

WELCOME TO MADAWASKA'S 47TH ANNUAL ACADIAN FESTIVAL

August 14th - 17th, 2025



www.madawaskaacadianfestival.com



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH

- 6pm **MS ACADIAN FESTIVAL PAGEANT** ~ Join us for our 1st annual pageant! Madawaska High School Cafeteria. Multiple categories for a variety of age groups. Mini Miss (0-3yrs) up to Mrs. (30+yrs), also Miss Acadian Talent Queen and Grand Reveille Acadian Queen. Contestants need to register before July 15th. Please contact Danielle Cote (207.316.2463 or danielle.cote4@icloud.com) for more information or to sign up.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH

- RESTAURANT POUTINE CONTEST** Local restaurants will compete for bragging rights for the best poutine! Local restaurants can contact Kendra at (603) 361-2169.
- 9am~4pm **BASKET RAFFLE** Senior Citizen Center, 105-11th Avenue
- 1pm **CHARLEMAGNE TOURNAMENT** Senior Citizen Center, 105-11th Avenue. \$5.00 entry per person. Contact: Pauline Marquis (207-728-4737)
- 6pm **CO-ED ADULT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT** ~ Pre-registration is required. \$10 per player. Call the Madawaska Rec Dept for more details. 207.728.3604
- 6pm~8pm **SOIREE DU BON VIEUX TEMPS** Bi-Centennial Park. Music by: SHOWTIME

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH

- 9am~4pm **BASKET RAFFLE** Madawaska Senior Center (Forever YoungClub), 105-11th Avenue.
- 10am~5:30pm **QUILTING SHOW** ~ Daigle's Furniture Store, 350 Main St. Sponsored by the Acadian Quilters & Daigle's Furniture.
- 10am~4pm **ART EXPO** ~ St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce, 356 Main St. Les Artistes de la Vallee St. Jean
- 10am~4pm **CRAFT FAIR** ~ Madawaska High School Cafeteria 7th Avenue. Applications online or contact St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce office. Craft Fair Contact: Bern Thibeault (207-543-2151)
- 10am **WATERMELON EATING CONTEST** 58 Main St. Free for children & adults. Watermelon & prizes donated by Hannaford.
- 10am **ACADIAN MASS** at Mizpah. Location: Doucette Rd in Grand Isle
- 11am~2pm **FREE PLOYES!** Visit NorState Federal Credit Union, 78 Fox St.
- 11am~2pm **SENIOR PICNIC** Multi-Purpose Building, 7th Avenue. Music by: Acadian Singers. Price \$5 per person. Menu: Hot Dogs & Beans. Sponsored by: American Legion Post #147 & Little Debbie's (CHASE), & the Acadian Festival.
- 2pm~5pm **MUSIC BY JANN VOTAW**

FROLIC ACADIEN & NATIONAL ACADIAN DAY

MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER, 7TH AVENUE

- 5:30pm **MADAWASKA MALISEET FIRST NATION CULTURAL DEMONSTRATION** Join us for a powerful drumming demonstration by a representative of the Madawaska

Maliseet First Nation. Celebrate the rhythms and spirit of Indigenous culture woven into our region's Acadian heritage.

- 6pm **TINTAMARRE PARADE** ~ Bring your noisemakers, pots, pans and Grosse Tetes. Come join us for this Acadian tradition! FMI contact acadianfestival@gmail.com
- 6:30pm **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT** ~ 20 teams of 2 needed. \$25 per team. Winner gets bragging rights, cash prizes and names added to Tournament trophy. To register, contact Madawaska Rec Dept. 207-728-3604.
- 6pm **THE ART OF J** ~ Lewiston caricature artist J Anthony Fiori.
- 6pm~9pm **FREE FACE PAINTING** ~ by Melanie Boucher
- 5pm~10pm **FOOD VENDORS ON SITE**
- 6pm **ROCK N ROLL RACING** Super Speedway Track Event \$3 for a 15-Lap Race.
- 6:30~9:30pm **PHIL SMITH MAGIC** ~ Phil Smith, master magician performs strolling/roaming magic for all ages.
- 6pm~10pm **BEER GARDEN** ~ by Inn of Acadia
- 7pm~8:30pm **MUSIC BY DAVE LIZOTTE** ~ classic rock music
- 8:30pm~10pm **STAR CITY SYNDICATE** A group of Maine based musicians with diverse backgrounds playing Motown, Classic Pop and Contemporary music.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH

- 7am **PLOYE PEDALER GRAVEL RIDE:** 7am (Registration) 8am (Start time). Hosted by: Four Seasons Trail Association. 32 mile bike ride. Start & Finish Location: Four Seasons Trail Association Lodge. 425 Spring Street. Pre-registration fee: \$30 (\$40 day of race). Post ride snacks including ployes! Visit www.fourseasonstrail.org for updated race info.
- 9am~4pm **BASKET RAFFLE** Madawaska Senior Center (Forever YoungClub), 105-11th Avenue.
- 8:30am~2pm **QUILTING SHOW** ~ Daigle's Furniture Store, 350 Main St. Sponsored by the Acadian Quilters & Daigle's Furniture.
- 10am **ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULLS** ~ Hosted by Northern Maine Antique Tractor Club Location: Morin Avenue (near old Morin Cabinets). Food Vendor on site.
- 10am **MADORE PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT** ~ In memory of Cliff & Bev Madore. Location: Madawaska Tennis Courts (French Street). \$25 per team. Cash prize for winner. To register, contact Madawaska Rec Dept. 207-728-3604.
- 10am~10pm **FOOD VENDORS ON SITE** (Multi-Purpose)
- 10am~4pm **CRAFT FAIR** ~ Madawaska High School Cafeteria, 7th Avenue. Applications available online or at St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce office. Contact: Bern Thibeault (207-543-2151)
- 10am~4pm **ART EXPO**
St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce, 356 Main Street.
"Les Artistes de la Vallée St. Jean."
- 10pm **ALUMNI SOCCER GAME** 11th Avenue field.
To register, contact Madawaska Rec Dept. 207-728-3604.

Events are subject to change. Visit our [facebook page](#) for up-to-date information.

4pm~6pm **ACADIAN BOILED DINNER:** Hosted by the Long Lake Association. Location: KC Hall (172 Fox Street). Adults - \$15, Kids under 13 - \$12. Traditional Boiled Dinner including ployes. Also available, hot dogs & hamburgers. Eat In or Take Out. Contact Long Lake Association members for tickets. For more info contact: Jacques Lizotte at 207-436-0106 or 207-316-0106

FAMILY FUN DAY

MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER ON 7TH AVENUE

- 10am~4pm **GIANT INFLATABLE FUN PARK** Bouncy Houses by COUNTY INFLATABLES Play all day for \$4
- 10am **THE ART OF J** ~ Lewiston caricature artist J Anthony Fiori.
- 10~11:30pm **PHIL SMITH MAGIC** ~ Phil Smith, master magician performs strolling/roaming magic for all ages.
- 10am~4pm **ATV TRACK COURSE** ~ Free Course ride for kids, must be 10+ Sponsored by Madawaska ATVenture Club.
- 10am~4pm **ROCK N ROLL RACING**
Super Speedway Track Event \$3 for a 15-Lap Race.
- 10am~4pm **GIRL SCOUTS OF MAINE** ~ Stop by to see representatives from The Girl Scouts of Maine. Learn about the organization & program, sign up for membership and enjoy a free activity/craft!
- 10am~4pm **STAY CONNECTED WHEN IT COUNTS!** Explore off-grid emergency radio setups, including ham and GMRS systems, portable antennas, and live demos of digital radio messaging. Learn how to stay connected and get licensed—even when the internet is down.
- 11am **LE CLUB FRANÇAIS STORY TIME (L'HEURE DU CONTE)**
Join us as we share a children's story in our French Acadian language! Brought to you by Le Club Français.
- 11:30/1:00/2:30 **TIMBER TINA**
3 shows from the Great Maine Lumberjack Show!
- 11am~3pm **FACE PAINTING** ~ by Melanie Boucher
- 12~12:45pm **PHIL SMITH MAGIC** ~ Phil Smith, master magician performs magic show!
- 1:30pm **ACADIAN BABY OLYMPICS!** Moms, Dads and kiddos 6-18 months are invited to attempt our 2nd annual Acadian Baby Olympics! With Crawling & Walking Competitions and Mommy/Baby & Daddy/Baby events, it'll be fun for the entire family! Pre-registration is recommended but not required. To register email us at acadianfestival@gmail.com
- 2pm **CLASS REUNION TUG OF WAR**
To register, contact Madawaska Rec Dept. 207-728-3604.
- 2:30~4:30pm **MUSIC BY DJ DON DUMOND**

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY

Madawaska Senior Center (Forever Young Club), 105 – 11th Avenue

- 10am~3pm **LE CLUB FRANCAIS**
- 10am~3pm **MADAWASKA MEMORIES** Over 60 Photos by Liz Morneault

- 10am~3pm **WEAVING & RUG DEMONSTRATIONS** Monica Cyr
- 10am~3pm **WEAVING LOOK – MAKING ACADIAN SASH** Anna Mae Raymond
- 10am~3pm **SPINNING DEMONSTRATION** ~ Brenda Cyr
- 10am~3pm **RUG BRAIDING** ~ Rita Pelletier
- 10am~3pm **PLOYE MAKING** ~ Madawaska Senior Center
- 10am~3pm **MADAWASKA, GRAND ISLE, ST. AGATHA & FORT KENT HISTORICAL SOCIETIES**
- 10am~3pm **SPOON PLAYING DEMONSTRATION**
Roger Damboise (and fiddlers/keyboards)
- 11am~3pm **SNOWSHOE & BASKET WEAVING DEMO** Brian Theriault
- 11~11:30am **MAKING SNOWSHOES** ~ Brian Theriault
- 12~ 1pm **‘POT EN POT’ AUTHENTIC ACADIAN MEAL DEMONSTRATION**
By Fran Gendreau.
- 1pm~1:30pm **ROPE MAKING DEMONSTRATION**
By Sage Gendreau-Distler.
- 10am~3pm **TOP OF MAINE CARVERS** ~ 11th Avenue Park (across the street from the Senior Center). Wood Carving & Burning: Tom Cote & Granddaughters

SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER ON 7TH AVENUE

- 5pm~10pm **BEER GARDEN** ~ by Inn of Acadia
- 5pm~7pm **MUSIC BY: UNDERWAY**
- 7pm~10pm **MUSIC BY: MARIONETTE**
- 9pm **FIREWORKS**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

- 10:30am **FIREMEN'S CHICKEN BBQ** Sponsored by: Madawaska Fire Dept. Tickets \$12.00 Location: Madawaska Fire Station. Tickets can be purchased from Madawaska Firemen.
- 1pm **47th ANNUAL ACADIAN FESTIVAL PARADE** ~ Main Street.
- 3pm~5pm **Music by TBD**~ Location: Multi-Purpose Building
- 3pm **KICKBALL TOURNAMENT TO END HUNGER** ~ Hosted by Acadia Federal Credit Union. 9 person teams. \$250 per team. Contact Justin Dubois to pre-register. 207-316-2203. All funds raised will benefit the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger.
- 3pm **ACADIAN PUZZLE MAKING CONTEST** ~ Join us for a fun Acadian themed puzzle making contest! 3 person teams. Pre-registration encouraged. Entry fee: \$20 per team. Location: Multi-Purpose Building.
- 11pm **STAR GAZING AT THE BEACH!** The Upper St. John River Organization (USJRO) is hosting a telescope viewing at Birch Point Beach. Rain day is August 18. The telescopes were purchased with grants from the Maine Community Foundation, and Kevin and Kate McCartney Fund. Visit: www.upperstjohnriver.org.



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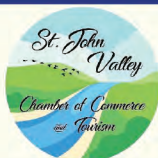
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47th Acadian Festival

Dear Fellow Acadians, Visitors & Residents,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to our 47th Annual Acadian Festival August 14-17, 2025. Vive les Acadiens! We invite you to visit historic sites throughout the region during your stay and welcome you to participate in the many events scheduled for your pleasure! Here's a list!

- Louis J Brann Schoolhouse - Cyr Plantation
- Acadian Village - 859 Main Street, Van Buren
- Musée Culturelle du Mont Carmel - 993 Main St, Grand Isle (Lille)
- Grand Isle Historical Site - 327 Main Street, Grand Isle
- Madawaska Historical Site - 774 Main Street, Madawaska
- Frenchville Historical Site - 285 US Route 1, Frenchville
- St. Agatha Historical Site - 477 Main Street, St. Agatha
- Fort Kent Historical Site - 3 Market Street, Fort Kent
- Fort Kent Blockhouse - Blockhouse Road, Fort Kent
- Acadian Archives (UMFK) - 23 University Drive. Fort Kent
- St. Francis Historical Site - 1074 Main Street, St. Francis
- Allagash Historical Site – 615 Dickey Road., Allagash

We are so pleased to have you join us in our celebration and know you will leave us with memories to last you a lifetime!

Bienvenue à Madawaska, notre petit coin de l'Acadie de Terres et Forêts!

Sincerely,
2025 Acadian Festival Committee

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