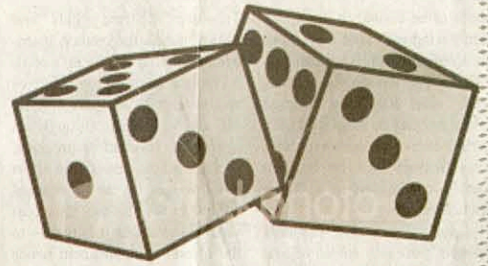


The Taste delivers!



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Nearly \$40,000 of what stayed at The Taste Las Vegas Saturday, Feb. 3, stayed with Communities in Schools of the Tecumseh Area. Volunteers and sponsors combined efforts to bring what CIS of the Tecumseh Area director Susan Reeder called the best Taste of Tecumseh yet.

It was a high rolling evening of entertainment, fun and food, not to mention Elvis, as more than 400 of Tecumseh's finest came out in support of the CIS of Tecumseh program, which acts as a liaison between schools and the business community allowing them to combine resources to offer Tecumseh students various programs, including Payback for Education and the Pen Pal program, among others.

As with past Taste of Tecumseh events, local restaurants and markets provided the fare for the evening, while students provided the entertainment with jazz band, vocal and dance performances.

Chris Ayotte, of Canton, lent his talents impersonating the King. Adding to the evening's success was the Savor the Experience wine tasting event with 130 taking part prior to the Taste. The total raised from both events topped \$40,000.

A silent auction also was held with big ticket items including a diamond ring from Eggleston Jewelers won by Mary Isoor, an evening on the town that includes dinner at Evans Street Station and a show at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea won by Mark and Mary Tommelein, a family photo package from Brindamour Photography won by Tammy Eggleston, and four tickets for VIP seating for a Redwings game won by Rodney Partridge. The Hickman Financial Center donated the opportunity to fly a university flag of choice on the Center's flagpole during the Michigan State/University of Michigan football game weekend. Dave Hickman won the bid to fly the University of Michigan flag, according to Reeder.

"CIS so appreciates the support through this annual event," said Reeder. "It helps us keep kids in school and prepare for life."

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