

Saginaw County Agricultural Society News

Supporting the Saginaw County Fair and Agriculture

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From the Editor:

Summer is flying by and the fair is coming fast. There are many things that need to be gotten ready for the big event of the year. If you have a couple of hours to help we would welcome that assistance. Contact the office or Francis Sloan at 989-277-7694 for more information.

A thank you goes out for the donation of a computer for the office. It has been hooked up and we are starting to use it. A thank you also goes out for the donation of cabinets for use in the kitchen area. They still need to be installed before the fair. (Contact Francis if you can help.)

As many of you know, the State of Michigan has had to make many budget cuts. All of the funding to the fairs has been one of those cuts. We will be losing over \$ 10,000 that normally goes toward premiums. We have had to make the decision to cut the premiums that would have been paid by 50%. That means that we still have to make additional cuts to have the funds to pay the other 50%. We are hoping that we will have a successful year to help offset those dollars.

Pennie Tomac, director

We are still looking for e-mail addresses. Please pass this along to other members not on our list. Contact me at saginawfair@yahoo.com

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New this year is **One Price Admission** for all activities on the grounds. **Rides and Grandstand** is included for the low admission price of \$ 10.

Thanks to our Grandstand Sponsors and McDonagh Amusements for making this possible!

Fair Activities

Tuesday August 4th – Veteran's Day

With a visit from Uncle Sam

Grandstand: Horse Pulling – 7 pm

Grounds:

- Lumberjacks
- Chili Cook-off
- Homemaker of the Year – 2 pm
- Bingo
- Quilters
- Bossy Bingo
- Fireworks – 10 pm

Wednesday August 5th – Grandparents Day

With special events on the Grounds

Grandstand: Lawnmower Races – 7 pm

Grounds:

- Lumberjacks

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Grounds and Buildings Rental for Events

Contact Teresa at 989-845-2143 or

989-692-0451

Calendar of Events

July 11

July 26

August 4-8

September 12

4-H Leaders Show

Greyhound Trials

Saginaw County Fair

Mud Bog

Fair Activities – continued from page 1

- Memorial Hospital – Play Hospital -10 to 2 pm
- Health Fair – 11 to 4 pm
- Reading with Chesaning Library
- Blood Mobile – 2 to 7 pm
- Bingo
- Quilters
- Bossy Bingo
- Goat Obstacle Course – 6 pm
- Fireworks – 10 pm

Thursday August 6th – Country Day

Enjoy old time county fair fun

Grandstand: Tractor Pull – 7 pm

Grounds:

- Lumberjacks
- Bingo
- Quilters
- Bossy Bingo
- 4-H Dog Show – 1 pm
- Square Dancers – 5:30 to 7 pm
- Music by the Cornpone Boys – Pavilion – 7:30 to 9 pm. They play Rock-a-Billy and Old Time Country
- Fireworks – 10 pm

Friday August 7th – Ag Day

A Great day to visit your friends at the fair!!

Grandstands: Figure Eight Derby – 7 pm

Grounds:

- Lumberjacks
- MMPA – Milk Give Away – Children's Petting Zoo – while supplies last
- Quilters
- Bossy Bingo
- Livestock Auction – 3 pm
- Bingo – 5 pm
- Music by Tim Evans and the Silverado Express Pavilion – 7 to 9 pm – Country and Blue Grass
- Fireworks – 10 pm

Saturday August 8th – Kids Day

A day just for kids young and old

Grandstand – Fireman's Challenge – 11 to 3 pm

Cornpone Boys – 4 to 6 pm

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Grounds:

- Lumberjacks
- Saginaw Valley Dutch Oven Cooking – 9 am
- Antique Appraising – 11 to 3 pm – free appraisals
- Oehrlein Dancers
- Quilters
- Bossy Bingo
- Goat Obstacle Course – 4 pm
- Music by Tim Evans and the Silverado Express Pavilion – 7 to 9 pm – Country and Blue Grass
- Fireworks – 10 pm

Hard Choices

The board had to make some hard choices at the last board meeting. The State of Michigan has needed to make more cuts in the funding toward many programs. One of them is the funding for premiums to county fairs. Because of those cuts we had to make some hard choices in regards to cuts. We are anticipating cutting premiums by 50%. We needed to look at the amount of free passes that we hand out. Next year we will need to look at the entry fees that we charge to exhibit at the fair.

One of the cuts that we needed to make was the unlimited free passes to members. Each member in good standing will receive a pass good for one day admission for themselves and a guest. (This does not include rides and grandstand.) For those members that like to come to the fair on additional days we are suggesting that you please volunteer to help during the fair and you will receive an additional pass(es).

We have volunteer opportunities for a variety of abilities. For those that need to sit we need office volunteers. (See below) We also need volunteers to help Wait at the ticket booth, volunteers to help with the different departments in the building, and a variety of different areas.

If you did not receive a pass, check your label, you may not have paid your 2009 dues according to our records! Contact the Fair office to bring your dues up to date.

Help Needed

We are in need of volunteers in the office between now and fair. We also need volunteers in the office during fair week. The directors that are currently volunteering in the office have other duties during the fair and are unable to be in the office. We do not want to have the office empty and locked during the day while the fair is on so we need volunteers that can sit in air conditioned comfort and direct people to where they need to go. A list of commonly asked questions and answers will be provided. This is an opportunity for those society members that can't always help to assist at the fair.

Thank You!!

Thank you to Phil Schmiede for the donation of a used computer. Also David Tomac, builder, for the donation of used kitchen cabinets. These items are greatly appreciated.

Improvements:

When you attend the fair be sure to look up in the exhibit hall. The SVAA has arranged for the installation of ceiling fans. That should help keep the building more comfortable both in the summer and for Santa's Village. Also note that the parking lot has been painted for handicap parking.

SVAA Harvest Banquet

Plans are underway for the annual Harvest Banquet that the SVAA puts on. It is planned for September 26th at the Our Lady Hall. The cost will be \$ 100 per couple with lots of chances to win. Be sure to set aside time to attend this event. It is sure to be a fun evening.

Golf Outing

The SVAA sponsored a Golf Outing on June 6th at Twin Brooks Golf Course. The Outing was successful with approximately \$ 5000 raised. Thank you to all that participated.

Grandstand Sponsors

The following have help to sponsor the Grandstand Activities:

- Ace Hardware, Chesaning
- Broad Street Pharmacy
- Card Bros Equipment
- Chesaning Recyclers
- Community State Bank
- Crop Production Services
- Dorr Trucking
- Douglas C Isles, Merrill Lynch
- Frankenmuth Credit Union
- Gewirtz Hardware
- Heritage Tire & Service Center
- HJV Equipment
- McDonald & Associates, CPAs
- Mel Ervin Ford
- National City
- Parshallburg Campers
- Robert Burns Financial
- Sloan's Septic Tank Services
- Sovis Insurance Agency
- State Farm – Howard Szaroletta
- Stoddard's
- Triple R Homes
- Northwest Energy
- LaClair Sales

Meet your Directors:

We want you to get to know your board of directors and feel free to contact them if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Terry Henne: Terry is the farm director on WSGW. He is on the advertising committee and is helping to direct the advertising campaign this year. He lives in Richville.

Lois Frederick: Lois takes care of the Home Arts and the Vendors at the Fair. She is from the Hemlock area where she helps her sons with the farm. She is retired from the Hemlock Public Schools.

By-Laws

The by-laws committee has met and has proposed changes for the annual meeting. Contact a director or the office for more information. Proposed changes will be sent with the annual meeting notice.

Giant Pumpkin Corner

Featuring pumpkin of course



Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cake

- 1 cup less 2 tablespoons oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups pumpkin puree
- 1 cup nuts
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Sift together flour salt, baking soda, baking powder and cinnamon. Mix oil, sugar, eggs, canned pumpkin and vanilla. Blend with dry ingredients Add chopped nuts and chocolate chips. Pour into 9 x 13 inch baking pan. Bake at 350° F for 25-30 minutes or until done. Frost with cream cheese frosting or chocolate frosting. Cake freezes very well.