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January 20-21 & 27, 2024

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Tip-Up Town USA Raffle

Drawing Tuesday Jan 30th, 2024

4pm at the Houghton Lake Chamber Office

- **GRAND PRIZE \$2,000**
- **2ND PLACE \$1,000**
- **3RD PLACE \$500**

Need not be present to win. Stubs may be placed in the barrel located at the festival site during event or the Chamber Office until the time of drawing listed. Proper ID must be presented to collect prize. License No. R72053

Congratulations to Brian Smiatacz, of Troy Michigan, selected as winner of the 2024 Tip Up Town USA Badge Design Contest. What makes Brian's victory even more special is that he teamed up with his dad to craft the winning design that captured the essence of this beloved winter festival.



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Eric Tiepel, a pillar of dedication to public safety, was born and raised in Houghton Lake in 1971. His connection to the community runs deep, with a lifelong involvement in the Tip-Up Town experience. From his early days as a float rider with his grandparents to later years spent as a member of law enforcement and the Fire Department, Paul's commitment to community service has been unwavering.

Growing up in the family business, Tip's Body Shop, Eric fondly remembers building floats and getting involved in the bustling preparations for Tip-Up Town. Inspired by his father's footsteps, Eric pursued a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice at Lake Superior State University, marking the beginning of a distinguished career in public safety.

Eric's journey in the field led him to the Denton Township Fire Department, Denton Township Police Department, and Denton EMS. His dedication and passion for serving the community continued to shine, earning him opportunities and promotions. In 1997, Eric joined the Roscommon County Sheriff's Department, where he left an indelible mark on the department's growth and community safety. After a commendable 26-year career, Eric concluded his service at the Roscommon County Sheriff's Department in January 2023.



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MEET OUR 2024 HOMETOWN HERO

Congratulations to Earl B. Jones, honored as this years Hometown Hero. Born in 1946 he has lived most of his life in Prudenville, Mi. He is the proud father of three children, who all Graduated from Houghton Lake Schools.

In 1966 he was drafted into the Army and spent 16 months in Korea just south of the DMZ (demilitarized zone) as a combat medic. While there he was awarded the Combat Medic Badge. After serving as a draftee he got out of the Army until 1983, when he enlisted in the reserve system of the military. He graduated from the Army Flight Medic Program during his service in the Michigan National Guard.

In 1990, after graduating from nursing school as a Practical Nurse, his unit was activated for Desert Storm and he was sent to Saudi Arabia. There he worked in the ICU with the 207th Evacuation Hospital. In 1993 he enlisted in the Navy Reserve as a Corpsman. He joined the National Guard again in 1998 and worked in the medical field until he retired in 2006 as a Sergeant First Class.

His civilian career included working for the Roscommon Twp Fire Department Ambulance, Denton Twp Ambulance, and the Houghton Lake Ambulance. He is also a member of VFW Post 4034, Marine Corp League Detachment #6844, American Legion Post 245 and Fraternal Order of Eagles.





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Saturday Jan 20th

Noon - 4pm:

- Photo Booth
- Face Painting w/ Pixieland Painting
- Games Sponsored by Gaylor Insurance
- Balloon Twisting w/Gemma
- Music by Tyler Roy
- TUT Merchandise
- Vendors & Crafts
- Hot Chocolate sponsored by Sully's on the Lake



Sunday Jan 21st - KID'S DAY 2024

Noon - 4pm:

- Photo Booth
- Face Painting w/ Pixieland Painting
- Games Sponsored by Gaylor Insurance
- Balloon Twisting w/Gemma
- Music by Tyler Roy
- TUT Merchandise
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Saturday Jan 27th

Noon - 4pm:

- Photo Booth
- Face Painting w/ Pixieland Painting
- Games Sponsored by Gaylor Insurance
- Music by Tyler Roy
- TUT Merchandise
- Vendors & Crafts
- Hot Chocolate sponsored by Sully's on the Lake



2024 TIP-UP TOWN QUEEN

Congratulations
Heather Emerick,
of Prudenville.

She represented
Serenity Day Lodge
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Thursday Jan 18th

- 4pm Medallion Hunt Begins

Friday Jan 19th

- Noon Lyman's on the Lake Ice Fishing Contest Begins (Rules pg15)
- 6pm-10pm Live Music by "Limelight" in the Beverage Tent

Saturday Jan 20th

- 9:30am Frosty Fingers 5k Run
- 10am Grand Parade - NEW ROUTE (From TSC East on M-55 to Townline)
- 11:30-4:30pm Free parking and transportation at H.L. High School.
- Noon Festival Opening Ceremonies
- 12:30-4pm
 - Carnival Rides & games
 - Wood Carving Demo
 - Family Fun Tent & Merchant Tent
 - Kids Casting Contest
 - Pony Rides & Petting Zoo
 - Vintage Snowmobile Display
- Noon-3pm Lyman's on the Lake Ice Fishing Contest weigh-in
- 4pm Village Closes
- Noon - 6pm Live Music by "Limelight" in the Beverage Tent
- Dusk Fireworks - (Alternate Location Behind H.L. High School)

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- 11:30-4:30pm Free parking and transportation at H.L. High School.
- Noon-4pm
 - Carnival Rides & games
 - Wood Carving Demo
 - Family Fun Tent & Merchant Tent
 - Kids Casting Contest
 - Pony Rides & Petting Zoo
- 1pm Bull Riding Rodeo
- 4pm Village Closes

EVENT SCHEDULE

Badge Required For Festival Entry

Friday Jan 26th

- 12pm Lyman's on the Lake Ice Fishing Contest Begins (Rules P15)
- 6pm-10pm Live Music by "AMF Band" in the Beverage Tent*

Saturday Jan 27th

- 11am Registration Begins Spicer's Boat City Poker Run (family fun tent)
- 1pm Polar Bear Dip
- Noon-4pm
 - Carnival Rides & games, Wood Carving Demo, Family Fun Tent & Merchant Tent, Kids Casting Contest, Pony Rides & Petting Zoo.
- Noon-3pm Lyman's on the Lake Kid's Ice Fishing Contest weigh-in
- Noon - 6pm Live Music by "AMF Band" in the Beverage Tent
- Noon-Dusk Snowmobile Drag Races on East Bay (Ice/weather Permitting)
- 2pm "Tip-Pup" Town Dog Show (outdoor stage)

NEW TUT EVENT - Sports Olympics: Indoor Golf, Cornhole & Basketball Tournament hosted at The Northern center w/ Tee Box Indoor Golf & Pour Shots Cornhole.

Thank You Sponsors: (Full List P18)



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HEALTH PLAN

OUTDOOR STAGE SCHEDULE

Saturday Jan 20th

Noon – 1:30:

Tip-Up Toss Competitions & games on stage

1:30p

Brothers of the Bush Beard Contest, Tip-Up Town Badge Contest & Vintage Snowmobile Suit Contest.

2pm–3pm

Pie Eating Contests, Egg Toss & games on stage

3pm

Fishing Contest Results & Awards Presentations



Sunday Jan 21st – KID'S DAY

Noon – 4pm

Pie Eating Contests, Egg toss ,Tip-Up Toss Competitions & games on stage

Saturday Jan 27th

Noon –2pm:

Pie Eating Contests, Egg Toss Competitions, Tip-Up Toss Competitions

2pm

Tip-Pup Town Dog Show Hosted by The Pet Parlor

3pm

Fishing Contest Results & Awards Presentations



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1ST WEEKEND FRIDAY JAN 19TH & SAT JAN 20TH

Open to everyone of all ages. The Contest starts at Noon Friday and runs until weigh in at 3pm Saturday. Contestants not required to check in prior to start, but must be in line by 3pm Saturday for weigh-in.

CATEGORIES:

- Individual Largest Fish - Prizes 1st place each class
- Largest Total Catch - 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize per age group/class
 - Adults (17 years +) Kids (16 Years & Under)

2ND WEEKEND FRIDAY JAN 26TH & SAT JAN 27TH

Kids ONLY fishing contest! The Contest starts at Noon Friday and runs until weigh in at 3pm Saturday. Contestants not required to check in prior to start, but must be in line by 3pm Saturday for weigh-in.

CATEGORIES:

- Individual Largest Fish - Prizes 1st, 2nd, 3rd biggest fish regardless of species by weight.
 - Largest Total Catch - Prizes 1st, 2nd, 3rd for combined species by weight.
 - Perch Measure Catch & Release - 1st, 2nd, 3rd for longest combined length of perch.
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