Franklin County Calendar

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Looking Ahead

| December 7 | E-forum Helping 4-Hers grow in Life & Work                 |
| December 21 | 4-H Leader’s Association Meeting                           |
| December 25 | Christmas, Extension Office Closed                        |

2018 Beef Intent to Participate Forms

2018 Beef Intent to Participate Forms will be due in the Extension Office January 2. All other Intent to Participate forms will be due February 1.

Notice to All Clubs

Please Get Your 990N e-Postcard Filed By November 15th
All clubs are now asked to file their 990-N e-Postcard July 1 - November 15th. The 990-N filing process is now housed entirely on the IRS site, [irs.gov](http://irs.gov). Filers will need to create an account with a user ID and password before using the portal for the first time. Go to [sa.www4.irs.gov/epostcard](http://sa.www4.irs.gov/epostcard) to get started. You will need your club EIN to file. For those who may not have access to a computer to do the filing, please check with Judy at the Extension Office. Once you have successfully completed filing, you will receive confirmation. Please keep a copy of that confirmation for your club. Send or bring a copy of the confirmation to the Extension office.
4-H Leaders Association Meeting

We had great attendance at our October meeting and wish to thank each one for coming out. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, **November 16th at 7pm**, here at the Extension Office. The County 4-H Calendar will be available at the November meeting as well as the new 2018 Committee List for those who wish to sign up to serve on one of our county committees.

**Leaders’ Association- Officers Elected For 2017-2018**

President - Michelle Winslow  
Vice President- Terri Pierce  
Secretary - Carrie Jenness  
Treasurer – Sara Fernald

**4-H Re-enrollment Paperwork**

Enrollment packets are in the mail! We would ask that if 4-H members are planning to re-enroll to please do the following:

- Complete and sign all paperwork
- Get all required signatures
- Return paperwork to the Extension Office

If you plan to try out for Eastern States, apply for national trips, apply for scholarships, and/or complete an approval form to show animals at the fair, be sure to get your re-enrollment paperwork to the Extension Office by the **DEC 31st Deadline**

Volunteers as well are asked to fill out the enrollment form. Complete and sign the Non-discrimination Form, the Standards of Behavior Form, and Photo Release (if they so choose). Return all paperwork to the Extension Office ASAP.

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**2017 Franklin County Annual Recognition Event**

**Friday, November 17**  
**Mt. Blue Learning Campus**  
**7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Awards Presentation to begin promptly at 7 pm**

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**Welcome Tara the New Franklin County 4-H Professional**

I am so excited to formally “introduce” myself to this wonderful county. I am thrilled to be the newest member of the extension and 4-H team. I grew up in Rhode Island and was a 4-H member myself for nearly 12 years. During that time, I took advantage of all the wonderful opportunities 4-H had to offer, and was involved in horse, leadership, citizenship, public speaking projects throughout those years, also going to many of the national and regional competitions and conferences. I cannot express how thrilled I am to come back “home” to 4-H now as a professional and educator. I have also served in several other educational and leadership roles around the central Maine area in schools and in the local communities for the past 12 years. I am eager to meet all of you as this new 4-H year starts. I am always here to listen to your ideas and help Franklin County become even more amazing for our members.

I am going to be reaching out to club leaders and getting a lay of the land about everyone’s goals and dreams for the near future. I want to make this year a year of growth and learning for myself and for all of us. Feel free to stop by the office and say “hello” when you are in town, my door is always open (unless I am on the phone) I would really love to get to know you all. I am really looking forward to this year!

Tara Marble
Club Audits

It was mentioned at the October meeting of the Leaders Association that we would be starting the annual club audits. Each Franklin County Club is asked to bring their treasury paperwork such as book, bank statements etc. to the Extension Office by December 31st. All materials will be returned to the club once audit is complete.

National 4-H Week

National 4-H week was October 1st - October 7th. Franklin County 4-Hers donated bags of treats for both officers and K-9's as a way to show appreciation for all they do for our community. Keep making the best better.

Thank you to all our clubs who donated candy!

Club Updates

Supper on the Table:

Fair season was very successful for all members of the club. They're hard work was well paid off. The club decorated at Farmington fair above their animals and cleaned out stalls before animals moved in.

Doe-C-Doe:

Club members volunteered to speak to the public during Ag Day at the Farmington Fair. They had fun promoting the 4-H Program. We had members representing Maine down at the Big E on the Sheep Team, Communications Science Team and a Science Pod Team! They did rather well at Fryeburg Fair at the Dairy Goat and Sheep shows this year as well. We started our first meeting of the new year with Officer elections and discussed community service projects. Members also participated in the County Service Project for the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office too. We are geared up and ready Rock this new year!

Franklin County Circuit Hackers

The Robotics 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 @ james@housefam.org
Swag Making Program Coming Up!

Learn how to make swags for fun and profit from balsam fir and pine in this exciting hands-on Money Can Grow on Trees program on Saturday, November 18th at 10:00 A.M. at the Extension office at 138 Pleasant Street. We'll learn how to identify balsam fir and white pine, how to harvest carefully and you will leave with a finished swag for your door at home. You'll also learn how to sell wreaths and some business skills. Teachers will be Judy Smith, Debra Kantor and Dave Fuller.

Remember to pick up some white pine cones for your swag, but it's hunting season if you go in the woods, so wear orange. Swag making can also be a club project! Please sign up at the Extension Office by calling 778-4650.

Don’t Miss the November 4-H Fix

Ok, so the 4-H Fix hasn’t won any awards yet, but after November 17th lots of folks will say it is championship reading! That’s when the 4-H Fix will be telling the stories of Maine’s 4-H Champions! Visit the 4-H Fix today and glory in the achievement! https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/tag/4-h-fix/

You’re invited to the 2017 National 4-H Volunteer e-Forum

The National e-Forum for 4-H Volunteers is in full swing! Last month, we had 114 sites from around the country participate in an evening of learning, sharing and hands-on activities.

The next session STEMming in Animal Science-Growing True Leaders is coming up Thursday, November 2 at 7:00pm.

Session Descriptor: Build on the roots of 4-H as we STEM our way into agriculture and animal science for experienced and new 4-H'ers. Gain resources to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) leaders through traditional animal sciences project areas in communities. Volunteers will gain ideas for planning and organizing fun, educational sessions for youth.

To see which counties are hosting the session in November, go to https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/national-4-h-volunteer-e-forum/ Please register by contacting the county office where you wish to attend. Plan to bring a co-leader or bring teens from your 4-H group!

4-H Egg Business Project

Interested in earning money and having happy hens as co-workers? The 4-H Egg Business Project helps participating youth and their families learn about entrepreneurship, food safety, and animal husbandry. To learn more go to: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/home/egg-business-project/ or contact Debra Kantor, debra.kantor@maine.edu, or 207.474.9622.

Market Steers for Fryeburg

4-Hers raising a steer for the 2018 market steer show at Fryeburg Fair need to send in an Intent to Participate Form available at: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/4-h-projects/animal-science-resources/beef/ by January 2, 2018. We appreciate you completing your paperwork early. Please enroll or re-enroll as a 4-H member early, and send your Intent to Participate form to your county office. The earlier we receive your paperwork, the earlier we can begin tagging animals, and avoiding tagging during the winter months.

Risk Perception on the Family Farm

Debra Kantor and Leslie Forstadt are trying to identify farm families to interview for a research project to learn about the safety concerns of beginning farmers (less than 10 years) with children (under the age of 18). The farmers will be given $75 to compensate for their time. If you have a family that might be interested or would like additional information contact Debra by email at debra.kantor@maine.edu or call 207.474.9622.
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 353-5550 or kymnoelle.hopson@maine.edu.

  - 11/8/17 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
  - 1/23/18 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
  - 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.

New For 2018 - Regarding Eastern States Intent to Participate Forms

Due date for all 2018 Eastern States Beef Intent to Participate Forms will be January 2nd. Intent forms for all other animal commodities- dairy, dog, goat, horse, and sheep will be due on February 1st. This decision was made at the Spring Animal Science Committee meeting to help eliminate confusion by making all due dates a little more consistent. Updated Intent to Participate Forms are now available at: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/4-h-projects/animal-science-resources/
Maine Youth Development Mission

To educate and empower Maine youth through hands-on and community-based experiences.

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/
Like Franklin County 4-H on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/maine.franklincounty4h/