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4-H Leaders Association Meeting

We had great attendance at our March meeting and wish to thank each one for coming out. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, May 17 at 7pm, here at the Extension Office.

Approval Forms

Fair season coming get your approval forms in! Remember you can only show animals or exhibit in a fair if you were a returning 4-H member and enrolled by Dec 31, 2017 or as a new member by April 1st. Approval forms will only be signed by extension staff for members who qualify. We cannot make exceptions. Dairy and working Steer are due May 1st, others are due June 30th.
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Franklin County 4-H Auction

June 16th, 7pm in the Starbird Building at the Farmington fairgrounds. Viewing of auction items will be at 6pm. Theme for Raffle Baskets will be "Fun in the Sun". Value must be $10.00 or more. Each club is asked to donate one basket.

Each club is also asked to donate one item per member enrolled in their club. Or one item per independent member. Items may be requested of area businesses, offering services that parents/members may be skilled at, or homemade items such as baked goods, knit/crochet items, woodworking items etc.

Auction slips will be sent to everyone or may be picked up here at the Extension Office. Please be sure to complete an auction slip (include all information) for each item donated. We ask that the value of items donated be at least $10.00 if a business donates and requests a tax deductible donation receipt, those are available as well. A current list is available of some businesses that have recently donated to our 4-H program. We ask that clubs/members consider checking this list to avoid repetitive requests at the same business. Once the list has been updated, it will be sent out.

It is important to get the completed auction slips to your club leader, the Extension Office, or to Auction Committee members, Sarah Rowe or Lilly Bagley so that the items may be cataloged. Actual items may be given at the same time, however, items may also be brought to the Starbird Building at the fairgrounds the day of the auction.

Let's spread the word!

Franklin County 4-H FAIR

The annual Franklin County 4-H Fair will be held on Saturday, June 16th all day beginning at 8am at the Farmington fairgrounds. The Fair is open and free of charge to the public. We want everyone attending to get a firsthand look at what our 4-H program is all about and what it has to offer youth. There will be several workshops and contests open to public participation. At 5pm a pot luck supper will be served for all Franklin County 4-H members and their families. We would ask that each family attending the supper provide a salad, casserole, or dessert to share and if you have a chair, you might want to bring that along as well. There will be a full day of activities so start spreading the word and inviting your friends! A program of activities and contest information will be available very soon.

Wind Turbine Hike and Picnic 6/2

Join us as we explore the wind turbines in Dixfield! We will meet at 11:00am at 9 Highland Ave in Carthage. Before we start the drive up to Turbine 8, people can park at Highland Ave. and hop in with each other to consolidate as we drive up. We will then caravan up and follow the turbine expert to Turbine 8 (that one has the best views of all the surrounding stuff -Webb Lake, Mt Washington, etc. - where she will give a presentation and answer questions. We will then continue on to park around Turbine 12 and hike the entry from there. Lunch will be at the top! Bring your lunch, camera, and sense of adventure! Pack for cooler weather, as the tops of the peaks tend to be chilly.

Horse Camp 2018

Franklin County 4-H Horse Camp will take place June 24-29 at the Farmington fairgrounds. Registration packets are ready to be sent out. If you are planning to attend, please read all information carefully, complete and return all required paperwork, and send appropriate fees.
-Note about 4-H Records for 2017-2018-

Staff have been trained on the Beginner Record documents and we recommend all 4-ers to use this form during this 1st pilot year (2017-2018). You will not be penalized in any way for using the Beginner forms this year no matter how long you have been in 4-H. We are learning the new documents together! Tara will also be available to work with clubs during meetings or other events if that is requested or needed. If you wish to schedule a time with her please call the office, thank you! We are working on making sure the most up to date form will be on the Franklin County 4-H Web page. And Update will be coming via email soon.

**Rabbiteer 4-H Club**

Are you looking buying seeds for your garden this year? Why not support the Rabbiteers 4-H Club in Franklin County while you shop! The Sow True Seed Company has offered to donate 25% of seed sales to the Rabbiteers 4-H Club when you use the Seed Money Code: RABBITCLUB2018 when you place an order. The order deadline is May 31st. Check out [www.sowtrueseed.com](http://www.sowtrueseed.com) or order a catalogue (fundraiser excludes books, bulk sales, sale items, and gift certificates). Sow True Seeds specializes in pollinated, untreated vegetable, herb, and flower seeds. Thank you for your support!

**4-H National Trip Fundraiser**

Come enjoy a tasty spaghetti dinner with artesian breads and salad and learn more about incredible opportunities available to 4-H members. There will also be a silent auction.

**Ticket prices are by donation**

**Friday, June 8th from 5:30 – 7:30pm**

West Farmington Grange, 4 Bridge St, West Farmington

All proceeds will benefit 4-Hers to attend National Trips
Records Workshop and National Service Day

Thank you to all 4-hers that came out to the records workshop on Saturday, April 28th. After the records workshop, the group gathered together for the 4-H National Day of Service. These kids collected 75 pounds of trash in the downtown area.

State Dairy Judging

The State Dairy Judging contest was held April 15 here in Franklin County. 21 official contestants represented several counties in Maine. Participants showed up on a very chilly day and arrived first at the Davis Farm in New Sharon. Members had to judge 3 classes of cows- Aged Brown Swiss Cows, 2 Year Old Holsteins, and Fall Calf Holsteins. Judge Matthew Sneller went over his placings and reasons with the members before members headed out to the second farm, the Hardy Farm in Farmington. At the Hardy farm members were again asked to judge three classes of Ayrshire cows- 3 year olds, Sr. Calf, and Aged Cow class. After the members were finished with their placings their cards were turned in for scoring. Again, Judge Sneller went over his placings and reasons with members. Lunch was then provided by the Franklin County 4-H Dairy Club and served by the entire Hardy family. The warm meal was a welcomed event in contract to the freezing cold! After lunch, members were then asked to give their reasons for placings in 1 selected class from each farm. Members have a chance to earn additional points for giving good supporting evidence for their placings.

Franklin County County had 9 members participate in event and placed very well. It was a great learning experience for all who participated. The members scores for this event help to determine the Dairy Judging Team of Sr members who will represent the program at Eastern States Exposition this coming September. Congrats to all who came out and participated! Well done!

Amber-Leah, Samantha, Jonathan, Jason, Bradley, Hannah, Mariah, and Caleb.
**DAIRY CLUB**

On Monday, April 16th the Franklin County Dairy Club met at the Hardy Farm. After a meeting where members worked on record sheets and learned about upcoming activities, members constructed display boards with instruction from Teresa Hardy, Ben Smith, Dan Bagley and Jim Davis. Members built display boards that were either bi-fold or display style. They learned how to measure, cut, drill, and follow directions. Members also began researching and planning their displays for the summer fairs or the exhibition hall. All the materials for this project were donated by Campbell Building Supply in Madison. When the displays are finished they will be on exhibit in the store.

**BEEF CLUB**

The Franklin County Beef Club went to the Fryeburg Youth Beef Show, everyone did a great job showing and working together. Jade won her Showmanship class, we had a few members enter into the jackpot shows. Members are working on ESE paperwork and getting things ready for show season. Amber was picked to receive the belted Galloway.
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Dusty Boots 4-H Club is hosting a “Kids’ Pamper Your Mom for Mother’s Day” Fundraising Cooking show on Sunday, May 6, 2018 from 11:30 am until we are done. This event will be held at the Industry Town Hall at 1033 Industry Road, Industry, ME 04938. The cooking demonstration will involve a couple recipes. Various stations will be set up giving your child/grandchild/niece/nephew the opportunity to use different kitchen tools while helping with the recipes, and all while you shop.

We ask that you please RSVP to Terri Pierce at 207-779-6774 or Sara Fernald at 207-572-7089 if you are planning to attend with your child/grandchild/niece/nephew so that we are sure there is ample food to sample from the recipes the children make. Or if you would like to just place an order you may do that too. Want an item to arrive in time for Mother’s Day? Orders can be placed directly at the following link, www.pamperedchef.com/go/kidscookingterri by no later than April 29th.

Please make checks payable to our lovely Pampered Chef Consultant, Hannah Flannery. The funds raised from sales of Pampered Chef items at this event will help to provide educational travel opportunities to the youth enrolled in the Dusty Boots 4-H Club. We appreciate your support.

Dusty Boots 4-H Horse Club is holding a bottle drive beginning April 29th and ending on June 2nd. Any bottles that you would like to donate to this fund-raising effort can be dropped off at the Redemption Center located at Ron’s Market, 144 Franklin Ave, Farmington, ME 04938. If you would like to donate your bottles, the establishment has requested that “Dusty Boots 4-H Club Bottle Drive” be written on the bags, and the staff in the redemption center can show you where to leave them.

You may see sightings of the Youth enrolled in the Dusty Boots 4-H Club through-out the community requesting your returnable bottles as well. (You may call one of the con-tact numbers below to have your donation picked up)

We thank you for your support of Maine 4-H and of the Dusty Boots 4-H Horse

The money raised from this bottle drive will enable the club to provide mounted meetings during the Spring/Summer/Fall months at no cost to the youth or their family, as well as provide them with an opportunity for equine education trips that may require funding for traveling. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Terri Pierce at 207-779-6774 or Sara Fernald at 207-572-7089, or by emailing at ttpierce385@gmail.com
Dusty Boots 4-H Club held their first mounted meeting of the season on Saturday, April 21st. Although only three of our eight members were available. Dusty Boots 4-H Horse Club was formed in November, 2017 with only five members and our membership continues to grow.

Regardless of what your interest in horses may be, there is something for everyone in the 4-H horse program! We strive to help the youth involved in the 4-H horse program learn responsibility and commitment to the project.

Members need not own a horse to participate in the Dusty Boots 4-H Horse Club. However 4-H members will learn about horses during their club meetings which are typically held monthly on second Thursday beginning at 7:00 p.m. Information about upcoming meetings can be found on our Facebook page as well as at state 4-H horse workshops and events. In addition, 4-H members have fun competing in educational contests at the county, state and even national level.

While 4-H is not a riding instruction program, members do sometimes ride horses as part of 4-H their activities and 4-H does sponsor horse shows.

The time invested in caring for, riding and training horses improves the quality of life for youth while at the same time teaching life and work skills such as time management, record keeping, problem solving, goal setting and many others.
State News

Register Starting June 1st for 2018 Maine 4-H Days

Maine 4-H Days will take place July 20 – 22, 2018 at the Windsor Fairgrounds. If you do not have online access, please contact your local county office for paper copies of the forms. Find information and registration materials at: http://umaine.edu/4h/youth/4-h-events/maine-4-h-days/.

Registration opens on June 1st. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact Sarah Sparks at sarah.sparks@maine.edu or 207.353.5550.

Oxford County 4-H June Jamboree

Oxford County 4-H June Jamboree Livestock Clinic, Working Steer and Horse Clinic is being held June 8th through June 10th at the Fryeburg Fair Grounds, 1554 Main Street, Fryeburg Maine. Workshops are designed for youth completing project work in the areas of sheep, swine, working steer and horse. Horseless riders are also welcome. Rabies vaccines will be available. A Big E Try Out for Working Steer is being held Sunday Morning.

Workshops will include washing, clipping, showmanship, animal handling and learning activities around zoonotic disease.

There is a $20.00 registration fee for everyone attending. Camper space is available and meals will be provided starting with breakfast Saturday morning through lunch on Sunday. Check in begins Friday evening after 5:00P.M. For more information about Oxford County June Jamboree please email maisy.cyr@maine.edu or rebecca.mosley@maine.edu. This event is open to 4-H Families from all counties. Adults and youth must preregister online due to insurance regulations and to help with meal and activity planning.

Check with your county office for the online registration link which will be available soon. Registration deadline is May 25th.

4-H Summer Camp Programs – Register Now!

Registration is open for summer programs at the UMaine 4-H Centers at Blueberry Cove, Bryant Pond, and Tanglewood for youth ages 8-17. Camps start up June 24 and run through August 18 with week-long, two-week, and mini-camp sessions to fit your needs. Campers shape their experience through activity choice (STEM, swimming, archery, gardening, watershed and marine ecology, creative arts, boating, drama, group challenge and primitive skills), on adventures and trips, eating delicious home-cooked meals, and in wicked evening programs. Teen Leadership Programs build conscious young adults, through teamwork and community stewardship, and teach canoeing/backpacking skills while exploring Maine’s beautiful woods and waterways. Special scholarships for 4-H youth from the Maine 4-H Foundation and some scholarships for Conservation Education camps through Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at Tanglewood and Bryant Pond. To learn more visit: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/camps/ or contact your local office.

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2018 American Goat Federation Youth Scholarship Program

To encourage education and development of youth involved in the goat industry, AGF will accept scholarship applications from qualifying youth who enter and complete all requirements of the program. Projects must be received at the AGF office by August 20, 2018 and the Scholarship Application accompanied by a short biography must be received at the office No Later than 30 days prior to August 20, 2018. Entries will be judged by an independent panel and winners will be announced September, 2018.

Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 20, and under the age of 21 as of September 30, 2017. Applicants must be a member of the American Goat Federation, the child, grandchild, great grandchild or step child, step grandchild or step great grandchild of a member of the American Goat Federation, or of any of the following member organizations of the American Goat Federation:

- The American Boer Goat Association (including Jr Association)
- The American Dairy Goat Association
- Alabama Meat Goat and Sheep Producers Association
- Cashmere Goat Association
- Texas Sheep and Goat Breeders Association

For more information visit: https://americangoatfederation.org/education/why-should-you-care-about-scrapie/youth-scholarship-program/

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 d9jmy 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.
    - 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.