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Skowhegan Celebrates 11th Annual Maple Fest March 24-26

SKOWHEGAN—Skowhegan's 11th Annual Maple Festival will offer fun activities and delicious treats from Friday, March 24, through Sunday, March 26.

Organized by Main Street Skowhegan, Maple Fest will kick off with a traditional rite of spring—maple sap collection—at Chez Londorf, Burrill Hill Rd., on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday will feature the annual maple breakfast showcasing locally sourced foods, including homemade whole-grain pancakes, free-range sausage, and Somerset County maple syrup. There will also be a downtown maple leaf hunt, maple-marshmallow roasting, kids' games and activities, and the Sugar Dash 5K Run/Walk.

The Waterville Area Humane Society will have cats and dogs available to adopt Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Somerset Humane Society will be on hand with information on spaying and neutering pets. Dogs who stop by will receive a free treat from Skowhegan's own Maine Barkery, and adopters will receive 10 percent off their total purchase at the Maine Barkery with proof of adoption dated March 25, 2017.

Saturday will close with the Skowhegan Rotary Club's Beer, Wine, and Food Tasting from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Skowhegan Armory. Tickets for this 21+ event are \$25 per person and are available at these Skowhegan locations: West Front Market, Hammond Lumber, Franklin Savings Bank, and Bigelow Brewing Co. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Maple Fest leads up to Maine Maple Sunday, March 26, when sugarhouses open their doors to the public. Skowhegan farms including Strawberry Hill Farms, Smith Brothers Maple, and Tessiers Farm will be open, offering maple treats, demonstrations, and more.

Visit MainStreetSkowhegan.org/Maple-Festival for a full schedule of events and local promotions.