

BALLOONS OVER VERMILION



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Ryan Brumfield (above) holds a rope Thursday as Seth Goodman (bottom right) preps his hot-air balloon — Honest Abe — for flight at Carlton Farms in Danville. Weather conditions prevented balloons, however, from taking to the air in a series of planned events at Balloons Over Vermilion.

WAITING FOR LIFTOFF

Inclement weather on Thursday delayed the high-in-the-sky fun at Balloons Over Vermilion in Danville. Organizers will try again early this morning ahead of the official start of the two-day event (gates open at 3 p.m. at Vermilion Regional Airport).



TOP: Dean Carlton (right) watches as a pi-ball — a balloon used to test wind speed — rises. **ABOVE:** A crowd of pilots, crew and others gathers ahead of Thursday's media event.