

4-H Happenings

A Monthly Newsletter For Hancock County 4-H Participants

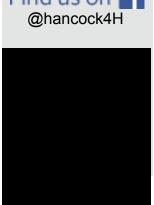
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While the Hancock County Cooperative Extension office is closed and programs are canceled or postponed, our 4-H staff is still working and is more than happy to respond to questions, figure out alternative programming, and be the trusted resource you rely on.

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4-H At Home June Jamboree

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 4-H At Home June Jamboree. It was a lot of fun to watch the photos come in, whether it was backyard camping, making dream catchers, the scavenger hunt, or something else entirely! We loved seeing everyone's creative spirits as they got to work on the activities we sent home, and it was super cool to have 4-H members participating from THREE neighboring counties. Please continue working on the activities if you haven't gotten to them yet – we'd still love to see photos of your work and creations. In the meantime, share your feedback with us via this survey



https://umaine.gualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV cAAN4BBf6yWCF8x and watch our youtube video https://youtu.be/MkFfgPlyJl8 for door-prize announcements and a video collage of the photos that you sent in. Thank you for making 4-H At-Home June Jamboree a reality – we CAN'T wait to see you all in person.

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

July 14	4:30 pm	Leaders' Meeting via Zoom – Contact us for the private link
July 15 – August 1		Submission Dates for 2020 Virtual Exhibit Hall – see page 4
July 16	7-8:00 pm	4-H Volunteer Share Fair – see page 4
August 31 New Date		Photos for Photo Contest Due

UMaine Cooperative Extension Programs during COVID-19

Visit the COVID – 19 Hancock County Resources Report Page

https://extension.umaine.edu/hancock/covid-19-hancock-county-resources-report

4-H clubs are not to meet in person or participate in any in person activities until further notice. We encourage clubs to come together by staying apart and only participate in virtual gatherings and/or activities that can be done "together" but from the safety of home and only with household members who are staying at home together. We have <u>resources</u> at extension.umaine.edu/plugged-in/program-volunteer-resources/4h/go-virtual/ to assist club leaders if they are interested in hosting virtual meetings.

COUNTY NEWS

Leaders' Meeting - The next Leaders' Association meeting will be by Zoom on July 14, at 4:30 pm. Email carla.scocchi@maine.edu for the private link.

Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) - For the safety of fairgoers, staff, vendors, entertainers, exhibitors, sponsors, suppliers and the broader community, the ESE Board of Trustees has made the decision to cancel the 2020 Big E.

Read and watch the video message from ESE President.

GIS 204

Awesome opportunity for rising 10-12th graders, FREE OF CHARGE, to take an introductory course to GIS through UMM.









Photo Contest - August deadline

The Hancock County 4-H Photo Contest deadline has been extended to August 31, 2020. There are six photo categories, and you may enter one photo in each category for a possible total of six entries per person (seven if you participate in the "Enhanced" category). Categories include: Nature/Landscape, Animals, Architecture, People, 4-H Activity, Enhanced. Details for how to participate can be found on our webpage at: extension.umaine.edu/hancock/event/4-h-photo-contest/

Style Revue

The annual 4-H Sewing Contest, has tentatively been rescheduled to take place during Cloverfest on October 23. We encourage youth with the ability to sew at home to do so and send us your photos! If you need patterns or 4-H sewing activities/curriculum, don't hesitate to contact us.

COUNTY NEWS

4-H At Home June Jamboree





























STATE NEWS

1. 4-H Volunteer Share Fair!

Social distancing is hard! We know you are missing your 4-H members and fellow 4-H volunteers! Join us on Thursday, July 16th from 7:00-8:00pm for virtual share fair! This event is open to 4-H volunteers across the north east region from West Virginia to Maine! This interactive Zoom session will give you a chance to share ideas, hear what is going on in other states and get ideas on how to stay connected to your 4-H groups. The event is free, but you must register at http://go.uvm.edu/4hshare. We hope to see you there.

2. 2020 4-H Summer Programming

Have you signed up for YOUR picks from the 2020 4-H Summer Programming offerings? There really is something for every interest area! Check out some awesome cooking demos, or one of the multitudes of livestock workshops; are you interested in science? We've got you covered! From learning how fostering kittens works to building a solar oven to make s'mores in your yard without a fire, there are over fifty different online and offline options running during the months of July and August. Register now, as workshops are filling up! Share this with your friends, as participation in 4-H is not required for many workshops! Discover everything we've got planned and register at: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/2020-4-h-summer-programming/.

3. 2020 Virtual Exhibit Hall

Have you been working hard on a 4-H project that you're ready to show off? The 2020 Virtual Exhibit Hall is here! There will be ribbons! There will be prizes! We will be accepting submissions between July 15th and August 1st. We can't wait to see what our talented Maine 4-Hers have created! More information about exhibit categories and submission guidelines can be found here: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/virtual-fair.

4. Congratulations to Maine 4-H Foundation 2020 Scholarship Recipients! - Celebrate our 2020 Maine 4-H Foundation scholarship winners. Check our Maine 4-H Foundation video awards presentation. https://extension.umaine.edu/4hfoundation/2020-scholarships/

5. 2020 Big E Has Been Canceled

It has just been announced that the Big E has been canceled for 2020. The official statement from them "The Big E is so much more than just a fair, it is tradition, it is celebration, it is the showcase of everything we are so proud of in New England. This is why our hearts are heavy as we bring you this news. For the safety of our fairgoers, staff, vendors, entertainers, exhibitors, sponsors, volunteers and the broader community, the 2020 Big E has been canceled. Thank you all for your support and we'll see you September 17-October 3, 2021, when we can all celebrate together again."

HANCOCK COUNTY 4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION

June 9th, 2020

Present (3)- Secretary Lisa Carney, Board Member Lee Sargent, Treasurer Terry Swazey, and office staff Carla.

Discussion:

Some people could not attend, so we do not have a quorum. Will send out votes via email. Steer Ticket Raffle- The owner will buy the steer back if we want or he can keep the funds and pay it forward for raising the steer next year. Or should we try to raffle it off?

Discussion: the group thought paying the funds forward for next year would be best.

Will be sending out an email to ask Brenda and Heather for their votes.

Other fundraising ideas: We could do an online raffle of some sort; there would be much less overhead than with running the food booth or raising the steer.

Maybe have summer projects kids can do that could be raffled off.

Car wash? (would this even be permitted?)

Fundraiser at Friends & Family Market?

Terry did deposit funds this month, \$315 in donations in memory of Maiah Relich-Godino

Office Notes:

Photo contest deadline was July 31, but we would like to make it August 31 (the whole summer) since we don't have a BHF deadline?

There will be a 4-H Summer Learning Series, including a virtual exhibit hall for all Maine 4-Hers that our Hancock County youth can participate in.

Over 25 kids have signed up for Hancock County Jamboree, kits are going to be delivered tomorrow! Families are happy to have something to do offline.



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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.





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