



4-H Happenings

A NEWSLETTER FOR HANCOCK AND WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H PARTICIPANTS

Mark Your Calendars!



Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center - Wednesday,

March 8th at 7:00PM, Lawrence Hollins will be giving a brief presentation on Tanglewood, a 4-H camp located in Lincolnville. Come learn what the camp has to offer and share ideas on how we can get more of our local youth to take advantage of this awesome camp opportunity! The presentation is open to all 4-H leaders, youth, parents, Executive Committee members and Extension staff. The business portion of the Hancock County Leaders' Meeting will directly follow the presentation.

Livestock Jamboree- Hold the Dates -



You're invited to participate in the Livestock Jamboree on June 2, 3 and 4th in Hancock County at the Blue Hill Fair Grounds. This event is sponsored by the Hancock County Leaders' Association and open to all 4-H youth and their families in Hancock, Washington, Waldo and Penobscot Counties.

Mark your calendars and watch your mail for more details.

Calendar of Events



- March 1 Deadline for CWF Application
- March 8 Lawrence Hollins' presentation on Tanglewood - 7:00 pm at Hancock County Extension Office - Leaders' Meeting to follow
- March 10 Demonstrations - 6:00 pm at the Father Kenny Center of St. Joseph's Church in Ellsworth (Snow date March 18th)
- March 10 Deadline to sign up for Style Review
- March 11 IDME Forum, 1:00 pm, Ellsworth City Hall
- March 24 Eastern States Horse Intent Forms due in office
- March 31 Application deadline for International Exchange Program
- April 1 VOLT Training at Hancock County Extension Office
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- April 1 Horse Animal Approval Forms due in office
- April 15 Deadline to apply for 2006 National Congress and 2007 4-H National Conference
- April 21 Style Review projects due in Extension Office
- April 27 Dress Rehearsal for Style Review - 4:00—6:00 pm at St. Joseph's Church in Ellsworth
- April 28 Style Review - 7:00 pm - Father Kenny Center of St. Joseph's Church in Ellsworth
- May 1 ESE Dairy and Working Steer Animal Approval Forms due in office
- June 2-4 Livestock Jamboree at the Blue Hill Fairgrounds
- June 10 Due Date for Animal Approval Forms
- July 8-15 Citizen Washington Focus (CWF)
- July 22-23 Maine 4-H Days

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For a complete listing of what's happening in 4-H check out the 4-H Calendar Page at:
<http://www.maine4h.umaine.edu/calendarpage.htm>



Directory Changes & Corrections:

Elaine Robertson's email: snipper@downeast.net; Ken Ward's email: wardkew@adelphia.net; Valerie Rice's email: stony_brook_Val@yahoo.com. Under the club's town - Horse & Rider should be listed as Ellsworth and Horse of Course as Brooklin.



Style Review - will be held on Friday, April 28, at 7:00 pm at the Father Kenny Center at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Ellsworth. Packets have been mailed out. If you did not receive yours - please contact the office.

Know of Someone Who Needs

Some Well-Wishes? Life is not always a bowl of cherries. From time to time we have a volunteer or youth in our 4-H family that may be undergoing surgery, be recuperating from an accident or experience a death in the family.

If you know of someone who needs a bit of cheering up, please contact Lisa Carney, Secretary for the Hancock County Leaders' Association at lmb@jax.org or 664-0822.

IDME (Animal Identification) 

Forum - will be held on March 11 at 1:00 pm at the Ellsworth City Hall. Guest will be Dr. Honig, Judy Perry, and State Representative Bob Crosthwaite.



Maine 4-H International Exchange Program - H.K. is a 12 year old boy from Toyonaka City, Japan, who plays the piano and is very interested in insects. This year he hopes to come to the United States and live with a Maine family. He can't wait to experience American life and dreams of getting a chance to ride a horse. H.K. is one of 19 Japanese youngsters who will be staying with local families as part of a two-way exchange program sponsored by 4-H. The exchangees will stay with their American host families from mid July to mid August.

This program is open to families in Maine with children close in age to the Japanese participants. Families without children in this age range will be considered as hosts for the adult chaperone from Japan. You don't have to be involved with 4-H to host; you just need a willingness to share your home and your world. There is no need to know Japanese, the students have all studied English and are anxious to use it.

"The program gives host families a chance to share their culture, friendship, and family life with an exchange student and at the same time learn about Japanese life," said Jill Coffren, state coordinator for the program. "The homestays only last a month during summer vacation, but the effects last a lifetime." Host family applications and brochures about the program are available by contacting your local County Extension Office or Jill Coffren at 207-645-3248. **The deadline for applications is March 31, 2006.** The application process includes a back ground check and a home visit by a program representative.

The 4-H International Exchange Program is one of the largest exchange programs involving North American and Japanese youth in the world. Since it began in 1972, some 39,000 students have stayed with families in 39 states, including Maine, and more than 6,300 American students have made reciprocal visits to Japan. Last year Maine hosted 19 month-long exchange students and 4 Maine youth traveled to Japan.



The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm. The flag was saluted and the 4H pledge recited. We played the game "Have you ever...?"

Members Present (14):

• President Terry Swazey, VP Joey Wilbur, Treasurer Barbara Hopkins, Secretary Lisa Carney, Jen Loble, Methel Wilbur, Dwight Sargent, Nona Silsby, Ken Silsby, Valerie Rice, Margaret Gross, Michelle Farnham, Ken Ward and Elaine Robertson.

Secretaries & Treasurers Reports:

- There was no correspondence to be read. The January minutes were approved as written.
- Barbara read the January Treasurers' report, which was approved.

Old Business:

- Opportunity Knocks- five very interested teens attended. Two were from Waldo County. Gift certificates were given to the presenters, and all of the attendees said that they were convinced of the importance of project record keeping.
- Jamboree- tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in June. It was suggested that photography could be included with each project. More details next month, and a meeting prior to the Leaders Meeting.
- Sewing Machine- Joey and Methel figure the value of the donated Singer at about \$550-\$600. They said that it might be easiest to sell the machine back to Singer. They will contact Singer and work out details.
- Kens' goat club had displays from the Cumberland county fair that we might be able to use at the Blue Hill Fair. He will ask them at their next meeting.

New Business:

- Lore asked the Leaders to consider supporting a web page similar to pc4h.org. She would like a five-year commitment, with the cost of the server about \$200/year. Jen did not think that the youth could help with a web site if it were thru the University of Maine site due to legal concerns. Otherwise, it might be a good Teen Club or community service project.
- There will be a representative to discuss the livestock tracking system in Ellsworth at the City Hall or Congregational Church on March 11th at 1pm.
- There will be a VOLT training session Saturday, April 1st from 9-3 pm at the Extension Office.
- Lawrence Holland from Camp Tanglewood would like to give a presentation to the Leaders. A March date including the Executive Committee and staff members was discussed.
- Ethnic Festival- still on for the 26th.
- Leaders Forum- this year the conference will be held in Aroostook County, the "Crown of Maine". It is reasonably priced at \$25 for both days. Several people indicated that they were interested in attending.
- It will be difficult to reach Jen the last week of February. The Washington County office will be moving to a new building.
- Jen recently went to Washington, DC where she was nominated for an award for the blueberry harvester training program. She received a plaque and \$1000. And, she will be staying with us for a while; she is now tenured!
- In addition to the donation we sent to the Louisiana State 4H program, Methel would like to fund opportunities for some Louisiana youth. She motioned that we give one \$70 and one \$40 scholarship for them to award as needed. Motion seconded and approved.
- Dwight mentioned that Larry King was in the hospital recovering from bypass surgery. He motioned we send a card and \$50; seconded and approved. Then there was discussion about how equitable our current system of sending things to ailing individuals was. Do we need a better system so no one is forgotten or slighted?

- Meeting adjourned 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Carney, Secretary



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Cooking with the Kids

Irish Scones



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| 1/2 cup butter | 4 cups flour |
| 2 tsp baking powder | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1/4 cup sugar | 1 egg |
| 1 cup milk | |

Note: You can also add raisins, dates or other dried fruits to the dough.

Makes about 18 scones

Preheat oven to 425°F.

In a large bowl, combine butter and flour with a pastry blender or fingers until crumbly. Add baking powder, salt and sugar.

In a separate bowl, beat egg and milk. Mix into dry ingredients to make a dough. Turn onto floured surface and roll to one inch thickness or pat carefully with hands. With a cookie cutter or the bottom of a drinking glass, cut dough into 2 inch rounds. Place on a greased cookie sheet, about one inch apart and bake for 15 minutes.



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