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4-H Leaders Association Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, July 19 at 7pm, here at the Extension Office. Please note you are welcome to attend by phone if you are unable to attend. Contact the Extension office for more information.

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.
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Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors
MALE

If you are planning to show livestock at the Maine Agricultural Fairs this summer, and are a member of the Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors, your membership will expire on June 30th. Membership provides adequate liability insurance while exhibiting at Maine fairs as well as other events. To renew membership and/or for more information for to the following website
http://mainelivestockexhibitors.org/

Wind Turbine Hike and Picnic 6/2

Franklin County 4-H youth had the opportunity to tour the Saddleback Ridge Wind Farm on Saturday, June 2. The Wind Farm is located off of Route 2 in Carthage and has 12 turbines at the site. The tour started at Turbine 8 where Rebecca Howard, Assistant Director of Government and Community Affairs with Patriot Renewables, explained the development of the wind turbines in the state of Maine. She also discussed the strict regulations of the industry and the process of constructing the massive 500 foot tall structures. The tour was very educational and afterward the 4-H members made the hike up to the top of Saddleback Peaks where they enjoyed a picnic lunch.

Bradley Smith, Joshua Mulcahy, Hannah Mulcahy, Mariah Johnson and Lucia Marble.

-Note about 4-H Records for 2017-2018-

Staff have been trained on the Beginner Record documents and we recommend all 4-hers 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.
**County News**

**Suffolk Lambs**

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

**Cotswald Sheep**

Free Cotswald Sheep to a good home. This sheep is 6 years old and weathered with a good disposition. If you are interested please contact the Extension office.

**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.

**Conservation Posters**

The following 4-H members have conservation posters and/or awards to be picked up at the extension office: Alexis Comeau, Caleb Foster, Isaac Pinard, Jack Sullivan, Elizabeth Grondin, Cameran Fitch, Caleb Fitch, Jade Fitch, Judith Ross, Bryce Comeau, Alexis Meisner, Lorne Grondin, Amelia Ross, and Kelsey Butterfield.

**2018 4-H Fair**

We had a great turn-out for our annual Franklin County 4-H Fair on Saturday, June 16th!! There were a variety of workshops offered. Some of the new activities were fish dissection, ATV Safety, and Zoonotic education.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who work hard to make this wonderful and enjoyable event!
Club Updates

Supper on the Table

Supper on the Table had two concession stand fundraisers, one at Farmington Fair for a rabbit show and one at Skowhegan fair for a poultry show. 7 members attended Oxford Counties June Jamboree, and learned about sheep and hog showmanship and caring for them.

Franklin County Beef Club

The Franklin county Dairy Club held a showmanship workshop at the 4-H Fair on Saturday, June 16th. Fifteen 4-Hers from five clubs (Beef Booster, Giddy Up n' Go, Supper on the Table, Doe C Doe Goat Club and the Dairy Club) participated. Members rotated through four stations; three on showmanship and one on what equipment to take to fair. Ashlie Hardy of Ontario, Canada was a session leader. She works for Scotia Bank and has shown at the Maine Holstein State Show, Eastern States Exposition, New York Spring Show, Madison, Wisconsin, The Winter Royal in Toronto, Canada and Australia. She focused on how to move in the ring. Kaisey Conant of Canton, Maine taught members about the fine points of showing. She is a sophomore at Husson College majoring in Physical Therapy. She has shown at ESE and Louisville, Kentucky. Teresa Hardy and Sarah Rowe also professional showman instructed members on leg placement. Darlene Nelson brainstormed with members what equipment they would need at the fair. Mason Rowe, president of the dairy club, took the clover bud members on a walk with their animals. The day ended with members showing and judge, Ashlie Hardy giving constructive criticism.
The Club had a Team Challenge that had them create, plate and present a pizza. Teams had 5 min to look at the ingredient table then 5 min to go up and get what they wanted and 30 min to construct their pizza....scored on teamwork! One person from each team was responsible to check their pizza and decide when it was done. They had all the ingredients needed but not all the tools....they needed to work as a team to figure out the solutions. Members also participated in the Tour at Saddleback Ridge Wind Farm. We worked on more quilt squares for their service project as well. Members would like to extend a Thank You! To the Dairy Club for the instruction offered during the Dairy Showmanship Clinic at the 4-H Fair. We had members enter the contests at the Fair too...Hannah Mulcahy won 1st Place for her photograph and 2nd Place for her Whoopie Pie. Mariah Johnson, Hannah Mulcahy, Joshua Mulcahy and Bradley Smith also participated in the Cook-Off and were awarded 1st Place for their beef stir-fry. We are now looking forward to a busy Fair season!
4-H Fair Contest Results

The Bake-Off Challenge asked participants to try their hand at a Maine favorite... Whoopie Pies. Thank you to Douins market for helping judge this tasty competition.

Ages 5-8
1st Place: William Gerrish
2nd Place: Travis Perreault
3rd Place: Owen Vachon

Ages 9-11
1st Place: Cyriss Gerrish

Ages 12-14
1st Place: Daria Gerrish
2nd Place: Hannah Mulcahy

The Art Contest
Theme: “Fun in the Sun”
Ages 9-11
1st Place: Adelaide Minton
2nd Place: Alyisa Kinsey

Ages 12-14
1st Place: Amber Smith
2nd Place: Hannah Mulcahy
3rd Place: Alexis Comeau
4th Place: Joshua Mulcahy

Photo Contest
Theme “Capture an Emotion”

Ages 12-14
1st Place: Hannah Mulcahy
2nd Place: Alexis Comeau
3rd Place: Amber Leah Smith

Adult:
Amanda Bean

Thank you to everyone that participated!
Franklin County Horse Camp 2018

Franklin County Horse Camp was held June 24 – June 29. The 18 Horse camp attendees had a great week. All campers enjoyed their time at the Farmington Fairgrounds. Thank you to all the volunteers who donate their time and talent during this week!

Left to right back row. Aiden, Carianne, Maelyn, Mia, Emma, Giulia, cakalyn(aka Caitlin), Hailey
Front row left to right Aislyn, Alyssa, Cassie, Jailinn, Emma V, Ashlynn, Carinna, Grace, Hailee, Emily

Register Now for 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/.

For more information or with any questions, please contact Jessy Brainerd at 207.581.3877 or jessica.brainerd@maine.edu.
State News

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

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 d9jmt6 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.