



# 4-H Happenings

A NEWSLETTER FOR HANCOCK AND WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H PARTICIPANTS

## Pumpkin Daze



Thanks to Mix-N-Match who entered the only scarecrow this year. Ken Silsby, as the Chairman of the Pumpkin Daze Committee, made a decision to award the rest of the Scarecrow award money to the best of the Club exhibits. There were 5 clubs that braved the hardest rain we have ever had on this festive occasion at Simons Hancock Farm. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Mix-N-Match, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Horse & Rider, 3<sup>rd</sup> to School Dogs R The Future, and 4<sup>th</sup> to Snapdragons & Hollyhocks.



School Dogs R The Future gave educational demonstrations of the proper way to approach a strange dog. First you ask the owner, "May I pet your dog?" Then **Monica** from Jolly Juniors demonstrated approaching the dog with a closed fist for the dog to smell before rubbing the dog under the chin, and then proceeded to a pat on the head. This new club is off to a good start and we look forward to their participation in more county events.

More pictures on page 5.

## Calendar of Events



- Nov. 4 Basic Sewing Skills Workshop - 6:00-8:00 pm - Hancock County Extension Office
- Nov 9 Leaders' Banquet - 6:00-9:00 pm - Eastbrook Grange
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day - Extension Offices Closed
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day - Extension Offices Closed
- Nov. 25 Extension Offices Closed
- Dec 14 Hancock County Leaders' Meeting - 7:00 pm Extension Office
- Dec 31 Enrollment Packets Due - **No Exceptions**

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>

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## NORMA'S NOTES

Don't be afraid to tell a 4-H adult volunteer something you remember as being helpful to you in your 4-H life. I got this quote from my niece who is married and lives in NJ. *"Aunt Norma was influential in my 4-H career whether it was at the fashion shows at the Hilltop Restaurant or helping get funding for the trip to Italy. She was always there encouraging me to be the best that I could be and to reach for the next goal. I remember working at the fair-grounds selling hamburgers and hotdogs all day and then enjoying the fair."* It feels good to think you have influenced someone's life in a positive way.

### CLUB CHAT: Horse & Rider 4-H Club First Annual Day Camp

The newest horse club in the Ellsworth area held its first week-long Day Camp in late August at the home of their leader, Heather Linnehan. Since most of the members are beginners, and only one has her own horse, we decided this would be the best way to introduce the 4-H club member to "horse mechanics."

The week began on Monday at 8:30 am with stall cleaning. Each 4-H'er was assigned a stall for the week, and was responsible for the entire care of it. Records were kept by Mrs. Linnehan each day and a score given to each member throughout the week. The children needed to learn how much time and effort goes into caring for a horse each day. Stalls were thoroughly cleaned out, new bedding, hay, water and grain put into their proper places, and all cobwebs swept down. Following this, each animal was completely groomed, from top to bottom! The next step was their favorite - they got to ride! Every day was beautiful, so they were able to have a 20 minute private lesson on each of the five days. Even the most timid 4-H'er was giddy by the end of the first day! Following the lesson, each horse had to be walked to cool down, sponged off with cool water, given hay and water out in the pasture and then turned loose. The kids were learning a valuable lesson that just because you are done riding your horse, there is still work that needs to be done for him!

After sharing lunch together, the children were able to go swimming. This, too, was a favorite activity, especially since the weather was so warm that week. They stayed in the pool for about an hour each day, before it was time to take more hay and water out to the horses again. We also had an educational session each day, beginning with a visit from the farrier on Monday. On Tuesday, we began a craft project with horse shoes and beads. These were entered in the Crafts at the Blue Hill Fair, where each one was awarded a blue ribbon! Wednesday was our first ever lesson in sewing. Mrs. Linda Beaudoin taught us how to measure, cut and sew tail wraps for the horses. Although they were a bit frustrated at times, they all ended up with a very nice project. These were also entered at the Fair, and also won blue ribbons! (Story & pictures continued on page 3.)



Working together on their club project!



## Bulletin Board Items



### First Annual Day Camp

**continued** - On Thursday, we went on a mystery ride. Our first stop was at the Extension office to

pick up our entry forms for the Fair. We then drove all over Ellsworth and the surrounding area, totally confusing everyone. We ended up at Dunkin' Donuts for an ice cream. We were hoping for everyone to be able to then go on a carriage ride in Acadia National park, but most of the 4-H'ers had to be home earlier than the trip would have taken. Those of us who did go had a ball! We are hoping to do this activity again next summer so that more of us can do it. Mrs. Kelly Pontbriand came to our camp on Friday to help us put together our club project for the Blue Hill Fair. We had already come up with the idea for the project, and taken the photos at an earlier club meeting, so all we had left to do was to come up with the comments for each photo and to put the board together. It came out very nice and it also won a blue ribbon for us! A special thanks to Linda Beaudoin and Kelly Pontbriand for helping us with these projects!

On Friday, Mrs. Linnehan cooked a barbeque for everyone. Certificates were awarded to each club member who participated in the whole program. After one last swim, the 4-H'ers went home tired, happy and hopefully, more informed about horses! All of them asked if we could do the same thing again next summer! We are hoping that a few of the kids will also be well enough advanced to attend the regular 4-H Horse Camp at the Blue Hill Fairgrounds next year.  
Submitted by Club Leader Heather Linnehan



Top: **Becca**  
enjoying a ride.

Right: **Merritt**  
mucking out  
stalls (P-U!)

Below: **Emily,  
Merritt, Kate,  
& Rebecca**  
relaxing in the pool!



**Congratulations on a Job Well Done** - Jen Powell, 13, of More Trot Tribe 4-H Club and Penobscot Pony Club, traveled to New Hampshire to compete in the Senator Bell Hunter Show the beginning of September. It was her first hunter competition with her own horse, New Gals Spittin Image, and her first overnight. Jen has trained Spit herself with coaching and lessons. She made all the arrangements for the horse's board and our accommodations as well as class selection and registration. She planned the trip including the driving schedule, directions, packing list, and arrangements with her teachers at high school. Jen also paid for half of the cost with her summer earnings. It was a pretty big job and went very well. She arrived and rode Spit around the grounds and warmed him up a bit before settling him in his stall with his tack trunk and stall card. Jen arrived early to braid and polish him up. Spit and Jen competed in 5 classes, jumping courses of 8 fences up to 2'9". They didn't miss a jump and placed in all of the classes. She got a fourth place in the AHJF/Dover Saddlery Junior Hunter Challenge. The competition was tough, especially since many of the riders were riding on their home turf. The farm boards and trains very nice hunters. Hunter competition judges the grace and movement of the horse going over the course. Good equitation is expected but the eye is to the horse and his striding and responsiveness to the riders cues. It's a little like dressage over a stadium jump course. It was a big step and a great learning experience. Jen looks forward to more competition at this level as she continues her training. (Submitted by Dee Powell)

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**Note of Thanks** - Leaders' Association's president Terry Swazey received the following note from Paul Szouter, the magician that performed at Cloverfest.

Dear Terry,  
Thank you once again for inviting me to entertain at the 4H banquet. They were a terrific audience! The 4H program must be doing something right, because it's been a long time since I saw a group of such well-behaved kids.  
Thank you!  
Yours, Paul

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### Pumpkin Daze Continued



It isn't just the 4-H members that are thrilled to win something. You should have seen Julie Herrick, Snapdragons and Hollyhocks, when she was announced as the winner of the hand carved Pumpkin, done by Chris Kravitt from Waltham.

Food. Oh, we love food at these events. Here you see **Tyler**, Snapdragons & Hollyhocks, stirring a delicious pot of chili for those chili dogs while leader, Sue Baez, looks on.

Folks love to see the animals and this year was no exception. **Rebecca**, Horse & Rider holds the mini horses that were ready to give free rides. We hope that this will be the same scene next year at the same time and same place.



**Planning Ahead for Animal Projects** - It's a new 4-H year and time to plan ahead for your animal projects even if you don't yet have your project animal! Do some homework - what breed would suit your situation best, where can you get the best animals, what kinds of care will your animal need...

Remember first of all that **you** need to be re-enrolled before December 31!

- Baby Beef must be owned and in possession by January 1
- Market Hogs need to be born between January 1 and February 15, owned and in possession by April 15
- Market lambs born between December 15 and February 15, owned and in possession by may 1
- Horses need to be owned or leased before April 1 if intending on trying out for ESE

There are very specific rules for market lambs and steers going to Windsor or Fryeburg fairs. Check with the office before the end of December if you plan to participate in either of those auctions!

**Cloverfest** - The new president, Terry Swazey, had her first official function called Cloverfest. The outgoing president, Larry King, and the Board of Directors already had many details in place. What a night! If you like pizza, salads, chips & dips and sweets, then that was the place to be. It was delicious and plentiful. The crowd was a nice size of about 88, the weather was lovely, and the location (Orland Congregational Church) was great. So was the evening entertainment. Magician Paul Szauter worked his magic on young and old alike. All we can say is, "Wow! How did he do that?"

Bryce Farnham earned lovely plaques for both raising the steer and selling the most tickets. Jolly Juniors sold the most tickets as a club and will earn the \$50.00. Participation ribbons were awarded to those doing beginner records. "Best in Category" means that out of all the records passed in under a certain category, this person's record was top notch. This year we had 35 members submit 4-H project records.

The following youth won awards: Arts & Crafts: **Tyler Baez**, Snapdragons & Hollyhocks; **Brayden Stevens**, Toddy Pond 4-H and **Paige Cote**, Toddy Pond 4-H - honorable mention; Dog, **Justin Lipkvich** - K-9 Kids; Garden - **Lynne Hundhammer**, Snapdragons & Hollyhocks; Goat - **Justin Lipkvich**, K-9 Kids; Horse - **Emma Oppewall**, Snapdragons & Hollyhocks; Sheep - **Cassie Hillyard** - Independent

**Razor Crossman Award:** The Blue Hill Fair Association sponsors this very special trophy in memory of Razor Crossman. Hancock County 4-H'ers ages 9-19 are judged on barn work, showing, exhibits, food booth and steer ticket volunteering, personality, reactions to the public and other 4-H members, reaction to showing decisions and overall sportsmanship. The beautiful trophy went to **Cassie Wilson**, Busy Helping Hands 4-H Club. Congratulations, Cassie! Your hard work paid off. Keep up the good work!

Norma gave special thanks to Lore Lipkvich for her help with communications. She received a note pad and a Garfield 4-H pen and much thanks for her email updates to us! Jen presented Outstanding Club award to the Jolly Juniors. The club leader has done an outstanding job of keeping Jen up to date on club activities. The members were recognized for all the activities they have participated in. They furnished the table favors and center pieces for this years' Cloverfest.

Submitted by Norma Hardison, 4-H Aide



The magician being assisted by  
4-H members.

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**Cassie Wilson** receiving a big  
congratulations from Dwight Sargent.





## Hancock County 4H Leaders' Association Summarized Minutes of October 12, 2005



The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm, the flag was saluted and the 4H pledge recited.

### Members Present (13):

Terry Swazey, Barbara Hopkins, Lisa Carney, Jen Lobley, Joey & Methel Wilbur, Gail Sargent, Dwight Sargent, Bill Carney, Sue Baez, Brenda Jordan, Elaine Robertson and Norma Hardison.

### Secretaries & Treasurers Reports:

A thank-you note received from the 4H Foundation of Miss. was read.

The secretaries' report of September 2005 was accepted as written.

Barbara read the September treasurers' report, which was approved. She mentioned that not all of the expenses for the Food Booth have been turned in.

### Old Business:

Pumpkin Daze- Norma reported that it rained very hard. There was only one scarecrow entry, but prizes were given out for the best displays. There were free mini horse rides, and a demonstration on how to approach a strange dog. Sue was disappointed that only 5 of the 24 clubs signed up, pointing out that Pumpkin Daze is our 4H awareness event and that we have a good setup and location. Gail suggested that we might need a committee to call leaders in August or September. We could also advertise at the Blue Hill Fair, or have a "4H Awareness Day" poster contest. Gail is willing to chair the committee. Elaine thought that some clubs might not understand the purpose of Pumpkin Daze.

Cloverfest- There will be a magician for entertainment, he will charge \$200, and Jen needs to sign the contract. Dwight motioned that we pay \$200 for entertainment at Cloverfest; motion passed. Terry contacted local pizza places, and Sopers was willing to make them for \$7.95 each for cheese or pepperoni. The church has tables, and we still have surplus napkins, forks, plates and tablecloths. The Jolly Juniors will make the centerpieces, we have the plaques and medals, Terry will pick up the pizzas, and Methel will take care of punch for drinks.

Leaders Banquet- will be held at the Eastbrook Grange. Jen is checking to see if Fred Schult, the new director of the Pine Tree State 4H Foundation, will be available as a speaker. Methel suggested surprising us with the entertainment.

### New Business:

Jen asked how re enrollment was going with the new system. The general consensus was that it is much better now; parents really liked the new system.

Committees/ Project Leaders- there is a need for new blood on some of the committees. It was suggested that we hold a recruiting night, perhaps at office elections, with "interested" sign up sheets and descriptions of what the committees did. Gail wondered if we should be recruiting kids more actively. Should the Board of Directors meet regarding committees? Committees and project leaders need to be assigned by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Ross Eckenroad Building- we should start developing a plan for the utilization of this building during the Blue Hill Fair, as well as a backup plan. Methel will check to see if we will even have use of the building next year. The five days commitment for small animals was too much for many families. Terry wondered if we should have separate rabbit and small animal committees.

There will be a Teen Opportunity Night on Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 (snow date Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>). Layla Shultz from Penobscot County will be the speaker. They will learn about CWF, Congress and other trips; the importance of portfolios and other teen oriented material. They will be fed pizza. Jen said she would like \$100 towards expenses; Methel made a motion to give her \$200 for food, speaker gas and a door prize; the motion passed.

Dwight said that since we did well at the BHF, we can afford to fund the Pine Tree camp as well as disaster relief for Katrina affected 4H foundations. Joey motioned we give Pine Tree Foundation \$500 for 2006; the motion passed.

Norma mentioned that the Exhibit Hall needs more of a 4H-y look to it. She and Methel would like to purchase 4 signs and 2 banners for yearly display. Someone thought that there were some new flags in the storage room, but they were procured for the Food Booth. A motion was made to spend money for signs for the Exhibit Hall; it passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:20.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Carney, Secretary



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## Cooking with the Kids

### Apple Salad

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup plain yogurt
- 1 Tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1 large unpeeled apple, cored
- 3 Tbsp raisins
- 3 Tbsp slivered almonds, toasted



Combine yogurt, mayonnaise, and lemon juice in a serving bowl. Cut the apple into bite-size pieces. Gently stir the apple pieces, raisins, and almonds into the yogurt mixture. Makes about 3 cups salad.

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