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# Fiber area, horse-jumping show, youth hog market show, all new this year

BY JOYCE GRONDIN  
Correspondent

## FIBER AREA

New to the fair this year is a fiber area where volunteers will demonstrate how to process wool from animals such as sheep, alpaca and rabbits to create clothing and home goods.

The tent area will be set up in the vicinity of the Barton Barn near Gate 4 and will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Betty Boghosian, coordinator of the event, said representatives from the Maine Sheep Breeders, Maine Angora Rabbit Club and the Maine Fiber Frolic, will be on hand to show folks how to spin and weave wool.

Boghosian said raw wool is used to spin yarn, which then can be woven on a loom to create fabric or knitted into garments.

She has been spinning and knitting for eight years and weaving for two years.

She also knits socks, sweaters and mittens from the wool she processes. She participates in both a spinning and weaving group in central Maine that each meet once a week.

"I love it. It's a step-back-in-time type of skill. You know exactly what your clothing is made of and how it's treated and processed," Boghosian said.

## HORSE-JUMPING

Another new event this year will be a horse-jumping show on Sept. 1, presented by The New England Jumpers Association LLC.

Renae Samay, founder of the association, expects between 50 and 100 participants in the competition.

Samay said horses jump various heights from ground poles to 4-foot poles, all depending on what the participants want to compete in. Most horses and their owners will be from Maine and New Hampshire, she said, and they acquire year-end points for the awards they receive.

"New England Jumpers Association is committed to

providing a show circuit in which riders of all jumper levels are able to experience quality shows, sportsmanship, horsemanship, and friendships associated with the discipline," Samay states on the association's Web site: [nejumpersassociation.com](http://nejumpersassociation.com).

## YOUTH MARKET AND HOG SHOW

This marks the 17<sup>th</sup> year of the Youth Market Program for children ages 8 to 19.

Carol Davis, who oversees the program, said that between 30 and 35 youth participate in the program.

Davis said the youth join the program at a young age, raising steers, lambs and hogs for their projects and selling them at market rate. This is the first year they will market hogs. They will show their animals on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, with the auction set for Labor Day.

"Youth gain valuable life skills, work ethic, responsibility, communication and marketing skills from this hands-on experience," Davis said.

Furthermore, she said, it enables participants to put money away for college or other future goals.

## HARNESS RACING

Keeping with tradition, harness races will be held every day of the fair with post time set for 3 p.m. on weekdays and 1 p.m. on weekends and Labor Day.

A new racing series called "The Iron Horse" will be offered this year, beginning at Windsor and continuing through Fryeburg, said Race Director Bill McFarland.

The pacing and trotting series "Always a Bridesmaid" and "The Highstepper," respectively, will be held again as well as the betting opportunity "Pick Five."

Windsor will stream races once again via the Internet to five off-track betting outlets and the two commercial tracks at Scarborough and Bangor.



Betty Boghosian photo

Betty Boghosian spins raw wool in her Belgrade home. Boghosian and other spinners will be at the Windsor Fair giving demonstrations throughout the week.

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## Fair

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Last year, the pacer Givn-gupdreaming which was driven by Jason Bartlett, set the state record at the Windsor Invitational at 1:51 2/5, tying the record it set earlier in the summer at the Paul Bunyan race in Bangor.

### VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day will be held Aug. 31 with entertainment slated from 10 a.m. to noon. Veterans should bring a valid military ID.

Among the performers scheduled to appear are Bobby Reed and the Wild Horse Band, The Hyssongs, James Thibodeau on bagpipes, and Alvey Pelletier, who will strum on guitar a commemorative song about the Vietnam War.

The morning ceremony will once again include the POW-MIA ceremony, which has been a part of the celebration the last few years.

"It remembers the guys that were left behind," said Patrick Eisenhart, chair of

the Veterans Day Committee activities.

### MONSTER JAM TRUCK SHOW

The Monster Jam Truck Show, which has drawn a lot of attention the past few years, is set to return on Sept. 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. near the grandstand. Admission is \$5.

As in past years, there will be several trucks competing from many states, including Maine. Tom Foster, president of the fair, said the Monster Jam Truck Show has become a huge success.

### WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A sawmill and windmill have been donated to the Windsor Historical Society, located at the north end of the fairgrounds. Volunteers have been preparing the groundwork to erect the turn-of-the-century sawmill from Albion, which they hope to be completed next year.

The sawmill was water-powered when in full operation, but Windsor Fair Historical Society President Bob Brann plans to find a diesel engine to operate it at the fair-

grounds.

A 60-foot windmill will be erected this year. The windmill came from Weeks Mills Waterworks and was originally put up in 1910. The tower will be standing this year but parts for the blades and head will have to be ordered, and it should be completed by next fair season.

The society has been a popular place to visit over the years with its one-room schoolhouse where folks can see how children attended school through the 1970s; a blacksmith shop with demonstrations; a cooper shop with wood turning demonstrations; cooking demonstrations at the Cole House and Capper House; demonstrations of an 1888 printing press, and weaving demonstrations at the museum; and, of course, the Ancient Ones. The Ancient ones are re-enactors, in full period dress, who set up a real Living History Camp as it might have been in the late 1700s - 1800s. They put up a canvas tent and do demonstrations including fire starting, cooking, trading, tomahawk throwing, flint knapping, flintlock muskets and more.

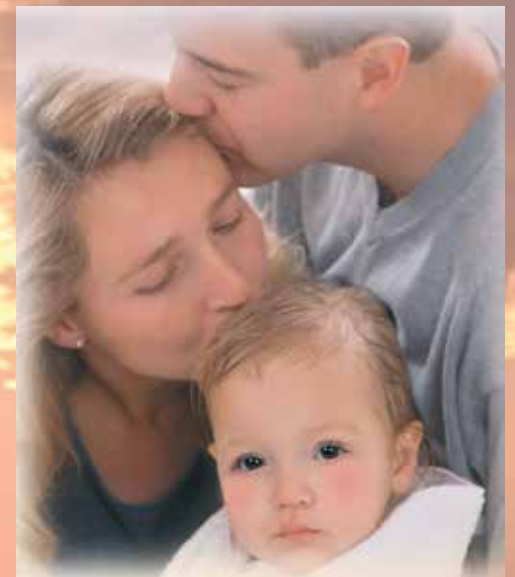


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A horse and rider jump over a pole at a New England Jumpers Association competition.

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HAVE A GREAT TIME AT THIS YEAR'S WINDSOR FAIR!





# Fair president has overseen many changes during his 25 years

BY JOYCE GRONDIN  
Correspondent

Tom Foster has seen many changes to the Windsor Fair since he was first elected president 25 years ago.

"We've actually doubled in size and attendance since 1992 and have become Maine's second largest agricultural fair," Foster said.

Throughout the years, he said, the fair trustees have attempted to provide a variety of things for fairgoers to see and do while trying to keep the cost of admission down.

"We still do not charge for children under 16 years old or to park a vehicle. A family is able to attend at a reasonable rate," Foster said, adding that more than 100,000 attended last year's fair.

Among the projects constructed during Foster's

tenure as president are the Prime Show Barn, new commercial building, information center, safety building, race horse paddock, restroom, poultry house, entertainment stage, maple sugar house, new scale house, draft horse barn, bee building, camping office and demolition derby pit.

Also, an old race horse barn was demolished and Fountain Memorial Park was built in that spot.

In addition, the Windsor Historical Society, has a number of buildings to visit with demonstrations and volunteers are laying the groundwork to erect a working sawmill.

"All of this has happened as a result of many, many dedicated people. We have over 200 people that work during the fair," Foster said. "The volunteers are very passion-

ate and enthusiastic."

Foster has a long history with the Windsor Fair. In fact, he has attended the fair as far back as he can remember when his father and grandfather showed their cattle each year.

His father, Russell, was a trustee at the fair and Foster joined him as a trustee in 1969.

Foster has since served as vice president and president. And many of his family members are involved as well.

Foster said the fair will continue to provide something for everyone from rides to harness racing to entertainment with the main focus being on agriculture to help educate the public.

"As long as we continue to do this, then I think we'll be around for a long time to come," he said.



Joyce Grondin photo

Tom Foster, of Augusta, has grown up going to the Windsor Fair every year. He has served as trustee, vice president, and the past 25 years as president.

**"We still do not charge for children under 16 years old or to park a vehicle. A family is able to attend at a reasonable rate."**

**TOM FOSTER, PRESIDENT  
WINDSOR FAIR  
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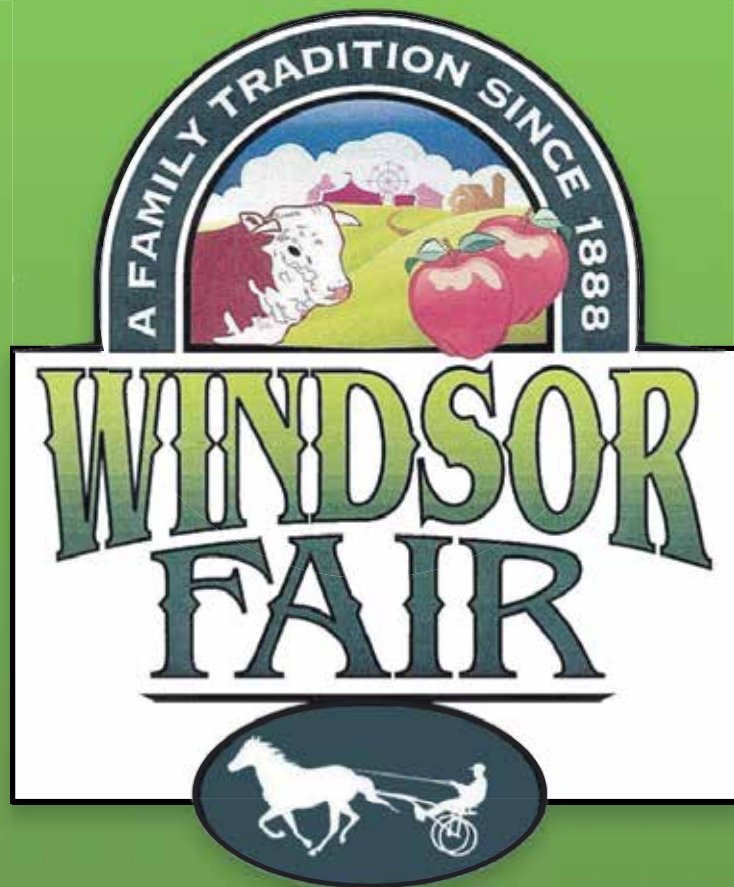
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Acient Ones of Maine Living History will be at the Museum all day Sunday, Aug. 27 and Sunday, Sept. 3

### COMEDIAN Bob Marley



**Friday, Sept. 1**  
 7:30 p.m. • \$5.00 Admission

## ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE 2017

### Sunday, August 27

1:00-3:00 Walter Weymouth  
 4:00-6:00 Cold Blue Steel  
 7:00 Demolition Derby #1 (Grandstand)

### Monday, August 28

1:00-3:00 Taylor Road  
 4:00-6:00 Side Kick  
 7:00 Truck and Tractor Pull (Grandstand)

### Tuesday, August 29

11:30-1:00 Greenfields  
 2:00-4:00 Brian Plato  
 4:00-6:00 Sue Dean (Karaoke)  
 Route 32 Road House  
 5:00-7:00 Working Class  
 7:00 Truck and Tractor Pull (Grandstand)

### Wednesday, August 30

12:00-2:00 Chris Paulson & Co.  
 3:00-5:00 Frye Mountain Band  
 6:00-8:00 Sharon Hood and Dixon Road  
 7:00 Elton John Tribute Band (Grandstand)

### Thursday, August 31

10:30-12:30 Veterans Ceremony  
 12:30-2:00 The Hyssongs  
 3:00-4:30 Bud Knight and Friends  
 5:30-7:30 Steve & The Good Ol Boys  
 7:00 Demolition Derby #2 (Grandstand)

### Friday, September 1

11:00-1:00 Country Mist  
 2:00-4:00 The Flashbacks  
 5:00-7:00 Milltown Roadshow  
 7:30 Bob Marley (Grandstand)

**\$5<sup>00</sup> Admission**  
**FIREWORKS TO FOLLOW!**

### Saturday, September 2

12:00-5:00 Spunky the Clown (Strolling)  
 12:00-2:00 Barry Wood (Route 32 Roadhouse)  
 12:00-2:00 New Relm  
 2:00 The Kora Klowns (strolling)  
 3:00-5:00 Simon & Goodwin (Route 32 Roadhouse)

3:00-5:00 Rokit Band  
 6:00-8:00 The Mainely Country Band  
 4:00-6:00 Downeast Brass (strolling)

### Sunday, September 3

10:00-11:00 North Windsor Baptist Church Srvc  
 12:00-5:00 Spunky the Clown (Strolling)  
 11:30-1:00 Andy Happel, Fiddler (Route 32 Roadhouse)  
 12:00-1:00 Dana Perkins  
 2:00-4:00 Court Jesters  
 2:00-4:00 Bonnie & Peter Tucker (Route 32 Roadhouse)  
 4:00-6:00 Down East Brass (Strolling)  
 5:00-7:00 Full Drive Band  
 7:00 Monster Truck Show (Grandstand)

**\$5<sup>00</sup> Admission**

### Monday, September 4

#### Labor Day

11:00-1:00 Present Company  
 12:00-2:00 Country Gents & Connie (Route 32 Roadhouse)  
 2:00-4:00 Silver Fox Dancers  
 3:00-5:00 Sue Dean (Karaoke)



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# 2017 FAIR PROGRAM - AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 3

## GATES OPEN AT 9:00 A.M. EVERY DAY!

### Sunday, August 27 “Get Acquainted Day”

Admission Adults - \$9.00, Under 16 **FREE**  
**9:00 a.m. GATES OPEN** All Rides Have Height Requirements  
**Harness Horse Racing – Post time: 1:00 p.m.**  
**Giant Midway Opens: 1:30 p.m.**

#### All Day Ancient Ones of Maine Living History

9:30 a.m. Draft Horse & Draft Pony Show (Outside Show Ring)  
 9:30 a.m. Steer & Oxen Scooting Contest (Vanner Arena)  
 10:00 a.m. The Maine Classic – Open Boer Goat Show (Prime Show Barn)  
 10:00 a.m. Giant Pumpkin/Squash Registration & Weigh In (Ag. Tent)  
 10:00 a.m. Poultry Judging (Poultry Building)  
 11:30-1 p.m. Floral Design Show - Traditional & stylized designs, Fall Planters and More (Route 32 Roadhouse)  
 1:00 p.m. Poultry Show (Poultry Building)  
 2:00 p.m. Gladiolus Show (Exhibition Hall)  
 2:00 p.m. Windsor Fair Charity Beano Game  
 2-3:30 p.m. Floral Design Show - Traditional & stylized designs, Fall Planters and More (Route 32 Roadhouse)  
 5:00 p.m. Maine Junior Holstein Show (Prime Show Barn)  
 7:00 p.m. Demolition Derby 1 (Sign-up 4:00 p.m. on at Gate #5)

### Monday, August 28 “Woodsmen’s Day & Senior Citizens’ Day

Admission Senior Citizens (60+) \$4.00, Adults - \$9.00, Under 16 **FREE**  
**9:00 a.m. GATES OPEN** All Rides Have Height Requirements  
**Harness Horse Racing – Post time: 3:00 p.m.**  
**Giant Midway Opens: 1:00 p.m.**

9:00 a.m. ME. State Holstein Show - (Prime Show Barn)  
 9:30 a.m. Woodsmen’s Field Day Events  
 Check-in and numbers must be picked up prior to 9 a.m.  
 10:00 a.m. Show Steer & Oxen Log Twitching Contest - Outside Show Ring

**1-9 p.m. Purchase your pay-one-price bracelet for \$22.00 per person & Ride until 10:00 p.m. (\$15.00 Kiddie Land)**  
 1:00 p.m. Show Steer & Oxen Log Twitching Contest - Outside Show Ring  
 2:00 p.m. Windsor Fair Charity Beano Game  
 5-6:30 p.m. 4-Wheel Drive Pick-up Registration at Gate 5 **NO DIESELS**  
 7:00 p.m. Truck and Tractor Pulling - (Race Track Infield)

### Tuesday, August 29 “Horsemen’s Day”

Admission Adults - \$9.00, Under 16 **FREE**  
**9:00 a.m. GATES OPEN** All Rides Have Height Requirements  
**Harness Horse Racing – Post time: 3:00 p.m.**  
**Giant Midway Opens: 1:00 p.m.**

9:00 a.m. Show Steer & Oxen 12Ft. Percentage Pull, Dept. 4 Class M (Vanner Arena)  
 9:30 a.m. 4-H Horse Show (Outside Show Ring)  
**1-9 p.m. Purchase your pay-one-price bracelet for \$22.00 per person & Ride until 10:00 p.m. (\$15.00 Kiddie Land)**  
 2:00 p.m. Windsor Fair Charity Beano Game  
 2:30 p.m. Garden Tractor Pulls (Vanner Arena)  
 3:00 p.m. Donkey Show (Prime Show Barn)  
 6:00 p.m. Pig Scramble - 8 year olds (Vanner Arena)  
 12 Entries to be drawn - Must enter before 5:45 p.m. at the Information Booth  
 7:00 p.m. Truck and Tractor Pulling (Race Track Infield)  
 7:30 p.m. All Terrain 4-Wheel Drive only Pull (Vanner Arena)  
 Sign up will be at the Scale House prior to the start.

### Wednesday, August 30 “Vendor Appreciation Day”

Admission Adults - \$9.00, Under 16 **FREE**  
**9:00 a.m. GATES OPEN** All Rides Have Height Requirements  
**Harness Horse Racing – Post time: 3:00 p.m.**  
**Giant Midway Opens: 1:00 p.m.**

9:00 a.m. Show Steer & Oxen’s Farmers 6 Ft. Pull, Dept. 4 Class N (Vanner Area) 7:00 a.m. Weigh in.

10:30 a.m. Judging of Show Sheep – (Prime Show Barn)  
 1-5 p.m. Accepting Apple Pies & Registration in Route 32 Roadhouse  
 1:00 p.m. Show Steer & Oxen Log Scooting Contest (Outside Show Ring)  
 1:00 p.m. Farmers Horse Scooting and Twitching, Horse Feed Race Contest (Vanner Arena)

**1-9 p.m. Purchase your pay-one-price bracelet for \$22.00 per person & Ride until 10:00 p.m. (\$15.00 Kiddie Land)**  
 Windsor Fair Charity Beano Game  
 Overall Grand Champion Sheep (Prime Show Barn)  
 4:00 p.m. Maine 2 Crusted Apple Pie Contest in Route 32 Roadhouse  
 6:00 p.m. Pig Scramble - 9 year olds (Vanner Arena)  
 6:00 p.m. 12 Entries to be drawn - Must enter before 5:45 p.m. at the Information Booth  
 7:00 p.m. Farmer’s Horse Pulling Contest (Vanner Area).  
 7:00 p.m. **Elvis Tribute, John Burroughs**

### Thursday, August 31 “Senior Citizens’ & Veterans Day”

Admission Senior Citizens (60+) \$4.00, Adults - \$9.00, Under 16 **FREE**  
**9:00 a.m. GATES OPEN** All Rides Have Height Requirements  
**Harness Horse Racing – Post time: 3:00 p.m.**  
**Giant Midway Opens: 1:00 p.m.**

9:00 a.m. 16 & Under Pull - Steers Under 1300 lbs. Open Distance Pulling to follow  
 9:30 a.m. Judging of Dairy Cattle (Prime Show Barn all day)  
 9:30 a.m. Sheep Dog Demonstration (Outside Show Arena)  
 10:30 a.m. Veterans Day Ceremony (Entertainment Area)  
 12:00 Noon Sheep Dog Demonstration (Outside Show Arena)  
 1:00 p.m. Oxen Pulling (Vanner Arena)  
 3700 lbs. Class - Merle Vanner Memorial Trophy  
 4100 lbs. Class - If no 2 legitimate teams on the class, they will pull in the 3700 with added weight and adjustments of premiums.  
 Oxen Sweepstakes Class - (Vanner Pulling Arena)  
 2:00 p.m. Windsor Fair Charity Beano Game  
 2:30 p.m. Sheep Dog Demonstration (Outside Show Area)  
**1-9 p.m. Purchase your pay-one-price bracelet for \$22.00 per person & Ride until 10:00 p.m. (\$15.00 Kiddie Land)**  
 4:00 p.m. Parade of Champions  
 Overall Grand Champion Dairy (Prime Show Barn)  
 6:00 p.m. Pig Scramble - 10 year olds (Vanner Arena)  
 12 Entries to be drawn - Must enter before 5:45 p.m. at the Information Booth  
 7:00 p.m. Demolition Derby 2 (Sign-up 4:00 p.m. on at Gate #5)  
 7:00 p.m. Oxen 6 Ft. Pull 3700 Over & Under - (Vanner Arena)

### Friday, September 1 “Livestock Appreciation Day”

Admission Adults - \$10.00, Under 16 **FREE**  
**9:00 a.m. GATES OPEN** All Rides Have Height Requirements  
**Harness Horse Racing – Post time: 3:00 p.m.**  
**Giant Midway Opens: Noon**

9:00 a.m. New England Jumpers Association Horse Show  
 9:30 a.m. Judging of Beef Cattle (Prime Show Barn all day)  
**11:00 a.m. \*Horse Pulling – 2 lb Rock - Open to any weight (Vanner Arena) Sponsored by the Vigue Family of N. Whitefield, ME**  
 1:00 p.m. \*Horse Pulling - 3000 lbs. & under Distance Pull (Vanner Arena)  
**12-9 p.m. Purchase your pay-one-price bracelet for \$22.00 per person & Ride until 10:00 p.m. (\$15.00 Kiddie Land)**  
 2:00 p.m. Windsor Fair Charity Beano Game  
 4:00 p.m. Parade of Champions • Overall Grand Champions Beef - Male & Female  
**6:00 p.m. \*Horse Pulling 3000 lbs. & Under 12’ Pull (Vanner Pulling Area) “John Kelley Memorial Pull” Sponsored by Augusta Tool Rental & Pro Rental of Rockport**  
 7:00 p.m. **Bob Marley - \$5.00 Admission (Grandstand)**



**FIREWORKS TO FOLLOW!**



### Saturday, September 2 “4-H Day”

Admission Adults - \$10.00, Under 16 **FREE**  
**9:00 a.m. GATES OPEN** All Rides Have Height Requirements  
**Harness Horse Racing – Post time: 1:00 p.m.**  
**Giant Midway Opens: Noon**

9:30 a.m. 4-H Sheep Show - (Prime Show Barn)  
 9:30 a.m. 4-H Dairy Show - (Prime Show Barn)  
 10:00 a.m. 4-H Working Steers (Outside Show Ring)  
 10:00 a.m. Youth Rabbit Show  
 10:00 a.m. Antique Tractor Show & Demonstration (Commercial Area)  
 1:00 p.m. Ladies Fry Pan Throwing Contest (Memorial Park)  
**1:00 p.m. \*Horse Pulling\* - 3200 lbs. and under Distance (Vanner Arena) Sponsored by Gagne & Son Concrete Block**  
 2:00 p.m. Windsor Fair Charity Beano Game  
 2:30 p.m. \*Horse Pulling - Three-Horse Distance Pull  
 3:00 p.m. Youth Baby Beef Show, followed by Youth Market Lamb Show (Prime Show Barn)

**7:00 p.m. \*Horse Pulling - 3200 lbs. & under 12 ft. Pull (Vanner Arena) “O. D. Lee Memorial Pull” Sponsored by Emily’s Restaurant**

6:00 p.m. Painted Pumpkin Face Contest (Exhibition Hall)  
**7:00 p.m. Monster Truck Show - \$5.00 Admission**

### Sunday, September 3 “Museum & Children’s Day”

Admission Adults - \$10.00, Under 16 **FREE**  
**9:00 a.m. GATES OPEN** All Rides Have Height Requirements  
**Bicycle Drawing 5:00 p.m.**  
**Harness Horse Racing – Post time: 1:00 p.m.**  
**Giant Midway Opens: Noon**

#### All Day Ancient Ones of Maine Living History

9:30 a.m. Judging of Steers - Oxen - (Outside Show Ring)  
 10:00 a.m. 4-H Beef Show - (Prime Show Barn)  
 10:00 a.m. Church Service - (Entertainment Area)  
 11:30 a.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull - (Vanner Arena) Must enter at the Information Booth between 9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
 Girls: 25-35 lbs. & 36-45 lbs. Boys: 25-35 lbs. & 36-45 lbs.

**2:00 p.m. \*Horse Pulling - (Vanner Arena) Class: 3400 lbs. and under Distance Pull; 2 lb Rock - open to any weight Sponsored by R&R Windows Contractors, Inc.**

2:00 p.m. Windsor Fair Charity Beano Game  
 3:00 p.m. 2lb. Rock, Horse Pulling - Open to any weight (Vanner Arena)  
 3:00 p.m. Animal Costume Class - (Prime Show Barn)  
 5:00 p.m. Bicycle Drawing – Ten Free Bicycles (Across from Beano Hall)  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Sheep Obstacle Course (Prime Show Barn)  
 7:00 p.m. Children’s Baking Contest (Exhibition Hall)  
 7:00 p.m. Horse Pulling - 3400 lbs. & under 12 ft. Pull (Vanner Arena)  
**7:00 p.m. Monster Truck Show - \$5.00 Admission**

### Monday, September 4 “Labor Day”

Admission Adults - \$9.00, Under 16 **FREE**  
**9:00 a.m. GATES OPEN** All Rides Have Height Requirements  
**Harness Horse Racing – Post time: 1:00 p.m.**  
**Giant Midway Opens: Noon**

9:00 a.m. Horse Barrel Racing – Outside Show Ring  
 11:00 a.m. Antique Car Show & Parade – MOAL Members Only  
**11:00 a.m. Horse Pulling - (Vanner Arena) Class: Sweepstakes for Horse Distance Pull - “Merle Vanner Memorial Trophy” Sponsored by Dick’s Used Trucks and Dick Condon**  
 12:00 p.m. Youth Baby Beef Auction - (Prime Show Barn)  
 Followed by Youth Market Lamb & Market Hog Sale  
 1:30 p.m. Horse Pulling - Class: 3600 lbs. & under Distance Pull followed by Elimination Sweepstakes 12’ Pull (Vanner Arena)  
 2:00 p.m. Windsor Fair Charity Beano Game  
**12-5 p.m. Purchase your pay-one-price bracelet for \$22.00 per person & Ride until 10:00 p.m. (\$15.00 Kiddie Land)**

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# Plenty of exciting entertainment lined up for the fair this year

BY JOYCE GRONDIN  
Correspondent

A Tribute to Elvis, a bit of Maine humor, and a grand fireworks' display will highlight the entertainment portion of this year's Windsor Fair.

Maine native John Burroughs will present an Elvis Tribute in his home state for the first time at 7 p.m. Aug. 30 at the grandstand.

Burroughs, who describes himself as an "Army veteran turned truck driver," started performing a Tribute to Elvis in 2007 after a chance meeting in Springfield, Mo. with Elvis Presley's long-time guitarist John Wilkinson.

"Unbeknownst to me at the time, he heard me sing an Elvis song during an open mic night," Burroughs said.

The song was "Separate Ways," which Burroughs sang A Capella because the band didn't know the tune. To top it off, that was the first time that he had ever sung in public.

Burroughs recalled how the waiter brought him a drink after the performance, compliments of Wilkinson, who then introduced himself to Burroughs as Elvis Presley's former guitarist. The pair hit it off and chatted for a while, as Wilkinson shared Elvis stories with him.

Wilkinson later introduced Burroughs to producers in Branson. That was all it took because he has since performed across the country in cities such as Las Vegas, Branson, Boston, New York and, of course, Elvis's hometown of Memphis.

The John Burroughs Band hopes to capture the essence of Presley's only Maine performance held at the Augusta Civic Center in May 1977 at the fair, Burroughs said.

He plans to use period musical arrangements and don authentic replica jumpsuits and other apparel that Elvis wore.

Performing with Burroughs will be talented local artists including Mike Pottle on rhythm and bass guitars; Andrew Carlson on lead guitar; Lee Wilbur on bass guitar; Scotty Nevells on drums; Maine Country Hall of Famer Chris Fyfe on piano; and other artists that may be brought in to round out the ensemble. Karl Wiggins will serve as master of ceremonies.

"I'm really looking forward to visiting Maine. It's a great honor to perform at the Windsor Fair and pay homage to America's greatest entertainer on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his (Presley's) historic visit," Burroughs said.

The fair, of course, would not be the same without a bit of humor.

Maine comedian Bob Marley will once again bring his sought-after act to fairgoers at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1 at the grandstand, with a fireworks' display to follow. Admission to the show is \$5.

Marley has made a career out of poking fun at Mainers with comedic routines such as "Long Wintahs in Maine," "Upta Camp," "Technology and Bad Drivahs," and "Moose Calling" for which he earned a spot in the 2010 Guinness Book of Records for the longest stand-up comedy routine.

While a student at the University of Maine at Farmington many years ago, Marley knew that comedy was his calling.

Upon graduation, he traveled to cities such as Boston, New York, Denver, and Washington, D.C. to comedy clubs where he could expand upon his routine.

Along the way he was invited to appear on a number of late-night television shows including "Comedy Central," "The David Letterman Show," and "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

Marley is making his rounds on New England stages this summer before he stops at Windsor. In September, he is set to perform at Comedy Works in Denver, Colo. and Palm Beach Improv in West Palm Beach, Fla.

As always, there will be daily entertainment throughout the week. Shows will be held on the stage behind the mall and at the Route 32 Roadhouse, the former 4-H building.

Scheduled to appear at the fair this year are Cold Blue Steel, Working Class, Sharon Hood and Dixon Road, The Flashbacks, Rockit Band and the Mainely Country Band, just to name a few.



## ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE 2017

Sunday, Aug. 27	Friday, Sept. 1	Sunday, Sept. 3
 1:00-3:00 Walter Weymouth 4:00-6:00 Cold Blue Steel 7:00 Demolition Derby #1 (Grandstand)	11:00-1:00 Country Mist 2:00-4:00 The Flashbacks 5:00-7:00 Milltown Roadshow 7:30 PM Bob Marley <b>FIREWORKS TO FOLLOW</b> (Grandstand) <b>\$5 Admission</b>	10:00-11:00 North Windsor Baptist Church Srvc 12:00-5:00 Spunky the Clown (strolling) 11:30-1:00 Andy Hapell, Fiddler Route 32 Road House 12:00-1:00 Dana Perkins 2:00-4:00 Court Jesters 2:00-4:00 Bonnie & Peter Tucker Route 32 Road House 4:00-6:00 Down East Brass (strolling) 5:00-7:00 Full Drive Band 7:00 PM <b>Monster Truck Show</b> <b>\$5 Adm (Grandstand)</b>
Monday, Aug. 28	The Flashbacks Friday Sept. 1	Monday, Sept. 4
1:00-3:00 Taylor Road 4:00-6:00 Side Kick 7:00 PM Truck and Tractor Pull (Grandstand)		<b>Labor Day</b> 11:00-1:00 Present Company 12:00-2:00 Country Gents & Connie Route 32 Road House 2:00-4:00 Silver Fox Dancers 3:00-5:00 Sue Dean - (Karaoke)
Tuesday, Aug. 29	Saturday, Sept. 2	Present Company Monday Sept 4
11:30-1:00 Greenfields 2:00-4:00 Brian Plato 4:00-6:00 Sue Dean (Karaoke) Route 32 Road House 5:00-7:00 Working Class 7:00 PM Truck and Tractor Pull (Grandstand)	12:00-5:00 Spunky the Clown (strolling) 12:00-2:00 Barry Wood Route 32 Road House 12:00-2:00 New Retm 2:00 The Kora Klowns (strolling) 3:00-5:00 Simon & Goodwin Route 32 Road House 3:00-5:00 Rockit Band 6:00-8:00 The Mainely Country Band 4:00-6:00 Downeast Brass (strolling) 7:00 <b>Monster Truck Show</b> <b>\$5 Adm (Grandstand)</b>	
Working Class Tues. Aug. 29	Barry Wood Sat. Sept. 2	Simon & Goodwin Saturday Sept. 2
		
Greenfields Tues. Aug. 29	Rockit Band Sat. Sept. 2	Down East Brass Sat. & Sun. Sept. 2 & 3
		
Wednesday, Aug. 30	Thursday, Aug. 31	
Noon-2:00 Chris Paulson & Co. 3:00-5:00 Frye Mountain Band 6:00-8:00 Sharon Hood and Dixon Road 7:00 Elvis Tribute (John Burroughs) (Grandstand)	10:30-12:30 Veterans Ceremony 12:30-2:00 The Hyssongs 3:00-4:30 Bud Knight and Friends 5:30-7:30 Steve & The Good Ol Boys 7:00 Demolition Derby #2 (Grandstand)	





Contributed photos  
A few of the great bands playing this week at the Windsor Fair.  
Top left, Cold Blue Steel, Sunday, August 27, 4-6 p.m.  
Left, The Mainly Country Band, Saturday, September 2, 6-8 p.m.  
Above, Sharon Hood Dixon Road, Wdnesday, August 30, 6-8 p.m.



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# Waterville woman wins Windsor poster contest by working outside her “comfort zone”

BY JOYCE GRONDIN  
Correspondent

Since moving to Maine a couple of years ago, friends have encouraged Melissa Gonnella to enter the Windsor Fair poster contest. This year, she gave it a shot and submitted her artwork just in time.

“I saw the Facebook post about 2 weeks before the deadline so I hurried to finish it,” Gonnella said.

Her vibrant work of farm animals, birds and eggs in a nest, sunflowers, leaves and apples was selected from among 37 entries as the 2017 Windsor Fair poster contest winner.

Karen Foster, who leads the Poster Design Committee, said Gonnella’s work received the most votes among the 20 fair trustees. Criteria include work that has an agricultural theme and is transferrable onto T-shirts and mugs that will be sold at the fair.

“There was some excellent artwork submitted this year,” Foster said.

Gonnella plans to be at the fair one day during the week to sign posters. This year, the fair runs from Aug. 27 through Labor Day.

The artist said she created a rough sketch of the artwork with pencil, then used pen and ink to outline it. She filled it in with watercolor, and then added more detail with colored pencils.

“It was trial and error and outside my comfort zone. I laid it on thick,” Gonnella said of the watercolor.

The young artist has been creating work since a young age. She recalls how she drew with crayons, pens and pencils before she could write.

Born and raised in New York City, Gonnella was home schooled which she said was a plus because it gave her a lot of free time to draw for fun.

As a youth, she enjoyed drawing super heroes and Disney characters such as Beauty and the Beast and the Little Mermaid.

“I like the movement of cartoons,” Gonnella said.

These days, she is partial to drawing people and animals.

She had no formal art training until she attended the School of Visual Arts in New York City, where she majored in illustration.



*Melissa Gonnella photo*  
Melissa Gonnella, of Waterville, is the 2017 Windsor Fair poster winner. She hopes to be at the fair one day to sign posters.

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