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CORRECTION

On page 2 of the Nov. 19 edition of *Oakland Tech News*, the name BorgWarner was misspelled. The error was corrected on our web page, but too late for print. We regret the error.

Four Cities Gather for Pontiac Parade

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As a special draw at this year's event, Andrew Humphrey, Emmy Award-winning meteorologist and reporter at WDIV (Local Channel 4), has been named grand marshal of the popular parade.



Humphrey

"I am looking forward to seeing the people," Humphrey said. "It will be heartwarming to see their smiling faces and cheerfulness as they observe the wonderful festivities of the parade."

The parade begins at 11 a.m. at the corner of Baldwin Avenue and Caesar Chavez in Pontiac,

winds its way down Saginaw and ends at the Phoenix Center Plaza.

It will feature every sort of traditional pageantry a parade lover could hope for, including locally-made floats, balloons from The Parade Company, choreographed dancers and local high school marching bands.

Before the parade, beginning at 8:30 a.m., the Extravaganza will feature – all along Saginaw – a petting zoo with Santa's reindeer, a holiday craft-making station at Children's WinterART, and a spectacular "Gallery of Ice" display and demonstration on the corner of Saginaw and Huron.

All activities at the Holiday Extravaganza are free. For a detailed parade route and a schedule of events, visit www.holidayextravaganza.org.

Michigan's Largest Lighted Parade Keeps on Rolling

Holly Jolly Folly Fundraiser is Friday, Parade Saturday in Lake Orion

The Orion Lighted Parade Group is holding its Holly Jolly Folly fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 30, at Golling Buick-GMC beginning at 6:30 p.m.

This event will be followed up by the actual parade on Saturday, Dec. 1, which starts at 6 p.m.

Bill Kokenos, president of Orion Lighted Parade, said the Friday fundraiser helps keep Saturday's parade going. Tickets are \$33 per person and \$300 for a table of 10.

"I'm retired from GM," Kokenos said. "I try to stay active in the community. I worked at the Tech Center in Warren for about 10 years and ended my time at GM at the Orion plant."

Kokenos said the Lake Orion parade is the biggest lighted parade in Michigan.

"Just about every float will

have Christmas lights on them," Kokenos said. "There will be six marching bands. The parade starts at 6 p.m. so it will be dark enough for people to see the lights on the floats."

The fundraiser, called the Holly Jolly Folly, features a dinner with appetizers. The Lake Orion Girls Choir and the True Sing Girls Group will provide entertainment, Kokenos said.

The dinner is provided by Italia Gardens and a deejay will play hits from the 1970s, '80s and '90s after dinner.

In addition to dinner, there will be a silent auction, Kokenos said. Items for bid include a balloon ride for two, an evening cruise on Lake St. Clair and an autographed baseball from Detroit

Tigers manager Jim Leyland.

"Money from the Holly Jolly Folly goes to help defray costs of the parade," Kokenos said. "Getting insurance, among other costs, is expensive. I also want to say that the Lake Orion Police Association has a Cops for Kids program. We are sponsoring two kids in the program."

The Cops for Kids program is something Lake Orion police chief Jerry Narsh strongly supports, Kokenos said. Underprivileged kids are taken to a Meijers, and \$150 worth of goods is purchased on their behalf.

This can be a Christmas toy, or more practical things like clothing, Kokenos said.

"It's a great program," Kokenos said. "We also do a pancake

breakfast that raises money for the parade. A lot of local businesses have donated time and money to make the fundraiser a success. We've been holding events at Golling for a couple of years now, and I can't say enough nice things about all the help they've given us."

In addition to Cops for Kids, the group also will, for the first time, make donations to Lake Orion Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and a scholarship program for two high school students.

"The Holly Jolly Folly sponsored by Golling GMC-Buick is a great charity event, and it's a fun way to start the holiday season. I urge people to come out," Kokenos said.

Viper is Returning to the Market Under SRT Brand

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"The SRT Viper model offers a perfect blend of extreme performance and a deliberate preservation of what has become the iconic DNA of the Viper," Gilles said. "We strove to deliver a supercar that continues to bring the driver as close as possible to the machine."

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