

Michigan Every Day **By Patrick Sullivan and Carole Eberly**

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International Bridge opens

The bridge that carries traffic on I-75 from the far reaches of northern Michigan into Sault Ste. Marie, Canada opened on Oct. 31, 1962. Construction of the two steel truss arch bridge began in 1960. The bridge consists of two separate spans – one that carries traffic over the American locks and another over the water on the Canadian side. There had long been a call for a bridge to join the American and Canadian cities of Sault Ste. Marie. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an act authorizing a bridge in 1940 but World War II interceded. Later, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation that revived the act in 1953.