

# Ironworkers Show Skills of Bridge Building Jobs



The crowd claps and cheers Saturday afternoon, July 28, as ironworkers demonstrate rivet tossing, a working forge, and I-beam crossing techniques at Bridge View Park. The beams were constructed early in the week to give viewers a better understanding of the working conditions and balance needed to perform these jobs. Referring to the 80 degree temperatures and the workers wearing long pants, hard hats, and tool belts, 31-year ironworker veteran Bill Mikado said, "You have to wear this type of clothing." Mr. Mikado (not pictured), who worked on the Mackinac Bridge during the underdeck traveler replacement project in 2000 and 2001, now is a member of the ironworkers festival committee. Pictured are Charlie Faulkner (left) from Ironworkers Local 8, who demonstrates a beam crossing as he moves toward Judd Convs of Ironworkers Local 25.

# Hospital Will Be Smoke Free Sept. 1

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allowed to smoke on the premises. New patients admitted to long term care will be required to follow the new policy, explained Amy Dodds, co-manager of the hospital's radiology department and head of the tobacco-free awareness program for employees. A requirement that long term care patients be assisted by a nurse or aide during a smoke break met on a voluntary basis.

Come September 1, outdoor ashtrays at the service entrance will be removed, and a storage barn, known as the employee "smoking shed," will be off limits, said Karen Cheeseman, the hospital's Human Resources Department director.

Nicotine gum, which helps smokers cope with breaking the habit, and information on smoking from Luce-Mackinac-Alger-Schoolcraft Health Department, will be available at the hospital for employees.

The policy will include strict enforcement, said Mrs.

# Sault Car Show Is This Saturday

The fourth annual Slashin' Ashmun Car Show will be Saturday, August 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Sault Ste. Marie. This event is hosted by the International Antique Auto Club.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. Saturday at Dawson Street. The cars will line Ashmun from Library Street north toward Spruce Street. The car show is being held in conjunction with the downtown sidewalk sales.

For more information about the show, contact Lee Brown of the Downtown Development Authority at (906) 635-6973.

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# Relay for Life Aids Research

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kind of slowed us down at the start, but the sun eventually came out and it turned out to be a great event."

Nine fundraising teams were involved this year. Each team made themed baskets that were included in a silent auction during the event. The theme this year was "Christmas in July." Craig Therrian and John Soblaskey served as auctioneers. Participants were treated to a visit from Santa Claus, who was accompanied by clown firefighters from the St. Ignace Fire Department.

"The kids really enjoyed that," said Miss Matson.

She said her goal for next year is to create more teams.

To join a team or to volunteer for the Mackinac County Relay for Life program, call either Ms. Peterson at the Upper Peninsula American Cancer Society office at (800) 469-0149 or Miss Matson at 643-1513 or 643-8103.



Cancer survivors who participated in the Survivors' Walk during the annual Relay for Life were (from left) Ron Tamlyn, Peggy Jarman, Eunice Therrian, and Craig Therrian.

# Pickford Heritage Celebrated With Focus on Musicians

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Thursday activities will include tournaments, food, and a bluegrass music and sing-along in the evening.

Friday's arts and crafts show, Hay Races, Kiddies Parade, and crowing of the Pickford royalty will highlight the day's activities, followed by a program of local talent and the popular street dance.

Many more activities will be provided Saturday, including a Lumberjack Breakfast, the Pickford Hay 10K and 5K Run, and 2K Fun Run and Walk, petting zoo, lawn and garden tractor pull, and the community parade, featuring Grand Marshals Dick and Marcia Taylor. A softball tournament, basketball tournament, volleyball tournament, horse pull, firemen competitions, rock band concert, and children's activities will take place at the

park. Horseshoe and checkers tournaments will also take place that day, as will the Pickin' n' Grinnin' musical performance with local musicians, the Bait Shop Boys, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday events include the final softball tournaments and a "Pickin' n' Grinnin'" informal jam session at the township park.

Volunteers are needed for many events, and those who want to help can call Dr. Richard Morrison at (906) 647-9395. Brochures with schedules of events, times, registration information, and locations will be available in local businesses and around town.

Cheeseman, but she noted that other hospitals in northern Michigan have made smooth transitions.

War Memorial in Sault Ste. Marie is now smoke-free and Helen Newberry Joy Hospital in Newberry will be an official tobacco-free zone Monday, August 6.

"This facility," said Mrs. Cheeseman, "is providing smoking cessation assistance to those employees who use tobacco products. Some employees are using the opportunity to quit smoking altogether, while others are preparing to get through their workday within the parameters of the hospital's new policy.

"Everyone," she said, "is adjusting to the fact that change is coming."

Mrs. Dodds said the change is for the better.

"This is a great opportunity for our health care organization to promote healthy living throughout the community," she said.

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