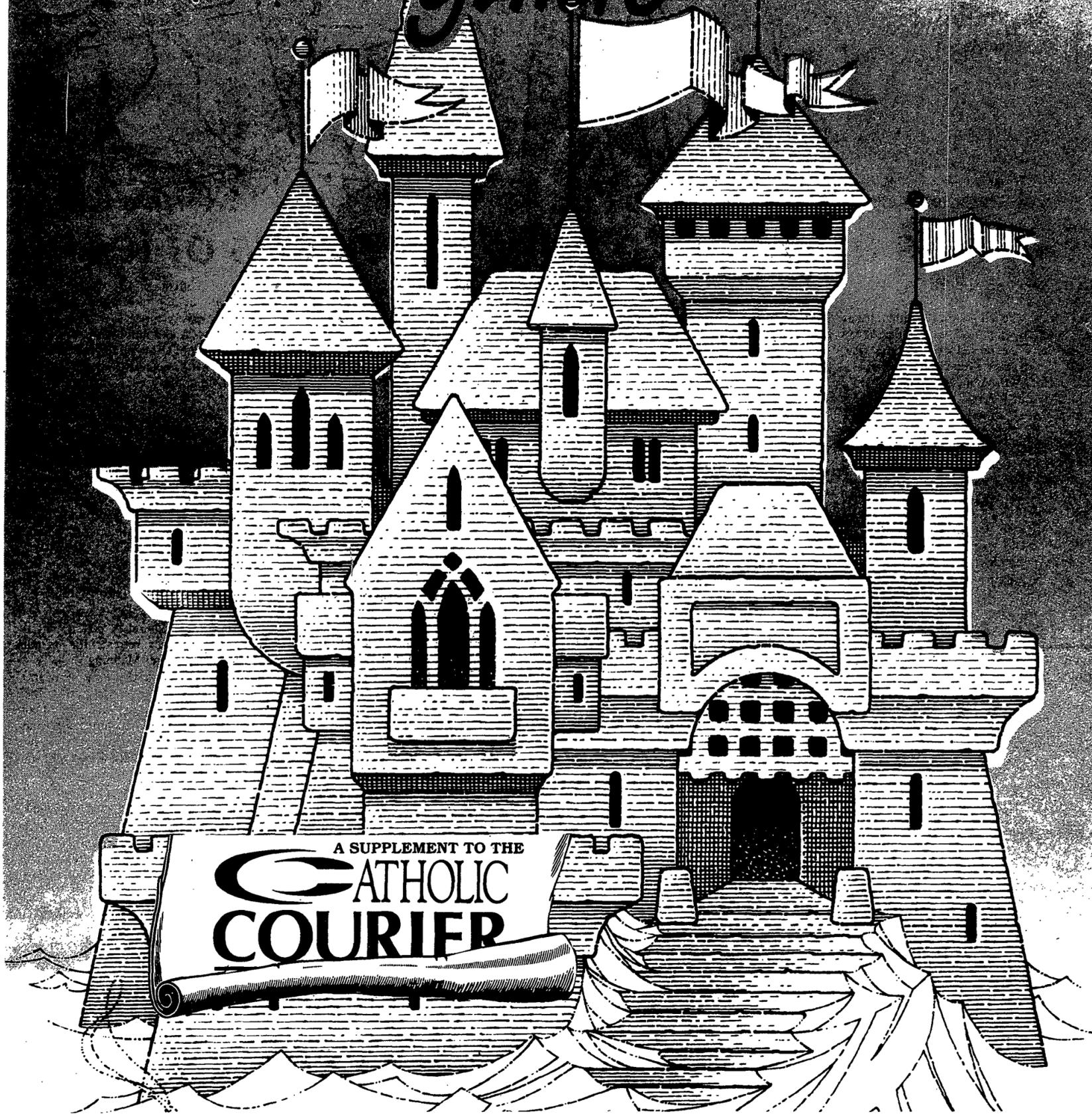


SUMMERTIME GUIDE



Summertime events tempt every taste

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Summertime ...
Time to make those last-minute vacation plans.

But if you're stumped about what to do with your time off, central and western New York offer a vast number of activities you probably never considered before.

Like some *serious* shopping.

Those who live to shop should definitely check out the 54-Mile Garage Sale scheduled to take place July 27-28 on Route 90 between Moravia and Cortland.

On your way to the garage sale, you might stop off at Genoa for a visit to the birthplace of President Millard Fillmore.

If more than 50 miles of intensive haggling seems a daunting prospect, you could always warm up for the event at Horseheads' Arnot Mall. During the week of July 16-21 shoppers at the mall can beam themselves up to an exhibit on UFOs.

And for a post-garage sale wind-down, you might want to bide awhile at Hang Around Victor Day, Sept. 7.

Oh, shopping's not your bag. Well, how about animals?

Start off your zoological tour in Interlaken with the Lively Run Goat Farm.

Then swing over to the Misty Meadow Farm near Romulus. The farm offers the usual cast of barnyard characters — with special emphasis on pigs. As the farm's staff says, "Come hungry ...

bring your camera."

If the expedition among the porkers leaves you unsatisfied, however, there's plenty of feasting afoot at a variety of food festivals.

The granddaddy of the local food fests is the Phelps Sauerkraut Festival August 1-4 — this year marking its 25th year of celebrating briny cabbage.

Since sauerkraut is often accompanied by potatoes, you might next head down to Wayland next to tickle your taste buds with the taters at the 10th annual Potato Festival Aug 24-25. The stout-hearted can even enter a mashed-potato eating contest.

Not to be outdone, Auburn will serve up its annual Tomato Fest Sept. 14-15, featuring all the tomato treats one could

hope for.

Then there's Avon's Corn Festival on August 10, at which visitors can commemorate the traditional Seneca Festival of the Green Corn by shaking hands with an ear of corn — no doubt a husky fellow.

If this lively junket leaves you feeling a little run-down, you might be in the mood for Cuylerville's Tired Iron Museum — which features antique farm machinery and implements.

Even your sleeping hours can be filled with whimsy if you end the day at Avoca's Goodrich Center Motel, where some of the rooms are built from five converted railroad cabooses.

Or — for more ideas for summer fun, just check the following pages.