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Commercial loam removal near Rte 6, a ritual product in northeast LaGrange. Layered clay here may augur further product on former greenhouse lands suitable for dew ponds, other landscaping.



Look for Garlic Rust / Potato Blight

AUGUSTA - Various State Agencies & Cooperative Extension are wanting farmers to report the garlic menace to garden plots this season. Also Potato First stop in your inquiry would be to ring up your local Farm Agency Service listed by county under US Government to get more data via the importance of the same and to then follow up with your help gained, now learned and passed on. Some USDA offices' FSA counties are shared by other counties in a single office listed. Soils and Water Conservation, Natural Resources and more are available at such offices.

DEP Rulemaking:

Sound Levels at Wind Turbine Projects:

AUGUSTA - Maine Board of Environmental Protection is currently reviewing a proposed rule that would oversee wind installations in Maine, especially small, medium, and community wind projects. While most of the proposed rule addresses sound levels emitted by large-scale wind turbines and projects, it also proposes a one mile setback for all installations sized at 100 kw and greater. If legislated, this would hinder power distribution from wind projects or interrupt meter small projects serving on-site electricity needs says *Windependence, the Maine Wind Working Group*.

Most if not all community wind projects in development are engaged presently in construction upon approved sites. New single turbine projects and multi-turbine projects affected by setback prescriptions risk getting off the drawing board. How this may affect the consortium now engaged in off shore wind power development in sum, *Windependence* would indicate affect all current plans for over 120 mw of community wind in Maine of all sizes and scales. From farmer-owned projects, to those owned by

Loss to farming...

Tractor and the Farmer

A tractor accident claimed the life of an 84 year old Enfield farmer the week of July 18. **Cassius Fall**, well known as a classic Maine Farmer in the mold of early to rise, late to bed and as honest and as hardworking a person one could find in

farming was found by a relative with his tractor pinned under a fallen tree and his steering column. The tractor got away with him whilst backing up. State Police indicated he may have had a stall or his foot slipped off the clutch to pin him between the steering and this fallen tree. He had been 'about on the field cultivating potatoes, and the open Farmall set in gear began backing into the woods. He & the tractor went up against the tree. State medical examined the body at a Lincoln funeral home. - sources: *Bangor Daily News*, & others who knew him in comment upon his demise, and his farm.

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Focus:

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TEACHERS EARN NATIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AGRICULTURE



AUGUSTA—Annette Caldwell and Gretchen Kimball, teachers at the Buckfield Junior/Senior High School in Buckfield, have received one of five top awards in the nation for "Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture." This award is offered by the US Department of Agriculture and the National Agriculture in the Classroom (NAITC) Consortium. Teachers from all 50 states are eligible to compete with in school projects. Both teachers will travel next June to Ft. Lauderdale for an all-expense-paid 5 day trip to pick up the award at the NAITC conference. Ms. Caldwell and Ms. Kimball were also the 2011 Maine Agriculture in the Classroom (MAITC) Teachers of the Year, for their gardening and curriculum project at the Buckfield School.

Under the direction of these teachers, the students and staff have established a 1.2-acre garden, for the purpose of enhancing academic achievement, reinforcing healthy choices, promoting ecological stewardship, and fostering community and social development. As students have wrestled with the never-ending problems that accompanied this authentic learning experience, they have grown to appreciate challenge and love learning. The garden is managed by Middle School students, who research in winter to plan what will be grown. Using a budget, they order seeds, and in early spring, begin the timely process of planting. With a rich soil mixture cultivated from their worm bins, students start seeds under grow-lights in classrooms, moving them to the greenhouse as soon as possible. The planting takes place over several days in early June, and then the summer work begins. In the fall, produce is used for a harvest supper, pumpkin raffle, and other fund raisers, with proceeds to benefit a worthy cause in the community and the next garden budget. The Buckfield Garden Project has been incorporated into the Middle School Math and Language Arts lessons, as well as other subjects across the curriculum. Students in the school system, from elementary age to high school, are using the garden in their class work, problem solving and working together to create successful service-learning, real-life experiences for them all. Students in this district know how to grow food! In the words of Maine State Rep Teresa Hayes, "Ms. Caldwell and Ms. Kimball have made locally grown food a reality for our students. They have used the garden to teach—the students, the staff, and our community. They have reconnected us all to the agricultural heritage of our grandparents."

If you wish to apply or nominate a teacher colleague for a state award, applications for the 2012 MAITC Teacher of the Year are available at www.MaineAgintheClassroom.org, or you can call the office at 207-287-5522. Applications are due at the MAITC office at 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333 by September 10, 2011.

schools, municipalities, small businesses, non-profits, and others, nearly all would be killed by the proposed one-mile setback requirement. Millions in Maine-based funds for these projects would be at risk, and potentially for naught, if these proposed changes were passed. Most of seed investment funding and investment has been borne by residents of Maine, much of it from rural areas. *Windependence* says there is no scientific basis for as large or larger proposed setbacks. The organization cautions that even while the public period for proposed rule making has closed, expectations are, this controversy

will arise again this fall. *Mainely Agriculture* will keep you updated, quarterly, and let you know what you can do to weigh in on rulemaking and related issues.

Down East Emergency Medical Institute



At a stop light, Orono, this snap was taken through Editor's truck window. This Hummer was made from two 1984 vehicles at the Limestone repair facility by crew volunteers.

See DEEMI story page 2

FARMER FACTS 1: EASEMENT, IN LAW, RIGHTS THAT A PERSON MAY HAVE OVER THE LAND OF ANOTHER. RIGHT OF WAY, WATER RIGHTS ETC.

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Maine Ag Commissioner hosts Young Farmers



Commish outstanding in his field

Waldo Dairy farmer & Maine Agricultural Commissioner Walter Whitcomb recently hosted a chapter of Maine Young Farmers group to tour this farm and listen to the Commissioner weigh out the pros and cons of dairying in Maine. Most in the group are second and third generation farmers and came already involved in dairying with eyes headed towards a future with cows and dairying.

One such visitor took the group just down the road from the Whitcomb's to their own farm to show visitors yet another farm layout and farming practice. This second generation farm nearby has the new generation going back in time to a daily delivery of fresh milk products in the greater Belfast area along with delivering compost and manure to truck gardeners for a fee. Farm diversity to be a key towards bettering the recent demise of dairying now on the wane. *Watch Mainely Agriculture for a story on this Waldo area farm, soon.*



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Robert Bowie, MD

The colorful Hummer parked centrally in Orono caught our attention at a stop light and this is the result. We learned Dr Robert Bowie, pictured and brother Richard Bowie were born in Portland and Robert is an emergency medicine physician on staff at St. Joseph's hospital, Bangor. He is also the Medical Director for department, Orono Fire Department and DEEMI. As an undergraduate he was employed as a medic. He worked along side his brother, Richard to build their fleet of ground and air transport units and has stationed them all over Maine with volunteer personnel to run them. Bob continues to develop and publish rescue research and offer medical direction for EMS applications out in the field. His interest and work in emergency services started in 1979 and with the help of the board of directors of this public service minded group of people the brothers are making DEEMI a noticed emergency entity in Maine.

Here is a sampling of the type of equipment available to various regions of Maine for emergency use: 1967 Rescue 11 UH-1H Helicopter - This has a long colorful war history and on return from Desert Storm, it had a new turbine engine-22 upgrade, with other repairs, and was purchased by DEEMI from the US Army at Ft. Bliss, NY in 1997. It has been operated by DEEMI in Flight use from 1997 to present and is equipped for SAR/External load configuration at BIA. This means many of DEEMI members are also among SAR/Fire and EMS services. In addition they have MD's and licensed medical personnel who interact with family situation rescues in both a support and a medical history role. Other members are in support and maintenance functions. Specialists in fields of aviation, engineering, computer analysis and photographic issues help the all volunteer specialist provide a unique outback rescue service here in Maine to supplement county, state and local activities. *The Hummer HMMWV ground ambulance* pictured on the front page of **Mainely Agriculture** is a 1984 vintage and was put together at the Loring Air Base retrofit facility currently refabricating war damaged equipment from Iraq and Afghanistan. An example of their services: Annual Safety monitoring of canoe races with rope rescue

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teams, HMMWV and Land Rover Teams, with added Medical Support at the Kenduskeag Canoe Races, & the Machias Race.



Olamon plane crash

The Board of Directors of DEEMI are made up of: Richard Bowie, MS; Daniel Finck, Medic /FF/BSN; Martin Lenhardt, PhD; Phillip Webb and Fabio Crichigno, Esq. with Robert Bowie.

The organization of men and equipment have participated in the following rescues: A plane crash in Olamon, missing teen in Orono, Looking for a Lubec fisherman, Missing Medway man, flood in Old Town, and numerous events in Veazie, Penobscot Narrows, Grand Falls, Canada, Kenduskeag Stream, Little Deer Isle, the rescue of two paddlers, Whiting, Leonards Mills and events at Bangor.

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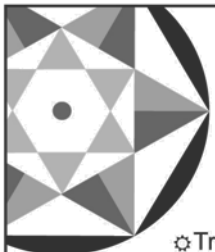
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Sustainable SARE grants awarded around Maine

Five categories of testing various Ag science for 2011 will see investigation in the next year and years, from recent rounds of awards given by the Northeast Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education. SARE program of USDA. What follows is a summary of each winning grant and who won the same here in Maine: **Farmer Grants: An experiment on the effectiveness of irrigation and cover cropping to produce sustainable hops.** Krista Delahunty, Aroostook Hops, LLC, Wesfield \$10,197. Her description: Brew pubs and craft brewers seek local and organic hops, but ost of the guidelines for growing hops are not tailored to this climate. She will test yield and labor on a one acre organic plot, using 4 common varieties in thirty-year, second-year and new hops plantings to test cost effectiveness with alfalfa and straw. **A second award: Feeding minerals and supplements in an organic pastured poultry operation.** Carley Del Signore, Tide Mill Organic Farm, Edmunds Township \$14,007. Organic grain is expensive and improving feed efficiency and meat quality using supplements and minerals such as Baccatuna Clay and Fertrell Mineral with and without Mennefee Humates against a control flock fed organic grain, grit may improve weight gain,

New Vet at Foxcroft



SEBEC - Matthew Rolleston has joined the medical practice at Foxcroft Vets, located in Dover-Foxcroft now serving farmers in 9 northern Maine Counties. Matt is the son of George and Roxanne Rolleston of Sebec, Maine. Matthew's 9 years of college prep was finished in May, 2011 granting him a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, DVM. He and his family have raised cattle, sheep, rabbits for fun and profit and he comes to Foxcroft after many years working summers for Genex, Inc., doing artificial cattle breeding and traveling from farm to farm. Foxcroft Vets is located on the Dexter Road in Dover-Foxcroft.

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and enrich meat for less harmful bacteria with more nutrients, richer flavor is the notion, herein. **Another Maine winning grant: Amending pasture soil to decrease weed presence while improving forage species composition and equality.** Bill Errickson, Zepher Hill Farm Brooks \$10,706. Pasture decline over time whilst pasture weeks increase and normal renovation cultivates, re-seeding and applying herbicides lead soil compaction, erosion and a compromised environment, the farmer will see if custom soil tests, amendments to enhance fertility will reduce weeds by increased hay vigor, is his plan. **A final project: Management of allium white rot is offered by Amy LeBlanc, Whitehill Farm, East Wilton \$8,301.** This disease leads to crop loss and need to take affected land out of production. The farmer will test the potential of biostimulation with garlic juice and ground garlic greens from health plants an pest management on an organic farm. She will compare pre and post treatment presence of this fungus in the soil and if results are positive, develop a management plan for other farmers. **The category of Sustainable Community Grants** had no Maine Winners. **Partnership Grants** for extension staff and other Ag service providers saw one Maine Extension agent win: **Fall flame weeding: Targeting weed seeds before they enter the seed bank** is offered by Eric Gallant, University of Maine, Orono \$12,238. Flaming is often used to kill weed seedlings and field stubble, but a farmer observation indicates that flaming may also be effective on weed seeds - his flamed potato fields sowed less weed pressure the following year. Testing of three flame doses on next season's weed seed bank and resulting weed seedling densities will be tested. In the category **Research and Education Grants** this project: **Increased profits from disease-free garlic planting stock** \$121,341. Steve Johnson, University of Maine, Presque Isle will take garlic production from a practice of swapping garlic bulbs seed stock among farmers of the region as a means of spreading pathogens to damage crops and infest soils to a new practice to use tissue culture to develop pathogen-free seed stock is the logical next step for on farm trials and bulb multiplications and then follow up with grower twilight meetings to identify and manage garlic pests. Of 100 participating farmers, 30 will adopt the new technique after training to recognize and manage major garlic disease to prevent the spreading of fungal and viral infections.

With the category of **Professional Development Grants** this project won a chance in Maine: **Manage-**

ment practices to reduce agricultural emissions: A workshop for professionals \$33,098. Susan Gammon, Androsoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District, Lewiston. Farms emit greenhouse gases through soil and manure practices, fuel use, and animal digestion; reducing these emissions and increasing carbon sequestration will increase sustainability and improve the environment. The leader will develop training in livestock nutrition, fertilizer use and conservation tillage that increase carbon,sequestration and reduce operating costs. This is universal in practice no matter the region. As a result of the testing 30 service providers will advise 1500 farmer about these practices and 15 will do whole-farm greenhouse gas assessments.

The Maine winners tied with New Jersey for the number of entrants winning for a fourth place in grants won in the states of Mass, NY, DE, Maryland, Vermont, West Virginia, RI, PA and CT in the Northeast Region served by USDA. First n the region was New York, PA 2nd, VT third and Maine and New Jersey tied for 4th place in winning grants. New rounds of entrants have until Dec. 1 to apply. See page 7 for full details in related story.



Around the State: Farm Service Agencies around the state were requesting people to get involved with getting active – Penobscot/Hancock County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director CED Valerie Porter, reminded **Mainely Agriculture** that farmers, ranchers and landowners nominate fellow farmers and rancher candidates to serve on their local FSA county committees. Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues. This is opportunity to get of f the farm for a night out with fellow kindred spirits and catch a break from the 7 day business of keeping food on the table. Check it out for next year Mr, Ms and Mrs Farmer.

If they had a facility...these products would be out there. Piscataquis county farmers are discussing a shared kitchen notion after a survey was conducted by the County Soil and Water Conservation district that was centered upon a dairy food production plant where they could make yogurt and cheese, quoting Sheila Richards, the district's Executive director. **Maine Highland Farmers Association** members were likely some of the respondents to the survey as this area group has been going strong with new ideas since the formation of the group several years ago. We applaud this upwardly mobile farm solving survey for an agricultural need and a diligent approach.

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Not a new idea....

I've always agreed that Dexter and the two Millinocketts, should be annexed to Piscataquis County. Penobscot County dominates and it is getting 'tired out' as a region; it is land poor in the urban sense and unable to match the complexity of administration of the unorganized territorial imperative - the same as county commissioners in most regions are equally not equipped to handle far reaching questions of their UT in state control. That is the quandary of the hoopla of recent weeks about who, where, when and for whom involvement in land oversight is needed. I come to this conclusion after 63 years of life in my home birth state living in the greater northern stretch of Maine. Such a legislative thought seems incapable to likewise be understood in Augusta and confuse the city councils in the towns mentioned along with the East Millinocket select board. Witness the continuing saga of "Ban Roxanne". We applaud the Millinocket City Council exercising a tenuous control at least in a national park debate. Piscataquis towns' government including our county commissioners are out of the loop. WGS

postal letters

Potato and Tomato
Philip Turner, PhD, Caribou

These two plants are first cousins in their gene's. Man has tried to cross pollinate them in an effort to have potatoes have tomatoes or tomatoes have potatoes. This did not result in the hope desired. Now that we can gene-sequence at a cost of around \$1.00 per sequence**, we should try and do a gene map of the tomato and the potato. Compare the two gene-maps and look for the genes' differences - could we find the potato gene that calls for the roots to make tubers? Compare the 2 genes that cause the plants to produce flowers? Try to find what might be done to the flowering gene on the potato to cause it to produce a tomato and the gene on the tomato that might be changed to cause the tomato plants roots to develop tubers? If we have not done genomes of these 2 important plants, then we should do it now ! Our plants sciences at the University of Maine should make plans to do this gene sequence. ** *Cracking the Cancer's code* — This is not too difficult a way of finding the action of DNA in cancer cells, then why not mark the DNA of the potato and tomato and see what DNA adjusting could be made to cause the desired result P. Turner's Comment upon The Bangor Daily June 1, 2011 article section D 2 Genome mapping...

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Op-ed e mail

DEFINING WHISKEY
(thanks Bill in Natchez MS)
In 1952, Armon M. Sweat, Jr., a member of the Texas House Of Representatives, was asked about his position on whiskey. What follows is his exact answer (taken from the Political Archives of Texas)..

"If you mean whiskey, the devil's brew, the poison scourge, the bloody monster that defiles innocence, dethrones reason, destroys the home, creates misery and poverty, yea, literally takes the bread from the mouths of little children; if you mean that evil drink that topples Christian men and women from the pinnacles of righteous and gracious living into the bottomless pit of degradation, shame, despair, helplessness, and hopelessness, then, my friend, I am opposed to it with every fiber of my being.

However, if by whiskey you mean the oil of conversation, the philosophic wine, the elixir of life, the ale that is consumed when good fellows get together, that puts a song in their hearts and the warm glow of contentment in their eyes; if you mean Christmas cheer, the stimulating sip that puts a little spring in the step of an elderly gentleman on a frosty morning; if you mean that drink that enables man to magnify his joy, and to forget life's great tragedies and heartbreaks and sorrow; if you mean that drink the sale of which pours into Texas treasuries untold millions of dollars each year, that provides tender care for our little crippled children, our blind, our deaf, our dumb, our pitifully aged and infirm, to build the finest highways, hospitals, universities, and community colleges in this nation, then my friend, I am absolutely, unequivocally in favor of it. **This is my position, and as always, I refuse to compromise on matters of principle.** " -Arman Sweat

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Maine State Grange News
Our activities each quarter
Master's MEMO By WM Jim Owens

I have started to receive applications for the Grange of the Year Award. Please send yours in now as they must be received at the State Grange office prior to September 1st in order to enter the contest. Remember that all resolutions that your Subordinate or Pomona Grange wishes to have considered at the annual State Grange session at the Community Center in Skowhegan must be received at State Grange headquarters by September 15th. The session and banquet will be held from Oct. 19 - 22, 2011. Some of the motels in Skowhegan are as follows: Kyes Motel (rt. 2) 474-3384, Belmont (Madison Ave. - Rt. 201 N) 474-8315, Towne Motel (Madison Ave. - Rt. 201N) 474-5151, Whispering Pines (Waterville Rd. - Rt. 201S) 474-2287, Breezy Acres (Waterville Rd. - Rt. 201S) 474-2703

Our State Grange session in 2012 will be held in Rockland. This will be a change for everyone as we haven't met in that area since 1978.

- Coming Events -
Bangor Area Officer Installation
August 19

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August 20, 2011

Sabbathday Lake Yard & Craft Sale
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Riding shotgun

On the RFD with MainelyAgs

By Jack Strout

The first warm day we had in a spring fraught with rain and storms Boss calls me out to go up on his first Ft Fairfield run. I do not mind, I could use the fresh air. The drive up is long but I like it. Beautiful farm country out there and the people are nice. Boss has a way with people. Something I was never good at doing. Choosing the right bait for a rainbow trout or trapping meat is where my skills rest. I reach back shifting the excess papers from behind my seat and recline my seat back. I get a kick out of watching him work, I still remember the first time he took me out with him. It took us three hours to reach destination, the longest I have ever gone without my Buds. Boss got gas and went in to see if the owner was interested in an ad. Meanwhile, I placed my Bud in a paper bag to sit. When he came back he grabbed stack of old issues, and while the owner was not interested in an ad, he wanted fresh papers to give away. Coming back to the truck one time, Boss caught me smiling. "You do not think we are going to make a sale here do you". He said, a glint in his eyes began to grow the way it always does when planning on starting something. I shrugged and began to look out the window. "Tell you what, if I make a sale today then you have to come out on the road with me whenever I roust you out". With the odds of him making a sale after consecutive N.O.'s I took the deal. At the very last shop we were going to hit that day, there was an aging owner who was more worried about installing his air conditioner then placing an ad. Determined not to leave without a sale he offered to install the new unit for him, if the shop owner would try out a farmer related advert. The new air conditioning unit was huge and heavy. Boss hauled it up a ladder and set it in a high window for the shop keeper. Thrilled to finally have cool air coming through his shop the owner took out not one but, two ads and this was the best sale for that season's issue. The shopkeeper has renewed ads each trip up and I've been riding shotgun on the RFD ever since.



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Haying
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Season

An annual farming ritual has to include haying and many nice squares and rounds have been gathered all over Maine with a wet spring good for growing grass. Farmers around Central Maine are reporting that before the recent rains of the second week of August, many more bales than usual have been gathered by area crews. One farmer in Alton did not fill up his barn with squares as in recent years for resale but did this year before going after the rounds. Barry Higgins of Maple Lane Farms at last count had his crews put up 40,000 squares and over 900 rounds that he sells to farmers all over Maine and New Hampshire. Meanwhile small farmers have more than usual despite the late rains. A Houlton area farmer who puts up alfalfa and alfalfa crosses has had a good season also he reports.

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Ranger First in
Logging Competition



GREENVILLE -- Maine Forest Ranger Samuel Heffner won first place in the Regional "Game of Logging" during the annual competition held on Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Forest Heritage Days event. Heffner competed against loggers from central and northern Maine and qualified to compete in the National "Game of Logging" Finals to be held Oct. 7-8 in Ohio. The "Game of Logging" competition is a group of events that includes saw chain filing, speed cutting, bore cutting, precision stump cutting, spring pole cutting, precision bucking and precision felling. All events have a strong emphasis on safety while using chainsaws. Ranger Heffner is a nationally certified instructor in the use of chainsaws on wild land firefighting and recently was the lead instructor of the Wildland Fire Chainsaw course taught at the Maine Forest Service's Wildfire Training Academy. The academy is offered the first two weekends of June each year and targeted towards volunteer and full-time structural firefighters to help them develop various wildland firefighting skills.



Forestry Grants

AUGUSTA – Project Canopy, the Maine Forest Service's community forestry program, will award \$200,000 in grants to local governments and municipalities, educational institutions and non-profit organizations that support community efforts to develop and maintain long-term community forestry programs. It is a cooperative partnership between the Maine Forest Service, under the Maine Department of Conservation, and GrowSmart Maine in Portland, encourages communities to develop proposals that support sustainable community forestry management, increase awareness of the benefits of trees and forests, and increase the health and livability of communities through sound tree planting and maintenance, Jan Ames Santerre, Project Canopy director, said. The planning and education grants have a maximum award of \$10,000, while the planting and maintenance grants have a maximum award of \$8,000. To be eligible to apply for a 2011 assistance grant, all applicants must attend a grant workshop before submitting an application. Grant workshops will be scheduled in September at various Maine locations.. athttp://projectcanopy.maine.gov.

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- Common Ground Fair Sept 23-25**
- **Biodynamic Farming.** Wednesday, August 17th at 5:00 p.m. at Hope's Edge Farm in Hope.
 - **Farming with Horses.** Monday, August 22nd at 5:00 p.m. at New Beat Farm in Knox.
 - **From Apprentice to Farmer: Taking the Next Steps.** Wednesday, August 31 at 5 p.m. at Proud Peasant Farm (MOFGA's Common Ground Education Center) in Unity.

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August 21:

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August 24-25:

Maine Farm Days

at Misty Meadows Farm on the Hill Road in Clinton will be hosting Maine Farm Days this year. Event runs from 9 - 5 pm daily. Admission is free and open to the public. It is an excellent opportunity for the entire family to visit a working dairy farm and learn about how the farm works.

August 25:

Central Maine Sheep Breeders
Association Wool Pool

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Sept 7:

Veg Growers Twilight Meeting

at 5:30 p.m. at Highmoor Farm Monmouth. Tour the pumpkin, sweet corn, and tomato trial plantings.

Sept 10:

Scaling Up: Producing, Processing
for the Larger Regional Market

From 10: - 3:00 pm Free for those who pre-register, \$7 for walk-ins; includes lunch. Interested in selling meat to institutions and other large-scale buyers throughout the New England region? The New England state departments of agriculture are collaborating with the Northeast Farm-to-School Network and Healthcare without Harm on a marketing plan for increasing sales of regionally-produced beef to institutions. The research team, led by Rose Wilson, will give a presentation of the results and propose some steps we can take to increase beef sales to large-scale regional consumers. Then we'll head down the street to Westminster Meats, Vermont's newest slaughter facility, for lunch and a tour. This will be a great opportunity to make connections from across New England! Funded in part by the Ag Innovation Center and co-organized by VT Agency of Ag and UVM Center for Sustainable

Agriculture .
Registration, directions and additional info available at: www.vtmeat.blogspot.com or by contacting Sam Fuller at NOFA-VT (802) 434-4122 or sam@nofavt.org

September 12:

Starting a Home

Business: Part 1.

Penobscot County Extension Office, 307 Maine Ave., Bangor, 6-9:00 pm Contact: Wendy Robertson, Penobscot County Extension office, wendy.robertson@maine.edu Phone: (207) 942-7396 or 800-287-1485 (in Maine)

Oct 2: National

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For information visit

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at prfpinz@nls.net or

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Projects should seek results other farmers can use, and all projects must have the potential to add to our knowledge about effective sustainable practices. **Note:**

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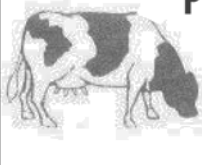
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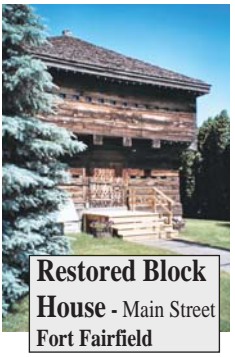


Kelsey Buck 2011 Maine Potato Queen (in red gown) Chloe Wheeler, Pre Teen Miss Maine Potato Queen LEFT and Hannah Stoutamy, RIGHT Teen Miss Maine Potato Queen visiting Stewart farm. Deschesne photos.

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Photos of Potato Blossom Queens
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Janelle Tweedie, Little Miss Maine Potato Queen and Emma Kinney, Junior Miss Maine Potato Queen on right

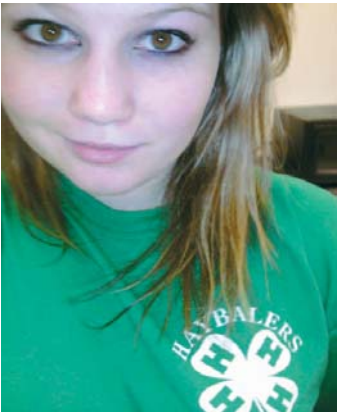


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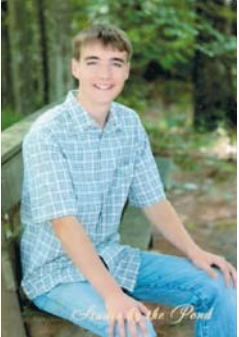


Sarah Verville is from Monticello and will be attending Husson University this fall in pharmaceutical course planning. She joined 4-H 7 years ago after moving to Maine from Massachusetts and she currently holds two jobs making ready for college after Houlton High. Her 4-H experience is in raising and showing rabbits which enabled her to star her own business in raising and selling show rabbits. She is also involved in several community service projects. She was in Daisy Scouts at the age of 5 and during that time she made cards for soldiers and now she is currently a Girl Scout & earned her bronze and silver award through volunteering and is currently working towards the gold. She is also involved in the pantry pig project and has given 188 lbs of meat to a local food pantry. Another community service project was working at an animal shelter and recruiting people to volunteer along with her. Her project is to recruit 30 people to do one hour of work, donating 300 lbs. of cat food, litter, dog food and 30 bottles of bleach. She saw 30 cat and dog beds get constructed for the same shelter.



Krysta Moulton is from Athens. Her history with 4-H is ten years strong. She is ranked #1 at Madison Memorial High school with a 100.08 Grade Point Average! She was class president and president of the NH'S and she will be attending college this fall studying International Business or Political Science. Her 4-H story included shooting sports, fitness & sports, community service, caring for cattle and goats at local fairs, gardening, dairy cows, veterinary sciences, food and nutrition, making craft items, cooking whilst serving as club president of the Happy Hooves 4-H club for many years. Krysta has shown cattle & goats at fairs and worked the food making community service project - "Cooking for a Cause". This project raised money for the Global Fund to combat AIDS, TB and malaria. Krysta set up education exhibits in the 4-H Exhibit Hall at the Skowhegan State Fair on AIDS and helped raise funds for that, there.

Primarily by selling baked goods, she raised around \$2,000 and won the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Four-H for her has enabled this young student to gain strong public posture and has made her a better citizen.



Jedidiah Phillips is from Acton. He has been a member of 4-H for 14 years and is planning on attending college this fall to study Fusion Power Development. He is currently taking 2 advance placement courses that will allow him to gain college credits pre-fall. He has been the president of the Busy Workers 4-H Club for the past 7 years and the secretary for the past 2 years on the York County Beef Club. In 2008 he was elected captain of the math team. When Jedidiah first joined 4-H his interests were with goats and beef and has developed into physics and math. 4-H has taught leadership through doing and he has gained responsibility. For many years he cared for animals and gained daily chore management skills.



Eben Benson is from Gorham and has been a member of 4-H for 8 years. Eben is planning to attend college this fall to study history. Eben was born and raised as a fourth generation family member to help in the purebred Holsteins stocking at the family farm and always assisted in dairying. He has been involved in countless community service projects over his years ranging in visiting the elderly, clearing up at summer camps, doing yard work for his church and working for non-profit organizations. The most rewarding program to him was volunteering for and after school program called the Root Celler. "It was an incredible experience to see the spirit of the Somali refugees who live in Kennedy Park as well as getting to know them as well as their families". Working with people has been a huge part of his 4-H experience. The two skills he cites are cooperation and teamwork. He feels that in general, he has been influenced by 4-H and it has sculpted the path he will be on in his life. His 4-H experiences gave him the adequate skills to pursue whatever he wants to do in life and he is considering a later career in law or politics.



Molly Lindsey lives in Winthrop and has been a member of 4-H for 12 years. She attended for legislative bill that will allow new drivers during their six month probationary period to animal projects, primarily drive deployed members of poultry and rabbit but also military servicemen and loves sports, the 4-H women. She wants it legal so that families in the future will service projects. In the not repeat her family past summer o of '007 she was when her aunt was also chosen to go to deployed and avoid hardship. Washington DC to attend a 3,2,1 action program. Molly says she has learned so many life skills being in 4-H and she is fortunate to have had many opportunities in her life because of 4-H.

She has also attended 4-H trips such as Citizenship Washington Focus and the National 4-H Conference.

One project that is very near and dear to her heart is Operation Military Kids (OMK). She has attended three conferences in Bangor to address OMK issues. Her 4-H Club is involved in such community service projects that focus on volunteering to fill hero packs for kids of military families. She also places flags and gravestones for military veterans at the Veterans Cemetery.

This past year she has been working to amend a Maine Fun 4-H Club, which was started by her family. new drivers during their six month probationary period to animal projects, primarily drive deployed members of poultry and rabbit but also military servicemen and loves sports, the 4-H women. She wants it legal so that families in the future will service projects. In the not repeat her family past summer o of '007 she was when her aunt was also chosen to go to deployed and avoid hardship. Washington DC to attend a 3,2,1 action program. Molly says she has learned so many life skills being in 4-H and she is fortunate to have had many opportunities in her life because of 4-H.

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