



**WELCOME TO
MADAWASKA'S
48TH ANNUAL
ACADIAN FESTIVAL
August 13th - 16th, 2026**



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

7am (Registration), 8am (Start Time) PLOYE PEDALER GRAVEL RIDE
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.

6pm MS ACADIAN FESTIVAL PAGEANT ~ Join us for our 2nd 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. For more information or to sign up, please contact Danielle Cote(207.316.2463 or danielle.cote4@icloud.com)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH

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, 291 Newberry Drive

9am~4pm CHARLEMAGNE TOURNAMENT Senior Citizen Center, 105-11th Avenue. \$5.00 entry per person. Contact: Nancy 207.728.6041

6pm~8pm SOIREE DU BON VIEUX TEMPS Multi-Purpose.
Music by: SHOWTIME

6pm~8pm FACE PAINTING ~ by Melanie Boucher

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH

9am~4pm BASKET RAFFLE
Madawaska Senior Center (Forever YoungClub), 105-11th Avenue.

8am~2pm GUIDED BUS TOUR Bus Trip to Acadian Landing/Madawaska Historical Site, Grand Isle Historical Site, Van Buren Heritage Vivant Acadian Village (lunch provided) then to Musee culturel du Mont Carmel and back to the Multi Purpose Building. Tour Guide: Ken Theriault. Meet at Multi-Purpose Building (7th Ave). Acadian Landing/Cross Site, Madawaska Historical Site. \$25 per person. FMI & Tickets: email, acadianfestival@gmail.com Sponsored in part by: Le Club Francais & Maine Acadian Heritage Council.

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 can be found on our website.
Craft Fair Contact: Julie Rayder (207-436-9112), please text.

11am~2pm FREE PLOYES! Visit NorState Federal Credit Union, 78 Fox St.

11:30am 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, the Acadian Festival, Dolly's Restaurant & Le Club Francais.

2pm~4pm LE CLUB FRANCAIS OPEN HOUSE Discover recent renovations at Le Club Francais. Join us for a Meet & Greet and learn about the offerings of Le Club Francais. Savor wine & cheese accompanied by live music. Membership to the club will be available. All are welcome. 101-12th Ave.

EVENTS AT THE MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER, 7TH AVENUE

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, call Madawaska Rec Dept. 207-728-3604.

6pm MR. DREW & HIS ANIMALS, TOO! ~ Mr. Drew and his Animals Too is a truly unique educational show. Using animals, he has rescued and rehabilitated, Mr. Drew brings hands-on experience with snakes, lizards, turtles and more!

6pm THE ART OF J ~ Lewiston caricature artist J Anthony Fiori.

6pm FAMILY ACADIAN PUZZLE MAKING CONTEST ~ Join us for a fun Acadian themed puzzle making contest! 3 person teams. Pre-registration encouraged. \$20 per team. Location: Multi-Purpose Building.

5pm-9pm FOOD VENDORS ON SITE

6pm-8pm FREE FACE PAINTING ~ by Melanie Boucher

6pm ROCK N ROLL RACING Super Speedway Track Event \$3 for a 15-Lap Race

6pm-9pm BEER GARDEN ~ By: American Legion Post #147

6pm-9pm STAR CITY SYNDICATE

A group of Maine based musicians with diverse backgrounds playing Motown, Classic Pop and Contemporary music.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

9am COMMUNITY DANCE & CHEER 5K COLOR RUN Location: Multi-Purpose Building, 7th Avenue. Registration start time: 9am, Race start time: 10am. \$20 pre-registration, \$25 day of race. Includes t-shirt & color packet. For more info contact: shannon.migneault@gmail.com

9am-4pm BASKET RAFFLE

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

8:30am-2pm QUILTING SHOW ~ Daigle's Furniture Store, 350 Main St. Sponsored by the Acadian Quilters & Daigle's Furniture.

10am ACADIAN MASS at Mizpah. Location: Doucette Rd in Grand Isle

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. Rain Location: Madawaska Elementary School.

10am-10pm FOOD VENDORS ON SITE (Multi-Purpose)

10am-4pm CRAFT FAIR ~ Madawaska High School Cafeteria, 7th Avenue. Applications can be found on our website.

Craft Fair Contact: Julie Rayder (207-436-9112), please text.

10am-4pm ART EXPO St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce, 356 Main Street. "Les Artistes de la Vallee St. Jean."

FAMILY FUN DAY

MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER ON 7TH AVENUE

10am-4pm GIANT INFLATABLE FUN PARK Bouncy Houses by COUNTY INFLATABLES Play all day for \$5

11am-3pm ROCK WALL ~ Climb to new heights on a 24-foot rock wall! A hands-on experience for adventures of all ages.

12 yrs & younger - FREE, 13 yrs & older - \$5

11am-3pm ZIP LINE ~ Get ready for high-flying fun on a zipline! It's a safe and exciting adventure for kids and adults alike. Riders must be taller than 40" and weigh between 60lbs-250lbs to ride.

12 yrs & younger - FREE, 13 yrs & older - \$5

10am-4pm PETTING ZOO ~ Stop by our traveling petting zoo and meet some friendly, furry faces! It's a fun and interactive experience you won't want to miss.

10am THE ART OF J ~ Lewiston caricature artist J Anthony Fiori.

10am~4pm ATV TRACK COURSE ~ Free Course ride for kids, must be 10+ Sponsored by ATV Maine.

10am~4pm AROOSTOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE ~ Learn about local wildlife, conservation, and the important work being done right here in Aroostook County. Stop by to explore the refuge's mission of protecting wildlife habitats and preserving Maine's natural beauty for future generations.

10am~4pm MOBILE VETERANS CENTER The Mobile Veterans Center offers confidential help to Veterans, service members and their families at no cost. Stop by for more info!

10am MR. DREW & HIS ANIMALS, TOO! ~ Mr. Drew and his Animals Too is a truly unique educational show. Using animals, he has rescued and rehabilitated, Mr. Drew brings hands-on experience with snakes, lizards, turtles and more!

10am~4pm DUNK A FIRST RESPONDER! Join us at the Dunking Booth and dunk some of your favorite first responders! Donations will be welcome and all funds raised will go to the Shop with a Cop program.

10am~4pm IMAGINATION STATION FUN ZONE ~ Join Imagination Station for a hands-on sensory play experience! Children can explore and discover with three themed sensory bins, including Ocean Life, Lemonade Stand and Beach.

10am~4pm STAY CONNECTED WHEN IT COUNTS! Explore off grid radio systems, including the General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) system. Families can use GMRS to communicate statewide to connect even when the power goes out. Learn more about off grid radio communication options with GMRS, how to stay connected and get licensed - even when the internet goes out.

10am~4pm ROCK N ROLL RACING Super Speedway Track Event
\$3 for a 15-Lap Race.

10:30~2:30pm FOAM PARTY! Get ready to dance, play, and cool off in a mountain of bubbles at our foam party! Our foam cannon will fill the air with excitement you can't miss. We'll be turning on the foam cannon in 15 minutes increments every half hour!

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.

12pm FAMILY ACADIAN PUZZLE MAKING CONTEST ~ Join us for a fun Acadian themed puzzle making contest! 3 person teams. Pre-registration encouraged. \$20 per team. Location: Multi-Purpose Building.

1pm ENDING HUNGER KICKBALL TOURNAMENT Hosted by Acadia Federal Credit Union. 9 person teams. \$250 per team. Contact Justin Dubois to pre-register at 207-316-2203. All funds raised will benefit the Maine Credit Union League's Campaign for Ending Hunger.

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

2:30~4:30pm MUSIC BY DJ DON DUMOND

Events are subject to change.

Visit our facebook page for up-to-date information.

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY

Madawaska Senior Center (Forever Young Club), 105 - 11th Ave

- 10am-3pm **MADAWASKA MEMORIES** Over 60 Photos by Liz Morneault
- 10am-3pm **WEAVING & LOOM 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 HISTORICAL SOCIETIES**
- 10am-3pm **MAKING SNOWSHOES & BASKET WEAVING** Brian Theriault
- 10am-3pm **"TOP OF MAINE CARVERS - WOOD CARVING & BURNING**
Tom Cote & Carvers
- 10:30-11am **ACADIAN HISTORY** by Ken Theriault Jr.
- 11am-12pm **SPOON PLAYING DEMONSTRATION**
Roger Damboise (Roger Damboise & Family Fiddlers)
- 11am-2pm **ACCLAIMED AUTHOR CATHIE PELLETIER**
Book Signing release, "*Evangeline's Journey*"
- 12-1pm **'POT EN POT' AUTHENTIC ACADIAN MEAL DEMONSTRATION**
By Fran Gendreau.
- 1pm-1:30pm **ROPE MAKING DEMONSTRATION**
- 2p-4pm **"DU FUN ACADIEN":** ~Le Club Francais invites you to come enjoy Acadian fun times featuring music, card games, Toques, Charlemagne, as well as coffee & desserts, including beignets, gauteaux chomage, and more.

NATIONAL ACADIAN DAY

DAIGLE PARK

5pm DEDICATION OF THE ACADIAN STAR Join us as we celebrate the dedication of the Acadian Star, honoring Acadian culture, heritage & pride. Location: Parc de la Traverse (formally Daigle Park next to Daigle Furniture)

6pm TINTAMARRE PARADE Bring your noisemakers, pots, pans and Grosse Tetes. Come join us for this Acadian tradition! FMI contact acadianfestival@gmail.com. LOCATION START: DAIGLE PARK (Main Street, near Daigle Furniture Store)

EVENTS AT THE MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER, 7th AVENUE

7pm-10pm **BEER GARDEN** ~ by American Legion Post #147

7pm-10pm **MUSIC BY: FRENCH TOAST**

9pm **FIREWORKS**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th

10:30am **FIREMEN'S CHICKEN BBQ** Sponsored by: Madawaska Fire Dept. Tickets \$15.00 American, \$18 Canadian. Location: Madawaska Fire Station. Tickets can be purchased from Madawaska Firemen.

1pm **48th ANNUAL ACADIAN FESTIVAL PARADE** ~ Main Street.

3pm-5pm **Jerry T.** ~ Location: Multi-Purpose Building



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48th Acadian Festival

Dear Fellow Acadians, Visitors & Residents,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to our 48th Annual Acadian Festival August 13-16, 2026. 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 Culturel 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,
2026 Acadian Festival Committee

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