

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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The Ojibwa Indian Heritage Council has again scheduled this year a series of mid-week Pow-Wows at Pentoga Park on Chicaugon Lake. The Pow-Wow was traditionally a ritual which served as a gathering for the Indian Community. The modern Pow-Pow serves the same purpose and will feature dancing, singing, chanting, drumming, prayers and sign language demonstrations by the Indian families in the Iron County area. The costumes, beadwork, headpieces and drums used in the program have been hand made by the participants and are truly an art in their own right.

Youth prevailed Saturday as Victor Koski, Crystal Falls, and partner Joe Johnson, Ironwood, took top honors in the third annual Canoe Race held on the Paint River. The pair demonstrated sufficient stamina in the closing half of the race to wrest the title from Crystal Falls brothers-in-law Bob Dalpra and Gary Friestrom, winners of the first two Bass Festival Races. Other local entries doing well in the event were Al Anderson/Tom Davis (3rd), Kim & Lee Nylund(4th) and Mike Stankewicz/Jim Clayton (5th) out of the 25 teams entered.



CHAMPIONS AT THE FINISH

The third annual running of the Bass Festival Paint River Canoe Sprint, was won by a new set of champions, Victor Koski, Crystal Falls, and Joe Johnson, Ironwood, shown in the photo above by Greg Mindock as they lunged toward the M-69 finish line. The two led a field of 25 teams, several of which did not survive a hectic start at the municipal power plant. Defending champions Gary Friestrom and Bob Dalpra were edged out by two lengths by the new winners. The competition will be renewed again next July.
