

Milton Community Nursery School celebrates 50th anniversary



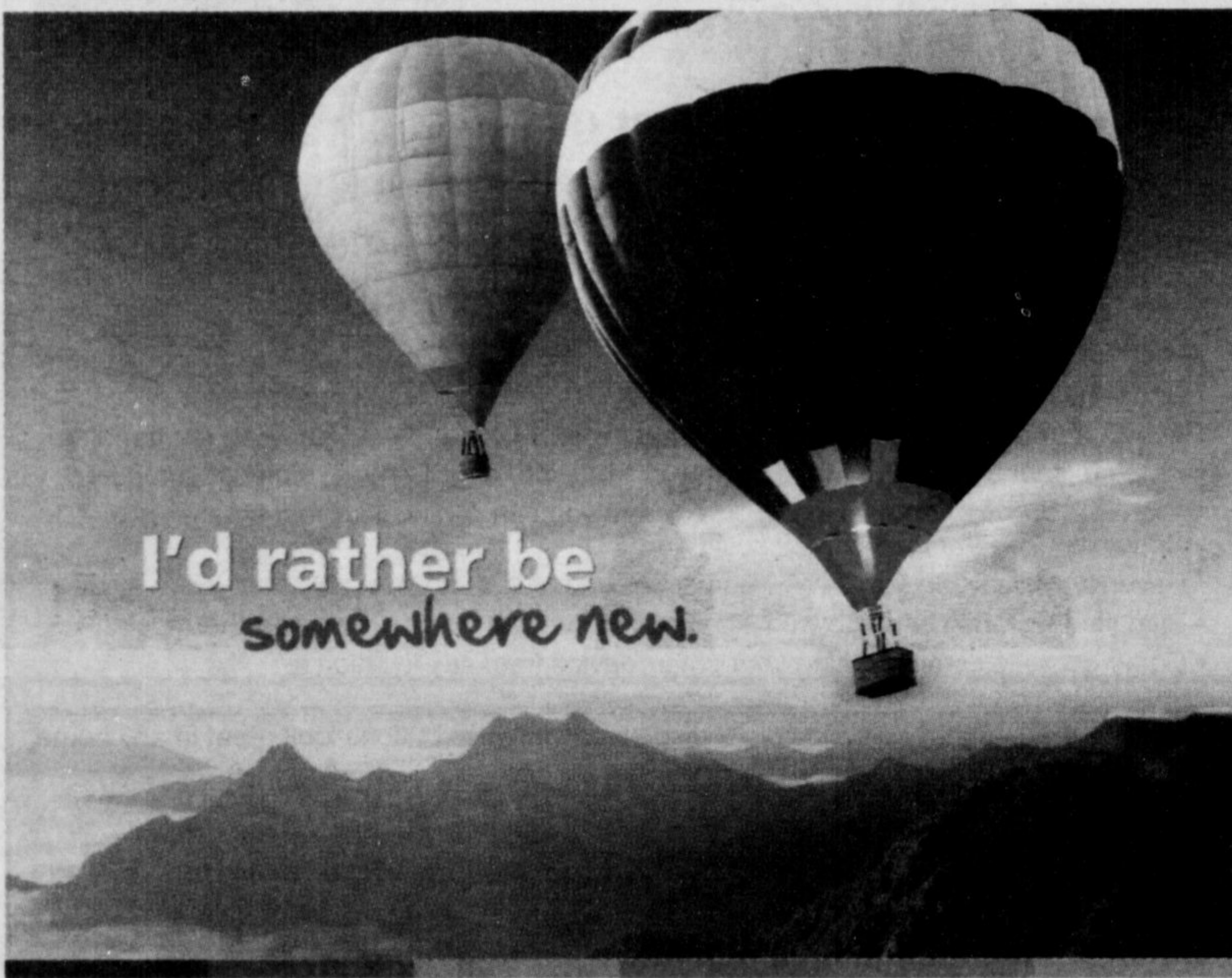
Four-year-old Nathan Gent gets his face painted by Hannah Smith during the 50th anniversary. *Stacey Newman / Special to the Champion*

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Many local residents who grew up in Milton have something in common that goes beyond the same hometown. It was almost a rite of passage; at the tender ages of three or four, they ventured away from their parents for the first time to enjoy a morning full of educational activities, exploration, fun and socialization. Five decades later and the Milton Communi-

ty Nursery School is still offering educational programming for local youngsters, carrying on the community tradition. "Anybody born and raised in Milton in the '60s and '70s attended. There would be line-ups at the door to register," said classroom assistant and former student Julie Graci. "My teacher, Elsie Manford, lived down the street. Her husband had a big van; he would pick us all up and deliver us to school. I can remember coming to play with the cardboard blocks that looked like bricks."

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