoah is coming off of one of their most successful years as a recording act. Their newest release "In the Vicinity of the Heart" hit stores in mid-November, and their first single from the album went to the Top 10 of the country charts.

Pam Tillis — Described as a bridge linking country's traditions of earnestness and honesty with its modern flair for energy and variety, Pam is the reigning CMA Female Vocalist of the Year. She's been described as colorful and complex, vibrant, creative and distinctly individual. She embodies the spirit of today's modern country artist, and promises to be a standout during this year's 1995 Michigan State Fair entertainment series.

Tanya Tucker — Back, by popular demand! One of the reigning queens of country music, she needs no introduction, nor explanation. She is Tanya Tucker, and last year, she brought down the house, sun, moon and stars in one of the most memorable performances the Fair's band shell has ever seen. You have to see her to believe her. And even then, you might not believe your eyes or ears.

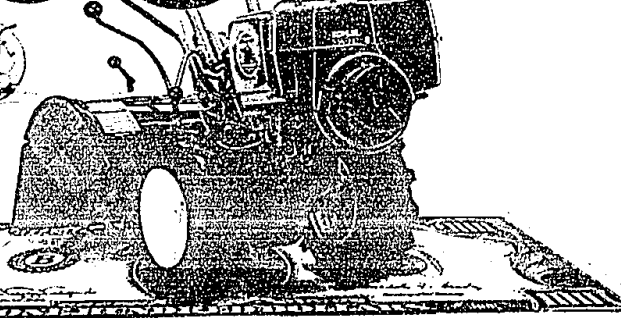
Patricia Loveless — If there is anything that sets hard country torch singer Patricia Loveless apart, it's that commitment to connecting with people's moments of doubt and exhilaration. Patty has staked her claim as the woman willing to turn her heart inside out to touch people. Her performance will be an unforgettable addition to this year's Michigan State Fair entertainment line-up.

The 1995 Michigan State Fair Entertainment Series Tuesday, August 22 — Little Texas and Faith Hill Wednesday, August 23 — He Announced Thursday, August 24 — Joe Dille Friday, August 25 — Brandy Saturday, August 26 — Wade Hayes Sunday, August 27 — The Guess Who Monday, August 28 — Pam Tillis Tuesday, August 29 — Boyz II Men Wednesday, August 30 — Shenandoah Thursday, August 31 — Patty Loveless Friday, September 1 — To Be Announced Saturday, September 2 — Neal McCoy Sunday, September 3 — Chuck Berry & Little Richard Monday, September 4 — Tanya Tucker



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