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PROGRAM OF EVENTS 2021

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 9:45 am Speaker - American Farm Bureau - RG
- 10:00 am Flower Show - Expo 1
- Grand Parade - Trophy Presentations - RG 11:00 am Wreathmaking demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit
- 4-H Swine Show - SGG
- 12:00 pm Flower Show - Expo 1
- 4-H Sheep Show Class - MVP
- 12:30 pm Ox Pulling 2900 lbs. - 6' Elim. (1st place award) - PR
- 1:00 pm 4-H Dairy Show - WSA
- Sheep Shearing Demo - MVP
- 1:30 pm Harness Racing - RG
- 4-H Beef Heifer Show - LSA
- 2:00 pm Flower Show - Expo 1
- Wreathmaking Demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit
- 4-H Showmanship - Working Steer - SGG
- 2:30 pm Horse Pulling - 3300 lbs - Distance (1st place award) - PR
- 3:00 pm Flower Show - Expo 1
- 4:00 pm Sheep Shearing Demo - MVP
- 5:00 pm Ox Pulling 3300 - 6' Elim (1st place halters) - PR
- 7:00 pm Horse Pulling, Ride the Boat - Sweepstakes, 20' (NO Touch) - (1st place halters) - PR
- 4-H Sheep Lead Line - MVP

8:00 pm Night Show - Peter Allen & Hurricane Mountain Road

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 8:30 am Church Service - Hayseed Theater
- 4-H Working Steers Scooting Contest - SGG
- 9:00 am 4-H Sheep Breed Classes - MVP
- 4-H Beef Heifer Show - LSA
- 4-H Dairy Show - WSA
- 10:00 am Flower Show - Expo 1
- 10:30 am Open Pig Scramble - PR (Ages 8-10) Entries Close at 9:30 am (Drawing)
- 11:00 am Catholic Mass - Hayseed Theater
- Wreathmaking demo at Christmas Tree Exhibit
- 12:00 pm Ox Pulling - 4 Ox Pull - NEW! (Two pair of Oxen Driven by one Driver)
- Percentage Distance (each team must weigh 2400 lbs) (1st place award) - PR
- Flower Show - Expo 1
- 12:30 pm Scooting Contest - SGG
- 1:00 pm Sheep Shearing Demo - LP
- Children Pie Eating Contest - AEC
- 1:30 pm Harness Racing - RG
- 2:00 pm Flower Show - Expo 1
- Horse Pulling - 2 lbs of rock per lb. of horse Percentage Distance - (1st place award) - PR
- 5:00 pm Children Decorate a Farm Themed Cookie - AEC
- 5:00 pm Following Races is 4WD Pull - RG
- (Grandstand seats reserved until racing ends) - Infield Area

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Fryeburg Fair is pleased to present over 200 of Maine's most talented musicians and entertainers throughout the Fair week. 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.



Rustic Taps Catering has a collection of retrofitted antique trucks out of which they sell local craft beer and wood-fired pizza, including a 1954 Chevy. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Rustic Taps returns to the fair with craft beer, wood-fired pizza

By RACHEL ANDREWS DAMON
 SPECIAL TO THE CONWAY DAILY SUN

If you're a craft beer aficionado, a lover of wood-fired pizza and a nostalgic antique vehicle buff, you will love the addition of Rustic Taps Catering from Gorham, Maine, which joined the Fryeburg Fair vendors in 2019.

Dave and Jessica Golden, the owners of Rustic Taps, and 15 other employees, will be hosting craft beer, wine and pizza lovers at their location north trackside

once again at Fryeburg Fair 2021 as well as another location at the south end of the fairground.

Rustic Taps has been a labor of love for the Goldenes. They are an impressive couple with an energy level that doesn't quit. Dave met Jessica in The Forks when he was a whitewater rafting guide on the Kennebec River.

Jessica was wondering where to sit in the boat

see **RUSTIC TAPS** page 4

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Dave and Jessica Golden own Rustic Taps Catering, which serves Maine craft beer and organic wood-fired pizza. (COURTESY PHOTO)

RUSTIC TAPS from page 3

and Dave suggested she sit right next to him. They have been married since 2006. Dave has been a technology consultant for 24 years and with Xerox for the past 14 years. Jessica is a math and science teacher in Windham. They have two children ages 6 and 8.

Dave has a culinary background as well and came up with the idea of catering after being a guest at his neighbor's daughter's graduation party.

The Golden's traveled to California to purchase the perfect Italian-made wood fired ovens for their business. They traveled the Napa Valley to find the right wines to serve. Rustic Taps pizza uses all-organic produce and most comes from local Maine farms. Bumble-root Farm in Windham, Olivia's Garden

in New Gloucester, Backyard Farms in Madison, Maine — a specialty tomato farm — all provide ingredients.

The success of Rustic Taps comes from the Golden's commitment to providing a customer-centric experience. They know people can drink beer anywhere. Their vintage and classic approach to serving customers high quality products makes for a great addition to Fryeburg Fair. Wait til you see their retrofit '47 GMC, '39 Ford truck and '54 Chevy!

Rustic Taps provides catering and mobile bar services that range from corporate gatherings to weddings and fundraisers. They are particularly fond of helping non-profits like the Eastern Trails Alliance, Make-A-Wish and the Travis Mills Foundation.

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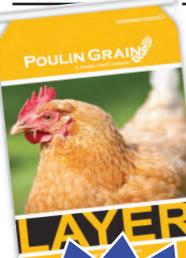


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History of the Fryeburg Fair: How it all began

FRYEBURG, Maine — It was a chilly day in March 1851 when a few local farmers and merchants got together and decided to show off their produce, cattle and wares to the community.

Since those humble beginnings, Fryeburg Fair has grown to become Maine's largest agricultural fair, with harness racing, a farm museum second to none, the world's largest steer and oxen show and a reputation known throughout North America.

The eight-day "Blue Ribbon Classic" has flourished since that first fair when William Walker of Lovell, Maine, won \$3 for the best acre of corn, and William Spring of Brownfield earned \$1 for the best seed wheat.

Today, the early-October fair boasts nearly 100 buildings on 185 acres in the Saco River Valley. Attracting more than 300,000 people annually, it is Maine's largest fair, second only in size in New England to the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass.

The original history of the fair emerged in the mid-1980s, thanks to surprisingly well-documented records discovered by longtime fair trustee Donald Buzzell of Fryeburg.

Two yellowing books, one of secretary reports and the other a membership listing, were located in a shed cupboard at the Buzzell farmhouse, purchased by Don's late father in 1884.

Signing the original documents for the society formed "for the improvement of agriculture and horticulture" were Gen. Pegleg Wadsworth of Hiram, president; David R. Hastings, a Lovell lawyer who served the original board as vice president; Thomas Souther of Fryeburg, recording secretary; and Isaac Spring of Brownfield, corresponding secretary and librarian.

To consider the "expediency of forming



LEFT: The cattle barns and the ox teams at the Fryeburg fair in 1900. (MAINEMEMORY.NET/FRYEBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTO) RIGHT: The Racing Grandstand was built in 1894. (FRYEBURG FAIR PHOTO)



an agricultural society," several men from Fryeburg, Brownfield and Hiram met at Sam Stickney's Inn in Brownfield on March 22, 1851. It was there that Wadsworth was chosen president and named, along with Souther and Col. Edward S. Osgood, to a committee to report on a constitution and bylaws, according to the original secretary's report.

Enthusiasm for the idea spread quickly through the original incorporating towns of Fryeburg, Hiram, Brownfield, Lovell, Denmark, Porter, Sweden, Waterford, Stow and Stoneham. Any resident of those towns could join by paying \$1 per year, and a lifetime membership was available to the affluent for \$10.

The 31st Maine Legislature passed a special act incorporating the society, and the charter was officially accepted Oct. 31, 1851. The following Friday, the first fair was held in Brownfield, and it

rotated towns each year until today's permanent location was found in 1856. It took two years to purchase the land near the old Portland-Ogdensburg Railroad depot.

In 1884 and 1885, the fair sold its railroad land for \$2,145, and in 1895 purchased 25 acres, the first of several parcels at the present site along the Fryeburg-Lovell Road for \$135. The last expansion came in 1995, when 10 acres were purchased on the east side of Route 5.

While the fair was the creation of a group of Maine men, they quickly realized they could not go it alone. They voted to allow women into the membership in 1859 on payment of 25 cents annually.

In 1861, when fighting broke out during the Civil War, optimistic officials had already increased the annual exhibition from one to three days. With

membership rolls from Maine down during the war, premiums were added to attract New Hampshire residents, although it would be another 40 years before they would officially be voted into society membership.

Fryeburg boasts many superlatives, including the oldest continuous 4-H baby beef sale in New England.

Fryeburg officials pressed on with their sale during World War II, while Eastern States (the Big E) curtailed its sale until after the war. A former president emeritus and Maine legislator, the late Francis Buzzell, chaired the first baby beef program, which this year will celebrate its 59th anniversary. He served on the original committee, along with the Phil Andrews, Donald Buzzell and John Weston.

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Andrews, a finance committee member for four decades, was elected president in 1991, when Francis Buzzell's health forced him to step down. Andrews passed away in 2002, and longtime friend David Hastings II succeeded him as president.

The fair's growth to eight days has been a gradual one. Trustees voted to expand the fair to four days in 1941, but World War II stalled the expansion until 1945. The fair swelled to five days in 1954, seven days a few years later, and eight days in 1981, when the second Sunday was added. While the fair continues to grow in popularity, officials say they are satisfied with keeping the event at eight days.

The history of the Fryeburg Fair is chronicled in words and photographs in the History Hall, located just outside Expo 1 near the front gate.

This history of the fair originally appeared in The Conway Daily Sun in 2003.



TOP: The 1999 4-H Baby Beef Grand Champion. **BOTTOM:** The Fryeburg Fair has the world's largest steer and oxen show and a reputation known throughout North America. (FRYEBURG FAIR PHOTOS)





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Peter Allen & Hurricane Mountain play tonight

FRYEBURG, Maine — Tonight at the fair, the Night Show features country music with Peter Allen & Hurricane Mountain.

Hurricane Mountain plays all styles of music including country, swing, Southern rock, and classic rock.

Hurricane Mountain's line-up is a comfortable classic, contemporary, and outlaw country, with a little classic rock, blues, and swing. You will hear music from artists including the Eagles, Zac Brown Band, Steve Earle, Lee Roy Parnell, Jamie Johnson, Brad Paisley and Chris Stapleton, among others.

In keeping with the fair's featuring Maine talent on its main stage this year, Peter Allen is a native of Oxford County.

"I grew up in Bridgton, lived there most of my life", said Allen.

Even though traditional country is where Peter Allen excels, as evidenced by his recent Maine Country Music Association award of Male Country Vocalist of the year, he encourages the band to stretch out and play many styles.

The band is comprised of musicians Frank Coffin on bass guitar and vocals, Tedd Hamilton on lead guitar, harmonica and vocals, Rick McAlister on drums, and Chris Floyd on lead guitar and vocals.

The show begins at 8 p.m. at The Racing Grandstand.



Peter Allen (center) & Hurricane Mountain will play the final night show on Saturday to close out the 2021 Fryeburg Fair. (COURTESY PHOTO)



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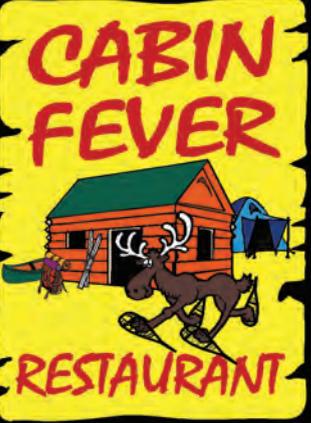
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Rachel Andrews Damon took this shot of two draft horses with their owners at 5 a.m. at the Fryeburg Fair with the sun burning off the fog.

Picture this! Photographers at the fair

BY RACHEL ANDREWS DAMON
THE CONWAY DAILY SUN

Fryeburg Fair's Publicity & Advertising Department has a regular crew of talented and dedicated photographers who return every year. Here is an introduction to each of them and their work. They photograph for eight crazy days — running to capture the best moments and memories for fairgoers and exhibitors.

All their photos are displayed and fully downloadable on Flickr. You can find the Fryeburg Fair's Flickr link on the fair's

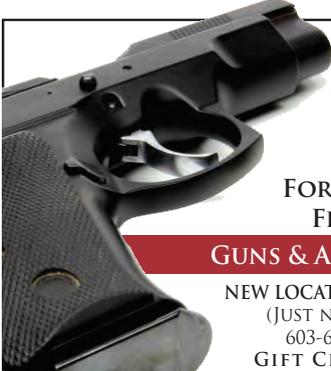


Rachel A. Damon

website, fryeburgfair.org, under "Photos & Articles." Each photographer took on an almost impossible assignment for this article — choosing their favorite photo among the thousands they shoot. Enjoy!

Rachel Andrews Damon, Fryeburg, Maine: "The fair is full of magnificent photo opportunities. I'm a draft horse fanatic. I also love photographing the people of the fair — farmers, fairgoers, exhibitors and employees. It's always a beautiful time of

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year. You can see the good times happening right before your eyes. I try to show that with my photos.”

Damon is the head of publicity and advertising at Fryeburg Fair and works year-round on promoting the fair. She oversees the fair website and social media and is a freelance photographer, writer, website designer and wedding officiant.

“Here is one of my favorite fair photos. I just happened to be up at 5 a.m. and caught these two draft horses with their owners and the sun coming up to burn off the fog. It’s pure Fryeburg Fair.”



Lori Candelora

Lori Candelora, Hollis, Maine: “I love photographing the Firemen’s Muster.” Candelora is homeschooling her 9-year-old son and is an online reseller and banquet server. She is married to Jason Candelora, who did website and video work for the fair. See her photo on page 10.

Ellen Benson Guilford, Cornish, Maine: “I like to photograph the animals! Especially the horses, cows and pigs.”



Ellen Guilford

Guilford was born and raised in Fryeburg. She has been with the fair since 2015. The rest of the year she is an independent contractor. Her hobbies include gardening, quilting and baking. She is a notary and has two sons and two granddaughters.

“I love the town of Fryeburg and have attended the fair every year since 1954!” Of her photo (on page 10), she says, I love this photo because it speaks volumes to how my heart feels. A father teaching his child how to drive a one-horse hitch. Following in his footsteps. Dedicated to their work, their animals, their enjoyment to teach their young in all aspects of life! The father holds confidence in his face as his son drives the one-horse hitch. This dad is proud.”

Dustin James, Oxford, Maine: “Fryeburg Fair has been near and dear to my family for generations. I was raised in an agricultural family and we have been exhibiting Belted Galloway cattle at Fryeburg Fair since 1999 and other breeds longer than that. Of course that makes the livestock area my favorite part of the fair to photograph! Many families in this region do not attend large events that offer professional photography and premium facilities, and it is important to me that those moments are documented and preserved to last a lifetime.”



Dustin James

James is the owner of Benchmark Graphic Co. He has worked for AgriExposure LLC photographing large-scale livestock and agricultural events. He is the assistant beef superintendent at Fryeburg Fair and an assistant in the publicity department. He is involved with the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs. His photo is on page 10.



Edward Kinney

Edward Kinney, Savannah, Ga.: Ed has photographed at Fryeburg Fair since 2013. He and wife, Suzie, are retired. Prior to retirement, Ed taught 3-D modeling and animation for 30 years at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Kinney says: “I am interested in photographing the interaction between people and the trials of agricultural life.” His favorite photo is on page 12.

Suzie Kinney, Savannah, Ga.: Of her favorite photo (displayed on page 12, she says, “I enjoy photographing children as they engage with the happenings at the fair. This child amazed me with her absolute control of the beast on a lead. Her confidence and calm at such a young age and diminutive size was inspiring.”



Suzie Kinney

Her husband, Ed, is also a Fryeburg Fair photographer. They are retired, play tennis and golf, photograph, paint, sculpt and construct pop-up cards. Suzie Kinney titled her favorite photo, “Cutie & The Beast.”

Bessie Daniels, Harrison, Maine: “My favorite events to photograph by far are both the pig and calf scrambles. I have been with the fair since 1988 working in public safety and I do photography as well. My husband of 34 years, David, is in public safety also.

“The rest of the year I work with adults with intellectual disabilities,” Daniels says. “I’ve been doing this for the past 27 years and am a Direct Support Professional/Certified Residential Medication Aide program coordinator. I have three children and seven grandchildren. They all come to the fair!”

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Veronica Kugelman

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Veronica Kugelman, Bridgton, Maine: “I’ve been working at the fair as a photographer since 2011. I have three grown children. My daughter, Katherine, is the superintendent of the fair’s 4-H Horse Show. The first time I attended the Fryeburg Fair was 30 years ago, and I fell in love with it. My favorite thing to photograph are the kids showing and working their animals. When I first started taking their pictures they were very shy and probably wondering why I was taking their picture; but as the years went on and they would see me show up, they would

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UPPER LEFT: Veronica Kugelman shot this adorable blue ribbon winner. **UPPER RIGHT:** Ellen Guilford picked her shot of a father teaching his child how to drive a one-horse hitch. **LOWER LEFT:** Dustin James’ favorite photo is this one of a trio of girls showing off their calf. **LOWER RIGHT:** Lori Candelora captures the intensity of the fireman’s muster.

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Scott Linscott's favorite of his fair pictures is this movement study of a harness racer.

PHOTOS from page 10 smile and happily show off the ribbon they had just earned. "They put a lot of hard work into getting their animals ready all year long and I have watched some of them grow up year after year at the fair. It is great to see these young people keeping agriculture alive."

Scott Linscott, Westbrook, Maine: "As a photographic storyteller, I love to try to capture the feel of the fair, the unique, agricultural culture."



Scott Linscott is a professional photographer. His personal story includes receiving a liver transplant from his son in 2012 which saved his life. He works with his community

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LEFT: Ed Kinney's favorite shot is this dramatic photo. He calls it "Bowed But Not Broken." RIGHT: Suzie Kinney's pick for her favorite photo is of this young girl leading a steer in the Grand Parade. She calls it "Cutie & the Beast."



LEFT: Brian Merrill took this shot from the tractor pull. RIGHT: Bessie Daniels captured a girl trying to lead a steer into the ring.



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Brian Merrill

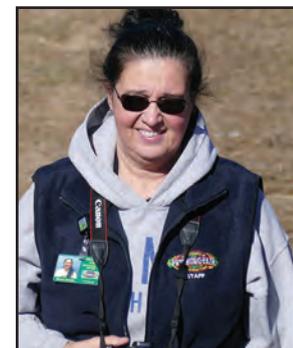
all the events up close and meeting so many great

He has three children, five grandchildren and he and wife, Robin, have been married since 1984.

Brian Merrill, Brownfield, Maine: "I started photographing at the 2012 Fryeburg Fair parade and have been there ever since! As I tell people now, I have the best job at the fair, seeing

people at the fair. A lot of photography is being in the right place at the right time and not letting your subject know they are having their photo taken."

Jane Lounsbury, Chatham, N.H.: "I love each photo that encapsulates the camaraderie of the hard-working family farmers at the Fryeburg Fair. In my photo, this



Bessie Daniels

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Jane Lounsbury's favorite photo of the Fryeburg Fair is of a young exhibitor getting a ribbon.

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little, hopefully, next-generation farmer can trust in the goodwill demonstrated repeatedly by fellow shepherds. The spirit of encouragement and assistance is a consistent theme during the fair. From both young and old, with few exceptions, a helping hand is always on offer."

Lounsbury has been involved with the fair since 2011, both during and after her retirement as a secretary at Fryeburg Academy. She has covered the sheep department, their

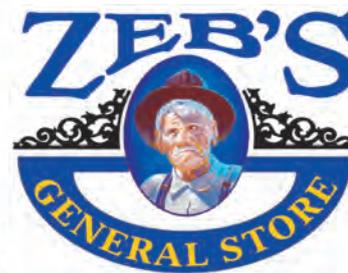
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Jane Lounsbury

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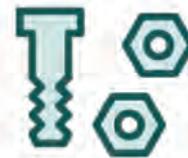
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people exclusively, as well as the baking contests and all-round fair life. She and her husband, Alan, have a very close family with her two sons, two daughters-in-law and seven grandchildren living close by.



Amanda Welch

Amanda Welch, Berwick, Maine: “I’ve been photographing for the fair for about six years, and I cover the steer and oxen department. I love seeing the owners get their animals ready, and their smiling faces when all the hard work has paid off and they get a ribbon.

“I love this photo because this is a mother and daughter (Melinda and Lauren Robinson) showing alongside each other. I think it is important for people to know that this is a family thing; it’s not just about the ribbons and the showing, it’s about family and friends. It’s about the passion of showing animals being passed down from one generation to another. It’s about growing up in the barns and loving every minute.”

Welch graduated from Southern New Hampshire University and has her Bachelor of Science in graphic design. She works as a freelance graphic designer.

Julian Zhu, Beijing, China: “I have been

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Amanda Welch’s favorite photo taken at the Fryeburg Fair is of two pair of yoked oxen and their owners. “I love this photo because this is a mother and daughter (Melinda and Lauren Robinson) showing alongside each other,” she said.

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Julian Zhu, a recent graduate of Fryeburg Academy, is a talented photographer who will be studying journalism soon at Boston University. His photo is called "Going to the Fair."

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a photographer with Fryeburg Fair's Publicity Department since 2017. I generally like to capture candid moments. I personally like to focus on candid and documentary photography in my daily life." Zhu graduated from Fryeburg Academy in May 2021 and will be a freshman at Boston University. His favorite photo (above) is called, "Going To The Fair."

Rachel Andrews Damon is a trustee of the West Oxford Agricultural Society and head of publicity and advertising for the Fryeburg Fair.



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