Celebrating Indy's hop-filled history

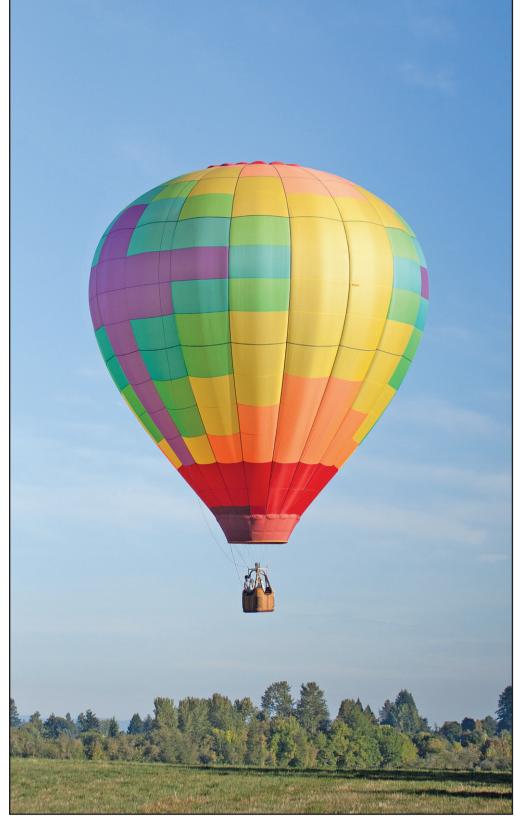


The Hop & Heritage Festival in Independence on Saturday provided activities for attendees of all ages.

The annual Hop & Heritage Festival in Independence took the town back to a time when it was the "hop capital of the world."Festival attendees started the day with pilots cooking their breakfast and watching hot air balloons launch and then headed downtown for some tric fun.







JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer A hot air balloon lands in a farm field after the hot air balloon launch on Saturday.



The Hop & Heritage pie eating contest attracted contestants of all ages on Saturday.

It's not like her.

Mom has always been so patient, but now when I ask her questions she gets angry.

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