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A truck plows its way through part of the course at the Horse Power Mud Bog at Masstown's Putnam Farm.

Mud bog and a worship concert

Looking for some family fun with lots of heart-pounding action? The Horse Power Mud Bog at the Putnam Farm in Masstown delivers.

The 30 to 60 contestants in four divisions try to get through a course of mud and water, bogs and pits "for the thrill," says organizer Shawn Putnam, who stages the events with the help of his wife, Alisha, family and friends. Contestants say "they're adrenalin junkies."

The 500-plus fans that come to watch them get to participate in their own way. "There's a thrill to it for the fans too," said Shawn. "Are the drivers going to make it?"

The **mud bog competition**, entering its fourth year, is held on the **first weekend in August**. Even though the competitors sometimes get dirty, to ensure the fun is clean no alcohol is permitted.

The other main summer event at the standardbred horse farm is a non-denominational **Atlantic Worship Weekend**, featuring Christian music, testimony, fellowship and prayer.

With traditional farming facing hard times, Shawn and Alisha are looking at agri-tourism as a way to diversify.

Uniting both the mud bogs and the worship concert is a strong Christian faith. Says Shawn: "Over the last 10 years, God has showed up in our lives in a huge way."

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