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Midsummer Celebration this Fourth of July weekend in Menahga!



By Matthew Johnson

The Menahga Midsummer Celebration, sponsored by the Menahga Civic & Commerce Association, is following right on the heels of an extended Fourth of July weekend with a full agenda of fun-filled activities planned for this Friday through Sunday, July 8-10!

The grand prize in the C&C's Midsummer raffle this year is a Polaris Ranger 1000 Premium UTV, provided by Up North Power & Sports of Park Rapids and currently displayed at Shell Sport & Bait on Highway 71 in downtown Menahga. Tickets are available now from C&C members and local merchants for \$20 apiece or six for \$100. The drawing for the Ranger and four cash prizes is scheduled to be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday near the Spirit Lake public access.

Friday

Starting already at 9 a.m. on Friday there will be plenty of opportunities to partake of refreshments, music and games throughout the day in Menahga. That includes a free jukebox at Northbound Spirits (NS), and outdoor games at NS and the VFW. The NS beer garden opens at noon and serves until closing time, the VFW beer garden opening and serving burg-

ers and brats starting at 4 p.m.

The Gateway Lions will also be serving pulled pork sandwiches starting at 5 p.m. at NS, and the VFW will hold its Friday meat raffle at 6:30 p.m.

C&C President Gloria Markkula regrets to report that, due to a lack of interest from potential contestants, there will be no Miss Menahga/Little Miss Menahga Pageant on Friday evening this year.

Friday's festivities will wrap up with a DJ & Dance at the VFW starting at 8 p.m. until close.

Saturday

The celebration's busiest day is always Saturday, and the day gets up and running with the annual St. Urho Run that features a 5K walk/run and a 10K run. Pre-registration is by noon on Friday, July 8, at Shell Sport & Bait or Saturday, July 9, at the starting line until 8:30 a.m. There is also online registration at GetMeRegistered.com through Wednesday, July 6.

You won't want to miss the traditional Arts & Crafts Fair, held in the Spirit Lake waterfront area near the public access triangle from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The iron will start flying in the Doubles Horseshoe Tourney at the Menahga Park Campground at 9 a.m.,

and once again there will be free jukebox along with the beer garden at NS and the beer garden at the VFW.

There is no excuse for anyone to go hungry or thirsty in Menahga during the celebration, with unlimited coffee, cookies, burgers and hot dogs being served between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. adjacent to the Lakes Area Cooperative (LAC) Hardware Store, courtesy of the Redeemer Lutheran Food Booth.

You can also enjoy a very special "Menahga" cool treat from 9:30 a.m. to noon when the folks at the Menahga Area Museum, located at 320 Helsinki Boulevard SE, (right behind the St. Urho statue) will be offering delicious blueberry ice cream.

Youngsters will want to head for Spirit Lake to take part in the VFW Auxiliary Kid's Fishing Derby at the fishing pier beginning at 11 a.m. The junior anglers will need to bring their own poles.

No Midsummer Celebration would be complete without baseball, and once again a Senior Men's Baseball Tournament is scheduled to begin at noon at the school baseball fields just southeast of the high school parking lot.

The clanging continues at the Memorial Forest Park

when the Singles Horseshoe Tournament starts at 1 p.m.

You will enjoy watching the Park Rapids Water Ski Team Show on beautiful Spirit Lake starting at 2 p.m. Then head up town to check out some of the classic beauties at the Antique Car Show at Shell Sport & Bait, being displayed from 3 to 6 p.m. You can also enjoy more good eats served up by the Lions at the NS beer garden from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

For the main event, bring your lawn chairs and find a good viewing spot along

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during the MENAHA MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION

9:00 P.M. QUILT RAFFLE (Made by Joanne Shepersky)

•Serving: Sloppy Joes, chips, pop, root beer floats, water & coffee.

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Have Fun at the Menahga Midsummer Celebration

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