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Ninth Annual Whole Hog BBQ and Music Festival  
Aug. 6 in North Haverhill, NH

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Northeast's Only Memphis BBQ Network-Sanctioned Competition  
In Upper Connecticut River Valley

NORTH HAVERHILL, NH, April 2011 – The Northeast's only Memphis BBQ Network-sanctioned barbecue competition comes Aug. 6 to the Upper Connecticut River Valley's North Haverhill Fairgrounds in North Haverhill, NH.

Live music, a beer garden, other foods and crafts are part of the Lower Cohase Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Ninth Annual Whole Hog BBQ and Music Festival ([www.wholehogfestival.com](http://www.wholehogfestival.com)) from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The gates open at 1 p.m. Admission at \$10 for over age 12 includes tasting samples from competing culinary teams. Admission does not cover additional food and beverage purchases.

The barbecue competition is sanctioned by the Memphis Barbecue Network ([www.mbnbbq.com](http://www.mbnbbq.com)), with the grand champion winning a slot at the 2012 World BBQ Championship. Sanctioned pork barbecue contests encourage serious competition among barbecue enthusiasts because they provide 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. At 2 p.m. the People's Choice BBQ Tasting Tent opens to the public. This contest will allow festival attendees to blind-taste and judge the competitors' finished products on a first-come, first-served basis until the meat is gone. After the

formal judging is over (around 3:30 p.m.) visitors can meet and greet competitors who usually make samples available to the crowd.

A new competition this year is a Backyard BBQ Contest open to amateur contestants. Backyard pit masters can cook their best lip smackin' ribs to earn both bragging rights and cash prizes. For more information contact Tim Boudreau at [boudreau@laconiasavings.com](mailto:boudreau@laconiasavings.com) or 603-837-2532.

In addition to crafts, authentic BBQ and a variety of other tasty foods will be on sale. New to the food and drink choices this year will be a beer garden featuring the local micro-brews of the Vermont Beer Company ([www.theperfectpearcafe.com](http://www.theperfectpearcafe.com)).

A full day of live music and entertainment kicks off on the Thayer Stage at 2 p.m. with the Warren, NH-based Crunchy Western Boys ([www.crunchywesternboys.com](http://www.crunchywesternboys.com)) performing bluegrass and folk music. At 4 p.m. regional favorite Stone Cold Roosters ([www.stonecoldroosters.com](http://www.stonecoldroosters.com)) entertains with their eclectic brand of country, blues, roots, Americana, swing, rock 'n roll and jazz. The Ms. Piggie contestants compete at 5:30 p.m., followed by the presentation of BBQ contest awards and the drawings for the Business Showcase Raffle winners. This year's headlining act, The Tammy Fletcher Band ([www.tammyfletcher.com](http://www.tammyfletcher.com)), takes the stage at 6:15 p.m. to close out the festival with a rockin' performance of blues, soul and rock 'n roll.

Information about how to participate in the Ms. Piggie contest is available at [www.wholehogfestival.com](http://www.wholehogfestival.com) or by contacting the group overseeing this event, the Old Church Community Theater of Bradford, VT, at [info@oldchurchtheater.org](mailto:info@oldchurchtheater.org) (Attn: Paul Hunt).

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