

Dear Judges:

The Michigan Center community was grieving.

The small, tight-knit town had lost three recent graduates when Dawson Brown, Richie Mays Jr. and Kole Sova died of carbon monoxide poisoning while attending the Faster Horses country music festival at Michigan International Speedway

The trio seemingly brought everyone together. At a candlelight vigil Monday, July 19, in the school's football stadium, they brought everyone in a grieving community together one more time.

Hundreds gathered on the football field in a scene both beautiful and heart wrenching. Candles were held to the sky. Prayers were said. Amazing Grace was sang.

The photos and the video from this event capture a community in mourning.

Thank you for your consideration.

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