**Franklin County Calendar**

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Congratulations Alison Blauvelt on the 2017 fair book cover

**2018 Beef Intent to Participate Forms**

2018 Beef Intent to Participate Forms will be due in the Extension Office January 1. All other Intent to Participate forms will be due February 1.
4-H Leaders Association Meeting

There will be no 4-H Leaders Association meeting in September.

4-H Project Records

The year is flying by! We encourage all of our 4-H members to be working on their 4-H Project Records. The project isn’t complete until the paperwork is done.

Community Service Project

National 4-H Week is October 1st – October 7th and Franklin County 4-H is planning a Community Service Project for our members. We will be making “Survival Kits” for the Franklin County Sheriff Office. These “Kits” will encourage our local law enforcement officers with sweet sentiments and candies. Each Club, as well as our Independent Members, are asked to participate in this Franklin County 4-H Community Service Project. If you would like to participate, you may donate a large bag of the specified candy and/or come and help create the kits during National 4-H Week. Please sign-up for a bag of candy by contacting the Extension Office with the specific candy you will be donating. Then drop the bag off to the Office before September 29, 2017. The Survival Kits will be presented to the Sheriff’s Office during National 4-H Week in October. Candy needed: Peppermint Patty, Starburst, and Mounds.

Texas 4-H Relief Support Campaign for 4-H Programs Affected by Hurricane Harvey

One of the best ways to support people displaced by the floods caused by Tropical Storm Harvey is to donate. The Texas 4-H Program has been receiving requests from across the country to help those in need. Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation has released details on a campaign to support our local and county 4-H Programs who have been hit by this massive storm. To give to the Texas 4-H Relief Support Campaign for 4-H Programs Affected by Hurricane Harvey please visit https://texas4hfoundation.org/give/

Working Steer

Lauren Robinson will be attending the big E with the working steer team. This is her first year attending. She has participated in many shows and the two tryouts! She also had high point Jr at Skowhegan state fair. Congratulations!
Skowhegan Fair 2017

Thank you to everyone that represented Franklin County at the Showhegan Fair! We look forward to seeing all of you at the Farmington Fair this month.

SPIN Club - Small Engine Repair

Are you a 4-H member interested in learning about small engines? Maybe you’d like to, one day, have a small engine repair business. This may be a great start towards learning the skills that you need. A 4-H alumni has offered to teach the skill of small engine repair to members age 10 and older. This would be done in a short term SPIN Club format. Meetings for this training would probably not take place until late Fall or Winter. If this is something that you as a 4-H member would like to participate in, please give Judy or Tiffany a call here at the Extension office or you can send us an email. We would like get an idea of what the interest would be before we throttle up the program!!

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Doe-C-Doe

Doe-C-Doe had a fantastic year at the Skowhegan State Fair this year: we marched in the 4-H Day Parade; Caleb Evans won Jr. Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Grand Champion and Best of Breed in the Nigerian Dwarf Class; Andrew Dexter won Grand Champion in the Recorded Grade Class; Josh Mulcahy won Novice Fitting and Showmanship Class. We listened to the judges comments from last year’s Educational Booth and won 1st Place this year. We also entered in the Club Exhibit Booth this year. To prepare, we had a work day where everyone helped each other get projects finished in time for the fair. Caleb Evans has also shown in the Bangor Goat Show. He has worked very hard to get awareness up about goat wethers being used as cart goats this year too. He brought his Nubian buck and his cart to the Skowhegan 4-H Day Parade. Jacob Fortier participated in the Union Fair Sheep Show and has also been selected for the Big E Sheep Team. We have been working on our entries for the Farmington Fair and attended the Open Air Market as well.

Supper On The Table

Recently members of Supper on the Table 4-H club, showed off their showmanship skills and conditioned sheep at the Skowhegan State Fair. Congratulations Mason Rowe, recipient of the dairy sportsmanship award and Jason Bagley recipient of the dairy show award.
Rabbit Club

Sunday, October 1 a rabbit club will hold its first meeting here at the Extension office at 2 p.m. The Rabbit club is looking forward to learning how to care for your rabbit, pelting, meat rabbits, show rabbits, and even trick bunnies. For more information contact: Melissa Gerrish at 207-578-1287 or mgerrish5@myfairpoint.net

4-H Open Air Market

The weather was beautiful for the 2017 Open Air Market on Saturday, August 26th. This annual event, held in partnership with the Saturday Farmington Farmers market, allows youth the opportunity to practice the skills that are essential to developing a small business, such as expense tracking, marketing and customer service. Here are some of the youth that participated:
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.

Fair Info for 4-H Shows

If there are 4-H members that would like to participate in 4-H shows at upcoming Maine fairs and need entry information, please contact the extension office and we can check on the requirements and deadlines for you.

National Youth Science Day

National Youth Science Day is October 4, 2017. This year the focus is on a popular STEM topic- fitness. The challenge is "Incredible Wearables". Youth have the opportunity to make their own wearable fitness trackers. Science Kits have been purchased. Franklin County volunteers have the opportunity to take part in a training to learn how to use the kits and share a science day with their club members. You can schedule your science day on October 4th or any day that you choose. If you would like to be a part of this training, please contact the extension office and let us know. We would like to have at least five volunteers to participate in order to have someone take the time to do the training.

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. We’ll be posting the records online soon and are planning a few ways for you to be part of the team.
- 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: d9jmtj and click Join.
  - Participate in our live feedback sessions. Please save the date for feedback sessions. These will be conducted using Zoom. Registration for these sessions will be posted soon!
    - 10/17/17 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
    - 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.
Don’t Miss the September 4-H Fix

On **September 15th** the 4-H Fix is going to take you to the FAR corners of the world! Visit the 4-H Fix today! You may learn things you didn’t even know existed!

Maybe there should be a club for 4-H Fix readers! There are clubs for 4-H Members, after all!

**4-H Dog Show at the Cumberland Fair Open to All Counties**

Friday September 29th, 3:30 P.M. in the Livestock Show Arena of the Cumberland Fairgrounds, 197 Blanchard Road, Cumberland, ME 04021. This show is open to all Maine 4-H members between the ages of 9 and 18, enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project as of April 1st regardless of prior show experience. Showmanship (Novice through Advanced) and Obedience (Pre-Novice though Graduate Novice) are the primary award winning classes. There will also be a fun obstacle class. All classes are judged using the Danish System and all award winning classes come with a ribbon and premium. Registrations are due to the 4-H Dog Show representative Sara Conant by Monday September 18th. For more information or to find the rules and registration please visit [http://umaine.edu/cumberland/programs/cumberland-county-4-h/cumberland-fair/](http://umaine.edu/cumberland/programs/cumberland-county-4-h/cumberland-fair/) or contact Sara Conant at pawsnpalsdogclub@yahoo.com.

Cumberland Fair 4-H Horse Show Open to All Counties

Saturday September 30th 9:00 A.M. in the Riding Arena of the Cumberland Fairgrounds, 197 Blanchard Road, Cumberland, ME 04021. This show is open to all Maine 4-H members between the ages of 9 and 18, enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project as of April 1st regardless of prior show experience. All horses entering the facilities must be vaccinated for EHV (rhinopneumonitis) and equine influenza within the calendar year and have a negative Coggins test. Entries need to be returned by September 1st to Mark Cooper, Superintendent, 81 Chute Road, Windham, Maine 04062. All horse show participants will also need the certificate of MALE insurance. FMI or to enter [https://extension.umaine.edu/cumberland/programs/cumberland-county-4-h/4-h-forms-and-registrations/cumberland-fair/](https://extension.umaine.edu/cumberland/programs/cumberland-county-4-h/4-h-forms-and-registrations/cumberland-fair/).

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

Join us and get energized as you network with volunteers, county-based sta¬ff, and state specialists from across the country! Three sessions will be offered in October, November and December. The first one is Thursday, October 5, 2017 – 7:00-8:30 PM (ET).

Cultivating an Environment for Growing True Leaders
Creating an environment where 4-H members feel safe as they grow and develop leadership skills means having volunteers who understand the basics of positive youth development. This session will feature ideas and activities that help foster life skill development by focusing on strategies for more effective club interactions.

Go to [https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/national-4-h-volunteer-e-forum/](https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/national-4-h-volunteer-e-forum/) to see which counties are host sites for the October event. To register, contact the county Extension office where you wish to participate directly.
Eastern States Bus Trip, Saturday, September 16, 2017

It’s time to reserve seats for the buses traveling to Eastern States Exposition (ESE or also called the “Big E”) in West Springfield, Massachusetts for Maine Day on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

This one-day trip is sponsored by the Maine Trustees of the Eastern States Exposition to encourage Maine 4-Hers who don’t presently participate in events at ESE to see the activities that go on for 4-H youth in hopes to bolster their enthusiasm to participate in the future. Two buses are reserved for us and the northernmost bus will originate in Bangor and they will both stop at several points on I-95. Seats fill up quickly, and we will begin taking registrations immediately.

All youth must go with a chaperone, but because this event is primarily for youth; seats are limited to no more than two adults per child – chaperones must be the parent or legal guardian of the 4-H member, or an enrolled VOLT trained volunteer. The bus ride and admission to the “Big E” are free, but all individuals on this trip are expected to march in the parade at 5 pm. It works well if you wear a 4-H t-shirt if you have one, and for clubs to bring their club banner to display during the parade.

Items you might want to bring along with you are: light snacks, water, a good book, Rated G movies (there is a DVD player on the bus), a pillow, and a blanket. There will be a rest stop along the way. Other items to consider bringing: clothing to identify your club, a comfortable pair of walking shoes, a hat with a visor, sun glasses, sun screen, a back pack, personal spending money, a camera, and a watch. If you have a cell phone, it will be helpful for logistics. Please include your cell phone number when you register.

Please leave valuable items at home. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Bus stops will be determined based on location of riders. Reservations must be made in writing or by e-mail to:

Jessy Brainerd  
103B Libby Hall  
University of Maine  
Orono, ME 04469-5741  
jessica.brainerd@maine.edu

When you register, please give the name, age (for adults, just state “adult”), address, home phone, and cell phone number of each person in your group. Reservations are due by Friday, September 1st (call after this date to check on seat availability). A confirmation email will be sent to you a week before the trip giving you your time and pick up location. Pick up will be bright and early in the morning, and both buses will be leaving The Big E at 7:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed to serve as Bus Monitors. Bus Monitors will serve as the contact person for other passengers on their bus, and will make sure everyone gets back on the bus at the rest stop. If you’d be willing to serve in this capacity, please let us know when you sign up.

If you have questions, please contact Jessy Brainerd at 800-287-0274 or 581-3877.
Kennebec 4-H Horse Shows
Open Statewide! Join us!!

Kennebec 4-H Horse Shows are no cost to enter and are open to all 4-H'ers statewide. Litchfield Fair 4-H Horse Show, September 9 at 8:00am.

All registration packets are available through this site: https://extension.umaine.edu/kennebec/resources/4h/fairs/. Contact Alisha Targonski at alisha.r.targonski@maine.edu for more information.

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.

Tanglewood Fall Harvest Festival

The Tanglewood Fall Harvest Festival and the second annual Tanglewood Tracks 3.5 mile trail race will be held at Tanglewood 4-H Camp in Lincolnville on Saturday, October 7th. The race starts at 9, followed by the festival from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Explore the Tanglewood forest, press your own apple cider and try your hand at archery. Event is family-friendly, and admission to the festival is free; the race costs $20. For more information, please call Patti at 207-789-5868. To register for the race online, go to www.active.com.

Oxford County Fair 4-H Horse Show

The Oxford County Fair 4-H Horse Show will be held on opening day, Wednesday September 13th. Registration is at 9:00A.M. at the show ring. The show begins at 10:00. This event is open to 4-H Youth, 4-H Volunteers and 4-H Alumni. There are Stick Horse classes for Cloverbuds and horseless riders of any age. You may pre-register or request a class list from Jillian.Pendexter@maine.edu. The fairgrounds are located at 67 Pottle Road in Oxford Maine.

Rabbit Showmanship Competition

A Rabbit Showmanship Competition will be held on October 6th at 10:00 in the rabbit barn at Fryeburg Fair at 1154 Main Street in Fryeburg. This event is hosted by the rabbit barn and is for all youth. People new to showing rabbits are also welcome; instruction will be provided. For information please email Liz Kenaley at lkenaley@gmail.com. You will need to request a car pass from Liz 2 weeks prior to the event.

Life Happens Outside Festival

The Life Happens Outside Festival will be held Friday, August 25th from 6-10pm AND Saturday, August 26th from 9am-5pm at Thompson's Point in Portland ME. The Life Happens Outside Festival is designed to be fun for all ages, outdoor interests, and skill levels, with the purpose of celebrating Maine's outdoors and its passionate outdoor community. This event will include 6 outdoor villages, 40+ vendors, interactive workshops, exhibits, gear demos, food, live music, competitions, and free giveaways. This event is put on by Teens to Trails, a non-profit that supports the creation and growth of Maine high school Outing Clubs. For more information on the Life Happens Outside Festival please go to the website: https://www.lifehappensoutside.org/, or contact the Teens to Trails team at festival@teenstotrails.org. For ticket info, go to https://www.xorbia.com/e/teenstotrails/life-happens-outside-festival.
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/

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