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Toledo and as far east as Canada.

"We try to provide something for overyone," said Coombs.

"In line-up includes an eclectic collection of music, from rock to Motown to country. The Temparana na rea where musical acts are drawn to so many venues to thought to Motown to country. The Temparana control, the Fox The Knob Music Theatre and the Fox The Leppard and 98 Degrees are just from the Country "pale in comparison" to those in the metrace of the country "pale in comparison" to those in the metrace of the country "pale in comparison" to those in the metrace of the Michigan State Fair, which dopens Tuesday, agreed.

"We are in a unique place in the United States," said Hertel.
"Most State Fairs do not compete with Pine Knob, Joe Louis Arena, The Palace, Meadow Brook. We're particularly proud

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providing free concerts, they your grandfather's farm, Codar must cover the ever-increasing Points and Pine Knob all in one casts associated with those day.

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shows.
"I'm not sure where you'll be able to see Journey anywhere else for \$10," he said. "It's still an excellent value."
But music isn't the only draw for visitors to this summer's

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State Pair.

The 1999 Michigan State Fair
has matured in a new and different way, said Hertol. We are us
clean as Disney here. Secondly,
we are the safest fair in America.
No fair in America can compare
in terms of safety.

Hortel spoke with confidence
and pride about this year's event
as he addressed members of the
pross during a conforance Tuesday, Aug. 3 at the fairgrounds.
Quiet and vacant, the grounds
showed only a hint of the energy
brewing in preparation for the
State Fair.

"Everything here must be

State Fair.

"Everything here must be quality, from the livestock to the exhibits to all of the sponsors," said Hortel. "It's like going to

Each day, certain attractions are sure to capture the attention of visitors to the fairgrounds. The Stove, built in 1893 for the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, will surely be noticed. Reaching 25-feet high, 20-feet wide and 30-feet long, the stove serves as a reminder that Michigan was once the stove capital of the world.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan and Michigan State University are bringing back the Miracle of Life Birthing Exhibit, giving visitors an up-close look. as cows, ewes and sows give-birth. This year's exhibit includes a demonstration of ultrasounds on sheep and sheep shearing.

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DaimlerChrysler will offer free rides on the Drunk Driving sim-ulator 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. More than 65 other rides can be found on the Wade Shows Mid-way, including Giant White

Entertainers will perform at The Band Sholl, located at the southwest entrance to the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

Tickets: 1,500 Gold Circle seats will be available for each show through Ticketmaster for \$10 eech plus admission to the fair. Contact Ticketmaster of \$249, 645-6866 or purchase tickets entilled at www.ticketmaster.com. General admission to the fair does not guarantee free entry into The Band Shell.

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8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6 Journey

Water Flume.

The Children's Theater will offer the story of "The Emperor's New Clothes," by Henry K. Marin Productions. The show will be performed twice daily on week-days and three times daily on weekends in the Community



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Worth. Last year, a strong man's competition was added to appeal to sports fans. This year a murder mystery and celebration of Irish culture was added. In the festival will be open during the week's to draw students and kids at summer camps. With the resurgence of interest in the works of William Shakespeare, Taylor believes more people are interested in the life and times of the Renaissance. They don't have to look far.

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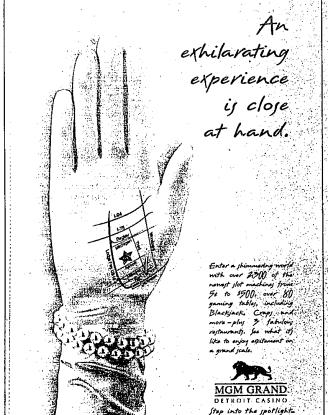
Beneath the costume and Eliz-

abethan language, Shakespeare can be found at Hollygrove. "Our goal is to be truly authentic," said Shakespeare, through his living facsimile, Tom Aston. "Everything we do is intended to make the guests to Hollygrove feel like winners."

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feel like winners."
Aston, who coordinates the performing arts programs at Oakland University, began as a consultant to the featival in the late 1970s. He joined the cast in the early 1980s, long before the bard from Stratford enjoyed a consustance on the citys grown. resurgence on the silver screen





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