# Franklin County Calendar

**NO LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING IN AUGUST**

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**4-H Leaders Association Meeting**

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County News

4-H Open Air Market

The 4-H Open Air Market will be here before we know it! The Market will be held on Saturday, August 25th in conjunction with the Farmers Market located in the District Courthouse parking lot at 129 Main St, Farmington. The Market opens at 9:00 AM but participants should plan on arriving by 8:30 AM to setup and must stay until the market ends at NOON.

All 4-H members are eligible to participate by selling items which they made or produced. This is a great opportunity to practice your entrepreneurial skills! Members may sell hand crafts, home baked goods, fresh produce, flowers and these are just a few examples. 4-H members get to keep all money that they earn. Clubs are also welcome to do a club fundraiser at the market if they wish. Please remember, all items sold must be made or produced by the 4-H members themselves.

For those who perhaps have never participated before and as reminders to those who have, please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- **Baked or Homemade food needs to be created and packaged in a certified commercial kitchen.**
- All items sold must be made or produced by the 4-H member themselves.
- If you are planning to participate, please call the Extension office to reserve your space by Friday, August 17th. If you need a table, please let the Extension office know when you sign up. Tables are on a first come first serve basis.
- We encourage our 4-H members to wear name tags to identify themselves as well as the 4-H Club they belong to.
- Keep the area around your table neat and clean.
- Have all items clearly priced and neatly displayed.
- Be courteous to all. It is important to be good representatives of our 4-H program and to promote it the very best.

Questions? Call Judy at the Extension office 778-4650

Exhibit Requirements for Independent Members

This is a gentle reminder for all Independent 4-H members who are planning to exhibit at the Farmington Fair. You are asked to submit a 4-H project Record (in progress) for each of the projects you are enrolled in as well as a write up on a community service project that you have participated in during the year. Both the Project Record(s) and the write up should be turned in to Judy at the Extension office before being eligible to exhibit.
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, Cameren Fitch, Caleb Fitch, Jade Fitch, Judith Ross, Bryce Comeau, Alexis Meisner, Lorne Grondin, Amelia Ross, and Kelsey Butterfield.

Farmington Fair

Farmington Fair is just around the corner! Information on 4-H shows and exhibits will be sent out to all members and volunteers via email. If you don't have email, you will receive a hard copy in the mail. The information can also be accessed on the fair website: www.farmingtonfairmaine.com. If you plan to exhibit, please read all information carefully and make your entries out clearly. Be sure hall exhibit entries for the correct category. We would like to encourage all of our 4-H clubs to consider having an Educational Exhibit in the Exhibiton Hall this year. It is always very impressive to see the displays and information the clubs provide for these exhibits. It would be super to have one from each club. If you have questions, or if you would like to reserve space for your club to have an Educational Exhibit, please give Judy a call at the Extension Office. All entries for shows and exhibits are due in the Extension Office by September 1st.

Thank you to everyone that helped out at Maine 4-H days. Here are some photos from that weekend!
Working Steer

The working steer club spent two days at the 4-H Fair. Saturday consisted of an all day workshop as the members practiced for all three classes. Members practiced showmanship, cart and drag. Many members started out with new calves, and ropes on their cattle this year. By the end of the weekend everyone was without ropes, and completing obstacles with ease.

On Sunday, the group traveled to Chesterville to Herb Quirion's home to make a yoke. Herb has been a longtime member of the steer and ox community and graciously donated his time, tools, and home for our club to learn how to make a yoke. We were able to start with a freshly sawn piece of wood and with help from Herb and parent volunteers our members were able to trace the pattern, cut the yoke out, and shape it into the final stages of a yoke.

The steer club has put in a lot of hard work already this year, and the members are looking forward to the fair season starting in late July. Most members will be at Waterford for their first show on July 22nd.
Dairy Club &
Supper on the Table Club
The Supper on the Table Club and Franklin County Dairy Club held a three day workshop at Shady Lane Farm in New Vineyard July 13th, 14th and 15th. Mason and Nick Rowe, Natalee Orr, Jason Bagley, Jonathan Cliché, and Samantha Davis planned the activities, engaged speakers and set the schedule. Mackenzie Schofield 4-Her from Troy spoke to about 20 members on the care of clippers, different clippers and their use, and various products used to prepare dairy animals for the showing. Then groups were formed to focus on various topics. Mackenzie and Mason Rowe worked with dairy members to clip heifers focusing on blending the belly hair and toplines. Kaden Lane and Nick Rowe coached the younger members to wash and shear market lambs. Darlene Nelson quizzed members about 4-H, dairy, sheep and swine using buzzers. Groups rotated through sessions as needed. Members with market lambs walked their animals to build muscle under the supervision of Mason, Nick and Kaden. Lydia Schofield of Thorndike and Bradley Smith of New Sharon taught members how to tie a quick release knot so they can tie their animals. Market lambs were weighed to see if they were on track for the determined market time. All participants helped do the dairy, sheep and swine chores at Shady Lane Farm before working on demonstrations. The evening ended with a family potluck supper. Saturday began with chores followed by Martin Lane speaking on the correct feed program for raising a market hog and basics of showing swine. Later the older members coached a younger member on how to show a market lamb. Each team gave a demonstration to the group. Next members practiced showing market hogs with Martin Lane acting as the judge and giving constructive criticism to the showmen. The day ended with the members watching and listening to the classifier, Lee Harris of Kentucky, explain what is looked for when classifying animals and why he scored each animal as he did. On Sunday, Ashley Hayward of North Yarmouth, worked with the experienced sheep members on how to clip the legs of a market lamb and other tips about showing and fitting.
Doe-C-Doe Club

We have been working on our fair booth idea for the Skowhegan and Farmington fairs as well as a club skit for the County Talent Show. Four of our senior members, (Allison Blauvelt, Caleb Mulcahy, Bradley Smith and Noah Mulcahy) attended CWF and helped carry the Daniel the Tiger balloon in the National 4th of July Parade in Washington DC. They enjoyed the experience; some of the highlights, in addition to the parade, were the workshops, night tour of the capital and dinner at Toby’s Dinner Theater. This year the musical was Mamma Mia. Mariah Johnson, Ms. Junior Dairy Princess, Hannah Mulcahy and Joshua Mulcahy were part of the Farmington Independence Day Parade this year. Congratulations to Bradley Smith who was on the 1st Place Team for the Grilled Cheese contest at Maine 4-H Days; he earned a spot on Maine’s ESE Cook Off Team!! His team also received Best of Show. Faith Dexter, Caleb Mulcahy and Andrew Dexter were presenters at the hydroponic workshop during Maine 4-H Days. (They were part of the Maine delegation that attended the Agri-Science Summit in January) Other club members enjoyed learning how to make sushi. It has been a busy month!
Dusty Boots 4-H Club

Dusty Boots 4-H Club held their second mounted meeting of the season on Saturday, July 14th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Six of our eight members attended this mounted meeting. The mounted meeting was held at White Birch Farm in Farmington Maine, instructed by Ashley Roy, owner of the farm. Following the mounted meeting, the club held their regular monthly business meeting to discuss upcoming fundraising ideas, club apparel, as well as finalize the club’s plans to hold an Overnight Horse Camp in August. Members of the club also congratulated their President, Caitlin Pierce and Mia Willingham for making the Maine 4-H Equestrian Team, Caitlin as a rider and Mia Willingham a Teen Leader. Both girls did a phenomenal job and we are very proud of them and all the hard work they put into this day-and-a-half process. Also special mention to Carrianne Crockett, of Giddy-Up-And-Go who also made the team as a Teen Leader.

Dusty Boots welcomes new members, 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. The best part, Members need not own a horse to participate in the Dusty Boots 4-H Horse Club.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 14th beginning at 6:00pm. Contact Terri if you would like to join us.

Upcoming excitement for Dusty Boots…..we are gearing up for an Overnight Horse Camp for club members that will include a versatility lesson on the first day and a riding on the flat lesson on the second day. We have crafts, games, swimming and even a campfire with s’mores planned. It’s not too late to become a member of Dusty Boots.
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 d9jnty 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 kynnoelle.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.