DURAND Railroad Days May 16-19

Celebrating 44 Years!

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Welcome to Durand Railroad Days! Now celebrating its 44th year, it is with great pride that Railroad Days, Inc. in cooperation with the City of Durand, Durand Union Station, Inc., Durand Model Railroad Engineers, Inc. and the Durand Area Lions Club is able to honor the men and women who have worked and contributed to the railroading heritage that has been such a vital part of our community. We are proud to showcase our city to our residents, neighbors, friends and visitors.

Our festival is located at the end of the downtown area with the carnival being on Main Street between Hagel and Railroad streets. Maps showing the different event sites to help you find points of interest are included in the booklet as well as a map showing the parade route. Please note that not all side streets are included on the overall maps, just those that require reference.

Many of the events from last year are returning including the parade, carnival, Rib Burn, KidsQue, chain saw carving by Saw’n Logs Chain Saw Art, kiddie tractor pull, cow bingo and sawdust pile treasure hunt, to name a few.

New this year are two free movies in the Activity Tent on Friday rather than one, an adult comedy show in the Graff Chevrolet of Durand Event Tent on Saturday, a memorial car show on Clinton Street on Sunday and the addition of an age class for the Kiddie Tractor Pedal Pull on Sunday.

The Activity Tent will see events from last year such as the Beautiful Baby Contest, the Teen Dance, Kathy’s School of Dance and the Stiltwalker. The Graff Chevrolet of Durand Event Tent will see the return of the Trivia Contest, the KidsQue and Kiddie Tractor Pedal Pull.

We are happy to announce that Big Rock Amusements will be returning for the third year. Old favorites and exciting new rides will be part of the amusement venue in the carnival area. Come see their colorful, brightly lighted rides and games and see what they have to offer. Also returning is “Thursday Morning Free Rides” open to area school students from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. See the article later in the booklet for more information on rides, times and prices.

Be sure to visit the display of railroad history by NRMI in Iron Horse Park and take part in the Artwalk in between elephant ears and rides. The Durand Union Station will be having events and NEW displays in the depot, a Euchre tournament on Thursday AND NEW this year, an audio tour will be available in parts of the depot. Information about these events and more can be found in the booklet.

Please note that the railroad crossing gate will be closed again this year. Please do not cross the tracks near the festival to get to the depot. Shuttles will be available at the corner of Main and Railroad streets to take you to the depot. Access by car from the festival is east on Main Street to Russell Street then west on Ann Arbor Street. Please reference the map in the booklet.

You can read more about our celebration by visiting our web site at www.durandrailroaddays.com. Remember that no pets are allowed downtown and in the carnival area during the festival for the safety and consideration of all our guests. Be safe and enjoy!
Richard “Dick” Crandall has been selected the 2019 Railroad Person of the Year. This award is sponsored by Durand Union Station, Inc. in conjunction with Durand Railroad Days.

Richard graduated from Birch Run High School in 1969 and started working for the railroad immediately after graduation. He worked for Grand Trunk Western/Canadian National as a First Class Carpenter, Assistant Foreman and Foreman for the Bridges & Building Division. He worked out of several locations including Durand, Pontiac and Detroit. After 41 years of service, he retired from the railroad in 2010.

Richard is a second-generation Grand Trunk Western/Canadian National railroad worker; both his father and his brother each served thirty years with the same company. The family has over 100 years of a combined service - a true railroad family.

Richard also served for 32 years as a fireman with the Montrose Township Fire Department where he was a first responder and sergeant driver. In addition, he was a First Response volunteer for various Montrose sporting events and played Santa for the fire department. He was a charter member of the Montrose Eagles who bestowed him with the Outstanding Citizen Award. Other awards include Citizen of the Month from the City of Montrose and Fireman of the Year twice.

Richard has been married to his wife, Trudy, for 44 years and have lived in Montrose their entire married lives. They have two daughters, Tiffany Hassett and Stacey Lee as well as three grandchildren, Kannon Hassett, Nicholas Lee and Madison Lee. Richard enjoys fishing, hunting, camping and spending time with friends at the Montrose Depot known fondly as the “Liar’s Club.”

Please congratulate Richard as he receives his award on Friday, May 17 at 6 p.m. at the Durand Union Station and wave to him as he passes by in the Railroad Days Parade!
2019 Miss Railroad Days and Attendant

The 2019 Miss Railroad Days Queen is Emily Hartzell and her Attendant is Madison Dagen. They were crowned by the 2018 Miss Railroad Days Queen, Haley Zdunic, and her Attendant, Madison Pellman, at a crowning ceremony held in the grand ballroom of the Durand Union Station.

Emily Hartzell, Miss Railroad Days Queen 2019, is the daughter of Ernie and Jennifer Hartzell of Durand. She is 18 years old and is a senior at Durand High School. Emily is very active in school including being a member of the varsity soccer team, volleyball team, choir, madrigals and Spanish Club. Emily is also Class President for the 2019 graduating class, is a member of the National Honor Society and is ranked in the top ten of her class. She has earned seven varsity letters, has maintained academic excellence and has been named Student of the Month.

Emily plans to attend Western Michigan University to study aviation. Emily is sponsored by Shaw’s Pharmacy of Durand.

Madison Dagen, Miss Railroad Days Attendant 2019, is the daughter of Nikole Dagen of Bancroft and James and Tiffany Dagen of Battle Creek. She is 16 years old and is a junior at Durand High School.

Madison’s school activities include being a member of the Spanish Club, Varsity Cheer Team, helping with school blood drives and being a peer mentor. She has maintained academic excellence earning academic awards and letters.

Her favorite thing is to volunteer. Some of her volunteerism includes helping at the Bancroft Grange, decorating the Durand Depot, helping with the Depot Santa visits, assisting with a 3 to 4 year old cheer team, a special needs cheer team and the Durand youth cheer.

Madison plans to attend Michigan State University, Grand Valley State University, Central Michigan University or Western Michigan University to study nursing specializing in neonatal care. Madison is sponsored by All About U Fitness.

These young ladies will represent the Railroad Days Festival and the Durand Community in various parades and community functions throughout the year.

Miss Railroad Days and her Attendant are sponsored by Randy Wise Chrysler Dodge Jeep & Ram of Durand. Photos are provided courtesy of A&R Portraits of Durand.

2019 Durand Railroad Days Princess

The 2019 Railroad Days Princess is Sophia Latreille, who was crowned by the 2018 Railroad Days Princess, Na’Kia Tate, at a crowning ceremony held at the Durand Union Station.

Sophia is the daughter of Justin Latreille and Cassandra Kallin. She is 7 years old and a second grader at Robert Kerr Elementary School. She has an older brother, Julius, and an older sister, Madison.

Sophia enjoys playing basketball, dancing, and playing with her dog, Polka. She is sponsored by Windmill Point in Bancroft.

The Durand Lioness Club is the sponsor of the Princess Contest. Photographs of this year’s participants are provided by A&R Portraits of Durand.

A special thank you to the other businesses who also sponsored contestants this year: Little Caesars of Durand.
2019 Durand Railroad Days Prince

The 2019 Railroad Days Prince is Jaxon Weiske who was crowned by the 2018 Prince, Ricky Taljonick, at a crowning ceremony held at the Durand Union Station.

Jaxon is the son of Ashley and David Lockhart of Durand and Bob Varco of Vernon. He is 7 years old and is a second grader at Robert Kerr Elementary. Ricky has a younger sister, Luci, and a new baby sister, Gabriella.

Jaxon enjoys many activities including Cub Scouts, baseball and football. He also enjoys riding 4-wheelers, snowmobiles and boats. Jaxon is sponsored by D-Railed Bar & Grill.

Randy Wise Chrysler Jeep Dodge & Ram is the sponsor of the Prince Contest. Photographs of this year’s participants are provided by A&R Portraits of Durand.

Durand Library Events

The Durand Memorial Branch of the Shiawassee District Library is celebrating Railroad Days 2019 with a display of children’s railroad art and a used book sale. The library is located at 700 N. Saginaw St. just north of downtown on the edge of Trumble Park.

Drawings created by talented students in grades K-4 at Robert Kerr and Bertha Neal Elementary Schools in Durand will be displayed throughout May at the library. The pictures will include a variety of Railroad Days’ themes such as trains and the Durand Union Station.

The Friends of the Library book sale will be held on the following days:

- Thursday, May 16 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday, May 17 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, May 18 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Monday, May 20 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A variety of books for all ages will be available and sorted for sale including hardcover, paperback, fiction and non-fiction. Proceeds from the book sale will help fund projects of the Friends of the Library.

More information can be found on the library’s website www.sdl.lib.mi.us, on the Shiawassee District Library Durand Memorial Branch Facebook page or by calling the Durand Memorial Library at (989) 288-3743.
Chainsaw Carving Returns to RAILROAD DAYS

See the magic of the chainsaw as Ken Buggia of Shields displays his skills in chainsaw carving. Ken learned this fascinating art in the state of Washington from Master Carver Don Colp. He has continued carving for the enjoyment of the craft and has been carving at events and making custom pieces for several years. Mr. Buggia brings his skills to Railroad Days once again for the enjoyment of all.

Come watch as carvings come to life across from the Activity Tent during the following time slots:
- **Friday, May 17** 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 18** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Sunday, May 19** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Carvings will be available for purchase. Come, watch and see what incredible creations come from a single, shapeless piece of wood!
### DURAND RAILROAD DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019**

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<td>Euchre tournament at the Durand Union Station; registration begins at 6 p.m. with play starting at 6:30 p.m. Entry fee is $5</td>
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<td>8 p.m.</td>
<td>Karaoke with DJ Shep-D-Railed Bar &amp; Grill</td>
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<td>Trivia Contest-Graff Chevrolet of Durand Event Tent-doors open at 6 p.m.; contest begins at 7 p.m.; $10/person-see article for details</td>
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<td>Live music by “Shiatown”- D-Railed Bar &amp; Grill</td>
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<td>Treasures Along The Rail: Artwalk 2019 - A self-guided tour pick-up your information packet in the Activity Tent</td>
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DURAND RAILROAD DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, May 18, 2019

8:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Free movie night in the Activity Tent. Showing “TrainQuest” (adventure, family, fantasy)

9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Children’s Railroad Days art display and used book sale at the Durand Memorial Library

9 a.m. Rib Burn-check in and meat inspection - sponsored by Graff Chevrolet of Durand, the Mid-Michigan Chevrolet Dealers and Smokin’ in the D BBQ

see article for details

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Grand Trunk & Ann Arbor galleries open on the second floor of the depot

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Depot-Open to visitors–Events include:

-Freight Room Food Wagon open-selling food and snacks
-Lego display by the Michigan Lego User Group
-Operation Life Saver display
-Durand Union Station Model Railroad Engineers display
-Mid-Michigan Railway Historical Society
-Mich Association of Railroad Passengers will share joys of train travel
-Depot Audio Tours available

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Caboose located at corner of Main & Railroad streets open to the public

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Shuttle service to the Depot available on the corner of Main & Railroad streets courtesy of Randy Wise Durand, Durand Mobil and the Durand Union Station

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Queen’s reception for Miss Railroad Days and visiting royalty-First Congregational Church on Saginaw Street (invitation only)

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Honoring the Past and Celebrating the Present-Iron Horse Park. Railroad exhibits in the Pullman Baggage Car-Theme “RAILROADS: HATE ‘EM, LOVE ‘EM, NEED ‘EM; free bouncy house for children under 8-years old (Saturday only); tour Engine 5632; see the gate tower; NRMI Express free trackless train rides (Saturday only); surprises and refreshments-see article for more details.

11 a.m.-6 p.m. Chainsaw carver, Ken Buggia, demonstrating and selling carvings across from the Activity Tent

11 a.m.-Closing Carnival rides by Big Rock Amusements sponsored by the Durand Area Lions Club. Wristband price for the entire session is $25.

2019 ANNUAL RAILROAD DAYS PARADE

Line up at 11 a.m. at the Durand High School parking lot

Cornhole tournament registration begins at D-Railed Bar & Grill - entry fee is $5

Cornhole tournament at D-Railed Bar & Grill begins

Michigan Stiltwalker, Neil Sauter, performs in the Activity Tent - Free - Sponsored by Riverside Market of Durand

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**Durand Railroad Days Schedule of Events**

**Graff Chevrolet of Durand Event Tent Schedule for Saturday**

- **3 p.m.** KidsQue BBQ Contest - check in
- **8 p.m.** Adult Comedy Night (Must be 21 years of age or older) - see article for details

**Activity Tent Schedule for Saturday**

- **2:45 p.m.** Michigan Stiltwalker, Neil Sauter, performs-puppet show, lessons, etc. - Sponsored by Riverside Market of Durand
- **4 p.m.-5 p.m.** Kathy’s School of dance performs in exhibition
- **4 p.m.** Sawdust Pile Treasure Hunt on Main St. just east of Choo-Choo Square (in front of the Activity Tent)
- **7 p.m.-11 p.m.** Free teen dance-open to teens 12 and older - Music by Young Entertainment

**Sunday, May 19, 2019**

- **8:30 a.m.** Registration - First Annual Rick Taljonick III Cars for Cancer - $25 registration fee - on Clinton Street between Saginaw Street and the Water Tower
- **9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.** Registration for the Beautiful Baby Contest - $15/child in the Activity Tent - Sponsored by PFCU and A&R Portraits of Durand

**Activity Tent Schedule for Sunday**

- **2:45 p.m.** Michigan Stiltwalker, Neil Sauter, performs-puppet show, lessons, etc. - Sponsored by Riverside Market of Durand
- **4 p.m.-5 p.m.** Kathy’s School of dance performs in exhibition
- **4 p.m.** Sawdust Pile Treasure Hunt on Main St. just east of Choo-Choo Square (in front of the Activity Tent)
- **7 p.m.-11 p.m.** Free teen dance-open to teens 12 and older - Music by Young Entertainment

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10 a.m.-2 p.m. First Annual Rick Taljonick III Cars for Cancer car show - on Clinton Street between Saginaw Street and the Water Tower

11 a.m. Beautiful Baby Contest begins

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Model Train Show - Durand Middle School; admission - $5; Children 10 years old and under are free

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Honoring the Past and Celebrating the Present - Iron Horse Park: Railroad exhibits in the Pullman Baggage Car - Theme “RAILROADS: HATE ‘EM, LOVE ‘EM, NEED ‘EM; tour Engine 5632; see the gate tower; surprises and refreshments - see article for more details.

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Noon-5 p.m. Depot-Open to visitors – Events include:
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- Lego display by the Michigan Lego User Group
- Operation Lifesaver display
- Durand Union Station Model Railroad Engineers display
- Mich Association of Railroad Passengers will share joys of train travel
- Depot Audio Tours available

Noon-5 p.m. Caboose located at corner of Main and Railroad Streets open to the public

Noon-5 p.m. Shuttle service to the Depot and the Middle School available on the corner of Main & Railroad streets courtesy of Randy Wise Durand, Durand Mobil and the Durand Union Station. Service will also go to the Durand Middle School for the Model Train Show.

Noon-Closing Carnival rides by Big Rock Amusements sponsored by Durand Area Lions Club Wristband price for this session is $20.

1 p.m. KIDDIE TRACTOR PEDAL PULL in the Graff Chevrolet of Durand Event Tent. Sponsored by local area businesses and civic groups beginning with Class 1 (ages 3 & 4) and Class 2 (ages 5 & 6). Class 3 (ages 7 & 8) and Class 4 (ages 9 & 10) will start after Classes 1 and 2 are finished. Class 5 (ages 11 & 12) will start after Classes 1-4 are finished. Organized by the Durand Lions Club and the Iron Horse Pub. FREE!!!

GRAFF CHEVROLET OF DURAND EVENT TENT SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY

1 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull - see article for details

ACTIVITY TENT SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY

9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Registration for the Beautiful Baby Contest - $15/child sponsored by PFCU and A & R Portraits

11 a.m. Beautiful Baby Contest begins
EVENTS AT THE DEPOT

Railroad Days isn’t complete unless you visit the historic Durand Union Station, the 114-year-old landmark that brings railroading history to life. New museum displays will be unveiled, including logging, mining and shipping, a redesigned hobo exhibit, the evolution of locomotive engines, and a previously unseen tower clock made by John Sandula, builder of the clock in Downtown Durand! Popular exhibits from years past will be on display as well, including the working telegraph! All of these exhibits and more are located in the Michigan Railroad History Museum inside the Depot.

Small-gauge train displays will be set up inside the Depot. Along with the extensive H-O scale display maintained at the station by the Durand Union Station Model Railroad Engineers, visitors will get to see the handiwork of the Mid-Michigan Railway Historical Society. The incredible work of the Michigan Lego Users Group will be back on display in the Depot Boardroom all weekend as well.

The Grand Trunk and Ann Arbor Railroad museum rooms will be staffed with members who will share the history of the two railroads that played such important roles in Durand’s past and Michigan’s history.

The Depot and caboose will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Food will be served from the freight room food wagon on Saturday and Sunday along with shuttles to and from the station. The shuttles will include stops downtown to the carnival and over to the middle school for the annual Model Train Show on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shuttle vehicles are generously provided by Randy Wise Durand and Durand Mobil.

Thursday, May 16
- 6 to 9:30 p.m. - Euchre Tournament-in the Durand Union Station Ballroom. Registration 6 to 6:30 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. Registration is $5 with cash prizes.

Friday, May 17
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Durand Union Station open to visitors-Events include:
  - Durand Union Station Model Railroad Engineers’ display
  - 6 p.m. - Award Ceremony honoring the 2019 Railroad Person of the Year, Richard Crandall in the Durand Union Station Ballroom - open to the public

Saturday, May 18
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Depot open to visitors-Events include:
  - Freight Room Food Wagon open - selling food and snacks
  - Lego display by the Michigan Lego User Group
  - Operation Life Saver display
  - Durand Union Station Model Railroad Engineers’ display
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- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Grand Trunk & Ann Arbor galleries open on the second floor of the depot

Sunday, May 19
- Noon to 5 p.m. - Depot open to visitors-Events include:
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  - Durand Union Station Model Railroad Engineers’ display
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  - Shuttle service to the Depot available on the corner of Main and Railroad streets - service will also go to Durand Middle School for the Model Train Show
  - Caboose located at the corner of Main and Railroad streets open to the public
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Model Train Show - Durand Middle School-Admission $5; children 10 years old and under are free

Come and enjoy these activities and view one of the most photographed depots in the nation!!

Railroad Days events at the Durand Union Station are sponsored by:
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Have FUN at Railroad Days!
Come one; come all to the 2019 Railroad Days Parade!!

Watch as the procession marches toward the downtown area from the high school access road. The parade lineup includes veterans, royalty, clowns, bands, horses and much more. Be sure to wave to Miss Railroad Days 2019, Emily Hartzell and her Attendant, Madison Dagen, as well as the Railroad Days Princess, Sophia Latreille, and the Railroad Days Prince, Jaxon Wieske. This year’s Railroad Person of the Year, Richard Crandall, will also be among the parade participants. Watch Stiltwalker Neil Sauter as he walks tall down the parade route and enjoy his show in the Activity Tent after the parade. Have fun and enjoy!

Railroad Days, Inc. would like to thank ALL the businesses, civic organizations and the City of Durand and its employees for their contributions to the 2019 parade and festival.
GRAFF CHEVROLET OF DURAND
EVENT TENT

Friday, May 17
6 p.m. - Trivia Contest - “Doors open”. To benefit the Durand Education Foundation. $10/Person Entry - See article for details. Limit 15 tables
7 p.m. - Trivia Contest - Trivia Contest begins

Saturday, May 18
3 p.m. - KidsQue Check in - registration must be received by Friday, May 18. $20 Entry. Sponsored by Graff Chevrolet of Durand, The Mid-Mich Chevrolet Dealers & Smokin’ in the D
3:30 p.m. - KidsQue Mandatory meeting
4 p.m. - KidsQue Cooking begins
8 p.m. - Adult comedy night. Adult comedy routines by John Raynor & musical comedy by Jack Willhite. $5 Entry. Beverages from Right Brain Brewery and Burgdorf Winery will be available for purchase. See article for more details.

Sunday, May 19
1 p.m. - FREE Kiddie Tractor Pull - Pull will take place in the tent - see article for age groups and details

ACTIVITY TENT

Friday, May 17
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. - Free Movie Night Showing: Boxcar Children
8:30 p.m.-10 p.m. - Free Movie Night Showing: TrainQuest

Saturday, May 18
2:45 p.m. - Stiltwalker, Neil Sauter does balloon puppet show, gives lessons, etc. FREE Sponsored by Riverside Market of Durand
4 p.m. - Kathy’s School of Dance Dance exhibitions FREE
4 p.m. - Sawdust Pile Treasure Hunt - In the street in front of the Activity Tent FREE Sponsored by Acker Agency and XYZ Landscape Supply. See article for age groups and details
7 p.m. - Teen Dance - Music by DJ Bill Young FREE

Sunday, May 19
9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. - Beautiful Baby Contest Registration - Sponsored by PFCU and A&R Portraits $15 Entry
11 a.m. - Beautiful Baby Contest Begins
**FIRST ANNUAL**
**RICK TALJONICK III**
**CARS FOR CANCER CAR SHOW**

The First Annual Rick Taljonick III Cars for Cancer Car Show will be held during Railroad Days. It is an event to honor the memory of Richard Taljonick III who battled brain cancer (Glioblastoma) for over two years. May 19 is special for the first car show as it would have been Rick's 44th birthday and May is Brain Cancer Awareness Month.

Monies from the car show will be used to create and sustain the not-for-profit organization, Piece Filled Hearts, which is being formed to provide resources and assistance to families who have loved ones battling cancer.

- **When:** Sunday, May 19
- **Where:** Clinton Street between Saginaw Street and the Water Tower
- **Registration begins:** 8:30 a.m.
- **Entry Fee:** $25/entry
- **Car Show:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Forms are available on the Railroad Day's website at www.durandrailroaddays.com.

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**Carnival Rides by BIG ROCK AMUSEMENTS Open Thursday!**

Big Rock Amusements is returning to Railroad Days for the third straight year to provide carnival rides, games and delicious food. Originally from the Chesaning area, Big Rock Amusements provides a variety of bright, colorful and exciting rides for your enjoyment.

Experience that wonderful carnival atmosphere by riding the 80-foot high Giant Ferris Wheel, touching the sky on the 105-foot high Airflyer Swing Tower or chasing each other on Bumper Cars. Some other rides that will be part of this year’s carnival will be the Zipper, the Himalaya, the Carousel, NASCAR Speedway, Ring of Fire, the Bear, Dragon Wagon and Fun Slide; just to name a few.

Complete your carnival experience by playing the games and savoring the food you can only get at a carnival midway.

Wrist bands will be available for a cost of $20 on Thursday, Friday and Sunday. Saturday bracelets will be $25 for the entire day. Session time periods are as follows:

- **Thursday, May 16** 5 p.m.-Closing
- **Friday, May 17** 5 p.m.-Closing
- **Saturday, May 18** 11 a.m.-Closing
  (the wristband cost is $25 for Saturday)
- **Sunday, May 19** Noon-Closing

Also returning this year is "THURSDAY MORNING FREE RIDES"!
This is open to area school students from 6 a.m. until 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 16. Come and enjoy!!!

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Meet the Michigan Stiltwalker

Marvel at the amazing Michigan Stiltwalker, Neil Sauter, as he interacts with the crowd during the Railroad Days parade on Saturday, May 18. Hailing from Blissfield, Neil earned his nickname when he walked 832 miles from Toledo, Ohio to Iron Mountain, Michigan on stilts to raise money for charity. He has held a marathon world record on stilts and has been featured in Ripley’s Believe It Or Not.

After the parade, at approximately 2:45 p.m., Neil will present a children’s program in the Activity Tent. His program will include a balloon puppet show, lessons on the basics of balloon twists and designs. Following the lessons, participants will be invited to help build a giant balloon sculpture. All ages are welcome. His program gets parents involved and is great for middle and high school ages as well.

After the Activity Tent program, Neil will wander around the Railroad Days festivities for a short time so if you don’t get to see him in the parade or in the Activity Tent, be sure to “track” him down and meet him!

Neil is sponsored by Riverside Market of Durand

Railroad Days 19th Annual Sawdust Pile Treasure Hunt

Don’t forget to bring your children (up to age 10) to the Annual Sawdust Pile Treasure Hunt!!! Prizes ($300 in Quarters and Trinkets) will be hidden in a sawdust pile. Children will have great fun digging through the sawdust in search of prizes for specific time intervals with other children in their age group (youngest first).

- Date: Saturday, May 18
- Time: 4 p.m.
- Place: On Main Street, East of Choo-Choo Square
- Cost: FREE!!
- Sponsors: Acker Agency of Durand (Prizes) XYZ Landscape Supply (Sawdust)

Buy a Chance at Cow Bingo!!!

Everyone’s favorite game of chance, Cow Bingo, will be back again at the 2019 Railroad Days Celebration. Try your luck at guessing which patch of grass Rosie will choose to grace with her “presence.”

One hundred squares will be marked off on the southeast corner of Main and Railroad streets. There will be 400 chances sold (4 chances per square). Tickets can be purchased for $5 per square in advance through Durand FFA Alumni members, Matt and Sandy Blight at Blight Propane, or at the Cow Bingo area from 3 p.m.-3:45 p.m. while tickets last.

- When: Saturday, May 18
- Time: 4 p.m.
- Where: Southeast corner of Main and Railroad streets

There will be 4 winners for the “chosen” square and each winner will receive a $100 cash prize. Proceeds from the Cow Bingo will go to the Jeffrey Cole Memorial Fund.

Come and encourage Rosie to choose just the right spot as you “watch and wait.” In the event that Rosie has stage fright and does not “perform” by 6 p.m., she must return to the farm to be milked. At that time, a number will be drawn to determine the winner(s) of the event. Good luck!!!

Trivia Contest

Durand Railroad Days, Inc. is excited to announce the Second Railroad Days Trivia Contest which is sponsored by Graff Chevrolet of Durand. The contest, facilitated by the Durand Education Foundation, will be held in the Graff Chevrolet of Durand Event Tent.

- Where: Graff Chevrolet of Durand Event Tent
- When: Friday, May 17
- Time: Doors open at 6 p.m.; Contest starts at 7 p.m.
- Entry fee: $10/person will be taken at the door

Contestants may bring food into the event but no outside beverages. Adult beverages from Burgdorf Winery of Haslett and Right Brain Brewery of Traverse City as well as soft drinks and bottled water will be available to purchase on site.

So put your team together (up to 8 members per table) and call or text (989) 277-2926 or send an email to durandeducationfdn@gmail.com to reserve your table. Reserve your table early as there are only 15 tables available. This will be on a first come basis.

Good luck and good thinking!
Fourth Annual KidsQue

Love the smell of hamburgers cooking on the grill? Be sure to sign your child up for the Fourth Annual Durand Railroad Days KidsQue barbeque contest. This is a grilling contest for youths 8-12 years old.

**When:** Saturday, May 18

**Where:** Graff Chevrolet of Durand Event Tent

**Check in:** 3 p.m.

**Mandatory meeting:** 3:30 p.m. (adult must be present)

**Start your grills:** 4 p.m.

**Turn in time:** 5 p.m.

**Entry fee:** $20 per contestant

**Registration:** Preregistration is required.

Registration forms and rules are available on the Railroad Days website www.durandrailroaddays.com. Forms must be received by Friday, May 17. Please allow plenty of time for mail delivery.

**Limit:** 20 participants-first come

The entries will be judged on presentation, tenderness, flavor, etc. Grills, charcoal, ground chuck (provided by Durand Meat Processing) and turn in boxes will be furnished. Participants provide their own spices, pre-prepared condiments (such as onions, pickles, etc.), buns (if desired) and cooking utensils. **No knives will be allowed on site.** Plan for three hamburgers.

**IMPORTANT:** Adult supervision is required, however, only the contestants are allowed to cook, prepare and handle their entries.

Cash prizes and plaques will be awarded: 1st place-$200; 2nd, place-$100; 3rd place-$50; and 4th place-$25. For more information call the Railroad Days phone at (989) 288-4080.

_A special thank you to this year’s contest sponsors:_ Graff Chevrolet of Durand, The Mid-Michigan Chevrolet Dealers, Smokin’ in the D BBQ and Durand Meat Processing

**Good luck and good cooking!**

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**FREE TEEN DANCE**

The free teen dance is returning to Railroad Days for the second year. Sponsored by Railroad Days, Inc. this dance is a fun alternative for those tweens and teens who don’t want to ride the rides or are looking for something in between!!

**Where:** Activity Tent

**When:** Saturday, May 18

**Time:** 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

**Music:** Provided by Young Entertainment

**Who:** Open to teens 12 and older

**Cost:** FREE

So buy some carnival food from the vendors and dance with your friends while DJ Bill Young plays all your favorite hits!
If you have a special way to prepare ribs, be sure to sign up for the Fourth Annual Durand Railroad Days Rib Burn. This is a contest for adult BBQ teams and is a qualifier for the 2019 GLBBQA Competitors Series Team of the Year for Rib Burns in Michigan.

**When:** Saturday, May 18

**Where:** Parking lot west of the businesses on Saginaw Street between Main and Clinton streets

Check in & meat inspection: 9 a.m. - Meat must be in original, unopened packaging

Mandatory cooks meeting: 9:30 a.m.

Turn in time: 4:30 p.m.

Entry fee: $50 per team

Registration: Preregistration is required. Registration forms and rules are available on the Railroad Days website www.durandrailroaddays.com. Forms must be received by Thursday, May 16. Please allow plenty of time for mail delivery.

Limit: 25 teams - first come

The entries will be judged on presentation, tenderness, flavor, etc. Any heat source is allowed and turn in boxes will be furnished. Participants provide their own ribs, heat source and all items necessary for their burn. Plan on presenting at least six bones. NO garnish allowed. NO food will be served to the public!

Cash prizes and plaques will be awarded: 1st place-$500; 2nd place-$250; 3rd place-$100; 4th place-$75; 5th place-$25.

For more information call the Railroad Days phone at (989) 288-4080.

A special thank you to this year’s contest sponsors: Graff Chevrolet of Durand, The Mid-Michigan Chevrolet Dealers and Smokin’ in the D BBQ

Good luck and good cooking!

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**Kathy’s School of Dance Performs in the Activity Tent**

Come to the Activity Tent and be amazed as dancers from Kathy’s School of Dance perform, in exhibition, a sampling of both recreational and competition dances. Students, ranging in ages from 3 to 18, will perform routines in dance forms including Pre-School, Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop and Gymnastics.

**When:** Saturday, May 18

**Time:** 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Where:** Activity Tent

Kathy’s School of Dance offers recreational and competitive dance education for students of all ages and is directed by Becki Zvonek-Love. Classes include: Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Lyrical, Pointe, Acrobatics, Pre-school dance and more. With a proud tradition of excellence in dance education, students are challenged through classical Cecchetti Ballet technique and unique choreography. Dancers develop self-esteem, positive work ethic, respect and dedication that reaches far beyond the dance studio. Teachers are committed to helping students grow by setting high expectations, providing challenges and promoting self-discipline.

Cheer on these talented students as they entertain you with their skill and grace!

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**TREASURES ALONG THE RAIL: ARTWALK 2019**

To kick off the National Railroad History Museum, Inc. (NRMI’s) part in Railroad Days, NRMI is again sponsoring Treasures Along the Rail-Artwalk, a self-guided walking art and architecture tour of downtown Durand. This event will be held on Friday, May 17 from Noon to 5 p.m.

The tour begins at the Railroad Days Activity Tent which is located downtown near the Midway. There you will meet a representative of NRMI to get your packet of tour information. The NRMI representative will be available from Noon to 5 p.m.

The self-guided walking tour honors and celebrates the creative work of our greatest treasures, Durand Area High School students. Local businesses will showcase art work in a variety of mediums created by Durand Area High School students.

Along the way, you will learn about unique pieces of Durand’s railroad heritage with art, dance, music, artists, artisans and surprises located throughout the downtown area. In addition, the self-guided tour will feature the “tastes” of Durand highlighting what downtown Durand has to offer.

So start your Railroad Days with a Friday afternoon stroll through the sights, the unique art, the food and drink, the stories and the architecture of this all American Railroad City.
The Kiddie Tractor Pedal Pull will be held Sunday, May 19 in the Graff Chevrolet of Durand Event Tent. It is free for children ages 3 through 12.

Age Classes and Times:
Class 1: Ages 3 & 4  Starting at 1 p.m.
Class 2: Ages 5 & 6  Starting at 1 p.m.
Class 3: Ages 7 & 8  Starting after Classes 1 & 2 finish
Class 4: Ages 9 & 10  Starting after Classes 1 & 2 finish
Class 5: Ages 11 & 12  Starting after Classes 1, 2, 3 & 4 finish

Children must be registered for the event and will receive a t-shirt for participating. The sponsors that make this event possible are listed on the t-shirt.

Kiddie tractor pulling is just like big tractor pulls; the kids drive tractors with big weight sleds behind them while family and friends cheer them on. The tractors used are modified versions of the tot-driven pedal tractors that can be seen in many driveways.

Modifications include getting both rear wheels to pull and a stronger chain added to the tractor's drive train. A gear ratio change and heavy duty tires also add some muscle to the pedal-powered tractor.

The event is sponsored by local area businesses and civic groups and is organized by the Durand Lions Club and Betty Fuller of the Iron Horse Pub. Please call (989) 288-2537 for more information.

Did You Know...
…that Durand was originally called Vernon Center?
…that Durand was later named for Congressman George Durand from Flint?
…that Durand was incorporated as a village in 1887 and became a city in 1932?
…that the Durand Union Station was built in 1903 by the Detroit firm of Spier and Rohns?
…that the Durand Union Station was almost destroyed by fire in 1905?
…that Durand was the site of the Great Wallace Brothers Circus Train Disaster on August 6, 1903?
Free Movie Night - Two Movies Showing!!!

Come to the Activity Tent on Friday, May 17 and enjoy two great movies on the big screen!
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Boxcar Children-Rated G (animated, adventure, family)

Four children set out on a journey to find a new home
8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. TrainQuest-Unrated (adventure, family, fantasy)

A fifteen-year old model train geek's date with his dream girl suddenly derails when a sinister hobby store owner shrinks and imprisons them in an elaborate, unearthly train set

All aboard for an adventure the whole family will love. You are welcome to bring blankets, snacks and wear your PJs. Please dress for the weather though. Children under 12 must have an adult with them.

A special thank you to the City of Durand for providing the movie screen, sound and workers to make this event possible.

Hope to see you at the movies!!!

Audio Tours Available at the Depot

Visitors of Durand’s famous Depot will have the ability to take a self-guided audio tour starting at Railroad Days. The tour system is free for all patrons and is accessible via smartphone or tablet. The Depot provides free Wi-Fi to its guests, allowing anyone on the grounds to enjoy the tour with no impact to their mobile data plan.

The concept of an audio tour started in 1991 when the Michigan Railroad History Museum was established. The locations in the Depot with audio content during Railroad Days will be in the Depot Ballroom, outdoors in the breezeway and around the Depot exterior. The rest of the museum will be added over the summer. Docent-guided tours are still available upon request, and are perfect for groups of any age and size.

Subjects covered at this time range from the history of Railroad Days, Durand Union Station, Inc. to the Depot’s 1905 fire and rebuild. Information on the purpose and usage of the Depot’s freight and baggage rooms are included as well as is the story of Dr. Robert Canas, who painted the mural that hangs in the Grand Ballroom.

The audio tour is presented and narrated by Bart Harris, State Farm Insurance of Durand.

Adult Comedy NIGHT

Featuring adult humor with milder language, comedians John Raynor and Jack Willhite will entertain you with over 90 minutes of laughs, humor and music.

Opening is comedian John Raynor. With over 32 years of entertaining audiences as a headliner, John started his career on stage during amateur night at a comedy club and knew this was what he wanted to do. John has entertained in venues across the nation including appearances at Comedy Zone, Connextions, Funny Stop and Funny Bones, to name a few, and even the US Marine Corp.

Headlining will be Rock & Roll comedian, Jack Willhite. He is a cross between Weird Al Yankovic and the 80’s cover band, Hairball. Jack uses guitars, amps, lights and other effects to bring twisted, high-energy parodies of rock acts such as AC/DC, Cheap Trick, Ozzy, Guns N’ Roses, John Mellencamp and ZZ Top to the stage.

Where: Graff Chevrolet of Durand Event Tent
When: Saturday, May 18
Time: 8 p.m.
Who: Adults 21 years of age and older
Cost: $5 per person

Guests may not bring outside food or beverages into this event. Adult beverages from Burgdorf Winery of Haslett and Right Brain Brewery of Traverse City as well as soft drinks and bottled water will be available to purchase on site.

So come and prepare to be entertained by two “very funny guys”!!!

D-Railed Tournaments and Events

D-Railed Bar & Grill, 111 N. Saginaw Street, downtown Durand, will be hosting a Cornhole tournament this year during Railroad Days as well having live music.

Thursday, May 16 8 p.m. - Karaoke with DJ Shep
Friday, May 17 9 p.m. - Live music by “Shiatown”
Saturday, May 18 1 p.m. - Registration for Cornhole tournament
Entry fee: $5
2 p.m. - Cornhole tournament begins
9 p.m. - Live music by “Shiatown”

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Beautiful Baby Contest

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Early registration entry forms can be found on our website at www.durandrailroaddays.com
• 8 age divisions from newborn to 5 years old.
• Early registration forms may be mailed in to Beautiful Baby Contest c/o Kristy Wagner, 808 N Saginaw St., Durand, MI 48429.
• Registration is available in the Activity Tent from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Entries will not be accepted after 10:30 a.m. the day of.
• The entry fee is $15 per child and must be included with the entry form.
• Please make checks payable to Railroad Days, Inc.

Each Division 1st place winner will receive a complimentary 11 x 14 portrait. The overall winner will receive a Trio Leather Bracelet with one photo, two hammered charms, and magnetic clasp. The overall runner up winner will receive a Floating Glass Locket. A&R Portraits is the sponsor of all the division prizes.
Each Participant will receive an official Durand Railroad Days Beautiful Baby Contest ribbon, an 8x10 portrait courtesy of A&R Portraits and a gift from PFCU.

For more information, please contact Kristy Wagner at babycontest@durandrailroaddays.com
All proceeds go the Railroad Days organization in order to continue this tradition.
Honing the Past and Celebrating the Present
At Iron Horse Park

National Railroad Memorial, Inc. (NRMI) is proud to announce that this year’s Railroad Exhibit in the Pullman Baggage Car at Iron Horse Park during Durand Railroad Days is “RAILROADS: HATE ‘EM; LOVE ‘EM; NEED ‘EM”. In addition, the exhibit will also feature the life story of a unique railroad man, Johannes Peter Olaf Jensen. Mr. Jensen worked for Grand Trunk Western Railroad for 37 years from 1917 to 1954. He had a uniquely beautiful connection to Durand’s rail station and the development of a business promoting the same type of art in Durand. The exhibits in the Pullman Baggage Car are brought to you by the Wyllie Project, an initiative of NRMI to preserve and honor the stories of the men and women of the Railroad Industry as told by the families who love them.

Saturday and Sunday, May 18 & 19; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
For the sixth year, NRMI will be hosting a “Celebration of Railroading” in Iron Horse Park (next to the fire hall) on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to the exhibits in the Pullman Baggage Car, there will be fun for kids of all ages focusing on Durand’s railroad heritage. “Treasures Along the Rail” will start in Iron Horse Park and continue throughout downtown Durand. Information for this self-guided tour will be available in the Baggage Car. The 5632 Grand Trunk Western steam locomotive will be open to allow guests to sit in the engineer’s seat. The Gate Tower (weather permitting undergoing renovations) has its own unique Durand railroad story to share about railroad crossing safety. Refreshments and other surprises will be there to enjoy both days.

Saturday, May 18 ONLY; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The main day of the celebration; the “NRMI Express” and the NRMI Choo Choo Train will be returning to Iron Horse Park. The Choo Choo Train is a free play space, part bouncy house and part slide, for kids under eight years old. The NRMI Express is a Trackless Train (an electric train that can take its passengers anywhere) and will be leaving from Iron Horse Park for your riding enjoyment. Kids of all ages are invited to ride the NRMI Express. There will be other surprises for guests to enjoy as well but you have to come to Iron Horse Park on Saturday of Railroad Days to find out what may be there to entertain you! (Hint: last year’s events had a balloon sculptor and caricature artist).

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL EVENTS IN IRON HORSE PARK ARE FREE!!!
National Railroad Memorial, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation organized as a 501 (C) (3). Its mission is to honor the men and women of the railroad industry by educating the public of the importance of their roles in our nation’s past, present and future. NRMI is partnering with the City of Durand to honor these individuals by building the National Railroad Memorial as the centerpiece of Diamond District Park, downtown Durand.
THE RAILROADS OF DURAND UNION STATION
BY PHILIP MARVIN, former volunteer and supporter of Durand Railroad Days, model railroader, founder of DUSMRE; member, officer and volunteer of DUSI, and railroad historian.

At the time it was rebuilt in 1905, Durand’s Union Station served two railroads, the Ann Arbor Railroad and the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada. The Grand Trunk Railway of Canada at the time controlled and operated the Grand Trunk Western Railway (from Port Huron to Chicago), the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee (from Detroit to Grand Haven, with a car ferry connection to Milwaukee) and the Cincinnati, Saginaw & Mackinaw (which the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada had leased for ninety nine years in 1901). The Cincinnati, Saginaw & Mackinaw extended from Durand to Saginaw and Bay City, a distance of some fifty four miles, never reaching either Cincinnati, or Mackinaw City as its name implied. As far as it can be determined, the passenger trains of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee, and of the Cincinnati, Saginaw and Mackinaw, were operated as a part of the Grand Trunk Railway System, and never as trains of their respective railroads.

The Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee was one of several railroads controlled by the Canadian National which were consolidated in 1928 to form what became the Grand Trunk Western Railroad. The Cincinnati, Saginaw and Mackinaw Railroad was merged with the Grand Trunk Western in 1943. In turn at its incorporation in 1928, the Grand Trunk Western Railroad was controlled by the Canadian National. (Now CN)

The last Ann Arbor passenger train to stop at the Durand depot left Durand for Ann Arbor and Toledo in July of 1950, after which Ann Arbor Railroad passenger service was abandoned under a federal court order. The last Grand Trunk Western passenger trains out of Durand operated between Detroit and Durand as well as out of Port Huron and Chicago on April 30, 1971, the day before Amtrak started operating. The first revenue Amtrak train between Port Huron and Chicago left Port Huron on September 15, 1974. Amtrak has since made one round trip a day between Chicago and Port Huron, with a stop at the Durand depot, in each direction.

The Durand Union Station will host their 7th Annual Euchre Tournament on Thursday, May 16. Registration starts at 6 p.m. with play starting at 6:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5 plus $.25 per euchre or renege.

There will be refreshments and 50/50 drawings throughout the evening. Partners are randomized per round (6 rounds total) with 12 hands per round. Ties are broken by the number of lone hands completed. Prize money and places are determined by the number of paid players. Come and try your hand!
2019 Railroad Days Queen, Emily Hartzell (top right) next to Attendant Madison Dagen, with Princess Sophia Latreille and Prince Jaxon Weiske.

Richard Crandell
2019 Railroad Person of the Year