

# Mud Runs, Contests, Livestock Events To Highlight Chippewa County Fair

The Chippewa County Fair in Kinross will open Sunday, August 26, and continue through Monday, September 3.

The Chippewa County Fair is the largest Eastern Upper Peninsula fair, attracting entries from both Chippewa and Mackinac counties, and some parts of the lower peninsula.

This year, a Senior Appreciation Luncheon will be offered Tuesday to recognize all local senior citizens and their spouses who are 60 and older. The lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chippewa County Fairgrounds 4-H building. The lunch will include barbecued pork ribs, salads, strawberry shortcake, beverages, and door prize drawings. The event will be presented by Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Elder Services, and the Chippewa County Fair.

The fair's opening activities Sunday will include poultry and rabbit entries from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Miss Chippewa County Fair Talent Contest at 7 p.m. in the 4-H building. The winner of that contest will be introduced as the new Miss Chippewa County Fair Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. before the demolition derby at 8 p.m.

This year's Miss Chippewa County Fair contestants are Alicia Priehs and Kassandra Rader of Pickford, Ashley Traynor of Kinross, and Samantha Burlew and Melanie Mikolowski of Sault Ste. Marie. Contestants will be interviewed, demonstrate their talent, and read their essays to judges.

Pony rides will be available each day of the fair, as will the "Kiddie Train" Wednesday through Sunday. Kandu and Company Magic show, starring Jeff Eaton as Kandu the Magician, will offer four shows daily,

Wednesday through Monday, with show times posted on the fair stage clock. The Skerbeck Brothers Carnival and rides will be available Tuesday through Sunday.

Bingo will be offered in the fairgrounds Dunbar Building Wednesday through Sunday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Monday from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Eastern Upper Peninsula Antique Equipment Association will provide daily antique equipment demonstrations Friday through Monday.

Local musicians will provide music at the pavilion, with John Randall performing from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and again Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. Sue Askwith will perform from 3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Friday,

and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday. The performances are free.

All market livestock entries should be entered Monday, August 27, between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. Rabbit judging will be at 9 a.m., and pocket pet judging will be at 2 p.m. Youth and open exhibits must be entered between 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Go Kart races will be the final event of the day, starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission to Go-Kart racing is free.

Tuesday is Senior Citizen Day, and events will include the senior luncheon, as well as poultry judging and youth and open exhibit judging at 9 a.m., and a livestock exhibitor meeting and ice cream social at 5 p.m. The dog show has been rescheduled from the early afternoon to 6 p.m. at the livestock

office.

Wednesday's events will begin at 9 a.m., with swine judging, followed by sheep judging and the Demolition Derby.

Beef judging will open Thursday's events at 9 a.m., and a dog show, antique and classic tractor pull, youth horse trail and speed classes, and an evening thumb tractor pull and truck pull will take place. The master stock man contest has been changed to Thursday, and will start at 4 p.m.

Friday's activities open with a youth horse show at 9 a.m. in the arena, followed by a garden tractor pull, dairy and goat judging, pull, farm stock tractor pull, and harness horse racing and stock car racing at the grandstand.

Saturday's events will begin

with the draft horse show at 9 a.m., followed by a garden tractor pull, horse show, annual market livestock buyer's dinner and market livestock sale, draft horse hitch, and the Lions Club Steak Fry. Day and evening grandstand events include harness horse racing, an antique tractor parade, and Dafter Lions Mud Runs.

The 8 a.m. open horse show will start Sunday's activities in the arena, followed by lightweight horse team weigh-in, a garden tractor pull, the "sheep to shawl" demonstration, a garden tractor pull, chili cook off, the Master Stockman competition, an antique and classic tractor pull, and Tri-County Speed horse contest. Sunday's grandstand events include worship services at 9 a.m., followed by a pony pull, lightweight and heavyweight horse pulls, and gospel music. Donations from the gospel performance will benefit United Way. All Sunday grandstand events are free. New youth activities will be introduced from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday will be the last day of the fair, and will start with the final garden tractor pull at 9:30 p.m., followed by a car show, a chicken barbecue prepared by the St. Joseph Catholic Church Youth Group, a pedal pusher competition, release of youth and open exhibits, and harness racing.

Additional information is available at the fair's Web site, at [www.chippewafair.com](http://www.chippewafair.com).

A complete schedule of events with times appears on pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

The Chippewa County Fairgrounds are on Tone Road, approximately four miles west of M-129, and about one mile east of I-75, in Kinross.

## Preparations Underway for 50th Annual Bridge Walk

By Paul Gingras

In 1958, sixty-five people strode high above the Straits of Mackinac during the first Mackinac Bridge Walk. This year, an estimated 50,000 participants will stroll south along the five-mile span from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City for the 50th annual event, where they will look down to see 50 swimmers on a four-hour journey across the water.

On Labor Day, Monday, September 3, Governor Jennifer Granholm will lead the Bridge Walk.

"We are keeping it wide open," said Bob Sweeney, executive secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA), noting that participants can begin their journey anytime between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The two eastern lanes of the bridge will be closed to traffic, allowing walkers to enjoy the stroll. As crowds diminish, probably after 10:30, a third lane will be opened to vehicles, helping accommodate the heavy holiday traffic, Mr. Sweeney said.

Last year, about 42,000 people walked the bridge. For the past six years, the event has hosted between 40,000 and 50,000 walkers.

"It think it is going to be a good crowd, and I am hoping for good weather," Mr. Sweeney said.

For the past six years, sunshine and reasonable wind levels have brought a glimmer to the waters of the Straits and agreeable walking conditions for participants, he noted.

It will be a day to appreciate those who worked on the Mighty Mac, to soak up the beauty of the Straits, and to exercise.

In addition to the walkers and swimmers, a group of joggers selected by Governor Jennifer Granholm's Council on Physical Fitness will begin at 6:30 a.m., prior to the bridge walk.

On average, walkers take 90 minutes to complete the trek, but some take less than an hour, and others take up to two hours, Mr. Sweeney said.

Wheelchairs and strollers are allowed, but nothing can be "towed behind," notably wagons, which present a safety concern, he added. Participants who arrive with wagons for towing children can exchange them for strollers provided by the MBA. After the walk, the wagons will be returned, he said.

Pets are prohibited, with the

exception of seeing eye dogs. Banners and flags are also prohibited, owing to the possibility that wind could make them a hazard, Mr. Sweeney said.

Portable toilets will be located at both ends of the bridge. There will be no facilities on the span, he said.

Designated parking areas will be available at Bridge View Park in St. Ignace and on Department of Natural Resources property, just north of Graham Avenue in St. Ignace.

Participants can also park in St. Ignace and Mackinaw City, Mr. Sweeney said.

For \$2, from 5 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Bridge Authority will shuttle participants both ways across the bridge. Buses will stop at Conkling Park in Mackinaw City and at MBA's administration building at the foot of the bridge in St. Ignace.

Upon completing the trek, each walker will receive a certificate. This year, the award commemorates the 50th anniversary of the bridge.

Businesses throughout St. Ignace and Mackinaw City will post numbers in their windows that match numbers on certificates. Walkers with matching numbers will be eligible for prizes and discounts.

The Bridge Authority takes security at the event very seriously, Mr. Sweeney said. Two hundred members of the Michigan National Guard will be stationed along the bridge. Law enforcement agencies on patrol will include Michigan State Police, St. Ignace Police, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Police, police from Mackinac, Emmet, and Cheboygan counties, and Mackinaw City Police.

The Federal Aviation Administration will issue a notice forbidding all aircraft from flying within 3,000 feet of the bridge.

### Early Boats

Arnold Transit Company and Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry will provide early boat departures to and from Mackinac Island for the Bridge Walk.

Shepler's will leave Mackinaw City for the Island at 5:30 a.m. Ferries will travel from the Island to St. Ignace at 6 a.m. and 7 a.m.

Arnold Transit will offer departures from the Island to St. Ignace at 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. A boat will leave St. Ignace for the Island at 6:30 a.m.

## Corrections Job Fair To Help Fill 150 Positions

To Be August 23 at Sault Ste. Marie

The Michigan Department of Corrections will host a job fair at the Cisler Center of Lake Superior State University Thursday, August 23, to fill more than 150 correction officer vacancies in the Upper Peninsula anticipated in the near future. The job fair will give job seekers the opportunity to complete a civil service application and meet with recruiters.

The job fair will be from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

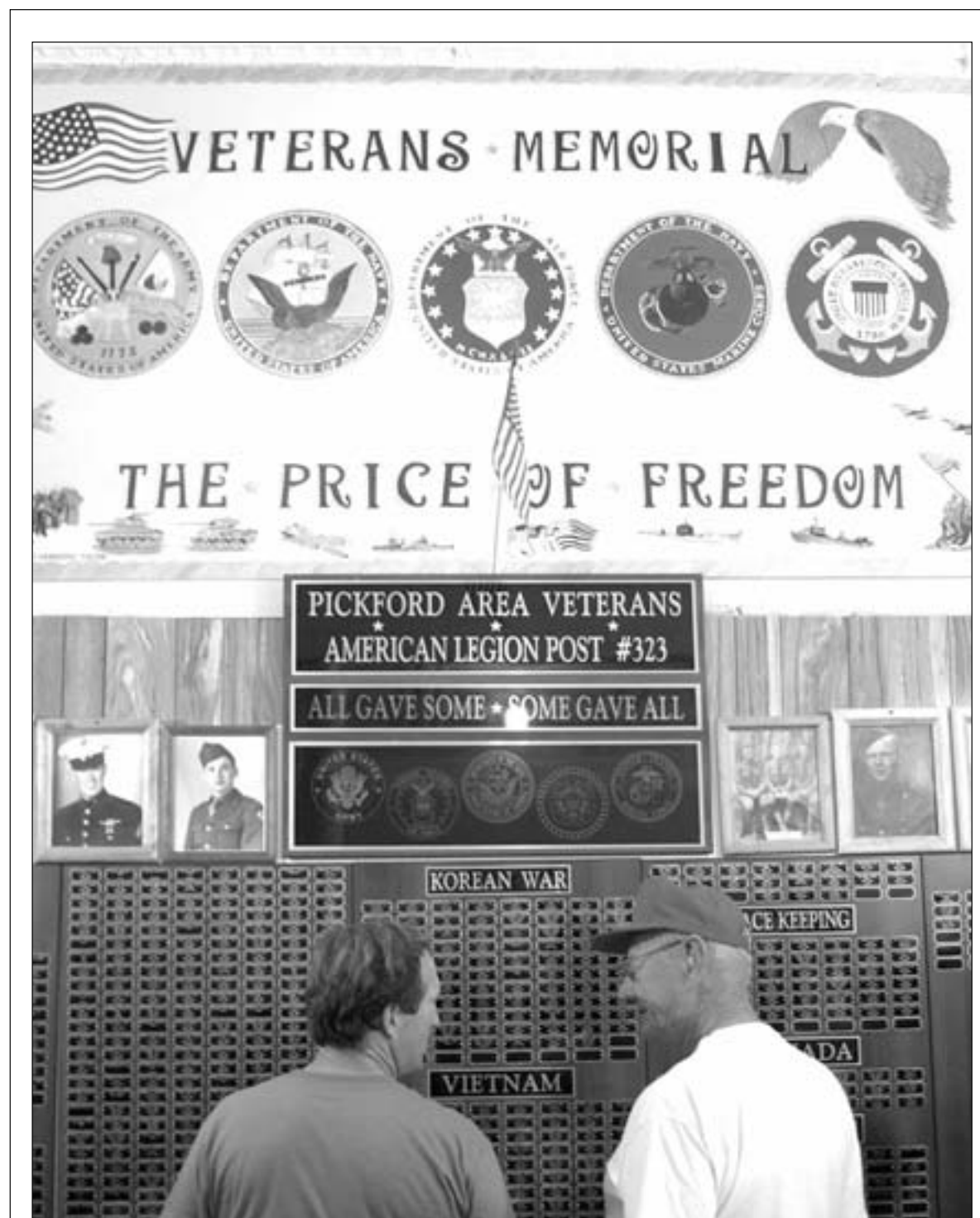
Questions may be directed to Michigan Works! at (906) 635-1752.

In September, Civil Service will schedule a test in the Upper Peninsula to assure that applicants can be considered for corrections officer positions as soon as possible.

Michigan Works! will help sponsor the corrections job fair. Employment counselors have worked closely with the depart-

ment, as well as with Lake Superior State University and Bay Mills Community College, which both offer the core classes required for corrections officer applicants. Representatives from both schools will be on hand to provide information about corrections courses.

Whether an individual is merely interested in a career in corrections, is at some point in the hiring process, or is waiting for an academy to be scheduled, he or she may attend the job fair and speak with department representatives.



### Pickford Veterans Memorialized at Museum

Military veterans Jerry Morningstar of Hessel (left) and Ray Wojnaroski of the Raber and Goetzville area inspect the new Pickford Veterans Memorial at the Pickford Historical Museum on Main Street August 4. The memorial now lists the names of many Pickford area veterans, and was established earlier this year. Mr. Morningstar is a Vietnam War veteran and Mr. Wojnaroski is a World War II veteran who served in Germany. He was one of four brothers who all served in the war.

## Hope Chest To Mark First Year With Open House Saturday

The Hope Chest Resale Shop in St. Ignace will celebrate its first anniversary with an open house Saturday, August 25, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at 250 Ferry Lane. Punch and cookies will be served, and the staff will open the store's new seasonal room at this event.

The store offers furniture, clothing, housewares, toys, and baby items. Over the past year, the Hope Chest has raised \$15,600 to help people in the community, and has doubled its floor space recently, owing to the growing number of donated items and shoppers. The store is staffed by volunteers, and prices are set by donation. New volunteers are welcome.

The Hope Chest emergency hotline, 643-6780, can be used to connect people with food through the St. Ignace Food Pantry, shelter, transportation, and help with utilities or medical expenses.

All sales are by donation, and proceeds fund the charitable programs of Project Hope, including the St. Ignace Food Pantry. The store is a collaborative project of area churches. Hope Chest volunteers will collect donations of large items, such as furniture and appliances, and arrangements for pick up can be made at the store. The store is between Gateway Lanes bowling alley and Chartres Cove.

## Rendezvous at the Straits Will Be This Weekend

A Rendezvous at the Straits French Voyager Reenactment and Powwow, a family event celebrating the history of the St. Ignace area, will take place Saturday, August 25, and Sunday, August 26, at Father Marquette Memorial Park in St. Ignace. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for elders and students. There will be no charge for children younger than 12.

Native American and French-style encampments will bring history to life to celebrate the cultural traditions of the Straits. Historical reenactors will take part, including Native American interpreter Keith Knecht and noted voyageur historian Timothy Kent. The Bahweting

Singers and Drum Group will serve as host drummers. Brother Jim Boynton will speak about early church history and Father Jacques Marquette.

Activities will include demonstrations of Native and French cooking, French woodworking, Native and French sewing, transportation methods, such as birch bark and dugout canoes, snowshoes, and toboggans, creating birch bark containers, brain-tanning deer hides, and making wampum shell beads. Storytelling and flute playing will also take place.

Native arts and crafts will be sold, and traditional food will be

available.

The rendezvous portion of the event begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, followed by a ceremonial Native American entry at 1 p.m. The powwow will continue until about 8 p.m. Sunday's schedule will be approximately the same. It will begin winding down around 4:30 p.m.

The family event is to be alcohol and drug free. It is sponsored by the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau Special Events Committee, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce, and the Michilimackinac Historical Society.

## 'Early Show' Broadcast Will Be Thursday

Dave Price of the CBS Early Show will broadcast live from Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island Thursday, August 23, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The broadcast will begin at 7 a.m. and guests should arrive at the porch at Grand Hotel at 6:15 a.m.

Those interested in participating in this CBS Early Show series may contact [earlyshowinmackinacisland@gmail.com](mailto:earlyshowinmackinacisland@gmail.com) with a contact name and number, as well as an approximate number of guests in the party. Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry will offer free round-trip transportation on a special ferry to the Island at 5:45 a.m. from Mackinaw City. Participants must e-mail [FreeFerryToEarlyShowBroadcast@gmail.com](mailto:FreeFerryToEarlyShowBroadcast@gmail.com) to receive the complimentary passage.

## Corvette Show Begins Friday

The 18th Annual Corvette Crossroads Auto Show is scheduled for Friday, August 24, and Saturday, August 25, in Mackinaw City. It will feature hundreds of Corvettes displayed in the parking lot of Mackinaw Crossings Mall, hosted by the Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce.

The weekend begins with a Karaoke Sunset Boat Cruise Friday aboard Arnold Transit's *Algomah*. The boat leaves from the end of the Arnold Line main dock on South Huron Avenue at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and available at the Chamber office, or by calling (888) 455-8100.

Saturday begins with the car show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with hundreds of Corvettes lined up in the parking lot. A Poker Walk will take place Saturday for show participants.

The day will end with a parade across the Mackinac Bridge at 7 p.m. All registered Corvettes are welcome. The Corvettes will leave from the State Dock and cruise down South Huron Avenue to Central Avenue, and then onto the bridge.

Car owners may register for the show by contacting the Chamber of Commerce.