

# 4-H Happenings

A NEWSLETTER FOR HANCOCK COUNTY 4-H PARTICIPANTS

## 4-H Awareness Opportunity

Meet 5 year old **Sally** from Osborn, Maine. She is a member of the Union River Valley 4-H Club. Ken Silsby, Leader, is bringing along another generation of goat lovers and workers. Ken brought baby goats to the New Land Nursery Children's Spring Festival and they were a big hit. Norma Hardison, 4-H Aide, brought a display and an opportunity for visitors to talk 4-H or sign up for 4-H. It was a cold rainy day but in spite of



Sally has quite an armful!

the weather there was a crowd of 150 children and 120 adults plus 40 volunteers attending the festivities. There were donkey rides, a costumed Easter bunny, egg hunts, face painting, clown, juggler, live music, a chance to plant a seedling, and other happenings. They even served a very nice lunch. So here is another opportunity for the public to be made more aware of 4-H. New Land looks forward to 4-H being involved in a bigger way next year.

## Calendar of Events



- May 1** ESE Dairy and Working Steer Animal Approval Forms due in office
- May 1** ESE Intent forms for Dog, Sheep, Goat & Dairy Due
- May 13** New England Club Lamb Sale at Windsor Fairgrounds
- May 13** Small Animal Show - 9:00-12:00 noon - Cherryfield Legion Hall
- May 19** Registration deadline for Hancock County Horse Camp
- June 2-4** Livestock Jamboree at the Blue Hill Fairgrounds
- June 8** Horse Camp Orientation - 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- June 10** **New Due Date for Animal Approval Forms in Extension Office** (Note: June 10th is a Saturday. Forms that are postmarked June 10th will be accepted. Forms brought to the office on Monday, June 12 or after will not be accepted.)
- June 27 - July 1** Horse Camp at Blue Hill Fairgrounds
- July 8-15** Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
- July 21-23** Maine 4-H Days at Windsor Fairgrounds  
Maine State Dairy Show / Maine 4-H Dog Camp
- July 23** Maine State Horse Show
- August 1** Deadline to submit photos for Photo Contest
- August 1** Registration due for Shooting Sports Instructor Training
- Aug. 31—Sept 4** Blue Hill Fair
- Sept 22-24** Shooting Sports Instructor Training in Blue Hill

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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>





## NORMA'S NOTES

FAMILY FUN MAGAZINE had a "Super Duper Seed Starter" idea that I would like to share with you.

### Super-Duper Seed Starter:

**Why you'll love it:** You can get a head start on your spring planting indoors - without spending money on those little peat-moss pots.

**How-to:** Cut off the lid of a Styrofoam egg carton and use a teaspoon to fill each compartment with potting soil until three-quarters full. Plant seeds and cover each with a teaspoon of soil. Place in a sunny area and water as needed.

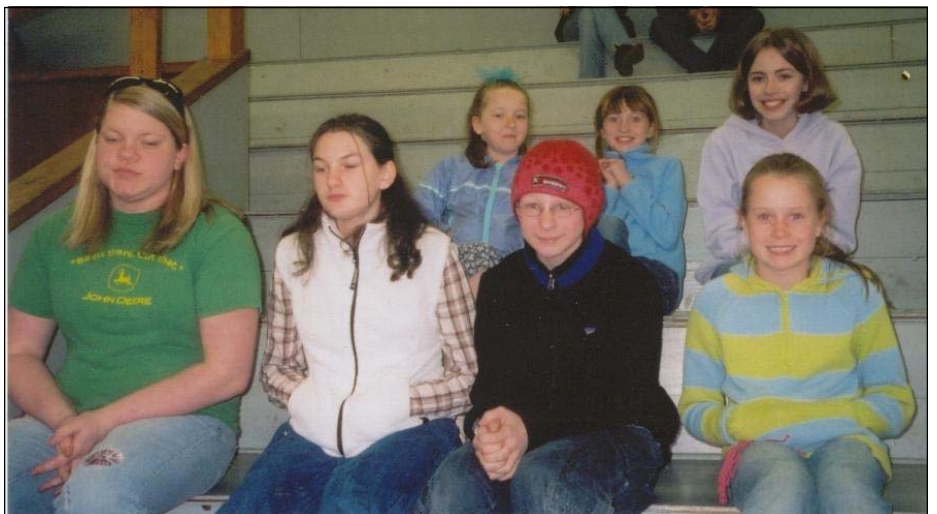


### CLUB CHAT: Horse & Rider 4-H Club

On April 1st, we traveled to Corinth, ME to attend the annual Tilton Livestock Auction. We arrived early enough to go through the barns to look at all the animals that would be auctioned off that day. All of the clubbers wanted to bid on some kind of animal, but fortunately you have to be 18 in order to register for a bidding number!

The auction started late because people were still bringing in animals and birds to sell. Once the auctioneer brought down the gavel and explained the rules, the bidding began. There were over 200 ducks, chickens, roosters and geese to be auctioned off, which took a long time. The kids were amazed at how cheap these birds were going for (top price was \$12 for a rare kind of pigeon). Next came the rabbits, which were mostly baby bunnies. Now the clubbers were begging me to go register for a bidding number! (They all insisted that their parents wouldn't mind if they came home with a bunny!)

Unfortunately, we couldn't stay long enough for the goats, lambs and baby pigs to be run through. It was a great experience for the kids to see how many of the area farmers replenish their livestock supply each spring in this way. There were around 200 people in attendance that day, and most of them were legitimate bidders. The auctioneer kept things rolling, which made the morning go quickly. We would like to be able to go to the semi-annual horse auction on May 13th, but we are told it lasts until 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning! Perhaps we can go to PART of it! *Submitted by Heather Linnehan, 4-H Leader*



*Inquiring minds want to know - how many bunnies did they come home with????*

Front row: **Becca, Justine, Brianna, and Katherine.** Back row: **Annie, Emily and Merritt.**



# Bulletin Board Items



## Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center

a program of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, proudly announces its 25<sup>th</sup> summer camp this year. Since 1982,

Tanglewood has served approximately 80,000 youth, ages six to seventeen, with affordable, enriching outdoor experiences.

Summer camp programs include Day Camp, Residential Camp (2-Night Mini Camp, One-Week, and Two-Week sessions), Leadership Development programs, and Discovery Trip outdoor adventures. All the programs are designed to be affordable and suitable for campers of all skill levels. Tanglewood takes great care to ensure participants have a fun, safe and rewarding experience with supportive staff, comfortable facilities, and warm, home-made meals.

Tanglewood operates its programs at two campuses. The original camp in Lincolnville is settled in the Camden Hills State Park next to the pristine Ducktrap River, and the second camp, Blueberry Cove, in Tenants Harbor has open fields leading to a beautiful beach.

Don't miss out on this summer of fun - sign up today! To learn more about Tanglewood and opportunities for this summer visit [www.tanglewood4h.org](http://www.tanglewood4h.org) or call 207.789.5868.



## Tanglewood Scholarships Are Available!

The Hancock County Leaders' Association is offering five \$100 scholarships (one per youth) to Hancock County 4-H members on a first come first serve basis. Interested parents or youth must call the extension office to request a scholarship.

**Welcome** - We'd like to extend a hardy welcome to Kelly Knowlton of Ellsworth and Nancy Lorette of Orland. They are newly trained 4-H volunteers in Hancock County. *Welcome to 4-H!*



## Is Your Club

### Doing a Roadside Cleanup?

This is a great community service project! To make it safe as well as fun, 4-H has the bright orange vests you may borrow. Call the office to reserve them!



## We Want to Hear From You -

If your club would like to share an activity you've completed or just tell about a fun time you've had, please submit it in writing to Joyce Fortier at the Hancock County Extension office or email [jfortier@umext.maine.edu](mailto:jfortier@umext.maine.edu). Thanks! We'll be looking forward to hearing from you.



## New Web Document - The Maine 4-H Youth Development Program Policies, Procedures and Guidelines document has been made into a web document.

There have been no changes to the text of the document, just the format, which allows for easier navigation, and will load much faster on your computer.

The new web address is:

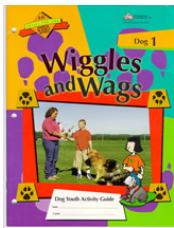
<http://www.maine4h.umaine.edu/manual/default.htm>

The guidelines were previously available on line only in a downloadable document format. This is still available for anyone wishing to download the entire document and print it at:

<http://www.maine4h.umaine.edu/manual.doc>



**Bulletin Board Items (continued)**



**Maine 4-H Dog Camp** this year will be held at **Maine 4-H Days** in Windsor, **July 21-23, 2006** at the **Windsor Fairground**. You should visit their web site at:

<http://www.windsorfair.com/> to get directions.

Anyone intending to try out for ESE team is strongly encouraged to attend dog activities at Maine 4-H Days.

This year's dog camp will include hands on workshops in obedience, showmanship, Rally-O, and quiz bowl. We will also have a demonstration for flyball and instruction for flyball. We also are trying to get a first aid demonstration using the Red Cross first aid book for pets. Information stations will be set up for you to gain knowledge to use in our quiz bowl.

Doggie crafts will be available for your first night of events. Would you like to see a demo on Canine Freestyle? And then learn how to teach your dog freestyle? Well that and much more will be happening at this year's Maine 4-H dog Camp at Windsor Fairgrounds. **ESE Try-outs** are also held at this event. Any questions about Dog camp, please contact Lore Lipkovich at: [chowderpatch@prodigy.net](mailto:chowderpatch@prodigy.net). Hope to see you there.

**Reminder:** If you plan to attend any dog activities with your dog or go to any fairs this year with your dog, you must be able to show proof of rabies with a certificate originally signed by a vet. It is also strongly recommended that the following shots are also up to date: Distemper, Bordatella, and Parvo.

**ESE Dog Dates - Sep 29-Oct 1, 2006**



**Maine Agricultural Fair Dates-2006**

**July**

- 1-4 Houlton
- 6-9 Ossipee
- 20-23 Pittston
- 21-23 World's Fair

**July-August**

- 28-5 Northern Maine
- 28-6 Bangor

**August**

- 2-5 Monmouth
- 4-6 Athens
- 6-12 Topsham
- 10-19 Skowhegan
- 20-26 Union
- 24-27 Piscataquis
- 24-27 Acton

**August - September**

- 27-4 Windsor
- 31-4 Blue Hill
- 31-4 Springfield

**September**

- 1-4 Harmony Free Fair
- 7-10 Clinton Lions
- 8-10 Litchfield
- 13-16 Oxford
- 15-17 New Portland
- 17-23 Farmington
- 22-24 Common Ground
- 24-30 Cumberland

**October**

- 1-8 Fryeburg

For more information on any of these fairs, check them out at:

[http://www.getrealmaine.com/visit/mainefair\\_dates.shtml](http://www.getrealmaine.com/visit/mainefair_dates.shtml)



## The Maine State 4H Horse Committee

The Maine State 4H horse committee has had a busy winter offering several learning clinics to horse project 4H members. Members of 4H had several opportunities to expand and test their knowledge of horses. In January, Pineland hosted the 4H Fun Day. Four of Pineland's horses were used to make a halter class and all 76 4-H attendees and guests placed the class. In addition, there were stations set up for all to rotate through; Horse Quiz Bowl, Horse Judging, Hippology, Eastern States tryouts, and Communications.

The Maine State 4H horse project has five teams available for members to tryout for. Twenty riders are chosen to represent Maine at the Regional shows held at the Eastern States Exposition in September. The Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, Horse Judging and Communications teams compete regionally and at the National competition held in Kentucky.

In February, Doyle Meadows, a well-know and respected horse judge gave a clinic on how to judge various horse show classes and how to prepare oral reasons. Almost one hundred 4-Hers attended to learn more about horse judging. Scarborough Downs generously donated the space for this well received clinic.

In March, the Horse Judging, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology and Communications Teams held their tryouts at the Gardiner Middle School. Each team can take four 4-H members to represent Maine at the New England and National competitions. Teams have been selected and work will now begin on preparing to compete against about twenty-five other state teams.

In June, 4-H members will compete for the twenty riding and three teen leaders' positions. Those who intend to tryout must submit a required packet before attending the tryouts.

This summer, plans are underway for a horse track at the Maine 4H Days, to be held at the Windsor Fairgrounds as well as a state 4H horse show. This should be an exciting show with current 4H members competing as well as alumni.

More information about the horse projects can be obtained at your local University of Maine County Extension Office.

Maine 4-H Horse Committee



**Worth Repeating!**  
**Japanese Delegates for 2006**  
**(Maine 4-H International Exchange)**



Every summer Maine 4-H provides the unique opportunity to visit Japan in your Maine home! Japanese students between the ages of 12 and 18 are matched with host siblings of the same sex and similar age. They come to experience American life and share their Japanese culture. You don't need to be involved with 4-H to host. These young people are amazed to see the stars at night, what a cow really looks like or even the number of trees beside the road. They arrive as strangers and quickly become family members. Host families must provide a bed for the delegate, they are happy to share a room with their new host sister or brother. No special trips or site seeing is required, the Japanese students often remark that what means the most to them is that they were accepted and welcomed by their Maine family. This year delegates arrive July 23 and depart August 18, 2006.

**Month-long delegates:**

(July 23 to August 18, 2006, need a matching host sibling of similar age, same gender in home)

**11 girls**

Age 15 (junior chaperone) likes singing, reading, karaoke, shopping, cooking, arts & crafts

Age 13 has a pet bird, likes animals, basketball, singing, shopping, cooking, arts & crafts

Age 13, has a dog, plays trombone, likes swimming, camping, cooking, reading, and animals

Age 12, has a pet rabbit, likes caring for and playing with animals, reading, cooking, wants to help on a farm

Age 12, allergy to house dust, likes swimming, drawing and plays piano.

Age 12, likes cooking, swimming, shopping, calligraphy, TV and walking, has 3 sisters

Age 13, has a dog, likes music, arts & crafts, sports, writing letters, movies, plays piano

Age 13 likes camping, nature, volleyball, animals, cooking, and music and plays piano

Age 12 has a dog, plays piano, likes drawing, skiing, tennis, likes taking care of young children and animals

Age 12 has a topic dermatitis- will bring medication, likes sports, video games, swimming, reading and cooking

Age 14 plays the tuba, likes kendo, music, dogs, swimming, reading, movies, cooking

**8 boys**

Age 12, has a dog, likes fishing, animals, TV, sports, judo, and camping

Age 12, has a dog, goldfish, beetles, turtle and crawfish for pets, likes insects and wants to be a scientist, likes computer games, camping, handcrafts, and plays piano.

Age 12, has a dog, likes music, sports, animals, baseball and really wants to stay on a farm!

Age 12, likes swimming, sports, making friends, computers and comic books

Age 12, has a topic dermatitis- will bring medication, really likes baseball, making models, crafts and likes to care for dogs, his family volunteers to raise guiding dogs.

Age 13 likes kendo, drawing, reading, skiing, making many friends and a strong swimmer.

Age 12, has a dog, likes music, TV games, reading and TV. He has an allergy to housedust-will bring medication.

Age 13, has a dog, likes video games, computer, movies, soccer, music and reading. Also has an allergy to house dust- will bring his medication.

For more information contact: Maine 4-H International Exchange Program, Jill Coffren, State Coordinator, 126 Plaisted Rd, Jay, ME 04239, 207-645-3248, [coffren@megalink.net](mailto:coffren@megalink.net)



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An informational source for 4-H leaders in Hancock and Washington Counties

## What is Parliamentary Procedure?



Over the next few months, read about the skills needed to run effective, well-organized meetings including the roles played by various officers and club members. If you would like a copy of the "4-H member Guide to Parliamentary Procedure: from Texas Cooperative Extension, let us know and we will send it to you.

### Getting the Meeting Started

- The club President should create a written outline for the meeting. It's a good idea to work with your adult volunteers to put this together. If the president is absent from the meeting, the plan can be given to the Vice President.
- The President is responsible for starting the meeting on time and maintaining order. Stand, tap your gavel twice, wait for attention and then say something like "the meeting will now come to order."
- When members hear the president call for order, they should be seated and come to attention.
- President asks for the roll call - ask members to respond to a topic or question, i.e. when your name is called give a breed of dog - or just ask the secretary to read the names.
- The Secretary records the names of those present.
- Members should arrive on time, pay attention, and be actively involved in discussion.

*Credit: Christy Fitzpatarick, 2006, Skills for New Members, Aroostook County News: Houlton, ME; University of Maine Cooperative Extension*



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The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

The flag was saluted and the 4H pledge recited.

### Members Present (9):

- President Terry Swazey, VP Brenda Jordan, Secretary Lisa Carney, Gail Sargent, Dwight Sargent, Nona Silsby, Ken Silsby, Norma Hardison and Bill Carney.

### Secretaries & Treasurers Reports:

- The March minutes were approved as written.
- Barbara was on vacation.

### Club Reports:

- Ken has 10 kids helping with the kidding. They include a very enthusiastic five-year-old.
- Brenda's group is busy with many club and individual projects. They include making glass beads for jewelry, leatherworking, a woodworking project, and a cooking project. They are also working on their fair cards and project records. Their Style Review projects are almost done.
- Horse of Course has done their club demonstrations. The Knitting Ring has proved very popular, and they have started sewing saddle covers.

### Old Business:

- CWF scholarship notifications have been sent out.
- L.A. scholarship applications have been sent to graduating seniors, they will be reviewed in May.
- Jamboree will include beef, sheep, goats and horses. Valerie will be asked if she is willing to coordinate rabbits. There will be Livestock Jeopardy for all ages. Scott Haskell will give a nutrition talk from 1-2. Flyers will be sent out soon.
- Joey received 75 cameras from Wal-Mart for use in the Jamboree photo workshop. Wal-Mart will use the best pictures, but kids will get them back in time to use in the Photography Contest.
- Several members including Terry, Brenda and her daughter, and Jen Loblely attended the Visioning Retreat in Waterville. They broke up into groups and brainstormed on ways to achieve the 4H mission statement, which was also worked on. According to Terry, it was a very enthusiastic group.
- Liz is willing to talk with a group about ethnic festival.
- So far, Kens' goat group has ideas for wall displays and goat product displays in the Eckenroad building. They would like to borrow a TV/VCR during the fair.

### New Business:

- New Land Nursery Children's Spring Festival- New Land asked if the 4H could bring over any displays or animals. They expect 150-300 kids. Norma pointed out that this could be the equivalent of a spring 4H exposure day and thought that it might warrant its own committee. Ken will be bringing his goats.
- On a similar note, Head Start is looking for a petting zoo for its open house; Ken will be there with his goats.

Meeting adjourned 7:45

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Carney, Secretary





## Calling All Young People

### Ready to Help Shape the Future of Service-Learning on the National Level

State Farm® is proud to establish the State Farm Youth Advisory Board, charged with helping State Farm leadership design and implement a signature service-learning initiative. The Youth Advisory Board will play an important leadership role in creating and overseeing a \$5 million/year signature service-learning initiative which will address pressing issues of importance to State Farm and communities across America.

State Farm is preparing to select a diverse group of approximately 30 young people ages 17-20 (applicants must turn 17 by 6/30/06 and not turn 20 until after 6/30/06) to serve on this distinguished Youth Advisory Board. The Board members will represent each of twelve U.S. State Farm zones and one State Farm Canadian zone (Alberta, New Brunswick or Ontario provinces only) with three at-large members nominated by State Farm's national service-learning partners.  
<http://nslp.convio.net/site/R?i=pNWuhMb7-4Feq82Gaqjilg..>

### And that's not all!

In addition to a challenging and fun experience, Youth Advisory Board members in good standing will receive a \$5,000 scholarship that may be used for post-secondary education at a four-year, two-year, or vocational training program (see application for more details).

Associate Youth Advisory Board members will receive a \$3,000 stipend/scholarship under the same terms and conditions as the Youth Advisory Board member for their first year of service.

The National Service-Learning Partnership applauds State Farm's continued leadership and commitment to service-learning. "In addition to the impact of this initiative on the service-learning field, young people will have the unprecedented opportunity to engage with senior executives of State Farm®, one of the largest and most prominent corporations in America," said Kenneth Holdsmann, Senior Program Officer of the Academy for Educational Development which sponsors the National Service-Learning Partnership.

"The State Farm® Youth Advisory Board has the potential to catalyze and support service-learning in several new and exciting ways," said Partnership Executive Director Nelda Brown. "Thanks to this investment, young people will lead the way in helping to introduce service-learning to hundreds of new schools and communities throughout the country. I can't wait to see what happens next!"

Visit the Partnership website (<http://nslp.convio.net/site/R?i=gEIM6sYc1zhplahktfKWGQ..>) for more information about the Youth Advisory Board and application instructions. Applications must be postmarked by April 28, 2006. Apply today!



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[Http://www.umaine.edu/umext/  
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## Cooking with the Kids

### Garden Soap

Just in time for gardening season, this gritty cornmeal bar makes cleaning up a cinch. Plus, your kids will get a kick out of shaping soap on a rope.



To make one, braid pieces of raffia or string into a 2-foot length (or simply use a 2-foot piece of rope), then tie together the ends to form a loop.

In a mixing bowl, combine 2/3 cup of grated bar soap with 2/3 cup of cornmeal. Add 2 tablespoons each of warm water and baby oil. You can scent your soap by adding a few drops of essential oil (found at some craft and health stores). Use your hands to combine the ingredients until the mixture makes a stiff dough. (Tip: If the mixture is too dry, add more water, a teaspoon at a time.) Shape dough around the knotted end of the rope loop, packing it firmly. Allow the soap to dry completely before using, about 7 to 10 days.

Taken from Family Fun Magazine  
Washington County 4-H Flash

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