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129th Piscataquis Valley Fair set for August 25-28

by Mike Lange

DOVER-FOXCROFT – Carnival rides, traditional agricultural exhibits, two slam-bang demolition derbies, tractor pulling and musical entertainment from rock to modern country highlight the 129th edition of the Piscataquis County Fair in Dover-Foxcroft from Aug. 25-28.

Billed as Maine's "Down Home Country Fair" because of its diverse attractions and affordable prices, the four-day show strives to add improvements each year, according to Fair Association

President Rusty Weymouth.

"We've brought back the horse-shoe tournaments for the first time in 10 years," Weymouth said. "We've also added new hand-washing stations near the animal exhibits along with the regular hand sanitizers. We hope to educate fair-goers about E. coli bacteria."

While many people think of E. coli as an infection caused by eating undercooked hamburgers or drinking raw milk, state health officials also advise washing your hands after petting farm animals.

Smokey's Greatest Shows returns this year with their carnival rides and concessions and Weymouth said that the fair association and patrons "have been very happy with them over the years."

The highlight of the musical lineup is "Scarab: The Journey Experience," a Boston-based tribute band on stage Friday, Aug. 26 from 8-10 p.m.

Scarab recreates the music of the supergroup of the 1970s and 80s that sold over 47 million albums and also had numerous top-40 hits including "Don't Stop Believing" and "Open Arms."

The Foxcroft Academy Band will be on stage Thursday at 5 p.m., followed by the Tyler Healy Band, the 2016 Pine Tree State Modern Country band award winner, at 8 p.m.

Another local favorite, country rock band Sharon Hood and Dixon Road, hits the stage on Saturday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m.

For fans of motorized mayhem,

there's a Figure 8 race on Aug. 25 at 6 p.m., the Tuff Truck competition on Aug. 26 at 6 p.m., truck pulls on Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. and two demolition derbies on the final day of the fair – Sunday, Aug. 28.

The Pro-Modified derby at noon is new this year, Weymouth said, and caters to drivers "who want to build their cars up more than the stock entries." The regular derby will begin at 3 p.m. and all the rules, purses and entry fees will be posted on the fair's website.

For quieter times, the Mad Scientist and Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionettes are back this year. The Mad Scientist, a favorite youngsters' entertainer, will appear twice on Friday and twice on Saturday while Grady's show takes place twice Friday through Sunday. The Mad Scientist will be set up at the gazebo next to the ice cream parlor and Dan Gray's Marvelous Marionettes will be on the hill by the fair office. For the ladies, there's the annual

Skillet Throw on Aug. 27 at the horse pulling ring at 11:30 p.m.; and more fun for the youngsters comes with the pig scramble on Sunday at 1 p.m., also at the pulling ring. There's a \$2 entry fee and parental permission slips need to be filled out.

This year's fair program is dedicated to Ralph "Eddie" Lewis of Dover-Foxcroft, who has been a fair association member for more than 30 years (see separate story) and the Farm Family of the Year is the Simpson Farm of Corinna, which has been in the same family since the early 1900s. It's currently owned and operated by Ron and Julie Simpson and their three children: Sarah, Samantha and "R.J."

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DOVER-FOXCROFT – When Ralph “Eddie” Lewis found out that he was going to receive a major community service award last December, he was shy about showing up for the event.

Dover-Foxcroft Fire Chief Joe Guyotte joked that it also “took some convincing” to persuade Lewis to wear a tie to the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council annual meeting to receive the Myron “Pete” Myrick award.

But Lewis doesn’t have to dress up for his latest honor. This year’s Piscataquis Valley Fair has been dedicated to him.

“Eddie is the type of guy who does most of his work behind the scenes,” said Fair Association President Rusty Weymouth. “You’ll see him weed-whacking, painting, moving stuff around – anything that needs to be done to spruce the fairgrounds up.”

Lewis, who served on the Dover-Foxcroft Fire Department for 46 years, also takes care of the fire extinguishers at the fairgrounds.

In addition to his volunteer work at the Piscataquis County Fair, he also helps with many Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Club ac-



RALPH “EDDIE” LEWIS (Eastern Gazette photo – Mike Lange)

tivities including the “Backpack” program for needy youngsters.

Lewis graduated from Dexter High School in 1962, served in the military until 1969 and went to work for Guilford Industries

after his discharge.

Lewis later worked for Judkin’s Shop ‘N Save – now Will’s Shop ‘N Save – for over 20 years taking care of the frozen food and produce aisles.

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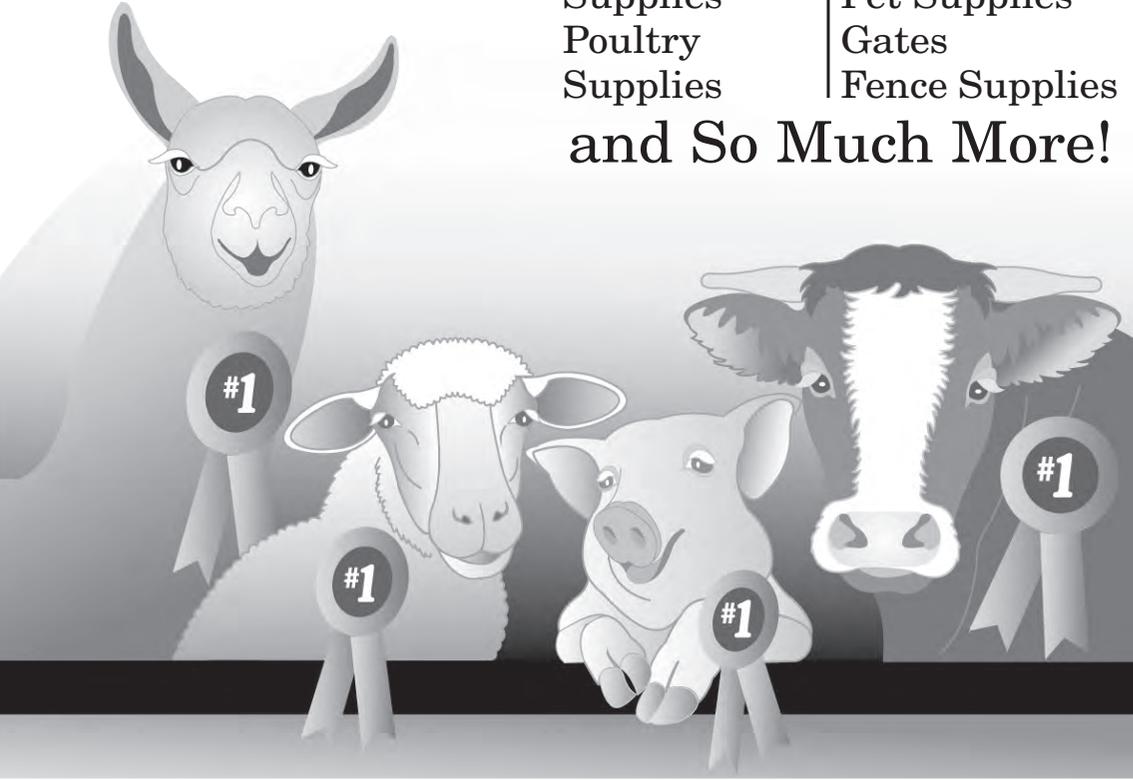
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Saturday, August 27 at 2 PM & 6 PM

Sunday, August 28 at 9:30 AM & 3 PM

Mad Scientist

On the Gazebo by Ice Cream Parlor

Friday, August 26 at 4 PM & 6 PM

Saturday, August 27 at 12 NOON & 3 PM

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Saturday, August 27 at 7 PM



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PEDAL POWER – The popular Pedal Tractor Pulls take place all four days near the milking parlor at the Piscataquis Valley Fair. Check the fair schedule for exact times. (Piscataquis Valley Fair photo by Bobby Koenig)



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Thursday, August 25

9:00 AM Farm Oxen Weigh-in
 10:00 AM Open Flower Judging
 12:00 Noon Fire Dept. Museum Open
 12:00 Noon Exhibition Halls Open
 12:00 Noon Animal Land
 12:00 Noon Farm Oxen Twitch, Scoot & Pull
 2:00 PM Midway Rides Open
 3:00 PM Frisbee Toss behind the Ice Cream Parlor
 4:00 PM Pedal Tractor Pull at the Milking Parlor
 4:00 PM Bingo
 5-7 PM Foxcroft Academy Band
 5:00 PM Face Panting on the gazebo
 5:30 PM Bicycle Drawing at the Fair Office
 6:00 PM Milking Parlor Demo
 6:00 PM Figure 8 Race at the Mechanical Track
 6:00 PM 50/50 Raffle During Figure 8 Race
 6:30 PM on the stage
 7:30 PM He-Man Contest
 8-10 PM Tyler Healey on the stage
 9:00 PM Fireworks

Friday, August 26

9:00 AM Farm horse weigh-in
 10:00 AM Open Sheep Show
 11:00 AM Youth Dairy Show
 12:00 Noon Farmers Horse Events
 Noon-8 PM Fire Dept. Museum
 12:00 Noon Exhibition Halls Open
 12:00 Noon Animal Land

Friday, August 26

12:00 Noon Bingo
 12:30 PM Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionette Medley on the hill
 2:00 PM Midway opens
 3:00 PM Relay Race behind the Ice Cream Parlor
 3:00 PM Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionette Medley on the hill
 4:00 PM Mad Scientist
 4:30 PM Pedal Tractor Pull at the Milking Parlor
 5:00 PM Face Painting on the gazebo
 5:30 PM Bicycle Drawing at the Fair Office
 6:00 PM Milking Demo in the Milking Parlor
 6:00 PM Tuff Truck at the Mechanical Track
 6:00 PM 50/50 Raffle during Tuff Truck
 6:00 PM Mad Scientist
 8-10 PM Scarab (Journey tribute band) on stage

Saturday, August 27

6:00 AM Horse pulling weigh-in
 8:30AM Piscataquis Valley Jumper Show
 9:00 AM Farm Tractor Pulls at the Mechanical Track
 9:00 AM 50/50 Raffle during Farm Tractor Pulls
 10AM-2 PM Antique Auto Display
 10:00 AM Exhibition Halls Open
 10 AM-8 PM Fire Dept. Museum
 10:00 AM Horse Pulling
 10:00 AM Animal Land Opens
 10:00 AM Youth Beef Cattle Show
 10:00 AM Miss Maple Pageant on the stage

Saturday, August 27

10AM-Noon Cookie Decorating on the hill
 10:00 AM Horseshoe Tournament behind the dining hall
 11:00 AM Midway Rides Open
 11:00 AM Face Painting on the gazebo
 11:30 AM Skillet Throw-Sign up at the Fair Office
 12:00 Noon Bingo
 12:00 Noon Mad Scientist
 1:00 PM Pedal Tractor Pulls at the Milking Parlor
 1:00 PM Frog Jumping Contest
 2:00 PM Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionette Medley on the hill
 3:00 PM Animal Costume Parade
 3:00 PM Mad Scientist
 4:00 PM Bicycle Drawing at the Fair Office
 4:30 PM Cookie Jumping Contest on the hill
 6:00 PM Milking Demo in the Milking Parlor
 6:00 PM Truck Pulls at the Mechanical Track
 6:00 PM 50/50 Raffle during Truck Pulls
 6:00PM Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionette Medley on the hill
 6:00 PM Wrist Wrestling-Sign up at 5:30PM by the Police Building
 7-10 PM Sharon Hood Dixon Road Band on stage

Sunday, August 28

6:00 AM Horse pulling weigh-in
 9:00 AM Game Horse Show
 9:00 AM Garden Tractor Pulls at the Mechanical Track
 9:30 AM Horse Pulling

Sunday, August 28

9:30 AM Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionette Medley on the hill
 10:00 AM Doodlebug Draw at the Mechanical Track
 10:00 AM Exhibition Halls Open
 10:00 AM Fire Dept. Museum
 10-Noon Sign up for the Pig Scramble at the Fair Office
 10:00 AM Animal Land
 10:00 AM Pedal Tractor Pull at the Milking Parlor
 10:00 AM Horseshoe Tournament behind the dining hall
 10:30 AM Youth Dairy Goat Show
 10:30 AM Pie Judging
 11:00 AM Midway Rides Opens
 11:00 AM Face Painting on the gazebo
 11:30 AM Bubblegum Blowing Contest on the hill
 11:30 AM Chicken BBQ at the Dining Hall
 12:00 Noon Bingo
 12:00 Noon Pro-Modified Demo Derby
 1:00 PM Pig Scramble at Pulling Area
 2:00 PM Pedal Tractor Pull-Off at the Milking Parlor. Must place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd during one of the regular pedal tractor pulls to qualify
 3:00 PM Demolition Derby
 3:00 PM 50/50 Raffle during the Demolition Derby
 3:00 PM Power Wheel's Demo Derby during the intermission of the regular Demo Derby
 3:00 PM Dan Grady's Marionette
 4:00 PM Bicycle Drawing at the Fair Office
 6:00 PM Fair Closes

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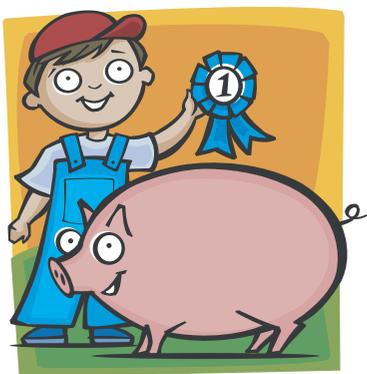
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FIREWORKS

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Midway opens at 2 pm Thursday and Friday and
11 am Saturday and Sunday.

Admission: Every day is a Wrist Band Day - \$15 per day or
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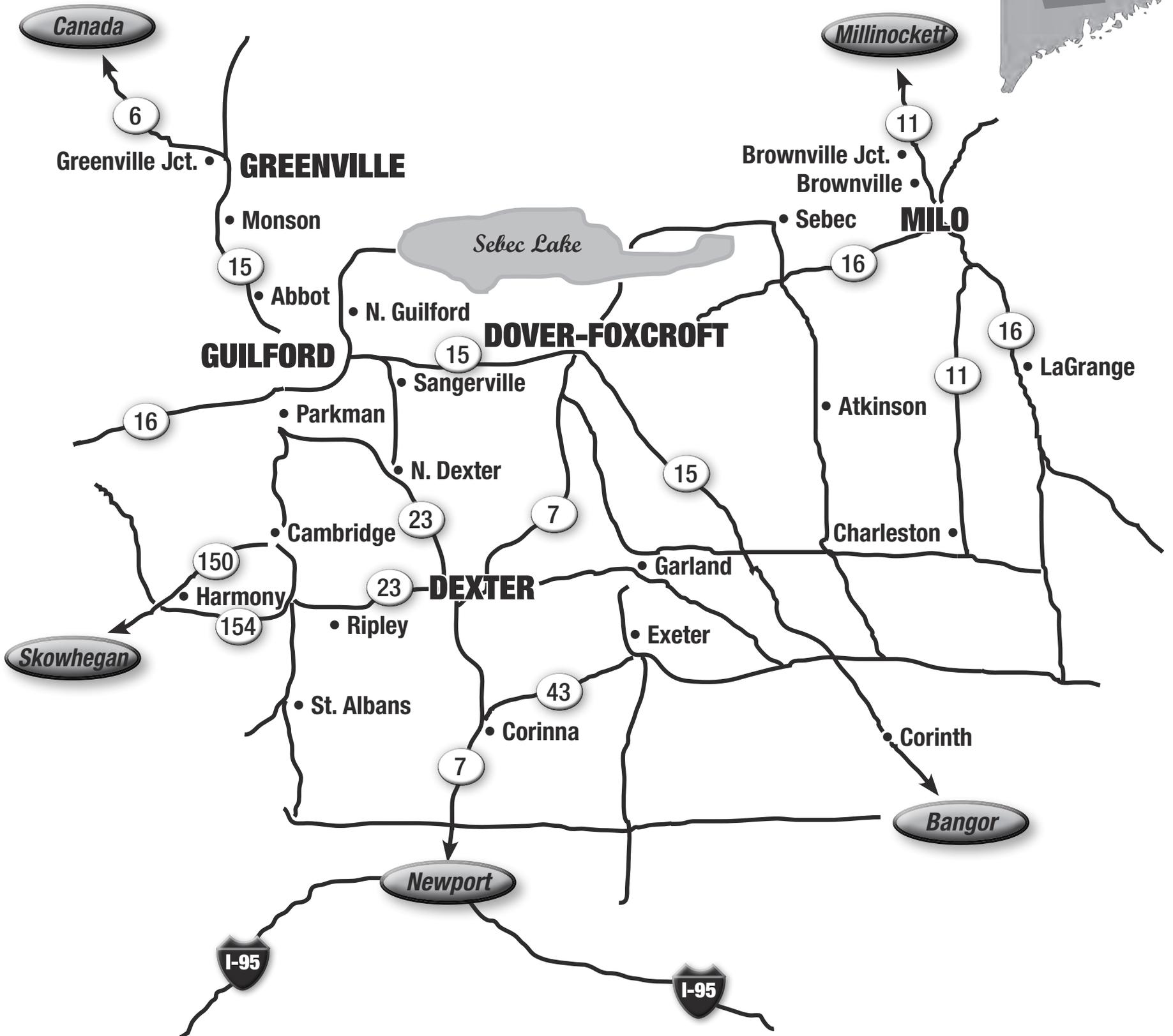
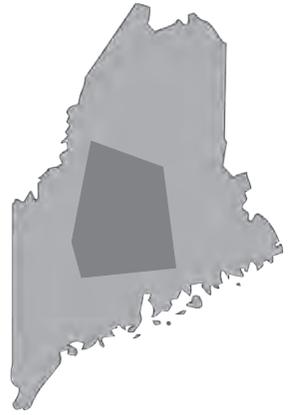
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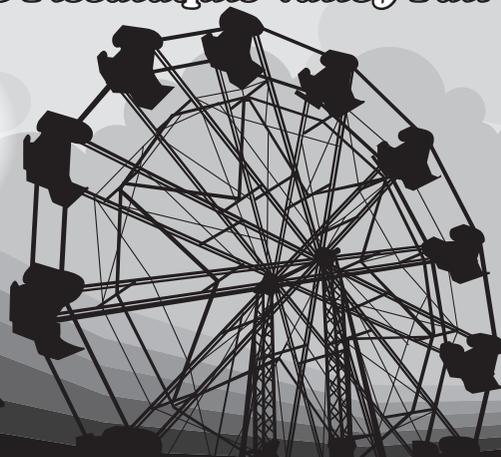
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Miss Maple Pageant Aug. 27 at the fair

DOVER-FOXCROFT - The 2nd annual Miss Maple Pageant will take place at the Piscataquis County Fair in Dover-Foxcroft on Saturday, Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. on the main stage.

Participants will be split into grade levels for the competition: grades 1-4, grades 5-8 and grades 9-12.

There are three categories for each class:

Formal Wear/Dress-up: Contestants don't have to wear full formal-wear; any type of dressy clothes is acceptable

Agricultural Wear/Country Wear: Put on your best idea of what country/farm girls would wear.

Talent: Participants can do anything from singing and dancing to tying a knot.

Prizes are \$50 with a crown and sash for first place and \$25 for second place.

In addition, the winner of the grades 9-12 event will receive a \$100 scholarship from the fair association.

Pageant sponsors are Bob's Sugarhouse, the Bear's Den Restaurant and Tavern, Flint Construction and RHC Carpentry and the flyers are contributed by Foxcroft Printing.

Registration forms must be turned in by Monday, Aug. 22 and they're available at Foxbrook Variety in Dover-Foxcroft.

For more information, contact Keshia Benson at 735-6677.

Power Wheels Demo Derby back for second year

DOVER-FOXCROFT - The Power Wheels Demolition Derby was a new addition to the Piscataquis Valley Fair last year and three youngsters participated: Tarrin Levenselor, Kaycie Bishop and Hunter Monahan.

This year, organizers are confident a lot more kids will participate. The event will take place on Sunday, Aug. 28 between the regular demolition derbies.

The Power Wheels Demolition Derby is for battery-operated vehicles only and children must be size and age appropriate. Bicycle helmets are also required for each child participating.

The fair has some vehicles available but contestants are welcome to bring their own rides. For those who want to use a fair vehicle, there will be a sign-up sheet and names will be drawn at random prior to the derby.

All contestants should be at the demolition derby pit no later than noon on Aug. 28.

The Power Wheels Demolition Derby is sponsored by Will's Shop 'N Save, the Bear's Den Motel, Restaurant and Tavern; George Eddy Logging, the Dover-Foxcroft Police Department, Rowell's Garage and Prouty Ford.

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