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Celebrating Our Amazing 4-H Youth and
Outstanding Volunteers in Belknap County!



A new but familiar face
in the Ext. Office! Carolee Longley is
our new 4-H Program Associate

The Belknap County 4-H Fair is a Go!!!

Plans are in full swing for the 68th
Annual 4-H Fair! The theme is
"Going and Growing Green." Many
thanks to all the volunteers who
share the workload and keep this
wonderful tradition going!

Mark your calendars to attend the
Fair on August 13th and 14th! Please
see the important article on page 2
about paperwork for exhibitors!

Hooray for a Very Successful County Activities Day!

Congratulations to the **24** 4-H members,
including 7 Cloverbuds, who participated in
County Activities Day On April 16th! There
were several exciting demonstrations, and the
Fashion Revue was great! Many thanks to our
wonderful Fashion Revue Coordinator Brenda
Gosnell and her family for helping make it such
a success! The following 4-H members placed
in the following categories. Note, a ** signifies
that these members were invited to attend
State Activities Day at UNH in Durham on
June 4th.

10-year old Asia-Grace Hanson
presented her outstanding Illustrated Talk
on Hawks, which earned her first place in that
category. 9-year old Elisa Lommen did an
excellent job in the Public Speaking
Category, on the subject of her beloved grandmother.
12-year old Savannah Garrity won first place in
the Action Exhibit** Category, with her
presentation on "What Do You Know About NH
State Dogs?" Savannah also won first place in
the Fashion Revue** Category, for her elegant
homemade dress. Curtis Gosnell, age 10, was
awarded runner up in Fashion Revue for the
terrific flannel lounge pants that he made. In
the Poster **Category, Savannah Garrity won
first place out of nine entries, for her poster
titled "Early Spring."

For Photography, Asia Grace Hanson won first
place for her photo of her chickens. Cheyenne
Longley won first place in the Fashion Selections
**Category, for her fashion wardrobe ensemble
titled "Looking Good For Prom On A Budget."
She also qualified for States for her autumn
photograph titled "A Little Bit of Sunshine."

Senior Member Ganga Timsina won the judges over with his outstanding Demonstration ****"Dance Moves"** which earned him first place in that category. Lachi Dahal and Bisnu Dahal were the runners-up in the Demonstration ****Category** with their team entry "Cooking Nepali Homemade Curry." Our very best wishes to these terrific 4-H'ers as they represent Belknap County at the State Level!



Bishnu Dahal, Lachi Dahal, Ganga Timsina, Savannah Garrity, and Cheyenne Longley will be representing Belknap County 4-H at State Activities Day at UNH on June 4th. Retired 4-H Educator Becky Levesque was spotted having fun at County Activities Day, too!



Ayden and Korrigan entered their hats for Fashion Revue at County Activities Day!

"LIKE" The Belknap County 4-H Fair On Facebook!

Check out the Fair at
www.bc4hfair.org

***If you have any fair photos that you would like to add to the site, send them to sdbellerose@metrocast.net**



4-H ANIMAL APPROVAL FORMS VS. FAIR ENTRY FORMS

Helpful Information Submitted by Wendy French

Animal Approval Forms are due every year sometime in May, June or July, depending on the animal (check the deadline for your animal) to the County Office. Once approved by the 4-H Office, the Animal Approval Form registers your animal as eligible to participate in 4-H shows during the current calendar year. This does NOT enter your animal into any show. There are separate entry forms for shows. If you want to show your animal in an Open or a 4-H show, you must complete an entry form for the show(s) you wish to participate in, and you must meet the entry deadline and criteria for each show.

Example: You would like to show your sheep. Fairs A, B and C have slightly different show categories. You decide to enter 3 sheep at the

fairs: we will call them animals 1, 2, and 3. You completed your animal approval form and turned it in to your County 4-H office **ON TIME**. Then you would complete Fair A's animal show entry form for animals 1, 2 and 3 and turn it in **ON TIME**. You decide to enter animals 2 and 3 in Fair B. You would complete Fair B's animal show entry form for animals 2 and 3 and turn it in **ON TIME**. You decide to enter animals 1 and 2 in Fair C. So you complete Fair C's animal show entry form for animals 1 and 2 and turn it in **ON TIME**.

BELKNAP COUNTY 4-H FAIR ENTRY FORMS

The deadline for Show entry form(s) for the Belknap County 4-H Fair is **July 15th**. This is for animal shows, as well as indoor exhibits for 4-H Clubs and individuals in the Open Categories (e.g. Creative Crafts, Sewing, etc.). That means it must be in the 4-H office by July 15th (postmarks will NOT be accepted).

If you mail your entry form into the 4-H office, do NOT assume that if you mailed it before July 15th that they will receive it by July 15th. It is YOUR responsibility to ensure the 4-H office received it.

Entry forms lost in the mail are NOT the responsibility of the 4-H office or the Fair.

If you fax your entry forms into the 4-H office, it is YOUR responsibility to call the 4-H office to confirm they received ALL faxed pages (e.g. If you fax in 3 entry forms and only 2 go through, you will only be able to enter into 2 shows).

Exceptions can NOT be made by the 4-H office or the Superintendent. Only the Fair Board can make exceptions, and exceptions are rarely made.

BELKNAP COUNTY 4-H FAIR JUDGING: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LEARNING

The Belknap County 4-H Fair Association and the show Superintendents strive to provide knowledgeable and fair judges. The unfortunate reality is that some judging is subjective, and reality is not every child excels in every skill (e.g. one child excels in art and woodworking but finds sewing very challenging; another child submits 5

creative craft items representing different skills and receives four 'A's and one 'B'). If a judge provides a score below an 'A' we instruct the judge to include constructive feedback as to the reason an 'A' was not provided. It is up to Parents/Guardians and 4-H

Leaders to work with each child so the child understands the judge's feedback, and for everyone to use it as a learning opportunity (e.g. The sewing judge suggests a more appropriate stitch to be used on a garment, both the child and the 4-H Leader that helped the child can learn from the judge's feedback).

Please also remind participants that items submitted to the Fair should be clean and be a good representation of their work (e.g. A child enters a pair of shorts as a sewing project. If the child decides to use the shorts prior to the Fair, then enters the pair of shorts with wear marks, a tear or a seam that is coming apart, they should not be surprised that the judge marks them down). Please let the show Superintendent know if there are extenuating circumstances (e.g. A child has a learning disability, the Leader broke a child's item) and the show Superintendent will decide if the circumstances warrants consideration by the judge.

4-H provides excellent learning opportunities for children, allowing them to try and learn several different skills, and discover what they like and what they excel at (which may or may not be the same thing). 4-H also helps provide children with important life skills that they will carry with them into their adult life.

BELKNAP COUNTY 4-H FAIR - ANIMAL RESPONSIBILITY

If you have an animal(s) on the fairgrounds during the Fair and you need to leave the fairgrounds, you must have someone assigned to keep an eye on your animal(s) and care for them. Let the show Superintendent(s) know you are leaving, and who will be watching your animal(s) and caring for them. Let them know when you will return. If a Superintendent feels an animal is being neglected, the Superintendent or the Fair Board can disqualify the child. The child will forfeit premiums, trophies and possibly even ribbons (e.g. an animal is left with a supply of water but the animal either knocks

it over or contaminates it, it is your responsibility to make sure that either you or the person you assign to watch the animal refreshes the water within a reasonable period of time). No one wants to disqualify a child, but we cannot allow animal neglect or mistreatment. The Fair Board asks that Parents, Guardians and 4-H Leaders inform and educate children as to these expectations.

The President's Challenge

National 4-H Headquarters has partnered with the Let's Move! Campaign and YOU are invited to be a part of it!

The President's Challenge is for one million Americans to complete the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award. 4-H has responded to this challenge by setting a goal to have **100,000 4-H members and their families**

complete the program!

Individuals log their recommended physical activity for six weeks, five days per week...60 minutes for youth and 30 minutes for adults.

Sign up your 4-H Group today!

All you have to do is register!

HOW TO JOIN:

go to

http://www.presidentschallenge.net/login/register_individual.aspx

Fill out the registration form

When you arrive at your personal dashboard page, click on the groups tab and join the 4-H Group.

Your group ID # is 96548

Your group name is

National 4-H Program

Start logging your activities!

And you will be able to track your progress! Visit these sites for more information:

www.PresidentsChallenge.org

www.letsmove.gov

Annual On-Line Auction!

Begins on May 30th!

Please check it out at

www.bc4hfair.org

You can help support the

Fair by bidding on these

fantastic items!

**4-H Tractor Supply Company Partnership
with National 4-H!**

**For Specific information & Registration,
go to:**

<http://www.tractorsupply.com/content/storeevents/4h>

Tractor Supply stores in communities across the country have long supported 4-H clubs, and now, Tractor Supply Co. has entered into an official partnership with the National 4-H Council as your National 4-H Project Headquarters.



This means that Tractor Supply will help raise money for county 4-H programs, as with the Paper Clover Campaign, a national in-store fundraiser that benefits state and local 4-H programming. Local clubs and 4-H members can also reap rewards from Tractor Supply with the new TSC Clover Card. The card is FREE and is mailed to you in the name of your local club. By registering for a card, you'll get special notifications from TSC and 4-H and access to special deals at TSC only available to TSC Clover Card holders.



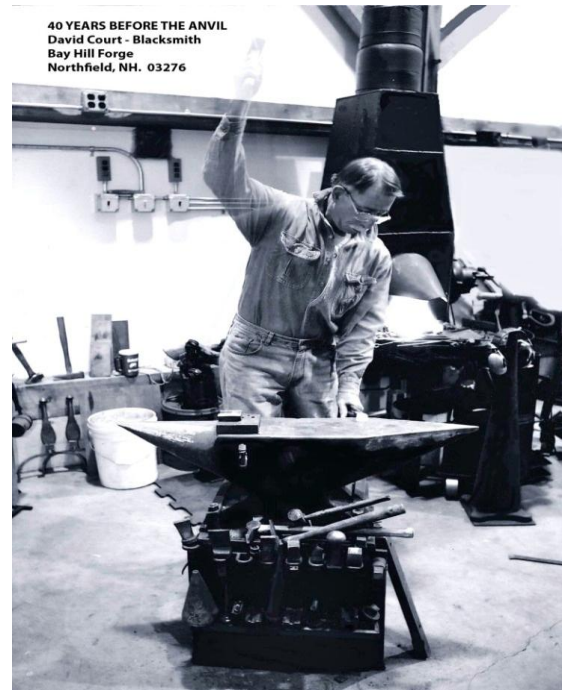
Best of all, each time you use your card, your club has a chance to win additional funding from TSC. "Many of our stores have been involved with 4-H

clubs for years. Now, Tractor Supply Company is proud to have an official chain-wide relationship with 4-H," said Jim Wright, Tractor Supply Company Chairman and CEO. "For us, this is an outstanding way to support our current and future customers and future team members, and it's a way to give back to the 900-plus unique communities we serve." Talk with the store manager about what activities and partnership opportunities exist in our area.

PIES NEEDED FOR THE PIE AUCTION!!



Thanks to all those who came through and made delicious pies last year for the pie auction! It's is another way that people can help the 4-H Fair! Please donate pies or other homemade baked goods this year!



Blacksmithing Opportunity

David Court of Northfield, a professional blacksmith with 40 years' experience, is offering his time and studio for an introduction to forging/metalworking skills for interested 4-H'ers and their parents. You may have seen David doing a demonstration at the 4-H Fairs in the past. Time slots will be on Sunday afternoons. If you are interested give David a call at 496-3814.

(Photo courtesy of David Court)

Horse Round-Up!



Congratulations to these outstanding Horse Project members in Belknap County for their achievements!!

Senior members Kendall Donohoe, Jessica Stowell, Lauren Emond and Chrissie Leach all competed in the NH State Quiz Bowl in January! Kendall and 7 other 4-H members from NH qualified for the State Quiz Bowl Team! The top 4 members will be chosen on July 1st to represent our state at the nationals in November. Good luck!!!

The Novice group (ages 8-12) participated in the Farm & Forest Quiz Bowl in February and did a great job! Team members were Emily Stevens, Melissa Stowell, Nikki Bronson and Danielle Clairmont.

The State Hippology and Horse Judging event took place on April 2nd. This is a comprehensive skill-based competition for youth to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of equine science. Congratulations to Junior member Maggie Randall for coming in first place in the Junior Division! Kendall Donohoe placed third out of the top 4 in the Senior division as a finalist for the State Horse Judging team, and Lauren Emond placed 7th and qualified as an alternate for the State Horse Judging team. Bethany Clarke placed 7th in the Hippology contest and qualified as an alternate for the State Hippology team. Great job to these young ladies for their dedication and hard work! And a big THANK YOU to their volunteer coaches Judy Forsythe, Maureen McLaughlin, Tami Donohoe and Tammy Emond!

“Working Together to Support Military Kids and their Families”

**OMK Tour of Discovery Camps:
The 2011 Summer Camps are
Open for Registration!**



The Operation: Military Kids summer is about to begin! OMK is offering four exciting camps for military youth in July and August. The OMK Tour of

Discovery overnight camps provide our military kids opportunities to get connected; strengthen their communication and teamwork skills; build peer relationships and support; expand their knowledge and skills; and allow them to experience exciting “hands-on” educational 4-H Youth Development activities.

The first camp will be **“Reel in the Fun,”** a fishing and nature camp located right on Lake Winnepesaukee at the Geneva Point Conference Center. From July 6th-9th, youth will have an opportunity to gain first-hand fishing and hiking experience. They will learn to navigate using landmarks, compass, and GPS methods, track and identify wildlife, respect nature, and fully prepare for outdoor trips.

The next will be a **photography and videography focused program called “Capture Your Adventures!”** from July 24th-27th. Military youth will learn how to express themselves through photos and videos, while gaining practical experience with the equipment and tools of the trade. Participants will be exposed to the techniques and practices involved in high quality photography and videography. At the same time, they will be working together and having fun at the beautiful Camp Calumet on



Ossipee Lake in New Hampshire.

In August, OMK will be hosting two sessions of a healthy lifestyles camp called **“Food, Fitness, and Fun.”** The sessions will run from August 7th-10th and 10th-13th, so families can choose which camp works best for them! Youth will enjoy time outside on the climbing wall, ropes course, volleyball court, and mini-golf course at Camp Birch Hill in New Durham, New Hampshire. The camp waterfront area is the ideal spot for kayaking, canoeing, sailing, swimming, and trying out the Water Tramp! Participants will plan

and prepare healthy foods in between guided exercise and fun activities.

4-H CALENDAR

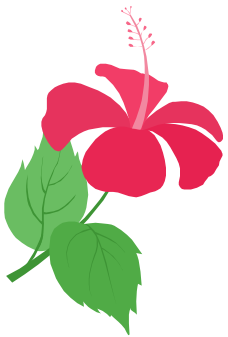
We can't wait for this summer's OMK programs!! Register or find out more at www.nhomk.com. Camps fill up quickly, so do not delay!



WORK DAYS AT THE 4-H FAIRGROUNDS:

Saturday June 25th
Sunday July 10th
Sunday August 7th

Please contact volunteer coordinator **Stephanie Davis** at sadavisrandall@hotmail.com for specific info on help needed for certain projects, or just show up on any of those days to share your time and talents to help get the Fairgrounds ready!



A special "THANK YOU" To **Fran Wendelboe** for becoming our new FairBoard President, and to **Katie Laux** for becoming our new Treasurer!"THANK YOU" also to **Wendy and Fred French, Dana Chase, and Paula**

Glover for your long-time dedication, hard work and efforts to keep the Fair going!!

June 2011

- 1 - State Dairy Show Information Posted on Web
- 2 - Fashion Revue Garment Judging – Memorial Union Building, UNH
- 4 - [State Activities Day](#) – Memorial Union Building, State 4-H Office, NH (Tentative Location)
- 10 – Teen Conference Orientation at 7:00 pm, Ext Office **MANDATORY** for all going to Teen Conference
- 15 - Approval Forms Due for ALL Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, Small Animals and Beef NOT Going to ESE (Note earlier deadlines for beef going to ESE)
- 22 – Retirement party for MaryAnn Kasprzak at Merrimack Cty Coop Ext Office, 4:30-6:00 pm**
- 26 – County Field Day and Qualifier Horse Show at 4-H Fairgrounds
- 26-29 - State 4-H Teen Conference – UNH

July 2011

- 1– State Quiz Bowl Team Members announced
- 8-10 - NH 4-H Sheep Clinic, 4-H Youth Center, New Boston
- 10 - State Working Steer Show
- 11-12 - Focus on Finance 4-H Career Trip
- 22 - 2011 ESE New England Center Invitations mailed to SAD Participants
- 15 – **Deadline for Animal Entry Forms for the Fair**
- 15-17 - State Horse Show – Lancaster Fair Grounds
- 21-24 - Stratham Fair
- 22 - State 4-H Working Steer Show – Stratham Fair
- 27-31 –North Haverhill Fair

August 2011

- 3-7 – Cheshire Fair
- 9-10 - State Dairy Show
- 13-14 Belknap County 4-H Fair**
- 19-21 – Cornish Fair
- 31- Sept 5 – Lancaster Fair

September 2011

- 1-5 - Hopkinton State Fair
- 9-11 – Hillsboro County Agricultural Fair
- 16-25 – Rochester Fair
- 25-28 - National 4-H Dairy Conference
- 25-28 - National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
- 29- October 2 – Deerfield Fair

October 2011

- 8-10 – Sandwich Fair
- TBD - Jubilee

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