

Greater Port Austin Area Chamber of Commerce

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2008

The Circus is Coming to Town!



**Thursday,
August 14**

**Two Shows:
4:30 & 7:30 p.m.**

**Behind the Old
Port Austin
School — south
of town on M-53**

The Circus is coming to town!

That's right – the Kelly Miller Circus will be in Port Austin on Thursday, August 14 – presenting shows at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Besides the shows, you can enjoy the Midway up to an hour before each show - featuring elephant rides, camel rides, pony rides, games and clowns.

Purchase tickets in advance and SAVE! Only \$5.00 for children ages 2 through 11 years of age, and \$9.00 for those 12 and up if purchased before Wednesday, August 13 at one of the following locations: Lake Street Emporium, Lake Vista Resort, Port Austin Village Hall, Farmers Market, the Pasta House in Kinde, and Osentoski Realty in Bad Axe.

Tickets can also be purchased the day of the Circus for \$6.00 (2 to 11 years old) and \$12.00 (12 years and older).

The location is behind Antiques to Zebras on Van Dyke Road /M-53 (AKA the former North Huron Middle School, AKA the Old Port Austin School).



For a special treat – watch the elephants helping to set up the big tent the morning of the circus, at around 7:30 a.m.

PUZZLES ARE IN!

In other Historical Society news - the “Lighthouse Puzzles” are in!

The 500-piece jig saw puzzles feature three area lighthouses —the Port Austin Reef Light, the Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse and the Harbor Beach Lighthouse.

They sell for \$15 each and measure 19 1/2 by 26 1/2 inches.

They can be purchased at the Farmers Market or from PAAHS members.

Proceeds from the puzzle sales will help PAAHS in their quest to raise funds for their building project

Oh - and they make great gifts too!

“300 Club Raffle”

The Port Austin Area Historical Society is sponsoring their 2nd Annual “300 Club Raffle” and tickets are now on sale.

For a cost of \$30 per ticket, you have 29 chances to win over a period of four weeks – and you need not be present to win!

The first drawing will take place at 11 a.m. at Farmers Market on Saturday, September 27. There will be five tickets drawn, each for a \$100 cash prize. The second drawing is the same place and time on October 4, again for five \$100 cash prizes. October 11 is the third drawing at Farmers Market, also for five \$100 cash prizes.

The final drawing is on Saturday October 18. All of the winning tickets from the previous three weeks go back into the final week’s drawing. There will be 14 tickets drawn that day. There will be ten \$100 cash prizes, plus fourth prize of \$250, third prize of \$250, second prize of \$500 – and first prize of \$1,000 in cash!

Tickets may be purchased from members, at Farmers Market, at the Village Hall and at the following businesses: Up-the-Grove Gifts & Antiques, Spring Street Styling Salon, Joe’s Pizzeria, Grindstone General Store, Lake Street Emporium, Blue Spruce Motel and at Huron City Museums.

They sold out last year – so don’t miss out! Get your ticket now!

Proceeds from the 300 Club Raffle will be used by PAAHS for their building project.

Workshop Wednesdays at Huron City

Don’t forget about the special “Wednesday Workshops” planned for the month of September at the Huron City Museums.

They include: September 10 - Writing Family History; September 17 - Writing Poetry; and September 24 - Stained Glass.

For more information, contact Patty Finan at the Museum at 989-428-4123.



THEN AND NOW

Farm equipment – old and new – was the focal point of a special exhibit at the August 2 Farmers Market.

Murawski Farms of Port Austin brought in a variety of farm equipment, some dating back to the 1890s right through to the present day.

According to Walter Murawski, most of the antique tractors were purchased by his father, Albin Sr., back in the 1960s.

The tractors on exhibit included a 1912 one-cylinder Rumely tractor that runs on kerosene and a 1923 Rumely Oil Pull, both manufactured in Laporte, Indiana.

Rounding out the exhibit was an antique thrashing machine (circa 1890-1920), manufactured by Ellis Keystone of Pottstown, Pennsylvania; a 1920 Avery tractor from Peoria, Illinois; a 1925 John Deere tractor; and a 1920 Model-T automobile.

Of course, they brought in several pieces of their new equipment which is typical of farm machinery used today – complete with air-conditioned cab!

Walter was joined by his brothers Larry, Joe, Auggie, Ken and Albin, Jr., and Albin’s son, Todd, in setting up the display, answering questions and firing up some of the old tractors.

AUCTION PLANNED FOR AUGUST 9

The Woodlands of Port Austin will be holding a special on-site auction on Saturday, August 9, at 1:00 p.m. featuring 2 homes and 36 lots. Preview and registration is at 11 am. For more information call 877-696-7653

Just For Fun!



“CHEESEBURGER SUNDAYS”

A full afternoon of fun, music, food and refreshments on the beach is planned for “Cheeseburger Sundays” at Breakers-on-the-Bay on August 10 and August 17.

According to Del Ruth, they are planning “A Fun Lazy Sunday on the Beach with Entertainment, Cocktails and Barbeque!”

Added Dianne Ruth, “Wear your swim clothes and bring water toys, beach towels, blankets and beach umbrellas!” Remember that this is a “beach party” - so bring beach chairs and sunscreen too!

Live Entertainment on the lakefront patio will be provided by Marty Viers & The Music Doctors, from 1 to 4 pm.

The lakefront barbeque will feature cheeseburgers, Coney dogs and French fries, while the patio bar will prepare tropical cocktails and other favorites.

As a special incentive, if you come by boat, canoe, kayak, jet-ski, snorkel or swim fins – you’ll receive a free cheeseburger!

There is a cover charge of \$5.00 per person.

For more information or to order advance tickets, contact Breakers-on-the-Bay at 989-738-5101.

**Sunday
August 10 &
August 17
Noon to 5 pm**



FREE Concert planned for Farmers Market Square on August 16

The sounds of The Bill Denbrock Big Band will be echoing through downtown Port Austin on August 16.

The Port Austin Farmers Market, as a thank you to its customers, is sponsoring a FREE CONCERT on Saturday, August 16, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Farmers Market Square.

Bring your lawn chair, a picnic basket and enjoy!

In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Gymnasium.

MORE FUN...

Besides “Cheeseburger Sundays” – check out these events:

- Saturday, August 9 – The Bank 1884 – Featuring Jazz music from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. – Drew Krag on the guitar and vocalist Marlena Studer
- Friday and Saturday nights – Karaoke or Live Music – at Danny Zeb’s Bar/Restaurant, Grindstone City, 9:00 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday nights - Karaoke at The Landing Tavern, 9:00 p.m., downtown Port Austin
- Sunday, August 24 - The Great Event XXII Party & Raffle at the Port Austin Community Playhouse - dinner, refreshments, live entertainment, raffles...

"PIRATES ON THE GREAT LAKES"

August 22 & 23

and

"A Great Event on the Great Lakes"

August 24



New "Pirate" Festival has many fun activities planned

The new pirate-themed festival, "Pirates on the Great Lakes" is slated for August 22 and 23. Some highlights include:

On Friday there will be a Pig Roast (\$5 per meal), a Costume Contest and a Silent Auction - all will be held at the tent in front of the Port Austin Community Playhouse, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

On both Friday night (6 to 9 pm) and Saturday (9 am to 9 pm), there is a display planned at the Civic Center which will feature "Pirate History" and "Great Lakes History."

A "Children's Voyage" is planned which will have kids going on a journey to a dozen "Ports of Call" - where they will perform tasks, and then receive a prize from the Treasure Chest at the end.

A "Parade of Slaves" is planned for 11 am at Farmers Market. The volunteer "slaves" will be auctioned at noon and led shackled through the market.

A Scavenger/Treasure Hunt is planned for adults and families in teams of 2 to 4. It will include a walking hunt lasting up to 3 hours. Cash prizes and other prizes will be awarded.

Viewing and judging "Pirate Ships" is planned for both Friday and Saturday nights at the Port Austin State Dock.

For more information, see the flyers - or contact Mary Gottschalk, chairperson, 989-738-8612.

Great Event Raffle & Party

PACP's "Great Event Raffle & Party" is set for Sunday, August 24 at the Port Austin Community Playhouse.

PACP's annual fund raiser is in its 22nd year! This year's theme is nautical - "A Great Event on the Great Lakes."

The raffle ticket price of \$100 includes admission for two adults to the outdoor afternoon party. Dinner, refreshments (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and live entertainment are all included.

For those who have never been to the event - ALL Great Event raffle tickets are drawn - and the LAST one drawn is the Grand Prize Winner of \$15,000 in cash!

There are over 50 prizes - so you have a better than 1 in 10 chance of winning a prize - cash, gift certificates and merchandise.

Tickets are on sale now - at PACP from 6 to 8 pm Monday through Friday beginning August 11. They will also be available at Farmers Market - and from PACP members, or at either Schillinger & Schillinger, Inc. (989-738-6555) or from Lake Vista Motel (989-738-8612).

Proceeds go to the PACP Building Fund and special projects, including a scholarship fund.

**Ahoy Matey!
Make sure you get in on the fun - or
we'll make you walk the plank!
Arrrrghh!!**

Mark Your Calendar - August 2008

August

- 10** summertime Open Euchre Card Party, at the American Legion
- 14** Kelly Miller Circus - two shows: 4:30 & 7:30 pm
- 16** Sawmill Day at the Huron City Museums
- 16** Free Concert at Farmers Market Square from 6 to 8 pm - featuring The Bill Denbrock Big Band
- 19-21** Kayak & Yoga Mid-week Retreat
- 22-23** Pirates on the Great Lakes, Pirate-themed Festival
- 24** "The Great Event" at the Port Austin Community Playhouse
- 29** "Art in the Park Preview Party" at the Port Austin Community Playhouse
- 30** Poetry Reading with The Bards of Bird Creek, at Bird Creek Park, 7 pm
- 30-31** Art in the Park, sponsored by TAG at Gallup Park
- 30-31** Thumb Fiber Arts Festival at the Haven Antiques

COMING SOON:

- * Workshop Wednesdays in September at the Huron City Museums
- * September 13 & 14 - Polka Fest, downtown Kinde
- * Kayak & Yoga Weekend Retreat, Sept. 19-21
- * Scarecrow Days - September 19-21 & 26-28
- * Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet, Sept. 27

Reminder to all who have upcoming events - please provide details to the Chamber so that we can help promote your activities!

2008 Chamber Board Members

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SAWMILL DAY August 16

The annual "Sawmill Day" at Huron City Museums will take place on Saturday, August 16.

The event features saw and shingle mills, chair seat weaving, a puppet show, pony rides, a petting zoo, food and shuttles.

Entertainment will be provided by the Eastern Michigan Music Makers.

For more information, contact Patty Finan at 989-428-4123.

Annual Chamber Election in September

Please remember that there will be four openings up for election at the annual meeting in September: President, Secretary and two Trustees. Those currently serving in those positions (Dave Dybowski, Lori Babcock, Laura Mayes and Pam Gabriel) do not plan to seek re-election, so please consider running.

The Annual Meeting is set for Monday, August 8 (meetings are usually the first Monday of the month - but this year Labor Day is September 1).

The time and place for the September meeting will be set at the August 4 chamber meeting.

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