

Missie Goheen Is The New Executive Director

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There are probably a million details in planning an event like the Potato Days Festival.

Missie Goheen, Executive Director of Potato Days has a lot on her agenda with meetings, food vendors, the farmer's market, the rodeo and many committees planning their individual parts to get ready for the last weekend in August.

Goheen grew up in the Detroit Lakes area and moved to Barnesville in 2011. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's in counseling, worked at the Barnesville School District as a nurse and now home schools her three children Kaya, 14, Grayson, 8 and Kylie, 6. She



Missie Goheen, Executive Director of Potato Days. The event is held Friday, August 25 and Saturday, August 26.

also started a business, Country Rustic Customs, making customized woodworking and games. She and her husband Elliot have lived in rural

Barnesville since 2014. The Goheens love the outdoors and spend many long weekends hunting, fishing, and camping.

The excitement is contagious as she discusses Potato Days preparations. Although she has been involved with the planning and execution previously, this is her first time as the executive director.

There are four completely new events the Potato Days board decided to add to the Potato Days Festival including water fights, put on by the fire department, and the farmers market, both on the north side of Front Street. Wojo's Rodeo will be at the fairgrounds and the Trojans Give Back Sundae Bar south of the Midwest Bank are all great additions to the festival.

Boy Scouts are bringing back

their dunk tank and there are more teen events with 'Games to Go.'

Goheen is excited about all of the new things the board decided to add. "I think the water fights, the farmers market and the Rodeo are all great additions to the Festival. The Fire Department and Wojo's Rodeo have been wonderful to work

with. We hope to make them all a huge success. I am so thankful for the willingness of volunteers who are stepping up."

There will be much to do, visitors will not be able to see it all in a day. Come to Barnesville both Friday, August 25 and Saturday, August 26 for Potato Days. Enjoy the many events the committee is planning.

TATOR TIP

How to Select Your Potato

Select loose potatoes that are well formed, smooth, firm, with eyes, and no discoloration, cracks, bruises or soft spots. Red potatoes and some whites are sometimes treated with colored or clear wax to make them appear fresher than they are. Also avoid "green" potatoes. They have been exposed to light and have a bitter taste.

Potatoes are classified by shape, skin color and use. The long brownish ones are good for a variety of uses but are best for baking. Rounded or long whites are preferred for boiling and baking, and the small red ones are ideal for boiling. "New" potatoes, the small ones that are dug early before the skins have set, are best boiled or steamed.

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