

# The Aroostook Common

## A Guide to Happenings in Aroostook County

JULY 2019

### **TUESDAY 7/2/19**

**11 AM-1:30 PM:** 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Shortcake Festival, Limestone Methodist Church, Cost \$3.50/each

**6 PM:** Nordic Heritage Sport Club Meeting, Presque Isle

### **WEDNESDAY 7/3/19**

**10:15-10:30 AM:** 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration, Caribou Public Library, Join in congratulating 3 children

**4-6 PM:** Chicken Pie Supper, St. Louis Church, Limestone

**6-7 PM:** Book Club: *Still Life* By Louise Penny, Turner Memorial Library

**6-8 PM:** Music in The Park Feat. *Jerry T Band*, Bicentennial Park, Madawaska

**6-8 PM:** Alzheimer's Support Group for Care Givers, Forest Hill Nursing Home, Fort Kent

**Dusk:** Midnight Madness, Kick off to 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festivities, Feat. Music, Vendors, Fireworks & More! Market Square, Houlton

### **THURSDAY 7/4/19 Independence Day**

**8 AM:** Stockholm 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Swedish Pancake Breakfast, Parade 11 AM, Fireworks, & More!

**10 AM:** The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Houlton, Starts at Catholic Church on Main St.-Market Sq.-Union Sq.-Ends on Military St.

**11:30 AM:** Free Ride on Molly the Trolley to The James School for Declaration of Independence Reading, Riverside Pavilion, PI

**12 PM:** Farm Tours, Leaving Ashland Rec Dept. Get to Know Local Farmers & The Products They Offer

**12 PM:** Declaration of Independence Reading, The James School, Niles Rd. Presque Isle

**2 PM:** 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ Feat. Music by *Powerage*, Access 89 Bar & Grill, Caribou

**2 PM:** Parade "Celebrating 150 Years", Limestone

**3-10 PM:** Trafton Days-4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Trafton Lake, Limestone, Music- Wally & The Virginian, Food, Fireworks & More

**6 PM:** Beach Bash at Birch Point Feat. Music by *Kornerstone*, Madawaska, Fireworks at 9:30 PM

### **FRIDAY 7/5/19**

**6-9 PM: FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK, Downtown Presque Isle**

- **6-9 PM:** *Humanity Lost*, Mural by Lillie Lavado & Children's Immigration Themed Artwork, Hardscrabble Solutions
- **6-8 PM:** *Folk Mined*, Mixed Media & Performance Art by Carol Ayoob, The Common Gallery

**6:30:** Brad & Cory, Live Music, Downunder Sports Pub, Houlton

**6:30 PM:** Alexis Craig, Music at the Bandstand, Ashland

**7 PM:** Street Dance Feat. Music by Turning Point, Access Highway, Limestone

**7:30 PM:** Karaoke with DJ Julie Rae, Timberwolves BBQ, Mars Hill

**7:30 PM:** *Aroots Ramble*, Live Music Incl. Travis Cyr, Good Guys, The Rugged & More, Eureka Hall Tavern, Stockholm

**Dusk:** 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks, Ashland Fish & Game Club

### **SATURDAY 7/6/19**

**7:30 AM-5:30 PM:** 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Cary Classic, Caribou Country Club, \$75/reg fee

**8 AM-3 PM:** Arts & Crafts Fair, Monument Park, Houlton

**9 AM:** American Red Cross Babysitter Training Course, Fort Fairfield Rec Dept.

**9 AM:** Ashland's Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Main St.

**10 AM:** Northern Maine Fair Association Scholarship Pageant, The Forum, Presque Isle

**10 AM-12 PM:** Unicorn Party! Horseplay Farm, Houlton, Kids of All Ages, \$35/child

**11 AM-4 PM:** Carnival Day, Ashland Rec Center, Family Games, Petting Zoo, Nerf Gun Course, Ice Cream Truck, & More!

**12-8 PM:** AROOTSAKOOSTIK, Music Festival, Thomas Park, New Sweden, \$25, 12 and Under Free, Live Music, Food & More!

**1 PM:** CMW: Red, White, & Bruised, Wrestling Show, Houlton Fair

**8 PM:** Arootsakoostik Afterparty Feat. Live Music by El Grande, Eureka Hall Tavern, Stockholm

**8-11 PM:** Ashland's Annual Street Dance Feat. Music by Under Pressure, Main St.

### **SUNDAY 7/7/19**

**9 AM-4 PM:** June Outdoor Art Market, Riverside Pavilion, Presque Isle, FMI email [anomic.chameleon.creatives@gmail.com](mailto:anomic.chameleon.creatives@gmail.com)

**10 AM:** Slides & Story about Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel Parish by Don Cyr, Musee Culturel du Mont-Carmel, Lille

**10 AM:** Chicken BBQ & All The Fixins', St. Theresa's Church, Stockholm, Eat In or Take Out

**12-3 PM:** Burger Boy Annual Car Show, Caribou

**2 PM:** Traditional Fiddle Music Performed by Gus LaCasse Acadian Fiddler, Musee Culturel du Mont-Carmel, Lille

### **MONDAY 7/8/19**

**6-7 PM:** Friends of Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge Meeting, 97 Refuge Rd. Limestone

### **TUESDAY 7/9/19**

**9:30-10:15 AM:** Children's Yoga for Ages 3-5, Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle

**10:30-11:15 AM:** Children's Yoga for Ages 6-10, Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle

**12 PM:** A Family for ME, Become a Foster Parent! 9 Hillcrest Ave, Presque Isle, FMI 232-3972

**12-1 PM:** Fort Kent Public Library Monthly Story Time

**1-3 PM:** Kids Code Class (1<sup>st</sup> of 6), Grades 3-8, Caribou Public Library, \$30/student

**1-3 PM:** Houlton MS Support Group Meeting, Houlton Regional Hospital, FMI 538-8498

**6-9 PM:** Food Preservation Workshop, Houlton Regional Hospital, \$25/includes canning jars & produce, FMI & Reg 834-3905

**6 PM:** Tim Caverly Author Visit, Hansen Memorial Library, Mars Hill

### **WEDNESDAY 7/10/19**

**7:30-9 AM:** Eggs & Issues: Substance Abuse in the Workplace, Café Sorpreso, Presque Isle, \$12, Reg Call 764-6561

**1 PM:** Teen Yoga, Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle

**2:30 PM:** Kids & Crafts, Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle

**3-4:30 PM:** Outer Space STEM Program, Ages 6-13, Free, Caribou Public Library, Reg Required

**6 PM:** Book Club: *Still life* by Louise Penny, Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle

**6-9 PM:** Food Preservation Workshop, Madawaska Safety Complex, \$25/includes canning jars & produce, FMI/Reg 834-3905

### **THURSDAY 7/11/19**

**10 AM:** Acquired and Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group, A.R. Gould Hospital, Presque Isle

**1:30 PM:** KidzCode-Boys and Girls Club of Presque Isle, Free, Sign Up Call 554-5049

**6-8 PM:** Music in the Park Feat. Dean Pelletier, Bicentennial Park, Madawaska

**6-8:30 PM:** Rockin' on Riverside Featuring Live Music by Scoff Response, Riverside Pavilion, Presque Isle

**6-9 PM:** Food Preservation Workshop, UMaine Coop Ext. Presque Isle, \$25/includes canning jars & produce, FMI/Reg 834-3905

**6:30 PM:** Travis Cyr, Live Music, Eureka Hall Tavern, Stockholm

**7:30 PM:** Free Movie & Bonfire, Easton Pentecostal Church

### **FRIDAY 7/12/19**

**9:30 PM:** Northern Maine Karting Association Race Three, Spud Speedway, Caribou

**12-4 PM:** Chambers Smokin' BBQ Cook-Off, 245 Main St. Fort Fairfield, To Sign up or FMI Visit [centralaroostookchamber.com](http://centralaroostookchamber.com)

**1-2 PM:** Lego Group, Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle, FMI 764-2571

**5:30 PM:** Guided Walking Tour of Historic Fairmount Cemetery, Presque Isle, \$5/person, FMI 762-1151

**6-8 PM:** Travis Cyr, Copper's Lounge, The Northeastland Hotel, Presque Isle

**6-8 PM:** Art Exhibit & Beer Tasting, *Ethereal Abstruse*-Artwork by Arianna Forbes, Swanson Law Office, Presque Isle

**6:30 PM:** Heath Bartley, Live Music, Easton Elementary School

**7-10 PM:** Lights for Liberty, Hardscrabble Solutions, Presque Isle, A Vigil to End Human Detention Camps

**7:30 PM:** Stephen Lewis, Live Music, Eureka Hall Tavern, Stockholm



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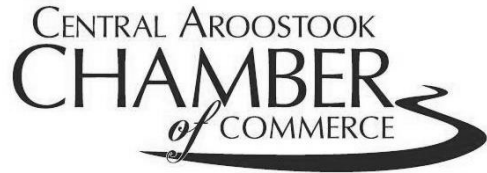


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**Dusk:** Movies in the Park, Featuring *The Grinch* (2018), Riverside Pavilion, Presque Isle

**SATURDAY 7/13/19**

**7 AM:** Community Breakfast, 1 Silver St. Mars Hill, Cost by Donation, Hosted by William Cousins Post #118

**8 AM-4 PM:** 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Cloukey Charity Challenge, Limestone County Club, \$20/round, FMI 764-4464

**8 AM-5 PM:** Town of Fort Fairfield Yard Sales

**9 AM:** Narrated City-Wide Historic Tours aboard Molly the Trolley, Presque Isle, RSVP 762-1151, \$5/person

**9 AM-4 PM:** Annual Bikes for Books Golf Tournament, Portage Lake Country Club

**10 AM-1 PM:** Wine Windchime Workshop, Glass with Class, Presque Isle, \$40, See FB to Sign Up

**11 AM-4 PM:** Fort Fairfield Fire Dept Car Wash, VFW Parking Lot, Support High School Scholarships!

**12-2 PM:** Will McPherson, Live Music, Easton Elementary School

**12-4 PM:** Chambers Smokin' BBQ Cook-Off, 245 Main St. Fort Fairfield, To Sign up or FMI Visit [centralarostookchamber.com](http://centralarostookchamber.com)

**1 PM:** Jim Cullen Tour Aboard Molly The Trolley, Learn About New England's Only Known Lynching, FMI 762-1151, \$10/person

**2-5 PM:** Travis Cyr, Live Music, BBQ Cook Off, Main St. Fort Fairfield

**4:30-6:30 PM:** Third Annual QDMA Banquet and Pig Roast, Stone Ridge Event Center, Presque Isle, FMI & Tickets 999-1795

**5:30 PM:** Christmas in July Gala, Boys & Girls Club Fundraiser, Masquerade Themed, UMPI Campus Center, FMI 764-1972 x224

**SUNDAY 7/14/19**

**8 AM-4 PM:** 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Cloukey Charity Challenge, Long Lake Country Club, St. David, \$20/round, FMI 764-4464

**10-11:30 AM:** Kindred Hearts Concert at Easton Field Days, Easton High School

**MONDAY 7/15/19**

**1 PM:** Bugging You Mini Camp, Nylander Museum, Caribou, Grades 4-8, Reg at the Museum until July 13

**3-3:45 PM:** Elementary Telescopes Program, Ages 6-13, Caribou Public Library

**TUESDAY 7/16/19**

**10 AM-1 PM:** Wildflower Crown Day, Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle,

**3:30-5:30 PM:** Family Canoe/Kayak Fun Day & BBQ, Fort Fairfield Frontier Fish & Game Club, Sign Up See FB Page

**6-9 PM:** Food Preservation Workshop, Houlton Regional Hospital, \$25/includes canning jars & produce, FMI & Reg 834-39056

**PM:** Adoptive & Foster Families of Maine C.A.R.E.S. Meeting, Wesleyan Church, Caribou

**WENESDAY 7/17/19**

**9 AM:** Swim Meet, Fort Fairfield Municipal Swimming Pool, Ages 18 & Under Reg through Local Dec Depts, FMI 472-3882

**10 AM:** Acquired Brain Injury Support Group, 12 Bolduc Ave. Fort Kent

**6-9 PM:** Food Preservation Workshop, Madawaska Safety Complex, \$25/includes canning jars & produce, FMI/Reg 834-3905

**6-9 PM:** Wildlife Wednesday Workshop, Glass with Class, Presque Isle, \$40, To Sign Up Email [lisawarkgwc@gmail.com](mailto:lisawarkgwc@gmail.com)

**THURSDAY 7/18/19**

**8:30 AM:** Jr. Girls Softball Tournament, Ages 9-12, Fort Fairfield HS Athletic Complex, Sign Up Call 472-3882

**5-10 PM:** Family Fun Night, Inflatable Adventure Park & Movie-*Mary Poppins Returns*, Fort Fairfield HS Athletic Complex, FREE

**6-8 PM:** Music in the Park Feat. *Boomerang*, Bicentennial Park, Madawaska

**6-9 PM:** Food Preservation Workshop, UMaine Coop Ext. Presque Isle, \$25/includes canning jars & produce, FMI/Reg 834-3905

**6-9 PM:** Thursdays on Sweden: S.W. Collins Presents Reunion Night with Tess Collins, Sweden St. Caribou, FMI 493-5319

**FRIDAY 7/19/19**

**1:30-2:30 PM:** Fire Safety with Presque Isle Fire Dept, Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle, FMI 764-2571

**6-8 PM:** Sip & Paint with Joanna Doughty, During Potato Blossom Fest. Main St. Fort Fairfield, \$35/person, Reg 762-3576

**6-9 PM:** Flip Flop Friday, Glass with Class, Presque Isle, \$40, To Sign Up [lisawarkgwc@gmail.com](mailto:lisawarkgwc@gmail.com)

**7:30 PM:** Dead Gowns, Live Music, Eureka Hall Tavern, Stockholm

**SATURDAY 7/20/19**

**7 AM:** United Veterans of Maine 2019 Golf Tournament, Caribou Country Club, \$100/team, Sign Up Call 493-3933

**8 AM-5 PM:** Arts & Crafts & Vendors Event, Fort Fairfield Community Bandstand

**9 AM:** Reiki First Degree Certification Training, Shining Moon Whole Health Center, Presque Isle, \$150, Sign Up Call 227-9519

**11:30-1:30 PM:** Hardison Collection Celebration, Caribou Public Library, Learn about Mr. Hardison's Life & Work with Maps

**12-2 PM:** Maine Potato Blossom Parade, Fort Fairfield

**4:30-6 PM:** Public Supper Fund Raiser, Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum, Littleton, \$9/adults, \$4.50/child

**7:30 PM** Grover Anderson, Live Music, Eureka Hall Tavern, Stockholm

**9 PM:** French Toast, Live Music, Portage Hills Country Club, \$5/cover

**SUNDAY 7/21/19**

**11:30 AM:** Tim Wood, Live Music, Timberwolves BBQ, Mars Hill, See FB for Tickets

**2:30 PM:** The Mallet Brothers Band, Timberwolves BBQ, Mars Hill, BBQ Chicken Dinner Incl. with Ticket, See FB FMI

**MONDAY 7/22/19**

**3:30 PM:** Elementary Student Planetarium Trip to Francis Malcolm Science Center, Easton, See FB to Sign Up

**TUESDAY 7/23/19**

**9:30-10:15 AM:** Children's Yoga for Ages 3-5, Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle

**10:30-11:15 PM:** Children's Yoga for Ages 6-10, Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle

**WEDNESDAY 7/24/19**

**9 AM-3 PM:** Day Camp, Camp Nomacca, Mapleton, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, \$25, To Sign up See FB Page

**4-5 PM:** Middle/Early High School Book Club (4-10<sup>th</sup> Grade), Fiction Book of Your Choice, Caribou Public Library

**THURSDAY 7/25/19**

**1-3 PM:** Potato Stamping Workshop, Fort Fairfield Public Library, Family Friendly Event, To Sign up 498-1361

**6-8 PM:** Music in the Park Feat. Jerry T. (Solo), Bicentennial Park, Madawaska

**6-8:30 PM:** Rockin' on Riverside Feat. Live Music by *The Mainly Country Band*, Riverside Pavilion, Presque Isle

**6:30 PM:** Travis Cyr, Eureka Hall Tavern, Stockholm

**7 PM:** Broadway Kids in the County Presents *Roald Dahl's Matilda-A Musical*, Caribou Performing Arts Center, \$10/\$6

**7 PM:** Haunted Hearse Tour, Historic Fire Station, Presque Isle, RSVP 762-1151, \$10/person

**FRIDAY 7/26/19**

**8:30 AM-10 AM:** Maine Bicentennial Kick-Off, Sargent Family Community Center, Presque Isle

**1-4 PM:** 100<sup>th</sup> American Legion Historical Display, Cyr Plourde Post #145, Frenchville

**4-6 PM:** Spaghetti Dinner, Cyr Plourde Post #145, Frenchville, \$8/adults, \$5/children

**4:30-5:30 PM:** Classics Book Club, *Ulysses* by James Joyce, Caribou Public Library

**6-8 PM:** Travis Cyr, Copper's Lounge, The Northeastland Hotel, Presque Isle

**6:30 PM:** Monthly County Wide Prayer Meeting, Intervention Church, 584 Carson Rd. Woodland, FMI 316-8226

**6:30 PM:** Heath Bartley Live, Downunder Sports Pub, Houlton

**7 PM:** Brad Hutchinson, Live Music, The Par & Grill, Caribou

**7 PM:** Broadway Kids in the County Presents *Roald Dahl's Matilda-A Musical*, Caribou Performing Arts Center, \$10/\$6

**Dusk:** Movies in the Park Feat. *Peter Rabbit*, Riverside Pavilion, Presque Isle

**SATURDAY 7/27/19**

**8 AM-8 PM:** Pratico/Siliski/Coloutti Memorial Tournament, Portage Hills County Club, \$45/non member

**9 AM-12 PM:** Wild P.I. Goose Chase, Sargent Family Community Center, Presque Isle

**9:30 AM:** Northern Maine Karting Association Double Header Invitational, Spud Speedway, Caribou

**10 AM-12 PM:** Guided Walking Tour of Downtown Presque Isle, Start at 16 Third St. \$2/person, FMI 762-1151

**10 AM-1 PM:** Camper Stained Glass Workshop, Glass with Class, Presque Isle, \$40, FMI & Sign Up [lisawarkgwc@gmail.com](mailto:lisawarkgwc@gmail.com)

**1-2 PM:** Guided Tour of the Vera Estey House Museum, PI Historical Society, Presque Isle, RSVP 762-1151, \$5/person

**7 PM:** Travis Cyr, Live Music, Limestone Country Club

**7 PM:** Broadway Kids in the County Presents *Roald Dahl's Matilda-A Musical*, Caribou Performing Arts Center, \$10/\$6

**SUNDAY 7/28/19**

**9 AM-3 PM:** Open Farm Day, Gallifreyan Farm, Linneus

**10 AM-3 PM:** Open Farm Day & Festival Market, Micmac Farms, Caribou, Trout Facility Tours, Music, Games, Vendors, More!

**11 AM-2 PM:** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Austin's Ride for Suicide Awareness, Starts at Whited Truck Center in PI, ends in Van Buren

**MONDAY 7/29/19**

**5:30-6:30 PM:** Civil Discourse Club, "Does God Exist?", Caribou Public Library

**TUESDAY 7/30/19**

**5:30 PM:** Monthly Club Dinner and Meeting, New Members Welcome! Presque Isle Fish & Game Club

**6-8 PM:** Stories from our Hometown Heroes, Hansen Memorial Library, Mars Hill

## **ONGOING:**

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**June-Oct, Mon-Sat, 10 AM-2 PM:** Exhibit by PI Historical Society, *Quilts: The Fabric of Life*, Maysville Museum, Presque Isle

**June 28-July 3:** 165th Northern Maine Agricultural Fair, Presque Isle, [www.northernmainefairgrounds.com](http://www.northernmainefairgrounds.com)

**June 28-July 6:** Limestone's Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

**July 28-Sept 2, Thurs-Sat 1-4 PM:** Southern Aroostook Agricultural Museum, Feat. Aroostook County Farming Memorabilia

**July 1-Aug 31:** Summer Reading Program, Sign up at Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle

**July 3-7:** Ashland Summer Fest

**July 4-6:** Fourth of July Weekend Festivities, Libby Camps, Oxbow, Airplane Show, Pic Roast, Fireworks, & More! FMI 435-8274

**July 4-6:** Freedom Festival, Northern Maine Fairgrounds, Presque Isle, [www.northernmainefairgrounds.com](http://www.northernmainefairgrounds.com)

**July 7-12:** Flight Camp 2019, Ages 14-18, Baptist Park, Mapleton, Learn to be a missionary pilot, FMI & Sign Up See FB Page

**July 8-12:** Summer Theater Camp, Presque Isle Middle School, Grades 2-8, FMI See FB Page

**July 8-Aug 15:** Summer Arts Programming for Kids, Wintergreen Arts Center, Presque Isle, FMI & To Reg Call 762-3576

**July 9-14:** Easton Field Days

**July 13-21:** Maine Potato Blossom Festival, Fort Fairfield

**July 22-Aug 2:** AR Girls-Digital Interactive Art Program, Wintergreen Arts Center, PI, <https://mmsa.org/projects/ar-girls/>

**July 22-Aug 19:** Beginners Stained Glass Workshop, Glass with Class, \$60, FMI & To Reg [lisawarkgwc@gmail.com](mailto:lisawarkgwc@gmail.com)

**July 25-28:** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Invasion, Northern Maine Brewing Co., Caribou, FMI See FB Page

## **MONDAYS**

**9:30 AM-2:30 PM:** Let's Play Bridge on Monday's, Café Sorpreso, Presque Isle, Full Lunch Served, \$10, 762-0687 to RSVP

**3-3:30 PM:** Elementary Summer Reading Program, Grades K-6, Caribou Public Library, Spaced Themed Stories & Activities

**3-5 pm:** Free Substance Abuse Support Group, Life By Design, Presque Isle, FMI 764-6825

**5:30 PM:** Craft Club, Hansen Memorial Library, Mars Hill, Bring a craft to work on

**6-7:30 PM:** Smart Recovery Meetings, Roads to Recovery Center, Caribou

## **TUESDAYS**

**9 AM:** Toddler Time, Story & Craft, Hansen Memorial Library, Mars Hill

**10 AM:** Baby Story Time, Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle

**10 AM:** Acorns to Oaks Storytime, Caribou Rehab & Nursing, Community Children & Caregivers Welcome!

**10:30-11 AM:** *Mother Goose Story Time*, (Ages 0-2), Caribou Public Library, Stories, Songs, & Fingerplays

**1-3 PM (July 2-Aug 13):** Health Education Outreach, NMMC Pharmacy, Madawaska, FMI 728-7200

**5:30-6:30 PM:** BREATHE Writer's Group, Caribou Public Library

**6-8 PM (July 2-Aug 13):** Parenting 101: Understanding Your Child, Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle, FMI 551-5502

**6 PM:** Celebrate Recovery, Military St. Baptist Church, Houlton, For those struggling with addiction, FMI 532-2783

**6 PM:** Trivia Night, The Warehouse, Caribou

## **WEDNESDAYS**

**10 AM:** Toddler Story Time, Turner Memorial Library, Presque isle

**10:30-11 AM:** Preschool Story Time, Ages 2-5, Caribou Public Library

**1 PM:** Four Seasons Trail Association Walking Group, Four Seasons Lodge, Madawaska, FMI 728-7047

**3-4 PM:** Story & Craft Time for Children, Cary Library, Houlton, FMI 532-1302

**4 PM:** Trivia Night, First Mile Brewing Company, Fort Kent

**6-7:30 PM:** Women's Trail Night, Nordic Heritage Sport Club, Presque Isle

## **THURSDAYS**

**6:30 PM (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month):** Book Club, Hansen Memorial Library, Mars Hill

**7 pm (Excluding July 11):** Heath Bartley & Friends, Live Musician, The Warehouse Bar & Grill, Caribou

**7 pm:** Karaoke Night, Access 89 Bar & Grill, Caribou

**7-9 PM:** Adult Basketball, Presque Isle Middle School, Drop In Fee \$5, FMI 764-4776

## **FRIDAYS**

**9-11 AM (July 12-Aug 23):** 1-2-3 Magic, Parenting Enrichment Class, Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle

**930-11 am:** Mini Open Studio, Wintergreen Arts Center, Presque Isle, Ages 1-5 with caregivers, \$5/child

**9:30 AM:** Junior Activities, Easton Rec Center, Station Rd.

**4:30-5:30 PM (July 5 & 19):** Cookies and Coloring for Adults, Teens, & Tweens, Caribou Public Library

## **SATURDAYS**

**8:30 AM-1 PM:** Presque Isle Farmer's Market

**9 AM-1 PM:** Houlton Community Market

**12-4 PM:** *The Trotting Park* Exhibit, Caribou Historical Center

**1 PM:** Family Story Time, Turner Memorial Library, Presque Isle

**1 PM:** Four Seasons Trail Association Walking Group, Four Seasons Lodge, Madawaska, FMI 728-7047

**6 PM:** Bingo, American Legion, Mars Hill

**6 PM (July 6 & 20):** Texas Holdem Tournament, American Legion Post 15, Caribou

## **SUNDAYS**

**10 am-Noon:** County Strides Running Group, Various Locations in Presque Isle, See FB FMI

# **FEATURED ARTIST**

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## **TRAVIS CYR**

Songwriter/Singer/Acoustic Folk & Roots Musician

*Written by Shelby Pelletier*



**S**inger/songwriter Travis Cyr has been working as a professional musician in Maine for over 20 years and is the man behind the monumental music festival, Arootsakoostik, held in Thomas Park in Stockholm each year in July. Originally from Long Lake, Cyr is truly an unstoppable force in the music scene in Aroostook County and

beyond. Spending much of his time each month traveling throughout the state of Maine playing shows, Cyr feels “truly blessed to share music and art with people who appreciate it’s value”.

“Art is created every day of my life and has been since birth.” Cyr recognizes that art is used in everything, from writing, building, performing, to loving, gardening, and more. He approaches life each day with this attitude and takes inspiration from everything and everybody and uses it to write his music. Known for singing and playing his acoustic guitar with heart, his love of life is evident in the folk roots music he composes and performs. His creative process is very organic. “I don’t believe you can force things. You just have to be open and ready to receive it when it knocks”. Cyr feels content knowing he is a hardworking, creative artist in Maine.

Having released 8 CDs of original music, Cyr has worked with a multitude of musicians throughout new England and has recorded full band rock arrangements, lo-fi solo acoustic “farm to table” songs, and everything in between. Cyr tells us that he’ll be working on a new recording later this year in a new location with a new band. Aside from recording albums, Cyr is found each weekend playing at many locations throughout the state. In Aroostook County, you can often find him playing at Eureka Hall, in Stockholm, alongside other musicians from throughout New England that provide the county with live, original jams. He also regularly plays at Frist Mile Brewing Co. in Fort Kent, Copper’s Lounge in Presque Isle, The Par & Grill in Caribou and more. \*See above for a full listing of gigs each month.

Arguably one of Cyr’s largest contributions to the Aroostook County music scene has been the creation and organization of Arootsakoostic, a music festival featuring a diverse lineup of bands. Since 2006, Cyr has been able to utilize this event to promote and expose talented musicians while simultaneously raising money and awareness for local charities. Thomas Park in New Sweden boasts a picturesque natural amphitheater, which acts as a perfect spot to host the event. Although a bit of a drive for some in the county, depending on where you live, it’s well worth the time spent in travel, and gives event goers a feel of being transported to an exciting new world tucked away in the natural beauty of Northern Maine, where music and community togetherness are celebrated. This year’s festival is being held on July 6<sup>th</sup> from 12-8 PM and includes music by *Tricky Britches*, *The Rugged*, *Shirt Tail Kin*, *Dominic Lavoie*, Cyr himself accompanied by *The Good Guys*, and more. For a complete lineup and more information about the event, visit the Arootsakoostic Music Festival page on Facebook. Cyr urges the community to “join us for what always turns out to be a great, fun filled day with a fantastic soundtrack, all for a great cause”.

It’s not hard to see why fans adore and celebrate the music created by this talented musician. He has an innate drive to create art that embodies the inspiration to be found in everyday life, as well as deliver fun, invigorating musical experiences to the communities of Aroostook County. To check out his recordings, you can find him online at [www.traviscyr.bandcamp.com](http://www.traviscyr.bandcamp.com) and stay up to date on current happenings through his Facebook page.

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