

# Local raceway attracts loyal fans



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Dona Marcoullier leads the pack in car No. 6m in a race at the Cherry Speedway on M-113 between Kingsley and Fife Lake. Races can be seen every week.

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FIFE LAKE — Tommy Zundel is not Jeff Gordon, yet some regulars at Cherry Speedway know him and cheer for him by name.

Many fans of the 3/8-mile dirt track come week after week for the noise and the speed and racers they can get to know on a personal level.

Susan Hirt of Williamsburg even has her business's name on Zundel's car.

It's not the Budweiser or Viagra logo that decorates Zundel's modified 1986 Chevy Monte Carlo. It's "Susan's Day Care," along with names of several other local businesses.

Zundel said she comes just about every Friday in the summer with her husband Rick Hirt, and

there's no place she'd rather be.

"I like the fast cars and, actually, the wrecks," Hirt said. "I'm out here whether it's 20 degrees or 120 degrees."

Her sponsorship consists of money for the occasional repair and she brings cases of pop to the track to be given in prize drawings.

Zundel, 39, of Fife Lake, **PLEASE SEE PAGE 43**

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