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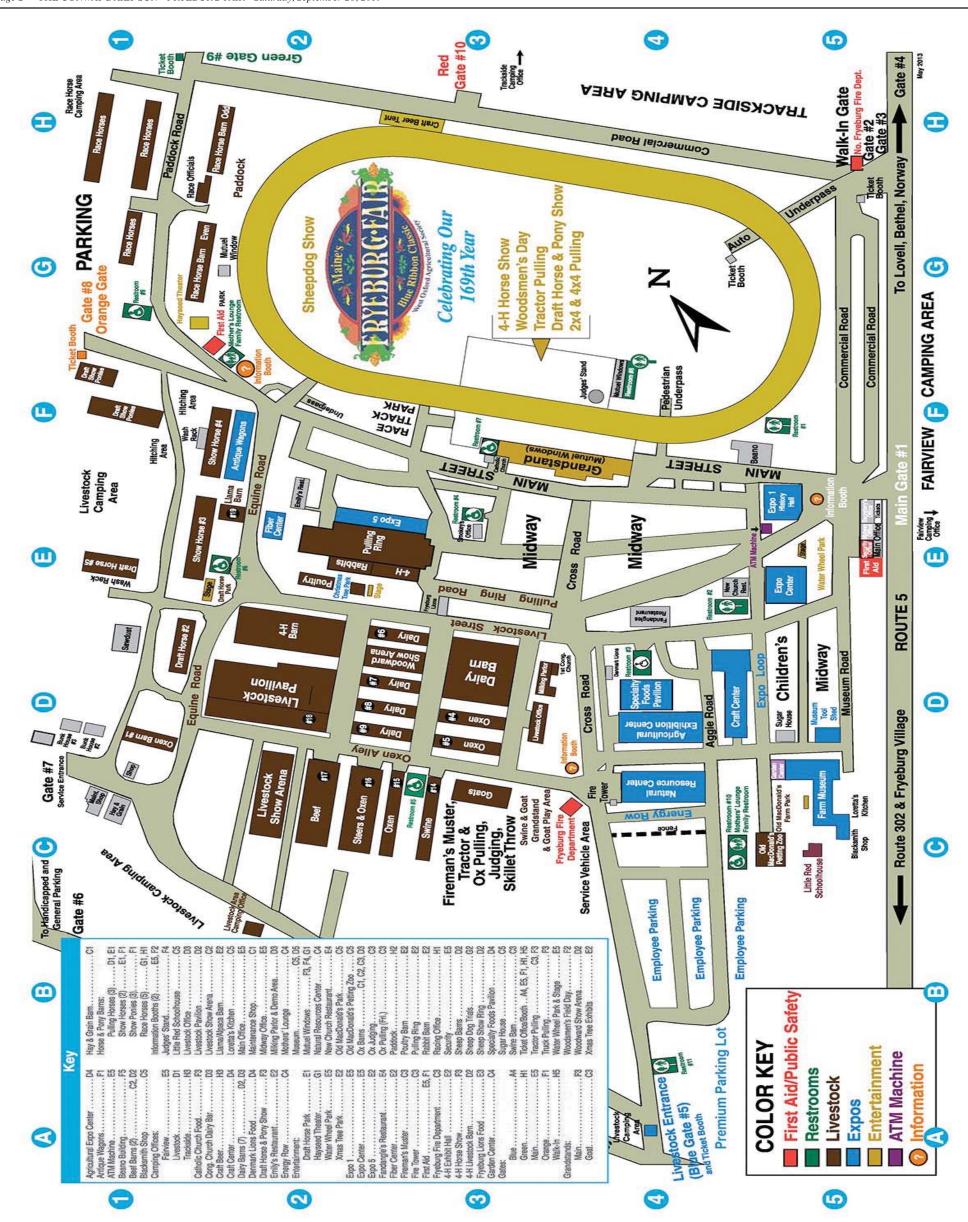


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PROGRAM OF EVENTS 2019

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Agricultural Exhibition Center Open Daily 9 am - 9 pm Farm Museum Open Daily 9 am - 9 pm Museum Craft Demonstrations Daily 10 am - 5 pm Fiber Demonstrations 9 am - 9 pm / Last Sunday 9 am - 6 pm Llama/Alpaca Demonstrations Daily @ 11 am and on-going Key to Buildings
AEC A
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ndstand LP Li Pulling Ring Rabbit Barn Agricultural Exhibition Center Livestock Show Arena Fiber Center Racing Grandstand Livestock Pavilion Swine & Goat Grandstand WSA Woodward Show Arena SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 Church Service - Hayseed Theater Official ADGA Dairy Goat Show - LSA 4-H Riding Horse Show - Infield Firemen's Muster - SGG Sheepdog Trials - Infield Flower Show - Expo 1 Poultry Show 10:00 am Flower Show - Expo 1
Poultry Show
Catholic Mass - Hayseed Theater
Fleece and Fiber Show & Sale - FC
Wreathmaking demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit
Society Pig Scramble - (must reside in towns of our
Society) - PR (Ages 8-10) Entries close at 10:30 am
Flower Show - Expo 1
Horse Pulling 3300 lbs & under - <u>Distance</u> - PR
Parent/ Child Baking Contest - AEC
Dairy Goat Show continues - LSA
Sheep Shearing Demo - LP
Flower Show - Expo 1
Wreathmaking demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit
Ox Pulling - 2500 lbs - <u>Distance</u> - PR
Decorate a Pumpkin Contest - AEC
Flower Show - Expo 1
Tractor Pull - after Horse Show - Infield Area
Sheep Shearing Demo - LP
Horse Pulling - 3300 lbs 20' - <u>Elim</u> - PR Poultry Show 11:00 am 11:30 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:00 pm Y, SEPTEMBER 30
Show of Market Lambs - LSA Showmanship Ox Pulling 2100 lbs. Distance - PR Woodsmen's Field Day - RG Flower Show - Expo 1
4-H Dairy Goat Show - WSA Horse Pulling 3000 lbs. - Distance - PR Wreath Making Derno at Christmas Tree Exhibit Flower Show - Expo 1
Skillet Throw - ScG - Entries close at 10:30 am Show of Scramble Calves - LSA
4-H Beef Steer Show - LSA - Showmanship Ox Pulling - 2500 lbs. - 6'elim. - PR Whoopie Pie Contest AEC Anvil Throw for Men - SGG Flower Show - Expo 1
Wreath Making Derno at Christmas Tree Exhibit Steer & Ox Yoking Demonstration SGG Horse Pulling 3000 lbs 12'elim. - PR Scooting Contest - Lot 1 + 4-H Kids - SGG Flower Show - Expo 1
4-H Market Hog Show - LSA - Showmanship Ox Pulling - 2100 lbs and under 6'elim - PR Night Show - RAGGED JACK
Y, OCTOBER 1 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 pm 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 1:30 pm 2:00 PM 3:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 JESDAY, OCTOBER 1
in Citizens Day (65 and over - gate free)
tique Tractor Show Day
8:30 am Show of Draft Horses, Ponies, Cart,
2 & 4 Hitch, 4 Abreast, NACCS Cart - RG
9:00 am Sheep Show - Open Show all day - LP
Tractor Pull - SGG
Dairy Show Jersey and Guernsey - WSA
Beef Show - Belted Galloway - AOB - LSA

Flower Show - Expo 1
Ox Powder Puff - 2900 lb. & under - <u>Distance</u> Trophy - PR
Wreath Making Demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit
Sheep Shearing Demo - LP
Flower Show - Expo 1
Blueberry Dessert Contest - AEC
Sheep Shearing Demo - LP
Horse Pulling - 3600 lb. - Distance - PR
Harness Racing - RG
Flower Show - Expo 1
Wreath Making Demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit
Ox Pulling Powder Puff 2900 lbs. & over - Distance - PR 10:00 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 am 1:00 pm 1:30 pm 2:00 pm wreatn Making Demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit

3:30 pm

4:00 pm

4:00 pm

Flower Show - Expo 1
Sheep Shearing Demo - LP

4:30 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

8:00 pm

Night Show - CHURCH OF CASH WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 Show of Draft Horses, Ponies, Cart Class, Male Driver Unicorn, 6 Hitch - Youth Cart. - RG Show of Working Oxen, Show Oxen & Steers - SGG 8:30 am Sheep Show - (all day) - LP
Dairy Show Milking Shorthorn & Brown Swiss - WSA 9:00 am Beef Show Chianinas, Hereford & Simmentals - LSA 9:30 pm Ox Pulling - 2900 lbs foll. by 3600-4100 lbs - Percentage Pull - PR 10:00 am Flower Show - Expo 1 Wreathmaking demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit Flower Show - Expo 1 11:00 am Open Pig Scramble - PR (Ages 8-10) Entries close 12 PM (Drawing) Show of Working Steers Handy Class for kids - SGG 2 Crusted Apple Pie Contest - AEC 1:00 pm Sheep Shearing Demo - LP Harness Racing - RG Flower Show - Expo 1 1:30 pm 2:00 pm Horse Pulling - Sweepstakes - <u>Distance</u> -Trophy - PR Wreathmaking demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit Horse Pulling - 2900 lbs, & Under - Distance PR Flower Show - Expo 1
Sheep Shearing Demo - LP 3:30 pm 4:00 pm Photo · World's Largest Assembly Yoked Steer & Oxen · SGG Horse Pulling · Sweepstakes · <u>15' Elim.</u> - Trophy · PR Night Show · RODNEY ATKINS 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 Show of Working Oxen, Show Oxen & Steers - SGG 8:30 am Show of Draft Horses, Ponies, Tandem, Pair, 4 Horse/Pony Hitch, 8 Horse Hitch - RG Sheep Show - LP 9:00 am Beef Show Beef Shorthorns, Angus, Aberdeen - LSA Dairy Show Holstein and Ayrshire - WSA Ox Pulling Sweepstakes - Distance - PR 10:00 am Flower Show - Expo 1 Horse Pulling 3100 lbs & Under - Distance - PR Wreathmaking demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit Flower Show - Expo 1 Cranberry Orange Coffee Cake Contest - AEC 11:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm Sheep Shearing Demo - LP Draft Horse & Pony Show - Halter Classes - PR Harness Racing - RG Flower Show - Expo 1 Wreathmaking demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit 1:30 pm 2:00 pm Decorated Cupcake Contest - AEC Flower Show - Expo 1 3:00 pm 4:00 pm Sheep Shearing Demo - LP Overall Champion Sheep - Ram & Ewe - LSA Overall Champion - Dairy & Beef - LSA 4:30 pm

OCTOBER 4

Ox Pulling 1301-1700, 900-1100, 1101-1300 lbs. - Distance - PR Flower Show - Expo 1
Calf Scramble - RG
Pig Scramble (Students MSAD #72) - (third grade) - RG
Draft Horse & Pony Jr. & Sr. Youth Show - WSA
4-H Market Hog Auction - LSA
4-H Market Lamb Auction - LSA
4-H Beef Steer Auction - LSA
4-H Beef Steer Auction - LSA
4-H Beef Steer Auction - LSA
Wreathmaking demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit
Flower Show - Expo 1
Horse Pulling - 3200 lbs - Distance - PR
Swine Show s SGG
Calf Show and Sale - LSA
Fudge Contest - AEC
Sheep Shearing Demo - LP
Harness Racing - RG
Flower Show - Expo 1
Wreathmaking demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit
Haunted Gingerbread House Decorating Cookies - AEC
Ox Pulling Sweepstake 6' Elim. - PR
Flower Show - Expo
Sheep Shearing Demo 1 - LP
Horse Pulling - 3200 lbs., - 12' Elimination - PR
Ox Pulling , 3300 lbs - Distance - PR
Night Show - MICHAEL DELGUIDICE & BIG SHOT
Fireworks After Night Show
AY, OCTOBER 5 11:00 am 1:30 pm 2:00 pm 3:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm AY, OCTOBER 5

Speaker - American Farm Bureau - RG
Flower Show - Expo 1
Grand Parade - Trophy Presentations - RG
Wreathmaking demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit
4-H Swine Show - SGG
Flower Show - Expo 1
4-H Sheep Show Class - LP
Ox Pulling 2900 lbs. and under - 6' Elim. - PR
4-H Dairy Show - WSA
Sheep Shearing Demo - LP
Harness Racing - RG
4-H Beef Heifer Show - LSA
Flower Show - Expo 1 - LP
Wreathmaking demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit
4-H Showmanship - Working Steer
Horse Pulling - 3400 lbs - Distance - PR
Flower Show - Expo 1
Sheep Shearing Demo - LP
Ox Pulling 3300 & under 6' Elim - PR
Horse Pulling 3400 lbs - 12' Elim - PR
4-H Sheep Lead Line - LP
Night Show - CLARK HILL
OCTOBER 6 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 9:45 am 10:00 pm 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 1:30 pm 2:00 pm 2:30 pm 3:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm Night Show - CLARK HILL

SUNDAY,

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Performances are ongoing in five different locations, the Waterwheel Park by the Front Gate, Christmas Tree Park next to the Pulling Ring, Hayseed Theater by the Orange Gate, and the Draft Horse Park by the Llama Barn.

Entertainment brochures are available at each gate and the information booth.



Horse Pulling - Three Horse - <u>Distance</u> - PR Night Show - MADDIE & TAE

6:30 pm 8:00 pm

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FRYEBURG FAIR

The West Oxford Agricultural Society (present-ers of the Fryeburg Fair) was incorporated on June 3, 1851. Originally nine Maine towns were included, with six New Hampshire towns added in 1888. After moving from town to town for the first few years, a permanent fair site was purchased in Fryeburg. After nearly 30 years it moved to its present location, north of town, with the purchase of 26 acres for \$133. The first fair was held there in October 1885. During the next 100 plus years it has expanded to 200 acres and includes 100 permanent buildings, with over 3,000 camping sites. Currently, about 300,000 attend the fair annually.

Out of the fire and smoke a new cattle and sheep barn rises in historic 2019 milestone

By Brett Guerringue

FRYEBURG, Maine — Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, the Fryeburg Fair's new beef cattle and sheep barn, The Mountain View Pavilion, debuts this year for the first time after the devastating "Fire of 2018" that leveled two animal barns and damaged six others.

The barn will be ready for the public on Sunday, Sept. 29.

According to Rachel Andrews Damon an opening ceremony for the new barn will take place on Tuesday during the fair at 1 p.m.

Tuesday is also Senior Citizens Day where those 65 and older get for in free.

"All are welcome," Damon said.

The new barn is the largest and tallest structure at the fairgrounds, measuring 120 by 240 feet.

"That's a pretty rugged construction schedule," said Damon.

It replaces two barns that were built about 40 to 50 years ago and will have an animal capacity of 400 sheep and at least 80 cattle.

It will also be able to handle over 1,000 people at a time and the giant doors roll up, and will remain open during the fair to bring in natural light and ventilate the inside according to Dave Andrews, the fair's general superintendent.

"It will be done just about in the nick-of-time for

see **NEW BARN** page 5



The new Mountain View Pavillion cattle and sheep barn measures in at 120 by 240 feet, is the highest and largest building on the fairgrounds today, replacing two wooden barns with the same purpose that were built 40 to 50 years ago. (BRETT GUERRINGUE PHOTO)

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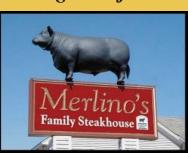
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The new cattle and sheep barn can hold as many as 400 sheep and 80 cattle at once, with a 1,000 person capacity. (BRETT GUERIRNGUE PHOTO)

NEW BARN from page 4

this year's fair opening," he said.

The new structure cost the fairgrounds \$2 million to build and \$852,000 of that came from insurance

money.

"The fair ate the rest," Andrews said.

The barns are fully insured and used

see **NEW BARN** page 6



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Fire spread quickly through the sheep and beef cattle barns on July 10, 2018. (ROY ANDREWS PHOTO)

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a rainy day fund for reconstruction.

The new barn is made from metal, sports a concrete floor and will eventually have a fire suppression system.

On the evening of July 10, 2018, a "catastrophic electrical failure" sparked a fire that destroyed a cattle barn and sheep barn and severely damaged melted vinyl siding of six nearby barns.

There were no animals in the buildings, and nobody was injured in the fire.

More than 20 local fire departments responded to the fire and were able to prevent further destruction.

In 2018, Fair President Roy Andrews said at no point in the imme-

diate aftermath of the fire did fair officials consider canceling that year's fair. However, he said if the fire had spread to other buildings, "That would have been different."

With not enough time to rebuild, the sheep and cattle buildings were temporarily replaced in 2018 by a giant tent structure, which provided about the same amount of space as the two lost barns.

Andrews said it cost \$114,000 to rent the tent. It was erected in three days after the debris from the fire was cleared away.

There have been other fires in the fair's long history, but none as big as

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Fire crews from 20 departments from Maine and New Hampshire battled the blaze at Fryeburg Fairgrounds in July 2018. (RACHEL ANDREWS DAMON PHOTOS)



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this one. In the 1950s, several horses perished when a racehorse barn caught fire.

The 2018, Ken Grimes, investigation supervisor for the Maine Fire Marshall's Office, confirmed to the Sun that the fire originated in a maintenance building called the sheep barn.

According to Fryeburg Fire Chief Andy Dufresne, the 50-by-150-foot sheep barn was "fully involved," with the flames extending nearby to a 30-by-150-foot cattle shed.

Many of the firefighters who battled the 2018 fire, along with fire departments from across western Maine and adjacent New Hampshire departments across the border will participate in the Fireman's Muster and show off their skills on in events such as Dry Hose, Wet Hose, Ladder, Barrel Roll and Ball Squirt, with more if time allows.

Trophies are awarded to first, second and third place winners.

The Muster takes place on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 9 p.m. at the SGG.



Fair staff ready the tent that represented the burned barns in preparation for the 2018 Fryeburg Fair. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)

Sheep dog trials at Fryeburg Fair showcase canine skills



Gabe Merrill, superintendent of Fryeburg Fair's Sheep Dog Trials (left) and Lynn Deschambeault, assistant superintendent. (RACHEL ANDREWS DAMON PHOTO)

BY RACHEL ANDREWS DAMON

Fryeburg Fair's sheep dog trial experts and organizers are Gabriel "Gabe" Deschambeault Merrill, 87, of Brownfield, Maine, and her niece, Lynn Deschambeault. 59, of Denmark, Maine.

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Lynn said, "Sheep dog trials are competitive events where dogs and their handlers herd sheep. We use obstacles and timing to judge their success. Actually I think trials started when a couple of guys got together and one said my dog's better than yours!"

Gabe Merrill said, "I grew up on a farm and we had dogs that would round up the cows and bring them in. Morris MacGregor was a local Scotsman who sold farm products. He was an experienced handler and told us we ought to get into it. That's

where we started. It's a real talent and my brother is a natural."

Roger Deschambeault, 81, Gabe's brother and Lynn's father, lives in East Conway and trains and runs dogs daily. He and his wife, Krys, have six dogs at their home — Nearfield Farms. Roger started working with sheep dogs when he was 9 years old. He is a renowned dog trainer and has been in Scotland, England, Wales and all over the U.S. participating in trials.

Gabe said, "Sheep dog competitions started in the mid-1800s in New Zealand, the British Isles, Ireland and England. Waine Bartlett, of Denmark started them at Fryeburg Fair in the '80s. He was the sheep superintendent at the time. Back then a few women did some demonstrations of sheep herding. This

Food trucks find their way to the fair in 2019

Food trucks have finally arrived at the Fryeburg Fair and they are as diverse as they are delicious.

They are located on "energy row" alongside Natural Resource building, near the fire tower.

All the food trucks are from the Portland, Maine, area and all are first time vendors at the fair.

Six food trucks will be at the fair every day, four on a rotational basis.

Taco Del Seoul and Eighty 8 Donuts will be avail-

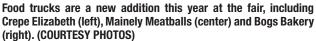
The rotational food truck schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, Sept. 29: Mainely Meatballs, Mr. Tuna, Farm to Coast Mobile Kitchen, Fishin Ships.
- Monday, Sept. 30: Mainely Meatballs, Mr. Tuna, Momma Baldacci's, Pinky D's Poutine.
- Tuesday, Oct. 1: Mainely Meatballs, TBD, Momma Baldacci's, Pinky D's Poutine.
 - Wednesday, Oct. 2: Mainely Meatballs, Crepe

- Elizabeth, Momma Baldacci's, Fishin Ships.
 Thursday, Oct. 3: Mainely Meatballs, Crepe Elizabeth, Momma Baldacci's, Bogs Bakery.
- Friday, Oct. 4: Crepe Elizabeth, Mr. Tuna, Momma Baldacci's, Bogs Bakery.
- Saturday, Oct. 5: Crepe Elizabeth, Mr. Tuna, Momma Baldacci's, Bogs Bakery.
- Sunday, Oct. 6: Crepe Elizabeth, Mr. Tuna, Momma Baldacci's, Fishin Ships.









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Fryeburg Fair is one of only three Maine fairs that hold sheep dog trials. (RACHEL ANDREWS DAMON PHOTO)

SHEEP DOGS from page 8

eventually led to what is now a full day of events. We have an average of 30-40 dogs who participate with their handlers. Some handlers have more than one dog."

Trials are open to any dog but it's mostly border collies that participate. Success is as much about the handlers as about their dogs who love to work herding sheep.

Roger Deschambeault participated in Fryeburg Fair's trials as well as provided the sheep from 1986 til 2014 — approximately 50-60 horned dorsets. Tim Molinero of Heartstone Farm in Milton has provided the sheep since 2015, numbered still about 60 for the day. Each dog works with 3-5 randomly selected sheep.

Lynn Deschambealt is also a breeder of border collies. "These dogs are very smart and have a great instinct for herding. They absolutely love it. I'll bring out a young puppy and that instinct is already there. These dogs can read sheep. They understand each other," she said.

Fryeburg Fair is one of only three Maine fairs hosting sheep dog trials — always the first Sunday starting at 9 a.m. at the infield near the grandstand.



Lynn Deschambeault with a few of her border collie puppies. (RACHEL ANDREWS DAMON PHOTO)

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Roger Deschambeault with Tess, 8 years old, at Nearfield Farms in East Conway. (RACHEL ANDREWS DAMON PHOTO)

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This year's trials will be a qualifier for the 2020 U.S. Border Collie Handler Association (usbcha.net) events which are being held in Middletown, Va. Top dogs win over \$40,000. Lynn Deschambeault and her father will attend this national event.

Thanks to the Deschambeault Family, the crowds at Fryeburg Fair are growing each year. Lynn is the emcee of the event and Gabe is running the show. Carroll Goodwin of Alfred, Maine, is the judge. His wife, Polly, is the scorekeeper.

Goodwin said, "The skill of the handlers and the dogs together is amazing to watch. You get to appreciate the depth of the human and dog connection."

For more information on sheep dog trials go to the North East Border Collie Association at nebca.com. For more information on Fryeburg Fair go to fryeburgfair.org.



Trials are open to any dog but it's mostly border collies that participate. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)







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Popular Woodsmen's Field Day on Monday



Woodsmen's Field Day always takes place on the first Monday. (RACHEL ANDREWS DAMON PHOTO)

In continuation of a popular Fryeburg Fair mainstay, the largest spectator woodsmen's event in North America — the annual Woodsmen's Field Day Event will be held on Monday, Sept. 30, for its 52nd year.

Woodmen's Field Day is a Fryeburg Fair tradition — always the first Monday starting at 9 a.m. Woodsmen's Field Day is for men and women who compete in over 34 woods skills events

Contestants come from all over the U.S. and Canada to compete in bucksaw, standing block, the axe throw, tree felling, crosscut and springboard; they have it all.

Events run all day with winners and awards given out regularly and also at the closing of the day, typically around 5 p.m.

Several contests run concurrently with the rest of the program, not necessarily in the same order. Registration fee is \$35.

There is no registration the day of the event, except skidders and truckers who may register until 8 a.m. on Sept. 30.

The fair's very popular Women's Skillet Throw also starts at noon on Monday, followed by the Men's Anvil Toss. Annette Bennett Metcalf of Naples, Maine, is the superintendent of these events.

"The skillet toss brings women from all around the country. It's a fierce competition. Our anvil throw is new but growing. Come give it a try" she said

For more information, contact the fair at (207) 935-3268.



Kelly Kerrigan, of E. Hampton, Maine, competes in the women's stand-up block chop during Woodsmen's Field Day at the Fryeburg Fair in 2018. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)

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Goats have always been in fair's collection, what's with the rising goat popularity now?

BY RACHEL ANDREWS DAMON

According to Fryeburg Fair's Goat Superintendent Paul Hopkins of West Baldwin, Maine, the popularity of goats is on the rise at the fair and nation-wide due to a combination of factors.

"Every goat has a unique personality and they're cute and entertaining. Interest in goat milk and dairy products is driving the current popularity of goats all across the country. They're responsible for yogurt, cream and the full range of cheeses, soft spreads to hard, aged varieties as well as soaps and skin lotions. The list goes on. Add to this the emergence of goat yoga, goat videos on YouTube, and the success of Tom Brady, the ultimate G.O.A.T. and you have the juggernaut that is today's goat."

Assistant Goat Superintendents to Paul Hopkins include his wife, Marilyn, and fellow goatherd Doug Blauvelt. "All three of us work on barn prep and setup prior to the fair. Marilyn is the official record keeper and takes care of all entries, about 250-plus. She also prepares the show program and helps out in the Livestock Office as needed during Fair week. Doug is an indispensable help to our exhibitors. He's a morning person, and I'm not, so that's part of our very successful working relationship," he said.

The Hopkins have been running goat shows since the 1970s. They own Wise Acres Farm and raised Nubian goats for many years. Their agricultural fair involvement has included Ossipee Valley Fair, Acton Fair and Oxford Fair. Their 36-year relationship with Fryeburg Fair started in 1983. They become the superintendents in 1998.

"When I first started at Fryeburg my job was keeping an eye on the animals, answering fairgoer questions and conducting milking demonstrations. Once we sold our farm in 1986, I became the show announcer for the open goat and swine shows. It's a much easier job if you don't also have your own animals to tend at the fair," he said.

In his non-goat life, Paul Hopkins has been with Spurwink Services in Portland, Maine, since 1985, working with adults with autism and intellectual disabilities.



Fryeburg Fair's Goat Superintendents Paul and Marilyn Hopkins (right) were recently honored for their work by Fair President Roy Andrews. (RACHEL ANDREWS DAMON PHOTO)

Marilyn Hopkins is retired from a career in banking. Her retirement life includes helping family members and neighbors and keeping up with her love of reading.

When not on the fair circuit, Major Doug Blauvelt is a jail administrator for Franklin County and owns Lapse of Reason Farm in Farmington, Maine.

Fryeburg Fair's goat building houses 100-130 goats. On show day, the number doubles at the Livestock Show Arena. Fairgoers can see goats of many breeds including the Alpine, LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Sable and Toggenburg. In addition to these eight breeds registered by the American Dairy Goat Association,

the goat building exhibits the Boer goat, a popular meat breed.

Hopkins says the public's favorite goat in recent years seems to be the Nigerian Dwarf. "They have surpassed the Nubian breed as the most registered goats by the ADGA. The maximum mature height for Nigerian Dwarfs is 22½ inches. Some produce a surprising amount of milk for their size."

Goat competitions at Fryeburg Fair include the Open Dairy Goat Show on the first Sunday at the Livestock Show Arena beginning at 8 a.m. (it lasts all day) and the 4-H Dairy Goat Show on Monday

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ABOVE: Morgan Sturdivant from Maine's WMTW Channel 8 and her new best friend at Fryeburg Fair in 2018. BELOW: Fryeburg Fair goats love to pose. (RACHEL ANDREWS DAMON PHOTOS)





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Night performances kick off with some American classics



Ragged Jack (top) brings a swinging Rockabilly recipe, with the flavors of rock n' roll, blues, country and bluegrass; while Church of Cash is perfect for those die-hard Johnny Cash fans who want to keep the Man in Black's magic alive. (COURTESY PHOTOS)

Maine-based Ragged Jack kicks off the fair's night concerts on Monday, Sept. 30. An American roots rockabilly trio, Ragged Jack comes out with a bang with powerful vocals, unique instrumentation and astounding stage energy.

"Ragged Jack is proud and grateful to be performing on the big stage, Woodsman's Day night," the band wrote on their Facebook page about their fair performance.

All night shows have free admission and are at 8 p.m. at the Grandstand on the fair's Main Street.

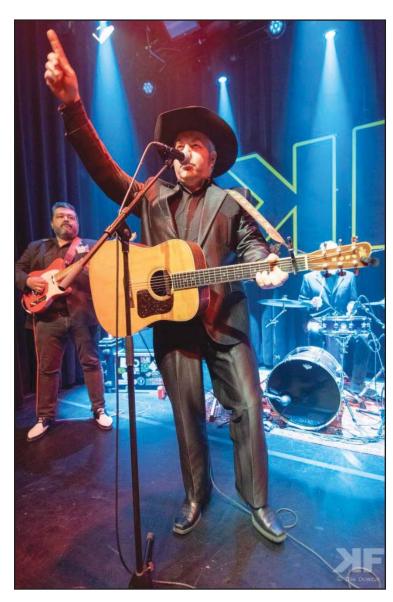
On Tuesday, Oct. 1, Church of Cash will perform a "Cash Tribute" performance.

"Whether you are an 'ol timer that grew up listening to Mr. Cash in your tractor or a young soldier driving your tank across the deserts of the Middle East with the Man in Black in your headphones, the Church of Cash will bring his music, with style and energy to fans everywhere," said according to their website.

"The band merely keeps this word alive with a youthful spirit that has entertained audiences completely."

Upcoming night shows also include Rodney Atkins on Wednesday, Oct. 2, Maddie & Tae on Thursday, Oct. 3, Michael Delguidice & Big Shot (after fireworks show) on Friday, Oct. 4 and Clark Hill on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Shows over the past couple years have included stars Clint Black, Joe Diffie, The Swon Brothers, Lady Antebellum, Diamond Rio and Jana Kramer.



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at the Woodward Pavilion at 10 a.m. Competition judges are licensed by the ADGA. This year's judge is Ed Cavanaugh of Toledo, Ontario, Canada. The ADGA uses a 100-point scorecard in their judging, similar to judging for dairy cattle.

"Winners have the strong feet and legs, body conformation with mammary attachment and capacity to support a long, productive life in the milking string," Hopkins said.

In 2013, the fair built their cus-

In 2013, the fair built their customized goat playground. "The playground was really the creation of David Andrews and he and his crew

nailed it! The way that the structure encircles the old oak tree and incorporates ramps, slung bridge, arched bridge and platforms is ingenious. And a huge draw for fair-goers. We have our exhibitors to thank for supplying goats and supervision to bring it all together," he said.

Hopkins boasted that "Many of our exhibitors return year after year. This is especially true of the core exhibitors who populate the exhibition barn for the week. These folks all do a terrific job providing educational and promotional displays at their pens, answering questions and providing animals for the playground. We appreciate them all!"



ABOVE: Doug Blauvelt, Fryeburg Fair's Assistant Goat Superintendent, at the morning milking. BELOW: Some goat enthusiasts. (RACHEL ANDREWS DAMON, JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)





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Top 10 foliage locations in the mountains that satisfy most demanding leaf-peepers

CONWAY — The leaves are turning even as you read this, and your camera's ready to go. But where to enjoy this foliage season?

Here are some suggestions for anyone interested in finding foliage. Try any or all of these 10 locations, sure to satisfy even the most demanding leaf-peeper.

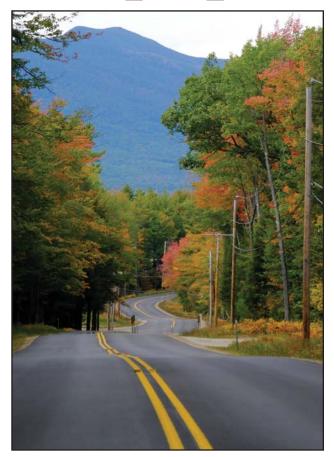
Everyone has a favorite leafy location, and while this list is in no way all-inclusive, it does cover some of the most popular destinations for those craving that rush of fall color. Most of the places on our list are accessible by car, but we've included a few moderate hikes for the more

adventurous foliage folks

• Intervale Scenic Vista: Who doesn't know about this overlook? Made famous by members of the 19th Century White Mountain School of Art and painted by the likes of Benjamin Champney and Thomas Cole, the vista has changed little since their time. A state rest area, this historic locale offers nearly untouched views of Mount Washington and the floodplain along the Saco River. Along with fabulous views, the vista offers ample parking at a small rest area. No

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NH Route 153 gives plenty of opportunity to find great foliage scenes. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)



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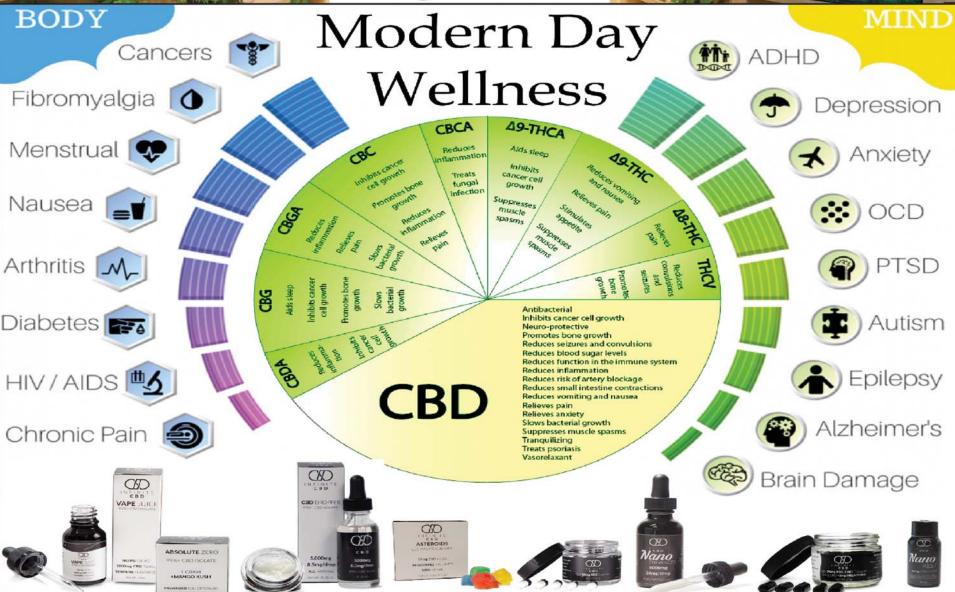
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matter how many times you've been to the vista, its view during foliage is still exceptional. For the few who might still be unfamiliar with this landmark, look for the vista on Route 16, north of North Conway Village, just past the 1785 Inn.

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You can't miss it.

• Mount Willard: Starting from the Crawford Notch depot on Route 302, a former carriage road climbs this mountain to end at ledges offering what is arguably one of the most spectacular views in the region. Just over three miles roundtrip, the Mount Willard Trail allows hikers to gaze all the way down Crawford Notch from the top. While there is plenty of room at the top to take it all in, be cautious, since the ledge at the summit drops more than 1,000 feet. To find the depot, follow Route 302 past Bartlett and into

Crawford Notch. Look for the depot on the west

side of Route 302, opposite Saco Lake.

• Kancamagus Highway (Route 112): The 34-mile stretch of road from Conway to Lincoln is a sure thing for beautiful autumn views. The Kanc, as it is called, skirts Mount Kancamagus and climbs to nearly 3,000 feet in elevation at the Kancamagus Pass, offering a look at the Osceola Range, Mount Hancock and more. Drivers have the opportunity to pull off at any number of overlooks and scenic areas along the route for an unhurried look at some of the area's finest scenery. Also dotting the landscape along the Kanc are various swimming, camping and picnic areas, including Lower Falls Picnic Area, Sabbaday Falls Picnic Area and Jigger Johnson Campground. Make sure to stop in at the Saco Ranger Station on the Conway end of your ride for more information about this spectacular route. The USFS' Russell-Colbath House is a must-stop to learn about the "Lamp in the

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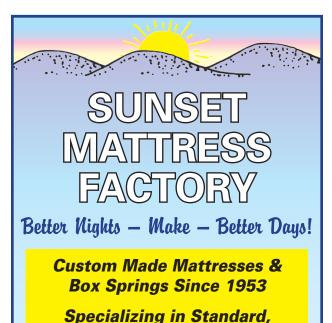
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Most of the places on our list are accessible, like this scene of Dollof Pond on NH Route 153 in Conway. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)





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Window" and other local lore. And keep an eye out for moose!

- North-South Local Road in North Conway: Traveling from Route 302 near Walmart up to Mechanic Street in North Conway Village, the road offers peeks at Puddin Pond, with plenty of hillsides in the background just waiting to change color.
- Black Cap Trail: Traveling north on Route 16 from North Conway, just past the Intervale Scenic Vista, you'll turn onto Hurricane Mountain Road and head nearly straight up the mountainous, narrow road. Be warned! Hurricane Mountain Road is not appropriate for large vehicles like RVs, and oncoming traffic will seem impossibly close. Near the top of the road, look for the Black Cap trailhead and its parking lot on your right. This moderately easy trail runs just over a mile to the summit, rewarding hikers with outstanding scenery, including a bird's-eye view of North Conway Village.
- First Church of Christ Congregational Park: This perennial favorite, also known as the Peace Park, offers one of the easiest views around, right on Route 16 toward the south end of North Conway Village. Near the Depot Road intersection, on the opposite side of the street, you'll see a small park overlooking foliage so vibrant, it stops traffic literally. The Peace Park is a regular destination for tour buses, and cars are likely to slow to a crawl or a complete halt to get a good view of this scenic spot. For a better look, park at the nearby municipal lot and spend a few leisurely minutes at this popular location.
- Square Ledge Trail: Travel north on Route 16 until you reach the AMC Pinkham Notch Visitors Center, north of Jackson, toward Gorham.



The 34-mile Kancamagus Highway (NH Route 112) from Conway to Lincoln is a sure thing for beautiful autumn views. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)

Across the street from the visitors center, go to the Lost Pond Trail and walk over a bridge. Approximately 50 feet after the bridge, you'll see a small sign marking the Square Ledge Trail. The hike should take about a half-hour up and a half-hour down. The unbeatable views include Huntington Ravine, Tuckerman Ravine,

up to Gorham and down to Glen, with spectacular foliage throughout. The views from Square Ledge are frequently seen on postcards of the White Mountains.

• Evans Notch: Criss-crossing back and forth

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over the New Hampshire-Maine border, Route 113 gives drivers a long look at Evans Notch and the surrounding countryside, from East Conway to Route 2 just west of Bethel, Maine. This "road less traveled" meanders through North Fryeburg, Maine, Stow, Maine, and North Chatham on its tranquil journey toward Evans Notch, where you are surrounded by foliage, rather than viewing it from a distance. On your drive, be sure to stop at nearby Basin Pond for fishing and picnicking in unbeatable surroundings, or camp at Cold River Campground. Several family-friendly hikes course through Evans Notch as well, so plan ahead to get the most out of this lovely area.

• Bear Notch Road: Traveling west through Bartlett Village on Route 302, take a left at the Four Corners and head south up Bear Notch Road. The Bartlett Experimental Forest contributes to this winding drive's unanimous appeal, as do the scenic overlooks along the way. Travel through Bear Notch, spend some time enjoying the foliage along the way, and you'll find yourself ending at the Kancamagus Highway, which you can take back to Conway or over to Lincoln. This road is open only from spring to late fall.

• White Mountain Trail: The mother of all scenic tours, this 100-mile loop is a National Scenic Byway traveling through varied portions of the White Mountain National Forest. See wetland, woodland, mountains and rivers, and even the Old Man of the Mountain in Franconia. Because the White Mountain Trail is a loop, you can begin and end at any spot that suits you. The drive can be done in one day, but with so much to see, visitors may want to make an extended trip out of it. For do-it-all leaf-peepers, this trail also incorporates several of the individual spots listed earlier on.

Starting from the Intervale Scenic Vista on Route 16, the trail moves south through North Conway Village, to the lights in Conway. Bear right, and travel through Conway Village to the



Before seeking out foliage on any one of the hikes mentioned here, make sure you're properly prepared for a day in the woods and check the weather before you go. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)

right-hand turn for Route 112, the Kancamagus Highway. Follow the Kanc west for about 35 miles to the White Mountain Visitors Center, Route 112, in North Woodstock. From there, take Route 3 north, which soon joins I-93 to travel through Franconia Notch.

Continue on Route 3 when it bears away from I-93 at exit 35, and drive to Twin Mountain. Once in Twin Mountain, turn right at the

lights onto Route 302 east, and get a look at the grand, 1902-built Omni Mount Washington Resort in Bretton Woods. Route 302 keeps going through Crawford Notch to Bartlett Village, then through Glen, and finally, back to Intervale and the scenic vista. Of course, this loop is just

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Recycling bins available first time at fair this year

FRYEBURG, MAINE — Poland Spring Brand 100 percent Natural Spring Water has announced it will be providing recycling bins at this year's Fryeburg Fair. This will be the first time that recycling bins will be available in the fair's more than 150-year history.

"Many fair-goers in recent years have asked us to provide recycling bins for their use. We have teamed up with Poland Spring in a joint effort to ensure this happens. We appreciate their support. This year we have 50 brand new recycling bins for Fryeburg Fair 2019," said David Andrews, general superintendent, of the Fryeburg Fair.

The bins will be located across the fairgrounds, including at the harness racing track, the fireman's muster, the pig scramble and along the parade route.

"Our work with the Fryeburg Fair demonstrates that Poland Spring is committed to recycling efforts around the state, including in Fryeburg, one of the sources of our springs," said Heather Printup, Poland Spring community relations manager. "Our bottles are designed to be recycled and reused again and again, not thrown into the trash. This is one way we can make recycling easier for fair-goers."

This collaboration is another effort by Poland Spring to inspire consumers to recycle and support the use of recycled materials. Since 1990, Poland Spring has reduced the PET plastic content of their half-liter water bottles by more than 60 percent. In June, the brand also made the industry-leading commitment to convert all its individual-sized still water bottles to 100 percent recycled plastic by 2022. The conversion has started already, with its 1 liter and 1.5 liter still water sizes being made with 100 percent recycled plastic.

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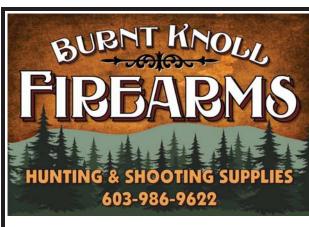
as beautiful in reverse. There are also numerous attractions along the entire trail that the family will have a hard time resisting. Give yourself plenty of time for this trip.

For more information about the White Mountain Trail, contact White Mountain Attractions at (800) 346-3687 or visit whitemtn.org.

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one of the hikes mentioned here, make sure you're properly prepared for a day in the woods and check the weather before you go. For more information about hiking in the White Mountains, call the AMC Pinkham Notch Visitor Center at (603) 466-2721.

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