

## Nearby Spree offers fun for all

**T**he Farmington community doesn't have a monopoly on fireworks and fun. Neighboring communities, such as Livonia with its Spree, also offer a great deal to area residents.

If you plan on riding a lot of carnival rides at Spree 48, there are several ways to save money: all-day wristbands, coupons and, new to the Spree this year, Sunday Dollar Day.

This year's Spree will be June 23-28 at Ford Field.

The first and probably best way is by buying a \$10 wristband voucher. Each voucher can be exchanged for one all-day ride wristband at Spree. The vouchers, sold in advance of Spree, are good only for the day on which they are issued and cannot be used June 28.

People can purchase vouchers through: most elementary and middle school Parent-Teacher Associations; the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, (734) 261-2161; the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department, on the east side of city hall, (734) 466-2410; and Midwest Guaranty Bank, 37601 Five Mile Road in Livonia, (734) 591-4400.

All of the non-profit groups selling bands receive \$1 back for each one they sell, said William Fried, a board member of the Livonia Anniversary Committee Inc., the organization that puts on Spree.

You also can save money by purchasing an all-day wristband at the regular price, which is \$16. The wristbands are good only for the day on which they are purchased. They will be sold until 9 p.m. each night, June 23-27; no wristbands will be sold June 28.

The second way to save money is with coupons that are on Spree fliers. The fliers are available at various stores and other locations throughout the city. One coupon offers \$3 off the regular price of one all-day wristband June 23-25. The other coupon is for \$1 off one all-day wristband June 26-27. The coupons cannot be used to buy vouchers.

Another way to save money is by taking advantage of Sunday Dollar Day, which is new

to Spree this year.

On Sunday, June 28, all rides are just \$1 each, from noon to 6 p.m. Normally, they are \$1.50 to \$2.50 each. The Livonia Anniversary Committee is footing the bill for the difference.

Rich Skaggs, president of the Anniversary Committee, came up with the idea of Sunday Dollar Day to give families a break and to bring people out on a day that's usually less crowded, Fried said.

Sunday Dollar Day is just one of the committee's many service projects, he said.

Each year, the committee gives some of the proceeds from Spree back to the community in the form of student scholarships, donations to local schools and charities and purchases for the city, Fried said.

For example, he said, the committee put \$17,000 into the press box at Ford Field last year.

The committee's board of directors has 17 members plus two ex-officio members, who are Livonia's mayor and a person appointed by the mayor. The committee also has about 12 to 15 members who aren't on the board, Fried said. Members must be residents of Livonia, he said.

For information about joining the committee, call (734) 427-8190.

## Rides provide lots of laughs

Pugh Shows will present a variety of rides at this year's Livonia Spree. Cape Fear, a brand-new "haunting experience," will make its Michigan debut at Spree 48. It is imported from Italy and is the only version of this ride found in the U.S. It offers a terrifying ride through a multi-level structure.

The Musik Express, imported from Germany, simulates an out of control sleigh ride through the mountains. A disc jockey plays Top 40 tunes.



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