

BLUE HILL FAIR HANDBOOK

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through Labor Day

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about the fair!



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The Blue Hill Fair

September 3 through Labor Day, September 7, 2015

General Admission

“Dollar Day!” Thursday, September 3

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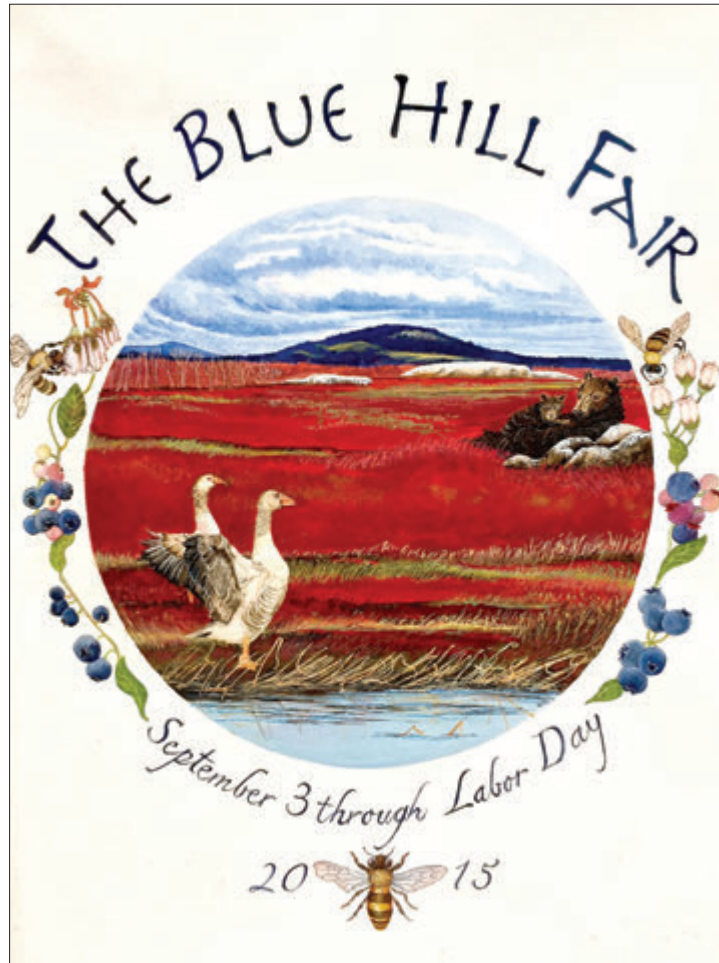
New and returning favorites at the Fair

By ANNE BERLEANT

BLUE HILL—Animals, food, rides and entertainment reign for five days when the Blue Hill Fair opens its gates on Thursday, September 3, at 4 p.m. Adult ticket prices are \$1 on Thursday, with all mechanical rides costing \$1 per person, per ride; \$5 on Friday; and \$9 on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Labor Day, the final day of the fair. Senior Citizen Day is Friday; those 62 and over pay \$3. Children under 12 are always free, and the popular wristband special on Monday gets you on as many mechanical rides as you'd like from 2 to 9 p.m. for \$20.

This year brings thrills, possible spills and car-crushing fun at the first-ever **Demolition Derby** on Monday at 4 p.m., at the Grandstand. Beginning on Friday, show stoppers **Team Rock** perform three times daily mixing martial arts and break dancing near the livestock area while it's feats of juggling and acrobatic balancing with **Red Trousers Show** on the midway stage, also for three shows a day. And check out the **Boatbuilding Display**, a new exhibit this year.

New favorites from last year



The official 2015 Blue Hill Fair poster.

Courtesy of the Blue Hill Fair Association

return: **helicopter rides** from Acadian Seaplane on Friday through Monday (at additional cost), country singer **James McMurtry and the Heartless Bastards** live on the Grandstand Stage on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and the **Horseshoe Tournament**, with its first double-elimination round on Saturday at 8 a.m. and finals on Monday at 8 a.m. by the grandstand. And, enter the **blueberry pie eating contest** and eat to your heart's content, or just watch the fun, on Saturday at 4 p.m. at the grandstand stage.

But don't forget the old favorites, such as **Sheep Dog Trials, and oxen, horse and tractor pulling events**, which take place throughout the five days of the fair, and the showcase of local skills at the **Arts and Crafts and Exhibit Halls**. And run, don't walk, for the third annual **Wilbur 5-K Road Race**, beginning at 8 a.m. by the grandstand.

With so much to do and see, the only question is what will you choose?

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Snapshot of each day

So many things to do and see at the fair! Take a look at the highlight schedule below to pinpoint some of the must-sees for you and your family during your day at the fair.

The gates open at 8 a.m. except for opening day, Thursday, when the fair officially begins at 4 p.m. Closing times vary depending on the crowd, but officials say it is usually between 10:30 and 11 p.m. The full schedule of events is on pages 22 and 23.

What to do

Thursday, September 3

Gates open at 4 p.m.

Each day, families can enjoy the **midway rides** and visit the **livestock barns**. Special exhibit this year is the **Boatbuilding Display**. At 5 p.m. it's the **4-H Hand Spinners Sheep Class** showcasing the speed and quality of creating wool from fleece. The **3300 Class Horse Pull** is at 6:30 p.m., while at 7 p.m., it's the **Merritt Averill 4-H Sheep Lead Line**. At 7:30, head over to the Midway Stage and rock out to the sound of **Magnetic North**.



This little girl meets some very large oxen at the Blue Hill Fair.

Photo courtesy of the Blue Hill Fair Association

What to do

Friday, September 4

Gates open at 8 a.m.

The midway opens at 12 p.m. **Helicopter rides** are available throughout the day Friday through Monday. At 10 a.m., get your livestock fix with the **Oxen Scooting Contest** at the Horse Show

Ring or the **Llama Demonstration** at the livestock department at 11. **Red Trouser Show** brings a two-man show of juggling and balancing acrobatic skills to the Midway Stage at 1 and 3 p.m. Head over to the livestock area where **Team Rock** mixes martial arts, break dancing and the-atics at three shows: 2:30, 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. The **3200 Class Horse Pull** is at 2:30



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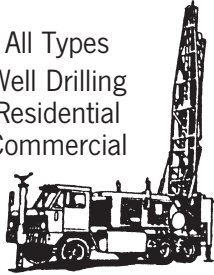
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p.m., and **Oxen Scooting Contest** at 4 p.m. At the grandstand, **Antique Tractor Pulling** starts at 5:30 p.m. Then, at 7:30, find out who's tops behind the stove or Crockpot at the **Beef Recipe Cook-Off** and **4-H Cake Contest** at the Livestock Show Ring. **Whiskey Militia** performs country music at 7:30 p.m. at the Midway Stage to close out the entertainment.

What to do

Saturday, September 5 Gates open at 8 a.m.

Start the day with a **4-H Wild Blueberry Pancake Breakfast** at 8 a.m. because it's Wild Blueberry Day at the Fair. Runners set their marks at 8 a.m. for the **Wilbur 5K Road Race** in front of the grandstand. Register directly before the race, or beforehand at defymca.org/programs/fitness/race-schedule-2/ or call 667-3086. Sign up for the **pie-eating contest** at the Sound Booth, the Secretary's Office, The Livestock Office, or the Information Booth; the contest starts at 4 p.m. at the grandstand. The first round of the **Horseshoe Tournament** begins at 8 a.m. by the grandstand. And at 10 a.m., the **midway** opens. **The Blue Hill Fair Open Sheepdog Trials** begin at 12 p.m. at the horse show ring. Also at noon is the **George Stevens Academy Jazz Band** on the Grandstand Stage, as the **Harness**

Races begin around the track. **Red Trouser Show** is at the Midway Stage at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. At 1 p.m., it's the **3 Horse Pull** and at 3 p.m., it's the **Farmer's Oxen Pull**. **Team Rock** performs at 1, 4 and 6 p.m. at the livestock area. Horse pulls happen twice, with the **Sweepstakes Horse Pull** at 4 p.m. and the **3400 Class 15' Horse Pull** at 6:30

p.m. Pop rock band **Tomorrow Morning** from Bangor mixes acoustic and electric sounds at the Midway Stage at 7:30 p.m. Or, head over to the grandstand for the return of **James McMurtry and the Heartless Bastards** at 7:30 p.m. Arrive early if you want a seat!



Harness racing takes place at noon on Saturday.

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What to do

Sunday, September 6

Gates open at 8 a.m.

Come early for the farm animals and livestock shows and stay for the fireworks at night. The **4-H & Open Dairy Cattle Show** and, in the Horse Show Ring, the **Youth Horse Show** begin at 9 a.m., followed by the **Farmer's Oxen Kids Pull** at 10 a.m. and the **Farmers Ox 3' Canadian Style Pull** at 10:30 a.m. Who can pull the most the farthest? Finally, **llamas demonstrate** at 11 a.m. in the livestock department. Meanwhile, the **midway** opens at 10 a.m. and **Junkyard Cats** perform at 11 a.m. on the Midway Stage. Head over to the grandstand at noon for the **Northeast U.S. Sheep Dog Trials**, and return at 3:30 p.m. for the **Intercontinental Women's Skillet Toss**. Who will be this year's winners? **Team Rock** returns to the livestock

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Nighttime lights up the Midway.

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area for shows at 1, 4 and 6:30 p.m. while over at the Midway Stage, **Red Trouser Show** performs at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. **Cowboy Angels** are on the midway stage at 7:30 p.m. Close out the day with the **Mammoth Aerial Fireworks Display** at 9 p.m.

What to do
Labor Day, September 7
Gates open at 8 a.m.

The final day of the fair! At 9 a.m., it's the **Horseshoe Tournament Finals** by the grandstand. The **midway** opens at 10 a.m. Also at 10 a.m., watch the skills of livestock and their handlers at the **Farmer's Ox and Steer Obstacle Course** or a **llama demonstration** at the livestock department. At 11 a.m., it's the **Herdsmen and Special Awards** ceremony at the livestock show ring. No-bake baking is showcased at 11 a.m., at the **No**

Bake Bake-off Cookie at the Exhibit Hall. Enjoy the sounds of **Maine Street R&B** at the Midway Stage at 11 a.m. **Team Rock** puts on its martial arts and break dance show at 12, 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. at the livestock area. The **3200 Class 15' Horse Pull** happens at 3 p.m. Then, at 4 p.m., it's the first-time-at-the-fair **Demolition Derby** at the grandstand. Finish the night off at the midway to the sounds of the **Crown Vics** at 7 p.m. before saying farewell to the fair, until next year, at 9 p.m.



Red Trouser, above, will perform three shows daily on the Midway Stage starting on Friday.

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Young fairgoers, left, ride on the dragon at the 2014 Fair.

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Live on the Midway Stage



The Leaky Boot Jug Band will perform on the Midway Stage.

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Stop by the Midway Stage for music and family entertainment shows throughout the five days of the Blue Hill Fair.

On Thursday, it's rock and jam music with **Magnetic North** at 7:30 p.m.

Friday brings comedic acrobats **Red Trouser Show** for three shows at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. For the evening's 7:30 performance, listen to the **Whiskey Militia**.

On Saturday, **The Leaky Boot Jug Band** plays at 11 a.m., with three performances by Red Trouser Show at 1, 3 and 5 p.m.

The midway stage comes alive at 11 a.m. on Sunday with **Junkyard Cats**. Red Trouser Show performs at 1, 3 and 5 p.m., and for the evening performance it's Cowboy Angels at 7:30 p.m.

Labor Day, Monday, brings **Maine Street R&B** to the midway stage at 11 a.m. Red Trouser Show returns for three final shows at 1:30, 3:30 and 5 p.m., and at 7 p.m., the sounds of the **Crown Vics** will close down the stage for this year's fair. See you there!

2015 Midway Stage Events

Thursday, September 3

7:30 P.M. Magnetic North

Friday, September 4

1:00 P.M. Red Trouser Show

3:00 P.M. Red Trouser Show

5:00 P.M. Red Trouser Show

7:30 P.M. Whiskey Militia

Saturday, September 5

11:00 A.M. The Leaky Boot Jug Band

1:00 P.M. Red Trouser Show

3:00 P.M. Red Trouser Show

5:00 P.M. Red Trouser Show

7:30 P.M. Tomorrow Morning

Sunday, September 6

11:00 A.M. Junkyard Cats

1:00 P.M. Red Trouser Show

3:00 P.M. Red Trouser Show

5:00 P.M. Red Trouser Show

7:30 P.M. Cowboy Angels

Monday, September 7

11:00 A.M. Maine Street R&B

1:30 P.M. Red Trouser Show

3:30 P.M. Red Trouser Show

5:00 P.M. Red Trouser Show

7:00 P.M. Crown Vics

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Events on the Grandstand Stage

Head to the grandstand stage for everything from live music and loud monster trucks to live animals performing in all kinds of ways.

On Friday, it's **Antique Tractor Pulling** with the Maine Antique Tractor Club at 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday at 8 a.m. is **Wilbur's 5k Road Race** hosted by the Blue Hill YMCA. At noon look for the **George Stevens Academy Jazz Band**, which will perform on the stage while **Harness Racing** rounds the track below. At 4 p.m. is the annual **Wild Blueberry Pie Eating Contest**.

Return to the grandstand on Saturday evening at 7:30, for a live performance by **James McMurtry & the Heartless Bastards**.

On Sunday at noon, it's the **Northeast Sheepdog Trials**, a decades-long tradition for sheep and sheepdogs at the Blue Hill Fair. At 3:30 p.m., it's **The Women's Skillet Toss**—who among the kitten and cougar divisions will toss that frying pan the farthest?

Winding up the Sunday grandstand events is **Truck Pulling** at 5 p.m.

On Monday, don't miss the sounds and sights of engines—and the crowd—roaring when **Stoney Robert's Demolition Derby** comes to the fair at 4 p.m. Come early to get a seat!



The George Stevens Academy band will appear on the Grandstand Stage at noon on Saturday.

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Wilbur's Run

Saturday, September 5, 7 a.m. registration, 8 a.m. start, in front of the Grandstand

This Saturday at the Blue Hill Fair will see the third annual Wilbur's Run. The Fun Run and 5K are sponsored by the Blue Hill YMCA.

Wilbur is the beloved pig from E. B. White's *Charlotte's Web*. Wilbur is born the runt of the litter, but he befriends many people and animals and soon becomes a favorite of all who meet him.

Wilbur's Run is fun for the whole family and has become part of the Blue Hill Fair tradition. You can participate in either the one-mile Fun Run or the 5K. Both start from the grandstand at 8 a.m. and registration begins at 7 a.m.



Last year, country singer James McMurtry played for a capacity crowd that filled the grandstand and the track in front of the stage. The Fair has brought McMurtry and his band, the Heartless Bastards, back again to headline at the Grandstand on Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

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2015 Grandstand Stage Events

Friday, September 4

5:30 P.M. Antique Tractor Pulling

Saturday, September 5

8:00 A.M. Wilbur's 5k Road Race

12:00 P.M. Harness Racing and GSA Jazz Band

4:00 P.M. Wild Blueberry Pie Eating Contest

7:30 P.M. James McMurtry and the Heartless Bastards

Sunday, September 6

12:00 P.M. Northeast U.S. Sheep Dog Trials


3:30 P.M. Women's Skillet Toss

5:00 P.M. Truck Pulling

Monday, September 7

4:00 P.M. Stoney Roberts Demolition Derby

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Sheepdog trials—a tradition at the fair



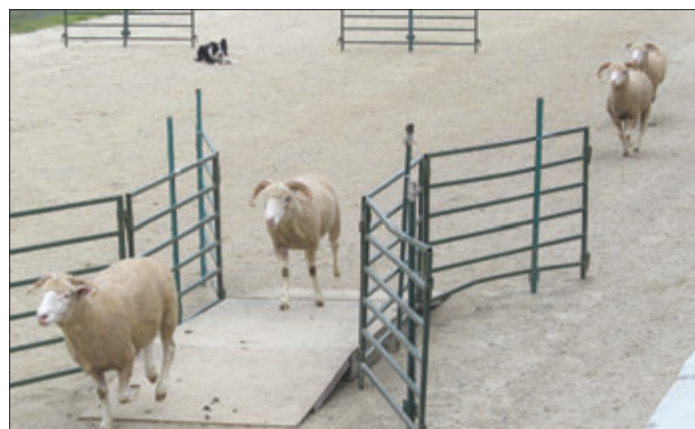
Blue Hill Fair Open Sheep Dog Trials, Saturday, September 5, 12 p.m., Horse Show Ring

Northeast U.S. Sheep Dog Trials, Sunday, September 6, 12 p.m., Grandstand Stage

This year's fair brings twice the excitement with two sheep dog trials. The sheep dog trial track at the Blue Hill Fair has been run since 1956, when May and Jim Davidson began the tradition.

A sheep dog trial involves a dog, three sheep, and a handler. The handler calls out commands that help the dog herd the sheep through a course. A dog has six minutes to make it through the course, so prior training is involved. If the dog makes a mistake, points are subtracted from the maximum possible score.

Each day 10 premiums will be paid to the highest placing dogs with a top prize



The Blue Hill Fair and Northeast sheep trials are a Fair tradition.

Photos by Anne Berleant and Faith DeAmbrose

of \$300. Trophies are also given for High Gathering, High Driving, High Penning, and overall High Score. While a handler

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It's all about the berries

Wild Blueberry Day is Saturday

Events throughout the day Saturday, September 5

By ANNA HOLDERNESS

As Maine's official fruit, it's no wonder why blueberries are featured so prominently at the Blue Hill Fair. Start your day of blueberry eating early with the 4-H Wild Blueberry Pancake Breakfast at 8 a.m.



Three judges decided who baked the best blueberry muffin in 2014. Photo by Anne Berleant

Wild Blueberry Pie Baking Contest

The contest will be judged at the Exhibition Hall at 1 p.m. Pies will be accepted until noon. The first-place winner receives \$100, second-place \$60, and third-place \$40. This contest is sponsored by the Wild Blueberry Association. All pies entered must meet State of Maine pie contest regulations.

The rules:

1. Use only blueberries for fruit.
2. Pies must be two crusted.
3. Pies must be accompanied by the complete recipe printed on a recipe card. Do not put a name on the recipe card.
4. Recipe should include a complete list of ingredients and instruction for both filling and crust. Recipes are not available to the public.

Wild Blueberry Muffin Baking Contest

The requires a contestant to submit three blueberry muffins on Saturday morning or earlier at the Exhibition Hall. Judging will take place on Saturday afternoon. The first-place winner receives \$100, second-place \$50, and third-place \$25. This contest is sponsored by G.M. Allen & Sons.

Pies and muffins entered in either contest will become the property of the Blue Hill Fair and will be sold after the contests with the monies dedicated to the maintenance of the Exhibition Hall.

No-Bake Cookie Contest

Monday, September 7, Exhibition Hall, enter from 9 to 10:30 a.m., judging at 11 a.m.

Any type of cookie or bar is welcome in the no-bake style. There are two divisions: children through age 14, and contestants age 15 and over.

The Rules:

1. Cookies will be judged on taste, ease of preparation and creativity. Judges will be selected by the Blue Hill Fair and their decisions will be final.
2. Entries will be received at the Exhibition Hall from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on

Monday, September 7, with judging to begin at 11 a.m.

3. Contestants may have only ONE recipe submission with three cookies being required for entry.

4. Cookies or bars must be made from scratch with no more than 10 ingredients. No commercial or bakery cookies will be accepted.

5. Cookies or bars must be accompanied by complete recipe ingredients and procedures. Please include the following

information: Name, age, address, phone number(s), name of cookie or bar, recipe ingredients (10 or less) and procedure.

6. It will not be the responsibility of the Fair to return any dishes or containers. Cookies and bars will become property of the Blue Hill Fair.

Judging criteria: taste 40%; ease of preparation 20%; presentation 20%; creativity 20%.

Prizes are awarded in each division: 1st, \$100; 2nd, \$50; 3rd, \$25.



In the 2014 pie eating contest, these three girls tried to eat as much pie as they could in one minute.

Photo by Anne Berleant

Pie eating contest

At 4 p.m. the Wild Blueberry Pie Eating Contest will take place on the grandstand stage. Sign up the day of the contest at the Sound Booth, the Secretary's Office, the Livestock Office, or the Information Booth.

There are three age groups: 7-10 years, 11-16 years, and 17 and older. Four contestants will be chosen at random to participate in each age division. The contestant will attempt to eat as much blueberry pie as possible in one minute without

the use of hands or any other means of restraint or assistance.

Each chosen contestant will receive a T-shirt, and the winner of each division will be awarded a \$15 cash prize.

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Three shows daily, Friday, September 4, through Monday, September 7, livestock area. Check schedule (pages 22-23) for times

The Blue Hill Fair brings a whole new level of entertainment as it welcomes Team Rock to this summer's line-up. This team of national champion Martial Arts Breaking Experts has been wowing audiences around the country with its high-flying, jaw-dropping performances that showcase an extraordinary display of martial arts extreme breaking skills and theatrics.

Team Rock, which swept the awards for extreme air, power breaking, and self-defense at the U.S. Open Hanmadang National Championships, combines the talents of some of the nation's top martial arts extreme breaking performers.

Together, they provide high-end entertainment that dazzles people of all ages and brings them back over and over again.



Team Rock will perform three shows daily in the livestock area starting on Friday.
Photo courtesy of the Blue Hill Fair Association

Demolition Derby brings car crushing entertainment

Monday, September 7, 4 p.m., Grandstand

By ANNE BERLEANT

Smashes and crashes come to the Blue Hill Fair when Stoney Roberts Demolition Derby rolls in.

With a total purse of \$1,800, those who dare to enter will ram their opponents as

they race around the track. The winner? The last car running.

It may not be too late to enter! If there's space left after the August 24 deadline, entries will still be accepted. All the rules and vehicle regulations are available online

at stoneyroberts.com. Entry forms are available online at bluehillfair.com. Call 888-361-5767 toll free or Fair Director Rob Eaton at 374-3701 for more information.



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Largest pumpkin and squash contest

Exhibition Hall

By ANNA HOLDERNESS

A large hit at the fair comes in the form of the large produce in the exhibition hall. While other contests may be judged on perfection, these pumpkin and squash entries are judged solely based on weight.

This contest is open to Maine residents who have grown their squash or pumpkin in Maine. An exhibitor may enter only one pumpkin or squash.

An entry must remain on display until 6 p.m. on Labor Day. The pumpkin or squash must be in healthy condition. Both pumpkins and squash are judged together in this contest.

The winner is the pumpkin or squash

with the largest natural weight. Entries below 100 pounds will not qualify. Items may be entered on Wednesday, September 2, and on Thursday and Friday. The prizes are \$150, \$100, and \$75 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively.

The summer squash contest is also determined by weight. The prizes are \$25

for 1st place and \$15 for 2nd place.

Enter all pumpkins and squashes, and all vegetables, fruits and canned goods on Wednesday and Thursday, September 2 and 3, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday, September 4, 8 a.m. to noon.

For all flower, fruit and vegetable categories to compete in, visit bluehillfair.com.



How large can a pumpkin grow? Find out in the largest pumpkin and squash contest. Photo by Tevlin Schuetz

Who will win the Women's Skillet Toss?

Sunday, September 6, 3:30 p.m., in front of Grandstand

Open to Women of the World, and Hancock County, register at the Main Office, Sound Booth.

There are two brackets for each division:

- Kittens: 18-29 years old and 30-45 years old.
- Cougars: 46-64 years old and 65 and older.

First and second place finishers in each of the age divisions will qualify for a final throw off.

Final round throw off will determine overall champions for each bracket. There will be one champion from the Kitten bracket and one champion from the Cougar bracket.

The champion in the Kitten and Cougar brackets will be awarded \$50. The Reserve Champion in each bracket will receive \$25.

Rules:

1. Open to the women of the world.
2. Skillets will be provided by the Fair.
3. Each contestant will have two throws.
4. No practice throws will be allowed during the competition.
5. Throws must be UNDERHAND ONLY. No wind-up or discus-style throws.
6. Throw will be straight out of the course, distance off center line will be subtracted off score.
7. Crossing foul line will result in disqualification. No additional throw after second throw.

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Beef Recipe Cook-off

Friday, September 4, 7:30 p.m.
Livestock Show Ring

Anyone may enter the annual Beef Recipe Cook-off. Bring your favorite prepared beef recipe to the Show Ring by 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Two judges will sample each entry and they will determine the "best." If they cannot agree, a third judge will sample both of their favorites and determine the winner. A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the winner. After the winner is announced and prizes are

awarded, everyone is welcome to sample the entries.

The Rules

1. All entries must contain beef as one of the ingredients.
2. A list of ingredients must accompany the dish.
3. A complete recipe must be submitted at the time of the contest.

Peggy Wood's winning recipe from 2014

Crock-Pot Pizza

- 1 package (12 ounces) wide egg noodles
- 1-1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 jar (28 ounces) spaghetti sauce
- 1 jar (4-1/2 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1-1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 package (3-1/2 ounces) sliced pepperoni, halved
- 3 cups (12 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 3 cups (12 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese

1. Cook noodles according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain.
2. Stir in spaghetti sauce, mushrooms and Italian seasoning. Drain noodles.
3. In a 5-qt. slow cooker coated with non-stick cooking spray, spread a third

- of the meat sauce. Cover with a third of the noodles and pepperoni.
4. Sprinkle with a third of the cheeses. Repeat layers twice. Cover and cook on low for 3-4 hours or until heated through and cheese is melted.
- Yield: 6-8 servings.



Who will win a ribbon at the Exhibit Hall this year? Photo by Anne Berleant

'Bees and Butterflies' at flower show

Exhibit Hall, judging on Friday, 10 a.m.

The flower displays at the Exhibit Hall will include the special theme for garden clubs, "Cultivating for Bees and Butterflies," featuring those annuals and perennials that encourage visits from both insects with colors and scents.

In addition, several "premiums" will be on display: mini gardens, the nautical-themed "sail away," and for kids only, "bugs-eye view," which asks, "If you were a bug in the garden, what would you see?"

Two special awards are the Neil A. Raymond Memorial Cup for best flowering house plant, with a \$25 first-place prize and second-place \$15 prize, and seasonal hanging basket or pot award, with any annual flowering or foliage plant used in an outdoor setting for the summer season eligible for entry.

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4-H showcases youth skills, arts and projects

BLUE HILL— 4-H is featured prominently at the fair through livestock, arts, home projects and more. Over 20,000 youth throughout Maine ages 5 to 19 participate in these activities. 4-H takes life skills and applies them through clubs, camps, and after-school program.

The 4 “H”s

Head: planning and organizing; problem solving and decision making

Heart: communication and cooperation; showing concern for others

Hands: community service and volunteering with others

Health: stress management and disease prevention: character education

All about sheep

The **4-H Handspinners Sheep Class** judges the sheep’s fleece. Any type of sheep are eligible to enter, and the judge may divide the class however he chooses. The sheep will be judged on cleanliness and grooming, among other criteria. No more than two animals may be entered by one exhibitor. A trophy is awarded to the best, and ribbons are awarded to others.

The **Merritt Averill 4-H Sheep Lead Line Demonstration** happens on Thursday at 7 p.m. This is open to all Maine 4-H’ers from the ages of 9 to 19. There are two age categories: Junior (9-13) and Senior (14-19). Contestants lead sheep on a halter around a ring. The contestant wears a garment that is at least 70 percent wool and receives extra points



A 4-H member tends to her goat at a previous fair.

Penobscot Bay Press file photo

if he or she made the garment. Points are also awarded on outfit, appearance of sheep, control of sheep, and appearance of contestant.

The **Razor Crossman Sportsmanship Award** will be awarded to a 4-H member age 9 and up. Three unannounced judges

walk through the 4-H areas multiple times to observe the 4-H members. They look for clean stalls, pens, animals, and 4-H members willing to answer questions and help others. A trophy is awarded to the 4-H member with the highest number of points.

Look for the 4-H tent near the livestock area.

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The Blue Hill Fair is located on Route 172 in Blue Hill.

From Bucksport:

Follow Routes 1, 3, 15 in the direction of Ellsworth and "Downeast."

About five miles from Bucksport, Route 15 bears to the right while 1 and 3 continue on to Ellsworth. Turn right onto Route 15 and follow to Blue Hill (approximately 12 miles). Follow the signs to the Blue Hill Fair.

From Ellsworth:

Follow Route 172 from Ellsworth to Blue Hill. The Blue Hill Fair is located on Route 172.

Alternative Route:

On occasion, due to the popularity of events scheduled on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, traffic can back up on Route 172.

As an alternative route, follow Route 176 which is a circuitous route to Blue Hill. Route 176 rejoins with Route 172 in Blue Hill village. At the stop sign in Blue Hill, turn left to continue to Blue Hill Fair. Those folks who do not plan to attend the fair and wish to travel south of Blue Hill (Brooklin, Brooksville, Sedgwick, Deer Isle and Stonington areas) are urged to use this route to avoid fair-related traffic congestion.

Get ready to toss in the second Horseshoe Tournament

First Round, Saturday, September 5, 8 a.m. Finals, Monday, September 7, 9 a.m., Grandstand, near the tractor pull-in.

This year marks the second horseshoe tournament at the Blue Hill Fair. It will have the same rules as last year with the double elimination tournament. Thirty teams may enter the first round, but only eight will compete in the finals on Monday.

The \$40 per two-person team entry fee includes entry to the fairground for any round your team competes in. To register or for more information contact: David Gray at 207-479-0003, or Mark Gray at 207-479-6676.

The tournament rules

1. Opposing team members alternate tossing two horseshoes each.

2. A leaner—the horseshoe touches the stake—is awarded one point only.

3. Six inches or less from the stake is awarded one point.

4. A ringer is awarded three points.

5. The better toss cancels out any points won from the opposing team's toss. If

both opposing team members toss to win the same points, the tosses cancel each other out and no points are awarded.

6. And, finally, the first team to hit 21 points wins.



The double elimination horseshoe toss returns to the fair for the second year running, in front of the Grandstand.

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2015 Fair and Events by Day and Time

Thursday, September 3

Dollar Day

4:00 P.M.	Fair Opens	8:00 A.M.	4-H Wild Blueberry Pancake Breakfast	1:00 P.M.	Farmer's Ox 3' Canadian Style Pull
4:00 P.M.	Midway Opens	8:00 A.M.	Horseshoe Tournament	1:00 P.M.	"Team Rock" (Livestock Area)
5:00 P.M.	4-H Hand Spinners Sheep Class	9:00 A.M.	4-H and Open Beef Show	3:00 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Red Trousers Show"
6:30 P.M.	3300 Class Horse Pull (Dick Wallingford Trophy)	10:00 A.M.	Midway Opens	3:30 P.M.	3600 Class Horse Pull
7:00 P.M.	Merritt Averill 4-H Sheep Lead Line	10:00 A.M.	Farmer's Steer Pull	3:30 P.M.	Women's Skillet Toss (Grandstand Stage)
7:30 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Magnetic North"	11:00 A.M.	Midway Stage: "The Leaky Boot Jug Band"	4:00 P.M.	"Team Rock" (Livestock Area)
10:00 P.M.	Fair Closes	11:30 A.M.	Llama Demonstration (Livestock Department)	5:00 P.M.	Truck Pulling (Grandstand Stage)
		12:00 P.M.	Blue Hill Fair Open Sheep Dog Trials (Horse Show Ring)	5:00 P.M.	4-H Dairy Goat Show
		12:00 P.M.	Harness Racing plus GSA Jazz Band Performance (Grandstand Stage)	5:00 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Red Trousers Show"

Friday, September 4

Senior Citizens Day

8:00 A.M.	Fair Opens	1:00 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Red Trousers Show"	6:00 P.M.	2 lb. Rock Horse Over & Under (Blaine Gould Memorial)
9:00 A.M.	4-H Sheep Show	1:00 P.M.	3 Horse Pull	6:30 P.M.	"Team Rock" (Livestock Area)
10:00 A.M.	Oxen Scooting Contest (Horse Show Ring)	1:00 P.M.	"Team Rock" (Livestock Area)	7:30 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Cowboy Angels"
10:00 A.M.	Farmer's 4 Ox Distance Pull	3:00 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Red Trousers Show"	9:00 P.M.	Mammoth Aerial Fireworks Display
11:00 A.M.	Open Sheep Show	3:00 P.M.	Farmer's Ox Pull	10:00 P.M.	Fair Closes
11:00 A.M.	Llama Demonstration (Livestock Department)	4:00 P.M.	Wild Blueberry Pie Eating Contest (Grandstand Stage)		
12:00 P.M.	Midway Opens	4:00 P.M.	Sweepstakes Horse Pull (Wendell Grindle Memorial)		
1:00 P.M.	3000 Class Horse Pull	4:00 P.M.	"Team Rock" (Livestock Area)		
1:00 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Red Trousers Show"	5:00 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Red Trousers Show"		
2:30 P.M.	"Team Rock" (Livestock Area)	6:30 P.M.	"Team Rock" (Livestock Area)		
2:30 P.M.	3200 Class Horse Pull	6:30 P.M.	3400 Class 15' Horse Pull, Over and Under		
3:00 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Red Trousers Show"	7:30 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Tomorrow Morning"		
4:00 P.M.	Oxen Scooting Contest (Horse Show Ring)	7:30 P.M.	James McMurtry & the Heartless Bastards (Grandstand Stage)		
4:00 P.M.	3400 Class Horse Pull (Razor Crossman Memorial)	10:00 P.M.	Fair Closes		
4:30 P.M.	"Team Rock" (Livestock Area)				
5:00 P.M.	Youth Sheep Obstacle Course				
5:00 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Red Trousers Show"				
5:30 P.M.	Antique Tractor Pulling, Maine Antique Tractor Club (Grandstand)				

Monday, September 7

8:00 A.M.	Fair Opens
8:30 A.M.	ADGA Dairy Goat Show
9:00 A.M.	Horseshoe Tournament Finals
10:00 A.M.	Farmer's Ox and Steer Obstacle Course
10:00 A.M.	Midway Opens
10:00 A.M.	Llama Demonstration (Livestock Department)
11:00 A.M.	Herdsmen and Special Awards (Livestock Show Ring)
11:00 A.M.	Midway Stage: "Maine Street R&B"
11:00 A.M.	No-Bake Cookie Bake Off (Exhibit Hall)
12:00 P.M.	"Team Rock" (Livestock Area)
1:00 P.M.	2 lb. Rock Horse Pull, Open
1:30 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Red Trousers Show"
2:30 P.M.	"Team Rock" (Livestock Area)
3:00 P.M.	3200 Class 15' Horse Pull, 15' Elimination
3:30 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Red Trousers Show"
4:00 P.M.	Demolition Derby (Grandstand Stage)
5:00 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Red Trousers Show"
5:30 P.M.	"Team Rock" (Livestock Area)
7:00 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Crown Vics"
9:00 P.M.	Fair Closes

Sunday, September 6

8:00 A.M.	Fair Opens
9:00 A.M.	4-H and Open Dairy Cattle Show
9:00 A.M.	Youth Horse Show (Horse Show Ring)
10:00 A.M.	Midway Opens
10:00 A.M.	Farmer's Oxen Kids Pull
10:30 A.M.	Farmer's Ox 3' Canadian Style
11:00 A.M.	Llama Demonstration (Livestock Department)
11:00 A.M.	Midway Stage: "Junkyard Cats"
12:00 P.M.	Northeast U.S. Sheep Dog Trials (Grandstand Stage)
1:00 P.M.	Midway Stage: "Red Trousers Show"

Saturday, September 5

Wild Blueberry Day

8:00 A.M.	"Wilbur's" 5K Road Race
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2015 Fair Events by Activity

HORSE AND OXEN PULLING PROGRAM

Thursday, September 3

6:30 P.M. 3300 Class Horse Pull
(Dick Wallingford Trophy)

Friday, September 4

10:00 A.M. Farmer's 4 Ox Distance Pull
10:00 A.M. Oxen Scooting Contest
(Horse Show Ring)

1:00 P.M. 3000 Class Horse Pull
2:30 P.M. 3200 Class Horse Pull
4:00 P.M. Oxen Scooting Contest
(Horse Show Ring)

4:00 P.M. 3400 Class Horse Pull
(Razor Crossman Memorial)
6:30 P.M. 4700 Class 3-Horse
Hitch, Over & Under, 20'
Elimination

Saturday, September 5

10:00 A.M. Farmer's Steer Pull
1:00 P.M. 3 Horse Pull
3:00 P.M. Farmer's Ox Pull
4:00 P.M. Sweepstakes Horse Pull
(Wendell Grindle Memorial)
6:30 P.M. 3400 Class 15' Horse Pull,
Over & Under

Sunday, September 6

10:00 A.M. Farmer's Oxen Kids Pull
10:30 A.M. Farmer's Ox 3' Canadian
Style Pull
1:00 P.M. Farmer's Ox 3' Canadian
Style Pull
3:00 P.M. 3600 Class Horse Pull
6:00 P.M. 2 lb. Rock Horse Pull, Over
& Under (Blaine Gould
Memorial)

Monday, September 7

1:00 P.M. 2 lb. Rock Horse Pull, Open
3:00 P.M. 3200 Class 15' Horse Pull, 15'

LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Thursday, September 3

5:00 P.M. 4-H Hand Spinners Sheep Class
7:00 P.M. Merritt Averill 4-H Sheep
Lead Line

Friday, September 4

9:00 A.M. 4-H Sheep Show
11:00 A.M. Open Sheep Show
11:00 A.M. Llama Demonstration
(Livestock Dept.)
5:00 P.M. Youth Sheep Obstacle Course

Saturday, September 5

9:00 A.M. 4-H and Open Beef Show
10:00 A.M. Farmer's Steer Pull
11:30 A.M. Llama Demonstration
(Livestock Dept.)
12:00 P.M. BH Fair Open Sheep Dog
Trials (Horse Show Ring)

Sunday, September 6

9:00 A.M. 4-H & Open Dairy Cattle Show
9:00 A.M. Youth Horse Show (Horse
Show Ring)
11:00 A.M. Llama Demonstration
(Livestock Dept.)
12:00 P.M. Northeast U.S. Sheep Dog
Trials (Grandstand)
5:00 P.M. 4-H Dairy Goat Show

Monday, September 7

8:30 A.M. ADGA Dairy Goat Show
10:00 A.M. Farmer's Ox and Steer
Obstacle Course
10:00 A.M. Llama Demonstration
(Livestock Dept.)
11:00 A.M. Herdsman and Special Awards
(Livestock Show Ring)

ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, September 3

7:30 P.M. Midway Stage: "Magnetic
North"

Friday, September 4

1:00 P.M. Midway Stage: "Red Trousler
Show"
2:30 P.M. "Team Rock" (Livestock Area)
3:00 P.M. Midway Stage: "Red Trousler
Show"
4:30 P.M. "Team Rock" (Livestock Area)
5:00 P.M. Midway Stage: "Red Trousler
Show"
5:30 P.M. Antique Tractor Pulling,
Maine Antique Tractor Club
(Grandstand)
6:30 P.M. "Team Rock" (Livestock Area)
7:30 P.M. Midway Stage: "Whiskey
Militia"

Saturday, September 5

8:00 A.M. Horseshoe Tournament
(Grandstand)
8:00 A.M. "Wilbur's" 5K Road Race
(Grandstand)
11:00 A.M. Midway Stage: "The Leaky
Boot Jug Band"
12:00 P.M. Harness Racing, plus GSA
Jazz Band (Grandstand)
1:00 P.M. Midway Stage: "Red Trousler
Show"
1:00 P.M. "Team Rock" (Livestock Area)
3:00 P.M. Midway Stage: "Red Trousler
Show"
4:00 P.M. "Team Rock" (Livestock Area)
5:00 P.M. Midway Stage: "Red Trousler
Show"
6:30 P.M. "Team Rock" (Livestock Area)
7:30 P.M. Midway Stage: "Tomorrow
Morning"
7:30 P.M. James McMurtry &
The Heartless Bastards
(Grandstand)

Sunday, September 6

11:00 A.M. Midway Stage: "Junkyard Cats"
1:00 P.M. Midway Stage: "Red Trousler
Show"
1:00 P.M. "Team Rock" (Livestock Area)
3:00 P.M. Midway Stage: "Red Trousler
Show"
3:30 P.M. Women's Skillet Toss
(Grandstand)
4:00 P.M. "Team Rock" (Livestock
Area)
5:00 P.M. Truck Pulling (Grandstand)
5:00 P.M. Midway Stage: "Red Trousler
Show"
6:30 P.M. "Team Rock" (Livestock
Area)
7:30 P.M. Midway Stage: "Cowboy
Angels"
9:00 P.M. Mammoth Aerial Fireworks
Display

Monday, September 7

9:00 A.M. Horseshoe Tournament Finals
(Grandstand)
11:00 A.M. Midway Stage: "Maine Street
R&B"
12:00 P.M. "Team Rock" (Livestock
Area)
1:30 P.M. Midway Stage: "Red Trousler
Show"
2:30 P.M. "Team Rock" (Livestock
Area)
3:30 P.M. Midway Stage: "Red Trousler
Show"
4:00 P.M. Demolition Derby
(Grandstand)
5:00 P.M. Midway Stage: "Red Trousler
Show"
5:30 P.M. "Team Rock" (Livestock
Area)
7:00 P.M. Midway Stage: "Crown Vics"

FOOD, COOKING & EATING CONTESTS

Friday, September 4

7:30 P.M. Beef Recipe Cook Off
(Livestock Show Ring)
7:30 P.M. 4-H Cake Contest (Livestock
Show Ring)

Saturday, September 5

8:00 A.M. 4-H Wild Blueberry Pancake
Breakfast
1:00 P.M. Blueberry Pie/Blueberry
Muffin Baking Contest
4:00 P.M. Wild Blueberry Pie Eating
Contest

Monday, September 7

11:00 A.M. No Bake Bake-off Contest
(Exhibit Hall)

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