

2024 Durand Railroad Days Schedule of Events

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THURSDAY, May 16, 2024

- 6 a.m.-8 a.m. Thursday morning free rides for area middle school and high school students.
- 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Used book sale at the Durand Memorial Library.
- 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Depot-Open to visitors.
- 3 p.m.-11 p.m.** Vendors Square-Food vendors only open for business.
- 4 p.m.-11 p.m.* Carnival rides by Elliott's Amusements. ***Sponsored by the Durand Area Lions Club.*** Wristband price for this session is \$22.
- 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Free quick caricature sketches for children 14 years and under. Look for About Faces Entertainment, Patty G, in Vendors Square for this event. ***Sponsored by Coldwell Banker Professionals Joann Taljonik, REALTOR and Lloyd and Kathy Killbreath.***
- 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Free face painting for children 14 years and under. Face painting done by Emmalee Livingston, current Strawberry Queen. Look for Emmalee in the Rowe Professional Services Activity Tent. ***Sponsored by Marsh Monument.***

FRIDAY, May 17, 2024

- 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Used book sale at the Durand Memorial Library.
- 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Depot-Open to visitors.
- 2 p.m.-11 p.m.** Vendors Square-Food **and** craft vendors open for business.
- 3 p.m.-11 p.m.* Helicopter rides by Max Flight Helo. Cost is \$40/person; rides are approximately 10 minutes. Helicopter will accommodate up to three persons. Located at Great Lakes Technologies (formerly Perrin Construction), 101 Lovejoy.
- 3:30 p.m. Registration for the Sixth Annual Rick Taljonick III *Cars for Cancer* car show-on Clinton Street between Saginaw Street and the Water Tower-\$25 per entry.
- 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Treasures Along the Rail: Artwalk 2024. Starts with kickoff event "Artwalk in the Alley" in the Patty Matejewski Alley next to the Greater Durand Area Chamber of Commerce. It is highlighted in a self-guided walking tour which will be available all weekend.

- 4 p.m.-11 p.m.* Carnival rides by Elliott's Amusements. ***Sponsored by the Durand Area Lions Club.*** Wristband price for this session is \$22.
- 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Sixth Annual Rick Taljonick III *Cars for Cancer* car show-on Clinton Street between Saginaw Street and the Water Tower begins.
- 6 p.m. Award Ceremony Honoring the 2024 Railroad Person of the Year, James T. Roddy-Durand Union Station Ballroom-Open to the Public.
- 6 p.m. Trivia Contest in the Graff Chevrolet of Durand Event Tent-doors open at 6 p.m.; contest begins at 7 p.m. Adult beverages from Burgdorf's Winery and Right Brain Brewery will be available for purchase as well as soft drinks and bottled water (no outside beverages or coolers allowed). See the article in the booklet for more details. Cost is \$10 per person-see article for details.
- 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Kay the Stilt Walker will be performing in the Rowe Professional Services Company Activity Tent. ***Sponsored by Riverside Market of Durand.***
- 7 p.m. Trivia Contest begins.

SATURDAY, May 18, 2024

- 9 a.m. Rib Burn-check in and meat inspection. ***Sponsored by Graff Chevrolet of Durand and the Mid-Michigan Chevrolet Dealers.*** See article for details.
- 9:30 a.m. Rib Burn mandatory cooks meeting.
- 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Used book sale at the Durand Memorial Library (closed for the parade).
- 10 a.m.-11 p.m.** Vendors Square-Food **and** craft vendors open for business.
- 11 a.m. Parade line up at Durand High School
- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Queen's reception for Miss Railroad Days and visiting royalty-Graff Chevrolet of Durand Event Tent (invitation only).
- 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Grand Trunk & Ann Arbor Galleries open on the second floor of the Depot.
- 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Depot-Open to visitors.
- 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Treasures Along the Rail: Iron Horse Park. Celebration of Railroadng including railroad exhibits in the Pullman Baggage Car; tour Steam Locomotive Engine 5632; see the new look of the Gate Tower; the caricature artist and balloon sculptor return for Saturday only; there will be many surprises and refreshments. All events are FREE-see article for more details.

- 11 a.m.-5 p.m. ArtWalk 2024-Self-guided tour packets and voting ballots available in the Pullman Baggage Car.
- 11 a.m.-11 p.m.* Carnival rides by Elliott's Amusements. ***Sponsored by the Durand Area Lions Club.*** Wristband price for the entire session is \$25.
- 11 a.m.-11 p.m.* Helicopter rides by Max Flight Helo. Cost is \$40/person; rides are approximately 10 minutes. Helicopter will accommodate up to three persons. Located at Great Lakes Technologies (formerly Perrin Construction), 101 Lovejoy.
- 1 p.m. **2024 ANNUAL RAILROAD DAYS PARADE**
Line up at 11 a.m. at the Durand High School parking lot.
- 2:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Pillowcase Tie Dye-Rowe Professional Services Company Event Tent-for children -FREE. ***Sponsored by Atkinson Ace Hardware.***
- 3 p.m. Kids Que-check in. ***Sponsored by Graff Chevrolet of Durand, the Mid-Michigan Chevrolet Dealers, and Durand Meat Processing.*** See article for details.
- 3:30 p.m. Mandatory Kids Que cooks meeting (adult must be present).
- 4 p.m. Cow Bingo-southeast corner of Main and Railroad Streets-see article for details.
- 4 p.m. Kids Que grilling begins.
- 4 p.m. Railroad Days Annual Sawdust Pile Treasure Hunt. Main Street east of Choo Choo Square (in front of the Rowe Professional Services Company Activity Tent). FREE. ***Sponsored by Acker Agency Insurance and XYZ Landscape Supply.***
- 4:30 p.m. Rib Burn turn-in time.
- 5 p.m. Kids Que turn-in time.
- 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Kay the Stilt Walker will be performing in the Rowe Professional Services Company Activity Tent. ***Sponsored by Riverside Market of Durand.***
- 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Bingo in the Graff Chevrolet of Durand Event Tent. Adult beverages from Burgdorf's Winery and Right Brain Brewery will be available for purchase as well as soft drinks and bottled water (no outside beverages or coolers allowed). See the article in the booklet for more details. Cost is \$.25 per card-see article for details. ***Sponsored by Graff Chevrolet of Durand.***

SUNDAY, May 19, 2024

- 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Registration for the Beautiful Baby Contest-\$15/child in the Rowe Professional Services Company Activity Tent. ***Sponsored by PFCU and Honey Hive Photography.***
- 11 a.m. Beautiful Baby Contest begins.
- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Model Train Show at the Middle School-see article for details. ***Sponsored by Operation Lifesaver.***
- 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Treasures Along the Rail: Iron Horse Park. Celebration of Railroading including railroad exhibits in the Pullman Baggage Car; tour Steam Locomotive Engine 5632; see the new look of the Gate Tower; there will be activities and refreshments. All events are FREE-see article for more details.
- 11 a.m.-5 p.m. ArtWalk 2024-Self guided tour packets and voting ballots available in the Pullman Baggage Car.
- 11 a.m.-5 p.m.** Vendors Square-Food **and** craft vendors open for business.
- 11 a.m.-Close* Helicopter rides by Max Flight Helo. Cost is \$40/person; rides are approximately 10 minutes. Helicopter will accommodate up to three persons. Located at Great Lakes Technologies (formerly Perrin Construction), 101 Lovejoy.
- Noon-5 p.m. Depot-Open to visitors.
- Noon-6 p.m.* Carnival rides by Elliott's Amusements. ***Sponsored by the Durand Area Lions Club. Wristband price for this session is \$22.***
- 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 Area Lions Club and Acker Agency Insurance. FREE!!!***

*Weather and participation permitting

**Some vendors close at dark due to lighting constraints while others will be open until the carnival closes

