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Dexter Days feature sales, children's games and live music

by Mike Lange DEXTER – The Dexter Revitalization Committee is reviving a town-wide summer tradition later this week and hopes to make it an annual event in the community.

Saturday, Aug. 1 marks Dexter Days with flea markets, yard sales, a farmer's market, kid's games, music and other events designed to bring people to the community.

Dexter has hosted town-wide celebrations in the past – notably, Wild West Days - and the Dexter Revitalization Committee is hoping to rekindle the interest. "Since it's our first year, we're not sure what to expect. I've gotten some very positive feedback so far," said com-mittee member Frank Spizuoco. "But we plan to make this an annual event.

For early-risers, the Dexter high school field hockey team will hold a pancake breakfast at the American Legion hall on Church Street from 6-10 a.m. Advance are \$5 each and donation at the door is \$6

The Dexter Fire Department will be setting up their food conces sion wagon and selling tickets for a rubber duck race until 11:30 a.m. The race starts at noon behind Millworks and ends at the Center

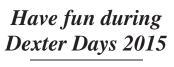
Street Bridge; and the owner of the first duck across the finish line wins a gas grill. The second prize is a \$100 gift certificate from A.E. Robinson and third prize is a \$50 gift certificate from Dexter Lumber.

They also plan to set up a fire truck in the municipal parking lot with a hose for kids to try out.

The Tri-County Tech Center law enforcement program students will set up a "jail-and-bail" where you can be nabled and kept behind bars until you pay a "fine" or someone decides to bail you out.

The H.J. Crosby Community Band will entertain visitors with Continued on Next Page







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classic marches, contemporary and patriotic tunes starting at noon in front of Fossa's Store.

The farmer's market will also be set up in the parking lot adjacent to Fossa's.

Spizucco said that the response from merchants has been "very positive. So we expect a lot of participating from businesses as well as private sellers." He said he's already reserved five spaces for his company: Maine Military Surplus.

Tima Belair is coordinating the space rentals and said that abe's pleased with the interest. "So far we've confirmed that the Sunrise Kiwanis will be selling doughboys, the Mixing Bovl will be selling whoopie pies and Maine Highland Sugar Works will also have a booth," she said.

Crafts will be selling jewelry, knitted and crocheted items and even homemade fishing lures, and there will also be popcorn and cotton candy for the youngsters.

The First Baptist Church will be passing out free bottled water along with information about their vacation bible school; booths will be set up with information about the Lake Association, the Tennis Court Project and even the annual ice-out contest. "But it's a little early for that," Belair joked.

The cost of renting space is \$10 for private yard sales and \$20 for craftspeople and commercial vendors. Space can be reserved by calling Belair at 924-3752. "People are calling every day, so that's been a good sign," she said.

Spizuoco noted that many people have yard sales this time of year anyhow "so this is an opportunity for them to display their goods in front of a lot of people."

There will be plenty of activities for youngsters on Dexter Days. The Dexter Community Playground Committee is loaning the games they use at their Family Fun Day to the Revitalization Committee for Saturday's event. They'll also be set up in the municipal parking lot *Continued on Page 12*

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