

Strawberry Festival to feature pig roast, lobster bake, music, kids' activities, more

The Cape Elizabeth Farm Alliance's Strawberry Festival, which supports agriculture and businesses in town, will open Friday, June 24, with a lobster bake and pig roast dinner at Shady Oaks Farm.

Pig roast and lobster bake

The dinner will run from 6 to 10 p.m. and will include lobsters caught by Cape Elizabeth lobster men, a pig roast prepared by Pedro Nieves of Down Home Farm in Cape Elizabeth and a silent auction and entertainment by the band Downeast Soul Coalition. Tickets, \$35 apiece, are available at capefarmalliance.org and Alewife's Brook Farm, 83 Old Ocean House Road, and Jordan's Farm, 21 Wells Road.

Festival offerings on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Maxwell's Strawberry Fields on Two Lights Road will include music, food and artisan vendors, children's activities, a professional hula-hooper, and for the first time, an agricultural parade. The event has no admission fee.

For the parade, which will begin at 11 a.m., people are invited to dress up as a vegetable, fruit, farm animal or garden tool.

Town officials will judge the best costumes, and winners will get prizes.

Hands-on art and agricultural activities for children will be offered in a kids' tent. The day also will include music for children.

Three bands

Entertainers will include Earth Jams Music with Matt Loosigian from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Muddy Ruckus from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Downeast Soul Coalition from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and hula-hooper Tracey Tingley, who will demonstrate throughout the day.

Proceeds from the event will support the CFA, which has a mission of boosting the economic viability and sustainability of Cape Elizabeth's farming community by creating an understanding of the importance of the town's agricultural assets and the role residents play in ensuring their future. CFA initiatives include Judy's Pantry, a food cupboard that helps Cape Elizabeth families with limited resources gain access to healthy foods; the Maine Harvest Lunch program; agricultural workshops; 4-H scholarships and environmental education in Cape Elizabeth's public and private schools.

PortFringe festival to include performances, works by Cape residents present and past

Cape Elizabeth will be well represented in Portfringe, a weeklong theater festival in Portland that will feature 49 different shows at five different theaters. The festival, set for June 18-26, will include theater, dance and comedy in shows of an hour or less.

Johnny Speckman, a 2004 Cape Elizabeth High School graduate, and the MTWT-FSS Theater Company will perform "Redacted" by Jake Cote. Shows are planned at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, June 24, and at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, at Empire, 575 Congress Street.

The festival also will include "I Thought I Had This Figured Out," co-written by Jennifer Reck. Two 9 p.m. performances are

planned at the Portland Stage Storefront Theater, 25A Forest Ave. — one on Tuesday, June 21, and the other on Saturday, June 25.

Performances of "Strong Female Character: A Musical Theater Song Cycle" by Cape Elizabeth native Marianne Pillsbury are set for 9:15 p.m. Saturday, June 18; 9:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 22; and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at the Portland Stage Studio Theater, 25A Forest Ave.

Tickets to all Portfringe shows are \$10, but discounts are available for people who buy more than one ticket. PortFringe artists keep 100 percent of their box office proceeds. Go to portfringe.com or email portfringe@gmail.com for more information.

With donation from Rotary, Thomas Memorial to buy materials to enhancing youth literacy

The Rotary Club of South Portland/Cape Elizabeth recently donated \$500 to Thomas Memorial Library and the same amount to the South Portland Public Library for youth programs. The money will be used to enhance literacy programs at the libraries through the purchase of books and materials that promote literacy, reading and interest in education among young people. Some of the materials also will assist readers for whom English is a second language.

The Rotary Club recognizes its weekly

speakers by having them sign a bookplate that goes into one of the selected books and symbolizes a donation of that book by the speaker.

"We have been making this type of donation for 10 years with a view toward increasing the interest in reading and education among our local students," Rotary President Scott Irving said. "It is representative of our Rotary club's service to our communities' youth and our commitment to literacy initiatives."



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CAPE ELIZABETH FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, June 18, 2016

(rain date: Sunday, June 19)

at FORT WILLIAMS

Schedule Of Events

- 9-11 Remax balloon rides (weather permitting) (near beach)
- 10-11 Parade (from Cottage Farms Road along Shore Road)
- 11:00 Opening ceremonies, parade prizes (main stage)
- 12-1:15 Don Campbell Band (main stage)
- 1:15-1:45 Kids games, water balloon toss (lower field)
- 1:45-2:30 Don Campbell Band (main stage)
- 2:00-3:00 Dog show (upper field near picnic shelter)
- 2:45-3:45 Sea Grass Band (main stage)
- 7:30-9 Food trucks (lower field parking lot)
- 7:30-9 Casco Bay Wind Ensemble (main stage)

Bring your picnic supper and enjoy the music until the fireworks start.

9:00 - Fireworks !

All Day Activities

Carnival Games • Bungee Jumping
Moon Bounce • Climbing Wall • Giant Inflatable Obstacle Course • Balloon Animals • Water Balloons • Farm Animal Petting Zoo • Arts and Crafts Booths

FOOD: Burgers/Hot Dogs/Sausages
French Fries • Fried Dough • Strawberry Shortcake • Cotton Candy

Family Fun Day benefits local non-profits and school groups while celebrating our community. Join the fun and help these worthwhile organizations!

