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Tooling around the Bend

43rd annual Studebaker Drivers Club's International Meet & Concours here this week — PAGE B1

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Q&A



Studebaker National Museum and others have spent the last year preparing the South Bend site to host the Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet this week.

Q. How many people do you expect to come to the event?
A. Over 3,000 people with close to 1,000 vehicles.

Q. How can the public be a part of this 43rd annual event?
A. Thursday the vehicles will be out at the St. Joe County Fairgrounds, and everyone is welcome to check out the cars.

Q. Do you have a classic car?
A. I have a '61 Studebaker Daytona. It's red. I only drive it once a week.

Q. What are you most excited about for this week?
A. Oh, golly. It's got to be the people. There are people coming from all over the world for their love of Studebakers.

— Staff writer Sarah Michalski



a father's GIFT

Local dad sees road trip as chance to build stronger bond with his son



Jon Page, left, and his son, Tim, 12, left Thursday on a four-day, 2,000-mile road trip during which they will have watched four Major League Baseball games in four cities — Detroit, Toronto, Pittsburgh and Cleveland — by the time they return to their Elkhart home tonight. He often can tell the sports team that Tim is rooting for by the color of the rubber bands on his son's fingers, Jon says. He planned the trip so they would have "special moments to talk" about Tim's imminent journey from being a child to a man.

By CLAUDIA BAYLIS
Tribune Staff Writer

Today, when many children are giving their fathers cards, gifts and hugs, Jon Page is giving his 12-year-old son, Tim, his undivided attention on the last leg of their 2,000-mile road trip. When their journey concludes tonight, it will have included four Major League ballgames in four cities on four

successive days. During a game on Thursday, the two Elkhart residents watched the Detroit Tigers lose a squeaker to the Milwaukee Brewers, 6-5. On Friday they were in the stands when the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Washington Nationals, 7-2. Last night they were in Pittsburgh rooting for the Pirates (and against the Chicago White Sox, by default because they're Cubbie fans). Tim's 77-year-old maternal

grandfather, Dennis Henshaw of Westfield, Ind., planned to be on the field with Jon, camera in hand, to witness Tim throw the opening pitch to the Pirates' mascot. (That someone opportunity is the work of Jon's brother-in-law, Dan Henshaw.) Finally, Jon and Tim will wind up their four-game winning streak (no matter what the scoreboard says) in Cleveland today.

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Many will play, but none will be judged

Four years later, Sports Fest is finally a destination. This year's collection of about 600 of the best high school athletes in The Tribune's coverage area is the end of Sport Fest's "first generation."

Four years ago, when this year's participants were freshmen, nobody knew what this semi-annual all-star competition was or what its future might be. The brainchild of Schurz Community High School's coach, The Tribune, WSBT-TV, and its media properties, Sports Fest has evolved into a community accepted celebration of the high school sports campaign that has just ended.

Today's Opening Ceremonies at Bethel College's Westcamp Center, which begin at 7 p.m. and is free to the public, will begin the most unique athletic competition in northern Indiana.

Over the next six days, 10 sports that feature 26 competitions will, at the same time, enhance and blur the geographic boundaries that normally exist.

In one venue, athletes play for regional pride. The eight Metro schools, in South Bend and Mishawaka, combine for one team. More than 20 schools in Michigan — from Benton Harbor to Sturgis — merge for another. Schools in LaPorte, St. Joseph and Marshall counties predominantly comprise the West team while athletes from Elkhart, LaGrange and Kosciusko counties are the East.

On the other hand, there aren't many venues



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Sports Fest 2007 schedule

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June 17-23 at Bethel College
(soccer and football games at Marian High School)

Today
Opening ceremonies: Sports Fest 2007 kicks off with opening ceremonies at 7 p.m. at Bethel College

Monday
Volleyball: 6 p.m.: Michigan vs. Metro; 8 p.m.: Indiana East vs. Indiana West.
Baseball: 5:30 p.m.: Michigan vs. Metro
Girls tennis: 5 p.m.: Michigan vs. Metro; Indiana East vs. Indiana West

Tuesday
Girls basketball: 6 p.m.: Michigan vs. Metro; 8 p.m.: Indiana East vs. Indiana West
Girls Soccer (at Marian High): 6 p.m.: Michigan vs. Metro; 8 p.m.: Indiana East vs. Indiana West
Baseball: 5:30 p.m.: Indiana East vs. Indiana West
Softball: 5:30 p.m.: Indiana East vs. Indiana West
Boys tennis: 5 p.m.: Michigan vs. Metro; Indiana East vs. Indiana West

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Man pleads guilty to, then denies, sex crime

■ Testimony against other defendant could keep man who allegedly paid teen for sex out of prison.

By JEFF PARROTT
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SOUTH BEND — A man who prosecutors say paid a 15-year-old girl for sex would avoid any prison time in exchange for testifying against the man accused of sending

her to him, under a plea agreement filed recently in St. Joseph Superior Court. Michael Shenneman, 35, faced up to 20 years in prison had been convicted of the crime as a Class B felony, as prosecutors initially charged. He has since pleaded guilty to

a lesser charge but later denied in a Tribune interview that he committed the crime. His fate will hinge on the outcome of Class B and C felonies pending prosecution charges that prosecutors have filed against Tyrone Vaughn, 45, in connection with Shenneman's case. Last spring, the girl had moved out of her parents' home and was living with her girlfriend and her girlfriend's

boyfriend, Vaughn, she told

Michigan police, according to court records. She reportedly had no money for food or clothes and other was not eating at Vaughn's house because she had no money to contribute. When she talked to Vaughn about finding a job, he told her that he could provide her with a "nurse" steady,



Shenneman Vaughn

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