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Edmore Potato Festival 2024 Offered Fun for All



Potato Festival Queen Brienne Border, Junior Queen Isabel Darling, Prince Christopher Parker, and Princess Gracie Dickinson line up to sink a friend in the Dunk Tank.

By Bethel Larsen

Start naming all the ways you might prepare or enjoy the humble potato that is a major farm crop around central Michigan, and the schedule of activities for the 2024 Edmore Potato Festival might match you line for line. Over three hot, sunny days

last weekend, Edmore and its surrounding area celebrated the potato with enough fun to go around for all its many visitors. The schedule itself proclaimed the theme "Channel the Flannel" on a handy card with clever graphics that showed the parade route and locations of vari-

ous activities, as well as a list of sponsors ranging from "Potato Chip" (presumably for those "chipping in" a small donation) to "Mashed Potato" level. This writer was impressed! Yard sales offered bargains all over town Friday and Saturday with a Tailgate and Auction on

Friday evening for good measure. A lighted Fireman's Parade cruised down the closed portion of M-46 on Friday evening. A Laser Light Show at the old football field capped off Friday's events. I arrived on Saturday afternoon, missing the Tater Trot 5k and Small

Fry 1-mile races, and parked by the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail staging area. Thankfully, a wedding celebration in the Old Bag Factory building was not using all the available parking!
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Town Topics

There was an accident in Greenville Monday around 1:30 p.m. at the corner of Greenville West and Washington (M57). We were there eating at Applebee's. We had just finished eating when we heard sirens. Some people were injured. Again we see the need to drive defensively.

Fall Forecast

Thu Sunny, with a high near 76. East northeast wind 3 to 7 mph.
Thu Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.
Fri Partly sunny, with a high near 75.
Fri Night A chance of showers after 8pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.
Sat A chance of showers after 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 76.
Sat Night A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.
Sun A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 76.
Sun Night A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.
Mon A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 72.



J.D. Vance Comes to Sparta, Michigan

GOP Vice Presidential Candidate, J.D. Vance, made a stop in Sparta, Michigan last week and was well received by supporters.

Local resident Randy Huckins attended the event and sent *Lakeview Area News* these photos.

"Wow!" Huckins said. "Before J.D. Vance took the podium, he had people remove the two teleprompters! He said he didn't need them. He could speak to the issues and answer any questions off the cuff."

Some of issues he

talked about included economics, immigration and border protection, states rights vs. federal control, and returning auto manufacturing back to Michigan where it belongs.

Vance asked attendees if they were better off now than they were four years ago. He then compared each issue under the four years of the Trump administration with the three, almost four, years of the Biden / Harris administration.



Pictured above is a portion of the crowd listening to J.D.Vance

Pray for our country and the upcoming election. Get out and vote. It is your right.

Pictured to the left:

Jonny -- Smoke was at the event with his smoker. He had been preparing brisket since midnight!

Jonny said he has set up at many such events and will soon be returning to Texas.

Note the American / Trump flag he is holding on top of his smoker.



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