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SIXTH ANNUAL WHOLE HOG BBQ & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Great live music, a ribs, shoulder and whole pig Memphis BBQ Network- sanctioned barbecue competition and an assortment of other tasty treats and crafts in a scenic outdoor setting in the Upper Connecticut River Valley.....how can it get much better than that? The Lower Cohase Regional Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the sixth annual Whole Hog BBQ and Music Festival from noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 10th, 2008, at the North Haverhill Fairground, North Haverhill, NH.

This year, the barbecue competition is sanctioned by the Memphis Barbecue Network (www.mbnbbq.com), with the grand champion getting a slot at next year's World BBQ Championship in Memphis in '09. Sanctioning pork barbecue contests encourages serious competition among barbecue enthusiasts by providing a uniform set of rules and regulations governing the process of selecting the contest winners.

The barbecue competition will be judged beginning at 9:30 a.m. After the formal judging is completed (around 4 p.m.), the People's Choice contest will allow attendees to taste and judge the finished product on a first-come, first-served basis until the meat is gone. In addition to the contest, there will be authentic BBQ on sale, including ribs, brisket, chicken, pork and chili, along with the traditional barbecue side dishes. Several other vendors will provide an assortment of other tasty treats, as well.

A full-day of live music kicks off with the Chris Kleeman band playing a set of blues beginning at 12:15. The Stone Cold Roosters will follow with a blend of Western swing, country, honky-tonk and blues. This year we'll have a 'Ms. Piggie Contest' before the final set of music. Information on this contest can be obtained on the www.cohase.org web site or by contacting Paul Hunt of Bradford's Old Church Community Theater, the group that will oversee this event. [Then, at 5:00 p.m., one of the Upper Valley's best dance bands, Dr. Burma will bring its rhythm-and-blues act to the stage, with the BBQ contest and the Chamber Showcase Raffle prizes to be awarded around 6:30 p.m.](#)

Local and regional artisans will display and sell their wares, as well.

Admission to the festival will be \$12.00 for those over twelve years of age. No alcoholic beverages will be served nor are they allowed on the site. The grounds will open at 11 a.m. Food and beverage purchases are not included in the admission charge but it does include the opportunity to sample lots of excellent 'pig' on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning when the formal judging is over. For more information about the festival, please check out the Chamber of Commerce web site at www.cohase.org or call [802-757-3244](tel:802-757-3244), ext. 367 or via email at marvin.harrison@cohase.org.

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