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NEW DAY! SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Pony Pulls 3 p.m.
Draft Horse Pulls 5 p.m.

Admission: Ages 13 and up: \$5
12 and under: FREE
see page 5

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

**NEW! THUMB
TRACTOR PULLS**

6 p.m.

Admission:
Ages 13 & up: \$10
5-12: \$5; Under 5, free
see page 6



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

NEW! SILENT DISCO! 6 to 9 p.m.

Admission:
Ages 5-12: \$5
Ages 13 and up: \$10
see page 8



Get a FAIR FUN PASS!

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Covers general admission to ALL Grandstand events and the Fairgrounds for the week. For purchase information, contact the Fair Office at (231) 347-1010 or email info@emmetchxfair.org

Complete fair schedule online:
www.emmetchxfair.org

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

MONSTER TRUCK SHOOTOUT! 7 p.m.

Admission:
Ages 13 & up: \$17
day of show or
2/\$25 in advance
Ages 2-12: \$8
Under 2: Free!
see page 10



FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Autocross action! 6 p.m.



Admission:
Ages 13 & up: \$10
Ages 5-12: \$5
Under 5: Free
see page 12

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

**Country Music Co-Headliners
PARMALEE & LOVE & THEFT!**

NEW: ENTERTAINMENT TENT FOR 21 AND OVER,
gates/tent open at 6 p.m. Concert at 7 p.m.



see page 13

Gate admission into the Fairgrounds:
\$5 for 13 & older (12 & under enter free!)
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Display your talents (and win prizes!)

Show us your best! Whether it's photography, antiques, knitting, sewing, quilting, crocheting, baking or flower arranging, we have a spot for you inside the Community Building. There is no entry fee for your items, and premiums are paid for first, second and third-places. Bring items to the Community Building on Aug. 20 and 21. Perishable exhibits (i.e. flowers and baked goods) accepted on Aug. 21. The Community Building displays and vendor booths are open to the public from Aug. 23-27.

ATTENTION: BREWERS & VINTNERS!

For all you brewers and vintners, check out this year's new category for Craft Beers, Wines and Spirits!

Categories are: Single bottle, display of five by individual or display of 10 by group. Mix up your best batches and help make this category a great success! More details in the Fair Book on page 38.

Read about the Judges' Choice Awards
on page 17!

NEW Firefighter Show!

The Fair welcomes the Firefighter Show to replace Nick's Kids' Show this year, offering kids the chance to see what it takes to be a firefighter! Shows will be Tuesday, Aug. 23, through Saturday, Aug. 27, with three shows daily taking place on the children's stage area near the Fair Office.

Kids in the audience will be selected as volunteers! After being fitted in firefighter jacket and helmet, the new trainees are introduced to the audience as their next generation of heroes. When the alarm tones sound calling Engine One to duty, it's all hands on deck!



TRI-COUNTY CIRCUIT OPEN HORSE SHOW AUG. 13-14

In affiliation with Chippewa County Fair (July 30-31), Cheboygan County Fair, (Aug. 6-7,) and Otsego County Fair, (Aug. 20-21), the Tri-County horse show will be held at the *Emmet County Fairgrounds*. *Open horse show is Saturday, Aug. 13, at 8:30 a.m. Speed show is Sunday, Aug. 14, at 1 p.m.* Rain or shine. For more info, including camping and horse stall reservations, contact Becky Swiger, (231) 881-0003.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

A new day for the Fair's longest running Grandstand event, the Horse and Pony Pulls. The pony pulls begin at 3 p.m. Draft horse pulls begin at 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for ages 13 and older; those 12 and under enter for free.



\$2 OFF GATE ADMISSION!

Clip this coupon and present at the Fair Gate, and receive \$2 off the admission price of \$5!

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 23



NEW Tractor Pulls!

The first-ever Thumb Tractor Pulls take place this evening. Beginning at 6 p.m. the roar of engines will be heard from huge tractors and trucks pulling tons of weight in a show of might in the grandstands; this new-to-the-fair show is put on by the Thumb Tractor Pulling Association. Locals will be able to participate in the tractor pulls; call the Fair office to inquire, (231) 347-1010.

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CARNIVAL OPENS at 2 p.m!

The Skerbeck Family Carnival will roll into town again for another exciting year at the Fair! Rides open Tuesday at 2 p.m. and then at noon Wednesday, Aug. 24, through Sunday, Aug. 28.

Kids' Days are Wednesday and Thursday, where kids can ride for one price with a wrist band. For those who plan to ride many times during the week, consider purchasing a Mega Ride band that's good all day, every day! Bands are \$60 in advance or \$70 after 8/23. Purchasing information can be found online at www.emmetchxfair.org or by calling the Fair office at (231) 347-1010.



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Sit back and take in the Classic Country Music played by the band *Second Time Around*. This group has been singing for a long time, so bring your friends and family for great entertainment. *Performing at The Community Center Outdoor Stage 3-6 p.m.*



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24



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NEW Silent Disco a fun new Fair experience in 2016!

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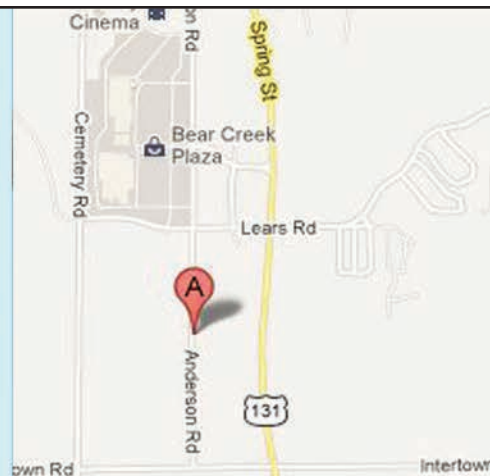
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The Dog Agility Show starts at noon at the grass area near the Grandstand on Aug. 24.



Kids' contest! Pedal Pulling

B&D pedal Pullers will bring their kids' size tractors and semi trucks for pedal pulling contests for kids ages 3 to 12. The old-fashioned pedal vehicles will be set up behind the Community Building near the small-animal barn. Registration is at noon on-site. Contests begin at 1 p.m. There is no cost for kids to enter the contest and prizes will be awarded. Join us for some good old-fashioned Fair fun near the barns!

Kids build with Home Depot!

Come build a project with Home Depot on the outdoor back stage of the Community Building Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. Have a fun time and take home your finished project from the Fair! *Home Depot is sponsoring this kids' workshop. Parents must stay with their children.*

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Monster Truck Showdown!

The Michigan Monster Truck Shoot Out roars back to the Fair on Thursday, Aug. 25. You'll see high-flying, car-crushing competition by machines like Ballistic, Predator and Prowler, plus Reptoid and other big, bad trucks! There's also a special performance by the MiniMonsters. After the show, you can meet the drivers who have been on ESPN and TNN, get their autographs and photos. Take the whole family as this is unbelievable action-packed entertainment!

SHOWTIME:
Thursday, Aug, 25, at 7 p.m.
in the Grandstand

Hey kids!

Monster Truck Poster

Contest with cool prizes!



The Monster Truck Show at the Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair is already a big hit with kids each year, and this year they have even more reason to look forward to the show! A new

kids' poster contest is taking place.

Here are the details: There are two classes for entries, ages 3 to 7 and ages 8 to 12. Posters should be created to one size – 15" wide by 20" tall. Kids can choose their poster design featuring any of the trucks coming to the Fair this August; trucks are Predator, Prowler, Ballistic, Nightmare, Reptoid and American Outlaw.



The Monster Truck drivers themselves will select the winners! Kids should bring their posters to the grandstands for the judging by 6:45 p.m. on show day, Thursday, Aug. 25 (the show starts at 7 p.m.). A winner will be selected from each age group. The winners will receive a free ride ticket for carnival rides and a treat ticket for carnival concession food.

Questions? Call the Fair office at (231) 347-1010. The contest is open to all kids from all areas.

More Thursday fun!



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Admission
 \$10 for 13 and up
 \$5 for 5-12 years old
 4 and under enter FREE

ATTENTION FORMER 4-Hers! There will be a 4-H Alumni Party at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, on the back stage of the Community Building! All former 4-H members are invited!



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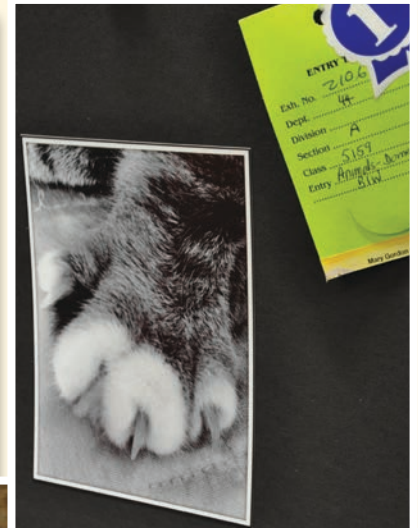






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Judge's Choice Awards *include great new prizes!*

The Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair is once again adding the top "Judge's Choice" award for those who enter items for display and judging in the Community Building. A judge will determine the overall winner in each category.



The categories are: Domestic Arts, Fancy Work, Quilting, Photography, Arts and Crafts, Food Preparation Farm and Garden, Baking, Flowers, and Antiques. The

winner in each category will receive a gift at the end of the Fair.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their donations to make these awards possible:

Domestic Arts/Sewing: Coats & Clark, thread assortment

Fancy Work: Cynthia's Too! Yarn and Gifts, gift certificate (Petoskey)

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Photography: Mitchell Street Frameworks and Gallery, \$50 gift certificate (Petoskey)

Arts and Crafts: Walmart

Food Preparation: Family Farm & Home (Charlevoix) - gift certificate

Farm and Garden: Bill's Farm Market, gift certificate (Petoskey)

Award: Ball Canning - gift certificate (see complete award eligibility criteria on the Fair web site, www.emmetchxfair.org)

Flowers: Northern Michigan Honey, 80 ounce jar of honey

Antiques: Then and Now Antique & Consignment, gift certificate (Petoskey)

Baking: Wilton Industries, Red Star Yeast; Wilton gifts for divisions of adult cupcakes, decorated cakes for junior open class, and two gifts for 4-H decorated cakes and cupcakes. Red Star Yeast will offer prize for Bread division.



Rick and Carol Torres have been long-time Fair staff, helping to coordinate the activities and exhibits in the Community Building.

Learn more about how to enter your projects in the Community Building on page 4!



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By **BETH ANNE ECKERLE**
Emmet County Communications Director

In 1977, the all-male Fair Board overseeing the Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair decided that they needed a female member to join their ranks. Board member Keith Lamkin approached Bev Hinkley, whose agricultural reputation in the local farming community was commendable. Her husband was Fred Hinkley, a hard-working farmer his whole life through, and Bev was known for her own work ethic, helping to sell produce and flowers on the Hinkley farm while raising four children.

"I said 'Sure!' and then I said, 'Wait, why?'" Bev recalled with a laugh. "But it was seriously to the point where they needed to put a woman on the board."

Since that time, Bev has only left once (for just a year) and because of that, she is the longest-serving member of the Fair Board. She is also the right-hand woman to Fair Manager Agnes Shaw, with whom Bev has developed both a close professional working relationship and friendship.

"During the year when I have projects to do, I can always call on Bev and she will come to the office and help with anything – whether it's paperwork, planting flowers or rearranging the ticket booths," said Shaw. "She is very

humble and hardworking, a very giving soul who likes to be behind the scenes helping wherever we need her."

That preference for working behind-the-scenes made this past year a little bit of a challenge for Bev. In January, she was given the Heritage Award at the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions conference, in front of all her peers in the state. Her friends knew that she would not like the attention, but that it was deserved.

"We nominated her because of what the award stands for: dedication, longevity and commitment to keeping the fair vibrant and alive," said Shaw.

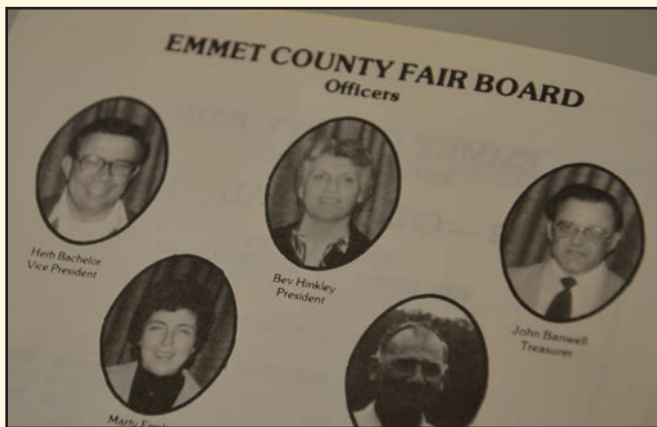
The admiration is reciprocal. "Agnes is amazing," said Bev. "We've had so much fun together."

'It's been wonderful watching the kids grow'

Bev was raised in Lapeer Michigan, just outside of Detroit, where she and her family lived on a farm that her uncle maintained. "I was into flowers and I had a pig as a young girl, and I was in 4-H. Flowers were my absolute favorite," she recalled.

As a teen, the family relocated to Gaylord where her father worked as a barber. "My sister had asthma, and they said the North is better, so we moved," Bev said.

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A photo of Bev in a Fair Directory when she first joined the Fair Board.

They kept coming further north and moved to Petoskey, and Bev graduated from Petoskey High School in the spring of 1958. In the fall, she married Fred Hinkley, a 1955 PHS graduate.

The two have four children: Patti, Fred, Brad and Maureen. The family landed permanently on Black-bird Road, where Fred still actively farms and maintains a large herd of cattle. While their children were young, Bev managed the produce stand started by Fred's mother, later to be known as Hinkley Pro-duce.

"Fred has been a farmer his whole life. I was the city slicker," she said with a laugh.

She may have been a city slicker, but she came to accept the agricultural lifestyle in Northern Michigan. She dove into her obligations on the Fair Board with all her energy and has helped to guide decisions at the Emmet County Fairgrounds for the last nearly 40 years (in 2017).

Bev said her view of serving on the Fair Board is through a wide-angle lens. "We try to not to interfere. You can't have tunnel vision and serve on the board. You have to see the whole picture. We have an amazing Fair Board right now."

The names of some early Fair Board members are surely recognizable to many long-time Emmet County families: Herb Bachelor, John Banwell, Marty Eppler and Will Sterzik, to name a few.

"The board members have always worked with the mission to get programs in place and keep them going for the kids. I believe that all of our board members are good people. You learn to love them," Bev said. "It has been truly wonderful watching the kids grow through this program."

Through the years she has also helped as an associate harness-racing judge and supervises the grand-stand gates, among many other duties that also include encouraging youth to do their very best.

Inside the barns when cages and surroundings are in disarray during the fair, Bev steps in. "I tell the kids, 'Company's coming! Be proud of what you have here, because you've worked so hard!'"

In recent years Bev has become the Pullorum tester for all the birds and fowl entered in the fair week activities. She became certified during the tenure of Fair Manager June Jackson.

"I do the testing but I want the kids to be involved, because it's their project. I have the kids hold their bird's feet and put their hand over their eyes while I draw the blood," Bev explained.

As a member of the Fair Board, Bev and others often visit other fairs around the state. "We all love our fair so much. We visit a number of others and I truly believe that ours is the best one in the state. It's compact, you don't have to walk far to see all there is to see and it's a true community fair."

She credits the late Lyn Johnson, Emmet County's long-time Controller who passed away in 2014, for having the vision to improve the fairgrounds into the scenic, clean facility it is today. "We had a controller who believed in what we were doing, and that helped us greatly," Bev recalled.

She and Johnson worked together for many years and shared a love of watching kids succeed during the fair week and in the community. A memorial paver brick from the Johnson family rests in the sidewalk near the Fair Office next to Hinkley's own brick, which can be purchased to support Fair operations.

Bev said she plans to continue on the Fair Board, but didn't specify a timeline. "I don't have to be on the Fair Board to do what I do," she said. "I'll still help wherever and however I can."

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FAIR TIME

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Open Class Registration 1-6 pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Open Class Registration Noon-6 pm
(All Classes)

Pony Pulls 3 pm
Draft Horse Pulls 5 pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

Open Class Swine Show 4 pm
4-H Market Livestock Swine Show 6 pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

Carnival Rides Open at 2 pm!
Senior Citizen & Handi-Capable Citizen Day: Free Gate Admission til 6 pm
Community Center opens 10 am-9 pm
4-H Horse - Fitting & Showing and English Classes 11 am
MUSIC 'Second Time Around' 3-6 pm
4-H & Open Class Lamb Show 4 pm
4-H Market Livestock Lamb Show 6 pm
THUMB TRACTOR PULLS 6 pm



THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Carnival Rides Open at Noon!
Kids' Day: Ride One Price!
Community Center open 10 am-9 pm
4-H Horse Trail-Reining & Patterns 10 am
Market Livestock Auction 3 pm
MONSTER TRUCK SHOW 7 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Carnival Rides Open at Noon!
Community Center open 10 am-9 pm
Dollar Days *all rides \$1* Noon-6 pm
4-H Dressage Horses 11 am
AUTOCROSS! 6 pm
4-H Alumni Reunion 7 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Carnival Rides Open at Noon!
Community Center open 10 am-8 pm
4-H Fun & Games 11 am
COUNTRY CONCERT FEATURING
PARMALEE, LOVE & THEFT 7 pm
Entertainment tent, 21+ 6 pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Carnival Rides One Price \$15 Noon-6 pm
Community Center open until 2 pm to pick up exhibits.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

Carnival Rides Open at Noon!
Kids' Day: Ride One Price!
Community Center open 10 am-9 pm
4-H/Open Rabbit & Pocket pets 9 am
4-H Western Horse Show 11 am
Dog Agility Show Noon
Pedal Pulling *by the barns* Noon
4-H Goat Show 1 pm
Home Depot free Kids' Build 1-4 pm
Exotic Animal Show *following Goat Show*
Open Beef & Dairy Show 3 pm
4-H Market Livestock Dairy Feeder 4 pm
and Junior Beef Show
4-H Market Livestock Steer Show 6 pm
NEW! DANCE PARTY 6 pm
4-H Speed Show 7 pm



Rain or Shine! Use the entrance off Eppler Rd. for FREE Parking on the Fairgrounds. There is also FREE Parking at Hinkley's Farm, on the corner of Sheridan Rd. and Eppler Rd. A FREE shuttlebus service is available on Wednesday - Saturday from 5:00 p.m. until close. For Information, Call the Fair Office (231) 347-1010. For an updated fair schedule information and photos visit www.emmetchfair.org

Every precaution for safety will be taken, but the Emmet/Charlevoix Fair Board, Emmet County and Charlevoix County, and their commissioners, officers, employees and agents will not be responsible or liable for any injury. People entering the grounds will do so at their own risk. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS. ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING IN ANY FAIR BUILDING.