



**The Cranberry Portage Heritage Museum
&
The Child/Family Resource Center,
along with several partners
Invite you to**



**Canada 150
Celebrations
in
Cranberry Portage
June 23 & 24**

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Friday, June 23rd

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch #137 is hosting a
*Best Decorated Cake Contest & Cake Walk***

5:00 to 7:00 PM @ Legion

Cakes to be delivered to the Legion no later than 5:30

All cakes entered will be used for the Cake Walk prizes

Winners announced at 6:00 pm, Cake Walk begins at 6:15

Entry fee for the cake walk is \$2 per walk

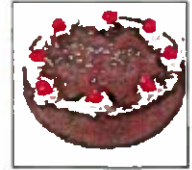
Royal Canadian Legion
#137

Best

Decorated

Cake

Contest



Create a masterpiece and enter it in our contest!
held Friday June 23, 2017
at the Royal Canadian Legion #137

Kids, Parents and Grandparents are welcome to join.
Spend some time with a loved one and see what kind
of fancy cake you can come up with.

Special Category Theme: Canada 150.

Cakes will be judged and then they will be used in the cake walk.

Prizes

\$20.00 each for:

1st Place Primary (up to age 8)

1st Place Junior (ages 9-15)

1st Place Senior (ages 16 +)

1st Place Canada 150



**The Brightnose Family will have a canteen so you can come, have supper, view the cakes
and take part in the cake walk.**

\$10.00 for Chili and Bannock or Indian Tacos

Drinks \$1



***Fireworks at Dusk thanks to
Cranberry Portage Volunteer Fire Department***

Saturday, June 24th

10:00 am

Heritage Canoe Portage Race and Skills Competition

Canoe Portage Race, Skills Competition are all timed.

Prizes 1st place: \$400 2nd place: \$300 3rd place : \$200



- Teams of up to 5 people. Minimum age is 13. Entry fee of \$50/team.
 - Entries to the Child/ Family Resource Center by Friday, June 16th. 472-3671
 - We have 13 canoes available, which will be on a first come, first serve basis. Participants may use their own canoe. Life jackets required.
 - Canoe Portage Race to start at Government Dock at Viking Lodge at 10:00 am with a minimum of 2 team members. Canoe Portage is through Indian Trail, down Ramsey to Portage Road, down to Boat Launch dock on Athapap.
 - 2 team members to launch canoe and paddle across to checkpoint area near "the point" and back to old swim dock.
 - Once canoes have reached the shore, team members will compete in 3 timed skills competitions. Each skill timed separately
Trap setting (1 team member) , Log sawing (2 team members) Leptick Sawmills
Nail Driving (1 team member) Anderson Logging & Construction
- Call the Resource Center if you have any questions. 204 472-3671***

11:30 am

Parade to the Museum (Start at Canoe Cairn in Park)

Everyone is invited to join the parade to celebrate our community and our heritage. Decorate bikes, quads, trucks, trailers, floats, etc We welcome all businesses, families, organizations, groups, etc.

Packages will be available at the Resource Center the week of June 19—23rd for children to decorate their bikes.

Noon—1:00 pm

Fish Fry Lunch at the Museum (no charge)

1:00 pm

Flag Raising and O'Canada

Opening remarks and speeches

1:30 pm

Unveiling of Mural in Museum

2:00—4:00 pm

Museum Tours

Musical entertainment throughout the afternoon

Games/Activities for the kids: (fish pond, face painting, bean bag toss and more

3:45 pm

Museum Draws and Heritage Canoe Portage Race and Skills Competition Winners announced

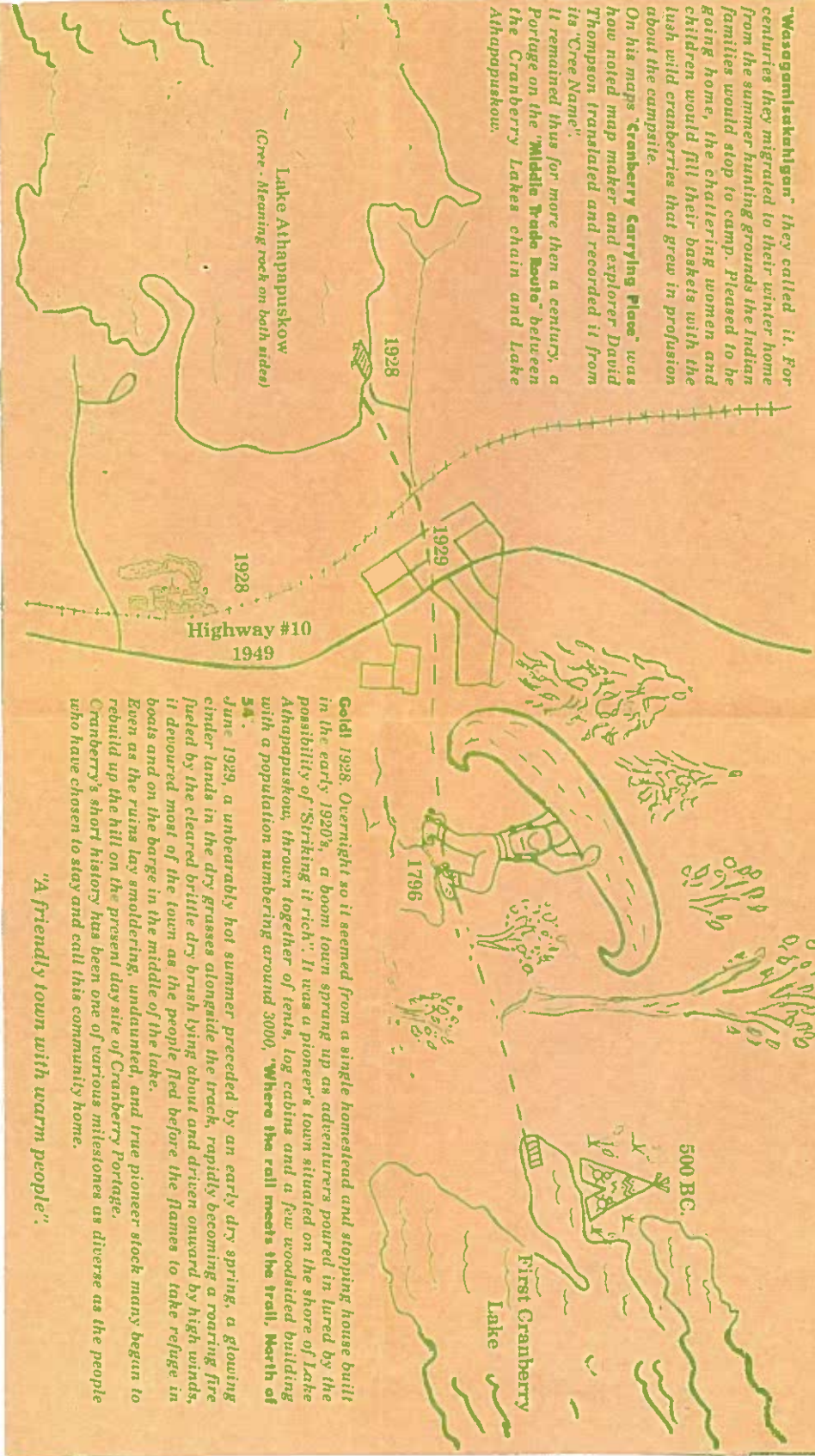
A Canteen will be available for refreshments to be purchased during the day

CRANBERRY PORTAGE

Heart of the New Wilderness Adventures

"Wasogamistekahigan" they called it. For centuries they migrated to their winter home from the summer hunting grounds the Indian families would stop to camp. Pleased to be going home, the chattering women and children would fill their baskets with the lush wild cranberries that grew in profusion about the campsite.

On his maps "Cranberry Carrying Place" was how noted map maker and explorer David Thompson translated and recorded it from its "Cree Name". It remained thus for more than a century, a Portage on the "Middle Trade Route" between the Cranberry Lakes chain and Lake Athapapuskow.



Gold! 1928. Overnight so it seemed from a single homestead and stopping house built in the early 1920's, a boom town sprang up as adventurers poured in lured by the possibility of "Striking it rich". It was a pioneer's town situated on the shore of Lake Athapapuskow, thronged together of tents, log cabins and a few wood-sided buildings with a population numbering around 3000. "Where the rail meets the trail. North of 54".

June 1929, an unbearably hot summer preceded by an early dry spring, a glowing cinder lands in the dry grasses alongside the track, rapidly becoming a roaring fire fueled by the cleared brittle dry brush lying about and driven onward by high winds, it devoured most of the town as the people fled before the flames to take refuge in boats and on the barge in the middle of the lake.

Even as the ruins lay smoldering, undaunted, and true pioneer stock many began to rebuild up the hill on the present day site of Cranberry Portage.

Cranberry's short history has been one of various milestones as diverse as the people who have chosen to stay and call this community home.

"A friendly town with warm people".