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Stanton Old Fashioned Days 2026: "Celebrating 250 Years of the U.S.A."



This "American Ride" has traveled through many decades to appear in the Old Fashioned Days Car Show.

By Bethel Larsen

With a long weekend packed with a varied list of activities, Stanton Old Fashioned Days offers more in three days than three writers could adequately cover, let alone one grandma hoofing it from the nearest available parking to downtown and back. With apologies for the sketchy coverage and applause for all those who worked for months on the many weekend events, said

grandma will offer a quick look at the festival that makes Stanton, Michigan an exciting place to be on the second weekend in August—August 14-16 this year, to be exact. "Old-fashioned Pride, All-American Ride" captions a logo that features an old-fashioned Ferris wheel above a tractor, a pickup truck, and a motorcycle. Though most of the carnival midway rides that entertained past generations have given way to inflat-

able bounce houses and slides, a genuine Ferris wheel towered above Main Street during Old Fashioned Days this year. From below, it stood as a glowing centerpiece amid downtown festivities. From above, it offered each passenger a momentary view from an eagle's perspective. As for the pickup, the tractor, and the motorcycle, each would have its place in the center of downtown action over the course of the weekend.

Though I am not acquainted with this year's Grand Marshal, Ronald Blum, the biographical sketch offered in the festival booklet portrays a Vietnam veteran, a dedicated family man, and a citizen who has served the Stanton area in many different capacities—a man anyone would be happy to have as a neighbor. The fun began on Friday as yard sales popped up around Stanton and on country roads outside of

town and "A Walk through Stanton History" showcased the people, events, and artifacts of Stanton's past in an attractive display at White Pine District Library on New Street. My "walk" just before the noon closing on Saturday was more like a sprint, but visitors early this week may have managed a more leisurely stroll before the exhibit was dismantled.

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Summer Forecast

Thu Sunny, with a high near 81. Calm wind becoming west 5 to 7 mph in the afternoon.
Thu Night Mostly clear, with a low around 55.
Fri Mostly sunny, with a high near 81.
Fri Night A chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Sat A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 78.
Sat Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.
Sun Sunny, with a high near 77.
Sun Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.
Mon Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.



Annual Art Show Held at Tamarack District Library

By Bethel Larsen

We hope you didn't miss it! We nearly did! That is why, with apologies, we offer a retrospective of Tamarack District Library's annual Art Show instead of a reminder to hurry in and see the work of your Lakeview area neighbors entered in the competition this year. The art was on display August 10 -15, with ballots available for visitors to select First, Second, and Third-place awards in Adult, Teen, and Youth divisions. Cash prizes were provided by Community First Federal Credit Union, Isabella Bank, and Mercantile Bank.

Happily, I was in town on Tuesday afternoon last week when it dawned on me that the show was in progress. Regrettably, it was past deadline for Lakeview Area News. Permit me,

nevertheless, to take you along on my leisurely stroll through TDL's temporary gallery. The variety of media and subjects rendered by local artists is truly impressive! A collage of antique patchwork, jewelry, and photos titled "Crazy Quilt" by Sandra Snyder called to mind the work-baskets of our grandmothers. In contrast, Lee Chase's acrylic painting "The Haven of Rest" portrays the multi-tiered masts of a ship with a stark simplicity suggestive of Japanese calligraphy. Bright autumn colors and dense layering of artificial floral materials made Mary England's "Fall Flowers Grapevine Wreath" and Gail Weisert-Sheneman's exuberant florals heaped on stiletto heels a delight to the eyes. (continued on page 2)



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