

4-H Youth Development Program

4-H News



NORTHEAST REGION

MASSACHUSETTS 4-H NEWSLETTER

Summer 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July**
- 1 **Deadline** for Middlesex 4-H Fair Scholarship <http://4hmiddlesexfair.org/stokowski-scholarship>
 - 1 **Deadline** State 4-H Photography Contest Waltham
 - 8 State & Big E Horse Show Entries Due to Suzanne Ferris, 153 Hollis St, Pepperell, MA 01463
 - 12 Shirley Kane Memorial 4-H Golf Tournament Holden
- August**
- 1 Middlesex County Fair Entry Forms Due Westford
 - 8 Middlesex County 4-H Fair Chaperones Meeting 7pm Westford
 - 10 **Deadline** to order Big E 4-H Day tickets for members and volunteers: dcomeau@umext.umass.edu
 - 15 **Deadline** Annual 4-H Club Reports (including Financial report & proof of 990N) Waltham
 - 15 Topsfield Fair Entry Forms due to: Diane Krafton, 9 Union St. Andover, MA 01810
 - 24 Middlesex 4-H Fair Static Entries 5:30-9:30pm Westford
 - 25 Middlesex 4-H Fair Livestock Entries 5:30-9:30pm Westford
 - 25-28 Middlesex County 4-H Fair Westford

Coming in the Fall..... Deadline for publication in the Fall Newsletter will be Sept. 9th

September

- 1 **New 4-H Year (NEW!)**
- 7 & 10 Topsfield 4-H Fair Static Entries (Wed. 6-8pm; Sat. 9am-12noon) Topsfield
- 16-Oct. 2 Eastern States Exhibition (Big E) W. Springfield
- 17 4-H Day at the Big E (see deadline above. Order form link: www.mass4h.org) W. Springfield
- 20 Middlesex 4-H Fall Kick-Off Night/ Teens Talk! 7pm Westford
- 29 Topsfield 4-H Fair Horticulture & Food due 5-7pm (Judging starts at 7pm) Topsfield
- 30-Oct. 10 Topsfield Fair: 4-H Exhibits in the Grange Building Topsfield

October

- 1 **MA 4-H Records Due (NEW!)**
- 1 Topsfield Fair Parade Topsfield
- 1-8 National 4-H Week (MA 4-H Community Service Drive Kick Off) USA
- 5 National 4-H Science Day USA
- 8 4-H Day at Topsfield Fair (Wear Clovers & Contact 4-H office for pass) Topsfield
- 8 First Annual Middlesex 4-H Fall Fest and Zombie Run Westford
- 11 Pick up all Topsfield 4-H Fair Entries 3-5:30pm Topsfield
- 19 Essex County 4-H Open House Information Night 7-9pm Topsfield

November (NEW!)

- 1 **4-H Member Re-Enrollments due online by family (Early Bird \$50 Deadline) www.ma.4honline.com**
- Meetings: Call Office 781-891-0650 or Check Websites to Confirm before traveling!
- Essex Advisory July 9 10:30am Topsfield
- Middlesex Fair, Inc. check www.4hmiddlesexfair.org 7PM Westford
- Middlesex Advisory check www.4h-middlesex.org 7PM Westford
- Middlesex HAC horse events will be listed on www.mass4h.org under Horse Program



State 4-H Visual Presentations

Congratulations!

To all our
Northeast 4-Hers
for their enthusiasm
and success in participating in
the 2016 MA 4-H Visual Presentation Program! Not
everyone who was chosen at the county level to
compete at State 4-H VP Day on April 2nd was able to
attend, but the following participated:

Summary of all Awards by County

RR, BR denotes those who received a Red or Blue State Rosette!

Essex County:

COUNTY	LAST	FIRST	JRSR	CLASS	DANISH	PLACE
Essex	Conroy	Savannah	SR	VP14		r
Essex	Dakin	Nina	JR	VP37		b
Essex	Dixon	Abigail	JR	VP03		b
Essex	Enos	Alexandra	SR	VP06	RR	b
Essex	Fabre	Emily	SR	VP34	BR	b
Essex	Fabre	Kaitlyn	SR	VP49		b
Essex	Farnsworth	Joahua	JR	VP34	BR	b
Essex	Kraus	Cole	SR	PC2	BR	b
Essex	McLaren	Brianna	JR	VP11		b
Essex	O'Sullivan-Place	Cayla	JR	VP01		b
Essex	O'Sullivan-Place	Morgan	JR	VP10	RR	b
Essex	Tripp	Alexis	JR	VP49	BR	b

Middlesex County:

COUNTY	LAST	FIRST	JRSR	CLASS	DANISH	PLACE
Middlesex	Adam	Mackenzie	JR	VP09	RR	b
Middlesex	Adam	Molly	JR	VP29	BR	b
Middlesex	Armstrong	Kaylie	JR	VP01		b
Middlesex	Berlinger	Maggie	JR	VP45		r
Middlesex	Berube	Collin	JR	VP30	BR	b
Middlesex	Blaufuss	Grace	JR	VP06	BR	b
Middlesex	Blaufuss	Olivia	SR	VP11	BR	b
Middlesex	Buras	Jen	SR	VP42	BR	b
Middlesex	Carter	Jess	SR	PS4	BR	b
Middlesex	Coke	Jodee	SR	VP25	RR	b
Middlesex	Colburn	Adam	JR	VP14	RR	b
Middlesex	Colburn	Sovanna	SR	VP13	RR	b
Middlesex	Cooper	Ben	JR	VP01	RR	b
Middlesex	Cooper	Jordyn	SR	VP49	BR	b
Middlesex	Couvee	Ben	JR	VP38	BR	b

Middlesex	Daley	Emmett	JR	VP41	RR	b
Middlesex	DeJesus	Annabella	JR	VP09		b
Middlesex	Denison	Hannah	JR	VP46		b
Middlesex	DeScenza	Anthony	SR	VP43	BR	b
Middlesex	DeScenza	Isabella	SR	VP49	RR	b
Middlesex	Driscoll	Shannon	JR	VP44	BR	b
Middlesex	Evans	Ali	JR	VP27		r
Middlesex	Ficociello	Amalia	JR	VP17		b
Middlesex	Gallo	Hayley	JR	VP19		b
Middlesex	Gibbs	Vernon	SR	VP33	RR	b
Middlesex	Giusti	Dante	JR	VP40		r
Middlesex	Goldberg	Dalia	SR	VP49	RR	b
Middlesex	Goodman	Noah	JR	VP34	RR	b
Middlesex	Harriman	Julia	SR	PS1	BR	b
Middlesex	Hatke	Anna	SR	ES1		b
Middlesex	Higgins	Riley	SR	VP28	RR	b
Middlesex	Horner	Maeve	JR	VP44		b
Middlesex	Juergins	Samuel	JR	VP35	BR	b
Middlesex	Kane	Julia	JR	VP06	RR	b
Middlesex	Kautz	Curry	SR	VP06		b
Middlesex	Khalil	Maya	JR	VP21		b
Middlesex	King	Amanda	JR	VP49		r
Middlesex	Klosen	Lillian	SR	VP28	BR	b
Middlesex	Kolodziej	Naia	JR	VP19		b
Middlesex	Lake	Fred	JR	VP15		b
Middlesex	LaRose	Kerry	JR	VP24	RR	b
Middlesex	Lobel	Zachary	JR	VP39		b
Middlesex	Maloney	Caitlin	JR	VP24	BR	b
Middlesex	Manning	Brendon	JR	VP37	BR	b
Middlesex	Manning	Maureen	JR	VP08		b
Middlesex	Mendenhall	Audrey	JR	VP41	BR	b
Middlesex	Mendenhall	Megan	JR	VP11	RR	b
Middlesex	Morris-Kelly	Elena	JR	VP42		b
Middlesex	Moulton	Chloe	JR	VP48		b
Middlesex	Mullen	Maggie	JR	VP38	RR	b
Middlesex	Nielson	Maggie	JR	VP20	RR	b
Middlesex	O'Connell	Rachael	SR	VP28	RR	b
Middlesex	Overman	Matthew	JR	VP10	BR	b
Middlesex	Overman	Nate	JR	VP32	RR	b
Middlesex	Palmer	Sophia	JR	VP49	BR	b



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Middlesex	Parry	Jordan	SR	PC3	RR	b
Middlesex	Peters	Andrew	JR	VP47	RR	b
Middlesex	Peters	Eleanor	SR	VP46	RR	b
Middlesex	Peters	Regina	SR	VP46	RR	b
Middlesex	Peters	Rose	SR	VP04	BR	b
Middlesex	Peterson	Erica	SR	VP24		r
Middlesex	Peterson	Michael	JR	VP02	BR	b
Middlesex	Peterson	Stephen	SR	VP31	BR	b
Middlesex	Rapiejko	Abigail	SR	VP28	BR	b
Middlesex	Rosenblum	Olivia	SR	ES1		b
Middlesex	Scollo	Eva	JR	VP27		b
Middlesex	Scollo	Kathryn	JR	VP16	RR	b
Middlesex	Seale	Timmy	SR	VP15	BR	b
Middlesex	Stripp	Vivian	JR	VP25		b
Middlesex	Trilling	Adrian	JR	VP08	RR	b
Middlesex	Tripp	Nora	JR	VP03	BR	b
Middlesex	Vo	Priscilla	JR	VP42	BR	b
Middlesex	Walburn	Danielle	JR	VP13	BR	b
Middlesex	Wiener	Annie	JR	VP33	BR	b
Middlesex	Wolf	Jenna	JR	VP37	RR	b
Middlesex	Young	Anna	JR	VP32		b
Middlesex	Zeng	Andrew	JR	VP33	RR	b
Middlesex	Zeng	Anna	JR	VP47	BR	b

4-H FAIRS

...all about Educating the Public

The UMass Extension 4-H Program and local Fair authorities are partners in presenting members' 4-H Exhibits and Animal Projects to the general public. **The 4-H Fair exhibits serve as a unique showcase for 4-Hers' various projects completed throughout the year.**



Encourage your members to make posters or create exhibits that will help inform the public about what we do in 4-H.

It is especially important at fairs to follow food safety guidelines and proper animal care. **See the handouts on Food Safety and the "Leader's Guide on Animal Welfare for Fairs, Exhibitions, and Shows" provided by UMass Extension:**

<http://mass4h.org/volunteers/volunteer-resources>



Every year 4-H Members and Volunteers work equally hard to prepare the

grounds and buildings for the pleasure of the viewing public. Please be aware that many hands make the work easier on everyone, and that we in 4-H have pledged our "Hands to Larger Service". ***Everyone involved in 4-H should be putting in a few volunteer hours at their local 4-H Fair to support the kids in the program.***

At the **Topsfield Fair** we need *both 4-H adults and members* to pitch in and sign up for their work assignments in the Grange exhibit hall and other locations during the 11 day Topsfield Fair. Exhibits have space limitations and the new rule book explains all the details. Contact Nancy McCarthy for more information or a copy of the rules at nmccarthy@umext.umass.edu Details about this year's Topsfield Fair 4-H Challenges will be sent out via email. Reading the Fair Premium Book is critical for your child's success at the Fair!

In Westford at the **Middlesex County 4-H Fair** the all-volunteer Middlesex 4-H Fair Board is once again busy making sure this year's fair continues to be a great success for participants as well as the public. Every Monday night starting in June is designated a "Work Night" and all 4-Hers are expected to come to two or more over the summer and help ready the grounds. *Do not bring pets!* Starting at 6pm you can sign in at the Fair Administration Building to get your assigned club project. *Come prepared to work.* Remember to wear clothes suitable for raking, painting and cleaning and don't forget that bug spray! This was a particularly hard winter and there is a lot to do. Can't make Monday work nights? Send an email to fairgroundops@4hmiddlesexfair.org to find out how to help "Make the Best Better". *In addition, during the three day 4-H Fair, every exhibiting member and one adult are expected to sign up for at least one work assignment.* "Fair Worker" forms are found in the **Premium Book** which is available to all on the website: www.4hmiddlesexfair.org **There is a required all Chaperones Meeting Aug. 8 at 7pm.**

Premium Books are available for download at the fair site <http://4hmiddlesexfair.org/> in the "For Exhibitors" section. A limited number of hard copies are also available in the Administration Building at the Fairgrounds on Monday worknights. Each Club and Department Chairman will receive one complimentary copy; additional copies should be preordered for departments, clubs and exhibitors at a cost of \$5. Please Like and Share our **Facebook page: Middlesex County 4-H Fair, Inc.** There are some additional challenges being posted, and there might be additional prizes, so keep an eye on the Facebook page!



Middlesex County 4-H Horse Shows

All the Middlesex County Horse Shows are open shows. Class Lists are up on the MA State 4-H Website: <http://mass4h.org/programs/horses> or just click on the show name below and it will take you there.

[Flying Change Horse Show-Middlesex County July 10,2016](#)

[Regal Riders Horse Show-Middlesex County July 24,2016](#)

[Stoneybrook Saddle Club Horse Show-Middlesex County August 14,2016](#)

[Stokowski Scholarship Show-Middlesex County September 18,2016](#)

Northeast Region 4-H Higher Education Scholarships

For more information about any of these 4-H scholarships, or how to donate money to these scholarship funds, please contact the 4-H Office.



Middlesex 4-H Fair Memorial Scholarships

The Middlesex 4-H Fair offers a Scholarship for your higher education: The Robert J. Stokowski, Jr. Memorial Scholarship was established in 1975. Please note that applications must be received or postmarked by the **Deadline, JULY 1, 2016**. The application is posted at <http://4hmiddlesexfair.org/stokowski-scholarship>

Middlesex County 4-H Advisory Council 4-H Scholarships

June 2016

Submitted by Janet Bersani

Congratulations to **Samantha Maylott**, the 2016 recipient of the Middlesex County 4-H Program Scholarship. Samantha has shown great dedication to the ideals of the 4-H pledge by participating extensively in community service and leadership activities in local and state 4-H and other community programs.

Samantha is a graduate of Littleton High School and will continue her education at Rutgers University in New Brunswick NJ, with plans to enter the field of genetics. She has been a member of 4-H for 8 years with a focus on her Canine Project. Among other activities, for the past four years she has participated in a program where she brought her dogs to visit with residents of a local nursing home. Congratulations, Samantha! We know you will have continued success in all that you pursue.

The **Scholarship Committee** would like to remind current 4-H members that if they are still enrolled in 4-H for 2016-2017 they can apply for the scholarship next year even if they have graduated from high school.

For more information about the scholarship, or to donate money to the permanent scholarship fund, please visit the Middlesex County website: <http://www.4h-middlesex.org>

Essex County 4-H Advisory Council 4-H Scholarships

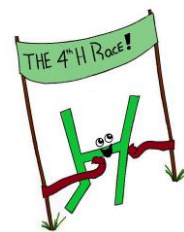
The Essex Advisory Council is proud to announce it awarded its first higher education scholarships! Recipients were:

Beth Arnold – Paul Smith College of NY
Kaitlyn Fabre – Endicott College
Emma Kraus – Wellesley College
Nick Melanson – Salem State University



Fourth H Race

To everyone who participated in the 2016 Fourth H Race -- GREAT JOB!!! Keep your eyes open for information about next year's race and...KEEP ON EXERCISING! Have a great summer!



This year we kicked off the 4th H race at the Maker Farm in Westford, MA with many fun games. We had 10 teams participating. We welcomed a few new teams this year and had many returning teams. After 8 weeks the race concluded with a pretty close finish: Placing First was the ***Blackwalnuts***. Second Place went to the ***Rainbow Unicorns***, and Third Place went to the ***Fast & Furriest***.

We concluded the race at the Maker Farm with more games, fun prizes and a pizza party donated by Papa Ginos. We are looking forward to next year's race.

Submitted by
Katherine Paxton (RC Carrot Crusaders)



News, Notes & Opportunities:

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For more information about the Massachusetts 4-H Program in the Northeast Region

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All 4-H newsletters are posted on the Massachusetts 4-H website www.mass4h.org under News/ Newsletters. **Please make sure to print and read both the "State" and the "Northeast Region" newsletters.** Important information is found in both!

Welcome to our Newest 4-H Club:

Hands on Hearts 4-H Club in Burlington.

Leaders Ken Hanson and Gretchen Carey.

The Massachusetts 4-H Foundation Supports YOU!



We encourage all 4-H families and friends to check out the MA 4-H Foundation website: www.mass4hfoundation.org

4-H Day with the PawSox

Join us for 4-H Day at the McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, Rhode Island! Sunday, July 31st the PawSox will be playing the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders (Yankees' Triple-A team). The game will start at 1:05 p.m. after a lucky 4-H'er throws out the first pitch. We will have our own private box to enjoy the game. Bring your friends and family—it's an event you don't want to miss! Tickets are \$14. Children two years old and younger are free. To buy your tickets online, visit: [www.mass4hfoundation.org /index.php/news/events](http://www.mass4hfoundation.org/index.php/news/events)



Shirley Kane Memorial 4-H Golf Tournament

July 12, 2016 at the Holden Hills Country Club

Named in memory of the late Shirley Kane, a generous and unwavering advocate for 4-H, the Shirley Kane Memorial 4-H Golf Tournament is in its 14th year. The tournament raises money in Shirley's honor for all the 4-H programs across the state to which she was so dedicated.

IMPORTANT REMINDER to 4-H Leaders!

Send in your one page Club Financial Report as part of your Annual Club Report covering the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Also provide proof that you filed your 990-N. **Deadline is August 15!**

Every club needs to file these, even if you have no money or only a little money and no bank account. If you do have a bank account, have one other adult sign the bank statement page showing the balance in agreement with your financial report as of June 30, 2016.

Feel free to ask Pam any questions: Call 781-891-0650 x 15

4-H LEADERS... TAKE NOTE! **Important Date Changes and Change in the Re-enrollment Process!**

New starting the 2016–2017 4-H Year:

- ✦ The 4-H year will start September 1
- ✦ 4-H records are due October 1
- ✦ Re-enrollments are due November 1
- ✦ Early-bird enrollment fee of \$50 ends November 1

Also new this year, families will re-enroll their children online through our enrollment system, 4honline. Families with members enrolled in 2015–2016 will receive instructions via email in early September. It will be important for families to follow these instructions carefully!

There is *no change for brand-new members* who will enroll by completing the paper forms since original signatures are necessary the first year of enrollment.

4-H Fall Information Evenings

- Information Updates for coming year
- Club Enrollment Information
- Statewide Community Service Information
- Networking for all adult and teen leaders
- Hearing directly from 4-H Ambassadors
- What we can do together as Advisory Councils
- Welcoming new volunteers, parents and youth

Middlesex

MAC presents our annual **Fall Kick-off Evening of 4-H Information for all 4-H Club Leaders and Volunteers**

Tuesday, September 20th 7pm
48 Main St. Westford

Please R.S.V.P. to Pam LeFave at 781-891-0650 ext. 15 or plefave@umext.umass.edu, especially if you *cannot* make it.

Essex

EAC presents our annual **Fall Kick-off Evening of 4-H Information for all 4-H Club Leaders and Volunteers**

Wednesday, October 19th 7pm
Clubhouse Topsfield Fairgrounds

Please R.S.V.P. to Nancy McCarthy at 978-498-4825 or nmccarthy@umext.umass.edu, if you *cannot* make it.

Essex County Welcomes Wisconsin 4-Hers

Submitted by Annette Dupon

Essex County 4-H Teens represented our state of Massachusetts recently by hosting a group of *fifty 4-Hers from Wisconsin* who were taking part on a trip to our area. A 4-H leader from Wisconsin contacted our county office and wanted to see if we were interested in meeting. Although Essex County is the smallest of our 4-H counties in Massachusetts, we gave the Wisconsin teens a BIG 4-H welcome. We met at Salem Willows along the water giving them a taste of the history and beauty of our county. **Alex Enos, Cole Kraus, Savannah Conroy, Nick and Jessica Melanson and Emily Fabre** welcomed the 44 teens and 6 leaders with watermelon, games and facts about Essex County and asked them what came to mind when they thought about Massachusetts 4-H.

The majority of the 4-Hers from Wisconsin live on farms, and there are many 4-H animal projects especially dairy projects especially since Wisconsin is widely known for making cheese. They were interested to know about all the different 4-H projects that are entered at our county fair in Topsfield. Arts and Crafts, Photography and Food Preservation rank among some of the most well represented entries. We explained we do have one Dairy and one Rabbit and Cavy club but the majority of clubs in our particular county are non-animal clubs. They were also surprised by the increased population of Massachusetts. Their whole county in Wisconsin had about 25,000 people and we explained that nearly each town in our county consists of about that many people! We all share in the 4-H mission for learning new skills, doing community service learning and being better citizens in our local community and our world. It's a bond all 4-Hers share no matter where they are from. After eating some of the local fare, we all came together and shared a big 4-H cake and wished them well on the continued journey.



Fall Festival

4-H FALL FEST

**Family-Friendly
Open to the Public!
October 8, 2016 1-7pm**

Middlesex County 4-H Fairgrounds
South Chelmsford Road, Westford

Join in the Fun – for the First Annual Family Friendly Fall Fest [and *Zombie Fun Run*] at the 4-H Fairgrounds. The committee is working hard to make this event a Fantastically, Fun Day that will benefit both Middlesex 4-H Advisory Council and the 4-H Fairgrounds. Just like the Fair, many hands make light work, and the more people to share the work, the more fun for all to be had! From Ticket Selling to Cake Walking, Parking Manager, to Zombie Herder, We have a role for everyone to play!

If you'd like to get involved please contact:
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