**4-H News**

A Monthly Newsletter for Franklin County 4-H Participants

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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, **June at 7pm**, here at the Extension Office.

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**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 to attend ESE, others are due June 30th.
Franklin County 4-H FAIR

The Franklin County 4-H fair is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 16th at the Farmington fair grounds. A full day of activities and workshops are planned for our 4-H members. The public is also invited to take part in contests such as a baking contest, a photography contest, and an art contest. They are also welcome to check out the workshops and displays from ATV Safety and zoonotics to making "Morse Code Jewelry", which is sponsored by Revel Designs. And there is much more!

A brochure is available with information on contest requirements and times. Light lunches will be available on the grounds and "Fresh Ella's" will also be available selling ice cream and fruit pops.

A pot luck supper will take place at 5pm in the Starbird Building for all 4-H members and their families. All families are asked to provide a salad, casserole, or dessert to share.

Franklin County 4-H Auction

Don't forget the 4-H Auction being held on Saturday evening, June 16th in the Starbird Building at the Farmington fair grounds. Lots of donated items will be up for bid to benefit the Franklin County 4-H program. Also, check out the raffle baskets provided by Franklin County 4-H clubs. Viewing of items will start at 6pm and the auction will begin at 7pm. The public is invited and encouraged to attend so start spreading the word!!

4-H members who have donated items for the auction are asked to please turn in completed auction slips to the extension office ASAP. The slips have information which is needed for the auction catalog such as item description, person or business donating the item, as well as value of the item. Auction slips are available at the extension office. If a business requests a receipt for an item they have donated, those receipts are available as well.

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. Please RSVP to the Extension office if you plan on attending.

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.
Looking for a leadership/service opportunity?

Share your skills at the 4-H fair! Have a hobby or talent you'd like to teach others about? This is the opportunity for you! Contact Judy or Tara at the office to talk about your ideas! The 4-H Fair is June 16th (We would love for clubs to offer a fun/cool/interesting activity to lead)

Suffolk Lambs

Suffolk Lambs available this spring for 4-ers from a local farmer, contact the office for more info!

K-9 Connection Dog Club

Are you looking to learn how to care for your dog, groom your dog, dog health and maintenance? The K-9 Connection club is looking for new members. This club works on showmanship, obedience, agility, and teaching your dog to be a canine good citizen. If you're interested contact the Extension office at 778-4650.

Chicken Coop for Sale

The above chicken coop is for sale. The owner is asking for $300 or best offer. Please contact the Extension office if you are interested.

-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.

Rabbits 4-H Club

Are you looking buying seeds for your garden this year? Why not support the Rabbits 4-H Club in Franklin County while you shop! The Sow True Seed Company has offered to donate 25% of seed sales to the Rabbits 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 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

Silent Auction  
Fire wood, Gift Baskets and Homemade Items  
All proceeds benefit the Doe-C-Doe Dairy Goat Club  
Members attending National Trips
Supper on the Table

Supper on the Table club, had a guest speaker, from Greenies Turkey Farm, on how to raise meat poultry. They also learned how to check a laying hen to see if they are still laying eggs. During the Foster Tech Loggers Meet, we were the concession stand for the day. Members are practicing hard with their market animals. Five Members attended NELE, with beef, sheep and dairy commodities.

Checking the bird’s bones to see if they are still laying eggs.

Shearing lambs at NELE.

Franklin County Beef Club

Franklin County Beef Club had a clinic/meeting on May 12 at the farm, members worked on washing, clipping, fitting, some members did there demos some of the topics: Tractor parts and how it runs, how to make homemade lemonade. Members are working on the ESE records, and getting ready for the fair season.

Most of the members went to Windsor Fair grounds for the NELE weekend, they showed and participated in the livestock judging contest they worked in groups of 3, the club had 2 groups and Amber, Kelsie and Jade got 2nd place out of all the groups and we had a member do a demo on how to make an ice cream Sunday.

Doe C Doe Goat Club

We have had a very busy and exciting Spring so far!! Ten members participated in the State Public Speaking Tournament, all awarded Blue Ribbons and some earning nearly perfect scores; 2 members, Mackenzie Jones and Caleb Mulcahy, were selected to the Eastern States Communications Science team with 7 more being chosen as Alternates; 4 members participated in the State Dairy Judging competition, Mariah Johnson placing third in the Jr Division; four members participated in the County Community Service project cleaning up parts of Farmington; four members were Teen Leaders at 4-H@UMaine and had a hand in planning some of the activities for the event; and many quilt squares have been finished and completion of three quilts for our club community service project for the veterans of Maine. We have also had fun with some team building drills and prepping for the fairs this season by studying the ADGA Scorecard.

Our club is also thrilled to announce that Faith Dexter was chosen as one of four delegates to National Congress and Mackenzy Labrie and Andrew Dexter have been chosen as two of the four National Conference delegates!! Can’t wait to see what summer brings!
Giddy-Up & Go 4-H Horse

The Giddy-Up & Go 4-H Horse Club's annual fundraiser/certified organic manure sale is being held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Triple D Acres, 219 Weeks Mills Rd., New Sharon. This is the club's major fundraiser of the year. All proceeds are used to support this very active club as they learn about life with horses. The manure sale is from 9AM to 12-Noon. $5.00 per regular bag, $6 per large bag. $25 per bucket load-while they last. Great for gardens and it's not too late to start yours or top dress it!

For more information, please call/text the club leader, Donna Crockett at 207-578-2269.

4-H Fair Contest Information

All contest entries are due in the Starbird Building between 8:30 am – 10:30 am. Judging will take place at 10:30 am. Contest winners will be announced at 4pm in the Starbird Building.

➢ Contests are open to all residents of the State of Maine
➢ Only one (1) entry per person in each contest.

Division for All Contests:
Division 1: ages 5-8
Division 2: ages 9-11
Division 3: ages 12-14
Division 4: ages 15-18
Division 5: Adult

ART CONTEST

Theme – “Fun in the Sun”
Paintings, charcoal, or pencil drawings accepted.
Ages 5-8 may use crayons or markers. Minimum size is 8”x10” maximum 16”x 20”

Franklin County Dairy Club

The Franklin County Dairy Club meet on Friday, May 11th for their health meeting. They invited members from the Dandy Crafters Club and Supper on the Table Club. Scott Foster, Head of Food Services at Franklin Memorial Hospital, spoke about health. He used a black light to show members the germs on their hands if they do not wash properly. He shared information about the importance of water to the body and taught members how to make fruit infused water. By using the My Plate visual, he instructed members on what food they should be eating and in what portions since Americans have a habit of eating very large portions. Guests enjoys healthy snacks Mr. Foster provided. After a business meeting, everyone had a tour of the hospital kitchen.

BAKE-OFF CONTEST

~ Chocolate Whoopie Pie ~

Created by the bakers at Douin’s Market

Ingredients
5 TBSP Crisco
1 cup milk
1 cup sugar
1 egg
2 cups flour
1 ¾ tsp baking soda
½ tsp. salt

Buttercream Maple Frosting
1 stick softened margarine
¾ cup Crisco
½ tsp. vanilla
½ tsp. maple flavoring
1 TBSP maple syrup

Cream together all ingredients

Add:
6 TBSP Marshmallow Fluff
1 cup confectionary (powdered sugar)

Cream Crisco and sugar—add egg and milk, cream together. Mix dry ingredients together—Add wet ingredients. Mix until smooth. Drop by tablespoons onto parchment paper. Bake 12-15 min. in a 350 degree oven (Oven vary times are approximate) Cool and Fill

PHOTO CONTEST

Theme for all age divisions is “Capture an Emotion”
Photo must be at least 5”x7” with a maximum of 8”x10”.
Photo must be framed & have a strong hanger.
Photo may be black & white or color.
➢ Photo must include name & address and phone number. If you are a 4-H member, please include the name of your club/clubs.
4-H National Trip (Congress and Conference) and Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Winners

We recently held interviews for National Trips in Lisbon and Orono. Please join us in congratulating the following winners for this year’s National Trips, and also the delegates selected for the Citizenship Washington Focus trip in July. We are proud to have you represent Maine 4-H!

Winners for the National 4-H Congress will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia in November are: **Faith D. from Franklin County**, Sophie P. and Amelia S. from Cumberland County, Mackensie S. from Waldo County, and the alternate if someone cannot make the trip, will be Gabrielle H. from Piscataquis County.

Winners for the National 4-H Conference will be traveling to Washington DC in April 2019 are: Janie B. from Kennebec County, **Andrew D. from Franklin County**, Jessica F. from Cumberland County, Mackenzy L. from Kennebec County and the alternate if someone cannot make the trip will be Devyn H. from Cumberland County.

Delegates to Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) that will be traveling to Washington DC, the week of the 4th of July are: Samuel P. from Washington County, Savannah and Nathan D. from Knox Lincoln County, Marcus V., Ana S., Abbie K., and Ryan I., from Waldo County, Eugene L. from Kennebec County, **Bradley S., Noah and Caleb M., Allison B. from Franklin County**, Don S., Natalie D, Matthew D., Lauren P. from Cumberland County, Josiah D from Penobscot County, Gretchen G., Richard H. from Somerset County, Jacob M. from Oxford County.

**University of Maine 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training**

The 4-H Shooting Sports program has been steadily growing and the demand for new instructors is growing quickly. This training is for anyone that would like to create a 4-H club that offers archery, rifle, or other disciplines. It is also for folks that simply want to be able to offer shooting activities at outreach events, rod and gun clubs, etc.

Instructors than have access to the equipment held by the Maine 4-H Shooting Sports program to support these activities. The training is a Saturday-Sunday program and includes meals and lodging right here at Bryant Pond 4-H. We are offering instruction in Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, or Pistol. You can find more information at [https://extension.umaine.edu/bryantpond/4-h-Shooting-Sports/instructor-training/](https://extension.umaine.edu/bryantpond/4-h-Shooting-Sports/instructor-training/) or you can call 207-665-2068

**Eastern States Tryouts for Working Steers**

The first of three tryouts for working steer 4-H members interested in being a part of the team to attend the Eastern States Exposition will take place on June 10th at 10am at the Fryeburg fair grounds. 4-H members must participate in at least two of the three tryouts. The second one will be held at ME 4-H Days on Sunday, July 22nd and the third will be held at the Skowhegan fair on Thursday, August 9th.
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Maine Junior Solar Sprint

Saturday June 2nd; 10:30am-4pm at Paris Elementary School
The Junior Solar Sprint is a National competition for 5th-8th graders, designed to help youth use ingenuity and the engineering design process to create a solar powered vehicle. Students learn valuable hands-on science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills, while also learning about the benefits and importance of renewable energy. This spring, hundreds of students across the State of Maine have been creating solar powered cars in their classrooms, after school programs, 4-H Clubs, and more. The public is more than welcome to attend this fun-filled and exciting state final race! Awards will be given out in the following categories: craftsmanship, creative recycling, kids’ choice, innovation, technical merit, and speed. We would like to especially thank our 2018 sponsors; please check out our website for more information: https://extension.umaine.edu/bryantpond/lakeside-classroom/junior-solar-sprint

Photo Contest! From Susan Jennings, Maine 4-H Foundation:

We know we make a huge difference in the lives of Maine youth through 4-H. I appreciate all of the hard work and dedication our 4-H staff make across Maine. The Maine 4-H Foundation had a great year in 2017 raising over $748,000 in donations and investment income! A great deal of this funding was restricted to your programs! Good job! Our goal for 2018 is to continue to increase our support to 4-H programs across Maine. To make this happen the Maine 4-H Foundation needs to hear about your great programs and see youth in action! Becky Mosley suggested a statewide photo contest and the Foundation Board agreed! Photos make all of the difference! The Maine 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce a new youth, volunteer and staff photo contest. To win, submit as many photos (with photo releases) as you like to Susan Jennings by September 1, 2018. Photos need to be originals, have a photo release (for people in the photo) and include the copyright release from the photographer. They need to be digitally submitted to susan.jennings@maine.edu. Please add your name, email contact, age and photo release information.

Youth and volunteer Prize(s):
- Grand prize for the best overall photo: Something 4-H Awesome!
- Prizes given in all divisions (Youth age up to 8, 9-12, 13 and up, volunteers)
  - 1st Prize $100 gift card
  - 2nd Prize $75 gift card
  - 3rd Prize $50 gift card
- Staff Prize: $500 on account at the Maine 4-H Foundation that you can use for a special 4-H program, event, workshop, conference or donor challenge.

Questions?? Call Susan Jennings at 207-615-7300

Youth Field Day

The University of Maine 4-H Camp & Learning Center at Bryant Pond will be hosting our annual Youth Field Day on June 3rd from 9-2. Youth Field Day is a free community day open to everyone! Bring the family, friends, neighbor or anyone that would enjoy a fun doors outdoors. We offer over 20 program areas that you can simply drop in or out of at your pace.

Activities will include archery, trout fishing, geology, wildlife ecology, canoeing and kayaking, farm and garden tours, and a great deal more. Lunch is provided for $5.00 per person. Plan to join us for a few hours, or the day! You may also plan a picnic lunch on your own. We have a hiking trail to the summit of Mt Christopher for folks that would like to stay longer. FMI email: ronald.fournier@maine.edu
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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. For more information or with any questions, please contact Sarah Sparks at sarah.sparks@maine.edu or 207.353.5550.

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.

Oxford County 4-H June Jamboree Livestock Clinic, Working Steer and Horse Clinic

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, 1154 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 diseases.

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 5:00 P.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 pre-register online due to insurance regulations and to help with meal and activity planning. Register at https://extension.umaine.edu/oxford/programs/4h-june-jamboree-livestock-clinic/. Registration deadline is May 25th.

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