

Great Lakes Lumberjack Show blends history and humor

A featured attraction during this year's "Big Ole's Pioneer Days" festival, the Great Lakes Timber Show takes pride in presenting wholesome entertainment for the entire family, using history and humor to engage audience members of all ages.

Members of the Great Lakes Timber Show have appeared on ABC's Wide World of Sports, ESPN, CBS This Morning, NBC Today, Good Morning America and America's Funniest People.

For the past 25 years, Escanaba native and show owner Bruce Belanger and his crew have taken the show on the road, appearing at state and county fairs, theme parks, festivals, sport shows and corporate events across the United States and Puerto Rico. Their antics depict colorful and exciting events that have evolved from the logging industry throughout history, dating back to the 1800s. The show features chainsaw carving, ax throwing, wood chopping, one- and two-man crosscut sawing, modified chainsawing, log rolling and more.

"Our shows are about family fun and clean humor for all ages," said Belanger, noting he also looks forward to working with musician and lumberjack Bill Jamerson, who will be providing a children's pre-show 30 minutes prior to each lumberjack show.

As a member of the "Big Ole Days" planning committee, Belanger has been involved in helping to bring the festival to Delta County as a fun, family-friendly attraction for residents and visitors, alike.

"An unbelievable effort has been made by the committee and sponsors to bring this festival to our area," he stated. "The Timber Show is very proud to be a part of it."

Lumberjack shows last 30 minutes. A schedule of show times can be found on the Delta County Chamber of Commerce website at www.deltami.org, or by calling 786-2192.