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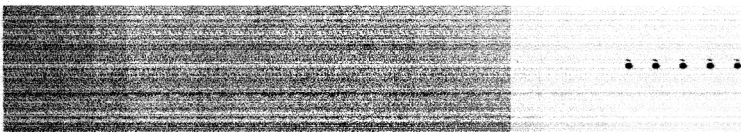
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The Third Annual Southwest Community Harvest Fest is a celebration of local food, entertainment and crafts that will bring together local growers, restaurants, artisans, musicians and others on Sunday, September 18 at Tillers International located just south of I-94 between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. The event runs from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per carload, and the gates open at 11 a.m.

Activities include contra dancing, hayrides, and several informative and fun demonstrations and presentations. Tillers is located at 10515 "OP" Ave. in Scotts.

This year's special guests are sustainable bed & breakfast entrepreneurs, Lisa Kivirist and John Ivanko, authors of "Rural Renaissance: Renewing the Quest for the Good Life." They will give two presentations: "Green Acres, Green Living" and "Harvesting the Good Life: Sustainable Living Simplified."

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The musical group, "The Cornfed Girls," will provide contemporary folk music while "Hoodie Crow" will play traditional Irish songs. Other musical guests include "The Kalamazoo Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra" which arranges orchestral music of the past for mandolin and "The Thornapple Valley Hammer Dulcimer Society."

A food tent will serve locally produced harvest-time treats during the entire festival. Local growers and artisans will also be selling their wares and produce. Other presentations and demonstrations include: "Living Foods: An Introduction to Fermentation," "Tending the Soil, Mending the Spirit," and "Thinking Globally, Growing and Eating Locally."

The festival is sponsored by B & B Organic Produce Distributor, Fair Food Matters, Food Dance Café, Michigan Organic Food & Farm Alliance, Michigan Land Trustees, and People's Food Co-op. The music is sponsored by Broughton Music Company of Kalamazoo.

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