

# 2016 Maine Potato Blossom Festival Schedule

## Class Reunions

**Class of 1956 –Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00p** Fort Fairfield Snowmobile Club. Call Marylou at 473-7783 for more information.

**Class of 1961 –Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00p** Aroostook Valley Country Club. Dinner at 6:00p Call Tom at 325-8878 for more information.

**Class of 1966 –Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p** Aroostook Valley Country Club. Call Carol at 473-7961 for more information.

**Class of 1971 –Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p** Fort Fairfield Lions Club. Call Sally at 472-6000 for more information.

**Class of 1976 –Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p** Aroostook Valley Country Club. Call Tony at 472-3805 for more information.

**Class of 1981 –Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p** Fort Fairfield Snowmobile Club. Call Karen at 540-5275 for more information.

**Class of 1986 –Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p** Barry Churchill's Camp (237 Russell Rd.) Call Jill at 551-1360 for more information.

**Class of 1991 –Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p** Aaron and Stacy Giberson's Home (118 Strickland Rd.) Call Pat at 862-4957 for more information.

**Class of 1996 –Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p** Quoggy Jo in Presque Isle. Call April at 401-864-1061 for more information.

**Class of 2006 –Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p** Frontier Fish and Game Club. Call Allen at 803-371-2591 for more information.

***Special thanks to Cary Medical Center, The Maine Potato Board, Katahdin Trust Company, The Aroostook Medical Center, Pineland Farms, McGillan Inc., Emera Maine, I Care Pharmacy and ReEnergy for their contributions to The Maine Potato Blossom Festival!***

## **Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Noon Bridge Party** at The Fort Fairfield Public Library. Come try your hand at one of the most popular card games on the planet in a friendly atmosphere. Call Sue for more information 473-7951.

**7:00p The Pre-Teen Miss Maine Potato Queen Pageant.** Located at the Fort Fairfield Middle/High School Gymnasium - \$8.00 Admission - Sponsored by: [Northeast Packaging, Inc.](#)

## **Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00a-4:00p Town Wide Yard Sale** Only \$5 to participate and get your sale on the map! Contact

the Town Office at 472-3800 for more information. Maps can be picked up at most Fort Fairfield businesses. Sponsored by: Fort Fairfield Chamber of Commerce

**9:00a Chess Tournament** at the Bandstand on Main Street, 4-round chess tournament U.S.C.F Membership needed. Registration fee of \$20 if registered by July 1st or \$25 on day of event. Registration begins at 8:30a and ends at 9:00a. Rounds are 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm and 2:30pm. Trophies awarded for First and Second place and top Female player. For more information contact Ray Haines 476-5960 or Lance Beloungie 498-3206.

**10:00a Horseshoe Tournament** - Riverside Park \$10 per person/\$20 per team. Cash prizes \$150 for 1st place and \$100 for second place. BBQ provided by Boy Scout Troop #194 Sponsored by: Emera Maine and Fort Fairfield Boy Scouts Troop #194

**6:00p Mark Shaw** Community Bandstand on Main Street. Let this familiar voice from the airwaves of the Q, The Rock and Big Country take you on a musical journey! Sponsored by: Maine's Credit Unions.

**7:00p The Teen Miss Maine Potato Queen Pageant**, located at the Fort Fairfield Middle/High School Gymnasium - \$8.00 Admission - Sponsored by: [Northeast Packaging, Inc.](#)

### ***Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>***

**7:00a – 10:00a Potato Blossom Festival Breakfast** at the Fort Fairfield Snowmobile Club located on the Strickland Road. Menu will consist of bacon, eggs, sausage, toast, homemade beans, home fries, French toast, pancakes coffee and juice. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

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**2:00p Annual Alumni Social** - Fort Fairfield Middle/High School Cafeteria. \$5 per person. Doors open at 1pm. Sponsored by: Alumni Committee. For more information contact Judy Young 472-2552

**4:00p Frontier Heritage Hymn Sing** Historic Friend's Church on Houlton Road. Come join us and raise your voice in song! Local musicians and singers will join us and entertain with their wonderful talents. Sponsored by: Frontier Heritage Historical Society

**6:00p Adam Nadeau** at Community Bandstand on Main Street! Adam hails from the other Fort (Kent) and plays guitar with great skill while injecting his own style into his vast song repertoire which spans the generations; from Johnny Cash to Paul Simon to Dave Matthews! Sponsored by: Maine's Credit Unions

### ***Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>***

**Coloring Contest** - Forms can be picked up at [The County Federal Credit Union](#) in Fort Fairfield. Budding artists, come give some color to our totally tubular tuber! Prizes awarded to our top sprouts! Judging takes place at 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by: The County Federal Credit Union

**9:00a Swim Meet** Ages 18 and under as of May 1, 2015. Cost: \$50 per team. (Rain date, Friday, July 15) location: Fort Fairfield Municipal Swimming Pool. Sponsored by: [Fort Fairfield Parks & Rec Dept.](#)

**6:00p Carol Ayoob** at the Community Bandstand on Main Street. Carol has been playing her guitar and singing her eclectic mix of originals, blues and roots music for more than 25 years! Sponsored by: Maine's Credit Unions

**7:00p The Little Miss Maine Potato Queen Pageant**, located at the Fort Fairfield Middle/High School Gymnasium - \$ 8.00 Admission - Sponsored by: [Northeast Packaging, Inc.](#)

### ***Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>***

**3:00 to 5:00p Family Canoe & Kayak Fun Day** At the Fish and Game Club on Monson Pond. Come spend the afternoon paddling on the pond! FREE - Hotdog B.B.Q to follow. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For info call Garrett Martin at 356-7781. Sponsored by: Frontier Fish & Game Club, FF Parks and Rec Department, and SAD#20

**6:00p 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament** Located at the Community Center Gym. Ages 16 and over (must have written parental consent if under 18). Cost \$40 team. Sponsored by: [Coca-Cola](#) & [Fort Fairfield Parks & Rec Dept.](#) For more information contact 472-3882 or [towle@fortfairfield.org](mailto:towle@fortfairfield.org)

**6:00p The Fiddleheads** at the Community Bandstand on Main Street. These local fiddlers of all ages will dazzle you with their skill as they play a variety of traditional favorites! Sponsored by: Maine's Credit Unions

**7:00p Household Pet Show** - Leashes required. Located in C.P. Park across from [Hillside IGA](#). Come show off your household pet's beauty and talents at this very popular event. Ribbons awarded to every pet. Entry fee of \$2.00 per pet. Donations of food, cleaning supplies and blankets for [Central Aroostook Humane Society](#), are very much appreciated. Call 768-1367 for info.

**TWO SHOWS! 7:00p & 8:00p Francis Malcolm Science Center Planetarium Theater Show.** Experience the excitement of our new digital projection system during these special free screenings! Immerse yourself in a dazzling international race to return to the Moon 40 years after the historic Apollo landings with a showing of "*Back To The Moon For Good*" narrated by Tim Allen. **Donations appreciated and Reservations are recommended as space is limited.** Contact FMSC at 488-5451 for more info. Sponsored by: Healthy You

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**2:00p to 6:00 Fort Fairfield Farmer's Market** on Main Street between Katahdin Trust and Acadia Medical Supply. Shop for local produce and products and support our farmers & artists. Contact Kate at 472-6009 for more information. Sponsored by: Pines Health Services & The Fort Fairfield Chamber of Commerce.

**6:00p Wednesday Evening Fiddlers** Community Bandstand on Main Street. Blending performers of all ages from both sides of the border, these talented musicians always draw a crowd! Sponsored by: Maine's Credit Unions, Precision Custom Woodworking & Tri-Community Landfill

**6:30p Baby & Bike Parade Registration NEW NIGHT & LOCATION** At the Town Clock on Main Street. Decorate your bike, paint your wagon or dress up your child's stroller and join in the fun! **Parade will march through Field's Lane at 7p.** FMI contact Melissa at 472-3651 Sponsored by: H.O. Perry Insurance

**7:00p The Junior Miss Maine Potato Queen Pageant**, located at the Fort Fairfield Middle/High School Gymnasium - \$ 8.00 Admission Sponsored by: Northeast Packaging, Inc.

## **Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30a Girls Softball Tournament** Girls ages 9-12 at the Fort Fairfield Athletic Complex. Register through your local Recreation Department by July 10. Cost: \$50 per team, \$70 if not a member of N.M.C.R.A (**Rain date Friday, July 17**) Sponsored by: [Coca-Cola](#) & Fort Fairfield Parks & Rec Dept.

**Noon Food Court open to the Public**-Sponsored by: **I CARE PHARMACY**, McGillan, Inc. & Maine Potato Blossom Festival Committee

**1:00p-3:00p Love Your Library Day** Fort Fairfield Public Library. Come take a tour of our historic Carnegie Library, meet Baxter the Cat, visit with our staff and learn about our many programs. Call 472-3880 for more info.

**3:00p to 4:00p Book Signing** Fort Fairfield Public Library Vaughn Hardacker, author of five novels and several short stories, will be signing copies of his books. Sponsored by: Fort Fairfield Public Library.

**6:00p FFHS Hall of Fame Athletic Banquet** FFMHS Cafeteria. Only 150 tickets will be available for this special event. Reserve your ticket today by contacting Larry Gardner at [lgardner@msad20.org](mailto:lgardner@msad20.org). Cost of the tickets are \$30 each and will feature a very nice sit down meal prepared by Governor's.

**5:00p-8:00p Potato Picking Contest NEW LOCATION!** Located next to the Adventure Park on the FFMHS Athletic Fields. Open to pickers of all ages! Come try your hand at picking Maine potatoes the old fashioned way, using only a basket, barrel and your hands! Race the clock and your friends and maybe you'll be lucky enough to walk away with one of our fabulous prizes! Sponsored by: Hillside I.G.A.

**5:00p-8:00p Cary Inflatable Adventure Park** - Race, bounce, and slide your way through our giant inflatable park. There's even a water slide! Kids of all ages will have a blast at this popular summer event - located at the Fort Fairfield High School Athletic Complex. Rain location: Community Center Sponsored by: [Cary Medical Center](#), [Pines Health Services](#)

**5:30p Maine Potato Boards Annual Meeting/Industry @ F.A.R.M. PARK**, West Limestone Road Honoring the Farm Family of the Year and the Young Farmer of the Year. For more information please contact the Maine Potato Board -769-5061. Sponsored by: [Maine Potato Board](#), [Maine Potato Growers & Farm Credit Service](#)

**6:00p Beer Garden**-Village Square parking lot - **ID REQUIRED** Sponsored by: VFW Post 6187

**6:00p Fireman Fred** Community Bandstand on Main Street. Fireman Fred's passion for performance is evident in his show which features a variety of songs from throughout the decades. Sponsored by: Maine's Credit Unions

**6:00p Brian and Doug from Common Crossing** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. Brian and Doug form a powerful duo with their stripped down acoustic sound. These local favorites know how to get a party started! Sponsored by: Emera Maine, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, I Care Pharmacy and Allen's Coffee Brandy.

**8:00p French Toast** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. French Toast have generated a considerable following in the County and beyond with their infectious take on classics new and old. Bring your dancing shoes! Sponsored by: Emera Maine, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, I Care Pharmacy and Allen's Coffee Brandy.

**8:30p Family Movie Under the Stars** - Featuring "**Minions**" Minions are small, yellow creatures who have existed since the beginning of time, evolving from single-celled organisms into beings who exist only to serve history's most despicable masters. We'll provide the popcorn! Grab your blankets or lawn chairs

and join us for an evening under the stars watching a movie on our jumbo outdoor screen! Located at the Fort Fairfield Middle High School Athletic Complex. **Rain location:** Community Center Gym. Sponsored by: [Cary Medical Center](#), [Pines Health Services](#)

### **Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00a Food Court open to the Public**-Sponsored by: [I CARE PHARMACY](#). McGillan, Inc.& Maine Potato Blossom Festival Committee.

**9:00a Bike Rodeo** Main Street next to CP Station Park. Kids 12 and under. Bring your bike & helmet and join in the fun! Sponsored by: The Fort Fairfield Rotary Club

**10:00a The County Federal Credit Union Coloring Contest Judging** at Village Square.

**10:00a to 2:00p Blockhouse Tours.** Main Street. Step into the past and explore the fort that put the Fort in Fort Fairfield! Open to the public. Sponsored by: Frontier Heritage Society

**3:00p to 5:00p Meet the Author of “My Life as a Maine-iac” Pattie Adams** Fort Fairfield Public Library

**4:00p Speed Chess Tournament.** Located in the green church tent and picnic tables located at the Chicken BBQ site on Main Street. \$5 registration fee. 4-Round speed chess tournament. Players will play best out of three games, each round lasts ten minutes.

**4:30p-6:00p Rick Charette performance at the Memorial Garden Dedication** Fort Fairfield Health Center on High Street. Join us for a fun family event as Rick Charette performs some of his memorable songs. Snacks, games and activities will be provided. Directly following the performance, TAMC and the Town of Fort Fairfield will dedicate the new Memorial Garden.

**6:00p Mashed Potato Wrestling** Located in the Food Court. A Maine Potato Blossom Festival favorite! Here's your chance to take off the picking gloves and get into a no-holds barred tuber throw down! Mash your opponent in our russet ring and claim the title of Top Tater! (Bragging rights only!) Call 472-3800 to pre-register and take a step toward gooey glory! Sponsored by: [HSF Food, LTD](#) & the Fort Fairfield Fire Department

**6:00p Beer Garden**-Village Square parking lot - ID REQUIRED. Sponsored by: VFW Post 6187

**6:00p Comedian Keegan Page** Community Bandstand on Main Street. Keegan returns to his roots in The County and brings his hilarious insights on life, love and whatever else strikes his fancy back to the Festival! Sponsored by: Maine's Credit Unions

**6:00p Half Moon Jug Band** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. The Half Moon Jug Band is a three-man mob of musical desperadoes waging a daily battle against the humdrum forces of boredom and inaction. They fend off the blahs with banjos, kazoos, guitars saxophones and silliness. They want to make you dance and sing along at the top of your lungs! Sponsored by: Emera Maine, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, I Care Pharmacy and Allen's Coffee Brandy.

**8:00p Chris Ross and the North** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. Fast rising stars on the Maine music scene, Chris Ross and the North have received critical acclaim and a devoted following thanks in large part to their smooth County sounds and intelligent, emotional songs. Sponsored by: Emera Maine, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, I Care Pharmacy and Allen's Coffee Brandy.

## **Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00a-10:00a Pancake Breakfast** Corner of Depot and Brown Streets. Rain or shine. Cost is \$5 per person. Breakfast includes, pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee, tea, milk or orange juice. Sponsored by: Frontier Heritage Historical Society

**6:30a Aroostook Valley Country Club 3-Person Golf Scramble.** Minimum team handicap of 30. Call AVCC at 476-8083 to register. Sponsored by: [The Aroostook Valley Country Club.](#)

**7:30a 5 Miler Road Race Registration.** Walkers start at 8:30am, Runners start at 9:00am. Cost: \$15 per person which includes a T-shirt for the first 70 to register. Location: across from Hillside IGA on Main Street. For more information contact Paul Lamoreau at 764-6517 or 554-6576. Sponsored by: [Coca-Cola](#), [S.W. Collins](#), & [Hillside IGA](#)

**8:00a-5:00p Sidewalk Arts and Crafts** at the Community Bandstand and surrounding park. Sponsored by Laureate Gamma Sorority - [Registration Form](#)

**8:00a-10:00a The One Room School House Tours.** The school house will be open for tours during the pancake breakfast. Sponsored by Frontier Heritage Society

**8:30a 5 Miler Road Race Walkers Start.** Location: Across from Hillside IGA on Main Street Sponsored by: [Coca-Cola](#), [S.W. Collins](#), & [Hillside IGA](#)

**9:00a 5 Miler Road Race Runners Start.** Location: Across from Hillside IGA on Main Street Sponsored by: [Coca-Cola](#), [S.W. Collins](#), & [Hillside IGA](#)

**9:00a Food Court open to the Public**-Sponsored by: [I CARE PHARMACY](#), McGillan, Inc. & Maine Potato Blossom Festival Committee

**9:30a-until sold out-St. Paul's Episcopal Church Chicken BBQ** – Adjacent to the Food Court on Main Street. A Festival Favorite!

**9:00a-3:00p Special Maine Potato Blossom Festival Pictorial Postmark Cancellation.** Located at the Post Office on Main Street. Celebrate the 69<sup>th</sup> annual Maine Potato Blossom Festival with a commemorative postmark designed specifically for this event! For more information, or for info on how to obtain a postmark by mail, contact Roger at 476-6021. Sponsored by: The US Postal Service

**9:00a to noon The 'BIG' Give** Community Wesleyan Church. This is a massive yard sale where everything is free - including a hot dog BBQ (while supplies last). Sponsored by: Community Wesleyan Church

**10:00a to 2:00p Blockhouse Tours.** Main Street. Step into the past and explore the fort that put the Fort in Fort Fairfield! Open to the public. Sponsored by: Frontier Heritage Society

**11:00a Parade Line-Up.** Please report to assigned lot.

**11:30a Human Chess Game.** Located at the Food Court on Main Street. Human chess game with 32 people standing as chess pieces. Sign up to be a live chess piece. T-shirt included for participants. Sponsored by: [TEMPO Employment Agency](#)



**1:00p 2016 Maine Potato Blossom Festival Parade** Sponsored by: Hillside IGA and [ReMax Central](#)

**3:00p First Annual International Tater Tot Eating Competition** Located in the Food Court. We all can eat, but can you **really eat**?!?! Come put your money where your mouth is and race the clock and your competitors to see how fast you can chow down on a heaping pile of locally grown and produced Tater Tots! Men's, Women's and Youth divisions. Prizes awarded for first and second place in each division. Registration is only \$5! Sponsored by: McCain Foods USA, Boondocks Grille and the Maine Agri-Women.

**3:00p Antique Tractor Pulls** F.A.R.M Park on West Limestone Road. Come join the excitement as equipment from the past is put to the test! Hotdog, hamburgers and drinks for sale. Sponsored by: [McCain Foods](#), [Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club](#) and Kilcollins Farms.

**4:00p Pine and Spurs Riding Club Horse Show** at the show grounds on the Damboise Rd. Our judge will be Karen Fanjoy from Newport. We will have Game classes on Saturday evening beginning around 4PM. The performance classes will be held on Sunday beginning at 9AM. Open to the public & free of charge to watch. Concessions available on site Sunday. FMI contact Kim Cheney at 429-8092 or visit their Facebook page.

**4:00p Mykayla Shaw** Community Bandstand on Main Street. Mykayla is a Fort native who not only shares her wonderful talents with audiences as a singer and guitarist, but uses her incredible talents to inspire others as a music teacher. Sponsored by: Maine's Credit Unions

**6:00p Beer Garden**-Village Square parking lot - ID REQUIRED. Sponsored by: VFW Post 6187

**6:00p Travis Cyr** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. The County's own 'Hardest Working Man in Show Business' Travis has been driving his freight train of cerebral Americana folk & roots music all around the beautiful state of Maine earning fans and well-deserved praise for his unique style and sound. Sponsored by: TD Bank, Emera Maine, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, I Care Pharmacy and Allen's Coffee Brandy.

**7:30p The Maine Potato Queen Pageant** Located at the Fort Fairfield Middle/High School Gymnasium - \$8.00 Admission - Sponsored by: [Northeast Packaging, Inc.](#)

**8:00p The Jason Spooner Band** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. Whether you're a fan of great songwriting or power-house live performance, Jason Spooner and his fabulous band represent a formidable emerging act that should be watched closely! Sponsored by: TD Bank, Emera Maine, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, I Care Pharmacy and Allen's Coffee Brandy.

### ***Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>***

**8:00a-7:00p Antique Tractor Display & Children's Tractor Train Rides** at Riverside Park. Dozens of pieces of old farm equipment and tractors will be on display across Route 1A from the Car Show. Come take a gander at the tools used in the fields and on the farms of Aroostook County. Bring the kids and have them hop aboard our unique Tractor Train for a memorable ride around the park. Sponsored by: The Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club

**10:00a Sunday Service** at the Community Bandstand with Pastor Jamin Melanson. Bring your own chairs. Sponsored by the Community Wesleyan Church

**9:00a Food Court open to the Public**-Sponsored by: [I CARE PHARMACY](#), McGillan, Inc. & Maine Potato Blossom Festival Committee

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**10:00a SPUD CYCLE CLASSIC BICYCLE RACE & TOUR** The 25 mile and 12 mile (ages 13 & 15) events both start at 10:00am. Registration: From 8:00-9:30am at Fort Fairfield Community Center  
Location: Start at the Library on Main St. and end at Hillcrest Estate. Cost: \$15 per rider which includes a T-shirt for the first 50 to register. Sponsored by: S.W. Collins Company, Hillside I.G.A., Bears Head Cyclery and the Fort Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department. For more information: Call 472-3882, 227-6306 or [ttowle@fortfairfield.org](mailto:ttowle@fortfairfield.org)

**10:00a-5:00p Sidewalk Arts and Crafts** at the Community Bandstand and surrounding park. Sponsored by: Laureate Gamma Sorority - [Registration Form](#)

**10:00a-2:00p Antique Car Show and Shine** at Riverside Park. Antique car display with trophies awarded in classes plus The Peoples' Choice Award. Sponsored by Caldwell's Auto and Kilcollins Farms. Concessions available. Sponsored by: Boy Scout Troop #194

**11:00a St Paul's Episcopal Church Service and Coffee Hour** with Father Kevin Kinsey, located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 170 Main Street. For more information contact Gloria Towle 551-6966

**Noon Rubber Duck Race on the Aroostook River** It's a race for riches with rubber ducks battling it out as they go with the flow from the bridge to the boat launch! Ducks are dumped from the bridge at noon. Contact any member of the Frontier Fish and Game Club to purchase your ducks in advance for \$5 each. Sponsored by: Frontier Fish and Game Club

**Noon-4:00p Fort Fairfield Fire Department Car Wash** Located at the [Fort Fairfield Fire Dept](#) on Community Center Drive. Let our hose-handling professionals get your wheels in show shape! This is a free car wash but donations are appreciated!

**2:00p "Flotilla of Fun" on the Aroostook River!** Bring your kayaks, canoe, and lifejackets and join us on the Aroostook River for an afternoon of floating and fun. Start at Forbes Pit and end at the Boat Landing just after the bridge. Enjoy the serenity and many opportunities to watch the wildlife along the river.

**4:30-6:00p Baked Bean Supper** at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Main Street. \$8.00 per person. To-go meals available. FMI contact Kerby Doughty 551-6851. Sponsored by: Frontier Fish & Game Club

**6:00p Beer Garden**-Village Square parking lot - ID REQUIRED. Sponsored by: VFW Post 6187

**5:00p Kings of Karaoke** at the Community Bandstand on Main Street. A genre-defying display of our local, vocal talents! Sponsored by: Maine's Credit Unions

**7:00p Best Not Broken** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. Named Best Band in New Hampshire at the 2016 New England Music Awards, Best Not Broken will perform leading up to the Fireworks finale directly across the river from where the fireworks are launched! Sponsored by: Emera Maine, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, I Care Pharmacy and Allen's Coffee Brandy.



**At Dusk - FIREWORKS ON THE AROOSTOOK RIVER** – Join us along the Aroostook River for the BEST seats in TOWN in Fort Fairfield! Come watch our annual Fireworks Display on the Aroostook River. Sponsored by: [The Maine Potato Board](#), McGillan Inc, ReEnergy and Pineland Farms

### **Maine Potato Blossom Festival Pageants**

All pageants will be held at the Fort Fairfield Middle/High School Gymnasium. Tickets are available at the door.

**Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p - The Pre-Teen Miss Maine Potato Queen Pageant - \$8.00 Admission**

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### **2016 Maine Potato Blossom Festival Parade**

Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> Line up is at 11:00 am, step off at 1:00 pm, pre-register at the Fort Fairfield Town Office or download the registration form and send it in! Parade starts with a pre-parade antique and unique car parade and is followed by one of the largest parades in Northern New England! Parade begins at Fort Fairfield Middle High School and travels down Presque Isle Street, on to Main Street and ends at the corner of Forest Avenue and Main Street. Contact the Town Office at 472-3800 for more information.

### ***2016 Maine Potato Blossom Festival***

#### ***Schedule of Sporting Events***

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**6:00p 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament.** Contestants must be 16 yrs. or older (**parental consent required if under 18**) Fort Fairfield Community Center Sponsored by: Fort Fairfield Parks & Rec. Dept. and Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Register the night of the event. FMI: Tom Towle 472-3882 Cost \$40 per team (includes t-shirts for the first 8 teams to register)

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**8:30a START 5 Miler Road Race - Walkers**

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**10:00a SPUD CYCLE CLASSIC BICYCLE RACE & TOUR** The 25 mile and 12 mile (ages 13-15) events both start at 10:00am Registration: From 8:00-9:30am at Fort Fairfield Community Center Location: Start at the Library on Main St. and end at Hillcrest Estate. Cost: \$15 per rider which includes a T-shirt for the first 50 to register. Sponsored by: Nordic Heritage Sport Club, S.W. Collins Company, Hillside I.G.A., and Fort Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department. For more information: Call 472-3882, 227-6306 or [towle@fortfairfield.org](mailto:towle@fortfairfield.org)

### **Annual Town Wide Yard Sale**

The Fort Fairfield Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the extremely popular **Town Wide Yard Sale** Only \$5 to participate and get your sale on the map! Contact the Town Office at 472-3800 for more information. Maps can be picked up at most Fort Fairfield businesses. Sponsored by: Fort Fairfield Chamber of Commerce

### ***2016 Maine Potato Blossom Festival –***

#### ***“Just Kids Stuff”***

### **Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Coloring Contest** - Forms can be picked up at [The County Federal Credit Union](#) in Fort Fairfield. Budding artists, come give some color to our totally tubular tuber! Prizes awarded to our top sprouts! Judging takes place at 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by: The County Federal Credit Union

### **Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**3-5:00pm** Family Canoe & Kayak Fun Day at the Fish and Game Club on Monson Pond. Children must

be accompanied by an adult. For info call Garrett Martin at 356-7781. FREE - Hotdog B.B.Q to follow. Sponsored by: Frontier Fish & Game Club

### Wednesday, July 13th

**6:30p Baby & Bike Parade Registration NEW NIGHT & LOCATION** At the Town Clock on Main Street. Decorate your bike, paint your wagon or dress up your child's stroller and join in the fun! **Parade will march through Field's Lane at 7p.** FMI contact Melissa at 472-3651 Sponsored by: H.O. Perry Insurance

### Thursday, July 14th

**1:00p-3:00p Love Your Library Day** Fort Fairfield Public Library. Come take a tour of our historic Carnegie Library, meet Baxter the Cat, visit with our staff and learn about our many programs. Call 472-3880 for more info.

**5:00p-8:00p Potato Picking Contest NEW LOCATION!** Located next to the Adventure Park on the FFMHS Athletic Fields. Open to pickers of all ages! Come try your hand at picking Maine potatoes the old fashioned way, using only a basket, barrel and your hands! Race the clock and your friends and maybe you'll be lucky enough to walk away with one of our fabulous prizes! Sponsored by: Hillside I.G.A.

**5:00p-8:00p Cary Inflatable Adventure Park** - Race, bounce, and slide your way through our giant inflatable park. There's even a water slide! Kids of all ages will have a blast at this popular summer event - located at the Fort Fairfield High School Athletic Complex. Rain location: Community Center. Sponsored by: [Cary Medical Center](#), [Pines Health Services](#)

**8:30p Family Movie under the Stars** - Featuring "*Minions*" Minions are small, yellow creatures who have existed since the beginning of time, evolving from single-celled organisms into beings that exist only to serve history's most despicable masters. We'll provide the popcorn! Grab your blankets or lawn chairs and join us for an evening under the stars watching a movie on our jumbo outdoor screen! Located at the Fort Fairfield Middle High School Athletic Complex. **Rain location:** Community Center Gym. Sponsored by: [Cary Medical Center](#), [Pines Health Services](#)

### Friday, July 15th

**9:00a Bike Rodeo** Main Street next to CP Station Park. Kids 12 and under. Bring your bike & helmet and join in the fun! Sponsored by: The Fort Fairfield Rotary Club

**4:30p-6:00p Rick Charette performance at the Memorial Garden Dedication** Fort Fairfield Health Center on High Street. Join us for a fun family event as Rick Charette performs some of his memorable songs. Snacks, games and activities will be provided. Directly following the performance, TAMC and the Town of Fort Fairfield will dedicate the new Memorial Garden.

**6:00p Mashed Potato Wrestling** Located in the Food Court. A Maine Potato Blossom Festival favorite! Here's your chance to take off the picking gloves and get into a no-holds barred tuber throw down! Mash your opponent in our russet ring and claim the title of Top Tater! (Bragging rights only!) Call 472-3800 to pre-register and take a step toward gooey glory! Sponsored by: [HSF Food, LTD](#) & the Fort Fairfield Fire Department

### Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

**1:00p 2016 Maine Potato Blossom Festival Parade-** Sponsored by: Hillside IGA and [ReMax Central](#)

**3:00p First Annual International Tater Tot Eating Competition** Located in the Food Court. We all can eat, but can you **really eat**?!?! Come put your money where your mouth is and race the clock and your competitors to see how fast you can chow down on a heaping pile of locally grown and produced Tater Tots! Men's, Women's and Youth divisions. Prizes awarded for first and second place in each division. Registration is only \$5! Sponsored by: McCain Foods USA, Boondocks Grille and the Maine Agri-Women.

**Sunday, July 17th**

**8:00a-7:00p Antique Tractor Display & Children's Tractor Train Rides** at Riverside Park. Dozens of pieces of old farm equipment and tractors will be on display across Route 1A from the Car Show. Come take a gander at the tools used in the fields and on the farms of Aroostook County. Bring the kids and have them hop aboard our unique Tractor Train for a memorable ride around the park. Sponsored by: The Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club

**DUSK - COME ENJOY THE ANNUAL FIREWORKS OVER THE AROOSTOOK RIVER**

## Thank You!

We would like to thank all of our 2016 sponsors and volunteers for their generous support again this year...Without you, an event of this size would not happen. Thank you for your continued support. A special thank you to I CARE Pharmacy for their ongoing support and sponsorship of the food court.

## 2017 Festival Dates

July 8th - July 16th, 2017.....Be sure to save the dates & remember the Maine Potato Blossom Festival Parade is ALWAYS the THIRD Saturday in JULY.....See you there!!