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Franklin County Calendar

July 1-8  CWF (Citizen Washington Focus)
July 4  Independence Day, Extension Office Closed
July 20  4-H Leaders Association Meeting
July 22-24  Maine 4-H Days
July 24  State Dairy 4-H Show
July 28– Aug.6  Bangor Fair

Looking Ahead:  No 4-H Leaders Association Meeting in August

August 10-19  Skowhegan State Fair
August 19-26  Union Fair
August 27-Sept. 4  Windsor Fair

Alexis Meisner  Branden Azevedo  Clinton King
Hannah Mulcahy  James House  Matthew Smith
Melissa Fitch  Parker Hanscom  Sheila Gravell
Melinda Larrabee-Robinson

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4-H Leaders Association Meeting

The 4-H Leader Association Meeting will be held on July 20 @ the Extension Office.

Agenda Items For July

Working agreement
Secretary’s report
Treasurer report
Committee report
  • Debate
  • 4-H Fair/Auction
  • Horse Camp
  • 4-H Fair
  • Health and Safety meeting
  • Open Air Market
  • Recognition event

Exceptional accomplishment award
Nomination of Officers
Club updates
Farmington Fair
Record sheets
Other
No meeting in August or September.
Next meeting October 19th

Conservation Posters
Conservation Poster Entries are available for pick up at the Extension Office, if your poster did not go on to states. Feel free to stop in and pick it up.

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.

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!!

To Franklin County 4-H Graduates!
Well Done, 4-H Members!

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, go to the following website http://mainelivestockexhibitors.org/

4-H Project Records
They 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.
4-H Project Records

“Why should I do it?” “How will it help me?” These are questions that 4-H members often ask. Record keeping is a life skill that can be used throughout life in many ways. 4-H Project Records are a great way to learn the record keeping process which includes recording data all year such as time management, finances, awards etc. then organizing and recording that information in your project record.

A complete 4-H Project Record also includes a 4-H Resume and a 4-H Story. Once your resume is started, keep that in a file and add more information each year. Your 4-H story includes information about you and your 4-H experiences throughout the year. Keeping records is really not so bad after all!

Completed records are turned in to the club leader by October 20th. Leaders will take a look at the record to make sure it is complete and offer any suggestions to the member on information that might be included. The Record is then turned in to the Extension Office by October 27th. All records that are turned in will be judged and awards will be presented at the annual Recognition Event which will be held in November.

4-H project records, along with guidelines on how to complete them, may be picked up at the Extension Office or https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/volunteers/resources/forms/. If there are questions, please give us a call at the Extension Office.

Franklin County Horse Camp 2017

The Horse camp attendees had great weather for the last week of June. All the campers enjoyed their time at the Fairgrounds.
We had a great turn-out for our annual Franklin County 4-H Fair on Saturday, June 24th!!
There were a variety of workshops offered along with the return of Alcohol Ink Tiles and the Weather Stick workshops.
Some of the new activities were a Beginner Blacksmith Workshop, Goat Showmanship Class, Paperbag Flower workshop and a Mindfulness Jars activity.
One of our newest clubs, Franklin County Circuit Hackers, came with a robot maze and a 3D printer. We were also very happy that we were able to include Shooting Sports during the Fair this year. The Back to Creation Outdoors School offered Archery class that was open all day.

The Contests were another fun activity that our 4-Hers participated in as well.

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

See you next year :)

4-H Fair Results
The Bake-Off Challenge asked participants to try their hand at a Maine favorite...Whoopie Pies.
Division 3
1st Place was Mia Willingham
Division 4
1st Place was Faith Dexter.

The Art Contest
"A Maine Adventure"
Division 1
1st Place was Wiekko Silanpaa
Division 2
1st Place was Amber Smith
2nd Place was Joshua Mulcahy
Division 3
1st Place was Hannah Mulcahy
2nd Place was Mia Willingham
Division 5
1st Place was Cindy Willingham

The Photography Contest
"The Beauty in Franklin County"
Division 2
1st Place was Amber Smith
Division 3
1st Place was Mia Willingham
2nd Place was Hannah Mulcahy
3rd Place was Jack Sullivan
Division 4
1st Place was Faith Dexter
2nd Place was Jared Winslow
Division 5
1st Place was Cindy Willingham

The Cook-Off Challenge had a tasty common ingredient this year of Goat Cheese
The cheese was provided by From the Country Farm
1st Place Team was with the Giddy Up & Go Horse Club
   Mia Willingham, Grace Willingham and Maelyn Leighton
Art Show Contest Entries

More Photos of the 4-H Fair
Club Updates

Supper On The Table

Great first fundraiser as a concession stand for a rabbit show. Members attended a three day animal clinic where they learned showmanship basics, fitting techniques and had speaker on various topics. Members also attended the annual 4-H Fair and participated in many activities, an overall favorite was archery. Members also participated in the 4-H Fairs cook-off competition.

Doe-C-Doe Club

Doe-C-Doe Club members have been busy helping out in the community: we sent Thank You cards to our Military, birthday cards to the nursing home, collected food for the food bank, participated in the Flag Day at the Elk’s, helped with Literacy Volunteers book sale and helped the Back to Creation Outdoor School prepare for one of their outdoor classrooms for their summer camps. We had 5 members attend 4-H @ UMaine, 2 as Teen Leaders, and all had a blast! 2 of our senior members will be attending CWF and will be part of the delegation that has the honor of carrying the Paddington Bear float in the National 4th of July parade. Members also attended the Debate workshops held at the college. Our members are working with their animals to get them ready for fair season. We also completed the National 4th H for Health challenge this month.

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ESE 4-H Beef Program Scholarship

The ESE Beef Program Committee annually sponsors two $1,000 scholarships for high school seniors and current college students who have participated in the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Beef Program for two or more years (does not have to be consecutive).

Additional information and an application can be found at: http://d2w7gersd1ix5b.cloudfront.net/files.ashx?tid=fg&f=174HBeefScholarshipApp.pdf&rid=TheBigE

Big E Ruby Morris 4-H Scholarship

This year Maine will select 1 recipient for the $500 Ruby Morris 4-H Scholarship. Potential candidates must have been a 4-H program participant at the Big E for at least one year, the year of the scholarship presentation, or prior. The scholarship must be used for two or four Year College, professional training, technical schools, etc.

Additional information and application materials can be found at: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/4-h-events/big-e/big-e-ruby-morris-4-h-scholarship/.

Register Now for 2017 Maine 4-H Days

Maine 4-H Days will take place July 21 – 23, 2017 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/.

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.

Monmouth Fair 4-H Horse Show, August 2 at 1:00pm.
Windsor Fair 4-H Horse Show, August 29 at 9:30am.
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.
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July’s 4-H Fix

Just want to help out but you don’t know how? There’s a 4-H Fix for that!!

Visit the 4-H Fix on July 15th and find out how Maine 4-H’ers have been putting their “HANDS to larger service” and really helping out across Maine!!

Visit the 4-H Fix today! You’ll be glad you did!

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.

National 4-H Dairy Conference

The 2017 National 4-H Dairy Conference will take place in Madison, Wisconsin October 1 – 4, 2017. Youth must be age 15 as of January 1st and not older than age 18. More information and an application can be found at: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/4-h-projects/animal-science-resources/dairy/national-4-h-dairy-conference/

Deadline: Application must be received by the 4-H office by July 10, 2017. Applicants will participate in a phone interview on 7/15/17. An interview will need to be scheduled by calling Stephanie at 207.860.0979.

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4-H Demonstrations at Eastern States Exposition

Maine 4-H at Eastern States Exposition. Travel dates are September 23rd, 24th and 25th. A $25.00 registration fee includes travel by coach bus to and from The Big E, meals and two nights lodging in the Moses Dormitory on the fairgrounds.

Youth will work in teams demonstrating STEM activities and 4-H projects. Join our group now and help show fair goers what Maine 4-H is all about!

Top finishers in the Maine 4-H Public Speaking Tournament who earned a spot on the Maine 4-H Communications Team will be traveling with us and presenting from the New England Center Stage.

Participants will need money to purchase meals on the bus ride down and back along with any spending money you wish to bring for your stay at the fair. There is a lot to do and see at The Big E Fair www.thebige.com/ that is free of cost!

Open to youth ages ten and older. Limited space available, register and pay online before August 10th https://extension.umaine.edu/oxford/programs/maine-4-h-at-eastern-states-exposition/ Contact Becky at rebecca.mosley@maine.edu or 207.743.6329 for more information.
Maine 4-H Youth Development Mission

To educate and empower Maine youth through hands-on and community-based experiences.

Maine 4-H Youth Development Vision

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 the Franklin County 4-H Website: http://extension.umaine.edu/franklin/programs
State 4-H Website: http://umaine.edu/4h/
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