

# 2017 Maine Potato Blossom Festival Schedule

## *Class Reunions*

**Class of 1967 –VFW July 15 at 4pm. Call Mary (Rochford) Hunter 764-1550 FMI**

**Class of 1972 – AVCC July 15 at 6pm. Call John McCrea 551-9332 FMI**

**Class of 1977 – Lions Club July 14 5pm. Find more info on Facebook or Contact Chuck Bruce 776-4995**

**Class of 1982 – Lions Club July 15 5pm Call Kim (Adams) Clark 540-8311 FMI**

**Class of 1987 – Gathering at Scott Clark’s House July 15 5pm Call 554-7426 FMI**

**Class of 1992 – Fish & Game Club Friday July 14**

**Class of 2007 – Call 312-813-7404 Sadie (Ayoob) Valdiviezo or contact her on Facebook for details**

***Special thanks to Cary Medical Center, The Maine Potato Board, Katahdin Trust Company, The Aroostook Medical Center, Pineland Farms, McGillan Inc., Emera Maine, I Care Pharmacy and ReEnergy for their contributions to The Maine Potato Blossom Festival!***

## ***Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>***

**Noon Bridge Party** at The Fort Fairfield Library. Come try your hand at one of the most popular card games on the planet in a friendly atmosphere. Call Sue for more information 473-7951.

**7:00p The Pre-Teen Miss Maine Potato Queen Pageant.** Located at the Fort Fairfield Middle/High School Gymnasium - \$8.00 Admission - Sponsored by: [Northeast Packaging, Inc.](#)

## ***Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>***

**8:00a-4:00p Town Wide Yard Sale** Only \$5 to participate and get your sale on the map! Contact the Town Office at 472-3800 for more information. Maps can be picked up at most Fort Fairfield businesses. Sponsored by: Fort Fairfield Chamber of Commerce

**9:00a Chess Tournament** at the Bandstand on Main Street, 4-round chess tournament U.S.C.F Membership needed. Registration fee of \$20 if registered by July 1st or \$25 on day of event. Registration begins at 8:30a and ends at 9:00a. Rounds are 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm and 2:30pm. Trophies awarded for First and Second place and top Female player. For more information contact Ray Haines 476-5960 or Lance Belangie 498-3206.

**9:00a Horseshoe Tournament** - Riverside Park \$10 per person/\$20 per team. Cash prizes \$150 for 1st place and \$100 for second place. BBQ provided by Boy Scout Troop #194 Sponsored by: Emera Maine and Fort Fairfield Boy Scouts Troop #194

**7:00p The Teen Miss Maine Potato Queen Pageant,** located at the Fort Fairfield Middle/High School Gymnasium - \$8.00 Admission - Sponsored by: [Northeast Packaging, Inc.](#)

## ***Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>***

**7:00a – 10:00a Potato Blossom Festival Breakfast** at the Fort Fairfield Snowmobile Club located on the Strickland Road. Menu will consist of bacon, eggs, sausage, toast, homemade beans, home fries, French toast, pancakes coffee and juice. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

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**2:00p Annual Alumni Social** - Fort Fairfield Middle/High School Cafeteria. \$5 per person. Doors open at 1pm. Sponsored by: Alumni Committee.

**4:00p Frontier Heritage Hymn Sing** Historic Friend's Church on Houlton Road. Come join us and raise your voice in song! Local musicians and singers will join us and entertain with their wonderful talents. Sponsored by: Frontier Heritage Historical Society

## ***Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>***

**Coloring Contest** - Forms can be picked up at [The County Federal Credit Union](#) in Fort Fairfield. Budding artists, come give some color to our totally tubular tuber! Prizes awarded to our top sprouts! Judging takes place at 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 14th Sponsored by: The County Federal Credit Union

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**6:00p The Fiddleheads** at the Community Bandstand on Main Street. Theses local fiddlers of all ages will dazzle you with their skill as they play a variety of traditional favorites! Sponsored by: Maine's Credit Unions

**7:00p Household Pet Show** Located at CP Park across from the I.G.A. Bring your furry friends and show off your pet's beauty and talent at this popular event. Leashes are required. Ribbons awarded to every pet. Entry fee of \$2.00 per pet. Donations of food, cleaning supplies and blankets for [Central Aroostook Humane Society](#) are very much appreciated. Call 768-1367 for info.

### **TWO SHOWS! 7:00p & 8:00p Francis Malcolm Science Center Planetarium Theater Show.**

Experience the excitement of our new digital projection system during these special free screenings of "2 Small Pieces of Glass" detailing the wonders of the telescope as well as highlights featuring Summer night sky wonder from northern Maine. **Donations appreciated and Reservations are recommended as space is limited.** Contact FMSC at 488-5451 for more info.

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**10:00p-5:00p Love Your Library Day** Fort Fairfield Public Library. Come take a tour of our historic Carnegie Library, visit with our staff and learn about our many programs. Check out our Jesse Drew Historical room and all the free genealogy resources we provide. Call 472-3880 for more info.

**6:00p Wednesday Evening Fiddlers** Community Bandstand on Main Street. Blending performers of all ages from both sides of the border, these talented musicians always draw a crowd! Sponsored by: Maine's Credit Unions

**6:30p Baby & Bike Parade Registration NEW NIGHT & LOCATION** Meet at the Town Clock on Main Street. Decorate your bike, paint your wagon or dress up your child's stroller and join in the fun! **Parade will march through Field's Lane at 7p.** Pre-register by calling Melissa at 472-3651 Sponsored by: H.O. Perry Insurance

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**10:30a-11:30a Family Story Time** Fort Fairfield Public Library. Let's talk about taters with your little spud – ages newborn to 5. No registration required. Call 472-3880 for more info.

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**6:00p FFHS Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet** FFMHS Cafeteria. Only 100 tickets will be available for this special event. Reserve your ticket today by contacting Larry Gardner at [lgardner@msad20.org](mailto:lgardner@msad20.org). Cost of the tickets are \$30 each and will feature choice of Prime Rib or Baked Stuffed Haddock prepared by Governors. Social Hour from 5-6. Induction ceremony begins at 7.

**5:00p-8:00p Potato Picking Contest NEW LOCATION!** Located next to the Adventure Park on the FFMHS Athletic Fields. Open to pickers of all ages! Come try your hand at picking Maine potatoes the old fashioned way, using only a basket, barrel and your hands! Race the clock and your friends and maybe you'll be lucky enough to walk away with one of our fabulous prizes! Sponsored by: Hillside I.G.A.

**5:00p-8:00p Cary Inflatable Adventure Park** - Race, bounce, and slide your way through our giant inflatable park. There's even a water slide! Kids of all ages will have a blast at this popular summer event - located at the Fort Fairfield High School Athletic Complex. Rain location: Community Center Sponsored by: [Cary Medical Center](#), [Pines Health Services](#)

**5:30p Maine Potato Boards Annual Meeting/Industry @ F.A.R.M. PARK**, West Limestone Road Honoring the Farm Family of the Year and the Young Farmer of the Year. For more information please contact the Maine Potato Board -769-5061. Sponsored by: [Maine Potato Board](#), [Maine Potato Growers](#) & [Farm Credit Service](#)

**6:00p Beer Garden**-Village Square parking lot - **ID REQUIRED** Sponsored by: VFW Post 6187

**6:00p Brian and Doug from Common Crossing** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. Brian and Doug form a powerful duo with their stripped down acoustic sound. These local favorites know how to get a party started! Sponsored by: Emera Maine, Allen's Coffee Brandy, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, White Smiles Family Dentistry, & Maine's Credit Unions

**8:00p French Toast** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. French Toast have generated a considerable following in the County and beyond with their infectious take on classics new and old. Bring your dancing shoes! Sponsored by: Emera Maine, Allen's Coffee Brandy, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, White Smiles Family Dentistry, & Maine's Credit Unions

**8:30p Family Movie Under the Stars** - Featuring "*The Secret Life of Pets*" The quiet life of a terrier named Max is upended when his owner takes in Duke, a stray whom Max instantly dislikes. We'll provide the popcorn! Grab your blankets or lawn chairs and join us for an evening under the stars watching a movie on our jumbo outdoor screen! Located at the Fort Fairfield Middle High School Athletic Complex. **Rain location:** Community Center Gym. Sponsored by: [Cary Medical Center](#), [Pines Health Services](#)

### **Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00a Food Court open to the Public**-Sponsored by: [I CARE PHARMACY](#). McGillan Construction & Maine Potato Blossom Festival Committee.

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**9:00a Bike Rodeo** Main Street next to CP Station Park. Kids 12 and under. Bring your bike & helmet and join in the fun! Sponsored by: The Fort Fairfield Rotary Club

**10:00a The County Federal Credit Union Coloring Contest Judging** at Village Square.

**11:00am The Spuddy Buddy Challenge** Pre-register by calling The County Federal Credit Union at 472-7838 to reserve your child's chance to help Spuddy find one of his lost buddies in the community. Kids ages 6-12. Pick up your clue card Friday morning between 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the credit union located in Village Square. Cards will contain clues on how to help. Space is limited; pre-registration is strongly recommended, only 40 clue cards available. Sponsored by: The County Federal Credit Union

**Noon-2:00p & 5:00p-7:00p Blockhouse Tours.** Main Street. Step into the past and explore the fort that put the Fort in Fort Fairfield! Open to the public. Sponsored by: Frontier Heritage Historical Society

**4:00p Speed Chess Tournament.** Located in the white church tent and picnic tables at the Chicken BBQ site on Main Street. \$5 registration fee. 4-Round speed chess tournament. Players will play best out of three games, each round lasts ten minutes.

**6:00p Mashed Potato Wrestling** Located in the Food Court. A Maine Potato Blossom Festival favorite! Here's your chance to take off the picking gloves and get into a no-holds barred tuber throw down! Mash your opponent in our russet ring and claim the title of Top Tater! (Bragging rights only!) Call 472-3800 to pre-register and take a step toward gooey glory! Sponsored by: [HSF Food, LTD](#) & The Fort Fairfield Fire Department

**6:00p Beer Garden**-Village Square parking lot - ID REQUIRED. Sponsored by: VFW Post 6187

**6:00p Travis Cyr** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. The County's own 'Hardest Working Man in Show Business' Travis has been driving his freight train of cerebral Americana folk & roots music all around the beautiful state of Maine earning fans and well-deserved praise for his unique style and sound. Sponsored by: Emera Maine, Allen's Coffee Brandy, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, White Smiles Family Dentistry, & Maine's Credit Unions

**8:00p JD Gilbert** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. JD Gilbert is a variety band that mixes top 40 country with pop and rock hits bringing a summer beach party atmosphere to every show. JD has opened for many country and classic rock artists such as, Kelsey Ballerini, Maddie and Tae, Trace Adkins, Marshall Tucker Band, Charlie Daniels Band, and many more. This is a show you won't want to miss! Sponsored by: Emera Maine, Allen's Coffee Brandy, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, White Smiles Family Dentistry, & Maine's Credit Unions

### ***Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>***

**6:00a-10:00a Pancake Breakfast** Corner of Depot and Brown Streets. Rain or shine. Cost is \$5 per person. Breakfast includes, pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee, tea, milk or orange juice. Sponsored by: Frontier Heritage Historical Society

**6:30a Aroostook Valley Country Club 3-Person Golf Scramble.** Minimum team handicap of 30. Call AVCC at 476-8083 to register. Sponsored by: [The Aroostook Valley Country Club](#).

**7:30a 5 Miler Road Race Registration.** Walkers start at 8:30am, Runners start at 9:00am. Cost: \$15 per person which includes a T-shirt for the first 70 to register. Location: across from Hillside IGA on Main Street. For more information contact Rob Langner at 227-6075. Sponsored by: [Coca-Cola](#) and Hillside IGA

**8:00a-5:00p Sidewalk Arts and Crafts** At the Community Bandstand and surrounding park. Sponsored by Laureate Gamma Sorority - [Registration Form](#)

**8:00a-10:00a The One Room School House Tours.** The school house will be open for tours during the pancake breakfast. Sponsored by Frontier Heritage Society

**8:30a 5 Miler Road Race Walkers Start.** Location: Across from Hillside IGA on Main Street Sponsored by: [Coca-Cola](#), [S.W. Collins](#)

**9:00a 5 Miler Road Race Runners Start.** Location: Across from Hillside IGA on Main Street Sponsored by: [Coca-Cola](#), [S.W. Collins](#)

**9:00a Food Court open to the Public**-Sponsored by: [I CARE PHARMACY](#), McGillan Construction & Maine Potato Blossom Festival Committee

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**9:00a-noon Maine Potato Blossom Festival Police Car Show – Festival Main Stage Area** Come check out cruisers from throughout the County and beyond as law enforcement agencies show off a wide variety of current and classic police vehicles. Sponsored by: Fort Fairfield Police Department

**9:30a-until sold out-St. Paul's Episcopal Church Chicken BBQ** – Adjacent to the Food Court on Main Street. A Festival Favorite!

**10:00a-1:00p Blockhouse Tours.** Main Street. Step into the past and explore the fort that put the Fort in Fort Fairfield! Open to the public. Sponsored by: Frontier Heritage Historical Society

**11:00a Parade Line-Up.** Please report to assigned lot.

**11:00a Beer Garden-Village Square parking lot - ID REQUIRED.** Sponsored by: VFW Post 6187

**11:30a Human Chess Game.** Located at the Food Court on Main Street. Human chess game with 32 people standing as chess pieces. Sign up to be a live chess piece. T-shirt included for participants. Sponsored by: [TEMPO Employment Agency](#)

**1:00p 2017 Maine Potato Blossom Festival Parade** Sponsored by: Hillside IGA and [ReMax Central](#)

**3:00p 2nd Annual International Tater Tot Eating Competition** Located in the Food Court. Come put your money where your mouth is and race the clock, and your competitors, to see how fast you can chow down on a heaping pile of locally grown and produced Tater Tots! Men's, Women's and Youth divisions. Prizes awarded for first and second place in each division. Registration is only \$5! Sponsored by: McCain Foods USA, Boondocks Grille and the Maine Agri-Women.

**3:00p Antique Tractor Pulls** F.A.R.M Park on West Limestone Road. Come join the excitement as equipment from the past is put to the test! Hotdog, hamburgers and drinks for sale. Sponsored by: [McCain Foods](#), [Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club](#) and Kilcollins Farms.

**3:00p Star City Syndicate** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. By day, the members of the Star City Syndicate are mild-mannered music teachers, postal workers, clergy, or other unassuming members of the community. By night, (and on select weekends & summer weekday-early-afternoons) they meld their various musical interests and backgrounds into the driving, thumping, horn-resounding, soul-burning Motown tour de force The Star City Syndicate. Blending songs from old-school Detroit with deeper cuts from bands such as Gnarl Barkley and The Heavy, The Star City Syndicate is the melodic guilty pleasure of a group of people who just want to play the songs we all love. Sponsored by: Emera Maine, Allen's Coffee Brandy, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, White Smiles Family Dentistry, & Maine's Credit Unions

**4:00p Pine and Spurs Riding Club Horse Show** at the show grounds on the Damboise Rd. We will have Game classes on Saturday evening beginning around 4PM. The performance classes will be held on Sunday beginning at 9AM. Open to the public & free of charge to watch. Concessions available on site Sunday. FMI contact Margy Spence 473-7119 or visit their Facebook page.

**5:30p Adam Nadeau** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. Adam hails from the other Fort (Kent) and plays guitar with great skill while injecting his own style into his vast song repertoire which spans the generations; from Johnny Cash to Paul Simon to Dave Matthews! Sponsored

by: Emera Maine, Allen's Coffee Brandy, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, White Smiles Family Dentistry, & Maine's Credit Unions

**7:00p Kilcollins and the Vargas Twins** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. Beard clad and barefoot, "acoustic maestro" Ben Kilcollins has been busy raising his voice around New England's musical neighborhood. Wielding his acoustic guitar, Kilcollins seamlessly unites dirty rock with romantic comedies, provoking a sound only his voice can command. With five albums under his belt, Kilcollins brings energy and charisma to the studio and the stage. Originally from Fort Fairfield, Kilcollins is ecstatic to return to his hometown to play his music for the people who helped shape his voice. Sponsored by: Emera Maine, Allen's Coffee Brandy, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, White Smiles Family Dentistry, & Maine's Credit Unions

**7:30p The Maine Potato Queen Pageant** Located at the Fort Fairfield Middle/High School Gymnasium - \$8.00 Admission - Sponsored by: [Northeast Packaging, Inc.](#)

**9:00p Tickle** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. Tickle is a modern pop dance band hailing from Portland, ME with a touch of old school R&B/Funk and Classic Rock. From Rhianna to Aerosmith to James Brown, they play the tunes that get the party started and keep it going until the very last note! Sponsored by: Emera Maine, Allen's Coffee Brandy, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, White Smiles Family Dentistry, & Maine's Credit Unions

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**9:00a Food Court open to the Public**-Sponsored by: [I CARE PHARMACY](#), McGillan, Inc. & Maine Potato Blossom Festival Committee

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**10:00a-5:00p Sidewalk Arts and Crafts** at the Community Bandstand and surrounding park. Sponsored by: Laureate Gamma Sorority - [Registration Form](#)

**10:00a-2:00p Antique Car Show and Shine** at Riverside Park. Antique car display with trophies awarded in classes plus The Peoples' Choice Award. Several pieces of old farm equipment and tractors will also be on display. Bring the kids and have them hop aboard our unique Tractor Train for a memorable ride around Riverside park. Sponsored by: Sponsored by Caldwell's Auto and Kilcollins

Farms, and The Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club. Concessions available. Sponsored by: Boy Scout Troop #194

**Noon-2:00p Blockhouse Tours.** Main Street. Step into the past and explore the fort that put the Fort in Fort Fairfield! Open to the public. Sponsored by: Frontier Heritage Historical Society

**Noon Rubber Duck Race on the Aroostook River** It's a race for riches with rubber ducks battling it out as they go with the flow from the bridge to the boat launch! Ducks are dumped from the bridge at noon. Contact Kerby Doughty 551-6851 or EJ Dorsey 551-9088 to purchase your ducks in advance for \$5 each. Sponsored by: Frontier Fish and Game Club

**Noon-4:00p Fort Fairfield Fire Department Car Wash** Located at the [Fort Fairfield Fire Dept](#) on Community Center Drive. Let our hose-handling professionals get your wheels in show shape! This is a free car wash but donations are appreciated!

**2:00p "Flotilla of Fun" on the Aroostook River!** Bring your kayaks, canoe, and lifejackets and join us on the Aroostook River for an afternoon of floating and fun. Start at Forbes' Landing and end at Giggey's Landing just after the bridge. Enjoy the serenity and many opportunities to watch the wildlife along the river. Canoe & kayak rentals available upon reservation by calling Kayak Country 540-6573

**4:30-6:00p Frontier Fish & Game Annual Baked Bean Supper** at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Main Street. \$8.00 per person. To-go meals available. FMI contact Kerby Doughty 551-6851. Sponsored by: Frontier Fish & Game Club

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**5:00p Kings of Karaoke** at the Community Bandstand on Main Street. A genre-defying display of our local vocal talents! Sponsored by: Maine's Credit Unions

**7:00p Unlucky Joe** on the Festival Main Stage! Main Street across from the Food Court. For more than a dozen years, Unlucky Joe has wowed crowds with their groove metal sound. Come rock out before the Fireworks finale directly across the river from where the fireworks are launched! Sponsored by: Emera Maine, Allen's Coffee Brandy, Caribou Inn & Convention Center, White Smiles Family Dentistry, & Maine's Credit Unions

**At Dusk - FIREWORKS ON THE AROOSTOOK RIVER** – Join us along the Aroostook River for the BEST seats in TOWN in Fort Fairfield! Come watch our annual Fireworks Display on the Aroostook River. Sponsored by: [The Maine Potato Board](#), McGillan Inc, ReEnery and Pineland Farms

## ***Maine Potato Blossom Festival Pageants***

All pageants will be held at the Fort Fairfield Middle/High School Gymnasium. Admission is \$8.00 and tickets are available at the door.

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## ***2017 Maine Potato Blossom Festival Parade***

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## **2017 Maine Potato Blossom Festival – “Just Kids Stuff”**

### **Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Coloring Contest** - Forms can be picked up at [The County Federal Credit Union](#) in Fort Fairfield. Budding artists, come give some color to our totally tubular tuber! Prizes awarded to our top sprouts! Judging takes place at 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 14th Sponsored by: The County Federal Credit Union

### **Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30a-11:30a Family Story Time** Fort Fairfield Public Library. Let's talk about taters with your little spud – ages newborn to 5. No registration required. Call 472-3880 for more info

**3:00 to 5:00p Family Canoe & Kayak Fun Day** At the Fish and Game Club on Monson Pond. Come spend the afternoon paddling on the pond! FREE - Hotdog B.B.Q to follow. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For info call Garrett Martin at 356-7781. Sponsored by: Frontier Fish & Game Club & 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program.

**7:00p Household Pet Show** Located at CP Park across from the I.G.A. Bring your furry friends and show off your pet's beauty and talent at this popular event. Leashes are required. Ribbons awarded to every pet. Entry fee of \$2.00 per pet. Donations of food, cleaning supplies and blankets for [Central Aroostook Humane Society](#) are very much appreciated. Call 768-1367 for info.

### **Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00p-5:00p Love Your Library Day** Fort Fairfield Public Library. Come take a tour of our historic Carnegie Library, visit with our staff and learn about our many programs. Check out our Jesse Drew Historical room and all the free genealogy resources we provide. Call 472-3880 for more info.

**6:30p Baby & Bike Parade Registration** At the Town Clock on Main Street. Decorate your bike, paint your wagon or dress up your child's stroller and join in the fun! **Parade will march through Field's Lane at 7p.** FMI contact Melissa at 472-3651 Sponsored by: H.O. Perry Insurance

### **Thursday, July 13th**

**5:00p-8:00p Potato Picking Contest NEW LOCATION!** Located next to the Adventure Park on the FFMHS Athletic Fields. Open to pickers of all ages! Come try your hand at picking Maine potatoes the old fashioned way, using only a basket, barrel and your hands! Race the clock and your friends and maybe you'll be lucky enough to walk away with one of our fabulous prizes! Sponsored by: Hillside I.G.A.

**5:00p-8:00p Cary Inflatable Adventure Park** - Race, bounce, and slide your way through our giant inflatable park. There's even a water slide! Kids of all ages will have a blast at this popular summer event - located at the Fort Fairfield High School Athletic Complex. Rain location: Community Center Sponsored by: [Cary Medical Center](#), [Pines Health Services](#)

**8:30p Family Movie Under the Stars** - Featuring "**The Secret Life of Pets**" The quiet life of a terrier named Max is upended when his owner takes in Duke, a stray whom Max instantly dislikes. We'll provide the popcorn! Grab your blankets or lawn chairs and join us for an evening under the stars watching a movie on our jumbo outdoor screen! Located at the Fort Fairfield Middle High School Athletic Complex. **Rain location:** Community Center Gym. Sponsored by: [Cary Medical Center](#), [Pines Health Services](#)

### **Friday, July 14th**

**9:00a Bike Rodeo** Main Street next to CP Station Park. Kids 12 and under. Bring your bike & helmet and join in the fun! Sponsored by: The Fort Fairfield Rotary Club

**11:00am The Spuddy Buddy Challenge** Pre-register by calling The County Federal Credit Union at 472-7838 to reserve your child's chance to help Spuddy find one of his lost buddies in the community. Kids ages 6-12. Pick up your clue card Friday morning between 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the credit union located in Village Square. Cards will contain clues on how to help. Space is limited; pre-registration is strongly recommended, only 40 clue cards available. Sponsored by: The County Federal Credit Union

**6:00p Mashed Potato Wrestling** Located in the Food Court. A Maine Potato Blossom Festival favorite! Here's your chance to take off the picking gloves and get into a no-holds barred tuber throw down! Mash your opponent in our russet ring and claim the title of Top Tater! (Bragging rights only!) Call 472-3800 to pre-register and take a step toward gooey glory! Sponsored by: [HSF Food, LTD](#) & The Fort Fairfield Fire Department

### **Saturday, July 15th**

**1:00p 2017 Maine Potato Blossom Festival Parade** Sponsored by: Hillside IGA and [ReMax Central](#)

**3:00p The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Tater Tot Eating Competition** Located in the Food Court. Come put your money where your mouth is and race the clock, and other competitors, to see how fast you can chow down on a heaping pile of locally grown and produced Tater Tots! Men's, Women's and Youth divisions. Prizes awarded for first and second place in each division. Registration is only \$5! Sponsored by: McCain Foods USA, Boondocks Grille and the Maine Agri-Women.

### **Sunday, July 16th**

**8:00a-7:00p Children's Tractor Train Rides** at Riverside Park. Bring the kids and have them hop aboard our unique Tractor Train for a memorable ride around the park. Sponsored by: The Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club

***DUSK - COME ENJOY FIREWORKS OVER THE AROOSTOOK RIVER***

***Thank You!***

We would like to thank all of our 2017 sponsors and volunteers for their generous support again this year...Without you, an event of this size would not happen. Thank you for your continued support. A special thank you to I CARE Pharmacy for their ongoing support and sponsorship of the food court.

## **2018 Festival Dates**

July 14th - July 22nd, 2018.....Be sure to save the dates & remember the Maine Potato Blossom Festival Parade is ALWAYS the THIRD Saturday in JULY.....See you there!!