Welcome Carla Scocchi
4-H Youth Development Professional

Hello, my name is Carla Scocchi (pronounced “Skokie”, like: “Okie Dokie Skokie!”) and I am excited to introduce myself as Hancock County’s new 4-H Youth Development Professional! I’d like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about my background, my goals for this new position, and why we need your help to grow 4-H programming in our county.

I come to 4-H with a passion for experiential education and community learning. From mentoring research projects aboard sailing school vessels to facilitating STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) activities across Maine, I have designed and delivered community-based educational programs that encourage youth to trust in the power of their own observation, question complex problems, and become curious, careful observers of the world. (Continued on page 2)

Be sure to check out our Facebook page for more 4-H photos - www.facebook.com/Hancock-County-4-H-254632954564814/

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Carla Scocchi continued - My teaching career began by taking students to sea aboard 135’ sailing school vessels to learn about oceanography, maritime history, nautical science, and leadership. My students would carry out their own research projects, aligned with their interests, as well as take on responsibility for the navigational and scientific operations of the ship. From then on, I knew that the key to inspiring youth to become lifelong learners was to provide them with authentic experiences. Eventually, I wanted to further my own education and began a Master’s in Science Teaching program through the University of Maine’s RiSE (Research in STEM Education) Center, where I was formally certified as a classroom science teacher. My expertise in the classroom focused on improving students’ ability to work with real scientific data, which includes making good observations, organizing and analyzing them, interpreting their meaning, and communicating ideas. I became most familiar with 4-H/Cooperative Extension when I was hired as a Graduate Assistant to create aquaculture curriculum for new 4-H toolkits. I quickly learned that working in 4-H Youth Development was a perfect place to utilize my skills in both experiential and classroom education, and was thrilled when a position became available in my own county! I live in the town of Penobscot with my husband, Seth, and our dog, two cats, and seven chickens. If you are interested in learning more about me, you can view my resume and teaching philosophy at: http://bit.ly/2IjNy2

This is a very exciting time to be joining the Cooperative Extension team, especially since I am the first full time 4-H Professional hired solely for Hancock County. My goals are to grow the 4-H presence in our county through traditional club and community engagement, with an emphasis on strengthening 4-H STEM programs and partnerships. In order to do this I will be working closely with Rosie and Joyce as well as youth, volunteers, local and statewide Extension staff, potential partner organizations, and other community members to enhance and expand 4-H programming in Hancock County.

As I get settled in this new role, I want to hear from you! I am hoping to learn with and from you to make the most positive impact. I invite you to share your ideas about one or more of the following questions concerning 4-H in Hancock County:

- **Youth:** What new topics are you interested in learning about? What projects are you interested in doing? (examples: marine science, engineering, art and design, etc).
- **Volunteers:** What topics/projects are you interested in teaching?
- **Volunteers:** What development opportunities for volunteers would you like to see? (examples: new project record workshop, Junior Leader training, tips for integrating STEM into your projects, etc)
- **Which organizations or schools would make great 4-H partners?**
- **What are your ideas for growing 4-H in our county?**
- **What are your ideas for STEM projects?**
- **Is there something 4-H used to do in the past that you would like to see happen again?**
- **What do you value most about 4-H?**
- **What else would you like me to know about 4-H?**

You can share your ideas in one of many ways:

- **Email:** carla.scocchi@maine.edu
- **Call:** 207.667.8212 or 1.800.287.1479
- **Online in this anonymous survey:** http://bit.ly/2iB7r3H
- **Facebook Message:** Hancock County 4-H (www.facebook.com/Hancock-County-4-H-254632954564814/)
- **Talk to me in person!** I hope to visit your clubs soon.

I look forward to hearing from you soon! Don’t hesitate to contact me at any time.
Ellsworth Christmas Parade – will be on Saturday December 2\textsuperscript{nd}. The theme this year is “An Old Fashioned Christmas.” 4-H will be marching again as a unit with Independents, clubs, and school groups making up the unit. Contact Heather Linnehan at 667-9570 or email her at heather@linnehans.com to let her know who will be participating. Let’s show our community support! Our big Hancock County 4-H Banner and we’ll be wearing green scarves to let the audience know who we are!

VOLT Training – A 4-H Volunteer Training is scheduled tentatively for Friday, November 17\textsuperscript{th}, time to be announced, at the Extension Office. If you know of anyone that would like the training, please let Joyce know as soon as possible. It is a great opportunity to be trained as a leader, as a helper, or just to learn more about 4-H. It is a fun, interactive, and informative day. The training does not mean you have to be a leader of your own club, but does give you several options.

Carved Pumpkin Contest – Congratulations to Sherry Foster, Union River Valley for Third Place. Great job!

Reminder - Your re-enrollment paperwork needs to be returned by Monday, November 27\textsuperscript{th}. The absolute deadline is Friday, December 29\textsuperscript{th}. No exceptions will be allowed after that date.

4-H Leaders’ & Volunteers Banquet - Will be held at the Franklin Street Methodist Church on Tuesday, November 14\textsuperscript{th}, beginning at 6:00 pm. This is a night to honor our 4-H Leaders. It is also a small way of saying “Thank you and we appreciate you!” to volunteers for all of the time they have given to support 4-H. **Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, November 8\textsuperscript{th}.** Please call Joyce at 667-8212 or email joyce.fortier@maine.edu

Leadership in Action - Congratulations to Donnie Evans for receiving the 2017 Leadership in Action Award. Don has been very active in Hancock County 4-H participating in County and State Public Speaking, Eastern States, Government Day, CWF. He also lead a workshop at Jamboree, was a team leader at 4-H@UMaine, volunteered at EdGE and the Rock Lobster Relay, and was helpful at the Blue Hill Fair and wherever else he could. We are very proud of Donnie and we’re anxious to see what the future has for this very ambitious young man.
Cloverfest 2017 - Cloverfest 2017 was a celebration to remember! There was something delicious for everyone at dinner: pizza, meatballs, a plethora of homemade salads, and a variety of dessert options (chocolate pudding, yum!). Families and volunteers remembered all the fun 4-H events throughout the year by watching a photo slideshow before Kiana Maddocks-Wilbur kicked off the awards ceremony with a beautiful performance of “Lost Boy” on guitar and vocals. Door prizes were presented to a few lucky winners who went home with 4-H fidget spinners or gift cards to Morton Moo’s or Dunkin Donuts. The most coveted door prize of all, however, wasn’t simply awarded to a random name picked out of a hat - no, not this year! The winner of the 4-H Basketball had to accurately estimate the number of green candies in a jar in order to claim the prize. Congratulations to Sherry Foster who guessed the closest number of candies - 86!

It was impressive to see how much 4-H youth have accomplished in just one year, and we’re thrilled to recognize them for everything from Project Records to Public Speaking to Livestock Awards! We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and seeing what amazing things 4-Hers can do next!

Special thanks to Robin Foster to taking photos throughout the evening, the Cave Hill School for hosting, and the Leaders Association for sponsoring the event!
4-H Awareness Day - Our Annual Awareness Day at Tractor Supply was complete with 4-H clubs, eager 4-H’ers and community spirit. The weather was sunny and beautiful and the foot traffic was heavy. This year we shared our space with the farmers’ market, which gave us both an opportunity to send patrons each other’s way. Two of our clubs prepared and baked treats to sell… nothing like the smell of freshly baked cupcakes, bars and brownies to lure people in! As usual our 4-H’ers were eager and willing to help bag, hang clovers and assist shoppers loading merchandise into their cars. Betty and Lucy, the miniature goats, were out and about socializing and eating up all the attention! The pony’s, Sweet Pea and Lady Slipper, were as friendly and accommodating as could be, giving pony rides to all the younger patrons who awaited. A big THANK YOU to Horse & Rider and Jolly Juniors for your help and support.
Eastern States Exposition (ESE) –
We had four Hancock County 4-H youth attend ESE this year – Donnie Evans & Mckenzie Evans, Horse & Rider – Kylie Farnham & Hunter Pearson-Ellis, Independent – and Alia Parsons, Rails N’ Trails.

Donnie – “As I walked into the Big E Fairgrounds, I was once again faced with the mouth watering smells of the fair food. As I approached the stage, there was a slight rush of fear, but I took a deep breath and out came the words I had to say. My second year at the Big E was once again amazing and successful, and I was grateful to be reunited with friends.

Mckenzie – “My experience at ESE was amazing! At first I was nervous about going somewhere not knowing anyone, but I ended up making amazing friends! I feel like this trip brought me out of my comfort zone! I would recommend this trip to anyone interested!”

Alia – “Eastern states was once again a highlight of my year. This is an opportunity I will always remember because of the people I met and the many things I learned.”

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CLUB NEWS

Horse & Rider – On October 5th, the Hancock County Extension Association awarded Horse & Rider member Donnie Evans with a 4-H Youth Leadership in Action Award for his many hours of volunteering in 4-H related activities. Dwight Sargent presented the award after reading a long list of Donnie’s accomplishments. We, in the Horse & Rider club, congratulate Donnie and we are very proud to have him as a member of our club. Congratulations Donnie for demonstrating the true 4-H spirit.

Submitted by Sally Jordan, leader

(Pictured left to right: Club leader Heather Linnehan, Donnie, and Sally Jordan)
1. 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.

2. Market Steers for Fryeburg
4-Hers raising a steer for the 2018 market steer show at Fryeburg Fair need to send in an Intent to Participate Form available at: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/4-h-projects/animal-science-resources/beef/ by January 2nd, 2018. We appreciate you completing your paperwork early. Please enroll or re-enroll as a 4-H member early, and send your Intent to Participate form to your county office. The earlier we receive your paperwork, the earlier we can begin tagging animals, and avoiding tagging during the winter months.

3. Don’t Miss the November 4-H Fix
Ok, so the 4-H Fix hasn’t won any awards yet, but after November 17th lots of folks will say it is championship reading! That’s when the 4-H Fix will be telling the stories of Maine’s 4-H Champions! Visit the 4-H Fix today and glory in the achievement! https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/tag/4-h-fix/

4. 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 d9jmty 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 353-5550 or kymnoelle.hopson@maine.edu.
  - 11/8/17 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm
  - 1/23/18 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm
5. Risk Perception on the Family Farm
Debra Kantor and Leslie Forstadt are trying to identify farm families to interview for a research project to learn about the safety concerns of beginning farmers (less than 10 years) with children (under the age of 18). The farmers will be given $75 to compensate for their time. If you have a family that might be interested or would like additional information contact Debra by email at debra.kantor@maine.edu or call 207.474.9622.

6. New For 2018 - Regarding Eastern States Intent to Participate Forms
Due date for all 2018 Eastern States Beef Intent to Participate Forms will be Jan. 2nd. Intent forms for all other animal commodities- dairy, dog, goat, horse, and sheep will be due on Feb. 1st. This decision was made at the Spring Animal Science Committee meeting to help eliminate confusion by making all due dates a little more consistent. Updated forms are now available at: https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/youth/4-h-projects/animal-science-resources/

Volunteer E-Forum - We had a great turnout at the Volunteer E-Forum this month, where thirty-two states participated in activities about "STEMming into Animal Science". You can imagine the enthusiasm of Hancock County volunteers and youth as they dove into activities where they learned the basics of engineering a hay loft, modeling animal digestion in a bag, and "butchering" an orange as you would a market steer! Rosie’s tacos were definitely a hit, so we’ll try to remember that for future gatherings... Thanks to everyone who came out for a fun evening!
HANCOCK COUNTY 4-H LEADERS’ MEETING MINUTES

Members Present (9): Lee Sargent, Audrey Porter, Terry Swazey, Dwight Sargent, Heather Linnehan, Jennifer Dunn, Dalaney Dunn, Brenda Jordan, and Lisa Carney. Rosie Evans and Carla Scocchi, staff, were also present.

The flag was saluted and the 4-H pledge recited.

- Secretary’s Report- The September minutes were accepted as written.
- Treasurer’s Report- Submitted by Terry; accepted as read.

Club Reports
- Heather- her club did 4-H Awareness Days at Tractor Supply; they will be discussing the Christmas Parade.
- Dalaney- one race left, she will have the car together for the parade this year.
- Rails N’ Trails- raising money to go to Equine Affaire: movie night with hot dogs and the Darling's ice cream truck, Alia went to Eastern States, visited the rescue Clydesdale farm, watched a natural equine dentist.
- Jolly Juniors- turkey shoot refreshment fundraiser, 4-H Awareness Days, cooking project - cooked for Meals for Me, Trunk or Treat at Cave Hill, eighth graders will be doing the fish fry.
- Horse of Course- have had one planning meeting. They are putting together a pet treat book

Old Business:
- Project Records- Terry has them; 9 project records and about 10 Cloverbud records.
- Cloverfest- Oct 20th, 6-8 at Cave Hill School, Brenda ordered pizza from Eastbrook Variety (no gluten free, get some from Angelos). We have plenty of water and some soda. Rosie’s idea for an activity for the youth- some of the talent show singers will perform, some of the public speaking youth could talk, paper bag theater? Slideshow while kids are eating.
- 4-H Awareness Day- at Tractor Supply. Heather’s group went, she is not sure that is the best place to hold it. Planning ahead can be difficult. Outlets are scarce. Better spots might include the Mill Mall, the Friends and Family parking lot, in the spring at the Middle School.
- 2017 4-H Youth Leadership in Action Award- Donnie Evans

New Business:
- Leaders' Banquet- Peter Remick and the Franklin Methodist Church in Bucksport on November 14th at 6pm. Bring items to donate to the auction! Powerpoint from the CWF kids? Brenda can bring the projector from her school.
- Public Speaking- starting up soon. Remind your clubs!
- Christmas Parade- December 2nd. We need a new frame from the banner, maybe make one out of PVC and zip ties. Heather will see if they have smaller banners to carry.
- Budget Planning- usually start in January, Lisa will send out the line item spreadsheet.
- Steer- we are looking for someone who might be interested in raising the raffle steer; call Dwight if you’re interested.
- Ghostport in Bucksport (Oct 21st) is looking for 16+ age youth for the coffin race. They may also need sponsors; motion was made to sponsor them up to $50 if needed. Seconded them and passed.

Office Report: There are new forms for the project records online, or the office has them. There is a link in the newsletter. You can fill them out online.

Meeting Adjourned 8:06

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Carney, Secretary
Salmon Sweet Potato Cakes

Ingredients:
- 1 (15 oz.) can salmon, drained and bones removed
- 1/2 cup cooked, mashed sweet potato
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/2 cup finely chopped vegetables: celery, bell peppers, or green onions
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Directions: In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well. Place mixture in the refrigerator for 15 minutes. Preheat oven to 425°F. Drop 1/3 of mixture onto baking sheet, forming 6 medium-sized cakes. Lightly press in the center to flatten. Bake for 20 minutes. Flip each cake, bake for another 10 minutes. Makes 6 servings.