

4-H Youth Development Program

4-H News



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County and State Visual Presentation Days

We had 19 youth participate in County Visuals from **Bristol County** on March 3 and 57 youth from **Norfolk County** on March 10!

Congratulations to the following members who were chosen to represent Bristol County at State Visuals: Avery Almeida, Candence Almeida, Caitlyn Gifford, Lily Krauzyk, Julia Bernier, Hope LaPlante, Trevor Clapp, Zoey Andrade, Ashlee DeMolles, Alyssa Jaglowski, Riley Goodrich, Daniel Clapp and Mia Vargas.

Congratulations also go out to the following members who were chosen to represent Norfolk County at State Visuals: Lee Ammons, Skyler Barry, Niamh Grehan, Madison Lane, Julia Nerenberg, Sam Oldmixon, Ceilidh Scott, Falco Heaslip, Kilian Tennis, Ashley Braren, Emma Pannone, Ivy Glenn, Caroline Hall, Hunter Ross, Keira Reid, Ella McDonagh, Mattea Garrett, Eliza Demler, Kaelyn McLoughlin, Ronan Tennis, Josie Ammons, Caleigh Brown, Bernadette Tenore, Tommy McDonagh, Salma Murphy, Nora Garland, Sakeenah Graves, Leah Trayers, Kaitlyn Deck, Lizzie Uhlhorn, Maria Fabiano, Jordan Drenkhahn, Shannon Reardon, Fabian Heaslip and Margaret Wall.

In addition, the following 4-H members received Big E Quality ribbons from their judges at County Visual

Presentations. These 4-H'ers will be invited to do a visual presentation, stage presentation or action exhibit at the Big E in September!

Bristol County: Riley Goodrich, Daniel Clapp, Caitlyn Gifford and Mia Vargas.

Norfolk County: Caleigh Brown, Kaitlyn Deck, Mattea Garrett, Maddy Lane, Danielle Larson, Ava Richardson, Kate Slater, Ronan Tennis, Bernadette Tenore, Lizzie Uhlhorn and Julia Nerenberg.

Thank You to Our Great Volunteers!

A huge "thank you" goes out to our dedicated **Bristol County** volunteers who judged County Visual Presentation Day: Shirley Higgins, Millie Gedrites, Paula Simmons, Kelsey Borges, Grace Pietsch and Matt Allen.

A big "thank you" to our volunteers who judged at **Norfolk County** Visual Presentation Day: Olivia Lee, Val Stone, Amanda Hamblin, Daria Fabiano, Nora Reardon, Aurora Luce, Bill Comery, Tara Reid, Libby Lukas, Linda Pierson and Martha Casassa.

A special "thank you" also goes out to 4-H leaders Cindy Innes and Darlene Lee, and their parents and members of the Mini Whinnies 4-H Club, who helped run the food booth at the Norfolk County Visual Presentation Day!

Thank you to all of our volunteers for all the time, compassion and enthusiasm that you provided to our 4-H'ers at these worthwhile events!

Financial Assistance for 4-H Camps

All currently enrolled **Bristol and Norfolk County** 4-H members are eligible to apply for camperships/scholarships to attend a 4-H camp. To apply, fill out the attached Financial Assistance Form and mail it to the 4-H Office, 400 Main Street, Walpole, MA 02081. The due date is **May 1**. If you want to be considered for a campership/scholarship for a 4-H event coming up before May 1, please mail in your Financial Assistance Form right away!

Bristol County 4-H Holds a Successful 4-H Fundraiser

Our annual **Bristol County** 4-H Fundraiser was held this past Saturday, March 24, at the St. Nicholas of Myra Pastoral Center Hall in Dighton. It was very successful thanks to the efforts of many 4-H volunteers. A delicious spaghetti dinner was provided to those who attended the fundraiser under the leadership of Millie Gedrites, John "Poss" Possinger, Nancy Possinger and Millie's church supper group who put on the meal.

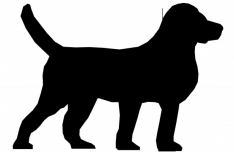
Special thanks to 4-H volunteers Marie Perdue, Sandra Dias and Kim Veilleux, who helped with the ticket sales and door prizes, and to Andrea Crespi for the coordination of this year's ad book. Our auction also proved to be very successful under the leadership of Shirley Higgins and Marie Perdue, with help from Lorraine Duggan, Donna Ryan and Tammy Ryan. A big "thank you" to Donna and Tammy Ryan for providing wonderful door prizes for the youth and adults who attended the fundraiser.

Once again, Nick Barishian did a fantastic job as the master of ceremonies for the evening's festivities.

Thanks to the efforts of 4-H volunteer Kelsey Borges, our 4-H member talent show was brought back to our fundraiser with several wonderful performances by our 4-H members!

Finally, thanks go out to all of the fundraiser supporters who attended the dinner, put ads in our ad book and/or made a donation to our raffle. Remember that all funds raised go directly back to our 4-H members and volunteers in the form of workshop scholarships and camperships to attend 4-H camps, which are dependent on the support of our 4-H families in order to continue to provide these worthwhile opportunities to our 4-H'ers and volunteers!

Spring Fling Dog Show



The Norfolk County Thunder Hill Canine Encounters 4-H Dog Club will be holding their Spring Fling Dog Show on Thursday evening, May 24, at the Norfolk County Agricultural High School, 400 Main St., Walpole. It is open to all 4-H members enrolled in 4-H dog project. For more information, go to the 4-H website at www.mass4h.org. Go to Programs, Animal Science, Dogs, Dog Shows and Camps, and then Local. Here is the link: http://ag.umass.edu/sites/ag.umass.edu/files/pdf-doc-ppt/2018_thunder_hill_canine_4-h_dog_show_0.pdf. Or contact Cathy Quinn at thunderhill4h@aol.com.

Dates for Westport Fair

4-H livestock clubs in **Bristol and Norfolk Counties** should save the dates of July 18-22 for the Westport Fair. The Westport Fair is located in Southeast Massachusetts and is a fair dedicated to promoting agriculture. 4-H/youth livestock shows include dairy, beef, rabbit, sheep, dairy goat and pygmy goat shows. For more information, contact Paula Simmons at 508-974-5641.

We plan to have a 4-H information booth this year at the Westport Fair. If any **Bristol County** club would like to staff the 4-H booth for a few hours at the fair, the MA 4-H Foundation will provide your club with a \$50 recruitment stipend. Contact Jay Field at jfield@umext.umass.edu with a specific day during the fair that you would like your club to run the 4-H promotion booth. Thank you!



4-H Financial Assistance Form

A limited amount of funds are available from the Bristol & Norfolk County 4-H Advisory Councils to assist 4-H members who will attend 4-H camp in Massachusetts. The funds will be awarded as partial camperships/scholarships. The amount and number given will depend upon the number of requests received and the amount of funds available.

These camperships/scholarships are provided to 4-H members in good standing and are not based on financial need. Financial need may be taken into account when determining the amount of assistance given. Criteria used when awarding the financial assistance includes volunteer service and activity of the 4-H member at the club and county levels (also, state level 4-H activity for teens).

All those receiving financial assistance will be encouraged to volunteer at 4-H activities throughout the year.

To apply for a campership/scholarship, fill out the form below and mail to the 4-H Office, 400 Main Street, Walpole, MA 02081. All applications must be received by **May 1**.

Please do not wait to get your camp applications in or there may not be space available!

4-H Campership/Scholarship Application

Name _____

Street _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____ Date of Birth _____

Number of Years in 4-H _____ Name of Club Leader _____

Email Address _____ County Bristol Norfolk

I am applying for assistance to attend: _____ Full Cost of Camp or Program: _____

4-H Camp Name: _____ \$ _____

Write several paragraphs about why you want to attend this camp/program and why you think you should receive a campership/scholarship. Be specific about your contributions to the 4-H program. Please write/type this on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form.