Franklin County Calendar

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4-H Leaders Association Meeting

We had great attendance at our November meeting and wish to thank each one for coming out. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, February 15 at 7pm, here at the Extension Office.
4-H Guessing Jar for Winner for January
Congratulations Copper Veilleux, you guessed correctly. Copper is a new member of the Rabbiteer 4-H club.

2018 Conservation Poster Contest
Information and entry forms are now available for the Conservation Poster Contest. These will be sent out to all members. The theme of the contest this year is: Watersheds – Our Water, Our Home Completed posters are due in the Extension office on Wednesday, February 28th. Watch your email/mail for guidelines and entry forms.

4-H Science Saturday Series
Youth (and adult) Science Saturday Series! Join Tara Marble on Saturday mornings this winter as we explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math all sprinkled with some cool hands on fun activities for members of all ages. There are two classes left:

Saturday, February 3 (Incredible Wearables making a function Fitbit type device) and Saturday, February 17th (Eco-scapes, a watershed and pollution problem!) Both are from 10:30am – 12:00 pm at the Extension office don't miss out on this opportunity to participate in hands on Stem activities!

Franklin County 4-H Public Speaking Events
Whether you are telling a story to friends, public speaking in front of your class, or participating at a 4-H event, you are engaging in public speaking! All 4-H members are invited to a series of public speaking events designed to build confidence and competence in this essential life skill.

Franklin County Public Speaking Workshop
Please RSVP to Extension Office
Saturday, February 24 from 1pm-3pm at the Extension Office

Franklin County Public Speaking Clinic
Saturday, March 10 from 1pm- 3pm at Roberts Learning Auditorium at University of Maine at Farmington

Winter Time Snow Tubing Event
Snow Tubing during February break week! Join your other county 4-Hers at Eaton Mountain in Skowhegan for a fun outdoor event. Cost to attend is $12. Please RSVP to the Extension office before Friday, February 16.

Officers Training and 4-H Records Workshop
This training will take place on Saturday, February 10th from 1 - 3pm at the Industry Town Hall. This workshop is designed to help our 4-H members learn their responsibilities as officers in their club. There will also be helps on completing 4-H Project Records. Everyone is invited.
CLUB UPDATES

The Franklin County Circuit Hackers club is looking to add a few members to their club.

Robotics is a great way to learn and put into practice many STEM related skills! Circuit Hackers currently meet on Fridays at 4:00 PM at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. If you are interested in attending email James House at james@housefam.org.

Rabbit and Cavies 4-H Club

The Rabbits and Cavies 4-H Club is looking for members. The next club meeting is Sunday, December 3rd here at the Extension office. If you are interested in joining the club contact the Extension Office at 207.778.4650.

Dusty Boots Horse Club

Welcome the Dusty Boots Horse Club. This club meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Industry Town Hall. If you are interested in joining the club or attending a meeting please contact the Extension Office. If you are interested in joining the club contact the Extension Office at 207.778.4650.

Giddy Up & Go Horse Club

The Giddy up & Go 4-H Horse Club will be hosting their 11th annual fundraiser for the Double B Equine Rescue in Industry, Maine in February. The Double B Equine Rescue takes in surrendered, unwanted, neglected, and abused horses and other equines from around the state and provides them with rehabilitative care. There are currently 33 equines that need your help. Donations of any monetary amount and/or hay, grain, shavings, and related equipment would be greatly appreciated as they take care of these much deserving minnies, ponies, donkeys and horses that have been through so much already.

Club Updates Continued

Members of the Giddy up & Go Horse Club will begin collecting donations on February 17th, although they can be made anytime. Donations will be delivered to the Double B Equine Rescue on February 24th. If you would like to make a donation or have questions, please contact club leader Donna Crockett at 207-578-2269 call/text. For more information about Double B Equine Rescue go to: mainehorserescue.com.

Dairy Club

The Franklin County Dairy Club was invited by the Cumberland County All-Star Dairy Club to a quiz bowl practice on Saturday, January 20th in Standish. Members played get acquainted games lead by members of the Cumberland club. Then members rotated through various knowledge stations like farm identification items, parts of the cows, breeds musical chairs, medical puzzles, and using the buzz board. Cumberland members gave demonstrations for everyone. After lunch of pizza and ice cream sundaes members took turns competing on the buzz board. Members attending were Bradley Smith and Jason Bagley. These members will compete in the State Dairy Quiz Bowl competition at the University of Augusta on February 18th.

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**Club News**

**Doe-C-Doe Club**

We have increased the size of our club to 23 members and growing….so many interests and wonderful ideas from this group of 4-Hers. We had four of our senior members attend the 4-H Agri-Science Summit in Washington DC this year! They learned a lot about how science intermingles with agriculture and visited some monuments and museums. Our officers and VOLT trained volunteers had a planning meeting and successfully planned the remaining activities for the year. Some of our members have also been preparing for the Dairy Quiz Bowl this month as well. It has been a busy month.

![Doe-C-Doe members traveling to 4-H Agri-Science Summit](image1)

![Doe-C-Doe members practicing for the upcoming Dairy Quiz Bowl.](image2)

**State News**

**Applications for CWF**

*(Citizenship Washington Focus)*

Application and information packets have been sent out to all 4-H members ages 14 and older. Experience a week in Washington DC learning leadership skills with youth from across the country. Check out the sights and sounds of a 4th of July celebration in our nation’s capital! What a great opportunity!

**Applications for the trip are due in the Extension Office on Wednesday, February 14th.**

**Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)**

Start making plans now to visit our Nation’s Capital during the week of June 30 to July 7, 2018. CWF is a leadership program conducted by the National 4-H Council for high school youth ages 14 to 18. Delegations of 4-Hers from across the country spend six days touring the city and attending leadership skill-building workshops. This summer, the Maine delegation will travel down on June 30 and travel home July 7, 2018. You will stay at the National 4-H Conference Center just outside Washington, DC. Visiting the most popular sites in Washington, DC will be a part of the trip, including spending the 4th of July in our nation’s capital.

There is a mandatory orientation for Maine delegates on April 28th, 2018. For more information visit [http://umaine.edu/4h/youth/4-h-events/citizenship-washington-focus/](http://umaine.edu/4h/youth/4-h-events/citizenship-washington-focus/). Contact your county 4-H office for details about how to be a part of this experience if you don’t hear from them very shortly. All county offices have different criteria/dates to apply, so please contact them ASAP.

**Come to Orono for the 2018 4H@UMaine May 18-19!**

Planning has started and the wheels are in motion thanks to the efforts of a tremendous team! We are looking forward to another great event this year, and there are some exciting changes in the works! Stay tuned for details. For more information about 4-H@UMaine, contact Greg Kranich at gregory.kranich@maine.edu or 207.581.3292.
State News

State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

Sunday, February 18, 2018 (snow date of Saturday, February 24), at 1:00 pm; University of Maine at Augusta Room 218, Randall Student Technology Center.

Open to all currently enrolled 4-H Dairy project members ages 9 – 18. For those 4-H Dairy members who may be planning to attend the Eastern States Exposition in September, please keep the following information in mind. You must participate in at least one of the following three events: State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, or Fitting Contest at the 2018 Maine 4-H Dairy Show.

You must also complete and submit an ESE Intent to Participate Form which will be due on February 1st. These can be found on the State 4-H Website, or check with your county office. You completed 4-H Animal Approval and Lease Form (if applicable) will be due in your county office by May 1st. Participation in a showmanship class and your animal’s breed/age class at the State 4-H Dairy Show will also be required.

If you have questions, please contact 4-H Dairy ASC Coordinator, Stephanie Smith at 207.860.0979 or by email at a_mfarm@yahoo.com, or staff Liaison Tara Marble at the Franklin County Extension Office at 800.287.1478 or by email at tara.marble@maine.edu, or staff liaison, Alisha Targonski at the Kennebec County Extension Office at 800.287.1481, or by email at alisha.r.targonski@maine.edu.

National 4-H Trip Applications Are Due March 9th, 2018 (Conference and Congress)

National 4-H Trips are excellent opportunities to meet 4-H members from across the nation. Participants learn about many career options, and learn through educational workshops at Congress or become a part of a team making recommendations to National 4-H Council at Conference. To learn more about these trips, visit: http://umaine.edu/4h/home/national-4-h-trips/.

Any Maine 4-H Youth, ages 14 to 18, is eligible to apply. Applicants must be current Maine 4-H members both at the time of application and the time of the actual trip. Application packets must be sent to your county office and postmarked by March 9, 2018. Interview dates are April 21 or 22, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Palmer at 207.310.4235 or heidi.thuotte@maine.edu

2018 National 4-H Congress is November 23-27, 2018 in Atlanta GA with an orientation for the trip on October 27th, 2018. 2019 National 4-H Conference is April 6th to 11th in Washington, DC. with an orientation for that on Feb 9, 2019. Leaders and office staff, if you have senior members in your clubs, please encourage them to participate. They are amazing trips!

Save the Date for 2018 Maine 4-H Days

Maine 4-H Days will take place July 20 - 22 at the Windsor Fairgrounds. If you are interested in helping to plan next year’s event, please contact Jessy Brainerd at jessica.brainerd@maine.edu or 207.581.3877.

Maine 4-H Days Planning Committee

July will be here before you know it, and we are looking for a few good volunteers to join the fantastic current Maine 4-H Days Planning Committee. Joining this committee gives you the chance to help come up with ideas and plans for one of our biggest statewide events! If you are interested in joining the Maine 4-H Days Planning Committee, or have general questions/comments/recommendations about the event, please email jessica.brainerd@maine.edu, or call 207.581.3877.
February Clover Campaign Supports Maine 4-H Youth

University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H will partner with Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores Feb. 1-28 as part of a nationwide in-store fundraiser benefitting state and local 4-H programming in communities and counties where a store is located.

This is the first year the 4-H Paper Clover Campaign will be available at Jo-Ann stores. Shoppers will have the opportunity to support 4-H by choosing to purchase paper clovers for $1 and $4 at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H to support 4-H youth development activities.

Each Paper Clover will include instructions for a special Valentine’s Day craft idea that customers can create to share with someone special. With the $4 Paper Clover, customers will also receive a coupon for $4 off their next purchase.

To learn more about the national partnership, visit www.4-h.org/JOANN. More information about Maine 4-H is available online (extension.umaine.edu/4h).

4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) Wildlife Education Training Event
April 19-20th please hold the date!

Maine will host the National Wildlife Habitat Education Program this July at the Schoodic Institute at Acadia. In preparation, Maine 4-H will have a training event to prepare and select a team to compete in the national event. On April 19th and 20th the Maine 4-H program will host an overnight educational training program and team selection. Plans include an ongoing WHEP event and participation in the national program each year.

More information will follow. Cost will be $25 per member all meals and materials included. The training will be held at the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond. Training is open to all youth ages 8-19. Studying a science-based manual, participants:

- Learn wildlife terms and concepts
- Learn about wildlife habitat
- Learn how to judge the quality of wildlife habitat
- Learn about wildlife habitat management practices
- Learn about wildlife damage management

To learn more, go to: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/whep/ or www.facebook.com/mainewhep or contact Sally Farrell, sarah.s.farrell@maine.edu or 207.324.2814.
Maine 4-H Project Records, Reflection Tools and Digital Badges!

Maine 4-H is excited to roll out new 4-H project records, reflection tools and opportunities for digital badges.

A team has been working to design the new records aligned with research and connections to Maine’s commitment to proficiency based education in mind. We know that these won’t be perfect and are anxious to have YOU help us try them out and be part of the process. The new records are now posted online and can be found on the state 4-H website. Direct links are available here.

- Project Record – Advanced (Word | PDF)
- Project Record – Beginner (Word | PDF)
- Project Record – Cloverbud (Word | PDF)
- Project Record – Intermediate (Word | PDF)
- Portfolio (Word | PDF)

We are also planning a few ways for you to be part of the team to ask questions and give feedback.

- Join our Google classroom community. This will be a place where volunteers and youth members are able to share real time feedback about these tools. To join:
  - Sign in to Classroom at classroom.google.com.
  - On the homepage, click Add Join class.
  - Enter the code d9jmty and click Join.
  - Participate in our live feedback sessions. Please save the date for feedback sessions. These will be conducted using Zoom. Register for these sessions with KymNoelle Hopson at 207.353.5550 or kymnoelle.hopson@maine.edu.

  - 3/24/18 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
  - 9/11/18 from 6:00pm-8:00 pm

We are looking forward to having YOU as part of our team. If you have any questions please contact Kristy Ouellette, kristy.ouellette@maine.edu or 207.353.5550, extension 12.
Maine 4-H Youth Development Mission
Maine youth acquire the knowledge, life skills, leadership abilities and attitudes to help them succeed now and in the future through effective collaborations, hands-on experiential education and self-directed learning.

Check out Franklin County Website: http://extension.umaine.edu/franklin/programs
State 4-H Website: http://umaine.edu/4h/
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