

Pickford Fall Festival Raises Money for Library

By Jonathan Eppley

Spirits and attendance were high during the second annual Pickford Fall Festival at Pickford Township Park Saturday, October 10. The festival and its goal of benefiting the development of a public library in Pickford attracted more than 400 people and raised almost \$1,700 for the library development fund.

Organizer Melanie Greenfield said she was pleased with the number of families and individuals who attended, even though attendance at this year's festival was down compared to last year and it raised about \$300 less. Those who did come, came early.

"A wide variety of people started coming about quarter to 11 a.m.," even though the festival started at noon, she said. "I noticed a lot more people without kids coming, too."

The money was raised for the library fund through park entry fees and 10% of farmers market, concession, and merchandise vendors' sales.

Children and families enjoyed a maze built out of bales of hay, hay rides on horse-drawn trailers, a bouncy-house, and pumpkin painting. Two horse-drawn drays carried people around the park and through town before dropping them off at a pumpkin patch in the park's camping area, where children could pick from 450 pumpkins to paint inside the pavilion.

Also in the pavilion, people enjoyed the music of the Pickford Pickers band while drinking apple cider and eating doughnuts. Festival-goers also entered into a \$1 raffle for a children's play-



Wes Klier of Sault Ste. Marie is led through a hay-maze by his son Caleb, 1, during the Pickford Fall Fest at Pickford Township Park Saturday, October 10.

house built by students in the Pickford Public Schools woodshop class, and three wood carvings.

"The playhouse is a big popular raffle item," said Cindy Smith, Friends of the Library treasurer. "There are three wood carvings that we're also raffling off. Those were made by 'Chipper Dan' Johnson, but the playhouse is the

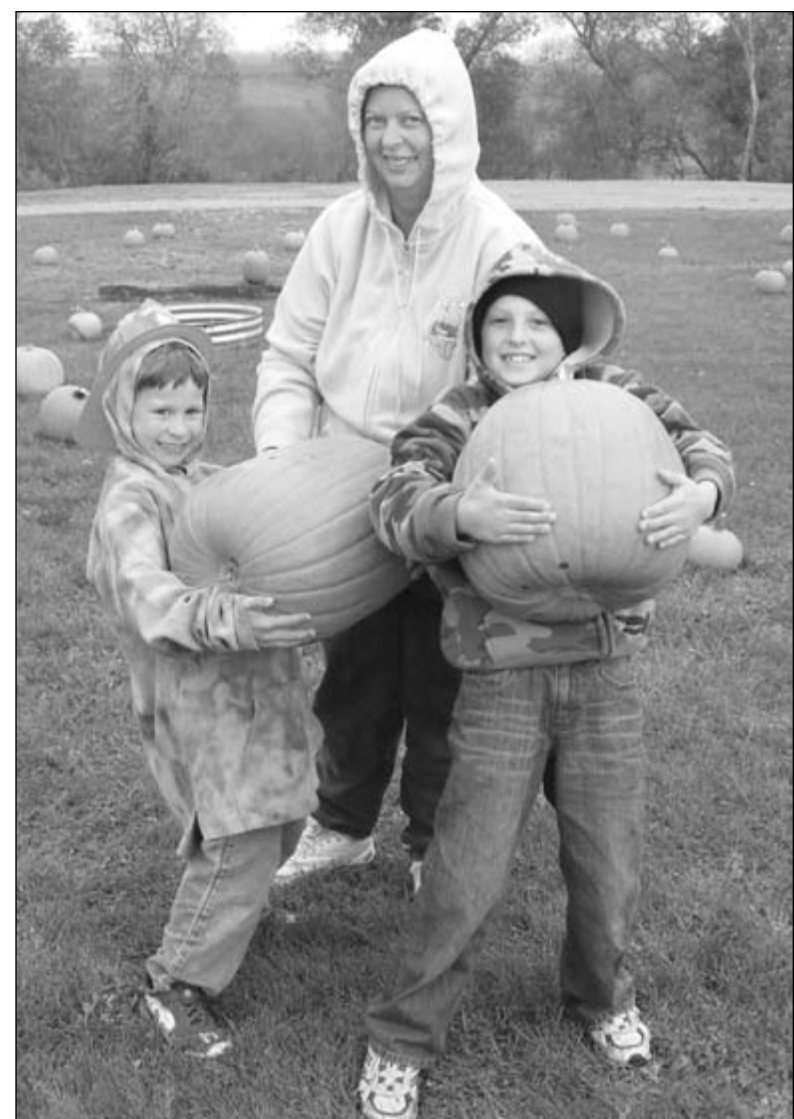
big attraction."

Carrie Jones was the winner of the playhouse raffle, while Chase Fisher and Paxton Palmer, both of Pickford, won a birdhouse and a carving of a bear made by Mr. Johnson, respectively. Mr. Johnson himself won the third carving, which was of an eagle. Ms. Smith said a family member entered Mr. Johnson's

name into the raffle.

Festival-goers started to crowd into the park pavilion about 1 p.m. when it began raining, although some remained outdoors. Wes Klier and his family of Sault Ste. Marie made their way to the pavilion once the rain started.

"It's the first time we've been down here for this. It's pretty fun, minus the weather," he said.



Billy Newell, 6, (left) and Garrett Newell, 9, both of Pickford, pick out pumpkins with their mother, Tabitha Newell, at a pumpkin patch during Pickford Fall Fest Saturday, October 10. More than 450 pumpkins were set up for children to choose and decorate.

Ms. Greenfield said, "Up until the rain started, people were just pouring into the park... In the fall, northerners are pretty apt to take the cold and the rain a little bit."

The Friends of the Pickford

Library will host a community book sale Friday, November 13, and Saturday, November 14, at the Pickford Methodist Church to benefit the library development fund.

Painting of Ojibwe Musuem Nears Completion



Prison workers from Kinross continue work on the siding of the Museum of Ojibwe Culture in St. Ignace Wednesday, September 30, under the supervision of crew leader Ron Suchey. This year, the workers have scraped and sanded off the old paint, installed a new deck and walkway in the front, replaced some of the rotten wood siding, and repainted most of the exterior of the museum. The crew was expected to complete painting on the north side by Monday, October 5, and plans to finish the rear of the building either this fall or next spring.

Friends of Bayliss Library Will Host Silent Auction

The Friends of Bayliss Library are hosting a silent auction beginning Tuesday, October 20, Saturday, October 17, through Saturday, October 31. Items will be on display in the showcase in the lobby at the Sault Ste. Marie

library. Bids will be posted daily with the winning bids announced at 4 p.m. Saturday, October 31.

Proceeds will benefit Bayliss Public Library.

Ned Fenlon Marks 106th Birthday

Ned Fenlon of Long Beach, California, turned 106 years old Wednesday, October 7. A longtime city attorney on Mackinac Island, he called Island Mayor Margaret Doud on his birthday to send his regards.

Known to many in the Straits area, Mr. Fenlon was born in 1903 in St. Ignace, and grew up in Hessel. He began his law career in the 1920s and represented the former Emmet-Mackinac counties district of the Michigan Legislature from 1933 to 1939. Mr. Fenlon is credited with many accomplishments,

including introducing legislation for building the Mackinac, Blue Water, and International bridges and establishing Michigan State Police posts. He began working toward developing a bridge across the Straits of Mackinac nearly 30 years before the bridge was actually built. Mr. Fenlon also served as the 33rd Judicial Circuit Judge for Mackinac, Cheboygan, Emmet, and Charlevoix counties for 24 years.

Also a longtime resident of Petoskey, he has family members in the Straits area.

LeCount, VanDusen, Shelley Earn Degrees

Kristina LeCount of St. Ignace, Nathan VanDusen of Rudyard, and Steven Shelley of Kinross received degrees from Ferris State University in May.

Miss LeCount earned an Associate in Applied Science in dental hygiene with Summa Cum

Laude honors. Mr. VanDusen was graduated with Cum Laude honors with a Bachelor of Science degree in biotechnology. Mr. Shelley earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology/pre-medicine with Magna Cum Laude honors.

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